

Eastern Oregon Weather
Tonight increasing cloudiness, probably warmer; Thursday cloudy and threatening.

MUST AT MATINEE

Burned Women and

SCENES OF DEATH.

Dragged Out by Firemen

Spread Rapidly.

Girls Trapped.

Burning to Death.

Hundred Dead.

Dead Taken Out.

Estimate.

Bill of Exception in

Emperor Joseph Hurt.
London, Dec. 30.—Dispatches this morning confirm the report that Emperor Franz Joseph was painfully injured yesterday by falling down steps when visiting his daughter. Little credence is given the report of a stroke of paralysis. He is much improved today, arose at the usual hour and expects to hold an audience tomorrow. At his advanced age a slight injury may have extensive results.

TRIED TO BREAK OUT OF CITY JAIL

UNEXPECTED AND NEARLY SUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT.

Despite a Cordon of Special Guards and Great Vigilance, One of the Car Barn Desperadoes Nearly Gains His Freedom at Chicago.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Emil Rieski, a member and accomplice of the car barn bandits, was surprised while cutting away the bars of his cell today in an attempt to escape.

The bar was so nearly severed it fell out and through this he could gain an entrance to the corridor by giving him access to an outside window.

The officers were unable to find the saw with which the cutting was done. It is supposed to have been given him by an outside accomplice. A number of detectives have been ordered to reinforce the jail guard.

MORE TROUBLES IN CHICAGO.

City is Now Threatened With an Engineers' and Teamsters' Strike.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Conferences between representatives of the engineers and the employers was held this morning to attempt to avert a strike which would leave the greater portion of Chicago's business population without heat, light or elevator service. One hundred and fifty sky-scrapers will be the ones to suffer most.

The meeting failed to clear the situation. The engineers, while not refusing arbitration, declared that under no circumstances would they accept as arbitrators clergymen, judges or attorneys as in the previous cases where a rabbi, minister and priest composed the board, the engineers lost, instead of gained in wages.

The engineers get 28 cents an hour and demand 37½. The teamsters are in sympathy, and their union has held secret meetings to discuss the advisability of a sympathetic strike.

Under Armed Escorts.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Funeral processions under armed escorts are driven through the snow-covered streets in great numbers today. The drivers are also supplied with pistols and instructed by their employers to defend themselves against attacks.

The Liverymen's Association held a meeting this morning and resolved to formally attempt the resumption of all services tomorrow with non-union drivers if the old drivers refused to answer the notice sent them today to quit work.

GRAIN MARKETS.

Quotations Furnished by Coe Commodity Company—B. E. Kennedy, Local Manager.

Pendleton, Dec. 30.—Liverpool wheat cables came unchanged to ½ lower, which gave our market an easier opening. The market closed rather easy at the initial decline owing to the realizing by local holders. Armour supported the market on the early break.

Receipts, Minneapolis and Duluth, 550 against 526 a year ago; Chicago had 43 cars against 51 a year ago. The market acts well and we look for much higher prices with a view to holding it for an advance.

Stocks closed steady with good rally strong. Tracions were a little easier, after the very strong market we have had the past few days. It is natural for the market to take a breathing spell.

This may result in some recessions in prices, however. On any slight recession would buy stocks, as we do not believe there will be any important setback. The new year's disbursements are expected to form a foundation for another rise in values. We advise holding of stocks for a still higher level of values, which in our opinion, is bound to come next month.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Wheat—Opening. Close. May 84 84½. July 78½ 78½. Minneapolis, Dec. 30.—Wheat—Opening. Close. May 83½ 83½. July 82½ 83. Liverpool closed, wheat, ¼ lower; corn, unchanged.

Chicago Wheat.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Wheat opened 80½, closed 80½.

NEW SEWER ORDINANCE WAS ADOPTED BY OLD COUNCIL

Last Act of the Outgoing Administration—Total Cost of the Reconstructed Sewer System Was \$48,571.51.

Map Completed and Filed Showing very Detail of the New and Old Systems—Fifty-Six Dwellings Are Now Connected and Many Others Claiming for Connection—Experting of City Recorder's and Treasurer's Books Cost Thirty Dollars and is Completed — Old Council Has Retired.

The city council met last night for their last time under the old administration, and it was a busy meeting from the first to the last. The last detail of the sewer construction was looked after, and an ordinance was passed by the council governing the connections and the right to join the sewer, fixing a penalty for harming the city against loss from damages which might arise from injuries received from improperly guarded trenches while the connections were being made.

Final Sewer Report.
A report was received from the city engineer detailing the work and expenditures on the sewer in which he placed the total cost of the construction at \$48,571.56.

Fifty-six houses are now connected with the system and many others are waiting to have the privilege of joining granted them. For this reason it was thought that it would be wise for the city to regulate the matter of making connections as soon as possible, so the mains would have some protection from ignorant workmanship.

Mr. Miller also presented the city with a detailed map of the system last night, showing the locations of all flush tanks, manholes and "Y" pipes throughout the system, in order that in the future those who wish to join will be able to locate the proper point of connection with the least possible loss of time and trouble.

There was a balance of something like \$500 due the engineer for his labors, and it was ordered that the amount be taken from the general fund and paid to Mr. Miller. This ends the last item in the cost of the new works.

Examination of Books.

The report of F. W. Hendley, who has been at work on the books of the city recorder's office, showed that all was straight in that set of books as far as money went, though the balances had been thrown off by the handling of the script account, and in other accounts which were carried on the recorder's books and not on the treasurer's. Mr. Hendley recommended that a new set of books be opened in order to start out the new year and the new administration with an even balance.

The salary list of the month was allowed and in this was included \$30 the charges for the expert for checking up the accounts of the city recorder's office.

Most of the time of the council was taken up in the consideration of the ordinance regulating the management of the sewer, and in this discussion the members of the new council, several of whom were present, joined with the retiring administration at the request of the latter. Some of the important provisions of the measure will be noted below:

The New Ordinance.

The following is an accurate summary of the new sewer ordinance; in fact, the ordinance in full consisted of verbiage, repetition and circumlocutions:

Section 1.—The engineer, or other officer in charge of sewers under the direction of the sewer committee of the common council, shall have the general supervision and control of all sewers and house drains which now exist, or hereafter may be built by the city, or which may be permitted to be built by its authority, and shall have charge of the building and repair of the same, and all matters in connection with the general sewerage system of the city. The street superintendent shall be under the instruction and control of the engineer and sewer committee for the purpose of enforcing and putting into effect this ordinance.

Sec. 2.—No connection shall be made with any sewer or drain except by persons regularly licensed to perform that class of work, and the person or persons applying for license must be residents of the city of Pendleton at the time of application, and must furnish the city council with satisfactory evidence that

the applicant is a person skilled in the business and qualified to secure a license.

Sec. 3.—At the time of applying for a license the applicant shall pay the sum of \$25 per annum and file a bond with the city recorder in the sum of \$2,000, with two or more sureties to be approved by the common council, conditioned that he will indemnify and save harmless the city of Pendleton from all suits, accidents and damages consequent upon or by reason of any opening in any street, alley or public place made by him or those in his employ, for making any connection with any public or private sewer or for any purpose whatsoever; and that he shall also replace and restore the streets, alleys and public places in as good condition as they were previous to the work being commenced; and keep guards by day and a sufficient number of red lights by night at all openings.

Sec. 4.—For each permit for connecting with any sewer a fee of \$2 shall be paid the city treasurer. No connection shall be made with any sewer until a receipt for such fee shall have been obtained, and no house drain, or private sewer will be allowed to be put in place, nor any work in connection therewith commenced or prosecuted unless such countersigned receipt is in the possession of a licensed drain layer at the site of the proposed work, and any person making any connection to the sewer without such permission, shall, upon conviction thereof, subject the person making the same and the occupier or owner of the premises to a penalty of not less than \$10, nor more than \$100 for each and every day said connection shall remain after receiving notice to close and disconnect the same.

Sec. 5.—The materials of all house drains laid shall be of the best quality of salt glazed vitrified clay pipe, not less than four inches in diameter.

Sec. 6.—All drains shall be laid as nearly as possible in straight lines and on uniform grades.

Sec. 7.—All house drains or private sewers shall conform to such grade and lines as may be determined by the engineer, and as little as possible of the trench shall be dug until the branch pipe is found in the public sewer.

Sec. 8.—Any settlement over the trench in any public place shall be immediately repaired by the drain layer upon notification by the engineer.

Sec. 9.—The sewer district shall contain all those portions of the city of Pendleton that can be drained into the sewers now built, or hereafter constructed.

Father Despon Dead.

New York, Dec. 30.—Father Despon, superior general and one of the founders of the Paulist fathers, died at Parent House, in this city, this morning, aged 81. He was a member of the famous West Point class in which General Grant stood 22d, while Despon graduated second. He was the last survivor of the class and was not ordained priest until past middle life.

PRESERVATIVE PLANT AT WYETH

ONLY INSTITUTION OF KIND ON PACIFIC COAST.

Fifty Thousand Ties That Have Been Treated Are Now Ready to Be Laid—Basis of the Preservative Compound is Creosote, or "Oil of Smoke."

The O. R. & N. company is beginning to ship its creosoted ties from the station at Wyeth, (situated a short distance from The Dalles) and these ties are now being furnished to all of the points on the northern division of the road and in a short time will be sent this way.

The ties are loaded on small push cars and run into a tank of the creosote preparation and there allowed to stay until they are so acted upon by the chemical that they will last many times as long as if they had not been treated to the bath.

This is the first station of the kind on the Pacific Coast, and will prove a source of great saving to the company in the way of ties and bridge timbers. It is estimated that there are now at least 50,000 ties ready for use that have passed through the new process. The preservative compound has for a basis a chemical that can be purchased at any drug store—creosote—sometimes called "oil of smoke." It is a distillation from the heavier components of wood smoke, and is sometimes reduced from coal tar.

YOUNG CORBETT WINS FIGHT.

Awarded the Contest After Hard-Fought Battle of Sixteen Rounds.

San Francisco, Dec. 30.—After a hard-fought contest of 16 rounds, Young Corbett was awarded the decision in his fight with Eddie Hanlon in this city last night.

It was the hottest fight ever witnessed in this city, and Hanlon was punished terribly. The opinion of sporting men is that Corbett is worse hurt than he gives evidence of, as Hanlon gave him as many hard blows as Corbett landed on Hanlon for the first six or eight rounds.

In the opening of the 16th round, Corbett landed an awful swing on Hanlon's jaw, knocking him down, where he lay until the referee had counted nine, when he grabbed Corbett about the legs and refused to be counted out.

The referee ordered the men to leave the ring, and awarded the fight to Corbett, who, hubbering like a baby, stooped over and kissed Hanlon, who was lying prostrate on the floor, unable to rise.

NO LEPROSY.

Lincoln Health Officers Deny Story as a Fake.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 30.—Health officers indignantly refute the story sent out yesterday that there is leprosy in the Russian colony, saying it is entirely a fake.

The condition of the Russians has been carefully investigated, and while some scrofulous symptoms have been discovered, not the slightest trace of leprosy has been found in any instance.

The colony is composed of more than ordinarily intelligent and cleanly Russians, and the reports that there was leprosy among them has almost driven many families with whom these people have worked, into a panic. The health authorities are indignant over the report and will endeavor to locate the source of information.

It has caused great damage to business in many ways, as people are so much afraid of this deadly disease that they would immediately boycott every institution in the city where there was a possibility of infection.

EIGHT MEN KILLED.

Trial of Kentuckian for Complicity in a Feud Battle.

Pineville, Ky., Dec. 30.—The trial of Lee Turner, charged with being accessory before the fact in the famous Quarter House battle, where eight men were killed, was begun this morning.

Russian Naptha Fire.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 30.—Six men were killed and nine injured by a naptha fire at Votninski today.

WAR CLOUDS LOOM IN THE FAR EAST

Imminence of War Between Japan and Russia is Recognized Everywhere.

TIME LIMIT TO GET OUT OF MANCHURIA.

In Some Foreign Offices it is Believed America Will Become Involved and Other Distant Countries Owing to Oriental Commercial Interests—Japanese Populace Will Force the Government's Hands.

London, Dec. 30.—The Central News today again maintains the accuracy of its reports that Japan has placed a limit on Russia and will not consider any reply after January 10.

Japanese Minister Alarmed.

Washington, Dec. 30.—While at the state department today, where he called to officially notify that Panama has been recognized by Japan, Minister Takahira took occasion to express grave concern over the difficulties between Japan and Russia. He said he still continued to hope for peace.

Japan May Force War.

London, Dec. 30.—Talk in semi-official quarters today is the most pessimistic since the eastern trouble began, and it is believed a clash is imminent. The Nova Vremya today says a crisis is on and the slightest turn may cause the beginning of hostilities. Japanese dispatches show the populace is fairly goading the government into war.

Dispatches in German papers say from a diplomatic source it is learned a declaration of war from Japan is almost inevitable.

Endless Complications.

Berlin, Dec. 30.—The Lokal Anzeiger says: A declaration of war by Japan will result in endless complications and England, France and America having extensive interests in the far east, will probably be drawn into the imbroglio.

LEWISTON STOCK PRICES.

Comparisons of Markets Now and One Year Ago.

Lewiston, Ida., Dec. 30.—Raisers of cattle and hogs on both Nez Perce and Camas prairies say prices in those businesses are unprofitable and that unless there is a considerable advance in the near future many of those now engaged in the business will be compelled to part with their holdings and take up other branches of diversified farming.

On Nez Perce prairie there are many thousands of hogs fit for market, and probably fully as many on Camas prairie. In the Cottonwood canon along the Salmon river.

The shipment of hogs from points along the Clearwater or Short line and the Lewal branch to Culdesa, during the year has been between 450 and 500 carloads, of an average value of \$1,000 a car. The greater portion of these hogs were sold at from 5½ to 6 cents a pound on foot. At present the best price offered for hogs on the prairies is 4 cents a pound on foot, while some of the larger buyers will pay ½ cent for hogs delivered at the railroad.

Cattle shipments during the year from the Clearwater country will hardly equal in value the hog shipments, although the number of carloads either shipped out on the railroad or driven out would probably be about the same.

Last winter cattle found ready market at 1½ cents a pound on foot, and the price was good throughout the summer and until the latter part of the fall. Recently, however, the best price offered in the Clearwater country is 3¼ cents for steers and 2½ cents for cows. At present on Nez Perce prairie a number of experiments in stall feeding are under way, bunches ranging from 50 to 300 head of steers being fed at different points about Nez Perce.

ROBBED THREE SAFES.

Wholesale Business Done by Illinois Cracksmen.

Bloomington, Ill., Dec. 30.—At San Jose last night burglars blew the postoffice safe, securing \$1,000, and also the safe in Ullner's hardware store, and got \$200. They afterward secured the same amount from a safe in a west side saloon and escaped in a buggy.

COOKING TANK EXPLODED.

Wrecked a Five-Story Building at Quincy, Ill.

Quincy, Ill., Dec. 30.—The five-story brick brew house of Diek's brewery was wrecked this morning by an explosion of the cooking tank. One person was injured. Loss, \$60,000.