

Eastern Oregon Weather
Tonight and Wednesday cloudy and threatening with possibly light rain or snow.

REPORT GEN. PAYNE

Attention Given to the and Needs of Free System.

Postal Currency as De- by Developments—Postal under Business Increasing Interesting General Infor- concerning the Entire Sys- teen Postal Clerks Killed injured During 1903.

Jan. 12.—Free deliv- is the prominent fea- ture of the postal ser- vice for the year en- ded June 30 last. The postal service is more rapidly than any other time since free delivery was estab- lished. The esti- mate for the fiscal year 1904, for both city and rural delivery will aggregate \$1,000,000, an amount equal to the maintenance of the postal service in the year 1903.

General Payne looking to the prevention of gambling with the mails. The result of the operations of the department for 1903, compared with the year 1902, is as follows: In 1902, \$119,958,229.40; in 1903, \$119,958,229.40. Money order business, 1902, \$1,889,817.86; 1903, \$1,889,817.86. Total receipts, 1902, \$124,758,487.97; 1903, \$124,758,487.97. Excess over receipts, 1902, \$4,560,944.73; 1903, \$4,560,944.73. The deficit over the year of \$1,822,394.92, which is \$1,042,183 less than the deficit for the year 1902.

Money Order Business. Money order business has increased at a very rapid rate. The extension of the rural delivery service increases the demand for money orders. The government shall provide a convenient and safe method for the transmission of money through the mails. The bill passed by congress for the purpose of passing some law to insure to our people this service as early a date as possible.

Rural free delivery service extended the number of let- ting small amounts of cur- rency increased. At pres- ent no convenient method in the rural districts for such remittances through the mails. The bill passed by congress for the purpose of passing some law to insure to our people this service as early a date as possible.

Transportation. In 1903, there were 2,335 miles of cable car routes, 192,852 miles with an an- nual length of 4,283 miles, an annual length of 8,556,950 miles, and an annual length of 775 miles. The increase in annual travel 20,570,205 in annual expenditures \$1,000,000.

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New Lumber Price List. Tacoma, Jan. 12.—The new price list by the Pacific Coast Lumber Manufacturers' Association, gives a reduction to conform with the weaker condition of the lumber market. While some of the choice grades remain unchanged, the price on certain grades of com- mon stock is in some instan- ces \$2 lower than the former price.

LETSON BALLEET IS CROWDED OUT

BAKER CITY HERALD IS UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT. Claim of Nearly \$3,000 Filed Against it by a Paper Company—There Will Be No Change in the Paper's Policy.

Baker City, Jan. 12.—A suit was filed yesterday morning in the name of the Blake-McFaul Paper Company of Portland, for \$2,911, against the Baker City Herald, the major portion of which consists of assigned claims against the White Swan Company and its general manager, Letson Balliet. During the pendency of the suit the plant has been officially placed in the care and custody of William Moore, foreman of the office. There will be no change in the paper, which will issue, as heretofore. The only change will be in the erasure of the name of Letson Balliet from the roster of owners of the Herald.

In addition to serving papers of at- tachment against the Herald, the deputy sheriff attached the White Swan mine. Letson Balliet has had a meteoric career. For a while money flowed in to him from all over the United States for investment in his White Swan mine. Finally a fraud order was issued by the postal au- thorities and after a trial in Des Moines, Iowa, the whole thing was thor- oughly exploited and the money from those who were anxious to get in on the ground floor of a sure thing, ceased to flow in. It is to be hoped the Herald may rid itself of the Balliet control and of White Swan influence.

UTAH LABOR TROUBLES. Authorities Claim to Have Situation Well in Hand. Salt Lake, Jan. 12.—The labor trouble in the coal fields of Cariboo county have been practically settled as a result of a conference between G. W. Kramer, vice-president of the Utah Fuel Company, and Attorney S. A. King, representing the strikers. By the terms of the agreement, satisfac- tory to both sides, the company agrees to lease for a period of six months, all of the 225 houses erected by the miners on the company's prop- erty, paying therefor the lump sum of \$75,000, the amount to be paid for each individual lease to be deter- mined by three appraisers who have already been appointed. If at the ex- piration of the agreement, the houses have not been removed they become the property of the company.

While the agreement does not af- fect the claims of either side in the way of an adjustment of grievances, it de- stroys any apparent reason for the strikers to remain in the district, and avoids the possibility of serious trouble arising from the eviction of miners from their homes. The fight for union recognition, however, will be continued indefinitely. The agreement becomes effective at once. The strikers regard it as a victory, whereas the company officials declare that, as the strikers are no longer employed, they must leave the county.

YOUNG GIRL SUICIDES. Thirteen-Year-Old Child Takes Car- bolic Acid at La Grande. La Grande, Or., Jan. 12.—Another girl has sought to escape the conse- quences of error by the carbolic acid route, and this time a child of 13, little Lucy Proe, who has lived with her sister, Mrs. George Huff, since her parents' death, and who has fol- lowed her relatives in the way of fol- ly, is the victim. She took the poison at the room of a sister in the Rouse Valley house, at 6:30 last night, and it was 20 mi- nutes before a doctor responded. She left a note saying she was tired of this life and asking her sister not to let her clothing be removed. The phy- sician, Dr. Smith, hopes for her recov- ery.

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NATIONAL LIVE STOCK MEETING

Interesting Account of the Opening Session by Our Special Correspondent.

LARGEST DELEGATION IS FROM STATE OF IDAHO. Largest County Delegation Is From Umatilla—Great Enthusiasm Dominates the Gathering, Which Has Received a Hearty Welcome From Portland—The President's Address a Masterly Presentation of the Rights and Opportunities of the Stock Growers.

Portland, Or., Jan. 12.—(Special to the East Oregonian.)—The seventh annual convention of the National Livestock Association met this morning at 9:30 at the Baker theater. It is estimated 800 delegates are present besides 1,000 visitors in the city. The delegates were slow in arriv- ing and the orchestra of the Baker theater rendered music while the vis- itors waited. As the delegates filed into the hall the orchestra began playing "Dixie," amid loud and hearty cheers from the entire audience.

As the convention was called to or- der President Springer and many prominent visitors and officers took seats on the stage, including Govern- or Chamberlain, of Oregon; Govern- or Wells, of Utah; United States Senator Warren, of Wyoming; Mayor Williams, of Portland; Gifford Pin- chot, United States forester; J. L. Wilson, of Texas, and many promi- nent stockmen from all over the country. After brief introductory remarks by President Springer, Rev. Edgar P. Hill, of Portland, offered prayer.

Governor Chamberlain's Address. Following this Governor Chamber- lain was introduced and welcomed the delegates and visitors in his pecu- liarly happy manner. He called at- tention to the hardships of the pio- neers who made the present prosper- ity and wealth of the West possible. He praised the stockmen for being one of the hardest, happiest, most loyal and staunch class of citizens— always opening new frontiers and blazing trails to new empires. He said this convention should promote and complete plans for an independent packing company to re- lieve the stockmen from the exaction of the beef trust, and amid cheers said Portland should be one of the first cities to secure a packing plant, owing to its prominent position in the markets of the Orient.

He invited all the delegates to re- turn to the Lewis and Clark fair in 1905 and bring their wives and fami- lies and see Portland at her best. Other Speeches. Mayor George H. Williams follow- ed Governor Chamberlain and wel- comed the delegates on behalf of Portland. Following the address of Mayor Williams, J. L. Wilson, of Texas, responded in a happy speech on behalf of the livestock convention and Senator Warren responded for the woolgrowers.

Between each number on the pro- gram the orchestra played selections which were highly complimented by the convention, being the first city in which the convention was ever held to furnish a large orchestra during the entire program. Senator Warren moved a vote of thanks to the city and orchestra for the music. President's Annual Address. The annual address of President Springer was a most able paper. He commended the stockmen for their loyalty to the organization in the past and rejoiced in the promise of the future. He mercilessly scolded the railroads (Concluded on page 5.)

PROPOSED 400 MILE HIGHWAY

Government Aid to Promote Transportation Facilities in Alaska.

Washington, Jan. 12.—Senator Dil- lingham, of the committee on terri- tories, introduced in the senate to- day a report of the senatorial sub- committee that visited Alaska last year. It makes many recommendations, including a 400-mile road from Eagle City to Valdez. Also several roads into mining districts. It recommends a fourth judicial district and says the universal opin- ion in Alaska is that it should have a delegate to congress.

Ex-Congressman Convicted. New York, Jan. 12.—Former Con- gressman Driggs was today sentenc- ed to serve one day in prison and pay a fine of \$10,000 for complicity in postal frauds. For Service in Panama. Fort Leavenworth, Jan. 12.—Men in the engineers' battalion with six months and less service were today ordered transferred to Washington barracks and longer service men are ordered here. Men on furlough from the local battalion are ordered to re- port for duty immediately. The belief is it means service in Panama.

Panama's Army. San Francisco, Jan. 12.—According to advice brought here by the steam- er San Juan, which arrived from Cen- tral American ports yesterday, the government of the new Republic of Panama is experiencing considerable trouble keeping its army intact. While the San Juan was in Panama harbor, 300 soldiers stationed at the fort at Cheriqui, gave evidence that they were not entirely satisfied with their surroundings. Their murmur- ings of discontent were carried to the heads of the recently made govern- ment, and it was decided that in or- der to weed out the uncertain ones in the military forces of the republic, to per- mit any one who desired to take his discharge and leave the country. Pursuant to this plan officers went to the garrison at Cheriqui and talk- ed with every soldier on duty there. They found that of the 300 at the fort 200 were anxious to return to the Col- ombian army, which they had repudiated when Panama announced its secession. The other 100 voted to re- main loyal to the separatists. The 200 malcontents were at once deprived of their arms and equip- ment, they were escorted to a steam- er of the Pacific Steam Navigation Company, a British line, and trans- portation for them was paid. They were sent to the Port of San Bueoa Ventura, in Colombia. General Reyes En Route. New York, Jan. 12.—General Reyes, who arrived here today, says he does not know the exact date of his departure for Colombia.

CLALLAM VICTIMS DRIFTING IN. So Far 19 Bodies Have Been Recov- ered From the Wreck. Victoria, B. C., Jan. 12.—The body of N. P. Shaw, of this city, a Clallam victim, was found a mile off shore and identified this morning. Five more bodies have been sighted and tugs have gone to pick them up. This makes 19 altogether so far found.

BUILDING INSPECTOR CURRAN TESTIFIES

Chicago, Jan. 12.—The Iroquois in- quent this morning brought out wit- nesses whose testimony has been af- fected with interest since the fire. William Curran, the building inspector who visited the theater a short time before the fire, has been inspector for 18 years. He said former Chief in- spector Barry gave him instructions to permit the theater to violate the or- dinance regarding over-crowding. Barry died last year. Curran received no instructions from anyone else, but understood that theater manager could sell standing room. The coroner asked Curran if he was still traveling on a dead man's orders. To which he replied yes, as he had re- ceived no other instructions. He said that Barry's successor told him to prevent standing in aisles, but he had no orders to prevent the sale of stand- ing room or overcrowding. He fur- ther admitted that he did not know what laws regarding building inspec- tions called for, as he had never read his sections. He admitted he did not know who was in charge of theater inspections, as he had never made a report to anyone of theaters inspected by him. To his knowledge, no one had been assigned to inspect theaters. He went whenever he pleased, and he believed that a theater manager had a right to refuse an inspector admis- sion to the house. He did not be- lieve that inspectors had the right of forcible entrance for inspection. When asked how he gained entrance, he said that Barry gave him authority.

Buenos Ayres Strike

New York, Jan. 12.—A strike of dock laborers and other la- borers is causing serious dam- age to the commerce of the port, says a Herald dispatch from Buenos Ayres. There are about 10,000 of the strik- ers, and operations in the har- bor are almost paralyzed. The minister of the interior has of- fered to mediate.

CLERKS' UNION GROWING FAST

ORDER NOW HAS SIXTY-FIVE MEMBERS HERE. Fifteen New Members Were Added at the Last Meeting—City is Being Successfully Canvassed for Accessions.

The Clerks' Union of Pendleton is fast becoming one of the progressive bodies of the city, and their meetings are proving a source of pleasure to the members. At the last meeting 15 new names were presented to the union as applicants for membership, and all of them were voted on and accepted. These will be initiated at the next meeting, which will be on Thursday evening at their hall. The union now has a membership of 65, and it is the hope of the officers and the members to add all of the clerks in the city to the list before they have finished their campaign which is now being conducted. Com- mittees have been appointed and are now making the rounds of the city endeavoring to secure all of the clerks in the city as members of the union, and it is understood that they are meeting with the best of success. At the close of the meeting on Thursday next the clerks will have a social which promises to be a most enjoyable affair, and for which the committee has been making many preparations.

GOOD ROADS IN IDAHO. Movement to Build Up Certain Towns in That State. The people of Asotin county are demonstrating an enthusiastic interest in the subject of good roads. The Commercial club of Asotin has taken up the matter of completing the Wenatchee road, and has also decided to join with the Clarkston people in the purchase of a rock crusher. Relative to these important subjects, the Asotin Sentinel says: "By reference to the proceedings of the county commissioners, in this issue of the Sentinel, very favorable action, it will be seen, was taken in the matter of the Wenatchee creek road, which has for its object the giving of the people of the Grande country a wagon road to Asotin, Clarkston and Lewiston. It will mean the bringing of the trade of fully 1,500 people out this way to be distributed among the towns mentioned, which now goes to Oregon trading points. "In view of the fact that the completion of this road would benefit the merchants of Lewiston to the extent of thousands of dollars each year, the board takes the ground that it is only just and proper that the city should aid in the completion of this greatly needed road, and a resolution was passed to the effect that if Asotin, Clarkston and Lewiston would jointly contribute the sum of \$1,000 to be expended on said road under the supervision of the commissioners of Asotin county, then Asotin county will appropriate the remaining amount that will be needed to com- plete the road.—Lewiston Tribune.

Chief Forestry Department. "We are not here to express opin- ions, but to hear what the people have to say and get facts," said Gifford Pinchot, chief forester of the de- partment of agriculture, to a Journal reporter in Portland yesterday. Mr. Pinchot arrived in Portland Sunday night with the Utah delegation to the livestock convention. Mr. Newell will arrive this evening and Mr. Richards will not be present. "The president requested that we come on to Oregon and find out from the people themselves what their de- sires are and what their complaints consist of. Mr. Newell is allowed to talk forestry. Further than that we cannot express ourselves. "I have no set speech prepared, and other than making explanations of the government's policy, I cannot give any opinion. I will say this, however, that I believe a majority of those dissatisfied with forest reserves are unacquainted with the real facts. It is not a question of taking away lands, but to determine the way in which they can be placed to the best use. "During my stay in Portland I will be pleased to have all persons inter- ested in forest reserve, reclamation of arid lands, the stone and timber act, etc., call on me, and if they have grievances, let them state them."

Church on Fire. Lowell, Mass., Jan. 12.—St. Pat- rick's church burned this morning. Loss, \$100,000. Some people fear to try lest they should succeed.

WAR IS AVERTED FOR THE PRESENT

All Indications Now Are That Russia and Japan Will Not Scrap.

FRENCH FOREIGN OFFICE TAKES THAT VIEW OF CASE. Japan Has Accepted Russia's Counter Propositions, Which is Tantalum to Declaration of a Settlement—Russia Recognizes the Validity and Binding Force of Trade Treaties Made With China Governing Com- merce in Manchuria.

Paris, Jan. 12.—The foreign office persists in the belief that peace will be maintained in the far east. Officially say the news today indicates that war is definitely averted. Japanese-Russian Compromise. Paris, Jan. 12.—A dispatch from St. Petersburg says it is reported in diplomatic circles that Japan has accepted the last Russian counter propo- sition. This decision was arrived at after a lengthy conference between foreign minister Lamdorff and the Japanese minister, Kurino. Relating to Manchurian Treaties. Washington, Jan. 12.—The follow- ing bulletin is posted in the state de- partment today: "The Russian am- bassador called yesterday upon the secretary of state and conveyed the assurances of his government that Russia will place no obstacles in the way of the full enjoyment of the pow- ers having treaties with China of all rights and privileges guaranteed by such treaties in Manchuria."

Statement by Japanese Minister. London, Jan. 12.—The Japanese ambassador this afternoon issued the following official statement: "Russia's last reply suggests the neutralization of a part of Korea, while recognizing Japanese predomi- nance and rights in that country. Japan is unable to accept this, and is now preparing a reply sending out suggestions. If Japan secures what she wants, Korean negotiations re- garding Manchuria will take on a more friendly tone and the crisis will be considered passed. At present it is impossible to say if war will re- sult."

TEXAS SWINE BREEDERS. Big Convention in Session Today at Plano. Plano, Tex., Jan. 12.—The Texas State Swine Breeders' association held a well attended meeting here to- day. Some of the papers presented were as follows: "How Shall We Promote the Hog Industry?" John W. Stewart of Sherman; "Texas Vs. the Northern States for Hog Rais- ing," H. E. Singleton, McKinney, Texas; "How to Use Alfalfa for Best Results," J. C. Cobb, Dodd City, Texas; "Selection and Development of the Breeding Male," M. M. Offutt, of Cleburne, Texas; "Swine Diseases, Prevention and Cure," George P. Lil- lard, Seguin, Texas.

FILIPINO INDUSTRIES. American Legislation Rescues the Cordage Trade from British Deal- ers. As a result of the census recently taken in the Philippines, the war department reports that the civilized people of the entire archipelago num- ber 6,976,000, and the wild tribes 615,000, making a population of 7,590,000. Secretary Root says: "One effect of the legislation regulat- ing the commercial relations be- tween the United States and the Phil- ippines has been to transfer the prin- cipal market for the raw material for our cordage industry from England to the United States." The secretary further renews his recommendation that he has formerly made for a reduction of duties on Philippine imports into the United States. On this point he says: "As matters stand at the present we have practi- cally deprived the Philippines of their Spanish market and we have so arranged the tariff laws of the two countries that American consumers are making money at the expense of the Philippine revenue. "I submit that there is no just reason why the people of the Philippines should not be treated with some fair approach to the advantages which are awarded to the people of Porto Rico and the Hawaiian Islands."

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