



Tonight and Sunday occasional rain or snow; probably cooler Sunday; high winds.

WIA'S WITH BROKEN

Past Week Success Soaking Rains Southern Part.

HOLD OVER

NORthern CALIFORNIA.

of Oakland Savings Great Excitement.

W. B. Ewing Sent Quentin for Fraud the Mails—Had Oper.

Feb. 6.—A sharp snow storm accompanied by rain, is predicted for California by the bureau.

Failure Reported.

Bank of Savings this morning failed.

Adler Sentenced.

Feb. 6.—W. B. sentenced to 15 months and fined \$500.

TEARS DOWN JETTY.

Workers Tear Out About Twenty Bents.

CONVENTION.

Will be Held at Portland March 4.

Organization will be delegate at large and five members of the

Will be held on Feb. 27.

Wrecks.

Cal. Feb. 6.—Three found in Monterey

Salinas.

SPOKANE'S CRIME RECORD.

Record for January is a Long and Bad One. Spokane, Feb. 6.—An unusual item appears in the monthly report of Sergeant Holloway on the work done by the police department during January.

The remainder of the report is humdrum. It shows a rather high degree of efficiency in the police department in spite of Mayor Boyd's emergency message declaring the opposite a fact.

PIUS X VICTIM OF NOSTALGIA

HIS HOLINESS' SIGHT HAS BECOME AFFECTED.

Neither the Climate Nor the Associations of the Vatican Agree With Him—He Longs for the Simple Life and Companions of Venice.

London, Feb. 6.—A dispatch to Datzies Agency from Rome, reports on authority of a person having constant contact with the pope, that the latter is practically blind, his sight having been failing ever since his accession to the papacy.

His holiness' general health is known to be unfavorably affected, and those in his daily company who have been acquainted with him long since, affirm that he is a victim of nostalgia that nothing will appreciably relieve except a renewal of the old friendships and associations at Venice.

GREAT AUTO SHOW.

Interesting Event in Annals of Machine Roadsters. Chicago, Ill., Feb. 6.—Chicago's annual automobile show opened in the Coliseum today in a blaze of glory.

The show will continue for two weeks, during which time there will be held a number of meetings of automobile manufacturers, good roads advocates and others interested directly or indirectly in the auto sport.

BIG MINING SUIT.

Iron Dyke Property in Baker County Sued for Large Sum. Baker City, Feb. 6.—General Manager Frank E. Pearce, of the Iron Dyke mine, returned to Baker City last night from a trip to Erie, Pa.

This morning Manager Pearce was served with papers in a suit instituted yesterday to foreclose a mortgage on the Iron Dyke amounting to \$208,000.

Salinas.

GOVERNMENTAL AND OTHER NEWS

American Sailor Killed by San Domingo Rebels, and Other Disturbances.

NO ATTENTION ON ISLAND TO ANY PROPERTY RIGHTS

Venezuelan Supreme Court Decides the Famous Asphalt Case—Smoot Investigation Will Begin March 1 and the Committee Promises it Shall Be Thorough—Will Also Investigate the Mormon Church—Hanna's Condition Unchanged.

Washington, Feb. 6.—The government has issued no new instructions regarding action to be taken in San Domingo, regarding the killing of Sailor Johnston by the rebels.

Venezuelan Court Decision.

Washington, Feb. 6.—The state department has cabled advices today confirming the report that the famous asphalt case which two years ago threatened war between America and Venezuela has been settled by unanimous decision of the supreme court of Venezuela.

Smoot Investigation.

Washington, Feb. 6.—The trial of Senator Smoot will begin before the senate committee on elections on March 1, according to the date fixed this morning.

Condition Unchanged.

Washington, Feb. 6.—At 10 o'clock a bulletin shows Senator Hanna's temperature to be half a degree higher than yesterday.

Chicago Wheat.

Chicago, Feb. 6.—Wheat opened 95 3/4, closed 94. May corn opened 56 1/2, closed 54 3/4.

A. W. NYE AT HEPPNER.

Has Captured Thirteen Deer Skins From Parties Who Had Violated the State Laws.

Deputy Game Warden A. W. Nye, who has been at Heppner for several days in search of violators of the state game laws, has captured 13 deer skins from parties who have violated the game laws.

A large number of deer has been reported killed in the hills near Heppner and Mr. Nye will not return until he discovers and brings to justice the violators of the law.

STORE ROBBED.

Golden Rule Broken Into and Some Cash Was Taken.

The Golden Rule store was broken into last night and a few nickles and dimes taken from the cash register. As far as can be told at this time there is no further loss.

Conductor Brown Returns.

Conductor C. S. Brown, of the O. R. & N., accompanied by Mrs. Brown, returned this morning from an extended visit at Hot Springs, Ark., where he went in search of health.

COUNTY COURT.

Saloon License Granted A. B. Stephens—Adjourned Till Monday.

The county court met this morning for the purpose of granting a liquor license to A. B. Stephens & Company, of Umatilla.

REPORTS HAVE IT THAT WAR BEGINS

Information Comes From Unofficial Sources and is Not Confirmed.

JAPANESE PEOPLE ARE IMPATIENT FOR FIGHT.

Mikado's Government Summons its Citizens Home From All Parts of the World—Japanese Minister is Hiking Out of St. Petersburg, and Both Governments are Actively Preparing for War—Great Britain Will Favor Japan.

London, Feb. 6.—The Echo says the rumor current that certain London merchants have received a cable from agents in Japan that a battle occurred between Russia and Japanese battleships, in which three Russian and two Japanese battleships were sunk.

Not Confirmed.

The Japanese embassy here has heard nothing to confirm the report of a battle and gives it no credence.

England Encourages Japan.

London, Feb. 6.—It is learned that Great Britain, believing war between Japan and Russia to be inevitable, is now giving Japan active encouragement.

Great Impatience in Japan.

Washington, Feb. 6.—Minister Griscom, at Tokio, cables the state department this morning that the feeling obtains in Japan that more than a reasonable period has elapsed since sending a note to Russia, and great impatience manifests.

Ready to Leave.

London, Feb. 6.—A dispatch from St. Petersburg this afternoon says the Japanese minister, Kulin, is making preparations to leave.

Japanese Cruisers Sail.

Singapore, Feb. 6.—The new Japanese cruisers, Nishin and Kassaga sailed from here this afternoon.

Reply Received.

Tokio, Feb. 6.—The Russian reply was received today through the Russian minister, Derrosen.

Ciphers Permitted.

New York, Feb. 6.—The Commercial Cable Company today announced it has been advised by the Japanese government that secret language is prohibited in all private messages to Japan.

Japanese Called Home.

San Francisco, Feb. 6.—The Japanese consul today confirmed the report that the Japanese government has issued a first call to all citizens of that country residing in foreign lands.

Sacrificing Property.

Vladivostok, Feb. 6.—All Japanese are leaving in haste, disposing of their goods at 5 cents on the dollar.

Fighting in Korea.

London, Feb. 6.—A Seoul dispatch says Russian soldiers encountered Korean gendarmes because the former seized a woman. The gendarmes were victorious. One Russian was wounded.

R. C. JUDSON IN TOWN.

Has Distributed 1,300 Pounds Alfalfa Seed in Five Weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Judson were the guests of the Hotel St. George for a short time yesterday and today. Mr. Judson is on his way to Walla Walla, where he will assist in the organization of the Northwest Livestock Association.

Mr. Judson has disposed of over 13,000 pounds of dryland alfalfa seed since he was in the city a little over a month ago.

STAKES, \$31,000.

That is the Figure to be Paid Out for Twelve Events. Chicago, Ill., Feb. 6.—Entries closed today for the twelve stakes to be decided at the spring meeting of the Chicago Jockey club.

MINE EXPLOSION.

Lives Lost, Injuries Sustained and Mine Damaged. Scranton, Pa., Feb. 6.—An explosion of gas took place in Storrs' mine this morning.

TWO QUESTIONS TO REFERENDUM VOTE

PETITIONS FILED WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

More Than the Legal Quota of Names Signed to Each, and it is Believed That There Will Be Enough Signatures When Eliminations Are Made.

Salem, Feb. 6.—W. S. U'Ren, of Oregon City, yesterday evening filed petitions with the secretary of state for direct primary nominations.

The legal requirement of eight per cent of the voters on both of these would be but 7,018, and it is thought that there will be sufficient actual voters on the petitions after the questionable names are eliminated.

ORGANIZE NEW ORDER.

Independent League of Workmen Will Be Organized at the Court-house Tonight.

Luther Holcomb, president of the American League of Independent Workmen from Spokane, will arrive in the city this evening and will organize a league of that order at the courthouse tonight.

The American League of Independent Workmen, is an order made up of employers and employes and its prime object is to promote peace and harmony between workmen and their employers.

TROUBLE WITH HOBOES.

Held Up Train Crew and Get Free Ride into Pendleton.

This morning the night police received a message from Gibbon asking them to meet the westbound passenger train at the switch.

Closed Freewater Saloon.

T. C. Taylor has returned from a trip to Freewater, where he went to serve papers in the attachment case of Kelly & Kelly.

The Pennsylvania society of New York, organized in 1899, has more than 500 members.

C. P. STRAIN'S VIEW OF THE ASSESSORS

Gives Values of the Principal Roads of Washington as a Basis for Assessment.

RAILROAD VALUES SHOULD COMPARE TO OTHER VALUES.

If the Value of \$7,292 Per Mile Corresponds to Other Property Values it is Consistent—Says Washington Assessors Laid Themselves Open to Censure by Discussing Vital Public Issues Behind Closed Doors.

C. P. Strain, county assessor of Umatilla county, whose high assessment of railroad property in this county is largely responsible for the present agitation for higher assessment in the state of Washington.

The three principal roads of the state of Washington are the Northern Pacific, Great Northern and the O. R. & N. Assuming that railroad investments are worth 8 per cent above operating expenses.

These figures are based on the average earning capacity of the roads during a period of five years from 1898 to 1902, inclusive.

The O. R. & N. is valued at \$42,823.85 per mile based on the earning capacity for a period of five years from 1898 to 1903, inclusive.

These figures are arrived at by way of the unit rule, that is by taxing the entire value of the property, and dividing it by the number of miles of track in the system.

However, the principal value consists in the roadbed and rolling stock, and the value of the water craft and terminal grounds would not materially reduce the value per mile as given above.

According to the published reports of the assessors' convention, now being held in Spokane, they propose to assess first class roadbed at \$7,292 per mile, which probably represents not more than 1/4 of the actual value of the roads.

It is to be presumed that all the assessors are acting with honest purposes, in this matter, but by discussing such a vital public issue, behind closed doors, they have laid themselves open to public censure which is probably not deserved.

O. R. & N. Loses Case.

Union Feb. 6.—In the case of H. Maynard vs. the O. R. & N. company, for \$30,000 damages, the jury has returned a verdict for \$2,500.

To Suspend Quarantine.

Sacramento, Feb. 6.—State Veterinarian Blumer returned from a trip of investigation made by request of southern cattlemen, to abolish the quarantine line.