

PENDLETON, UMATILLA COUNTY, OREGON, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1904.

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CITY OF BALTIMORE IN ASHES

Sweep Over Acres in Richest Business District.

Department Helpless Though Reinforced From New York, Philadelphia and Other Cities.

United States Regulars and Police From Other Cities Are

Property—All the Great Newspaper Plants Have Been De-

At 11 O'clock Today One Hundred and Forty Acres of Solid

Blocks Had Been Destroyed and the Fire Still Having Its

Feb. 8.—Fire broke out morning in the wholesale district of John E. Hurst & Sons Place, in the heart of the city, with a series of explosions, which were heard parts of the city, and the fearful rapidity and all inquiry into its

Blocks Burning.

Feb. 8.—At 9 this flames are still beyond the wind is blowing a gale. By all the wholesale and a of the retail district is 40 blocks, stretching a direction.

is easily \$100,000,000, and 200,000,000, with no relief

th and fifth regiments of and militia and regulars Henry, and police from and Philadelphia are

local newspaper plants. Some papers are be- the Star and Post Washington.

of engines, men and being rushed by special Jersey City, New York

Hundred Forty Acres.

morning the storm of and covers everything Fayette street north to west to Liberty, thence to the Place, thence to a wharf and Pratt street, direct line to a point on avenue, north of Block

survey, in giving out statement of area, says it acres.

estimate of losses to is \$125,000,000 which, contents, brings the ending to fire underwrit- quarter billion mark- continues.

Heavy Losses \$60,000,000.

fire detachment of six hose reels and six at 8 o'clock and im- dered the fight.

is now in full charge nt, assisted by regulars. Insurance company figures its losses at

Paper Survives.

of firemen succumbed firemen to the terrific emergency hospitals. Their places in many by citizens.

of fireman Elgenfritz, with a relief crew from found at noon in the building, where he tried of hose. President

Union established with 20 wires at and Saratoga streets, immediately deluged

paper is being published the Evening World, a its building escaped.

surround the office, are issued as fast as

has called a meeting mens to discuss ways

ing Furnace.

water front is now a. Great mills, shaves, long rows of great warehouses filled

the water front goes interests of this sea- a complete destruction

business district.

this time is under con- the sense that unless the flames cannot river, bounding on the business section and

REWARD FOR HOLD-UPS.

J. J. Fitz Gerald Gets Pay for Catching the O. R. & N. Train Robbers.

Portland, Feb. 8.—J. J. Fitz Gerald, a railroad detective, who captured Hoehn and Harshman, the O. R. & N. train robbers, last September, has been paid the full reward offered for their capture, \$300 for Harshman, and \$1,300 for Hoehn. Sheriff Al Risbell, of Skagit county, Washington, who assisted in the capture of Hoehn, will be paid one-half of the reward offered for his capture, \$650.

OREGON'S SHEEP KINGS.

Views of a Chicago Man on the Northwest Sheep Breeders.

"The biggest ram-raising establishments in the United States are in Oregon, Washington and Idaho," said W. W. Burch, publisher of the American Sheepbreeder, of Chicago. "I saw a unique gathering of sheepmen in front of the Baker theater while the Livestock convention was in session this afternoon, and they represent the largest and best bands of pure-bred sheep in the United States. There was Colonel Van Houten, of the Baldwin Sheep & Land company of Hay creek, Ore., Charles Cunningham of Pendleton, A. G. Butterfield of Weiser, Ida., Mr. Boylen, superintendent of the Prineville Land & Livestock company, R. A. Jackson, of Dayton, Wash., John Seeley of Utah, president of the American Rambouillet association, W. S. Hansen of Utah, and Mr. Brown, manager of the W. M. Ladd ranch.

TO CHANGE THE TIME.

Strong Petition Sent to O. R. & N. Officials by Business Men.

J. R. Dickson has sent the petition signed by 80 representative business men of this city, asking that the time of the local Walla Walla train be changed to a time earlier in the day, to J. P. O'Brien, superintendent of the O. R. & N. The petition represents both the people of the city and the residents of the vicinity who use the train.

Mr. Dickson also called the attention of the company to the cancellation of the permits formerly issued to those who came to the city from Umatilla and Echo. These persons formerly could return to their homes on the afternoon freights, but this privilege has been taken from them, forcing them to remain over night in Pendleton, when perhaps their business demanded but a few minutes time here. Mr. Dickson asked that the privilege of using the freight trains be granted as formerly.

There is astonishing concert of purpose and action by all the native tribes of the German South African districts to get rid of their German rulers, and revolt, murder and arson are common.

Measuring the Coliseum.

Chicago, Feb. 8.—Measurement of the Coliseum today, under the new regulations governing seating capacity of public houses, instituted rigorously since the Iroquois fire, shows it can seat but 8,000, as against the old capacity of 11,000, which will allow but few seats to outsiders attending the republican convention. Nearly the entire space will be allotted to delegates, alternates, distinguished guests and the press. The latter alone requires a minimum of 300 seats.

PRELIMINARY HEARING WAIVED

LAND CASES GO DIRECTLY TO FEDERAL GRAND JURY.

Messrs. Hartman and Parkes Will Not Be Bothered With Preliminaries, But Will Take a Short Cut to Vindication—Give Bond Representing About One Million Dollars—Can Have More Security if it is Needed.

After consulting with their attorneys, it has been decided by Judge G. A. Hartman and Joe H. Parkes to waive their preliminary hearing in the cases brought against them and others by the government, charging conspiracy to defraud the government, and this morning both of the gentlemen furnished bonds in the sum of \$2,000 each to insure their appearance before the federal grand jury when it meets in Portland. It is thought that the jury will meet some time during the next month.

Judge Hartman's bond was signed by W. F. Matlock, T. C. Taylor, Robert Forster, W. D. Hansford, W. J. Furnish, Frank Frazier, Thomas Thompson, Frank Carl, T. D. Taylor, R. Alexander, C. E. Roosevelt, E. L. Smith, J. H. Raley, H. J. Taylor, F. B. Clifton, J. R. Dickson, W. H. Jones, E. J. Somerville, W. P. Temple, W. H. McCormack, W. E. Brock, J. V. Tallman, T. W. Ayers, T. B. Swearingen, F. W. Vincent, J. M. Ferguson, and George Pellingier.

Judge Hartman at first wished to have his hearing as soon as possible, but has changed his mind after consultation with his attorney. He said today: "It is too much to ask the district attorney to come way up here to conduct a preliminary hearing, so I will offer the above bond instead. It represents about \$1,000,000, and I will give a mortgage to indemnify my bondsmen on 500,000 jack rabbits and all the wild geese that fly over the land."

Babe Dies of Pneumonia.

Lester, the 3-year-old baby of Mr. and Mrs. George Hayes, died yesterday morning at the family home on Lillet street, after a short attack of pneumonia. The funeral was conducted at the house this afternoon at 1 o'clock.

HOSTILITIES UNDER WAY WITHOUT DECLARING WAR

Japan Makes First Breakaway and Captures Russian Trading Vessels on the Korean Coast.

British Navy Will Be Mobilized to Meet Emergencies—First Great Battle Will Be Naval and Take Place Off Port Arthur—Diplomatic Relations Are Broken Off—France Will Offer to Mediate, With Moral Support of Other European Nations—Japan Is Buying Steamships of the Canadian Pacific.

London, Feb. 8.—The Central News Bureau reports a strong Japanese fleet has gone to Chumulpo, Korea, and several Russian trading steamers have been seized.

Minister Hayashi this morning says that as a state of war actually exists, it is possible there will be no further declaration.

The British foreign office receives a constant stream of cablegrams. The British navy is preparing for mobilization on a moment's notice.

Off Port Arthur.

Tokio, Feb. 8.—It is expected here the first battle between Russia and Japan will occur off Port Arthur, where the harbor is inadequate to protect the entire Russian fleet. The Japanese fleet is now believed to be proceeding there from Nagasaki.

The Japanese plan a great torpedo campaign in the coming war.

Diplomatic Rupture Reported.

London, Feb. 8.—Secretary Douglas, in the house of commons today announced that he had officially received news that all diplomatic relations between Russia and Japan are broken off.

The foreign office is advised that Minister Kurino has left St. Petersburg and Minister De Rosen will leave Tokio tomorrow.

The cabinet met at noon to consider the Eastern situation. An agent of the National Publishers dispatches from Tokio that a declaration of war is momentarily expected by a meeting of the council of elders under the chairmanship of the mikado, which is in progress.

Prospects of Mediation.

London, Feb. 8.—The Paris correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph is informed in official quarters that France is determined to make an immediate and supreme effort to mediate between Russia and Japan. It is stated the other great powers have assured France of moral support.

The Pall Mall Gazette asserts France and England are agreed as to Far Eastern policy. Neither will intervene until a decisive engagement, when they will offer to mediate.

Japan Buys Ocean Carriers.

Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 8.—The big Canadian Pacific steamships, Tartar and Athenian, about 35,000 tons each, have been purchased or chartered from the Canadian Pacific by

the Japanese government. The steamships will be used as freight and passenger carriers between British Columbia and the Orient.

Japan Is Defiant.

Paris, Feb. 8.—The Japanese minister in an interview, says Japan will reject all attempts at mediation by France.

On the Bourse is the most serious slump in 15 years. General panic exists in all stocks, but Russian securities have suffered the most.

France has agreed with the other powers to land troops in China immediately upon the outbreak of hostilities in order to assure the neutrality of the Middle Empire. A council of ministers in secret session was held this morning. Delcasse announced he would decline to answer inquiries regarding the Orient, beyond that France would be neutral.

Korean Cable Cut.

Paris, Feb. 8.—The Japanese have cut the cable between Japan and Korea, according to advices received this evening by the French foreign office. The supposed object is to prevent news of operations of Japanese reaching the Russians.

Great Military Activity.

Berlin, Feb. 8.—The Cologne Gazette says Admiral von Spain, commander of the Austrian navy, has received a dispatch from the commander of the Austrian legation at Peking, that Japan has embarked four regiments of guards, and two army divisions on 40 steamers. The dispatch adds that a Russian cruiser with a division, has sailed from Port Arthur, and a naval battle is expected hourly.

LAND OFFICE TO OPEN SOON.

Register E. W. Davis Awaiting Final Instructions From Washington—Many Homesteaders Have Come Long Distances to Make Final Proof During the Suspension of Business, to Return Disappointed at Great Expense.

La Grande, Feb. 7.—The United States Land office which has been open only for the information of the public for the past three months on account of the suspension of Receiver Asa B. Thomson, will again be ready for business the early part of this week. J. H. Alexander who has been appointed to succeed Thomson, as inspector of the office has entered upon his duties, and A. A. Roberts, the new receiver appointed to succeed Asa B. Thomson, is ready for work and is moving his family here from Portland.

Register Davis says it is impossible to say just what day the office will be opened as final instructions from Washington must be received. Mr. Davis has everything in readiness for business and is prepared to care for the great rush that he feels must greet the opening after such a long period of stagnation. The people in some parts of Eastern Oregon have been greatly inconvenienced by the suspension of business at the land office. Many homesteaders have brought their witnesses to make final proof, not knowing that the office was closed to such business. Many of them came from great distances, as far away as Lost Prairie, Grouse and Paradise in Wallawa county and Huntington in Baker county, for the purpose of completing title to their land, but were sent back disappointed, the heavy expense bill of the long trips being a clear loss to them.

Women's Club Incorporates.

The Woman's Club at Union has filed incorporation papers with a capital stock of \$500, the incorporators being Mrs. Bell M. Wright, Mrs. Clarissa Hall and Mrs. D. Pearl Warren.

Political and official circles in England have no doubt that a general Balkan war will break out in the spring, which may involve all Europe.

An era of railroad building has been inaugurated in South America. They are largely capitalized by Americans and Germans.

HOW TAXPAYERS ARE GRAFTED ON COUNTY PRINTING

Here are two samples of fragments from the delinquent tax list, taken from the Weekly Tribune of January 21. The first sample in which the descriptions are abbreviated, is set just as the delinquent tax list has always been set by the East Oregonian. It is condensed as closely as possible, and every word is abbreviated to make just as little cost on the taxpayer as possible.

The second sample, is set just as the Weekly Tribune has set the delinquent tax list for 1904. Every word is spelled out in full, the lines are set a distance apart, to make all the inches possible out of the list, and one inch set as it should be set, in the first sample, is stretched out to make exactly two inches in the Tribune.

The actual facts are even worse than pictured in this paper on Saturday evening. Instead of there being 125 inches of actual tax list, set as it should be there were but 100 inches of bona fide matter in the 200 inches published by the Tribune, on January 21.

Bean, Timothy—SW 1/4 NE 1/4
and W 1/4 SW 1/4, Sec. 12, Tp. 1,
N of R 31, E. W. M. 3.36
Bean, Timothy—NE 1/4 SW 1/4
and SW 1/4 NW 1/4, Sec. 12, Tp. 1,
N of R 31, E. W. M. 2.24
Bean, Timothy—W 1/4 SW 1/4
and SE 1/4 SW 1/4, Sec. 12, Tp. 1,
N of R 31, E. W. M. 3.36
Beck, B. F.—Lot 2, Bk A, Ja-
cob's Add, Pendleton, Ore. 16.45

One inch of tax list as it should be set.

Bean, Timothy—Southwest
quarter northeast quarter and
west half southeast quarter,
section 12, township 1, north
of range 31, E. W. M. 3.36

Bean, Timothy—Northeast
quarter southwest quarter and
southwest quarter northwest
quarter, section 12, township 1
north of range 31, E. W. M. 2.24

Bean, Timothy—West half
southwest quarter and south-
east quarter southwest quarter
section 12, township 1, north of
range 31, E. W. M. 3.36

Beck, B. F.—Lot 2, block A,
Jacob's addition, Pendleton,
Oregon 16.45

One inch of the tax list as enlarg-
ed into two inches in the Weekly
Tribune.

Instead of the 200 inches at \$2.60 per inch, or a total of \$520 for printing this list in the Tribune, the actual expense to the taxpayer for printing this installment of the delinquent tax list should have been but \$60, or 100 inches of matter at 60 cents per inch, as bid by the East Oregonian.

By giving the county printing to the Tribune, the county commissioners permitted a graft, by which the Tribune is getting \$460 of the taxpayers' money, for absolutely nothing.

These samples of the tax list speak louder than any words, and are submitted to the taxpayers of Umatilla county, as a specimen of the graft that is being practiced upon them. The city printing is even worse than this, and samples of the city legal notices as published in this paper and in the Morning Tribune, will be printed in the near future for the edification of the property owners who are paying the bills.