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LEWISTON WHEAT.

Little Grain Being Delivered at Idaho Warehouses.

Lewiston, Feb. 26.—The local dealers reported flax yesterday at 90 cents and wheat from 58 to 60. The Liverpool markets were higher and other markets were fluctuating in sympathy.

Dealers report that very little grain is being purchased at this time for the reason that most of the grain now in the warehouses has been purchased earlier in the season and that on account of the bad roads very little grain is being delivered at the warehouses.

Warehousemen at the tramways report that some grain is received each day but it is not expected that the heavy delivery will be resumed until good weather improves the roads.

Stays on the Nome Route.

Seattle, Feb. 26.—The crack Nome liner Ohio, so far as present indications go, will not be taken to the Atlantic coast, as the steamships Comaugh, Indiana and Pennsylvania, the three other vessels of the Empire line, have been. Preparations for sending the Nome liners north in May are now near at hand, but the local office of the Empire line has not yet received instructions to cancel engagements for receiving passengers and freight on the Ohio. The latter is now at Eagle harbor, where she has been anchored since last fall.

FARMERS FIGHT WHEAT TRUST

PALOUSE GROWERS WILL HANDLE THEIR CROPS.

Farmers' Independent Warehouse Company With Capital Stock of \$500,000, Will Be Organized in Washington—The Wheatgrowers Claim That They Are Discriminated Against by Commission Men.

Colfax, Feb. 26.—In order to save the profits now paid to the middlemen, and to be enabled to hold their wheat for higher prices, the farmers of the Palouse country are now taking initial steps toward the organization of a farmers' warehouse and milling company, with a capital stock of \$500,000.

The purpose of the company is to build and operate mills and warehouses in which the farmers are to be the sole owners, in which all the wheat grown by the stockholder may be stored and held, at a nominal cost to each, until the prices are right.

This will do away with storage charges, commission men's profits, and other expenses now incurred in selling the wheat early, or giving an option on it.

Farmers claim that they are now being discriminated against by the commission men. While wheat has advanced 25 cents in Chicago, within the past few weeks, they have been offered but 2 cents more than the anti-war prices.

They will build one central warehouse at some coast point for foreign shipments, with hundreds of local warehouses in the wheat belts. It is formed on the plan of the Independent Packing Company, organized by the stockmen.

LOCKSTEP ABOLISHED.

Warden of the Colorado Pen Acts the Humane Role.

Canon City, Col., Feb. 26.—Warden Cleghorn has endeared himself to the 690 convicts confined in the state penitentiary here by abolishing the lockstep, so thoroughly detested by every man who has been so unfortunate as to be sent to prison.

The order abolishing the old prison style of marching convicts in a body from place to place was issued a week ago, since which time the inmates have been drilled in military marching. When a body of convicts is moved from the prison to the lime and stone quarries now they are marched in regulation fours.

This pleases the men, as it enables them to walk straight and gives the muscles of their bodies better play in the matter of exercise. The guards say the convicts are much more tractable when allowed to march in military fashion than when the objectionable lockstep was in vogue. When the men are summoned to their meals they walk in single file with their hands at their sides.

Colonel Moynahan Dead.

Kansas City, Feb. 26.—Colonel John Moynahan, aged 58, died in the city hospital today of erysipelas. He originated the idea of putting prize fighters on the stage, and was Sullivan's first manager. He took the erstwhile champion to France.

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ARTHUR IS NOW BLOCKADED

From the Japanese Minister State the Scheme is a Success.

WATKIN AT HEAD OF THE RUSSIAN ARMY.

Torpedo Boat Holds Up a Liner in the Indian Ocean

Asian Squadron Which Took Back Track is at Anchor in Gulf of Suez—Cannot Get East Must Return by Easy Stages to the Baltic.

London, Feb. 26.—The Japanese navy this morning issued an official statement as follows: On the morning of the 24th the vessels were escorted by torpedo boats to blockade the mouth of the harbor of Port Arthur. The sinking of these vessels was reported. Officers and crews returned to safety.

Although there is no report regarding our fleet direct from Admiral Togo no doubt can be entertained regarding its safety.

Czar Issues Proclamation.

Petersburg, Feb. 26.—The czar issued a proclamation to the effect that through General Kuropatkin, a few days ago relieved of war portfolio and put in chief command of the land forces. He is to be relieved of his duties and confers the order of Alexander Nevsky upon him.

Stopped British Liner.

London, Feb. 26.—A Russian torpedo boat fired a shot across the bow of the British India liner Lomax in the Red Sea Monday, then boarded her and examined her papers. The vessel was bound for Aden.

Anchored at Suez.

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CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET.

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NEW FLEDGED CITY.

Cove, Union County, Former Home of T. T. Geer, Incorporated.

La Grande, Feb. 26.—Cove, situated 16 miles from La Grande, held a special election Wednesday for its incorporation and election of officers. There were 106 votes cast, voting for incorporation by a majority of 12 votes. Officers were elected as follows:

For mayor, D. M. Clark; for treasurer, Jasper Stevens; recorder, Sherman Reese; marshal, F. E. White; councilmen, A. G. Conklin, William Reynolds, Joe Tripeer, William Martin, F. C. Pixton, F. E. Peel.

CAVEIN UNDER A TOWN.

Thirty Acres Sinking and Cracking in Pennsylvania.

Seranton, Pa., Feb. 26.—A cavein covering 30 acres and affecting 200 dwellings, occurred in Bellevue near this city, at 11 last night. At 3 this morning it gave indications of spreading.

Michigan Socialists Active.

Lansing, Mich., Feb. 26.—In response to the call recently issued the socialist state convention met here today with delegates from several parts of the state. The convention will arrange for representation at the national convention of the party and will also discuss plans for the participation of the party in the approaching state campaign.

FIELD SCHOOL BUILDING NOW

PARTLY CONDEMNED BY THE FIRE CHIEF.

Its Chimneys Must Be Sooner or Later Rebuilt—House Will Be Kept Open Without Repairs Until End of School Year, by Sufferance.

Fire Chief Withee has been inspecting school houses again, and as a result the Field school is under the ban, though what the result will be is not known.

According to the findings of the fire chief, there must be a new chimney built before the building is up to the requirements of the department. The stovepipes run through the wooden partitions and are liable to set fire to the place at any time.

However, it is thought by the chief that inasmuch as the conditions will be well watched by the teachers having the building in charge, and as the cold weather is so nearly past that the stoves will not have to be used much longer, that he will allow the building to be run with no great changes in it. To make it perfectly safe it would be necessary to build a new chimney, and that would not be advisable nor convenient at this time.

But in any case, the schools seem to be up against it. Superintendent Conklin has been forbidden to build a fire in his office, and must wrap up, or stay out. The Academy has been overhauled, and now the other building is on the bum.

CLARK LOSES SUIT.

Fails to Gain Control of Shoshone Falls.

Boise, Feb. 26.—The supreme court today closed another chapter in the long standing litigation over the right-of-way for the electric power plant at Shoshone Falls.

A judgment of condemnation of certain lands in the school section below the falls was given some time ago for the site needed by the proposed plant. The tunnel through which the water was to be conveyed passes into land claimed by Senator W. A. Clark and others in section 31.

Authority was also sought and granted for the use of certain rocks in the river above the falls to be used in connection with the construction of the dam to divert the water into the tunnel. These rocks are also on section 31. There is a controversy over where the line runs but as marked on the ground the conditions are as stated.

Clark and others were made parties to the condemnation suit and they defaulted, but after the case had gone to judgment and an appeal by the state had been decided in favor of H. L. Hollister, the plaintiff, Clark, and his associates also took an appeal on the ground that the complaint and accompanying exhibit were insufficient.

The supreme court in a divided opinion holds that the complaint could only have been attacked on a demurrer. The case is important because of the vastness of the power project contemplated by those who have acquired Hollister's interests in the enterprise.

Your very suspicions, though unfounded, may lead to a foundation that never had existed, if your mind had been better employed.

It is some consolation to know that when you aim at nothing you are sure to hit it.

Eastern Oregon Weather

Tonight rain; cooler Saturday, probably fair, high southerly shifting to westerly winds.

CHARGE TO JURY IN GRAFT CASES

Defines "Reasonable Doubt" and What Constitutes Guilt if Proven.

FAIR REASONABLE AND IMPARTIAL DOCUMENT.

Formal Ratification of Canal Treaty Effected, Which Closes the First Chapter in a Great Event—Another Cruiser Sent to Chemulpo, Which Defines the Government's Policy to Learn the Latest Lessons of Naval Warfare

Washington, Feb. 26.—Justice Pritchard began reading his charge to the jury when the court opened at 10 this morning for the closing scenes in the postoffice conspiracy trial, before a great crowd.

The defendants were all in their places. Machen was cool and composed. The Goff brothers sat side by side, stoical and indifferent. Pritchard's charge occupied an hour. It was eminently fair. He defined "reasonable doubt," and discussed at length the conspiracy statute under which the indictment was found.

He said the design to defraud need not be accomplished, but if it is proven the parties acted toward the furtherance of that design, then, though the government was not actually defrauded, it was a case of conspiracy.

Formal Ratification.

Washington, Feb. 26.—A formal exchange of ratifications of the Panama treaty took place at the state department at 11 this morning, between Hay and Buman-Varilla.

American Cruisers at Chemulpo.

Washington, Feb. 26.—The navy department is informed that the cruiser Cincinnati has sailed from Shanghai for Chemulpo, where she will remain indefinitely. The Vicksburg will also remain at Chemulpo.

INCREASE IN DAIRYING.

Kansas More Than Doubles Her Number of Milch Cows in Ten Years.

Twenty years ago Kansas had but 471,548 milch cows, and scarcely a creamery worthy of the name, and their product was unsought.

Ten years ago Kansas had 567,353 milch cows; creameries of a better class were being slowly established, but their output begged a market.

Today Kansas has 892,738 milch cows, or more than at any previous time and many high-grade creameries and cheese factories, including the largest creamery in the world, hundreds of miles from the principal markets. Their product is not only favorably known in the principal markets, but sought beyond the supply.

Thus is marked the progress of this industry in Kansas—in a decade become one of the most prominent of successful dairy states. While this is true, and within that time the aggregate annual value of our dairy products has nearly doubled, and while our foremost dairymen, by constantly striving to raise the standard of production, now have excellent, high-yielding herds, it is unquestionably a fact that large numbers of our cow population are not paying for their keep. The cause of this is to be found either in the man or in the cow, or both.

Brains in the man and blood and feed in the cow are essential to success in Kansas, as elsewhere.—Hon. F. D. Coburn, in Quarterly Report Kansas State Board of Agriculture.

Nineteen Buildings Burned.

Seranton, Pa., Feb. 26.—Fire this morning destroyed 19 buildings in the business section of Nicholson, 20 miles from here. Loss, \$75,000.

Costume for Priests.

Rome, Feb. 26.—Archbishop Martinelli this morning advised the pope that he believed the best restrictive regulation for the garb of American priests would be a rule obliging them to always wear a gown, the three-cornered hat and tonsure (or shaven crown), in order to uphold the dignity of the church.

This costume for all occasions.