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WEATHER FORECAST.

Tonight and Friday showers.

PENDLETON, UMATILLA COUNTY, OREGON, THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 1904.

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POSTPONED THE GAS QUESTION

and Unexpected Opposition to the Deal Proposed Some Time Ago.

FINANCE AGAIN IN HANDS OF COMMITTEE.

and Poll Tax Problems Again Freshed Over, But Little Progress Made—Test Case Will Be Brought—Second-hand Dealers Talk at Occupation Tax—The Terrell District Forces a New and Unexpected and Important Issue.

The council held a "gabfest" at city hall last evening, at which very good sentiments were uttered and very little business done. Mr. Matlock had not returned from Portland, and in his absence Melvin Dickson presided over the session.

Gas Franchise Problem.

The committee in whose bosom the gas franchise has been sleeping so long aroused the infant last night and brought it out for the inspection of the city fathers, but they tried to look upon its face and ordered it put back into its cradle under such a time as the mayor had earned and they could determine whether or not it should be allowed to live or be killed.

The franchise business seems to be slow. Some of the councilmen thought that they were putting the conditions to the company pretty much as they should pay more for the right to come in and charge for the air with the fumes of a generating plant, while others thought that they were giving the electric light company a clinch on the gas business by granting it the franchise as it is now written.

Dog and Poll Tax.

The council then jumped to the dog and poll tax question, and had a little talk over that, with some more results. The marshal reported that he was up against a hard proposition and could see no way out unless the city helped him. He had collected a number of poll taxes and dog taxes, but he has gotten from all who would pay him, those who had paid were now complaining because they had done so when the majority of the men in the city had not, and he asked for some help and advice. The matter was referred to the city attorney and it was decided to have a few test cases and find out what could be done. Accordingly, the marshal will haul a few of the presidents of town into court and attempt, with the help of the attorney, to gather in all of the outstanding dog and poll taxes.

Occupation Tax.

Recorder Fitz Gerald then stated that he could not collect the license fees imposed by the recent license orders, who had combined and would not pay. The city attorney will see if he can find a way to convince these gentlemen that they should help to support the city.

A Redlight Problem.

A representative of one of the

Swell Society Affair.

Colorado Springs, April 21.—W. L. Edwards, clubman and society leader, this afternoon filed a cross-complaint in his wife's suit for divorce, charging her with adultery with Guy Lacoste, city editor of the Rocky Mountain News. Mrs. Edwards is a daughter of George Trimble, a millionaire mining man and banker of Leadville.

ery stables was present and made a speech. He stated that he would like to have one of the rules of the city changed a little. The inhabitants of the redlight district now and then desired to ride about the country in cabs, and according to the ruling made had to get out of the city limits before they could get in to the cabs. No cabman is allowed to call for them or deliver them at the end of the trip, and he asked to have the matter changed.

The city attorney pondered over the matter and was of the conclusion that since there was no redlight district there could be no inhabitants thereof; and since there was no inhabitants, the cabmen could not haul them; but that they could haul any resident of the city who would pay his or her fare. If the said passengers became disorderly, they could be fined or imprisoned. It was up to the cabmen, therefore, to haul anybody they wished. Recorder Fitz Gerald stated that he had made the ruling for the good of the city, but that the council could interfere if it wanted to. The council did not make any definite statement, and the cabmen will have to take the risk.

The council then adjourned.

Diphtheria at Baker City.

Baker City, April 21.—No further cases of diphtheria have been reported the last day or so. There are now five well developed cases, but none of them are dangerous. About 20 children were exposed to one of the cases before it was quarantined. Anti-toxin is being freely used as a preventative, and it is thought by the health board that no further cases will develop.

Fourth Term for Esch.

Sparta, Wis., April 21.—Congressman John J. Esch was renominated for a fourth term today by the republicans of the Seventh district. There was no opposition to his candidacy.

PROHIBITIONISTS KNOCKED OUT

THEIR NOMINATIONS FOR CONGRESS ARE INVALID.

Conventions Should Have Been Held in Each District to Make Proper Returns to Secretary of State—Too Late Now to File Certificates of Nomination—For Whom Will They Vote?

Salem, April 21.—Attorney General Crawford holds in an opinion handed to the secretary of state that the nominations made by the prohibition party for congress in the two districts and other district officers are invalid, because the law provides that the assembly of electors must be residents of the district for which the nominations are made, and the certificates do not show that such is the case.

Just what effect this will have on the congressional election cannot easily be foretold, as there are about 2,000 voters of that party in this district alone, and it is not known where the votes will be cast, if at all, when their nominee cannot be placed on the ticket.

UTAH STORM.

Lucin Cut-off Liable to Lose Some Trestle.

Ogden, April 21.—A terrific snow-storm is raging, and heavy losses of sheep are reported. It is stated that one and a half miles of the Southern Pacific cut-off across the lake is affected, over a half a mile of trestle being out of place. All trains are sent over the old route.

HOPE FOR SETTLEMENT.

More Liberal Policy Toward Hungarian Striking Railroaders.

Vienna, April 21.—The thousand strikers arrested yesterday have been released and amnesty proposed for all, while the prohibition against railway men holding meetings has been rescinded. It is hoped a settlement will be effected today.

Hays is Indicted.

Los Angeles, April 21.—H. T. Hays, the Riverside bank cashier, has been indicted by the federal grand jury on five counts, for embezzlement and bail fixed at \$30,000.

Blew a Bank.

Clay City, Ind., April 21.—The Farmers' and Merchants' bank was blown at 2 this morning by robbers who secured \$5,281. The building was almost demolished.

INVESTIGATING SENATOR SMOOT

Ex-President of the Mormon Church Gives Interesting Testimony.

THE WITNESS WAS ONCE ELECTED TO CONGRESS.

Admits He is a Polygamist and Justifies Polygamy as Being an Ordinance of God—The Church's Chief Counsellor Performed the Plural Marriage Ceremonies With Full Knowledge of the Circumstances—Is Defiant and Aggressive in His Defense of Polygamy.

Washington, April 21.—Brigham Roberts, one of the seven first presidents of the Mormon church and who was elected to congress, but prevented taking his seat, was the first witness this morning at the re-sumption of the Smoot inquiry by the senate committee.

He said he was married three times: First in 1877, second in 1886; third in 1890. By the second wife, Celia Dibble, who was his first plural wife, he had eight children, some of whom were born since his election to congress in 1898.

Was married to the third wife by Daniel H. Wells, counsellor to the apostles at Salt Lake. There were no witnesses, nor was either of his previous wives present. Wells made no objection to his marriage to Mrs. Shipp, his third wife. Neither had the other two wives; however, they did not know of it at the time, and did not learn of it for two or three years.

He concealed his last marriage chiefly for the purpose of relieving them of embarrassment. "Of course we knew the marriage was illegal." This third wife was formerly the wife of Dr. Shipp.

He admitted that Wells knew he had a first wife. No action was taken by the authorities of the church against him for his marriage of the third wife.

Asked the reasons which led him to contract this marriage when he knew it was against the law, he said that from boyhood he had been taught the rightfulness of plural marriages and believed it a law of God, preferred to man's law. He believes polygamy was and is a divine institution. He admitted living in polygamous cohabitation "in defiance of both the laws of God and man," as the cross-examination worded it.

RETURN TO WORK.

Lithographers' Strike Ends in Mutual Concessions.

New York, April 21.—The 10,000 lithographers of the country, on strike since March 15, returned to work this morning, the result of an agreement embracing concessions on both sides.

Trial of C. L. Tucker.

Waltham, Mass., April 21.—The case of Charles L. Tucker, accused of the murder of Mabel Page at Weston, was called this morning, attended by a great rush of people. The father of the murdered girl told of finding the body.

DEMOCRATS OPPOSED TO INSTRUCTIONS

The delegates returning from the democratic state convention report the meeting one of the most spirited and interesting ever held in the state, owing to the sharp contest over the instruction of the national delegates for W. R. Hearst for president.

While the contest at no time approached a bitter fight, it was the occasion for about three hours of genuine democratic oratory, of the best brand on the coast, as the leaders of the state were present to take sides in the matter.

The opposition to the resolution endorsing Hearst for the presidency was not opposition to the democratic policy of instructing delegates and pro-taking hands against doing the party thing for the best interests of the party when the national convention is held.

In fact, it is believed that a majority of the delegates to the state convention were in favor of Hearst for president at this time, but they refused to be bound, preferring to remain free to act for the best interests of the party. It is argued by those opposed to the adoption of the Hearst resolution that circum-

AMERICANS IN GREAT DANGER

Russians Are Making it Very Uncomfortable for Them in Manchuria.

FOUR AMERICANS ARE DETAINED AT MUKDEN.

Russians Hang an Englishman as a Spy—Renewed Persecutions of the Jews—Togo Will Try to Push the Cork in at Port Arthur—Plot Disclosed to Blow Up Unfinished Russian War Vessels in Baltic Navy-yards—Will Send Baltic Fleet to Far East.

Berlin, April 21.—The Frankfurter Zeitung prints a dispatch from its Manchuria correspondent, reporting that bitter anti-American feeling is prevalent there, endangering the lives of those who failed to flee before the hostilities were thoroughly under way.

Four Americans are detained at Mukden under charge of espionage in behalf of the Japanese.

An Englishman arrested at Port Arthur, charged with being a spy, has been hanged at Mukden.

The persecution of Jews is also vigorous.

Still Bottling Up Port Arthur.

Rome, April 21.—A Chee Foo telegram this morning states that Togo has a special boat prepared and will make another attempt to bottle Port Arthur harbor tonight.

Plot to Blow Up.

St. Petersburg, April 21.—A reported plot has been discovered for blowing up of warships now building in Russia. Infernal machines are said to have been found in the ship-building yards near the cruisers Almaz and Jemtschug, while Jap spies are reported to have been taken in custody near the battleship Borodino.

Baltic Fleet to Far East.

St. Petersburg, April 21.—Admiral Skrydloff has definitely determined to send the Baltic fleet to the Far East.

RIOTING IN DENVER.

More Federation of Miners' Officers in Trouble.

Denver, April 21.—The arrival of the train bearing President Moyer, of the Miners' Federation this afternoon, escorted by militia, was the occasion for a small-sized riot.

As Secretary Haywood, of the Federation, approached Moyer, Captain Wells made a move to strike him. Haywood knocked Wells down, Haywood was attacked by guards, knocked down and beaten, arrested and taken to the Oxford hotel with Moyer. There Haywood was knocked down by two soldiers, and while down was bayoneted and clubbed until unconscious.

A riot call was turned in, but the soldiers refused to surrender Haywood and held him on a charge of deserting the flag.

The habeas corpus case of Moyer will be heard in the supreme court this afternoon.

7,000 IDLE IN TORONTO.

Loss Will Reach \$12,000,000, With Insurance Estimated at \$8,360,000.

Toronto, Ont., April 21.—The total loss by the fire which destroyed the wholesale district of Toronto last night, will, according to the most conservative estimate, reach \$12,000,000, the total insurance, \$8,360,000.

The area swept by the fire embraced 14 acres and from 5,000 to 7,000 people are thrown out of employment.

The city council late this afternoon placed all public buildings and the exposition grounds at the disposal of the fire sufferers; it amended the fire regulations to allow the construction of temporary structures and appointed a committee to wait on the legislature and secure an order that all wires in the business part of the city be placed underground.

MOTHER JONES IN PESTHOUSE.

Italian Strikers in Utah Breaking Out in a Fresh Place.

Salt Lake, April 21.—The Italian strikers camped in the vicinity of Castle Gate coal mines all winter, after rescuing Mother Jones from the smallpox quarantine, attempted to tear down the pesthouse and drive off the armed guard.

The state board of health here wired ordering the arrest of all concerned, including Mother Jones, and instituting a forcible quarantine.

Sunk After Collision.

Berlin, April 21.—The Swedish steamship Dries sank after a collision with another vessel in the Baltic off Swinemund today. The crew of 16 drowned.

Employers Win.

Kansas City, Mo., April 21.—The truck drivers' strike of several weeks duration, has been declared off, the employers winning.

MR. DOLLIVER ON THE TRUSTS

INFORMATION WANTED ABOUT CORPORATIONS.

The Iowa Man Believes the Era of Speculative Trusts is Nearly at an End, and That They Will Be Supplanted by Legitimately Competing Small Concerns—Case of Dying Natural Deaths.

Washington, April 21.—The house has agreed to the conference on the agricultural appropriation, and took up the conference report of the naval appropriation bill.

In the senate Dolliver discussed the recent resolution introduced by Hill, calling on the secretary of commerce for information relative to incorporations other than trusts since 1890. He described the decay of speculative trusts and predicted that the application of universal natural laws, including the competition of independent companies, would eventually drive the last of them out of business.

Polygamous Postmasters.

Washington, April 21.—The senate today adopted a resolution by Dubois calling upon the postmaster general to ascertain whether the Mormon postmasters of Idaho are living in polygamy.

WILL HANG TOMORROW.

End of the Three Chicago Carbarb Robbers and Murderers.

Chicago, April 21.—The governor this morning affirmed the recommendation of the state board of pardons against interfering with the sentence of death imposed on Carbarb Vandine, and all three bandits will be hanged tomorrow morning. Neidermeier alone and Marx and Vandine together.

Three guards are with each of the men and two doctors reinforce Neidermeier. One guard lies on his bed, others sit by him on each side. He is not permitted to put his hands under the covers. The wound he inflicted in the attempt at suicide is still open.

The bandit smiles with pleased vanity when the guards compliment him on his shrewdness.

A priest was with Neidermeier three hours this morning without apparently convincing the condemned man.

Vandine, after the reception of a telegram from his mother at Springfield, notifying him of her failure to secure gubernatorial clemency, called for a priest.

Scores of evangelists visit the jail and offer prayers and bring flowers.

Sentenced to Penitentiary.

Indianapolis, Ind., April 21.—President Broerick, of the Elkhart bank, was sentenced to 10 years in the penitentiary and Cashier Collins to six, for wrecking it.

MANIPULATING MERGER STOCK

Northern Securities Stockholders Engineer a Diminishing Stunt.

COMPANY IS LEGALLY DEAD, YET VERY LIVE.

Stockholders Arbitrarily Handle Immense Holdings Which the Harriman Interests Claim Do Not Belong to Them, and Do it Under Protest—Protestants Ask for Value Received, and Are Turned Down—Hearing to Restrain Will Be Heard in United States Circuit Court.

Hoboken, N. J., April 21.—A special meeting of the stockholders of the Northern Securities Company to vote a proposed reduction of stock by 99 per cent and to distribute the assets on a pro rata basis, met at 11 o'clock.

The first sensation was the filing of a protest by the Oregon Short Line and Union Pacific interests, who served notice that the shares of capital stock of the Northern Pacific delivered by Harriman and Pierce to the Northern Securities in 1901, consisting of 37,000,000 common and 41,900,000 preferred, and common stock into which said preferred had been converted, belong to the Oregon Short Line; that the Securities Company is simply its custodian.

The protestants claim they are entitled to return to them certificates for said stock upon the surrender by them of \$2,000,000 stock in the Northern Securities, and payment of \$8,000,000 cash received by them on such delivery of the said Northern Pacific stock to the Northern Securities.

Notice is further given that the Securities has no right to distribute the Northern Pacific stock pro rata among the stockholders of the Northern Securities. Judge Kirkpatrick's restraining order is cited. Pierce and Judge Lovett after reading the protest, left the meeting, first holding an animated conversation with Hill. They shook hands all round and laughed heartily, as though a good story had been told.

A vote was then taken on the plan for distribution of the merger stocks. It was adopted unanimously. There were voted 2,944,840 shares in favor of the resolution. It provides that the capital stock be reduced from the 3,954,000 shares now outstanding to 29,540.

The court order obtained by Harriman, while not interfering with the meeting or adoption of the plan, will restrain its execution until the Trenton court has decided the case.

INSTRUCTS FOR PARKER.

His Greatest Strength Came From Republican Counties.

New York, April 21.—The instructions for Parker in the New York state convention, forced by the Hill-Belmont machine, represents only three-tenths of the democratic vote of the state. Tammany and the democratic counties representing seven-tenths of the democratic vote of the state, protested against the instructions and refused to make the vote on the instructions unanimous. Much indignation is expressed throughout the city and state.

Connecticut is sure, and Hearst is certain to get four and perhaps all, of the New England states.

The platform in New York shows the Belmont and trust influence. It is unsatisfactory to all democrats, and is a laughing stock for the regular democrats.

The nine counties against instruction gave at the last election a democratic plurality of 33,449. The 46 counties for instruction gave a republican plurality of 94,643.

Issue of Paper Money.

St. Petersburg, April 21.—A new issue of \$150,000,000 of paper currency against the free gold in the state bank, has been made.

Miners Entombed.

Rome, April 21.—One hundred red miners were overwhelmed by an avalanche in the commune of Proglato today. Twenty-five afterwards escaped, but the remainder are buried beyond hope of rescue alive. The mine shaft is filled solidly with ice and snow, which fell from a high cliff and crushed in pieces the surface structures.