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East Oregonian

DAILY EVENING EDITION
WEATHER FORECAST.
Tonight showers; probably
light frost early morning. Fri-
day fair; warmer.

PENDLETON, UMATILLA COUNTY, OREGON, THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 1904. NO. 5034.

ERROR IN THE GAS FRANCHISE BILL

Draft Eliminated the Penalty for Imperfect Compliance.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED TILL THIS AFTERNOON

The city council had one idea in head last night, and that was that was about time they woke the gas franchise ordinance up and passed a remonstrance was presented, signed by a large number of residents of the vicinity of the power plant asking that the city refuse to issue the proposed gas station to be located on the site of the present electric plant. The matter was referred to the committee on ordinances, which will give it consideration this morning.

The franchise bill that has been pending so long was reported favorably last night and the council agreed to pass it, when it was discovered that one paragraph (relating to the penalty for not operating the plant and repairing the streets) was a reality not under the signature, and at the request of the city attorney the ordinance was referred back to the committee, with instructions to have an amended draft made. It was then decided that when the council adjourns it be until this afternoon, at which time it would meet to pass the ordinance as amended. An application for an ordinance was presented by James A. Fee in behalf of C. M. Idleman, of Portland, who is the agent for a company of capitalists wishing to install a gas plant in the city. A draft of the franchise asked for accompanied the letter, and it was referred to the ordinance committee.

Details of the Proposition.

The proposition is made by some company in St. Louis, the name of which is not given by Mr. Idleman, and it is supposed that the gas made by them is a new product. It is not made from coal, as is the case with the gas proposed by the Northwest-ern people, and it is stated in the letter that the product is used in several of the large cities and is giving the best of satisfaction.

The company, in the draft of its proposed franchise, gives to the city the right to buy the plant provided municipal ownership is ever decided upon, if the city files its intention not less than three nor more than six months before the time of purchase. The price to be given in such case to be governed by the estimated value of the plant as determined by the income computed at the lowest legal rate of interest.

Poll Tax Affairs.

The poll tax question was brought up by the city attorney and it was ordered that W. R. Sheppard, now acting as a special policeman in the absence of Night Policeman Tompson, be appointed a special officer who should make a canvass of the city for the purpose of compiling a poll book. It will be his duty to enroll all the residents who are not exempt from poll taxes, and to collect from all those who will pay.

Exile Returns.

Berlin, April 28.—Norman Schuman, the author, exiled to Switzerland several years ago for publishing a series of scurrilous attacks on the emperor, has been permitted to return to Germany. Schuman declared the articles were inspired by the late Count Walderssee.

MUNICIPAL REFORM.

National Reform League Discussing Its Phases.

Chicago, Ill., April 28.—Many and interesting were the papers presented at the sessions of this, the second day of the annual meeting of the National Municipal League. Among the papers were the following: "Method of Nomination to Public Office—An Historical Sketch," Dr. Charles B. Spahr, New York; "The Unsatisfactory Character of Present Methods of Nominating to Municipal Elective Office," Clinton Rogers Woodruff, Philadelphia; "The Municipal Situation in Cambridge," H. S. Wheeler, Cambridge, Mass.; "The New Orleans Situation: What a Partisan Administration Has Done," J. Pemberton Baldwin, New Orleans; "The Use of Descriptive Political Designations in Connection With the Names of Candidates," Ernest A. Hempstead, Meadville, Pa.; "Municipal Trading," Professor James Mavor, University of Toronto.

The feature of tonight's session is to be the annual address of the president of the league, Charles J. Bonaparte, of Baltimore, who will take as his subject, "Partisanship in Municipal Government."

BIG MISSIONARY MEETING.

is a Prelude to the Methodist Quadrennial.

San Francisco, Cal., April 28.—What is probably the largest and most notable missionary convention ever held on the Pacific coast opened this afternoon in the Alhambra theater. The convention, which will remain in session until next Monday afternoon, is in the nature of a prelude to the quadrennial conference of the Methodist Episcopal church to open at Los Angeles next week.

The participants in the conference include a majority of the bishops of the church, eminent lay workers and missionaries to a total of several hundred, all of whom are en route to the Los Angeles meeting. The prominent missionaries who will speak include Bishop Hartzell of Africa, Bishops Thoburn and Warne of India, and Bishop Moore, who comes from Korea. Bishops Warren, Vincent, Andrews and Joyce will also take part.

DRUNKENNESS AND INCAPACITY

GOVERNMENT LOSSES THEREFROM ARE HEAVY.

A Naval Officer Tells Tales Out of School, Accounting for so Many Transports Going Aground—Lack of Discipline is Also an Important Factor.

Washington, April 28.—F. W. Jones, second officer of the transport Sherman, in a letter to the division superintendent of the service, alleges that disasters to government transports have been due to drunkenness among the men and officers and lack of discipline, and general incapacity. There have been seven transports ashore in the past 12 months in Eastern waters.

Second Oldest Michigan Parish.

Monroe, Mich., April 28.—The members of St. Mary's parish, the second oldest parish in Michigan, have completed arrangements for their second biennial international banquet to be given tonight at Senator Alger, Mayor Maybury of Detroit, Bishop Farley and other men of prominence are announced as speakers.

American Pastors in Europe Confer.

Nice, France, April 28.—A conference of the pastors of the American churches in Rome, Paris, Geneva, Florence, Dresden, Lucerne and Munich was begun here today. Bishop Leonard presiding. Numerous questions affecting the American churches in Europe are to be discussed.

OREGON'S WOMAN JOURNALIST.

Edythe Tozier Weathered Has a Column Write-up in "Newspaperdom" of April 21.

Mrs. Edythe Tozier Weathered, Oregon's well known woman journalist, editress of the Exposition, the monthly magazine published in the interest of the Lewis and Clark fair, at Portland, and special commissioner from this state to the Buffalo and Charleston exhibitions, is given a column complimentary write-up in "Newspaperdom" of April 21, the leading journal for journalists, in the United States. Her picture also appears with the article and the paper makes special mention of the efficient work which Mrs. Weathered is now doing for the Lewis and Clark fair in the East.

The actual cash payment for the Panama canal will be made in a few days and receipted for, and work begun on the ditch in a few weeks.

58TH CONGRESS HAS ADJOURNED

Narration of Events Which Filled the Hours of the Closing Session.

PANAMA APPROPRIATION MADE BEFORE ADJOURNING.

The Bill Carrying the Appropriation Also Gives the President Arbitrary Authority Equal to That of a Czar on the Isthmus—Wind River Reservation Will Not Be Opened This Year—Current Expenses \$28,000,000 Above Prior Estimates.

Washington, April 28.—Congress adjourned this afternoon sine die. Matters of minor importance emerging from conference were disposed of.

Among the most important acts this morning was the agreement on the conference report on a Panama canal bill carrying \$10,000,000 appropriation, as desired by the senate, and a provision leaving the control and management of the zone to the president, as decided by the house.

The house refused to order the previous question bill for the opening up to settlement of the Wind River Indian reservation in Wyoming.

Excess of Expenditures.

When the senate met the conference report on the river and harbor bill was agreed to.

Allison, chairman of the appropriations committee, presented a tabulated statement of the appropriations of congress for the year ending July 1, 1905, showing an excess for the current year of \$28,000,000 above estimates.

United States Judges.

The president nominated the following to be judges of the United States courts in Indian Territory: Thomas Humphrey, (Territory); Louis Sulzbacher, (Missouri); W. R. Lawrence, (Illinois); J. T. Dickerson, (Kansas).

CAPTURED ILLIG.

Town in Italian East Africa Captured From Dervishes.

London, April 28.—The British naval commander at Aden reports the capture of Illig, Italian East Africa, from the Dervishes. The British bluejackets who co-operated with the Italians lost three killed and six wounded. The Dervishes defended the towers in a determined manner, but the bluejackets drove them out. The Dervishes lost heavily.

SANTA FE STRIKE.

is Extending Eastward Rapidly, Among Shop Men.

Denver, April 28.—The boilermakers and their apprentices, the metal workers and pipe men in the Santa Fe railroad shops at Albuquerque, N. M., this morning joined the machinists who went out yesterday afternoon. Blacksmiths and helpers may join the strike tonight.

The machinists at Trinidad, Col., are still at work, as are those at Raton, N. M. All non-union men are heavily armed.

Chicago Grain.

Chicago, April 28.—May wheat opened 87, closed 88 1/4; old July opened 84 1/2, closed 85 1/4; new July opened 83 1/2, closed 84 1/2. July corn opened 48 1/2, closed 48 1/2.

SWITZLER'S ISLAND.

Beets Are in Fine Condition—Carload of Hogs.

E. W. McComas returned last night from a week's visit to Switzler's Island, where he has been inspecting his new crop of sugar beets. The beets are promising to yield plentifully, and workmen are now thinning them for the first time.

Mr. McComas shipped a carload of hogs to Pendleton from the island, when he left, having sold them to Schwarz & Greulich for 6 cents a pound.

Called to Illinois.

John F. Haligus, the well known resident of Athena, has received a message that his mother was dangerously ill, at Crystal Lake, Ill., his old home, and will leave for there in the morning, accompanied by Mrs. Haligus.

The steamer Nome City, which is now on the Oregon-California coast run, will go on the Alaskan route on June 1.

JAPANESE GAIN FINE POSITION

They Have Hemmed in Large Russian Forces on Lower Yalu River.

RUSSIANS FAIL TO DECOY JAP FORCES.

The Latter Are Now Entrenched in One Position on Manchurian Side of the River—Japanese Lose a Heavily Laden and Important Transport, Captured and Sunk by Russian War Ship—Japanese Were Repulsed at Tueren Cheng.

London, April 28.—Reuter's Chee Foo correspondent wires that the Japanese have occupied Kulieng Cheng, on the right bank of the Yalu, south of Antung. Such a move is highly important from a strategical standpoint, as it would mean they would have the Russian forces on the Yalu hemmed in on three sides; in front would be the main force of the Japs, to the east and northeast forces of Japs are known to have crossed the Yalu Monday and Tuesday, and on the west the force now reported as occupying Kulieng Cheng. Trying to Decoy Japanese.

The London Central News correspondent at Tokio states the latest news from Wiju is to the effect that Russian and Japanese scouts are constantly exchanging shots, the Russians attempting without success to draw the Japanese from the positions the latter have taken. Inclement weather delays the Japanese operations.

Japs Lose a Transport.

St. Petersburg, April 28.—Official dispatches report that on April 25 two Russian torpedo boats blew up a Japanese transport at Gensan, Korea. The transports carried a cargo of 400 tons of rice and military stores, 1,500 tons of coal, four Hotchkiss guns, 17 officers, 20 men and 85 coolies. Sixty-five sailors were captured. Other Japanese officers and men who resisted were sunk with the transport.

Japanese Are Repulsed.

London, April 28.—The Central News Lia Yang correspondent says there has been no fighting on the Yalu since Tuesday and supplementing the dispatches regarding an engagement that day says: "The Japanese, advancing on Tueren Cheng encountered Russian forces. The Japanese received a hot fire from a Russian battery. They gave but slight resistance, then retreated in disorder upon the next village, where the men dispersed, taking refuge in the houses."

Japs Advance Up the Yalu.

Tokio, April 28.—Admiral Hosoya, of the third squadron, reporting operations of the torpedo fleet up the Yalu Monday and Tuesday, says the enemy's field guns opened without effect. A force of the enemy on an island midstream, fled. Tuesday 100 Russian cavalrymen attacked a Japanese launch. A torpedo boat repelled and the enemy fled to the mountains.

TRUSTEES MEETING.

Pendleton Academy Has Bright Outlook for Ensuing Year.

The board of trustees of Pendleton academy met at the academy building last evening, in an informal review of the affairs of the institution and found conditions very hopeful for one of the best years in the history of the school.

The Eastern Oregon presbytery has taken a deep interest in the institution, and the excellent work done during the past year, has placed the academy in the front rank of inland Empire schools.

OPEN TILL 8 P. M.

Agreement Relating to Later Hours During the Summer.

The merchants and the Clerks' Union have decided that the stores of Pendleton shall remain open until 8 o'clock p. m. on and after the first of May. This action has been contemplated for some time, and the arrangement will last during the summer and fall months, or until the days begin to shorten.

MAKE PROOFS BRIEF.

Land Department Orders Superfluous Questions Omitted.

La Grande, April 28.—Commissioner Richards, of the United States general land office, has sent out notice that in the past transcripts in contest cases have been burdened with irrelevant questions which add materially both to the cost of reviewing the testimony and he asks that hereafter more care and judgment be exercised in this regard. In his letter the commissioner says: "Your attention is called to that provision of rule 41 of the rules of practice which directs officers taking testimony in contest cases to 'summarily put a stop to obviously irrelevant questioning.'"

"A failure to enforce this rule not only frequently burdens parties to a contest with unnecessary cost and expenses, but it causes much time to be consumed in the trial and consideration of such cases, and although other provisions of that rule limit your power to exclude testimony, it is urged, nevertheless, that you enforce very strictly the provisions of the rule referred to, and exclude as far as possible from the records all obviously irrelevant testimony."

MISSISSIPPI CLUB WOMEN.

Federation is in Session With Large Attendance.

Oxford, Miss., April 28.—Oxford was the Mecca for club women from all parts of Mississippi today, the occasion being the annual convention of their state federation. An interesting program covering two days has been arranged for the gathering. The federation officers in charge of the convention are: President, Mrs. Mattie Hardy Lott, Meridian; vice-presidents, Mrs. Annie Wright, Jackson; Mrs. Elizabeth A. Jones, Crystal Springs; Mrs. Henry Broach, Meridian; Mrs. Della H. Herman, Pontotoc; Mrs. Ruth B. McDowell, Holly Springs; Mrs. George Richardson, Macon; recording secretary, Mrs. D. L. Sulton, Oxford; corresponding secretary, Miss Blanche Alexander, Kosciusko; treasurer, Mrs. H. M. Todd, Crystal Springs; auditor, Mrs. Nannie McIver, Okolona.

FREEWATER WILL HAVE BIG PICNIC

EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE SUNDAY, MAY FIFTEENTH.

Affair Will Be Under the Auspices of the Eagles, But the General Public is Urged to Be Present—Special Railroad Rates—A Great Time is Promised.

A big picnic is being planned by the business men and citizens of Freewater for May 15. All kinds of programs have been, or are now being arranged for the event, and the Eagles of Pendleton and Walla have been invited to be present and help scream.

The details have not yet been settled entirely, but the work is well on the way, and it is certain to be a great success. The committee will secure a special rate from Pendleton to Freewater and return over the O. R. & N., and special pains will be taken to entertain all of the guests of the 50 who may attend.

FARMERS' PICNIC AT ECHO.

Will Be a Feast Day for Candidates and Farmers at the Cannery Town.

The farmers' picnic at Echo, next Saturday, April 30, promises to be one of the most enthusiastic affairs of the season.

Candidates are going to be present for a handshaking tournament, prominent speakers will be on hand and the people of Echo have made preparations to accommodate the crowds in the most graceful manner. Committees on music, refreshments, speaking, dinner and general program have been appointed and now have everything in shape for the day.

Colonel R. C. Judson, industrial agent of the O. R. & N., will be present. Dr. James Withycomb, of the agricultural college, will deliver an address, and Professor Lee, of the Hazelwood Creamery, of Portland, will be present to talk on dairying. The Hazelwood Cream Company has volunteered to furnish free ice cream for the occasion, and Pendleton people are invited to attend and enjoy the picnic.

Murry Recaptured.

Word has been sent to the sheriff's office from Ritzville that J. J. Murry, who escaped from the officers there a day or so ago, has been recaptured and is now being held for the Pendleton officers. Deputy Blakey will leave this evening for that place and will bring his man back with him.

WOOL PROSPECTS ARE VERY BRIGHT

J. H. Gwinn Hopes Growers Will Decline to Sell Until the Regular Sales.

WYOMING PRICES START OFF 1 AND 1/2 CENT HIGHER.

Buyers Are Active All Over the West Some of Them Storing Wool to Sell Again—Price of Oregon Wool Has Been Fixed by the Sales in Wyoming and if the Grower Will Hold Until Sales Day, the Market is in His Favor.

J. H. Gwinn, secretary of the Oregon Woolgrowers' Association, is more hopeful than ever for good prices for Oregon wool this year. Advice from the East indicate that the same grades of wool are selling at an advance of 1 to 1 1/2 cents per pound over last year's prices and that buyers are very active in contracting at present prices, which would clearly indicate that they expect a raise, before the season's clip is disposed of.

Several buyers in Umatilla county are making strenuous efforts to buy up the choice clips before the sale dates arrive. This is evidence to Mr. Gwinn that these buyers expect a spirited contest on sales day, and that prices will also be favorable, if the woolgrowers hold their clips until the sales.

If the buyers succeed in buying up the choice lots before the date of the sales days, however, and weaken the market by skimming off the cream at private purchases, then it will be most unfavorable for the grower. There is very little disposition among the woolgrowers to do this, and Mr. Gwinn hopes to see all the wool in the county offered for sale on those days, in order to strengthen the market and make the sales the important and vital event in the wool market in Oregon, hereafter.

Several of the buyers are storing wool they have bought, in hopes of selling it again, at an advance in price, thus reaping the profits that justly belong to the producer.

Mr. Gwinn has received the following figures from a Boston review of the wool situation, which indicates that all the merchants and buyers confidently expect a raise in price before the clip of 1904 is marketed. The review says:

"If the Boston market lacks interest just now in point of sales, there is enough activity in the growing sections to make amends and show that there are plenty of operators with faith in the future. Buyers are numerous in Wyoming and Utah, which are just now the centers of activity. The new clip is moving lively at stiff prices. At Caspar, Wyo., 13 1/2 and 14 cents have been paid, choice clips having been contracted at the latter figure, that were bought last year at 13 cents.

"In Utah nothing less than last year's prices are acceptable to the growers, the range being from 13 1/2 to 15 cents, with what are called medium clips selling for 14 and 15 cents.

"Many of the leading Boston houses are now operating and are paying the prices demanded. Some few are holding back, as usual, but the price would seem, however, that the price of the clip has been established and that the wool sold in Oregon and other new sections yet to be opened to the market this season, would be on the same high level as those already sold."

TWO CARS WOOL.

Washington Grown and Will Be Held Here Until Sales Days.

Manager Fred Taylor, of the Finnish warehouse, received a couple of cars of wool from Washington over the W. & C. R. this morning, consigned to L. Shank, of Portland. Mr. Shank has bought the wool and will hold it here until the sales days. He is a Portland dealer, and has a branch house in this city where he deals in hides, pelts and wool.

Navvies Will Strike.

Vienna, April 28.—Ten thousand Galician and 7,000 Hungarian navvies employed in navy building, have agreed to strike May 11, and have seized a quantity of dynamite. Many thousand dissatisfied laborers and mechanics in private life will join the movement.