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WEATHER FORECAST.

Tonight and Wednesday fair, continued warm.

FIRE TO NEGLECT

of Captain Van... Reveals Criminal... ness.

OFFICIALS HAD... INSPECTED SLOCUM.

and Life Preserving Ap... Was Old, Unused and De... State Inspectors Only Made... Examination of the Equip... New Preservers Had... Purchased Since 1895—No... Test Had Ever Been Made.

N. Y. June 28.—The last... in the Slocum Invest... Captain Van Schalek, was... court on an invalid chair... under the care of two... The aged officer looked... and had been a steamboat... years, holding a master's li... had had nothing to do... the equipment of the... she was first placed in... Since 1891 he admitted... general supervision of the... confirmed the statements of... that no new life pres... had been purchased for... since 1895. From time to time... selected from 100 to 200 pre...

he knew, none of the of... the company ever inspected... saving and fire fighting ap...

inspection of the United... tectors, the captain said but... ders were taken from the... no water test of them had... made.

erg did not test the stand... here had been three or four... and water had been run... the stand pipes. This testi... in direct opposition to that... members of the crew, who... had been no fire drills this...

UCHED FOR \$12,000.

Gold Dust Stolen From Rich... in Pullman Car.

San Francisco, June 28.—Walter... in San Francisco, complained... today that he was robbe... \$2,000 in gold dust, while... a Pullman car, between... and Altona, last night... mining in the Klondike... his dust to New York.

man Burton Marries.

Idaho, June 28.—Congress... French, of Idaho, was... soon to Miss Winifred... Burton is known in congress... Joe's Baby."

SHIP TO SPOKANE.

There Falls and All Ice Is... Shipped in.

ons of ice are shipped... from the Pendleton Cold... to Spokane, for con... that place. This has... from the first of May... and the order is... still the end of the hot... This extraordinary condi... is due to the complete... the natural ice crop in... country, for the first time... years. That city is contigu... beautiful mountain lakes... and its natural ice sup... hitherto not only been... finest quality, but of great... Last winter, as mention... was a failure, and Pen... nearest ice plant affor... ly over the needs of the... The North Yakima and... plants only furnish ice... home consumption. The... plant is now running pra... its full capacity, with every... machinery and other equip... to the full duty.

the towns which receive ice... from the Pendleton plant... Heppner, Pomeroy and... are now in cold storage in... plant between 15 and... of butter—the largest single... storage.

DUMONT'S AIRSHIP IS RUINED

June 28.—Vandals have... Dumont's balloon, en... the big sheds in which the air... were stored, and cutting the... of Santos' seventh and...

MAKES CONFESSION.

Gutke Finds Way of the Boodler Hard.

St. Louis, June 28.—Charles Gutke, a former member of the house delegates, this morning made a full confession to Circuit Attorney Folk of his connection with the famous lighting deals. Gutke told how he got his \$2500 as a delegate to Lehmann's renowned birthday party. A stenographic report of the confession will be presented to the grand jury.

MINISTERS TO CONFER.

France Will Protect Foreigners in Morocco.

Birmingham, June 28.—A conference will occur here next week between the French foreign ministers, the British and American ambassadors regarding Morocco, especially regarding France's intentions for the protection of Americans and Europeans in that country.

Rinehart-Reunion.

La Grande, June 28.—At the family reunion of the Rineharts, one of the pioneer families of Union county, which was held at Summerville, Sunday and Monday, 129 members of the family were present. The reunion is an annual affair and regular programs are rendered and a banquet or picnic closes the exercises.

Weds a Count.

Paris, June 28.—The wedding of Count Biron to Miss Leishmann, daughter of the American ambassador to Turkey, was solemnized at the church at the St. Pierre Chaillot at noon today. Ambassador Porter was present. Secretary Hay cabled his congratulations.

America Wants Station.

Tangiers, June 28.—Native authority is responsible for the assertion of American demanding the port of Arseala as a coaling station. A portion of the American squadron is still here.

Government Investigating in Colorado

Washington, June 28.—In view of the serious outcome of labor troubles in Colorado, the bureau of labor has begun a special investigation of the subject.

DOCTORS MEET AT HOT LAKE

MEDICAL SOCIETY TO HOLD ANNUAL SESSION.

Eastern Oregon Physicians Will Assemble at the Famous Sanitarium to Discuss Vital Topics and Compare Professional Notes—Interesting Program Will Be Rendered—Third Meeting to be Held Since Organization of the Association.

The third annual meeting of the Eastern Oregon Medical Association will be held at Hot Lake on July 7, at which time an interesting program will be given and a pleasant reunion of Eastern Oregon physicians will take place.

Dr. N. Molitor, of La Grande, is president of the association; Dr. E. Ferguson, of The Dalles, is first vice-president, and Dr. William O. Spencer, of Huntington, is secretary and treasurer.

A profitable meeting is anticipated and many prominent physicians from different parts of the state will be present. Following is the program:

Morning Session.

"Chronic Constipation"—Dr. J. A. Geisendorfer, The Dalles.

"The Importance of Active Principles in Medical Science"—Dr. E. W. Barnes, North Powder.

Afternoon Session.

"Injuries to the Elbow Joint"—Dr. E. B. McDaniel, Baker City.

"Etiology and Treatment of Bright's Disease"—Dr. J. S. Kiocher, Green River Hot Springs, Wash.

Symposium of typhoid fever: (a)—"Etiological and Pathological Lectures of the Disease"—Dr. Willard Smith, La Grande.

(b)—"Clinical Characteristics and Diagnosis of Typhoid Fever"—Dr. W. H. Ewin, Union.

(c)—"Prophylaxis and Treatment in the Management of Typhoid Fever Cases"—Dr. C. J. Smith, Pendleton.

(d)—"Surgical Features of Typhoid Fever"—Dr. R. C. Coffey, Portland.

"Ulceration of the Cornes"—Dr. A. K. Higgs, Heppner.

The icoman takes the last ticket in the book just when you are broke.

TAFT OPPOSES SELF-GOVERNMENT

Asserts That the Declaration of Independence Does Not Mean What it Says.

"CONSENT OF THE GOVERNED" AN EMPTY PHRASE.

Secretary of War Says the Immortal Principle of the Patriots Must Be Taken With a Grain of Salt—Self-Government Cannot Be Applied in the Case of the Filipinos—Would Make No Promises for the Future Contingent on Good Behavior of the Natives—Address Before the Harvard Alumni Replete With un-American Doctrine.

Cambridge, June 28.—In a carefully prepared address, Secretary of War Taft today discussed before the Harvard Law School Alumni Association some phases of the Philippine situation.

Passing to the constitutionality of the administration the secretary said that the words "consent of the governed" were not intended to be literally construed, and declared numerous instances in our history where the consent of the governed had not been obtained.

He spoke of the great work of education being carried on, which is something essential to the preparation of the people for any kind of self-government.

Of Aguinaldo Taft said that the result of his government was oppression, arbitrary action and disturbance, and that the Filipinos are not ready for self government. He concluded with this statement: "If they are fit for self-government then I agree that the declaration ought to be made and that we ought to turn the islands." He opposed, however, any promises contingent upon what might happen in the future.

IRRIGATION CASE.

Defendants Claim Their Rights Are Unjustly Interfered With.

The defendants in the suit of the Little Walla Walla irrigation district, a corporation, vs. O. N. Preston, A. E. West, George Overturf, Woodson Cummins, Ronald McRea, Mary Cobb, Fred Beller, James Adrien, Harry Garrett and F. E. Williams, have filed a reply to their attorney, Judge Lowell.

In the suit brought by the plaintiff the company alleges that the defendants persistently and wilfully ignore and disregard the division of water and the other regulations imposed by the company, which regulations and restrictions are in themselves reasonable, and necessary to secure justice to all concerned; in other words, to all the residents of the district. (The defendants named being members of the irrigation district with others who conform to all the requirements imposed by its organization.)

The answer filed by Judge Lowell is simply to the effect that the defendants take the position that they cannot be deprived of rights acquired by them long prior to the organization of the district, and under which rights they had and still have certain privileges not accorded fully by the by-laws of the district, but which they cannot legally nor rightfully be deprived of without due and essential process of law. They claim simply that to conform to the regulations of the district in relation to the manner and quantity of division of water will work them much injustice and cannot be done without condemnation and appraisal proceedings.

The plaintiff alleges malicious and destructive interference on the part of the plaintiffs with ditches, head-gates, weirs and flumes and asks for \$1000 damages against the defendants and an injunction to stop them. The plaintiffs simply claim as a sort of rebuttal that the company is depriving them of rights which belong to them and which were acquired long before the company was organized.

Stillman & Pierce are the attorneys for the plaintiff company.

FOOT BADLY HURT.

Cut and Bruised by a Firehook Falling at the Fire.

L. Lair, a young man who is a transient, had a foot badly hurt during the progress of the fire Saturday night. Mr. Lair was standing on a ladder trying to manipulate a hook with which to help tear out the burning front. The hook slipped from the building and struck Lair on the top of his left foot, cutting a gash and bruising the member badly. The wound was dressed and Mr. Lair is doing reasonably well, but the injury will disable him for several weeks.

The younger the mustache the more earnest the attention given it.

JAPS SURROUND RUSSIAN ARMY

Kuropatkin Has Been Ordered to Retreat From His Perilous Position.

ONE MORE RUSSIAN BATTLESHIP STRANDED.

St. Petersburg Admits Long List of Russian Reverses—Japanese Pursue the Czar's Forces Inflicting Many Annoying and Weakening Defeats—Russian Infantry and Cavalry Attacked on Front, Flank and Rear by the Dashing Forces of the Mikado—Fighting Reported From Every Quarter of the Disputed Territory.

St. Petersburg, June 28.—A report reached here this afternoon that Kuropatkin has been ordered to retreat from his present position if possible. Much uneasiness is manifested because the Japanese surrounded Kuropatkin's force.

Russian Reverses Detailed.

St. Petersburg, June 28.—Kuropatkin reports from Liao Yang that yesterday the Japanese attacked our forces, occupying Motien Leng, Peng Choulin and Tallen passes. Our infantry and cavalry retreated, persuaded that the advancing divisions of Japanese operating against each of the three passes was stronger than our detachment.

In the attack on Tallen Pass, the Japanese guards, besides other regiments, took part.

The Japanese made frontal and flank attacks and occupied Feng Chenlin and Motien Liang passes the morning of the 27th.

After having pushed back our advance on the evening of the 26th to Tallen Pass, the Japanese continued to advance this morning against our position. For some time the attack of a Japanese infantry brigade was repelled. Three battalions engaged in the front attack, but being menaced by other troops engaged in a flank movement and our troops retreated. Reconnoitering parties report that one portion of the Japanese army is moving to the northwest, with the intention of joining Kuropatkin's forces.

At noon today our cavalry was hotly engaged near Tenyou Chen.

All reports of the past few days state that the Japanese forces against our Manchurian army consist of eight or nine infantry divisions and several brigades of reserve troops also occupy a position in the fighting line.

Report of Fight.

London, June 28.—The Japanese minister, Hayashi, this morning issued an official report of fighting between the Russians and Japanese forces landed at Taku Shan:

"The Taku Shan army, after six hours severe fighting, on the 27th, occupied Fen Shuing, 13 miles northwest of Suen. The enemy consisted of five battalions of infantry and two regiments of cavalry, with 16 guns, fired in a disorderly fashion toward Tomu Ching and Shimu Cheng. Our casualties are estimated at 100 lost."

Minus Another Ship.

Tokio, June 28.—It is reported that another Russian battleship has been discovered stranded off Tiger Rock, at the entrance of Port Arthur. It is presumed that it was wrecked while running back to port after the fight Thursday night.

Russian Squadron Sighted.

Tokio, June 28.—An unconfirmed rumor comes from Hokkado today to the effect that ships, resembling the Russian Vladivostok squadron, appeared off there Monday.

Pope Thanks Mikado.

Rome, June 28.—The pope has handed Monsignor Mugaburo, coadjutor archbishop at Tokio, now here, an autograph letter to the mikado thanking the latter for his protection to Catholics in Japan and begging him make the protection effective in the war area.

Correspondent Dies.

New Chwang, June 28.—P. J. Middleton, a war correspondent, is dead at Liao Cheng, of enteric fever.

Salvation Army Officers Here.

Major Howell and wife of the Salvation Army, are in town and will remain here until the close of the International Conference at London, following which there will be a general alignment and reassignment of the army forces all over the entire country. The Howells have no idea where they will be sent. It is probable that the force at this point will be changed also. Mr. and Mrs. Howell have been located for several months at Walla Walla.

DID THE DOCTOR MURDER?

Grave Charges Against Prominent Colfax Physician.

Colfax, Wash., June 28.—The state continued its case against Dr. T. D. Ferguson today. Sensational evidence in regard to the alleged operation on Miss Agnes Downs and her relations with the men involved in the case was given.

The defendant, Dr. T. D. Ferguson, a wealthy pioneer practitioner of the West, is on trial under charge of manslaughter, alleged to have been committed in the killing of Miss Agnes Downs, a high school teacher, who died a few weeks ago in a local hospital. Out of the trial of Dr. Ferguson it is expected that most sensational evidence will develop involving two other men of social and business prominence who are charged as accomplices. Prof. Edwin A. Snow, one of the faculty of the Washington Agricultural college, at Pullman, is one of these, and Dr. Charles Austin, a young dentist of professional and social prominence, is the other.

Miss Downs was a teacher of modern languages in the Colfax high school and a member of one of the pioneer families of the Palouse country. About a week previous to her death she was taken to the hospital and Dr. Ferguson is alleged to have performed an operation which he announced was for appendicitis. Just before her death Miss Downs, it is said, confessed to intimacy with Prof. Snow. She had graduated from the agricultural college the year before and had been a student under him. In addition to this confession Miss Downs is said to have charged Dr. Austin, the young dentist, outright, with having been the cause of her trouble, and Dr. Ferguson with having performed the operation.

Since Dr. Ferguson's arrest he has been at liberty under \$1500 bonds. The case is attracting the widest attention and the court room is daily thronged with curious spectators. On account of the high social status of all the parties concerned the keenest interest is evidenced in even the most conservative circles and the outcome of the case is awaited with much anxiety.

Chicago Grain.

Chicago, June 28.—Old July wheat, 86¢@85¢, new, 85¢@84¢, July corn, 47¢@48¢.

WILL ENTERTAIN FRIDAY EVENING

THE MODERN SCHOOL OF COMMERCE TO CLOSE YEAR.

Students and Faculty to Give Entertainment at Presbyterian Church—Student Will Translate Unknown Article in Shorthand to Prove That a Stenographer Can Read Another's Notes.

Friday night the students and faculty of the business college will give an entertainment in the nature of a graduating or commencement entertainment, although there are no graduates at this particular time. The affair will take place in the Presbyterian church, no admission fee will be charged, and the general public and everybody else is cordially invited to be present.

The program is not yet completed in detail, but will consist of several orations, three or four recitations, an address by Aaron Turner, and a varied and most attractive musical program. Among the musical exercises will be a violin solo by Mr. Fechter, with organ accompaniment by Miss Danner.

There will be a male quartet directed by Cecil Wade. Among those who will contribute recitations and orations are Miss Mabel West, Miss Myrtle McMurry, Miss Lola Sturdivant, Miss Vesta Dennis and Miss Della Compton.

A decided novelty of this entertainment will be a test of speed and accuracy in transcribing stenography. An article of unknown length and upon a subject unknown to the copyist, will be submitted to Miss Mabel West, who learned stenography of Professor Churchill, at North Yakima, and has also been his student at this place for several months. The article will come from Owatonna, Minn., being dictated in the famous Canfield Business College of that place, in what is known as McKee's new standard system, the one taught by Professor Churchill in the Pendleton School of Commerce. Miss West will undertake to translate the article at the entertainment Friday night, and do so accurately and with speed, as a refutation of the old joke that one stenographer cannot read another stenographer's notes.

Body Recovered.

London, June 28.—A Hamburg correspondent to the Central News wires a report that reached there that Loomis' body washed ashore near Cherbourg.

BIG STRIKE IS NOW EXPECTED

Workmen on the Lewis and Clark Fair Grounds Ask for Higher Wages.

WALKOUT OF EMPLOYEES IS LOOKED FOR JULY 1.

Conferences Held Between Contractors and Laborers in Effort to Adjust Causes of Disatisfaction, But Result is Not Known—Employment of Nonunion Men Said to Be at the Base of the Trouble, But Higher Wages is Made Superficial Bone of Contention.

All signs point to a big strike, including practically every man employed on the Lewis and Clark fair grounds at Portland on July 1. Owing to the secrecy maintained by those who are in a position to understand the position in its entirety, it is impossible to learn any but the general causes of the dissatisfaction existing. However, it is definitely known that strained relations have existed between employer and employe ever since the "bosses" refused to employ union workmen exclusively.

The ground on which the strike is to be made, unless arrangements more nearly satisfactory than those existing at present are made, will be for higher wages. It is asserted that every branch of industry represented on the exposition grounds will swell the chorus, the refrain of which will be, "We want more money."

Foxy Grandpa Appears.

A number of those employed on the fair grounds are apprehensive lest a strike should prove a failure. One man is playing "Foxy Grandpa" and quit work on some pretext or other rather than be mixed in the industrial fray, trusting to chance to secure a better position and an advance in wages should the plans of the present employes culminate in a walkout. It was through him that a "flash" on what is expected to happen was gleaned. Since then the main features have been corroborated from different sources.

Owing to the number of unemployed workmen at Portland and in the vicinity, the contractors are sanguine of speedy victory in case of a desertion on the part of their employes. They are more strongly entrenched in this belief on account of the action of the circuit court recently in issuing a temporary order restraining the leather workers at Portland from being parties to acts of intimidation and violence.

May Delay the Work.

A large number of men are employed on the fair grounds, but the effect of a strike, it is figured, would be merely to delay work for a few days. The workmen, however, are of the opinion that while the departments in which unskilled labor is employed could be easily filled, the contractors would experience great difficulty in securing men to carry on those branches of labor in which a technical knowledge of some craft is necessary.

Since the plans of their employes have become known generally, though not in detail, tentative efforts have been made by the contractors to adjust the various causes of disagreement satisfactorily to all concerned. Just what are the results of these conferences is not a matter of public knowledge.

RESERVATION LANDS SOLD.

Eighty Acres of Heirship Property Bring Fair Price.

Eighty acres of heirship land on the Umatilla reservation were sold yesterday by Irving Johnson to William H. Sayer. The sale was conducted by Attorney T. G. Hailey, who obtained a price of \$2,520 for the land. It is located six miles south of Athena. Three other tracts were advertised but no bidders appeared.

This makes the third lot of sales of reservation heirship lands, the first taking place in last July and the second in last February.

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NEBRASKA LAND OFFICES ARE CROWDED

Lincoln, June 28.—The new Kincaid law permitting homesteaders to file on 640 acres of public domain, went into effect today. All of the land offices in Western Nebraska were con-

fronted by hordes of claimants. At O'Neill 300, mostly women, stood in line all night. A low temperature has caused much suffering among the waiting applicants.