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WEATHER FORECAST.

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THIEVES T RICH QUICK

of Stealing Has in Umatilla County

OF JUNIPER.

LOSES 22 HEAD.

That the Entire Band to Willamette Valley at Hubbard—Saddle Be- Jack Sparks and Earl Stolen at Holdman—Two Cold Springs Missing— Are Unknown—Saddles Two Horses Return

mic of horse stealing has in this county, 22 head within a month past, widely separated locali- bunch was missed about by the owner, but he was believe they were stolen, report the loss to the until he had searched far for his property under the that they had merely

from three to four weeks Kerr, who lives at the Juniper canyon, missed 22 horses one morning. They broken down the pasture weak place, or it had been for them, and they were haustive search through horhood was followed by them over the Columbia, were fruitless of even hit- finally got on their track own satisfaction decided had been driven south al- from Juniper, into the from thence westward. carefully avoided the trails leading into Prine- followed the Barlow pass through the Cascades Willamette valley. There indicating that they were ones and twoes and the neighborhood of Hub- is not far from Salem, it has not been possible any of the animals. This bold and doubtless profita- perpetrators.

Stolen in Pendleton.

of last week Jack Earl Rockwell, ranchers Birch creek, seven miles rode into town and hitch- saddle horses—good animals street, near Tuetsch's store, were encumbered with heavy spurs. Upon dis- they hung the schaps and the saddles, and went in the transaction of bus- before dark they went horses, intending to ride out both were missing, with requirements—saddles, bri- and schaps. Both were bits and the horses were excellent and well horses—not ponies.

and vigorous search reveal the slightest clue to property, one reason be- searchers did not have idea that a clue would in the direction of horses, whereas it transpires immediately, or perhaps both horses had been either directly or in- the Birch creek neigh- which they were owned. both horses came without a vestige of with which they were when taken. It is not cer- probable, that both came south, perhaps from the country, where they had loose after being divest- outfits.

of the thieves and the made of the schaps and is absolutely unknown either the owners of the authorities. One the- is that the property was gambled off during days of the celebra- reservation, either at horse races. It is only fair to say that this is theory, but it is plausible, to say the least.

Four Stolen at Holdman.

Last Friday night John Thorn, of Holdman, had three horses stolen. That they were stolen is not positively known, but on the other hand there is no indication whatever that they have strayed. At the same time, a horse that came to Fred McQuay several months ago as a stray, was taken. The latter animal was straying about the neighborhood and picking its living along the roads, but its whereabouts were known, and the three horses from Thorn's place are known to have been driven out of the neighborhood along the road upon which the stray was grazing. All four horses are missing at this time. Of Thorn's horses two were work horses, mates, eand asily valued at $250. The third was a good 2-year-old colt.

A peculiarity of this theft was the principal condition surrounding it: The Thorn horses were taken sometime between 10 a. m. and before dark that evening. Mr. Thorn had turned them out to graze on the commons, and when he went for them later in the day they were gone. The available indications are that the horses were driven westward from Holdman.

Two Head From Charles Lute.

Charles Lute, of Cold Springs, had two head of good work horses turn up missing about the time that Kerr's horses were taken, but Mr. Lute found both after a few days' search, over on the Columbia river, nearly westward from his place. The probabilities are that they strayed away, as had they been taken with the Kerr horses it is unlikely that they alone could have escaped from the drove of 22 head which Kerr left, and yet none of Kerr's horses can be found. It is not likely, either, that they were discarded by the thieves who took Kerr's horses, as they are more than ordinarily good animals.

Maybrick's Liberty Near.

July 18.—A home official today states that Maybrick will probably on Thursday, the anniversary of the com- of her trial. Dur- years confinement but a shadow of self and has little

LIEU LAND LAW UNDER THE BAN

PUBLIC LAND COMMISSION DETERMINED ON REPEAL.

Pernicious Law Permits of Glaring Frauds and Encourages Rascality —Desert Land Law Will Be Narrowed Down—Grazing and Timber Lands Will Be Regulated—Congress Will Be Asked to Rehash All Bad Land Laws at Coming Session.

Washington, July 18.—Because the lieu land law permits of unfair exchanges of land, by which the government is glaringly defrauded, and because it encourages rascality among land sharks, and gives opportunity to speculators, the public land commission has determined to recommend to congress the repeal of this pernicious law, at the coming session.

The commission has made some thorough investigations of the land laws, and the outline of a possible plan of action is now in the hands of the interior department.

This plan involves a possible recommendation for the repeal of the timber and stone law, closer regulation and narrowing scope of the desert land law, rigid laws regulating grazing lands and reserves, looking to the preservation of grass and forests, and some law providing for the equitable disposition of the standing timber on government land.

OIL IN MALHEUR.

Capital is Now Awaiting Result of Tests.

Baker City, July 18.—President William Albrecht of the Zenith Oil Company, who has just returned from a trip into the interior, reports that oil has been found in several localities in Malheur county and that the owners of oil lands, many of whom live in Baker City, are awaiting the experiments now being made by Blood of Boise, near Ontario. Ontario is in the gas belt, and to procure oil it will be necessary to go much deeper and further up the basin, but it is certain that if Blood opens up large gas wells he will keep on boring until he strikes oil. It is believed that gas enough can be developed at Ontario to supply that city and Boise.

Eastern capitalists and California oil men have their eyes on this deal, and are only waiting an opportune time to develop it. Local Baker City capital is not strong enough to undertake the enterprise. That there is an abundance of high grade paraffine oil in the Malheur belt is a certain thing.

New Threshing Outfit.

A steam threshing outfit costing $3200, is being unloaded today from the cars by George Buzan, the purchaser, and will be put into immediate commission. It consists of a separator and engine, and all the other necessary appurtenances.

The municipality of Venice has resolved to purchase electric motor boats.

BIG DEMOCRATS IN CONFERENCE

Tom Taggart of Indiana May Be National Chairman Yet.

CONFERENCE IN NEW YORK WILL CLOSE THE CONTEST.

Parker Takes Enough Interest in the Campaign to Connect His 'Phone With New York—Kern, of Indiana, Urges Taggart's Case — Captain Mary Howells Held Her Boat While Parker Talked on the Wharf —Photographers Drive Mrs. Parker Away From Home.

Esopus, N. Y., July 18.—W. F. Sheehan and John W. Kern, of Indiana, left this morning for New York to attend a conference of democrats there tonight.

Judge Parker walked with the Indianian to the steamboat dock and the two were engaged in an earnest conversation that Mary Howell's captain had to hold the boat several minutes until the talk was finished.

While he declared he had not urged his candidacy on Parker personally, it is understood that Kern came East in behalf of Tom Taggart for the national committee chairmanship.

Judge Parker's telephone will be hooked up with Sheehan's in New York tonight and he will be in a position to become an active participant if occasion demands.

The terrific thunderstorm which struck the village last night and continued this morning, has made the roads impassable, interfering with telegraph and telephone communication.

Mrs. Parker drove to Kingston today to get away from ubiquitous photographers who pursue herself and husband continually.

Politicians in Conference.

New York, July 18.—Davis is holding important political conferences today with Sheehan Hill, Murphy and Belmont, National Comimtteeman Head, of Tennessee, and several other prominent politicians. Davis proposes to visit Esopus tomorrow.

BAKER RANGE WAR.

Forty Sheep Killed by Range Riders on Baldy Mountain.

W. J. Murphy, sent out by Miles Lee with his herder to the seat of the Baldy Mountains range battle, returned today, says the Baker City Herald.

He reports over 40 sheep killed and wounded and brings evidence to the positive effect that the men who attacked the sheep camp shot at the herder to kill.

Hundreds of shots were fired and 30-30 steel jacket cartridges were used in most cases. These kind of bullets were found in the dead and wounded sheep and in the trees and stumps about the camp.

Piles of empty cartridge shells were found about 50 yards from the bedding ground of the sheep which showed that the men fired volley after volley into the band of sheep. Why they did not kill more is a mystery.

The trees and stumps about the camp were riddled with bullets and showed that the men were firing at the herder with deadly aim. A black stump near the camp which would resemble a man standing out in the open was filled with bullets.

Three small trees in the camp behind one of which Herder Brooks stood when he was firing at the marauders, were riddled with the steel-pointed bullets. One bullet imbedded itself in the tree just opposite the position occupied by Brooks' head when he was firing.

Mr. Lee and others will now withdraw their sheep from the disputed territory, not wishing to invite further trouble.

Was Loomis Murdered?

Thurlstone, July 18.—The inquest over the body of F. Kent Loomis this morning, resulted in a verdict that Loomis was found dead, but there wa sno evidence at hand to show how he met his death. A doctor testified that the wound behind the ear was sustained before the body reached the water.

Coffey's Action Sustained.

In the case brought by T. M. Coffey against S. P. Hutchinson, the same being virtually an action to determine the right to possession of a farm near Pilot Rock, Judge Ellis held that the claim of Hutchinson that he was in possession of the place under a contract to purchase, was not well founded; in fact, that he held possession under a lease, as the plaintiff claimed. The action was for rentals due, and for possession.

BEEF TRUST IN LABOR'S CLUTCH

Unions Gain Ground All Along the Line in an Orderly Strike.

BUT FEW NON-UNION MEN NOW AT WORK.

Clash at St. Paul Results in Insolent Gatekeeper Getting Thumped—Newly Imported Men Quit When They Learn of the Situation—Packers Would Disturb the Public Mind by Asking for Additional Police—Idle Butchers Are Sent East to Friendly Independent Packing Plants.

Chicago, July 18.—The second week of the great packing house strike opened this morning with all conditions unfavorable to a peaceful settlement of differences between employes and employers and with added grimness and determination openly expressed by both sides.

The importation of non-union help was continued today, 150 men arriving early by train and were escorted by a heavy guard of police to Armour's plant.

The strikers gathered about the vicinity in the yards early, despite the terrific heat, but beyond a subdued growling exhibited no outward sign of displeasure. The situation is such, however, that trouble is anticipated at any moment. The packers claim thus far to have 1000 non-union men within the yards. The union men say that two- thirds of the arrivals quit as soon as they learned of the strike conditions.

One hundred and twenty extra police went on duty this morning in the yards district, making a total of about 600.

Next Move Must Come From Trust.

Chicago, July 18.—Donnelly, president of the Butchers' Union, returned from St. Louis this morning, and said there would be no further conferences with the packers unless asked for by the beef trust.

He reported all the St. Louis trust plants completely tied up. Independent plants were working double time, and would soon be in a position to put on three shifts. All reports from the east show the unions have control of the situation.

Tonight the unions will send cattle butchers to Philadelphia and independent plants of other eastern packing houses that have granted the demands of the union.

Clash at St. Paul.

St. Paul, July 18.—The second clash of the strike came this morning when a Swift foreman got into an argument with a union picket at the gate, and struck him. The picket returned the blow. A crowd gathered and the foreman was badly beaten. The clerical employes of the plant were allowed to enter this morning on condition that they engage in no work other than clerical. The general situation today is not considered ominous and no call for the militia is likely.

Injunctions Aganist Strikers.

St. Louis, July 18.—Service was secured this morning on several strike leaders and members of the unions, against whom an injunction was granted last night at Belleville, Ill., restraining the strikers from interfering with the East St. Louis packing houses. The move has taken the strikers by surprise. The packers are operating with partial forces. There were no disturbances this morning.

Quiet at Kansas City.

Kansas City, July 18.—The packers are this morning operating about as last week. Quiet prevailed in the early morning hours, but a feeling of tenseness is reported about the union headquarters.

Threaten to Call Out 1000 Men.

Omaha, July 18.—There is no change in the strike situation this morning and the best of order still prevails. The union leaders say that unless arbitration is again resumed in Chicago, they will call out all craftsmen. This means that a thousand more men will quit work. The packers secured 50 men since yesterday and are doing some killing today. The strikers' ranks remain unbroken.

Non-unionists Are Joining.

St. Paul, July 18.—Temporary headquarters were established near Armour's today to accommodate applications for membership for men leaving the plants. Additional police have been asked for and the packers have increased their private guards. They gave no figures today as to the number of head tney intended to slaughter.

RAILWAY STATISTICS.

Interstate Commerce Commission Makes Its Annual Report.

Washington, July 18.—The interstate commerce commission today announced its statistics of the railways in the United States for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1903. They show that the par value of the railway capital then outstanding was $12,559,990,258, which represents a capitalization of $63,186 per mile.

The number of passengers carried was 894,891,535, an increase of 45,033,030 over the previous year; the freight carried was 1,304,394,323 tons, an increase of 104,078,536 tons.

The gross earnings from the operation of the total of 205,313 miles of railway line, which is the aggregate single track mileage, were $1,900,846,907, an increase of $174,466,640; the operating expenses were $1,257,538,852, an increase of $141,290,105; the net earnings were $643,308,055, an increase of $33,176,335; the income from other sources than operation was $205,687,480; the net income available for dividends or surplus, $296,376,045.

The total casualties were 86,393, of which 9840 represented the number of persons killed and 76,553 those injured.

The aggregate number of locomotives in service was 43,871, an increase of 2646; the cars in service numbered 1,173,389, an increase of over 113,000 during the year.

Boys Killed in Texas Wreck.

Fort Worth, July 18.—In a collision on the Texas Pacific between a passenger and freight train near Lufkin, last night, Glen Osnell and John Marr, two small boys, were killed and seven others injured.

Noted Astronomer Dead.

London, July 18.—Professor Isaac Roberts, a distinguished astronomer, died today at Beacon Observatory.

TWO MILLIONS FOR OPEN RIVER

MAJOR LANGFITT RECOMMENDS COLUMBIA PROJECTS.

Government Engineer Gives an Estimate of Amount Needed to Pursue the Work of Opening the Columbia River to Traffic—Says Congress Should Give $1,320,000 for Jetties, $625,000 for Deepening Channel, and $750,000 for Removal of Obstructions at Three Mile Rapids.

The Sunday Oregon Journal of yesterday contains the annual report of Major W. C. Langfitt, of the port of Portland, to the board of government engineers, in which he recommends $1,320,000 for the completion of the jetties at the mouth of the Columbia, $625,000 for deepening the Columbia between Portland and the sea, at $750,000 for removal of obstacles in the Columbia at Three Mile Rapids, or a total of $2, 695,000.

The report of Major Langfitt includes the progress of work on the Columbia bar during the past year, in which the jetty has been extended this season 4218 feet beyond the old jetty, an appropriation of $1,000,000 having been available for the work.

It is estimated that about three miles of jetty, or one and a half miles more than will be built this fall, will deflect the sand from the bar into deep water, and change the entire current of the Columbia, at the point of delivery into the ocean, so as to entirely remove the bar, give 40 feet of water over the present obstruction, and permit free passage of all deep water vessels.

After this has been accomplished, and the mouth of the river is opened to large vessels, then the deepening to the river from Portland to Astoria, will be the next step in the development of the transportation facilities of the river, and to this end, Major Langfitt has recommended the appropriation of $625,000.

With the continuous appropriation for the building of the ship canal at The Dalles, and the final accomplishment of this project, the Columbia river will be open for traffic for a distance of over 400 miles.

Portland is elated over the recommendation of Major Langfitt and will begin at once to bring pressure to bear on congress to secure the appropriations recommended.

The sum originally estimated for the ship canal at The Dalles is $4,000,000, which will be forthcoming as soon as the right of way is secured for the government and the progress of the work on the canal demands the money, congress having given this assurance to the war department.

Harrington-Demaris Case Affirmed.

Salem, July 18.—The supreme court today affirmed the case of Harrington vs. Demaris from Eastern Oregon.

Chicago Grain.

Chicago, July 18.—Old July wheat opened 98, new July 97½. July corn opened 49¾.

SWARMS OF JAPS AT PORT ARTHUR

Reports Say That 30,000 of the Mikado's Forces Have Landed Secretly.

RUSSIAN CRUISER CONFISCATES BRITISH MAIL.

General Assault on Port Arthur Is Expected Daily—Russians Made Little Resistance to the Landing of Troops—Russian Cruiser Smolensk Also Takes Mail From German Liner and the Kaiser Sends an Order for Apology and Restitution—War All Along the Line.

Berlin, July 18.—The Lokal Anzeiger this morning prints a special dispatch forwarded from a junk in front of Port Arthur under date of July 13, via Tien Tsin July 16, stating that the Japanese since July 11 have landed 30,000 men near Pigeon Bay, under protection of the entire fleet.

The Russians, the despatch says, offered little resistance. A general assault is expected soon.

Two Russian Divisions Repulsed.

Tokio, July 18.—Kurokio reports that two divisions of the Russians made a desperate assault on the Japanese position at Motien Ling, Sunday and were repulsed. The casualties were not given.

Russians on the Run.

London, July 18.—The Japanese embassy says the Russian repulse at Motien Ling on Sunday resulted in pursuit by the Japanese as far as Puntea Pao. The attack was made under the direction of General Kuroki, and was made in a thick fog.

Japs Rushing Southward.

St. Petersburg, July 18.—It is reported that the Japanese right flank is marching southward so quickly that part of Kuroki's force is unable to take its food and stores with them, and are accordingly selling them to the natives cheaply. It is not clear at what point the Japanese are concentrating. Pontoons for crossing the river have been brought from the Yalu.

Has Fleet Been Absent?

Rome, July 18.—The minister of marine has a Tien Tsin dispatch stating that the Japanese fleet has been absent from Port Arthur for the last 10 days.

Japs Capture Russian Papers.

Tokio, July 18.—The Japanese destroyer Havatori, captured a Port Arthur junk bearing valuable letters dealing with the naval and military situation of Port Arthur.

Favorable to Japs.

Birmingham, July 18.—The Post reports negotiations of an important character are proceeding favorable to the Japanese.

Russians Hold Up German Liner.

Berlin, July 18.—The kaiser today ordered Count Buelow to enter a protest against the stoppage of the German liner Prinz Heinrich in the Red Sea by the Russian cruiser Smolensk, and to demand the return of the mail taken.

British Steamer Insulted.

Aden, July 18.—The British steamer Persia from Calcutta to London, was forcibly detained in the Red Sea today by the Russian steamer Smolensk, which confiscated two bags of mail.

Vessels Strike Russian Mines.

St. Petersburg, July 18.—It is stated on a reliable source that a German vessel and a Russian torpedo boat have come in contact with Russian mines at Vladivostok and were sunk. Their crews went down.

Reception Tuesday Night.

A reception will be given Tuesday evening at the Methodist church for the Cradle Roll Babies, to which all are cordially invited. A brief program has been arranged and light refreshments will be served.

Bloody Duel in Texas.

Houston, July 18.—Seated in a buggy, Tim Wooten, using a shotgun and Winchester, fought duel at Corsicana with Constable Grantham, who used two six-shooters. Both Grantham's hands were torn off and Wooten was mortally wounded and two spectators seriously injured.