

### LOOKS SERIOUS FOR PACKERS.

**Donnelly Expresses Confidence of Winning Out.**  
Chicago, Aug. 3.—With a glut of cattle, hogs and sheep this morning the packers faced what the strikers term a serious situation and serious losses through inability to handle. The importation of non-unionists continues without violence.

### Long Fight Ahead.

Kansas City, Aug. 3.—President Donnelly spent today here. There was a parade of several thousand strikers and speeches by Donnelly expressed the opinion that the strike will continue for a long time, but that victory for the strikers was the only thing he could see.

### Probate Judges' Meeting.

Charlevoix, Mich., August 3.—The Michigan Probate Judges' Association began its annual meeting here today with about one hundred members in attendance. Today and tomorrow will be devoted to convention business and Friday, the concluding day of the meeting, will be given over to entertainment. Needed legislation will be discussed by the convention and a number of addresses will be delivered.

### Robbers Robbed.

Silver Bow, Mont., Aug. 3.—While four masked men were holding up a saloon last night, a second crowd stole the highwaymen's horse and buggy. The saloon robbers escaped about \$500 and made their escape afoot.

## COSSACK TROOP LED BY WOMAN

### JEWESS IN RUSSIAN ARMY IS A HEROINE.

**Calls Herself Michael Smolko and Has Played Brilliant Part in Manchurian Campaigns in the Past Year—At the Head of Brave Cossacks Has Made Daring Exploits for Her Country.**

St. Petersburg, August 3.—The doughty deeds of a brave Russian girl, said to be a Karaim Jewess, are graphically reported from Mukden. This courageous Hebrew, who is only 20, dresses as a man, calls herself Michael Smolko, and has played a brilliant and helpful part as scout and dragoman.

Recently, when some specially dangerous work was necessary, and qualified military men were called upon to volunteer, she was the first to offer her services and reconnoiter the Japanese position in the forest.

### INDIANA DEMOCRATS.

**Nominate Ticket and Indorse Parker and the Platform.**  
Indianapolis, Aug. 3.—John W. Kern, of Indianapolis, was by acclamation nominated for governor, and Warden Stevens for lieutenant governor by the democratic state convention. The platform omits to mention gold and indorses Parker and Davis and the full St. Louis platform.

### Mrs. Maybrick Coming.

Rouen, Aug. 3.—Mrs. Maybrick left here the night of July 25 for Havre alone, with several trunks and is now probably aboard the St. Paul or the Kaiser Wilhelm bound for America.

### Changes in National Features.

Whether we look at portrait galleries, like Hampton court, or turn over illustrations in old books, it is evident that some physiological change has been taking place. The stout, plethoric, muscular, ruddy-faced man of stolid expression is being taken by a thinner, more alert, active type. The modern face is more keen, leaner and of less coarse mould than that of the older pioneers who laid the foundation of their country's greatness.—Aspects of Social Evolution.

### What Becomes of Cardinal's Hats.

When I visited the new Roman Catholic cathedral in Westminster recently, the official who accompanied me pointed out Cardinal Vaughan's hat depending high in mid-air on the left hand side, near to but outside the chancel, and stated that it would hang there until in time it became dust, this being the usage with regard to all cardinal's hats, as the hat is the symbol of the rank with which they are invested.—Notes and Queries.

Sixty thousand coal miners are idle in the Pottsville district of Pennsylvania, owing to a shortage of cars.

## RUSSIAN RETREAT IS DISASTROUS

**Hundreds of the Czar's Soldiers Are Perishing From Hunger and Heat.**

### JAPS FORCE KUROPATKIN FROM STRONGHOLDS.

**Rumor That the Japanese Cruiser Kasuga Has Been Sunk—Kuropatkin Reports That His Forces Have Yielded the Defenses of Hacing—Japs Capture Six Field Pieces and Many Prisoners at Tomu Cheng—Russian Loss 150 Left on the Field. Japanese Loss 100.**

Rome, August 3.—The Giornale d'Italia's Liao Yang correspondent asserts that conditions among the Russians at the front are disastrous. The army correspondent says they are dying of hunger. After a march lasting 48 hours they were given nothing but a piece of sugar.

They have no bread or provisions, which arrive at long intervals, only. Under these conditions the work of the troops is truly heroic.

### Kuropatkin Still Retreating.

St. Petersburg, August 3.—Kuropatkin reports that the Russian troops have retired from Hacing along the road to Anshanchan. The retreat was in perfect order, despite the heat, which caused many sunstrokes. He adds that no serious news have been received from the Eastern front.

### Japs Still Gaining Ground.

London, August 3.—The Japanese legation has issued the following Tokio official reports: "The army which occupied Simu Cheng reports that on July 30 they began an attack upon the enemy, who were occupying a strongly entrenched position on the heights around Tomu Cheng, 15 miles southeast of Hacing. Fierce fighting continued throughout July 31, when our left wing expelled the enemy before them and threatened the rear of the main body of the enemy who were thereupon compelled to retreat during the night toward Hacing.

"The enemy consisted of two divisions of infantry and seven batteries of artillery.

"We captured six field guns and some prisoners. Our casualties were 100. The enemy left 150 corpses on the field."

### Japs Lose a Cruiser.

Rome, August 3.—The Giornale d'Italia published an extra with a Tokio dispatch announcing that the Japanese armored cruiser Kasuga formerly an Argentine warship has been sunk.

### Russians Driven Back.

London, Aug. 3.—A Liao Yang dispatch dated Tuesday, says Sunday at Kuklats, northwest of Liao Yang, the Russians encountered a superior force of Japanese and after a hard fight were driven back with a loss of nearly 1000.

### Summary of Losses.

London, Aug. 3.—The list of casualties incurred by the Russians and Japanese in the present employment movement in Manchuria says that since June 15 with the battle of Vafango combined, the losses of the two forces have been over 10,000 killed and wounded, the Russian losses being the heaviest, approximating 4600 known killed and wounded.

### Raising Another Corps.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 3.—The government is arranging for the mobilization of a new army corps to be dispatched to the Far East.

### Six Suspects Arrested.

Chicago, Aug. 3.—The police today have six men under arrest as suspects in the Illinois Central robbery. Two have been tracked from the scene to a west side house. The passengers and train crew have been sent for to identify them.

### Mahoney Died.

Butte, Aug. 3.—Patrick Mahoney, shot Saturday by Jerry Slattery, the pugilist, died this morning. Slattery is in jail, charged with murder.

A hot wave struck The Dalles Tuesday, the mercury running up to 100.

## TAX CASE WILL BE HEARD IN AUGUST

**Agreement by Counsel to That Effect Was Reached Today Before Judge Ellis.**

### EXACT DATE HAS NOT BEEN DETERMINED.

Action is to Annul and Not Amend the Assessment, Which is Held to Be Excessive—Prosecuting Attorney Phelps Thinks the Case Will Be Decided by the Supreme Court During Next November—This Case Was the Object of Mr. Phelps' Present Trip to Pendleton.

The suit of the O. R. & N. company against Umatilla county for the annulment of the assessment of \$12,000 a mile, made by Assessor C. P. Strain will be heard in Circuit Judge Ellis' court sometime during the latter part of the present month.

District Attorney G. W. Phelps, of Heppner, is in town today and conferred with Judge Ellis and James A. Fee, who is assisting the county, for the purpose of setting the time for hearing. The exact date has not yet been determined upon.

"It is almost assured," said Mr. Phelps this morning, "that the case will not be finally disposed of until November. It is apt to go to the supreme court, no matter what the decision of the circuit court may be, and the supreme court does not convene until November."

The action of the railroad was occasioned by the advancement of the assessment from \$4000 a mile last year to triple that amount this year.

Mr. Phelps will return to Heppner tonight. "I came to Pendleton," he said, "principally to see about the railroad matter. There is no other business just now in Umatilla county that requires my attention."

### FLOUR EXPORTS.

#### Vast Increase in Consignments to Japanese Points.

Washington, Aug. 3.—On account of the Russo-Japanese war more than half a million dollars worth of flour were sent the Japanese from Pacific coast points in the 12 months which ended June 30, in excess of the shipments of the previous year, according to statistics published today by the department of commerce.

The figures show the exports of this commodity from Portland, Seattle and Tacoma for Oriental ports in the last fiscal year amounted to 2,338,704 barrels, compared with 1,780,708 barrels the previous year.

### IMPORTANT TO WHEATGROWERS

**Deterioration and Lessening of the Amount Discussed.**  
San Francisco, Aug. 3.—A meeting of vital importance to wheatgrowers on the coast, is being held here this afternoon. Representatives of the wheat industry have met to discuss wheat and ways and means of increasing the crop and the amount of gluten in the wheat.

Speakers pointed out the fact that not only are crops gradually decreasing, but the gluten is disappearing at an alarming rate.

### Operators' Strike Effective.

Parsons, Kan., Aug. 3.—The Katy operator's strike continues effective. But one freight came through today. All passenger trains are four and five hours late.

### FRATERNITIES BUILDING.

#### One of the Finest in the Northwest at Athena.

The contract for the building of the new I. O. O. F. and Knights of Pythias building was let at Athena yesterday. The total cost of the structure, which was designed by T. F. Howard, will be \$7,413.21.

The contract is let in two sections, Dan Mays agreeing to complete the concrete, brick work, plumbing and do the stone cutting for \$3815. He will break ground Monday next, and will complete his part of the contract as soon as possible, in general terms.

Terhune & Norville, of Athena, have the contract for completing all the carpentering on the building for \$3,598.21. To the Forster planing mills, of this place, was awarded the sub-contract for doing all the mill work for \$1073.86. The mill work is not an outside contract, but is incorporated in Terhune & Norville's figures. The Forster company bid against Walla Walla and Portland mills.

### RECALLS LEWIS AND CLARK.

#### Centenary of the Indian Pow-wow Which Gave Council Bluffs Its Name.

Omaha, Neb., August 3.—Under the auspices of the local and state historical societies suitable exercises were held today in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the first conference with Indians ever held west of the Missouri river. The council was held August 3 and 4, 1804, at old Fort Calhoun, 16 miles north of this city. Colonel Merriweather Lewis and General Wm. Clark, of the Lewis and Clark expedition there met the Indians, and the pow-wow which ensued furnished the name for Council Bluffs, just across the Missouri river, which has now grown into a city of 25,000 people.

### OREGON PIONEER DEAD.

#### W. H. Hussey, of Dixie Flat Near Walla Walla, Passed Away.

Walla Walla, August 3.—William H. Hussey, of Dixie, died at the Walla Walla hospital at 5:10 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Hussey had been a sufferer for several years. He had been receiving medical treatment for several weeks at the hospital and returned to his home at Dixie a week ago last Saturday, but returned to the hospital Sunday, suffering from a relapse.

The deceased was born in Sangamon county, Ill., July 28, 1848. He came to Oregon in 1865. In Linn county, 1869, he was married to Miss Emma Lewis. He is survived by a widow and nine children.

## WHEAT MARKET IS VIGOROUS

### EIGHTY THOUSAND BUSHELS SOLD YESTERDAY.

**Club Brings 60 Cents and Bluestem 65 1/2—Quotations Remain Stationary Today at Those Prices—Harvest Well Advanced—Farmers Are Selling Early—Big Sales Expected at the Last of This Week.**

Eighty thousand bushels of wheat changed hands in Umatilla county yesterday, at prices ranging from 60 cents for Club to 65 1/2 cents for Bluestem. Most of the grain sold yesterday was Club. According to the figures of the various grain companies there was purchased 30,000 sacks of Club at 60 cents. Fifteen thousand bushels of Bluestem, brought about 65 1/2 cents. The quotations on the local market today are about the same as yesterday.

Farmers are getting well through the harvest now, and many of them are taking advantage of the early market to dispose of their crops. Before the week is ended it is predicted that several hundred thousand bushels will have been disposed of.

### PUBLIC LAND PATENTS.

#### Increase in Number Approved Over the Last Year.

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 1904, the public lands division of the general land office approved 58,357 cases for patenting. This is an increase over the previous year of 18,622 cases. This division has also written during the year 49,161 letters and decisions, an increase of 3696 over the preceding year.

Both of these items are in excess of any previous year in the history of the division, notwithstanding the fact that there have been more clerks employed there at different times in the past.

In addition there was sold on December 5, 1903, 378,000,000 feet of pine timber on the Chippewa Indian reservation in Minnesota for \$2,650,903 of which 20 per cent has been paid to secure bids. During the year there has been cut and paid for timber to the value of \$269,190.

Instructions and schedules were also issued during the year for the disposal, under the homestead law (except the Grande Ronde, which is by sale of the following agricultural land: Red Lake, Minn., 1,917,618.12 acres; Chippewa, Minn., 256,143.58 acres; Rosebud, S. D., 385,887.11 acres; Devils Lake, N. D., 88,948.38 acres; Grande Ronde, Or., 26,264.65 acres. Total, 1,774,861.85 acres.

Instructions were also issued under the Kincaid bill for the disposition of 8,000,000 acres of grazing lands in Nebraska under the homestead law.

### Natural Counterfeit of a Snake.

Marshal Way has a peculiar curiosity in the show window of Rose's confectionery store. It consists of a maple root about six feet long. The root has all the appearances of a large snake. The coils are natural looking and the head resembles that of a rattlesnake in every respect. Mr. Way intends sending specimens to a museum and where it will undoubtedly attract much attention.—North Bend Evening Post.

Yinkow has been opened to all neutral ships and to all commerce except contraband traffic.

## PENDLETON SAW CHAFFEE'S BACK

**Chief of Staff of United States Army Passed Through to Boise.**

### SAID HE WAS DEEPLY IMPRESSED WITH OREGON.

**Expressed Regret at Not Having Seen Oregon Militia—In All His Wide Travels Has Seen Nothing That Impressed Him More Than the Wonderful Wheat Belt of Umatilla—Is a Kindly, Approachable Man Who Came Up From the Ranks.**

A pair of broad shoulders and a yard or more of the back of a white shirt was what Pendleton saw of Lieutenant General Adna R. Chaffee, chief of staff, United States army, when the noted soldier tarried in this city for 10 minutes last evening.

General Chaffee arrived in a private car from Walla Walla, and it was immediately attached to the east-bound O. R. & N. train and the general continued on his way to Boise barracks. General Chaffee spent yesterday at Fort Walla Walla, reviewing the troops, inspecting the post and in luncheon with United States Senator Levi Ankeny. He came to Pendleton on the afternoon passenger.

When it was learned that the ranking officer of the United States army would be in Pendleton a crowd gathered at the depot to gaze at him. But the general was busy. Through a dust covered window of his car, the general was seen seated at a writing desk, his coat off and only his broad shoulders and the back of his shaggy head visible.

An East Oregonian representative found General Chaffee hard at work, but when introduced by an aid, the general pushed back his work, turned around in his chair, and with a jordan clasp of the hand, made his guest welcome.

"Where am I going?" he said. "To inspect Boise barracks. I have just come from Walla Walla, where I inspected the barracks there. I was sorry not to have been able to see your Oregon militia at their annual encampment at American Lake. I hear good reports of their work and I regretted not being able to see them.

"Oh, yes, I have seen quite a bit of the world in my army service. Out west here and in the Philippines and in China.

### What Impressed Him Most.

"I'll tell you what impressed me as much as anything I have seen for some time, and that is the abundant prosperity to be seen on all sides in the West. This afternoon in riding from Walla Walla to Pendleton, I was impressed with your wonderful resources, especially in the line of wheat. I do not remember of having seen finer wheat fields or a more prosperous looking section of country than I have seen today."

General Chaffee's features seem rather stern in repose, but when he looks up, his kindly eyes and smile make one feel at ease at once.

He is cordial and pleasant and unlike many men high in public life, he is very "approachable." One can readily understand, after a moment's talk with the kindly, resolute, bluff old soldier, why the soldiers swear by him. He has been one of them and has carried a musket. He is a man who has come up from the ranks to his present position of lieutenant general.

He has proved in a hundred fights his disregard of danger and his bravery. He has the reputation of looking out for his men. He visited, while at Walla Walla, his old command, the Ninth Cavalry.

### ST. LOUIS SOUVENIRS.

**Delicate Wooden Post Cards With "Wood" Talk Printed on Them.**  
The East Oregonian has received from friends at the St. Louis fair, several of the novel wooden post card souvenirs sold at the grounds.

The cards are the size of a post card, and are made of a light variety of wood, composed of two layers, the grain running each way, to prevent warping or splitting. The cards are carried in the mail at one cent, as an ordinary post card and bear the following "wooden" legend on the letter side:

"All a-board for the fair. Arrived safe. Exposition is more than oak-a, it is ash-tonishing; you cedar sights of your life. The Pike is fir-straight, more than pear or peaches, and the spiclers don't bark like a tree. Board and (s)lumber at poplar prices; no need to pine for what you plank down. Birch-ance the last great show for many years. More fun than the beech. I wood spruce up and come. You walnut regret it. Butternut delay. Sincerely, "HICKORY HEMLOCK."