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East Oregonian

WEATHER FORECAST.

Tonight and Friday fair, cooler Friday.

RUSSIANS RETREAT TO LAST DEFENSE

Japanese Crowd the Czar's Troops Into Last Ditch in Front of Port Arthur.

THREE HUNDRED FIFTY JAPANESE GUNS IN FULL PLAY.

Artillery Maneuvers Are Magnificent—Russians Are Now Thoroughly Alarmed at the Situation and Are Prepared to Make the Supreme Effort of the War—Washington Embassy Hears That Kuratskin is Still Fleeing Northward—English and Swedish Vessels Suspected of Carrying Contraband.

New Chwang, Aug. 4.—According to reports received today the Russians at Port Arthur have been driven back to their last line of defense. The Japanese have 350 guns in action.

The feeling in Port Arthur and the Russian defenses is now of consternation and fear, caused by the irresistible armies of Japan by land and by harbor guarded by Japanese vessels at sea, the Russians feel that the supreme struggle in the Orient is now near at hand.

The land forces of the Japanese are crowding closer and closer, the Russian position having been all surrounded to the last line of defenses protecting Port Arthur.

The Japanese artillery maneuvers are said to be magnificent. The workmanship is perfect and the terrible effect of the 350 guns has been felt by the Russians as they have retreated from one position to another during the past four days.

A feeling of uneasiness now pervades all the Orient and increased activity among foreign vessels in the Orient is noticeable, in anticipation of the most certain surrender of the Russian stronghold.

The Japanese advances have been made systematically, coolly, decisively, without any show of effort and the Russian troops are changing their camp into fear.

Chasing Contraband Cargoes.

London, Aug. 4.—The Central News says the Russian auxiliary cruiser, General, is in pursuit of one British and two Swedish vessels, believed to be carrying five submarines and seven torpedo boats, in sections, to Japan.

Russians Hiking Northward.

Washington, Aug. 4.—The Japanese occupation gives out the following Tokio dispatch: "Gen. Oku reports that the enemy has been retreating continuously northward since August 1. On August 3 our army occupied Chang and Niu Chwang which is situated 30 miles northeast of a port of the same name."

CANNOT KILL ELK.

King Wilson Calls Attention to the Extended Law.

A King Wilson, the prominent Portland attorney, has sent the following timely letter to the Morning Oregonian, which is cheerfully reprinted for the benefit of all Eastern Oregon hunters.

Mr. Wilson's letter is as follows:

Portland, Ore., August 1.—(To the Editor)—In an article in Sunday's paper, entitled "Hunting Elk in the Mountains of Oregon," by Sherman Russell, which is reprinted from the Sunset magazine for the month of August, the statement is made that this season is the first open season in which to kill elk. This statement may send a lot of people into the woods to kill elk, but the friends of the elk have been vigilant and at the special session of the legislature, held in December, 1903, section 2011 of Belonger & Cotton's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Oregon was amended so that it is unlawful to hunt, kill or have in possession, or offer for sale, any elk at any time before September 15, 1907. This law is found on page 30 of the session laws for 1903. It seems to me that as wide publicity as possible should be given to this law.

A. KING WILSON.

in the Grip of the Fire Fiend.

Kaliapel, Mont., Aug. 4.—The immense forest fires raging here for a week are now beyond control, and hundreds of men fighting the blaze. Wire communication is cut off here and Whitefish. It is reported that several buildings have been destroyed at the latter place.

OBJECTS TO ASSESSMENT.

Northern Pacific Making a Fight at North Yakima.

North Yakima, Wash., August 4.—Jay Sedgwick, tax adjuster of the Northern Pacific, appeared before the board of equalization today and entered a protest against the valuations placed on railway property in this county. The assessment was raised from \$816,940 to \$1,218,245, an increase of \$401,305. Mr. Sedgwick said the assessment was higher than in any county in the state except Adams and Lincoln counties.

The assessment of 1903 on right of way trackage was \$6000 per mile. Assessor Coonse has raised this to \$9240 per mile.

Mr. Sedgwick said he would be satisfied with \$7920, the amount agreed upon by the assessors of several counties of the state. The commissioners took the matter under consideration, and this afternoon informed Mr. Sedgwick that they would not change the figures.

RAILROADS ASK REDUCTION.

Irrepressible Conflict is On at Colfax, Wash.

Colfax, Wash., August 4.—The county commissioners are in session, and will remain so for three weeks, sitting as a board of equalization in addition to transacting other business.

The present session will decide whether the assessment of railroad property made by Assessor Duff will stand. J. W. Morrow, tax agent for the O. R. & N., is here and met with the board this morning. Efforts will be made to secure a date for a hearing by the railroad agents, and there is no doubt that tremendous pressure will be brought to bear upon the board to lower the assessment made this year, which is far higher than any previous assessment ever made in this county.

NEW ROUTE FOR PORTAGE ROAD

PLAN TO PUT IT ON THE CANAL RIGHT OF WAY.

Scheme is to meet the immediate demands of commerce, but must be approved by the government before it can be put into execution—will greatly expedite the promotion of the canal, and be a convenience to commerce.

The Dalles, August 4.—In a conference between the members of the open river committee which was chosen in this city last May, and state officials yesterday in Portland, the promoters of the road made the proposition to build the portage along one side of the canal. The canal, it is supposed, is to be built through the center of the right of way. If this is so there will be room for the road along one side.

They also argue that the road is needed for immediate use, that it would be of advantage to the government in building the canal, that it is a temporary expedient that can be replaced by the permanent institution of the canal and that it might be of advantage to have both the canal and the road. It is also urged that the development of the inland Empire calls for the building of the road and the opening of the river.

The board admitted all these things, is in favor of the construction of the road, and will help the project in any way possible, but it has to first put the question up to the federal government, and if it is agreeable there, to refer it to the owners of the right of way granted to the canal. The canal right of way was secured from the people along the line of the proposed works for the supposed construction of a canal, and was granted to the use of the government for that purpose. It is thus in the province of the government to say whether it will allow the construction of the road over the property it has acquired. If it consents and the primary owners of the land object for any reason, to the portage road, there will be trouble over its building.

FIRE ON CLACKAMAS.

Twenty Camping Parties Thought to Be Surrounded by Flames.

Portland, Aug. 4.—A terrific fire, covering eight square miles of heavy forest is raging at the head of Clackamas river in Clackamas county, Oregon.

Twenty camping parties are within the fire zone and apparently all escape is cut off and loss of life is feared. All the available men in the country surrounding have gone to fight the flames.

Bishop Potter's Saloon.

New York, Aug. 4.—The Subway Tavern, dedicated by Bishop Potter, is doing a rushing business and "Bishop's place," as it is dubbed, promises to be one of the fads of the city.

POPE'S BURDENS ARE OPPRESSIVE

Pius IX Tires of the Wrangling of the Factions of the Church

FRENCH DISRUPTION CASTS GLOOM OVER VATICAN.

On the First Anniversary of His Election the Pope Declares He is Sick of the Intrigue of the Warring Forces—Congratulations Received From All European States Except France—Break With Government of France Considered a Most Grave Menace to Rome.

Rome, Aug. 4.—The first anniversary of the pope's election was observed at the vatican today. His holiness celebrated mass at 5:30 after which he received his immediate entourage in the audience.

He declared himself tired, almost sick, of the political wrangling with which he has had to contend since his election. Congratulatory telegrams were received by his holiness from the head of nearly every European state except from President Loubet, of France.

The disruption of the relations between France and the Vatican is one of the most serious dilemmas which now threaten the church.

For hundreds of years France has been one of the leading supporters of the Vatican, but the growing independence of that republic has forced the government to assert more and more of its authority and antagonize more and more of the seeming tyranny of the church as exhibited in its orders effecting France.

The pope now considers the French disruption as immediately dangerous to the authority of the church and will make a supreme effort to have the action of the Vatican recalling the bishops of Dijon and Lavall, sustained by the friends of the church. The pope's authority is supreme, but he desires the sanction of all the Catholic states, in his action.

NORTHERN PACIFIC EXTENSION.

Railroad From Pullman to Howell, Idaho.

Moscow, Idaho, Aug. 4.—Orders have been issued to resume work on the roadbed of the Northern Pacific road between Pullman, Wash., and Howell, Idaho, at the top of the Kendrick hill. The steam shovel will be put at work this week on the gravel bank near Marshall, Wash., or near Howell, and several work trains with crews will be put on.

It is understood that as soon as the roadbed is ballasted 80 pound steel rails will be laid on this piece of track.

FOURTEEN KILLED.

Strious Wreck on the Frisco Near Vinita, I. T.

Parsons, Kan., Aug. 4.—It is reported here that a Frisco passenger train was wrecked near Vinita, I. T., this morning, killing 14 and fatally or seriously injuring many. The engine tender left the track, followed by several coaches, which were overturned.

Wreck on L. & N.

Louisville, Ky., Aug. 4.—Louisville & Nashville south-bound passenger No. 1 collided this morning, near Horse Cave, with north-bound passenger No. 2, and 33 passengers and four trainmen were injured, Engineer Rehm seriously.

DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE ENDS LABORS

Portland, Aug. 4.—The Oregon Development League adjourned last evening after holding a most enthusiastic and satisfactory meeting.

E. L. Smith, of Hood River, was elected president of the league. Tom Richardson, of Portland, secretary and treasurer, and the following were named as vice-presidents: F. J. Blakeley, of Roseburg; J. G. Graham, Salem; A. Bennett, Irregon; J. H. Atkin, Huntington, and J. Q. A. Bowly, of Astoria.

Strong resolutions were introduced asking for immediate construction of the portage road, and urging the state board to make public the present status of the road, and to give the people some further assurance that it would hurry the matter as rapidly as possible.

Judge Lowell, of Umatilla county, introduced one of the best resolutions

STRIKERS MAKE A PEACE MOVE

Rumored in Chicago That the Butchers Would Confer With the Packers.

DONNELLY BITTERLY DENIES THE ASSERTION

Quiet Prevails and the Tense Conditions Are Becoming Irritable—Organizer Fitzpatrick Said to Have Secured Consent of Strikers to Make Overtures for Peace—New Plan Said to Have Been Promulgated Looking to Early Settlement—Packers Non-committal.

Chicago, Aug. 4.—John K. Fitzpatrick, national organizer of the Federation of Labor, after a meeting of the butchers' strike committee this morning, announced that their party had secured the consent of the strikers' union to approach the packers with a new plan for settlement.

In an interview at Kansas City this morning, President Donnelly denied the knowledge of any peace initiative by the strikers. Conditions at the yards are peaceful this morning.

Donnelly at Kansas City.

Kansas City, Aug. 4.—President Donnelly, who is attending a private session with the striking beef butchers of the local unions this morning, is infusing considerable life into the trades council, otherwise the situation is unchanged.

CONFIDENT SCOTT.

Says Colorado, Nebraska and West Virginia Are Republican.

Washington, Aug. 4.—Senator Scott of West Virginia, manager of the eastern bureau of the republican national committee, conferred with the president this morning after a trip through the West, bringing assurances that Colorado and Nebraska are sure for Roosevelt. West Virginia is safe. He says the democrats cannot take the legislature from him if they spend \$4,000,000 in the efforts.

BOYCOTT MILLINERY.

Bishop Hennessy's Plan to Get Even With France.

Detroit, Mich., Aug. 4.—Bishop Hennessy of Kansas, in an address before the conference of Catholic societies, advocated that Catholics refuse to wear Parisian millinery as punishment to France for its attitude of animosity toward the Catholic church.

Riot in Port Au Prince.

Port Au Prince, Aug. 4.—A general melee between soldiers and foreigners, the majority of whom are Syrians, occurred here today and the police are powerless to suppress the disorder. Several American carriages were stoned.

From Grafting to Politics.

Minneapolis, Aug. 4.—Dr. A. A. Ames, twice mayor of Minneapolis, and twice tried for grafting, filed an affidavit of his candidacy for the republican nomination for congress and will make a vigorous campaign.

Admiral Cooper Retires.

Washington, D. C., August 4.—Rear Admiral Philip H. Cooper, commander in chief of the Asiatic squadron, was placed on the retired list today.

The situation in Morocco is said to be critical, following the Perdicaris incident. Attempts to kidnap Englishmen have been foiled.

MARKING THE BOUNDARY.

Surveying Party Fixing Border Line Between Idaho and Montana.

Missoula, Mont., August 4.—The surveying of the boundary line between the states of Montana and Idaho to determine the exact location of the line that separates the two states, which was begun some four years ago has been resumed.

The survey is under the supervision of H. P. Carpenter of Cheyenne, Wyo., who has a commission from the government as United States surveyor and has been awarded the contract for the work at a certain sum per mile. O. McClellan, representing Mr. Carpenter, as general manager of surveying corps, was in Missoula last night, having come in from the west.

The surveying party, numbering 22 men, with 27 pack horses and 10 riding animals, has been in the field since June 6. They started in some five miles south of Herron, Mont., taking up at the point where the geological surveying corps finished some four years ago after running a line about 70 miles in length from the northern boundary.

The corps are making the line by setting iron pipes three inches in diameter and four feet long, the pipes being placed in the ground for a depth of two feet. The pipes have brass caps on the top, upon which is inscribed on one side "Idaho" and on the other "Montana."

CHICAGO WHEAT JUMPS.

Effort of the Shorts to Cover Causes a Brisk Advance.

Chicago, Aug. 4.—Wheat took a long jump this morning when the shorts tried to cover the field. Old September is quoted at 94 3/4 @ 98 3/4, new at 93 1/4 @ 97 1/4. Corn also advanced in sympathy, September, 51 1/4 @ 52 1/4.

DEMOCRATS NAME A STATE TICKET

WASHINGTON CONVENTION INDORSES THE SLATE.

George Turner, of Spokane, Heads the Ticket as Nominee for Governor—Hatchway, Anderson and Beck for Congressmen—Mark Fullerton is Indorsed for Supreme Court Justice.

Bellingham, Aug. 4.—The democratic slate, as given out yesterday, was nominated without a hitch by the democratic state convention last night with the exception of congressmen, the candidates first agreed upon, including Garrecht, of Walla Walla, refusing to make the race. The convention adjourned sine die after naming the following ticket:

Governor—George Turner, of Spokane.

Lieutenant Governor—Steve Judson, of Pierce.

Treasurer—George Mudgett, of Spokane.

Auditor—Lee Purdie, of Kittitas.

Land Commissioner—Van R. Peterson, of King.

Superintendent of Public Instruction—W. D. Girard, of King.

Secretary of State—P. Hough, of Spokane.

Justice of Supreme Court—Alfred Battle, of King; Mark Fullerton, of Lincoln.

Attorney General—C. H. Neil, of Lincoln.

Congressman—Howard Hathaway, of Snohomish; J. J. Anderson, of Pierce; W. T. Beck, of Whitman.

Presidential Electors—Fred Neil, of Adams; J. J. Carney, of Chehalis; John Trumbull, of Clallam; J. S. Darvell, of Coville; S. P. Richardson, of Mason.

ANTI-MORMONS WIN.

Boise Delegates Are Against Governor Morrison.

Boise, Aug. 4.—The anti-Mormon faction made almost a clean sweep at the republican primaries yesterday to select delegates to the county convention, to be held Saturday. It was a crushing blow to the governor's ambition to succeed himself. The county convention will be composed of 123 delegates and out of this number the governor will not have to exceed 26, giving him the benefit of the county precincts yet to be heard from.

This city was almost solid against him, securing only 11 delegates out of a total number of 96.

Secretary Morton on a Cruise.

Washington, D. C., August 4.—During the next week or two the new secretary of the navy is to have his first taste of life aboard a naval ship. The dispatch boat Dolphin which left Washington today carries the Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Morton, with a party of guests. Included among the latter are Attorney General Moody, Speaker Cannon and Miss Cannon. The cruise, which is in the nature of a tour of inspection, will extend as far as the Maine coast.

WILL BE A CRIME TO STEAL A RIDE

Ordinance Introduced to Prevent Boys and Hoboes from Riding Box Cars.

CITY COUNCIL MAY BUY A ROCK CRUSHER LATER.

City Recorder and City Attorney Are Granted Two Weeks' Leave of Absence—John Hailey, Jr., Will Look Wise and Dispense Justice in Police Court in Judge Fitz Gerald's Absence—City Marshal's Report Shows That \$10 Worth of Bread Was Fed to City Jail Prisoners in the Past Month.

To make it an offense, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$100, or by confinement not to exceed 50 days, a bill for an ordinance was introduced in the city council last night, to prevent persons stealing, or attempting to steal rides on trains within the city limits of Pendleton. The measure was referred to the ordinance committee for further action.

Of late several complaints have been received of young boys loitering around the railroad yards and boarding moving trains. Several days ago Justice Fitz Gerald fined a boy \$2 for the offense, but was obliged to do so under the state law, as there is no city ordinance covering the offense. The proposed ordinance is very strict and makes it a misdemeanor for a person without due authority to board a car, even when it is not in motion and detached from a train.

With the exception of the introduction of the car stealing ordinance, the session of the council last night was of a very ordinary nature. Bills for the month were allowed. Recorder Fitz Gerald was granted two weeks' leave of absence, reports of the recorder and city marshal were received and placed on file and the purchase of a rock crusher to be used in the grading of streets was referred jointly to the street and finance committee.

Mayor Matlock presided last evening, but Councilmen Dickson, Ferguson and Sewell were absent.

In his report, City Marshal Carney stated that bread for the feeding of the 129 men confined in the city jail during the month had cost the city \$10. Some amusement was caused by this item, when one of the councilmen remarked that it appeared to him that \$10 worth of bread was rather expensive.

"Yes," replied the chief, "but that's all we feed them."

Poll tax collected during the month amounted to \$104 and the salaries of the department were \$337.50.

The petition of residents along the east side of Calvin street asking that they be allowed to construct sidewalks, was reported favorably by the street committee.

Recorder Fitz Gerald's request that he be granted two weeks' leave of absence, beginning Friday, was granted and John Hailey, Jr. was appointed to fill the position during Judge Fitz Gerald's absence. City Attorney Charles H. Carter was also granted leave of absence for two weeks.

Closing Barber Shops.

Portland, Aug. 4.—Since the state barber law has been sustained by the supreme court, at least 12 small unsanitary shops in this city have been placed under the ban and will be closed at once unless they comply with the law. Shops in other parts of the state will be investigated by the state board and a wholesale campaign against unsanitary conditions will be instituted.

Sumpter Banker Arrested.

Sumpter, Aug. 4.—Mayor C. H. McCulloch and A. P. Goss, trustee and cashier of the defunct bank of Sumpter, were arrested yesterday for accepting deposits after they knew that the bank had failed. All the deposit money had been returned except on one account, that of J. J. Steinf, who swore out the warrants for the officials.

On a Secret Mission.

New York, Aug. 4.—A Wall street news bureau sends out on its tickers a Washington dispatch stating that the secretary of agriculture hurriedly left the capital on a western trip, the object of which is a personal investigation in behalf of the president, to ascertain the effect of the beef trust on the producers of cattle.