

FLEEING SETTLERS. Forest Fires Destroy Property and Create Danger.

Eugene, Aug. 16.—Despite the frantic efforts of a large force of all available men, the terrific forest fire continues its encroachments in McKenzie River valley, near Waterville and Leadburg. Thousands of acres of valuable timber are swept away. Fleeing settlers this morning as the smoke in some places is so dense as to render roads invisible, making escape very difficult. This place is 20 miles distant from the fire line, but is hurrying men to assist in the fight.

CZAR REJOICES. Celebrates a Son's Birth By Act of Clemency.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 16.—It is reported the czar has abolished forever corporal punishment, the act merely occasioned by the birth of an heir.

Two Men Killed. New York, Aug. 16.—The elevator in the building at 270 Mercer street, with 17 persons, fell this afternoon. William Becker and another man were killed, and other injured. The conductor was arrested.

Maneuvers at Fort Riley. Fort Riley, Aug. 16.—The team from the state of Washington arrived this morning to compete in the army shooting. Cavalry skirmish and firing is the order of the day.

OLD SOLDIER'S UNHAPPY FATE

ROBBED IN PORTLAND, WALKING TO BOISE.

George Westfall, member of the G. A. R. and inmate of the Boise Soldiers' Home, now in this city in a pitiable plight—Mayor Matlock Gives Temporary Relief—Case for Investigation.

An old man 74 years of age, giving the name of George Westfall, came into town about last night, from the West. Judging from appearances and his story his case ought to appeal at once to the comrades of the old soldiers, and to the sensibilities of everybody else. He claims to be an honorably discharged veteran of the 53d Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and to have his discharge papers and other evidences of the genuineness of his representations with him, and to have shown them to some of the old soldiers here.

His story is that he is a member in good standing of the Idaho Soldiers' Home at Boise, to which he was admitted from Pocatello. He also says that he is a paid up and duly accredited member of the G. A. R. post at Oregon City, where he had a membership before going to Pocatello.

About a month ago he secured a furlough and went down to McMinnville on a visit, where he remained about a week, when he came to Portland and stopped at the National Hotel on Front street. Immediately after going to the National he went up town, and on the way was stopped by two husky young fellows who without ceremony proceeded to hustle the old man in the most approved style. By the time he realized what was being attempted, the strangers were gone, and with them went every cent—\$30—that the old man had.

The past three weeks he has spent en route between here and Portland, trying to walk to Boise. He has met astonishingly few people who were at all sympathetic with him, and part of the time en route has been sick. When seen at the O. R. & N. depot this morning the old man was crying and apparently not really in his right mind on account of his hardship and the prospects of the trip between here and Boise. He claims that Mayor Matlock was the only person who appeared to believe his story in Pendleton. Mr. Matlock gave him 50 cents last night with which he paid for his supper and lodging. If this is a genuine case it is a very unusual one; if it is not genuine, it is equally unusual.

Knights Templar Coming Here. London, Aug. 16.—The Earl of Euston, grand master, and a deputation of English Knights Templar, who will attend the convocation to be held in San Francisco next month, sailed today for New York.

Railroad Assessment Raised. The Northern Pacific Railway Company's assessment on its real property in this city was raised nearly \$200,000 by the board of equalization this morning. This is not so much as the property of the Great Northern was raised yesterday, but the equalizers say that when the fact is taken into consideration that the Northern Pacific has always paid higher taxes than the Great Northern, the increase is proportionately as large.—Seattle Star.

NO MEDIATION FOR PACKERS

Efforts of Mayor Harrison Have Failed to Bring About Peace.

PACKERS INSOLENTLY REFUSE TO HOLD A CONFERENCE.

Say the Strike is Won and They Have No Places for the Strikers—Mayor Will Not Yet Give Up—Says He Will Mediate on Any Grounds Upon Which Contestants May Meet—Kansas City Sued for \$10,000 by Scab Strike Breakers.

Chicago, Aug. 16.—At a secret meeting of the mayor and representatives of the packers it is understood the mayor informed the packers there would be a reopening of peace negotiations. The packers claimed they are working the plants at almost full capacity and the strike is won. They would not consent to a compromise with the strikers. It would be impossible to discharge new employees and make room for strikers.

Undaunted by the uncompromising attitude of the packers, Mayor Harrison arranged for a meeting of Donnelly and other representatives of the unions today. He is still hopeful that a common meeting ground may be found.

Donnelly has given up all hope of a settlement and said: "I have no proposition to make. I don't think the mayor can do anything. We will tell him of the situation and treat him courteously."

Mediation Is Vain.

Chicago, Aug. 16.—Mayor Harrison at the close of the conference with the labor leaders, expressed a willingness to meet the packers, but they were indifferent. He stated that while packers claimed they had the strike won, they would learn the contrary to be true.

He said he would be willing to meet any agency likely to promote peace. The mayor admitted that all his efforts to promote peace so far had been a failure. He has no further peace plans in view but will take advantage of any further opportunity to mediate.

A. Carrol, special agent of the department of commerce and labor, admitted today that he was engaged with 18 assistants in investigating the alleged beef trust and the present labor difficulty.

Kansas City Sued by Scabs.

Kansas City, Aug. 16.—This city was made defendant by three packing house employes for personal injuries sustained in attacks by strikers. The suits were instituted under a state law holding the municipality liable for mob damages. The suits aggregate \$10,000.

SHEEP SHIPMENTS MUST BE DIPPED

There is consternation among the buyers of sheep, and equally among the sheep raisers. By mail today the government stock inspector and the sheepmen receive the notice below from George S. Hickok, the agent in charge of the animal inspection bureau at Salt Lake City.

The immediate construction given to the document by the buyers and shippers here, and by County Livestock Inspector Bean is that hereafter all sheep being shipped into other states for feeding or stock purposes, and if they have been found to be actually infected, must be dipped twice. These gentlemen give this construction to the clause, "Sheep that are being shipped into other states for feeding or stock purposes or for breeding, must be dipped once as exposed, and twice if infected, in some of the (one) dips approved by this bureau, and under the supervision of a federal employee."

Interviewed upon the subject, Messrs. Hunter & Stephens, buyers, said:

This rule coming at this time simply means a dead loss to the buyers who have contracted for sheep, of not less than 25 per cent per head, as all the sheep we have purchased will be gaunted that much, and will consequently require more careful treatment and extra feed to get them in condition. These sheep will lose at least six pounds on an average between now and delivery in Nebraska, every ounce of which we must make up after delivery at the feeding lots in that state.

"Furthermore, it knocks in the head several large deals we had on

RUSSIANS LOSING BY LAND AND SEA

Shells From Japanese Guns Annihilate Stoessel's Headquarters.

BOMBARDMENT OF PORT ARTHUR WAS TERRIFIC.

Russian Cruiser Pallada Sunk in Sea Fight, Destroyer Wrecked on the Rocks—Besieged People in Port Arthur Have Eaten Up All the Horses Available and Conditions Are Said to Be Terrible—Vessels in Chinese Ports Are Dismantled—Russian Cruiser Reaches Vladivostok.

Rome, Aug. 16.—The commander of the Italian Far East squadron, telegraphed the latest bombardment of Port Arthur did enormous damage, General Stoessel's headquarters being among the buildings destroyed. Conditions in Port Arthur are desperate. Nearly all the horses in the beleaguered city have been slaughtered for food.

Diana Reaches Vladivostok.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 16.—The family of one of the officers of the Russian cruiser Diana today received a telegram announcing the arrival of the Diana at Vladivostok. The Diana escaped from Port Arthur during the sortie of August 10, and eluded the Japanese fleet.

Vessels Must Disarm.

Washington, Aug. 16.—The consul general at Shanghai cables the state department that the consul at Shanghai has informed the Russian general that the two Russian vessels now in that port must be either disarmed or leave the harbor at once. The Russian consul replied that the vessels are in need of repairs to make them seaworthy. The Japanese consul general demanded their disarmament at once.

Russian Vessels Dismantled.

Kiao Chow, Aug. 16.—The Russian battleship Czarovitch and three torpedo boats which hauled down the flags yesterday, were dismantled today.

Russian Losses at Port Arthur.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 16.—Official reports of Russian casualties at Port Arthur between August 8 and 10, when the Japanese made another desperate attempt to take the port are received. Seven officers and 248 men were killed; 85 officers and 1533 men were wounded and one officer and 83 men are missing.

Only a Nightmare.

Kiao Chow, Aug. 16.—Officers of the Czarovitch insist that they saw a

Japanese battleship sink during the battle of Wednesday last.

Russian Cruiser Lost.

Washington, Aug. 16.—Consul Fowler, at Chee Foo, cabled the state department today that it is reliably reported that the Russian cruiser Pallada, was sunk on the night of August 10.

Did Not See Japs.

Chee Foo, Aug. 16.—The Port Arthur fleet which made a sortie this morning did not encounter the Japanese fleet.

Torpedo Boat Wrecked.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 16.—Official announcement is made tonight that the torpedo boat Burnyl struck a rock during a fog and her boilers exploded. The crew has arrived at Wei Hai Wei.

In Jail for Theft.

Harry McDonald, who was one of the 10 men who escaped from the city jail two weeks ago, was brought to this city this afternoon by Constable J. W. Boyer, of Adams, and placed in the county jail. He is serving a sentence of 10 days for petit larceny. Constable Boyer also had in custody Claude Hunter, sentenced to 25 days in the county jail for petit larceny. McDonald was convicted of stealing from a gypsy woman. Hunter stole from a saloon.

Marriage License.

License to marry was issued by the county clerk today to Leroy Stewart and Bessie Hulse, both of this county.

PRIME SHIPMENT OF FAT CATTLE

CREAM OF THE RANGES IN SOUTHERN UMATILLA.

One Hundred Head Delivery Made by Henry Lazinka, Fred Geinger Sam Clark and Culp Brothers to the Frye-Bruhn Company, Through J. C. Lonergan—About 800 Head of Fat Cattle Left in Camas Prairie District—Price Paid Was \$2.75 Per Hundred.

What is certainly the cream of the ranges in Southern Umatilla county, arrived in this city last night, for shipment to Frye-Bruhn, over the W. & C. R., in the shape of 100 head of 3-year-old steers, delivered by Henry Lazinka, Fred Geinger, Sam Clark and Culp Brothers, all of the Camas Prairie district.

This was the prettiest, roundest, plumpest, fattest shipment of cattle sent out of Pendleton this year, and Henry Lazinka termed it the "cream of the range." It is part of the large number of fat cattle bought in the southern part of the county by J. C. Lonergan, and already mentioned in the East Oregonian.

The owners gathered them from the best range in Oregon and the cattle show it. The price paid for the bunch was \$2.75 per 100, averaging about \$30 per head.

They were shipped out last night over the W. & C. R. and the stockmen are returning home today. There remains in the Camas Prairie district about 800 head of fat cattle yet, which must be gathered for the pastures as the ranges will soon begin to dry up.

Woman Suicides.

Grants Pass, Aug. 16.—Mary F. Chapman, aged 67 years, committed suicide late Saturday night or Sunday by plunging over the dam at Gold Ray. Mrs. Chapman had been a resident of Grants Pass for many years and before her marriage to Joseph Chapman eight years ago, was a nurse and her former name was Mrs. Babcock. For the past three years or more she has been mentally unbalanced at times, and was continually threatening to kill herself, and many times had her personal effects and household goods packed in boxes preliminary to carrying out her suicidal intentions.

WELCOME MRS. MAYBRICK.

Immigration Officials Instructed to Not Detain Her.

Washington, Aug. 16.—Commissioner of Immigration Sargent stated today that officials of New York have been instructed not to detain Mrs. Maybrick upon her arrival in America. She will be afforded every facility due an American citizen.

Mrs. Henry George's Will.

New York, Aug. 16.—The will of the widow of the late Henry George was filed for probate today. The estate consists of real estate and personal property valued at \$50,000 divided among the three children, Henry, Richard and Mrs. Anna Demille.

Governor Loundsberry Dead.

Ridgfield, Conn., Aug. 16.—Ex-Governor Loundsberry died at his residence at Farmington this morning.

EXAMINATIONS ARE CONCLUDED

Twenty-seven Out of Thirty Umatilla County Teachers Were Successful.

GEORGE B. MARQUIS OF ATHENA, RANKS HIGHEST.

Marquis' General Average Was 96.1 Per Cent—Mrs. Florence Kelly of Milton, a Close Second With an Average of 94.7-12—State Papers Have Been Sent to Salem—All Teachers Pass Excellent Examinations, Many of Them Entitled to Higher Grade Certificates Than Their Experience Allows—Superintendent Welles is Highly Pleased With the Results.

First Grade Certificates—George B. Marquis, of Athena; Mrs. Florence Kelly, of Milton; F. B. Pennock, of Milton; Lewis W. Keeler, of Pendleton; Elizabeth Hamer, of Milton; Mrs. Mattie Smith, of Milton; Charles L. Pinkerton, of Weston; Edna Williams, of Milton.

Second Grade Certificates—Bertha L. Morrison, of Pendleton; Mrs. E. B. Jones, of Pendleton; Alma Barnett, of Weston; Mrs. Anna M. White, of Pendleton; Iona Marsh, of Weston; Bertha Ross, of Echo; Jessie Williams of Milton; O. A. Cannon, of Athena; Bessie McDaniel, of Freewater.

Third Grade Certificates—Verna Vannander, of Milton; Mae Walker, of Milton; Clara Keller, of Pendleton; Bada Carlstrom, of Adams; Clarence Hesseltine, of Walla Walla; Cordelia Hall, of Weston; Carrie Sharp, of Athena; Bertha Baker, of Pendleton; Maude Sherman, of Athena; Mattie Hickman, of Freewater.

Only Three Fail. Of the 30 applicants for certificates to teach in the Umatilla county schools, who took the examinations last week, only three failed to come up to the requirements of the board. One of these was prevented from receiving grade on account of sickness. The papers of the six applicants for state diplomas have been forwarded to the superintendent of public instruction for grading.

George B. Marquis, of Athena, ranks the list of successful teachers, with a general average of 96 1/4 per cent. Mrs. Florence Kelly, of Milton, is second with a general average of 94.7-12 per cent.

Requirements of Examination. To secure a first grade certificate applicants are required to secure a general average of 90 per cent and not to fall below 70 in any one study, and to have had at least 12 months experience as a teacher, except in cases of graduates of normal schools.

Second grade requirements are a general average of 80 and not lower than 60 in any one branch and at least three months experience as a teacher.

For third grade certificates applicants must make a general average of 75 per cent and not fall below 60 per cent in any one study.

Superintendent Highly Pleased.

"Many of the applicants," said County School Superintendent Frank K. Welles, "secured averages high enough to have secured for them second and first grade certificates, but their experience as teachers was not sufficient."

"I am more than pleased with the result of the examinations. Most of those who were present are experienced teachers and their work shows that they are thoroughly versed in the different branches."

The board of examiners consisted of Mr. Welles, George A. Peebles, of the Eastern Oregon State Normal, at Weston, and T. C. Salt, principal of the Milton public school. They are all instructors of many years experience and the examination work was handled in an expedient and skillful manner. Mr. Peebles and Mr. Salt intend to return to their homes this evening.

DAVIS' NOTIFICATION.

Ten Thousand Expect to Attend the Ceremonies Tomorrow.

White Sulphur Springs, Aug. 16.—Ten thousand are expected to witness the notification of Davis tomorrow. The Davis party arrived last night on a special. Taggart and Williams are expected late today. The speaking will take place on the veranda of the Grand Central hotel.

Joe Jefferson is Better.

Buzzard Bay, Aug. 16.—Joseph Jefferson's condition is improved today. He is suffering from indigestion.

The Oriental rate on flour will be advanced from \$4 to \$5 per ton on September 1, from San Francisco.