

REGGED PORT WOULD JAP AT BAY

Cannonading From these Positions Continues Today.

FIRE IS WEAKER THAN FORMERLY.

Reports a Repulse of the Forces at Lian Dian Sian

Two Russian Vessels With Fresh Water for Baltic

Quit at Shanghai.

Supplies for Baltic Fleet.

French Liner Captured.

Italy No Mediator.

Japan Holds the Prize.

New Cruiser Delayed.

Matkin Reports a Victory.

Seven Workmen Perish.

Senator Hoar Lingerling.

murdered William T. Mc

Oil Fire Raging.

Aug. 26.—The explosion of a tank of oil belonging to the American Petroleum Company, carried fire to tanks of the Standard Oil

POLL TAX ILLEGAL. Washington Supreme Court Says Tax Must Rest on All Alike.

Seattle, Aug. 26.—An Olympia special says the supreme court today declared the municipal poll tax law unconstitutional.

Says He Took No Bribe.

New York, Aug. 26.—Phillip Weinzemer pleaded guilty today before Judge Newberger, in the court of general sessions to the charge of accepting a bribe of \$2700 from George J. Fessig, the boss plumber.

Populist Headquarters.

New York, Aug. 26.—Thomas E. Watson, of Georgia, populist presidential candidate, will make New York his headquarters and home during the campaign.

Oil Fire Uncontrollable.

Crowley, La., Aug. 26.—A fire which started in the oil fields near here yesterday, is still raging. Four tanks with a capacity of 1200 barrels, are burned.

FIRE DESTROYS BIG HARVESTER

JOHN RICHARDSON'S MACHINE A TOTAL LOSS.

Spontaneous Combustion From Smut in the Wheat, Thought to Have Caused the Fire—Only One and a Half Acres Remained Uncut in the Field—Teams Nor Men Were Not Injured—Loss About \$1800, Insured for \$1200—Woodwork All Destroyed.

Yesterday afternoon the combine belonging to John Richardson, of South Cold Springs, blew up, or possibly ignited from spontaneous combustion, or a hot box, and 15 minutes later was a complete wreck.

The phenomena attending the beginning of the fire very much resembled that of the burning of the Elder separator, spectators noting a report like a smothered shotgun, and then the leap of flames.

The horses were hastily unhitched from the machine and great pains taken to protect other property, which was done so effectually that even the stubble was not burned.

The machine was operating in Mr. Richardson's largest field of wheat and had but one and a half acres to cut before finishing that field.

The plant cost \$1800, and was insured for \$1200. It was operated by 32 horses and five men, Orville Reeves, of this city, being the driver.

MEETING GOES TO EL PASO.

Enthusiastic Texans Are Hilarious Over the Success of Their Mission.

Portland, Aug. 26.—In a blaze of glory, so to speak, the mining congress is drawing to a close, the most eventful point in the program having been settled when the city of El Paso, Texas, was chosen for the 1905 meeting place.

The Texans are celebrating their victory in true Texan style, today, the entire delegation having chartered automobiles has spent the day in excursion riding, in which everybody, promiscuously, has been the guests of the Texans.

Denver Gets Headquarters.

Portland, Aug. 26.—At 1:30 this afternoon on the first ballot, Denver was selected as permanent headquarters. Salt Laker's claim the pledges of half a dozen delegates have been violated.

CIVIL SERVICE SAYS NO GRAFTS

Collection of Campaign Funds by or From Federal Employees Prohibited.

GRAFTING OF POSTMASTERS ESPECIALLY UNDER THE BAN.

Civil Service Commission Calls Attention to Pernicious Activity Among Federal Employees—Campaign Funds Must Not Be Collected From Officeholders—President's Special Attention Has Been Called to Systematic Grafting of Rural Postmasters—Agents Will Be Sent Out to Watch for Fraud and Malfeasance in Rural Districts.

Washington, Aug. 26.—At the direction of the president, the civil service commission today issued orders warning federal employees against soliciting funds for campaign purposes, or of contributing such funds through officials of the government.

In a circular letter to members of the cabinet, the commission calls attention to the violation of civil service laws in past campaigns, and directs them to furnish the heads of bureaus and divisions, with copies of the commission's latest order, entitled, "A Warning Against Political Assessments and Partisan Activity Among Officeholders." The commission will prosecute all offenders.

Special stress is laid by the commission on the actions of campaign committees making postmasters of paid contribution.

It has been the practice, and it has come to the notice of the president, that regular graduated assessments are levied on postmasters, who have said nothing for fear of losing the offices.

Against this special class of blackmail the civil service commission will direct its most active efforts.

Special agents are to be sent to different parts of the country to investigate political activity among federal employees and no official found violating the rule will be spared.

CHICAGO WHEAT ADVANCES.

Market Closes Today at \$1.07 1/2, or Three Cents Better Than Yesterday.

Chicago, Aug. 26.—The market rallied somewhat today and price advanced three cents over yesterday's close.

Old September opened today at \$1.05 1/2 and closed at \$1.07 1/2. New September opened today at \$1.02 1/2 and closed at \$1.05 1/2.

Corn opened at 52 1/2 and closed at 52 and oats 32 1/2 and 32 1/2.

Local Wheat Higher.

The local wheat market is following closely the Chicago quotations and today's advance of 2 cents on the Eastern change resulted in a like upward move here.

To Test Flying Machine.

Lewiston, Aug. 26.—First Officer Winslow, of the steamer Spokane, will make a second test of his flying machine, in this city on September 3. He will construct a runway on which to give the machine a start into the air, from which it will take flight, and it is thought will make a successful trip through the atmosphere, above the city. Winslow is confident of success of the machine.

MAYOR HARRISON HEARS TWO SIDES

Conference of Strikers, Packers and Aldermanic Committee Today.

CITY OF CHICAGO DETERMINED TO HAVE PEACE.

Chicago, Aug. 26.—A conference of the aldermanic committee and representatives of the striking butchers, was held at the mayor's office today. The strikers had previously met and prepared a statement of their case for presentation to the committee, which will endeavor to secure another meeting of strikers and packers with a hope of settlement.

The strike leaders told the committee of conditions existing in the yards previous to the strike when the men were working two and three days a week, making \$6 or \$7 and were unable to support their families.

They struck because a reduction of wages was threatened. When they returned after the first strike, the packers were so manifestly unfair in discriminating against union leaders they are compelled to strike again. The labor leaders desire a settlement of the strike.

After the conference the mayor sent for a committee of the packers who, this afternoon, will state their side of the controversy.

Can Be Settled in Five Minutes.

The federal government was represented at the two conferences, by Ethelbert Stewart, of the department of commerce and labor.

National Organizer John Fitzpatrick, of the Butchers' Union, said today: "If both sides are brought together this strike can be ended in five minutes."

Board Summoned to Chicago.

Chicago, Aug. 26.—President Donnelly has wired all the international members of the executive board, asking them to come to Chicago at once to hold a meeting next week.

It is believed they are called here to consider prospective plans for peace. Case Schmidt, of San Francisco, is included in the call.

Packers Refuse to Arbitrate.

Chicago, Aug. 26.—The packers' council committee concluded the conference at 3:30. The packers reviewed the strike from their standpoint, and said it was settled except in Chicago and Omaha, where there is some little trouble.

They had won the strike and had nothing to arbitrate, and refused to meet the strikers. They said when they left the conference they would not return. This seems to end the efforts of the council to effect a settlement of the difficulty.

SANTA FE TIED UP.

Fury of the Storms Was Something Terrible to Behold.

San Bernardino, Aug. 26.—Three eastbound Santa Fe trains are delayed by washouts somewhere between Bristow and Needles. Five Knights Templars' trains are stalled at Hackberry. Three hundred Templars and families are aboard and much sickness reported.

The fury of the storm is indicated by way steel bridges were wrecked. One near Bagdad was carried 25 feet, the abutment weighing 2000 tons, was carried 50 feet.

Germany is rushing another consignment of troops to Southwest Africa to fight the Herreros.

NO INJUNCTION. New York Judge Says Employers May Hire Whom They Please.

New York, Aug. 26.—Justice Dickery of the supreme court, denied the application of the Mosaic Tile Layers for an injunction restraining the Building Trades Employers' Association from ordering and maintaining a lockout in violation of the arbitration agreement.

CASSINI TO LEAVE.

Manchester, Aug. 20.—A London correspondent to the Guardian states that a report is gaining ground in the English capital that the Russian ambassador to the United States, Cassini, has asked to be recalled, his reason given is the difficult relations existing between the count and the officials of the American government.

Cut Rates to the Orient.

Birmingham, Aug. 26.—The Post today says that arrangements have been completed at the Hamburg by the leading German companies to double the steamship service to Japanese ports and also to cut rates against British lines when the latter resume service to the Far East.

The Shawmut Ashore.

Hong Kong, Aug. 26.—The steamer Shawmut, from Tacoma, went ashore in the harbor, but was soon floated. The damage is unknown.

EAST IS HUNGRY FOR INFORMATION

HOMESEEKERS DEMAND PLAIN FACTS ON OREGON.

Many Easterners Would Gladly Come West if They Had Proper Information—Rev. W. H. Bleakney Speaks of the Need of Statistical Circulars Concerning Oregon Resources—Commercial Bodies of the West Could Do the Country a Service by Furnishing Facts to Easterners.

"One of the most noticeable facts that confronted me on my recent visit to Pennsylvania, was the persistent call for authentic printed information about Oregon," said Rev. W. H. Bleakney to the East Oregonian today.

"Everywhere people are anxious to know about the resources of the state. They are crowded and dissatisfied in the East and desire to come West, but they first want authentic, reliable information coming from commercial bodies or authorized agencies. They are accustomed to the boomers and do not want advertising circulars, but actual facts upon which to found an opinion of the country.

"I personally know people who desire to come to Oregon, but there is so little literature of an authentic kind available, that the only information I can give them is to write personal letters and send local papers.

"It seems that there is a demand for an authentic, well edited, statistical circular, concerning Umatilla county and its resources, that could be sent to people in the East. They would welcome such a circular, coming from a commercial body, and it would bring an excellent class of people into the country."

WESTON FOR MORALITY.

Bawdy House Will Be Closed—Gambling is Not Running.

Weston, Aug. 26.—The citizens of Weston are determined that forms of vice shall be suppressed in the city and with this object in view a woman giving her name as Mary Jane Roe, was arrested yesterday on a charge of keeping a bawdy house.

Her trial on the charge is in progress this afternoon in Justice of the Peace Wood's court. The defendant declares that if she is convicted she will carry the case into the state circuit court. Her defense is that she has been conducting a laundry and not a house of vice. R. M. Powers appears for the city. The defense is represented by J. T. Hinkle of Pendleton.

With the exception of saloons, Weston is considered a closed town. Gambling has been suppressed for several months, and until a few weeks ago, a red light district in the village was unknown.

Scab in Grant County.

George Irvin, stock inspector for Grant county, came home from Camp Creek country, where he has been engaged in building a dipping vat, also dipping a scabby band of sheep belonging to J. H. McHaley and quarantining a band of Frank Fields. Mr. Irvin says that feed is getting very scarce on and around Dixie Butte.—Monument Enterprise.

FIRST EXCURSION TO ST. LOUIS FAIR

O. R. & N. Will Send Special-Conducted Tourist Party on September 6.

SPECIAL ORGAN RECITAL AT MORMON TABERNACLE.

R. A. Smith, City Ticket Agent of O. R. & N. at Walla Walla Will Have Charge—Car Will Leave Walla Walla September 6 and Pass Through Pendleton at 4:45 a. m., September 7—Special Tourist Car Goes Through Without Change—Many Walla Walla People Joining the Excursion to the Exposition—Arrive in St. Louis September 10.

The first special excursion from the Inland Empire to the St. Louis exposition will be run by the O. R. & N. company, leaving Walla Walla on September 6, under the personal supervision of R. A. Smith, city ticket agent of the O. R. & N., at Walla Walla.

A special tourist car has been furnished for the excursion, a through rate of \$6.25 for the tourist privileges from Walla Walla to St. Louis, having been obtained. The excursion will include a stop at Salt Lake City for the purpose of attending an organ recital in the Mormon tabernacle, especially arranged for the party, and will be run over the Union Pacific and Washash, direct to St. Louis, without change.

The excursion promises to be pleasant and profitable in the extreme as it is to be conducted by Mr. Smith, who is perfectly familiar with the route and can point out places of interest and who has made arrangements for this special side trip to Salt Lake at one of the best seasons of the year, when that magnificent city and surrounding country are to be seen at their best.

The car will leave Walla Walla at 10 p. m. on September 6, and will pass through Pendleton on No. 6, at 4:45 on the morning of September 7, and will reach St. Louis on September 10, the stop at Salt Lake for the organ recital delaying it a few hours on the regular schedule.

The Mormon tabernacle to be visited is the most imposing church building in the United States and the monster pipe organ there is one of four similar instruments in the world—one in New York City, one in Germany and the other in Paris.

PUBLIC LAND SALES.

Total Sales Less This Year Than in 1904, by Millions of Acres.

Records of the public land office for the year ended June 30, 1904, just completed, show that 16,258,892 acres were disposed of during the year as compared with 22,650,928 acres last year. The total cash received for these lands was \$8,795,893 as compared with \$10,567,618 last year. The number of entries was 172,857.

These figures indicate, according to officials of the land office, that the public land boom of last year is subsiding somewhat. Last year was the record year for 20 years and the present is the next highest in the number of acres disposed of by the government.

Lands were taken up in 24 states and four territories. In Oregon 3,170,655 acres were taken up and \$3,442,576 received for the same.

Colony of Poles.

A party of Poles headed by Mr. Wojciech Polesnozy, of 99 Dearborn street, Chicago, went through Salem yesterday on their way home. They had been out to explore some lands in Lincoln county, held by the W. D. Mixer Real Estate Company at Blodgett. They represent 300 families whom they expect to land in Oregon, as they are very much pleased with Western Oregon. These Polish people speak German and represent a very desirable class of immigrants, hard working people, who will convert the forests and hills lands of our state into farms and homes for a thrifty and prosperous population.—Salem Journal.

Brigands Rob Monastery.

Madrid, Aug. 26.—A band of Catalonian brigands attacked the famous monastery at Mont Serra. Binding the monks, they pillaged the monastery and escaped with a large quantity of booty. Gendarmes pursued them and a fierce combat followed, seven brigands being killed. The others fled. None of the monks were injured.

JEFFRIES AND MUNROE READY FOR FRAY

San Francisco, Aug. 26.—The betting on Jeffries and Munroe opened with a rush this morning. The odds, contrary to expectations, remained at 100 to 35. The Jeffries people, however, are still hopeful the price will be two to one before night. Munroe slept late this morning, failing to appear for breakfast until 9. He ate heartily, and after a short rest, shadow-boxed in front of his training quarters, and then went out for a short walk. He said he felt great and showed no traces of anxiety. He will take another walk this afternoon and then rest until time to start for the city. Jeffries was up at the usual hour. After breakfast he went to the gymnasium where he punched the bag, shadow-boxed and skipped the rope. He will row this afternoon and leave for the city between 6 and 7. The champion is apparently not permitting tonight's affair to bother him much. He is in a cheerful mood and not at all anxious about results.