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WEATHER FORECAST.
Tonight and Friday fair, probably cooler.

PORTAGE HELD UP BY DEPARTMENT

Secretary Taft Refuses to Discuss State Road Until Canal Right of Way is Secure.

MAY NOT ACCEPT LAND CONTRIBUTING PORTAGE TRACKS.

Major Langfitt Applied to Secretary Taft for the State Portage Commission, to Know if the Government Would Permit the Construction of the Portage on Canal Right of Way—Answer of Taft is Evasive and Leaves Commission in the Dark—May Not Accept Right of Way Encumbered With Portage Tracks.

According to a special from Washington to the Oregon Daily Journal, Secretary Taft, of the war department, has announced that the government desires a deed to the canal right of way, before making any statement as to the feasibility of the portage road being built upon the canal right of way.

Until the government is formally presented with the right of way for the canal, the secretary will decline to discuss the features of the portage at all.

This statement from Secretary Taft is a result of correspondence with Major Langfitt, of the port of Portland, who has made known the wishes of the state portage commission, to the government. Major Langfitt, at the request of the commission, asked the war department if there would be any objection to the portage road being built partly on the ship canal right of way, and Taft made the reply that the government had nothing to say formally presented with the right of way.

In his reply from the war department, he leaves the state portage commission in the dark, as to the probability of the government's going into the portage, if the commission proceeds with the portage on the right of way now being secured for the ship canal, it may prevent the government from accepting the portage on this right of way, the people of Oregon do not know whether the government will permit the construction of the portage where the state commission intends to build it.

While the right of way is amply sufficient to accommodate both the portage and the canal, the government may not accept a right of way for the canal, if the portage is built before the government accepts the canal.

GENERAL STRIKE LIKELY.
Striking Employees of the Packing Houses in a Hopeless Muddle.
Chicago, Sept. 8.—The plan to call a general strike and declare all strikes "unfair," is under consideration at the allied trades conference board at stockyards strikers today.

The failure of the efforts to get the strike by a vote of the packers, a general strike project is to follow unless another attempt is made to secure a conference with the packers is successful.
It is considered unlikely, however, that the packers grant a request for a general strike order is issued, as the retail butchers will be forced to close.

Butchers Will Go to Work.
It is reported the stockyards strike is officially called off today. The butchers in voting to go to work, are being followed by other trades.

Train's Awful Plunge.
Pa., Sept. 8.—After crossing seven miles from a tunnel to Horseshoe run-away Pennsylvania train of 39 cars, last night over a 250 foot embankment, killing two trainmen and injuring six. The train was led by William Bordman and E. Tooley. A telegraph operator saved two passengers by warning them in time to allow them to alight.

GOOD WHEAT PROSPECTS.

Observant Miller Says Demand is Going to Be Strong.
New York, Sept. 8.—Senator W. D. Washburn, of Minnesota, the famous flour mill owner, who returned from Europe last night, has studied the crop situation on the continent and says the summer past was the warmest and driest ever known, and as a result the grain crops and garden stuffs are badly injured, and the wheat crop most of all.
"I estimate the world's shortage in wheat will amount to 200,000,000 bushels, of which this country will suffer one-half," he said. "This means higher prices for foodstuffs and probably \$1.20 or higher for wheat. Higher prices are inevitable, and the foreign demand will probably be heavier than we can supply."

Dearth of Cotton Pickers.
Houston, Texas, Sept. 8.—Cotton pickers in southwest, central and eastern Texas are deserting their jobs for north Texas fields, where the crop is much easier to gather, and pickers are in great demand. There is considerable distress among farmers thus affected on account of the scarcity of labor, and fears are expressed that the crop will not be gathered before a spell of bad weather sets in, which will ruin that which is not already gathered.

Murderer Hanged.
Washington, Pa., Sept. 8.—Milovar Kovovic was hanged in the jail yard this morning. He was convicted of the murder of Samuel Ferguson, a contractor.

SEES FINISH OF BIG HARVESTERS

MARION JACK GIVES REASONS FOR OPPOSING COMBINES.

Says They Scatter Weed Seed and Befoul Soil—California Farmers Said to Be Going Back to Stationary Machines—Opposition of Indians to Harvesters Said to Be Well Founded—Predicts That Combines Will Entirely Disappear From Reservation Farms.
"A little rain now, if we could get it," remarked Marion Jack, one of the largest wheat growers in Umatilla county, "would prove very beneficial. The ground is becoming very dry and moisture is needed before the fall plowing begins."
Mr. Jack harvested over 900 acres of grain this summer, with an average of 35 bushels to the acre. He does all his threshing with stationary machines.

"I never used a combine," said Mr. Jack, "and I know nothing about the big harvesters. I understand from reliable sources that the old-time stationary machines are replacing them in the California fields. The main reason assigned is that the combines scatter the weed seed and befool the soil."
"I think it is only a question of time until the combined harvesters will be a thing of the past on the Umatilla reservation. The feeling against them by the Indians is just as great as it has been reported."

KNIGHTS GOING HOME.
Will Elect Officers and Choose Next Meeting Place Today.

San Francisco, Sept. 8.—The most important session of the grand encampment of the Knights Templar began this morning, the first order of business being the selection of the next convocate city. This will be followed by the selection of officers. Many knights are already leaving the city. Some are leaving to escape the intense heat, and others are carrying out scheduled programs to take in interesting places in the state as a part of the homeward journey.

Saratoga Springs Selected.
San Francisco, Sept. 8.—Saratoga Springs is selected as the next meeting place of the convocate. The date of the next meeting will be the second Wednesday in July, 1907.

George Moulton, of Chicago, was elected grand eminent commander. Henry Rugg, of Rhode Island, deputy grand, William Melish, of Ohio, generalissimo.

Attempts to Swim Channel.
Dover, England, Sept. 8.—Burgess, the French champion, made another unsuccessful attempt to swim the English channel today. He was attacked by cramps and quit the water two miles from the French shore.

California Forest Fires.
Watsonville, Cal., Sept. 8.—Forest fires are now raging in Santa Cruz mountains and have already swept over 2500 acres. The loss will be large.

A war duty of 10 cents per sack will be levied on flour entering Japanese ports after October 1.

PARKER GREETED BY PENCIL PUSHERS

Three Hundred and Fifty Editors Pay Respects to Their Candidate.

PARKER MAKES FELICITOUS SHORT ADDRESS.

Compares Expenses Under Republican Administration With Those Under Cleveland—Answers Assertion That Republicans Are Especially Cut Out to Rule—Roosevelt Found Millions of Surplus in the Treasury and Now Has a Deficit of \$40,000,000—Says the People Will Call a Halt Now if Truthfully Advised of the Situation.
Esopus, Sept. 8.—A delegation of 350 democratic editors arrived on the steamer St. John at 11:20 this morning. They took a special train from New York, and were transferred to the boat at Hyde Park. They marched from the landing to Rosemont, where they were heartily greeted by Parker, Editor Charles Knapp, of the St. Louis Republic, addressed the candidate on behalf of the editors. He predicted the election of Parker.

In response Parker expressed pleasure in welcoming the body of representatives of the press. "The press is one of the mighty forces in up-building and strengthening the sturdy American citizenship," he said. "There are questions of great import to be passed upon by the people in November. It was its duty to present them honestly and so clearly that the people would understand."

Answer Republican Challenge.
He took up the challenge contained in the republican platform in which it is asserted the republican party has displayed high capacity for rule and government.

He made comparisons between the expenses under republican administration and that of Cleveland. He said: "During Cleveland's first term the average annual expenditure was about \$269,000,000. For the past three years it has been about \$519,000,000. The inevitable result of such extravagance is that a deficit instead of a surplus, exists. Instead of the millions which the present executive found on assuming control, now a deficit of \$40,000,000 exists."

"Extravagance is running riot in federal, state and municipal governments, in spite of the well directed efforts of some excellent officials. Ere long the people will demand a reform in administrative expenses, and they will do it now if they are made to appreciate the whole truth."
"The coming election is not to be determined by the September vote in hopelessly republican states, where local issues grievously handicapped the situation, but the result in Vermont yesterday admonishes us that the harmonious co-operation of all and the elimination of personal, factional and unimportant differences, involving no surrender of principle, are essential to success."

Pioneer G. A. R. Man Dead.
La Grande, Sept. 8.—J. R. Kellogg, one of the pioneer members of the G. A. R. of this county and a noted army flier, died last evening aged 74. He has been prominent in Union county for 40 years. His fife and drum corps at all pioneer and G. A. R. meetings has been one of the most prominent features of such occasions for the past 25 years.

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Kuropatkin's Forces Scattered.
St. Petersburg, Sept. 8.—A brief dispatch was today received from Kuropatkin dated at 6:30 yesterday evening. He states that Kuroki is about 25 miles east of the railway, while Oku is about 20 miles west of the line. The general staff here expects to receive battle. The Kuropatkin dispatch confirms the belief that the Russian rear guard is still distant from Mukden. He says this portion of his force extends 17 miles south of Mukden. Fighting, he says, continues.

GENERAL KUROKI REPORTED DEAD

Mukden Rumor Says Gallant Commander of Japanese is Killed.

NON-COMBATANTS ORDERED FROM VLADIVOSTOK.

Immediate Attack by Land and Sea Upon Eastern Seaport is Anticipated—Russia in Sore Need, Withdraws 12,000,000 Pounds Sterling from English Banks—Exhausted Soldiers of the Russian Army Refuse to Retreat Further—Japanese Armies Shell the Retreating Forces from All Sides—Japs Attack Port Arthur Defenses.
Washington, Sept. 8.—The controller of currency has issued a call for a report on the condition of national banks at the close of business on Tuesday, September 6.

Mukden, Sept. 8.—A rumor is current here that General Kuroki is killed and two Japanese generals made prisoners. Where or when, the rumor fails to state.

Fighting Off Port Arthur.
Wei Hai Wei, Sept. 8.—Firing was heard at sea last night. Boats outside the harbor report seeing the flashes distinctly.

Japs Capture Valuable Stores.
London, Sept. 8.—The Rome correspondent of the Exchange-Telegraph wires that the Japanese made important captures of guns and ammunition during the retreat of the Russians from Liao Yang. It is reported they captured 122 wagons of provisions, and 38 wagons of ammunition at Pan-Kiaupou. 97 field guns, most of them unspiked, and several thousand small arms at Chang Kaipusho.

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Russia Needs Funds.
Manchester, Sept. 8.—A dispatch today states that Russia has just given notice of the withdrawal from several banks on the continent of 12,000,000 pounds sterling which has been deposited for three years. The money will be sent to St. Petersburg.

Chinese Perish in Fire.
Bakersfield, Cal., Sept. 8.—The bodies of two Chinamen were found in the ruins of last night's fire. It is believed other bodies will be found. All the injured will recover.

Chicago Wheat.
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TREATENS CITY WITH DAMAGE SUIT

S. M. Richardson Presses His Claim for \$4000 Damage From Sewer Discharge.

COUNCIL ASKS REBATE FOR POOR LIGHTING SERVICE.

The city of Pendleton is threatened with a suit to recover \$4000 damages alleged by S. M. Richardson, because of the discharge of a sewer near his property.
Attorney A. D. Stillman, representing Mr. Richardson, appeared before the council last week and submitted the claim for damages. The matter was referred to the sewer committee. Its report at last night's session of the council was to the effect that Richardson had no just grounds for such a claim and that the settlement of the matter was out of the committee's hands.

Fire Chief Withee Calls Attention to Need of Ordinance in Future Electric Wiring of the City—New Power Plant Will Render Present Wiring Dangerous Because of Heavier Voltage Carried—Sewer Committee Recommends Sewer Extension to New School Building—Sewer for Pumping Station.

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SUIT MAY BE BROUGHT.
"I do not know just what my client intends to do," said Mr. Stillman, "but it is probable that he will bring suit to enforce his claim."
The session of the city council last night was presided over by Councilman J. R. Dickson. The full board being present with the exception of Mayor Matlock, who is in San Francisco.

The reports of the various city officers for the month of August were read and placed on file, and a number of small bills were allowed. Because of the unsatisfactory condition of the street lights, the bill of the Northwestern Gas & Electric company, amounting to \$297, was referred back to the company. The city desires a rebate.

RECOMMENDS WIRING ORDINANCE.
Fire Chief Withee recommended that the wiring of buildings be looked into more carefully. He said: "When the new power company gets its electricity into Pendleton, it expects to supply 22,000 volts. The wiring of buildings in Pendleton is very light. If a transformer ever breaks down and a strong current is thrown onto the wires, we are liable to have a serious fire. I examined the wiring in a building the other day and out of seven joints, only two were soldered."

Pendleton has no ordinance governing the electrical wiring of buildings. The sewer committee recommended that the Lewis street sewer be extended 900 feet to the new school house grounds. The proposition of the water works commission that the sewer be extended to its pumping station and that it would defray half the expense of building, was referred to the sewer committee for further investigation.

The petition of Bush street property owners for the privilege of constructing a sidewalk, was granted.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS.
Recorder Fitz Gerald's report for August follows: Number of cases in police court, 128; fines collected, \$1544; sale of cemetery lots, \$5220; sale of impounded stock, \$42; sale of old fire bell, \$1; licenses, \$309.85; expenses of office, \$115; total revenues, \$1834.85.

MARSHAL CARNEY'S REPORT.
Number of arrests made, 128; expenses, \$225; poll tax receipts, \$166.
Sewer Inspector Withee's report: Number of sewer connections for July, 10; for August, 6; total number of connections at the present time, 312.

FRENCH EXECUTIONER DEAD.
Paris, Sept. 8.—Delbier, the celebrated French executioner, died at Autenil today.

BURGLAR THROWS ACID.
Chicago, Sept. 8.—Burglars entered the residence of B. F. Crawford, president of the National Biscuit company, at Evanston, last night. While they were gathering booty, they were surprised by Miss Isabel McPherson, a sister of Mrs. Crawford. One of the robbers dashed a bottle of carbolic acid in the face of Miss McPherson, disfiguring her for life. The robbers escaped.

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UMATILLA COUNTY SHEEP IN DEMAND

John Howard, the St. Paul sheep buyer, has arrived and is living things up in the sheep market. He intends to buy from 15,000 to 18,000 head, all feeders, if he can find what he wants, which will be shipped into Southern Minnesota and fattened on mill screenings.
The staple full feed rations in that country for sheep is screenings; only enough hay is fed to afford a needed variety. Not more than between two and three tons of hay is fed during the three months time required on an average for fattening to each 1000 sheep.
Mr. Howard will buy a mixed lot of lambs, ewes, yearlings and wethers—anything that will make good mutton.

other buyers, representing every heavy feeding district in the western United States, and they ran prices up until sales almost stopped, but later activity is expected, when the sheepmen realize that perhaps they have overdone the bull tendency.
Mr. Rust bought 3000 head of wethers, which will be driven through to the Ridge country during October and fed during the coming winter—not for fat, but for growth. These animals are all grade Merinoes and in fine condition. There is scarcely a trace of disease in the John Day country—practically none at all, and the Rust purchases are simply as fine animals as can be bought on any range between the Cascades and the Rocky mountains. There are no Shropshires in the district where Mr. Rust bought.
As an illustration of the situation on the John Day, lambs could not be bought a week ago for less than from \$1.50 to \$1.60, whereas yearlings two months ago cost but \$1.50 to \$1.65.

Prices Are Advancing.
The price of sheep is advancing rapidly in the interior districts, is a discovery made last week by J. H. Rust, of Ridge. Mr. Rust found four