

MONSTER COAL BUNKERS.

Portland to Have Largest of the Kind on Pacific Coast.

Portland, Sept. 16.—Portland is to have one of the largest coal bunkers on the Pacific coast. It will be constructed by the Pacific Coast company, which is affiliated with the Pacific Coast Steamship company. The location of the proposed plant is on Front between Quimby and Halgh streets. A lot with a frontage of 35 feet, 8 inches, and extending 272 feet back from the railway track to the harbor line, is the site secured.

On this property immense coal bunkers will be built at a cost of \$35,000, in addition to which will be installed the most modern steam and electrical machinery for coaling and unloading vessels and cars. It is estimated that the entire plant will cost between \$50,000 and \$75,000. This plant is an exact duplicate of one being installed in Seattle by the same company.

Most of the coal will come from the Pacific Coast company's mines located at Black Diamond, Franklin, and New Castle, Wash. It is of a bituminous quality. They will, however, receive coal from all parts of the world.

Pile drivers will be set to work on the water front next week and the work on the bunkers will be rushed to completion. The company hopes to have its plant running by next December 1.

RUSSIANS WILL WRECK FORTS BEFORE SURRENDERING TO JAPS

Powerful Mines Have Been Placed Under All the Buildings, Stores and Arsenals in Port Arthur.

Japanese Capture Two Forts Near Port Arthur—Russian Powder Fails to Throw Shells any Many Shells Do Not Explode—Ammunition in the Fortress Thought to Be Running Very Low—Japanese Vessels Venture Nearer and Nearer the Harbor—Only Six Russian Vessels Able to Fight

Russians Will Wreck the Forts.
Chee Foo, Sept. 16.—The Russians have placed mines under all the public buildings, wharves, arsenals and everything that could possibly be of use to the Japanese, with the intention of destroying them in case the Japanese enter the city.

The house formerly occupied by Alexieff was hit by a shell recently, and partially wrecked. Another shell struck and destroyed a ship which was docked for repairs, and killing seven sailors. One shell demolished several engines in the dock yards, killing an officer and two men.

The Japanese fleet comes in daily much closer than formerly, throwing a few shells. The Japanese are constantly receiving heavy guns from Japan, to which the Russians are unable to reply. Of the ships in the harbor only six are able to fight at present.

gen Ya on suspicion of being a spy. He is Captain Takikawa, a naval attaché at Berlin. He was freed this morning, and said he was traveling for pleasure, but the correspondent says it is believed he was really watching the Baltic fleet.

Thankful for Retreat.
St. Petersburg, Sept. 16.—Kuropatkin reports the Japanese forces before Yantai. The mines at Taiti station are being increased, also those near Benstuzsi. The czar has telegraphed Kuropatkin the following: "I thank you and our splendid troops for their heroic work and continued self-sacrifice. The return from Liao Yang, under the circumstances, was excellently carried out in the face of grave difficulties."

No Cruiser Off Victoria.
Victoria, B. C., Sept. 16.—The naval authorities this morning absolutely denied any knowledge of a Russian auxiliary cruiser having been seen off Victoria by a British torpedo boat. They think the report is without foundation.

Definition of Contraband.
St. Petersburg, Sept. 16.—Russia's decision on the contraband question has been communicated to the British, German and American embassies. It is understood Russia recognizes that goods, when consigned to private parties, are only contraband when the cargoes are government, military or naval stores.

No Vessels Near Golden Gate.
San Francisco, Sept. 16.—The cruiser Boston returned this morning from a cruise around the Farallones, but found no trace of foreign war craft.

Late last night she sighted a large vessel about fifteen miles off the entrance to the harbor. The discovery caused some excitement, but it was soon learned that she was the transport Sherman, from Manila, with 300 troops and \$2,000,000 in Mexican money for reconnoitre, and several passengers on board.

Japanese Operating Railroad.
Mukden, Sept. 16.—The Chinese report the Japanese running regular trains between Dalny and Nieu Chwang, the rolling stock, according to their statements, having come from San Francisco.

Capture Forts at Port Arthur.
Chee Foo, Sept. 16.—The Japanese, between September 8 and 10, assaulted and captured important fortifications two miles east of Golden Hill, near Port Arthur.

The Japanese were able to hold the position owing to the poor quality of Russian powder, the shells falling short of the point for which they were aimed. Many of the shells failed to explode at all. This is known to indicate that Stessell's supply of ammunition is running very low.

Japs Take Manchurian Crops.
New Chwang, Sept. 16.—Japanese reinforcements are continually debarking here and are sent northward toward Liao Yang as soon as they arrive. With them is sent General Stessell's winter supply, as huge crops are being received throughout Manchuria.

Fighting Near Mukden.
Mukden, Sept. 16.—Twenty-six wounded men belonging to General Kistchenko's division were brought into Mukden today. Particulars of the skirmish are not available. It may mean the beginning of the Japanese advance on Mukden.

Japanese Spy Baltic Fleet.
London, Sept. 16.—The Copenhagen correspondent of the Central News reports that the unknown Japanese who were arrested at Skagen.

WILL BE NO STRIKE.
Amalgamated Iron and Tin Workers Say Conditions Are Not Ripe.
Pittsburg, Sept. 16.—Secretary John Williams and Treasurer M. F. Tige, of the Amalgamated Association of Iron and Tin Workers, issued a statement at noon today to the effect that the present conditions will not warrant a general strike against the United Steel corporation in Mahoning valley. This discounts the report that a general strike is imminent.

ROBBERS ESCAPE.
Town Bandits Break Through Cordon of Pursuers.
Des Moines, Sept. 16.—After being surrounded by possees of deputy sheriffs, detectives and farmers, five men supposed to have held up the Rock Island train near Letts, broke through the cordon and escaped. No trace has since been obtained.

LOST CREWS FOUND.
Victims of the Storm on Atlantic Coast Are Rescued.
Charleston, Sept. 16.—The steamer Apache arrived today with three of the crew of eight men of the fishing boat Eagle, which with the

Dora was lost off the coast Wednesday night. The other five were drowned. The crew of the Dora has not been heard from.

TROOPS GUARD LYNCHERS.
Situation at Huntsville, Alabama, Is Critical.
Huntsville, Ala., Sept. 16.—The situation around Madison county jail is quiet. Troops surround the square and none are allowed to pass. Troops and civil authorities made other arrests today. The troops will be kept until after the trial of the alleged lynchings.

Chicago Wheat Stationary.
Chicago, Sept. 16.—New September opened at \$1.12 1/2 and closed at \$1.13 1/2. December opened at \$1.15 1/2 and closed at \$1.13 1/2. Corn opened at 22 1/2 cents and closed the same. Oats opened at 31 1/2 cents and advanced 1/2 cent at the close.

Local Wheat 70 Cents.
Local wheat today is quoted at 70 cents for club and 75 cents for blue-stem. No sales are reported.

Money for the Friars.
Manila, Sept. 16.—The civil commission is prepared to pay the August union order of friars \$2,976,000 for the lands of the order.

"THE BREAKERS" BURNED.

Popular Resort at Long Beach Destroyed by Fire.

Portland, Sept. 16.—"The Breakers," the popular seashore hotel at Long Beach, was totally destroyed by fire last evening, loss \$65,000.

The fire started in the kitchen and as a stiff wind was blowing, the structure was quickly destroyed.

There was absolutely no fire-fighting equipment and the only person on the premises at the time was the keeper, the summer season having closed 10 days ago.

CALIFORNIA COMMANDER.

General Frances Moore Succeeds General MacArthur.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Brigadier General Frances Moore, now in charge of the army school at Fort Riley, has been ordered to the command of the department of California with headquarters at San Francisco, vice MacArthur.

The latter retires from command of the Pacific division, which includes the departments of California and Columbia.

President of the Bankers.

New York, Sept. 16.—T. F. Sweeney, president of the First National Bank of Kansas City, was elected president of the American Bankers' Association today. The convention adjourned at 12:30.

REWARD OFFERED FOR MURDERER

County Court Will Pay \$500 for the Conviction of C. C. Ellis' Slayer.

PRIVATE REWARDS AMOUNTING TO \$1000 TO BE ADDED.

Court Will Assist in Clearing Up Weston Mountain Murder Mystery—Belief is Gaining Ground That the Young Man Was Murdered in Cold Blood and Was Not a Victim of an Accident—It is Thought He Had Damaging Information Against Some One, Who Took His Life to Hide Another Crime.

To aid in the clearing up of the mystery of the strange death of Christopher Columbus Ellis, the Weston Mountain youth who was shot down as he walked along a lonely road near his home, Sunday morning, August 28, the Umatilla county court this morning posted a reward of \$500 for the arrest and conviction of the murderer or murderers. One thousand dollars more, it is rumored, will be offered from private sources.

The opinion of residents of Weston mountain and others who have been investigating the Ellis mystery, is that the boy was murdered, and not the victim of an accident, as was at one time thought. The theory that young Ellis paid the penalty with his life because of his knowledge of the misdeeds of another, appears to be gaining ground.

The notice of reward made by the county court is signed by County Judge Bean, and Commissioners T. P. Gilliland and Horace Walker.

Coming to Pacific Coast.

Norfolk, Va., Sept. 16.—The steamship Minnesota, alleged to have been sold by J. J. Hill to Russia, arrived here today for coal, en route to the Pacific coast.

Ex-Governor Rich Dead.

Santa Fe, Sept. 16.—William G. Rich, ex-governor of New Mexico, is dead at Engle, Sierra county, near which place he was engaged in ranching.

SHEEP NOT DIPPED.

Stock Inspector J. E. Bean Says No Scab in County.

Stock Inspector Bean states that no sheep are being dipped before being shipped out of this county. The expression "whether they have scab or not," does not apply in the remotest degree, as there is not the slightest trace of scab in any herd in the county, and in fact has not been at any time since last spring.

Neither does the clause, "When designed for immediate slaughter," have any significance at this time, as all sheep are passed without being dipped; but on the other hand every flock is carefully and thoroughly inspected by both Inspector Bean and Federal Inspector Lantz—by the former on the range, and by the latter at the point of shipment.

This division of responsibility and conjunction of qualified authorities, is a final settlement of this much disputed subject for the present year at least.

FINE HAY WHEAT.

Variety That Brings 75 Cents Per Bushel.

Lee Beam, of Stage Gulch, has finished threshing 100 acres of volunteer wheat of the variety known as the Cox—wheat peculiarly adapted to hay. It tests 52 pounds to the bushel.

Mr. Beam's experience raising Cox wheat encourages him to continue to raise it. He sold every bushel of his crop of this variety last year, except enough for seed, for 75 cents per bushel for seed for hay. The only drawback about the Cox is the tendency to shatter, which necessitates cutting it unless for hay exclusively, a little in advance of being suitably ripe, a method universally adopted in Kansas and Oklahoma with all varieties, where wheat is not raised for hay at all. When the Cox is raised for seed it is practically essential to cut it a little earlier to secure the bulk of it.

Mr. Beam raised 220 acres of wheat of flouring varieties, which is not yet threshed, but that it will yield finely and is of excellent quality, in known.

Poor Farm Patients.

Superintendent J. B. McMill, of the county poor farm and hospital, in his report for July and August, reports that five patients were in the hospital at the end of last month. During July and August 19 patients were treated. Four new ones were received and four were discharged. One was transferred.

FAIR AWARDS CAUSE PROTEST

MARION COUNTY CLAIMS THE FIRST HONOR.

First Prize for Agricultural Exhibit Given to Polk County—Marion Files Protest With Board—Horsemen Dissatisfied With Award in Trotting Horse Contest—"Portland Day" Turns Out a Crowd—Finest Stock Display Ever Seen.

Salem, Sept. 16.—Thirty-eight loaded coaches arrived from Portland over the Southern Pacific yesterday in honor of "Portland Day," at the state fair. It is estimated that fully 2500 people came up from the metropolis on the excursion.

The livestock parade of yesterday was the best ever witnessed at the fair in any year.

The admissions yesterday numbered 4042, the total cash receipts being \$2100.

The sensation of the day was a protest against the award of first prize for standard-bred trotting horses, to Broadheart, belonging to W. C. Trine. A protest signed by five horsemen was presented to the board of agriculture. The protestants claim that the horse has a blemish that bars him.

A second bitter protest was filed when Polk county was awarded the first prize for a county exhibit, Marion county citizens claiming the honor.

The score of points in the agricultural exhibit for the leading counties was as follows: Polk, 95 per cent; Marion, third, 85 per cent; Washington, fourth, 85 per cent; Benton fifth, 72 per cent; Lane, sixth, 67 per cent; 1900.

KEMLER'S HORSE SHOT.

Animal Alleged to Have Been Shot by Ward Was Killed.

The horse which was wounded in the right hind leg Monday night by a bullet which it is alleged Ralph Ward intended for its rider, Miles Kemler, was shot yesterday afternoon by Officer O. C. Coffman. A post-mortem examination showed that the animal's leg was broken, evidently by a 38-caliber bullet which was found embedded in the bone.

Dr. D. C. McNabb, who attended the injured horse, was not present when the bullet was extracted. He declares that he does not believe the animal's leg was broken when the shot was fired, but that the horse fractured it in an attempt to get up.

SPREE COST \$116.

John Kelley Arraigned for Being Drunk, Was a Victim of the Sports.

John Kelley's short stay in Pendleton cost him just \$116 and a night in the city jail. He was arraigned in police court this morning on a charge of drunkenness and pleaded guilty. He was broke, but had a ticket to Astoria in his possession.

The prisoner declared that when he began to forget last night he had \$116 on his person. The sentence of three days in jail was suspended and Kelley was allowed to leave on the morning train.

Henry Lewis, for being intoxicated, was sent to jail for three days.

Captain Gardner is to be the new commander of Fort Columbia, near Astoria.

LOCAL OPTION PETITION COVERS COUNTY

The people of Milton are now circulating a petition for a vote on the liquor question covering all of Umatilla county. A petition containing 193 names was this morning added to the ones already filed from the precincts north and east of Pendleton, calling for a vote on local option in the district. This brings the total number

of names up to 286. There were 2234 voters in the district at the last general election, thus the 286 names now on file are more than the required 10 per cent. "Several petitions are yet to come in from the district," said Rev. Robert Warner, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal church, who filed the names this morning.

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