

STEAMER OREGON STILL BURNING

is Making Slow and Ineffective Headway, But Fire All in Hold.

CRESCENT CITY, NEAR OREGON.

Passengers Have All Been Rescued by the Del Norte, Which Stood by and Anchored at Crescent City. Everybody Acted Admirably and There Was No Panic—All Night Spent With Fire in Continued Battle—Oregon Is an Old Vessel, But Carried a Valuable Cargo and Many Passengers.

San Francisco, Feb. 28.—The burning steamer sighted off Crescent City, last night, proved to be the Oregon of the San Francisco-Portland steamship company. During the night the vessel drifted nearer port and this morning seemed to be in an upright position. The crew is fighting flames, but last accounts the fire continues to make headway. All the passengers were transferred to the Del Norte, which stood by Oregon early last evening, and safely landed at the Crescent City.

The Oregon is an old vessel, having been running on the Pacific coast for years. In addition to a large number of passengers, she carried a valuable cargo of lumber.

Story of the Fire.

Fire was discovered yesterday morning in the after hold. The vessel that time was several miles from Crescent City, but the Del Norte and Collier stood by. Captain Warner ordered a full head of steam, while the crew passed the word among the passengers there was no danger, at the same time signaling to the Del Norte and the Collier for assistance. A great mass of smoke and flames came from the hatches, which were quickly buttoned down, allaying in a measure the fears of the passengers. The male passengers and crew acted admirably and succeeded in preventing a panic among the women. The Collier first stood by, and all the passengers were transferred without a hitch. A portion of the crew went to fight the fire, succeeded in confining the flames to the hold. When the Del Norte came alongside the passengers were transferred to her by the Collier, and brought to Crescent City. The battle with the flames on the Oregon continued all night and this morning. The vessel with the fire still raging, came into port.

REDLESS APPLES ON MARKET.

Had Junction Man Accomplishes a Wonderful Feat.

New York, Feb. 28.—The first shipment of redless apples to reach the East arrived today in New York. It was on exhibition at the offices of Reinhardt & Kelly, fruit exporters, at 301 Park place. Fruit merchants who had scoffed the possibility of developing such a variety since the announcement of its discovery, some months ago, inspected the samples and agreed that within a few years the redless apple would revolutionize the trade, as did the navel orange. Some know the secret of the new apple except John F. Spencer of Had Junction, Col., who produced the wonder, and many were the ones that were captured by the extra. One man was of the opinion that the apple was the result of cross-fertilization of an ordinary apple and a seedless orange. Another believed that the plum entered into the composition of the new apple, by the process of grafting. But J. Scheu, who represents Spencer, declared that neither of the guesses was right.

State Socialism in Illinois.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 28.—A bill was introduced into the legislature today, appropriating \$100,000 for the establishment of state packing plants at the Collier and Chester penitentiaries, to be manned by convict labor. It is conceded that the chances for the passage of the bill are slight, yet the lobbyists are already filling with speakers and their attorneys and other pluggers.

TRUST ADVANCES PRICES.

Monopoly of the Box and Crate Business is Effected.

San Francisco, Feb. 28.—Lumber mills and box manufacturers of the Pacific coast, from California to British Columbia, have reached an agreement which will result in an increase in the cost of boxes to packers of dried fruits, raisins, salmon, canned fruits and vegetables and delicious fruits, oranges and lemons. The proceedings have been kept as secret as possible. Parties prominent in the proceedings deny that any agreement has been reached concerning the percentage of advance in prices to be made, but admit an increase is in view. Canning companies have been informed that the advance will be 10 per cent on this basis. The various packing and shipping industries of the coast will soon have to pay \$1,000,000 more per annum for their boxes than heretofore.

Great excitement exists among the canners because of this move. One concern in this city estimates that it alone will have to pay, from \$40,000 to \$50,000 more this year than expected.

Gross Negligence.

New York, Feb. 28.—Coroner Flaherty of Brooklyn, today began a search of investigation into the collapse of the Fleet street church last night, in which 11 colored people were crushed to death, and over 100 injured. Flaherty says the accident was the result of gross negligence, and intends to fix the blame for the disaster. Two of the injured in a hospital were expected to die.

Wisconsin at Portland.

Madison, Wis., Feb. 28.—A bill appropriating \$25,000 for a Wisconsin exhibit at the Lewis and Clark exposition passed the senate today.

ODDS ARE WITH NELSON TODAY

CLAIMED THAT NELSON IS SOMEWHAT OVERWEIGHT.

This Statement is Taken by Many as a Dodge to Affect the Betting—Corbett is Slightly Underweight—Both Men in First-Class Condition, But Nelson's Heavy Straining to Get Down to Weight is Counting Against Him.

San Francisco, Feb. 28.—Despite unfavorable reports from the Nelson camp and glowing statements of Corbett's condition, the betting this morning had not changed. It opened at last night's figure—14 to 8. During the forenoon a few small bets were made, but the big betters are waiting until the boys weigh in. A majority disbelieve the statement that Nelson is having trouble making weight, looking upon it as a dodge to affect the betting.

Corbett awoke this morning after 11 hours' sleep, three-quarters pounds under weight. He ate a light breakfast and took a short walk, and will have no difficulty in remaining within weight.

Nelson Overweight Possible.

When Nelson steps into the ring tonight to fight Corbett, he may be minus his weight money. Over night the Dane gained more than a pound, and soon after he arose was sent off up the road heavily bandaged and with instructions to go at a fast clip. He hit the road at top speed for an hour, and when he returned to the training quarters he was dripping with perspiration. After a stiff rub down he was weighed in private. What his exact weight was his trainers did not state, but declared it was within 120. He will be sent out again this afternoon, and it is not unlikely he will have to resort to the Turkish bath when he arrives in the city. He looked drawn and worried after his morning run, but he felt confident he would save the forfeit.

GRAIN MARKETS.

Quotations From All Points Handling Umatilla Products.

Chicago, Feb. 28.—May wheat dropped two points today, when it closed at \$1.16 1/2. There was great excitement in market for a time during the forenoon, and it was thought the price would rally before the close, but a steady decline was experienced. July wheat opened at \$1.00 1/2 and closed at 98 1/2. Corn closed at 48 1/2. Oats at 31 1/2. Portland—Bluestem, 94; valley, 87. Liverpool—May wheat, 7s 1/2 d.

Pleaded Not Guilty.

Cleveland, Feb. 28.—Judge Taylor of the United States court, today overruled the motions of Mrs. Chadwick's attorney to quash three of the indictments brought against Mrs. Chadwick, who was then arraigned, and pleaded not guilty.

Claatsop county must the coming year raise \$296,154 tax—an increase of \$26,696 over last year's levy.

FIVE CAUCASUS PROVINCES ARE NOW IN OPEN REBELLION

Have Proclaimed Their Independence—200,000 Workmen Now on Strike in Five Provinces.

One Thousand Miles of Telegraph Lines Have Been Destroyed—Seventeen Thousand More Factory Operatives Go Out in Moscow—Maxim Gorky is Banished to Riga—Suspension of Active Operations by the Terrorists, Who Will Await Developments—New Russian Minister of Education—War in the Far East Proceeds With Varying Fortunes.

Berlin, Feb. 28.—The newspaper, Vorwarts, today asserts that official reports of the strike movement in Russia admit a grave situation.

Papers report that rebels in the provinces of Maku, Elisavetopol, Tiflis, Eutais and Daghestan have proclaimed independence and a determination to establish an independent state.

Two hundred thousand workmen are now on strike in the provinces of Kieff, Kherson, Poltava, Hodolia and Kharkoff. All railway connections in Southeastern Russia are interrupted and 1000 miles of telegraph lines destroyed.

12,000 New Soldiers.

Moscow, Feb. 28.—Seventeen thousand workmen of the Assanaroff factory joined the ranks of the strikers today.

New Minister of Education.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 28.—The czar has decided to appoint the Grand Duke Constantine minister of education to succeed M. Glasgow. Constantine is the most liberal and enlightened of the grand dukes. The appointment is taken to indicate the czar desires to reform this department.

Sentence Suspended.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 28.—In a letter received today from the group of terrorists which had previously announced he was under sentence of death, Grand Duke Vladimir was notified his sentence is temporarily suspended.

It is believed the intention of the revolutionists is to give autocracy a breathing spell, as further assassinations are likely to force the czar to drastic measures of repression. Since the assassination of Sergius Vladimirov has been so terrorized he is almost a complete wreck. Hoping to shield his life, Grand Duchess Marie Pavlovna insists on accompanying him every time he ventures abroad.

Gorky Banished to Riga.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 28.—Upon request of Maxim Gorky that he be allowed to live at Riga, the authorities last night banished him to that place.

KEITH FOR HEAD CONSUL.

Montana Woodman in Line for Falkenberg's Place.

Although he has not consented to become a candidate, A. B. Keith, editor of the Butte Miner, Senator W. A. Clark's Butte paper, is being widely discussed for the position of head consul of Woodmen of the World, made vacant by the death of F. A. Falkenberg. Mr. Keith has been prominent in fraternal circles many years, being at present president of the Montana Auxiliary Fraternal Congress, while formerly he edited the Pacific Woodman, the official organ of the Woodmen of the World, and was second officer in rank in that order.

He is urged to become a candidate on account of his unyielding attitude in favor of revision of the business methods of the order, and his insistence upon rigid retrenchment and reform in the conduct of its affairs.

As an experienced fraternalist, Mr. Keith believes that certain important changes in business methods must be brought about to insure a successful future for the order and to prevent adverse legislation in various states.

CAMPAIGN FOR WOODCRAFT IS STARTED

The campaign for membership for the order of the Women of Woodcraft is now fairly inaugurated, and the active work of soliciting for members will now be pushed vigorously.

At the special meeting of the Commercial association held last night, it was decided to invite the officers of each circle of Woodcraft in the city, and also the officers of the local camp of Woodmen of the World, to meet with the board of managers of the association at 4 o'clock this afternoon, to formulate definite plans for conducting the campaign, and at the time of going to press this meeting is in progress.

place. His preference for Crimea or Moscow was refused. Gorky took an affectionate leave of his wife and little son Maxim, at station 15 last night. They will join him at Riga shortly.

Heavy Russian Losses.

Tokio, Feb. 28.—It is reported that the Russian guns numbered 12 in the fight at Tskhate Chan February 23. Their losses are estimated at 2000. The Japanese losses were slight.

Japanese Repulsed.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 28.—Kurapatkin reports 10 attacks made by two Japanese battalions of cavalry west of Tan Sin Tong were repulsed. The Japanese renewed the attack February 27 and again were repulsed. They left 100 corpses. The Russians lost six.

Hot Fight at Tsin Khetchen.

Tokio, Feb. 28.—Official reports of the battle of Tsin Khetchen state that the first assault began at noon on February 23, the Japanese attacking fiercely. The Russians, strongly fortified, offered a stubborn resistance. Fighting was resumed at dawn on the 24th. By 10 in the morning the lines were so close they exchanged hand grenades. Following a Japanese flank attack the Russians fled, burning the town and leaving 150 dead. The Japanese captured many guns and 34 prisoners.

Strikers' Demands Granted.

Warsaw, Feb. 28.—The board of directors of the Vistula railroad decided today to grant most of the strikers' demands. The hoped train service will be resumed immediately.

Kuropatkin May Retire.

London, Feb. 28.—A dispatch from St. Petersburg this evening states that both the Russian center and right were engaged today, while heavy fighting on the left continued. It is reported by high authority that Kurapatkin has notified the emperor the immediate withdrawal of the army to the Pass is necessary as a result of the success of Kuroki's flanking movement on the left.

Mr. Keith has just led to a successful conclusion a battle against such legislation in Montana which seriously threatened the interests of the order.

The General Petit Sold.

The General Petit mine in the Atlanta district, has been sold to a syndicate of New York capitalists for a consideration said to be close to \$200,000, one-half of which is cash. This news was received yesterday from Mans H. Coffin in a telegram from New York.—Boise Capital-News.

Will Stop at Celilo.

An arrangement has been made by the O. R. & N. whereby No. 2, known as the noon train, eastbound, and No. 1, afternoon westbound, stop at Celilo. This will afford a splendid opportunity for those who desire to visit the scene of work on the portage road.—The Dalles Chronicle.

Black Butte Resumes.

M. Dexter, engineer of the Black Butte company, received word Saturday to report for duty at once, as milling has been resumed. The cleanup was said to have been the best yet made.—Grant County News.

FREIGHT RATES EAT PROFITS.

California Fruit Men Show Extortion in Orange Rates.

San Francisco, Feb. 28.—The majority of the interstate commerce commission against the Southern Pacific and Santa Fe in the matter of orange shipments to the East from Southern California, came as a great surprise yesterday to the officials of both companies. This litigation about citrus shipments has extended over several years.

This extended litigation involves one of the finest traffic plums among railroads. Orange shipments out of Southern California at a very conservative estimate aggregate 25,000 carloads to the East.

In a general way a carload of oranges is valued at \$700. Out of this the railroads take \$325 for freight transportation alone. Out of the remainder the orange grower and middlemen must get their profit and pay refrigeration charges and all other expenses. This season the citrus shipments to the East will therefore have a gross valuation of \$17,500,000. From this amount the Southern Pacific and Santa Fe take \$8,125,000 in freight charges.

ADJOURNED THE PROCEEDINGS.

Further Hearing in Patterson Case Will Be on Wednesday.

New York, Feb. 28.—Justice Gaylor of the Brooklyn supreme court today adjourned the habeas corpus proceedings in the case of Nan Patterson until Wednesday, owing to the inability of the Assistant District Attorney Rand to be present. The young actress was brought over from the Tombs in a cab, and met in the court room by her father, who kissed her tenderly. Her face showed the effect of long confinement, but seemed delighted to secure even a temporary release from her prison quarters.

RUG WEAVING AT PENDLETON

MACHINERY COMING FOR A NEW INDUSTRY.

Will Be Installed at the Woolen Mills and Will Develop a New Local Demand for Wool—The New Line of Goods Will Be Placed on the Market With the Indian Robes—In Their Manufacture Blanket Patterns Will Be Extensively Used—Coarse Wools Will Be Used.

The fame which Pendleton has received from the Indian robes manufactured here is to be augmented by the sale of Indian rugs, if the experiment which is soon to be made at the woolen mill proves a success. For some time Manager Ferguson has been contemplating making a trial at making rugs with patterns similar to those used in the blankets, and he is of the belief that there is a demand for them.

Fixtures are now on the road here from the East, and when they arrive a rug weaving loom will be fitted up and the manufacture of rugs begun on a small scale. A coarse grade of wool will be required in the process, and buck wool will be used. Should the experiment prove a success, the rugs will be manufactured on an extensive scale and they will be placed on the market along with the Indian robes.

For Municipal Ownership.

Chicago, Feb. 28.—Edward F. Dunne, circuit judge of this district, has been nominated for mayor by the democrats on a municipal ownership platform.

CHANGE MAP OF PORTLAND.

Sheriff Word Declares He Will Regulate the "North End."

"I will change the map of the North End within the next 24 hours," Sheriff T. M. Word, of Portland, following in the path of reforms of which the raids on the Paris House and the Little Paris were but the beginning, Sheriff Word announces his determination to complete the work in the famous North End, regulating it under narrow restrictions enforced from his office. Vice will be confined to certain well-defined districts, subject to the rigid inspection and control of the sheriff, says the Telegram.

Disreputables dives will be cleaned out, and "the women" will be absolutely the only occupants of certain buildings. All connections with bars will be cut off, and the flagrant evils eradicated, so far as is within the powers of the sheriff, and the possibilities of a city the size of Portland. In general, vice will be centralized and put under control, and saloons will close at 1 o'clock.

Odaville Yates, a Portland railroad mechanic, is said to have invented a really and actually unrefillable bottle, a problem which has occupied the minds of many inventors fruitlessly.

SENATOR KEARNS ROASTS MORMONS

Declares the Leaders Have Violated Every Compact With Righteousness.

FAREWELL SHOT AT HIS COLLEAGUE'S CHURCH.

Large Concourse of People Listen to the Senate Speech—Columbia Resumes Diplomatic Relations With the United States—Roosevelt Called Down by the Senate Judiciary Committee for Presumptuous Interpretation of Congressional Rules—Expense Bill Will Be Approved by Senate.

Washington, Feb. 28.—"Utah secured her statehood by a solemn compact made by the Mormon leaders in behalf of themselves and their people. That compact has been broken willfully, frequently. No people of the Mormon church have publicly protested against its violation."

This was the text of a speech on the floor of the senate today by Kearns, republican, of Utah, in his last utterance before retiring from public life next Saturday. The announced intention of Smoot's colleague to express his views drew a large audience.

The senator asserted he had no quarrel with the religion. "The trouble arose from the way some of the accidental leaders of the Mormon movement sought to make of its religion, not only a system of morals, but also a system of social relation, a system of finance, a system of commerce, of politics."

Kearns declared that nearly every man of the governing class of the Mormon church is or has been a polygamist. That the apostles of the church are responsible for a part of that evil.

"The church today is maintaining practical monarchy in Utah. The duty of the senate is to serve notice that this church must live within the laws; that the nation is supreme, that its institutions must be preserved inviolate."

Will Represent Colombia.

Washington, Feb. 28.—The state department has been informed of the appointment of Senor Don Diego Mendosa, as minister from Colombia. The post has been vacant for several years.

President Called Down.

Washington, Feb. 28.—The senate judiciary committee has made a report, approved by the democrats of the committee, declaring no such thing as a "constructive recess." The report is considered a rebuke to the president for the appointment of General Wood and Collector Crum during that period.

Referred to Committee.

Washington, Feb. 28.—The senate today referred to the committee on contingent expenses the resolution reported by the committee on interstate commerce providing for an investigation during recess into freight rates, rebates, etc. No opposition to the resolution, which will undoubtedly be passed.

PREFER A TIDE LEVEL CANAL.

Recommended by Sub-committee of Commission.

Washington, Feb. 28.—Burr, Parsons and Davis, all engineers, and members of the Isthmian canal commission, unanimously and at great length have reported in favor of a tide level canal on the ground that it will be much cheaper in proportion to the amount of labor expended, easier and cheaper to enlarge and because traffic conditions will ultimately make it necessary.

The recommendations call for a ditch of the following specifications: Width at bottom, feet, 150; Minimum water depth, feet, 35; Cost, \$230,500,000; Limit of construction, years, 12; Twin tidal locks—Length, feet, 1000; Width, feet, 100.

State Socialism in Kansas.

Kansas City, Kan., Feb. 28.—Orders have been placed for the first independent oil refinery built under protection given by the new Kansas laws. Within 60 days a plant will be constructed at Notasaw, with a capacity of 1000 barrels per week. The entire output will be sold under contract to jobbers, who will compete with the Standard Oil in the Southwest.