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WEATHER FORECAST.

Tonight fair and cooler with light frost. Sunday fair.

FLEETS THIRTY MILES DISTANT

There is Certainty of a Great Naval Battle in the Vicinity of Singapore.

RUSSIAN FLEET MUCH SUPERIOR IN NUMBERS.

Apparent That the Great Contest for Naval Supremacy Will Be Fought in the Southern Edge of the China Sea—Conceded That the Japanese Will Soon Be in Kien, the Inhabitants of Which Have Fled—Japanese Movement on Russian Left—Awful Persecutions of Liberal Element in Russian Poland.

London, April 8.—A private telegram from Singapore, says a Russian squadron numbering 65 vessels, believed to be Rojestvensky, is making for Saigon, the capital of French Cochinchina.

Russian Fleet in China Sea. Singapore, April 8.—The Russian fleet has just passed this harbor and is now steaming northeast into the China sea.

Naval Battle Imminent. Penang Straits Settlement, April 8.—The steamer Kumsang, just arrived, reports sighting 12 warships, apparently Japanese, a scouting squadron, steaming ahead of the Russian fleet near Singapore. The impression prevails that it is only a matter of a few hours until the two fleets meet and a big naval battle ensue.

Thirty Miles Apart. London, April 8.—Dispatches from Singapore indicate that the hostile fleets are this afternoon not more than 30 miles apart and may be in touch at any moment. A Japanese squadron of 22 ships is still off Horsburgh Light, where it was reported March 14.

Wholesale Persecutions. Warsaw, April 8.—The police have begun making indiscriminate arrests of peasants belonging to political societies as a means of suppressing agitation, and all prisons and the citadel are filled with prisoners. There are persistent rumors that the authorities have hanged many prisoners after farcical trials. The socialists have issued a proclamation calling on their followers to revenge the actions of the authorities.

Japanese Are Advancing. St. Petersburg, April 8.—Telegrams received at the war office from Manchuria report a Japanese movement against the Russian left. It is feared the Japanese will shortly occupy Kirin. The inhabitants of that place have fled.

A Twelve Hour Fight. St. Petersburg, April 8.—Linevitch reports the battle at Tsintsin, April 7, lasted 12 hours. The enemy's losses were heavy from our artillery and rifle fire. Our losses were five killed and 35 wounded.

Scene of Awful Destruction. Lahore, April 8.—The first part of the relief expedition sent into the district where the greatest havoc was wrought by the recent earthquakes, has reached Dharmasala. They report they found an awful scene of destruction. It is not believed any persons buried in the ruins are now alive. Six hundred soldiers and two companies of engineers are ordered to Dharmasala to exhume the dead. It is now believed the horrors at Dharmasala have been repeated at Kangra.

Grand Jury Scores. Chicago, April 8.—Judge Landis, of the federal district court, today refused to quash the first count and indictment brought by the federal grand jury against Superintendent Connors, of Armour & Co., charging him with tampering with witnesses in the beef trust investigation. The decision of the court on the second count will be handed down next Saturday.

Two Men Botted to Death.

Pekin, Ill., April 8.—While repairing a big vat in the American distillery this morning, Foreman Jerry Hardy broke through into the boiling mass. John Wagner and Joseph Byers went to his assistance and also fell in. Before help came Hardy and Wagner were scalded to death. Byers was rescued, but will probably die.

PROTECT STREET GRADES.

J. W. Kimbrell Answers Petition of Court Street Citizens.

Pendleton, April 8. Editor East Oregonian:—In their petition to the city council, G. I. La Dow and others should tell the truth and state in their petition that the grade on West Court street, as established by P. Zahner, one of the most competent civil engineers in the Northwest in 1883, and approved by the city council, does not conform to their ideas; that they have repeatedly asked John W. Kimbrell to give them a false grade; that he has as often refused to do so, and that for these reasons they have come to their proper senses and do what they should have done years ago—petition to the honorable mayor and common council of the city of Pendleton, Oregon, to cause the established grade to be changed as by law required, in order that the surveyor may be justified in giving them a grade as nearly practicable to suit their needs. Very respectfully, JOHN W. KIMBRELL, Surveyor.

SPANISH RESERVOIR BROKE.

One Hundred and Eighty Dead and Injured.

Madrid, April 8.—A large reservoir which was in course of construction on the outskirts of the city, collapsed today. So far 180 dead and wounded workmen have been taken from the ruins.

The list of dead and injured is now said to reach 400. The Prince of Asturias, the war minister, governor of Madrid and representative of the king, together with troops, have gone to the scene to aid in the work of rescue and recovering the dead.

Extradition Hearing.

Columbus, O., April 8.—Upon reaching home this afternoon Governor Herrick will have laid before him reports for a personal hearing in the extradition case of J. Morgan Smith and wife. It is understood the governor will consent to hear a motion to revoke the warrant.

ASK TO ENJOIN HEAD OF CHURCH

MORMON DISAFFECTION WITH PRESIDENT SMITH.

Prominent Latter Day Saints Want an Accounting of Various Funds of the Church, and Question Smith's Capabilities as Trustee in Trust of Funds Raised by Tithing—Plaintiffs Broke the Unanimity of the General Conference.

Salt Lake, April 8.—Papers were prepared this afternoon asking that President Smith be enjoined from receiving and disbursing the funds received by him as trustee in trust for the Mormon church from Mormon tithing-payers and other church sources.

The suit is filed by Don Musser, an acting Mormon, who arose in conference yesterday afternoon and voted against sustaining the apostles Chas. Smurthwaite, a merchant of Ogden, excommunicated, and Sweek, are also parties to the suit. The object is to have a receiver appointed and accounting made of all funds.

ENDEAVOR MEETINGS CLOSED.

County Organization Elected Full Corps of Officers.

With a well-attended and very interesting program last night at the Baptist church, the Christian Endeavor county convention was brought to a close. The address of the evening was by Rev. E. B. Hays of La Grande, and the musical program was under the direction of Charles A. Hill.

At the business meeting held during the afternoon officers for the coming year were elected as follows: President, Herbert A. Yates of Pendleton; vice-president, Miss Ora Rhodes of Athena; secretary and treasurer, Miss Van Vrankin of Milton; missionary superintendent, E. M. Churchill of Pendleton; junior superintendent, Miss Flora Walker of Pendleton.

Resolutions were adopted by the convention during the afternoon thanking the Baptists for the use of their church during the convention, and also for the entertainment given the visiting delegates by the local workers.

Funeral Tomorrow Afternoon.

Stella Lynde, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Lynde, died yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock of pneumonia, aged 1 year, 7 months and 11 days. The funeral will be held from the Lynde home at 124 Cottonwood street, at 2 p. m. tomorrow, the services being conducted by Rev. T. R. Egerton, and the interment in Olney cemetery.

A bridge that will cost \$11,000, will be built across the Clackamas river at Barton, Clackamas county.

WHETHER OR NOT TO NEUTRALIZE.

New York, April 8.—The arguments on the petition for an injunction to prevent the Equitable Life Assurance Society from mutualizing was adjourned in the supreme court today by Justice Maddox until 2 o'clock Monday. Counsel Hornblower, for the Equitable, said he had not had time to examine the papers in the case. The petition for an injunction was made by Franklin B. Lord; the others are represented in court by Edward M. Shepards. Lord is owner of a few shares of Equitable. The suit is against both the Hyde and Alexander factions, but a common report has it that one of the factions behind the suit brought by Shepard said that Lord had received no notice of any change in the society's charter, which was in derogation of his client's rights. Should the temporary injunction be granted, the whole matter of mutualizing the society will be thrown into the courts.

MURDER MYSTERY CLEARED BY A WOMAN'S CONFESSION

Husband Murdered Biaggio Vilardo and Dismembered His Body—Jealousy Believed to Have Been the Motive.

The Murderer, Pietro Torchirito, Is Missing, and His Wife Avers She Does Not Know Where He Has Gone—The Police Have Found Much Confirmation of the Truth of Her Story—Not Until Her Husband Disappeared Did She Dare Tell of the Grievous Deed—The Murderer Made a Desperate Effort to Hide the Evidences of His Crime, But His Work Was Superficial.

San Francisco, April 8.—The mystery surrounding the murder and mutilation of Wednesday night of the young man who was identified last night as Biaggio Vilardo, was cleared today by the confession of Mrs. Pietro Torchirito.

She directly accuses her husband of the horrible crime, and sufficient substantiation of her statements has been secured to no longer leave a doubt in the minds of the police of the identity of the murderer. Torchirito is missing, but detectives are on his trail and hope to have him behind the bars within a few hours.

Late last night, through information given by Vilardo's brother, Mrs. Torchirito, who is a handsome young matron with a 5-months-old child, was placed under arrest. When taken into custody she seemed anxious to tell her story, which was forthcoming as soon as she was placed in the sweat box.

Killed With a Cleaver.

On Wednesday night Vilardo, who roomed with the Torchiritos, and the murderer, quarreled. While the quarrel was at its height, Mrs. Torchirito went out for a walk. When she returned Vilardo was missing. She asked her husband where he was, but was told to mind her own business. Fearing her husband might do her harm, she retired to her room, her husband going into Vilardo's room, where he worked some time. He then went out, returned and went out again. After the second return he again went to Vilardo's room, where he worked until past midnight. The next morning she saw that

ACCUSED OF A "CON" GAME.

Romero and Hart Said to Handle Forged Drafts.

A notice has been received by the First National Bank from the Washington State Bankers' association, warning them against one C. D. Romero, who is claiming to represent the Columbia Realty company, of Sioux Falls, and is charged with defrauding various banks throughout Western states by passing forged drafts.

According to the account given, Romero is working with a man named F. Hart, and their method of procedure is to claim that they are organizing a real estate company and have an abundance of references by means of which they endeavor to pass their bogus paper.

Suit Upon Note.

Suit was started today by Marcelina Roberson to collect the sum of \$180 and cost from E. R. Jones and J. E. Carden. The amount is said to

GRAND JURY RETURNS 21 INDICTMENTS

Portland, April 8.—(Special to East Oregonian.)—The grand jury returned indictments this afternoon against H. Booth, H. E. Singleton, John Doe, Richard Doe, William Roe and Thos. Roe, officials of the Booth-Kelly Lumber company, charging them with conspiracy with L. Thomas to agree to defraud the United States out of its public lands; against Frank Alley, A. R. Downs, E. R. Downs, Stephen W. Turnell and John Doe, charging them with conspiracy with John W. Gardner and others to defraud the government out of public lands; against Willard N. Jones,

the floor of Vilardo's room was scrubbed and the walls whitewashed, but it is covered with a number of blood spots overlooked by the murderer. Torchirito disappeared Thursday morning and she has not seen him since. Detectives went to Torchirito's home this morning, scraped off the fresh whitewash from Vilardo's room and found great splashes of blood. The deed was committed with a cleaver. The woman advanced no reason for the crime, but the officers are satisfied jealousy was the motive. Worked in Furious Haste. In his haste to clear away evidences of his crime, Torchirito overlooked a number of scraps of flesh and bone that became detached through vicious chopping to which the body was subjected. With the bloody cleaver he flung the scraps under the kitchen sink, evidently intending to take them away when he had removed the dismembered body, but failed to do so, and they were found under the sink today by the detectives. Three Are in Jail. Three of Torchirito's most intimate friends are in jail pending further developments. One of them is known to have looked at the body early Thursday morning and could have identified it then, but it is believed he hesitated to do so that the murderer could get away. This is the man who later told the police he thought the victim was a brother of the man who finally identified the remains.

ARGUED DEMURRER.

The Litigation Relates to Reservation Land Rights.

In the United States circuit court yesterday a demurrer to the complaint in the Hoover-Jones contest case was argued by Attorneys J. H. Raley and John McCourt for Jones, and L. E. Reeder for the other side.

The suit was brought by Jones for the purpose of correcting an alleged error made by the secretary of the interior when he gave a decision in the contest case several weeks ago. Under the decision given the contestee was allowed to purchase 40 acres of timbered land on the reservation under the act of 1902, but not to buy the 160 acres of untimbered land also, as was maintained by his counsel in the case. The case in the United States court at Portland is brought for the purpose of overcoming the ruling of the secretary of the interior.

Following the argument on the demurrer to the complaint the court took the matter under advisement, and a decision will probably be given soon.

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKETS.

Quotations Furnished by the Clark Grain Commission Company, 119 East Court Street.

Chicago, April 8.—May wheat opened briskly this morning at \$1.16 and closed at \$1.15. Corn opened at 48¢ and closed at 47¢. Oats closed 38¢.

Stocks were quiet, no great changes having taken place for several days.

Want Smoot Unseated.

Madison, Wis., April 8.—Senator Whitehead today introduced a resolution in the legislature calling on congress to suppress polygamy and requesting the Wisconsin senators to vote to unseat Reed Smoot.

Minnesota Launched.

Newport News, Va., April 8.—The battleship Minnesota was successfully launched at the yards of the Newport Shipbuilding Drydock company this morning.

CENSUS TAKING AND ASSESSMENT

SIX ENUMERATORS ARE READY FOR BUSINESS.

The Remainder Will Follow as Soon as Their Supplies Are Ready and Work Mapped Out—The First Contingent Will Take the Field Early Next Week—Mr. Strain Is Providing the Enumeration of the Towns to Be Recorded as Units of Population.

On the first of the coming week the work of taking the assessment and the state census will be undertaken by the assessor and his deputies. Assessor Strain stated this morning that the following will probably commence work at that time in their respective districts: R. B. Stanfield, Echo; L. B. Rogers, North Milton; John Walden, South Milton; Charles Penkerton, Weston; J. W. Sturdivant, Elkhart; C. F. Wells, Vansycle. The remainder of the force of deputies will then be prepared for them.

In the taking of the state census as provided by the law on the subject and the blanks provided, there is no provision made for taking the enumeration of the residents of the different towns, as such. However, Assessor Strain states that he will provide his deputies with additional blanks and that this work will be done anyway, as he regards it as important to show the population of the different towns as well as the population of the entire county.

In the enumeration of the industrial products which is required in taking the census, the amount of the yield of the various products raised, is asked, as well as the amount of the property owned.

MISTAKEN FOR CRIMINAL.

Chief Dispatcher Dick Buckley Has Interesting Experience.

Chief Dispatcher Dick Buckley of the mountain division at La Grande, passed through the city this morning to Portland and was the center of interest at the depot for a few moments while the train stopped here.

A citizen of North Yakima, who happened to be on the platform when the westbound train stopped, saw Mr. Buckley get off the train and mistook the dispatcher for a man who is wanted in North Yakima for the larceny of a horse, and immediately started up town in search of an officer to arrest the supposed criminal. He told several parties of his find and Mr. Buckley was the center of attraction for a few minutes, while the crowd was awaiting the arrival of Sheriff Taylor. In the meantime several trawlers who were present asured the excited North Yakima man of his mistake, and the genial chief dispatcher was allowed to proceed on his vacation.

FINISH FIGHT ON TEAMSTERS

Employers' Associations Will Rally Around Montgomery, Ward & Co.

CLAIM THE STRIKE WAS ENTIRELY UNWARRANTED.

Extraordinary Precautions Are Being Taken to Prevent and Forestall Interference by Strikers With Strike Breakers—Special Police Guard the Private Transfer Lines, and Heavy Police Reserves Are Maintained to Provide Reinforcements—Rioting Has Begun at State and Twelfth Streets.

Chicago, April 8.—Extraordinary precautions were taken this morning by the police to prevent rioting by striking teamsters at Montgomery, Ward & Co.'s. A patrol wagon with a detachment of 25 policemen is sent out with each wagon. A reserve of 100 men is held at central station. No reinforcements have joined the strikers so far today.

The Montgomery, Ward company, backed by the entire body of the Chicago Employers' association, today declared war to the death against the striking teamsters, and asked the business men of the city to unite against the strike, which is declared unwarranted.

At State and Twelfth streets the strikers attempted to stop a caravan of wagons on its way to the Santa Fe freight house. The wagons were pelted with stones, sticks and cans. One man of the police escort was struck. The police charged the crowd but made no arrests.

Edward Will Go to Tangiers. Marseilles, April 8.—A member of king Edward's suite stated the king will visit Tangiers for 24 hours before ending his cruise. The announcement is regarded as significant in connection with Emperor William's recent visit at Tangiers.

Three Were Drowned. New York, April 8.—By the capsizing of the tug Greenville, in North river, Christopher Tull, the engineer; Nelson Cropper, a deck hand; Sans Olsen, a cook, were drowned. Others of the crew were rescued.

SERIES OF SPECIAL MEETINGS

At the Congregational Church for the Next Two Weeks.

The Congregational church of this city has planned an interesting series of special evangelistic meetings to begin Sunday evening, April 9, and closing Easter Sunday evening, April 23. During the two weeks of meetings several prominent workers in Congregational missions will be here and take charge of the work.

Rev. C. F. Clapp of Forest Grove, has been superintendent of home missions for Oregon for many years, and is an evangelist of much ability, and well known in the East. Rev. J. M. Barber and Rev. Mrs. J. M. Barber, will be here to assist Rev. Clapp. Rev. J. W. L. Kauffman may be here also. This will give the church a strong working force, as Rev. T. R. Egerton, the pastor of the Pendleton church, is an evangelistic preacher and familiar with that work.

Charles A. Hill will have charge of the music during the meetings. The public is cordially invited to attend all these services. No sectarian teaching permitted in these meetings.

Medal Shoot Tomorrow.

Tomorrow forenoon the regular monthly medal shoot of the Pendleton Sportsmen's association, will be held at the traps, and to the winner of the contest will belong the honor of holding the association medal for the coming month. Walter Markham was the winner of the last medal contest. It is announced that the shoot tomorrow will commence promptly at 9:30 in the morning.

Patient From Union County.

Miss Cora Crawford was brought to the St. Anthony's hospital yesterday for treatment. She is from Union county, and is seriously ill.

Catholic and Anti-Catholic.

Winnipeg, April 8.—Frank Oliver was today sworn in as minister of the interior to succeed Clifford Sifton. Canada is ablaze with excitement over the interference of the papal delegate in governmental affairs. It is believed the Manitoba legislature will be called next week to make protest. The Catholic element is strong in Manitoba.