

A flash of information to the people of Pendleton is advertising in the E. O.



WEATHER FORECAST. Tonight and Friday threatening with possibly thunderstorms.

SCORE AGAINST CAPT. TAGGART

Ex-Congressman's Daughter Declares He Was Irritable and Peevish to His Wife.

HE WAS FOND OF LIQUOR BUT NEVER SEEN DRUNK.

She Testified that Mrs. Taggart Always Conducted Herself as a Lady of Refinement—Mrs. Taggart Will Take the Witness Stand Saturday—Testimony to the Effect that the Captain Drank Lots in the Tropics and that His Department with the Filipino Servant was not Discreet—Taggart Beat His Wife and Tore Her Clothes Off.

Wobster, O., Aug. 24.—The deposition of Miss Anna Berry was read in the Taggart case this morning. She described Taggart as "irritable and peevish, but devoted." Miss Berry's father, an ex-congressman, now a judge, testified by deposition that "Captain Taggart is fond of liquor, but I never saw him drunk. I entertained Mrs. Taggart at my home at Newport, Ky. She always conducted herself as a lady of refinement."

Mrs. Taggart is expected to testify Saturday.

Mrs. Emma Lytle, for nine years nurse or cook in the Taggart household, testified that much liquor was kept in the house. Not much, she said, at Manila, but she declared the captain drank lots in the tropics.

Mrs. Lytle, a typical old Southern "mammy," said that in Manila Taggart was cross at his wife. She thought it was on account of the Filipino servant, Augustina. The captain and Augustina were very intimate. She saw them sit very close together in the hall. She never saw Mrs. Taggart drink or smoke at night. Mrs. Taggart came home late with Lieutenant Fortesque, and Captain Taggart grabbed her and shouted bad words at her, struck her and pulled her hair and tore her clothes off. The captain was harsh at many other times.

The nurse testified that she saw the captain summon Augustina from her bed on the transport en route from Manila by poking her in the side with a cane. On cross examination she said she had not actually seen Taggart, but said the cane looked like his and she supposed Taggart must be at the other end.

Lytle said: "One night in Manila was so hot the captain told us to sleep on the floor of the dining-room, because that was the coolest place in the house. Augustina slept there. At midnight I pecked and saw the captain crawl under the dining-room table. Then Augustina got a pillow and went under the table, too. Every day or two I would see them slipping around on tiptoes, locking doors."

EDWARDS WILL BE TRIED. Charged with Assault with Intent to Kill Harwood.

San Francisco—Clarence Edwards, acting city editor of the Chronicle, who shot at C. H. Harwood, a reporter, was arranged before Judge Morgan this morning on a charge of assault to commit murder. The trial is set for August 30. Harwood was in court, seemingly no worse for the encounter of Sunday evening. He seemed determined to prosecute. Edwards' bail was fixed at \$2000.

SENTENCED TO SAN QUENTIN. California Highwayman Gets Forty-Five Years.

Martinez, Cal., Aug. 24.—John Zimmerman, the lone highwayman who held up two messengers of the Central Bank of Oakland, near Stage, last March, and robbed them of \$10,000, was today sentenced to a term of 45 years at San Quentin. The judge denied the motion for a new trial. A 10 days' stay of execution was asked for and granted. The defendant's counsel will go before the supreme court on a writ of probable cause.

They say light rays cure leprosy. Light rays also conquer graft.—Memphis News-Scimitar.

ABSORBED BY STANDARD.

San Francisco Gas and Electric Company Yields to the Octopus.

San Francisco, Aug. 24.—Upon unquestioned authority it can be stated that the Standard Oil company has absorbed the San Francisco Gas & Electric. The transfer of the local gas combine to the Leviathan trust operated by John D. Rockefeller has actually taken place and within a very few days a complete reorganization will be effected at headquarters on Post street.

That some important development concerning the gas combine was in the air was noticed in business circles during the past three weeks. In that period the stock jumped from \$57 to \$77 a share, and without apparent cause, seeing that the combine was threatened with serious opposition from its new rival, the San Francisco Gas & Electric company. Large purchases of gas stock were recorded on the stock sale lists every day and the unwise publicly marveled greatly thereat.

BURTON UNDER FIRE AGAIN.

Kansas Senator Accused of Feeling on His Position.

Washington, Aug. 24.—The officials of the departments of justice and interior, who are investigating the Chickasha school warrant cases, last night made public portions of a record unearthed which it is alleged, implicate Senator J. R. Burton of Kansas, with pressing claims before the government, while holding the position of senator in contravention of the law. The Post says: "In all, 26 Chickasha warrants aggregating the sum of \$14,000 have been paid to Burton, or his brother, Seth T. Burton, who it is alleged formed a partnership since March, 1901, when Burton took the oath of office."

Nine Dead at Butte.

Butte, Aug. 24.—Bertha Knuth, aged 19, is dead, making the ninth victim of Sunday night's street car collision. Gerty Shea is not expected to survive her injuries.

PANAMA CANAL MISMANAGEMENT

GUARANTEE OF LIVELY SESSION OF CONGRESS.

Much Money Has Been Squandered on the Canal—Some Think it the Victim of Mismanagement, Others Confident Its Immense Appropriations Are Being Stolen From—Favored Contractors Said to be Beneficiaries of Its Disbursing Officials—Nicaragua People are Active.

Washington, Aug. 24.—Charges are more and more openly made that involve the Panama canal managers and a congressional investigation is considered almost a certainty. Wallace will be a star witness. He knows more about the canal than anybody else. He has not told yet, but there is little doubt that he would tell if he had the opportunity to tell to a friendly audience.

It is insisted that all the money spent on the canal thus far has been wasted and the commission admits it by stopping all excavation in order to turn its attention to sanitation and preparing quarters for workers. Enemies of the canal or enemies of the commission demand to know what assurance there is that the waste of millions will not be multiplied in the future if present methods continue. Between friends who think it is the victim of mismanagement and enemies who want to kill the canal there will be lively times at the coming congressional session.

Determined effort will be made to kill the entire project, to convince congress that the Panama route is a mistake and to move the whole enterprise to Nicaragua. Some in favor of changing to Nicaragua are sincere, others use Nicaragua as an argument for the sake of killing the canal.

Worse things than mismanagement are charged. It is alleged that the canal is being made the national goose for laying golden eggs for favored contractors, that supplies are bought without reference to needs, but with a view to the desires of contractors who furnish them at good profit.

REED WILL SUSTAINED.

Portland, Aug. 24.—The county court today sustained the will of the late Amanda W. Reed, who died at Pasadena, bequeathing \$1,000,000 to the Reed Institute at Portland. The heirs contested on the ground that Mrs. Reed was a resident of California, the laws of which limit the amount of bequests. The court holds she was a resident of Oregon and the estate should be administered here.

MUST HAVE SAGHALIEN AND LIBERAL REIMBURSEMENT

Public Opinion in Japan Will Not Tolerate Modification of the Original Demands Made at Portsmouth.

Russia Never, Never Will.

London, Aug. 24.—A Reuter telegram from St. Petersburg says Count Lamsdorff has authorized the statement that Russia under no circumstances will pay indemnity, directly or indirectly, nor make any concessions of territory whatever. "This decision is absolutely final. It is not a question of amount, Russia adhering to the principle. This is not a war in which she can consent to indemnity. It would be contrary to the national interests of Russia, and would be entirely out of accord with the present military position of the adversaries. The foreign office will make a statement tomorrow concerning the visit of Meyer. The impression prevails the conference with the czar has left the Portsmouth crisis unsolved."

Meyer's Reports to Roosevelt. Washington, Aug. 24.—Ambassador Meyer's report of a three-hour conference with the czar has been forwarded to the president. The department this morning authorized the following: "Meyer has been acting under instructions direct from the president in the manipulation of the St. Petersburg end of an effort to bring about peace at the Portsmouth conference."

St. Petersburg is Hopeful. St. Petersburg, Aug. 24.—The foreign office announces the outlook for peace brighter. Meyer is making daily visits to consult the czar.

Repulsed the Japanese. St. Petersburg, Aug. 24.—Linevitch reports fighting near Rauloun Chou, and repulsed the Japanese after a struggle, and also repulsed attacks at three places.

Twenty-Two Soldiers Killed. St. Petersburg, Aug. 24.—Twenty-two soldiers and one trainman were instantly killed by a wreck on the Siberian railroad today.

SPOKANE BARRED OUT. Refused Admittance to Pacific Coast Baseball League.

Portland, Aug. 23.—Officials of the Pacific Coast Baseball league heard today the application of Spokane for admittance. It was refused. The magnates will this afternoon ratify an agreement between Portland, Seattle, Tacoma and California cities for another three years.

CHICAGO WHEAT MARKET. Quotations From the Greatest Wheat Market in the United States.

Chicago, Aug. 24.—September wheat closed at 80 1-8 today; corn at 54 3-4, and oats at 26 7-8.

LA GRANDE WAREHOUSE CONFLAGRATION

La Grande, Ore., Aug. 24.—(Special to the East Oregonian.)—As the result of an early morning fire here today property to the value of \$15,000 was destroyed, and the fire department was kept busy for two hours before the flames could be brought under control.

The fire started about 5 o'clock this morning in a large frame warehouse owned by A. V. Oliver & Co., situated near the railroad track, and the building, with practically all of its contents, was destroyed. The building was valued at \$6000, and was insured for but half that amount. From the wooden warehouse the fire spread to two large corrugated iron warehouses nearby, and both were destroyed with their contents. In one of these were two cars of cement and one of lime that had just been unloaded from the cars. Three box cars loaded with sugar, which were standing on a sidetrack, were also completely destroyed with their freight. One of the carsloads belonged to the Sugar Beet factory of La Grande, while Mason, Ehrman & Co., and Allen & Lewis of Portland, each owned one of the other two. All three of the warehouses were large buildings, and had there been a wind blowing it would have been difficult to have prevented it spreading over a considerable portion of the city. As to how the fire became started is not now known, but it is thought to have been set by incendiaries, or by a passing locomotive.

NEW STREET CAR SYSTEM.

Rails and Ties Arrive for Walla Walla Line.

Walla Walla, Aug. 24.—(Special.)—Several carloads of steel rails and ties for the new street railway system of the Walla Walla Valley Traction company will arrive at the W. & C. R. freight depot Friday.

The shipment was made yesterday by President I. W. Anderson, who has been in Seattle the past week closing contracts for a large supply of rails and ties, enough to complete the system within the business districts.

That actual construction work on Walla Walla's new car system will be commenced before August comes to a close was authoritatively announced today by an official of the company.

YELLOW FEVER IN MICHIGAN.

Twelve New Cases Reported in New Orleans.

New Orleans, August 24.—At noon 12 new cases and three deaths were reported.

Yellow Fever in Michigan. Detroit, Mich., Aug. 24.—Yellow fever has been discovered in Ottawa county, near Grand Rapids. Godfrey Limburg, a lineman who left New Orleans a week ago, is the patient.

MANY COMPETITORS.

Nearly Seven Hundred Reported on the Firing Line.

Sea Girt, N. J., Aug. 24.—Six hundred and fifty-seven competitors reported at the firing line at the military shooting tournament today. The conditions required the entry of at least 30. No one expected such large interest.

Not Afraid of Open Trail.

Portland, Aug. 24.—Contrary to the example of Dr. Charles M. Sheldon of Toronto, and Dr. Josiah Strong of New York, who refused to conduct religious exercises at the fair while the Trail was open on Sunday, Dr. A. S. Draper of New York has consented to preach in the auditorium next Sunday. This will be the first religious service on the grounds since the opening of the Trail on Sundays.

PENDLETON JAPS WANT MORE WAR

LOCAL COLONY WATCHING PORTSMOUTH CONFERENCE.

Pendleton Japanese say that Japan will gain more by whipping Russia to a finish than by submitting to a compromise treaty—Celebration in Progress at Garden Street Mission as the Prospects for Peace Become more Dubious.

The Pendleton Japanese colony, consisting of about 25 people is in hopes that the peace negotiations will be called off and that the Japanese army in Manchuria will attack Linevitch at once, and because the prospects of peace are growing more doubtful every day, a celebration has been in progress at the Japanese mission on Garden street for three days. The members of the Pendleton colony think the Japanese government will secure better results by whipping Russia to a finish, than by suspending the war and making a compromise peace treaty. They argue that the war is about over and that one more bold stroke in Manchuria will bring full fledged victory to the army.

For this reason they hope that the negotiations will be broken off at Portsmouth and that activity will again be seen at front. For three successive nights, as the peace prospects have grown more doubtful, banquets and speeches have been the order at the Japanese home and as the prospects become more dubious, the celebration will become more enthusiastic.

The dispatches in the East Oregonian concerning the peace negotiations are eagerly read every evening after the Japanese section hands finish their day's work and thus the finger of the local colony is kept closely upon the pulse of the situation.

Mrs. Hanna Very Ill. Cleveland, O., Aug. 24.—Mrs. Hanna, widow of the senator, has been very ill at Bar Harbor, Me., but is reported better.

SIDE ISSUES OF IRRIGATION

Immigration and Colonization Discussed as Affecting Reclamation Projects.

ADDRESS WAS MADE ON IRRIGATION IN INDIA.

The Irrigation Congress will be entertained tonight by Portland's Various Commercial Bodies—A Paper by James J. Hill was Read in Which He Inveighs Against the Opportunities Afforded by the Present Land Laws for Swindling, and He Denounces the Lumber and Cattle Barons' Avariciousness.

Portland, Aug. 24.—Immigration, colonization and their relation to the irrigation development of the west is the issue of the closing of the general meeting of the National Irrigation congress today.

Address, "Irrigation in India," by William E. Curtis.

Reports of committees will be followed by the election of officers and reports of the chairmen of sections.

Tonight the delegates will be given a reception by the commercial clubs.

A paper by James J. Hill, who was prevented by his wife's illness from attending, was read, in which the lumber and cattle barons were denounced and declared congress should amend the land laws, "now employed solely to increase the holdings of dishonest men." He cited land fraud exposures showing the result of present laws.

Next Meet at Boise. Portland, 5:20 p. m.—(Special.)—Boise is chosen as the place for the next meeting of the irrigation congress.

WILL ASSESS SHEEP.

Of 125,000 Head, Cheilan Has But 376 Listed.

Wenatchee, Wash., Aug. 24.—The records of the county assessor have been gone over to increase the valuation of property, and the pages reveal the fact that the sheep industry needs looking into also.

It is a matter of record that taxes are paid on but 376 head of sheep, while it is estimated that fully 125,000 head are grazed in the county more than six months of the year. At this writing the foothills of the Cascades are fairly alive with sheep. It is but fair and just that Cheilan county should have at the very least taxes on half this number. The sheep are taxed at an average of \$2 each and the county tax last year was approximately 35 mills. At this rate \$4,375 should have been paid into the county treasury from this source.

The county officials say this matter shall have their attention.

Taft Party at Taclohan.

Taclohan, Aug. 24.—Taft and party were received here at 10 this morning and were taken to ride on the coast guard cutters. Governor Curry of Samar, introduced a delegation of 500 native children from his province.

Murder and Suicide.

Norfolk, Va., Aug. 24.—Captain E. W. Jones aged 29, of the Virginia National Guard, this afternoon murdered Maud Robinson, aged 23 almost severing her head. He used the same razor to cut his own throat from ear to ear. Jealousy.

Family was Killed.

Bakersfield, Calif., Aug. 24.—The entire family of A. M. McRae was killed by a dynamite explosion at a mine in Tollgate canyon, Amalle district, this morning.

Old Man Hanged Himself.

Sacramento, Aug. 24.—S. J. Jackson, aged 73, a prominent merchant and pioneer, hanged himself in the basement of his store this morning. No cause is assigned.

Will Review Hoch Case.

Chicago, Aug. 24.—The supreme court today granted a writ of supercedas for the Hoch case to be reviewed by the supreme court. A decision will not be reached before October.