

### SEWELL LEAVES CITY COUNCIL

#### Not Probable That Either of the Two Vacancies Will Be Filled by Appointment.

#### APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE IS HELD UP.

#### Applicant Wishes to Open a Saloon on Cottonwood Street, Opposite the City Jail—Petition Filed for Three Hundred Feet of Sidewalk on Madison Street—Council Authorizes the Mayor to Appoint a Registry Clerk, Salary to Be Fixed by the Mayor—Reassignment of Committees Made Necessary by Resignations.

For the first time in several weeks a quorum of the city council was present last evening, and a regular meeting held. Consequently considerable work was done.

The resignation of W. J. Sewell as a member of the council was the most startling matter presented at the meeting, and the same was at once accepted by the other members of that body. No reason was given by Mr. Sewell for his action, and this morning he stated that he had none to give other than that he was tired of the job.

With the two vacancies caused by the resignations of Messrs. Sewell and Wells there are now but six members of the council left. As to appointing new men to fill these positions, Mayor Matlock stated last night that he disliked to take such action in view of the fact that the term is now almost expired. However, he said that should resignations continue to pour in he would have to make some appointments. The terms of both Sewell and Wells would have expired on December 31, had they not resigned.

#### Application for License Held Up.

For once within the life of the present council an application for a liquor license has been held up for investigation. With the list of applicants last evening was Lindsey & Co., who desire to establish a saloon on Cottonwood street, opposite the city jail, where the Gurdane pawnshop was formerly located. For reasons that are obvious this application was refused by the council. However, at the recommendation of the mayor the matter was reconsidered, and an investigation will be made before the matter is finally decided upon.

Liquor licenses were granted last evening to Morgan & Bogart, Russell & Co., J. P. Medernach and Paul Hemmelgarn.

A petition from the owners of property on the west side of Madison street, between Jackson and Washington, asking for a 300-foot sidewalk, was read and referred to the street committee.

The salary list of the city officials and employes for the month of August was read and ordered paid.

#### Authorize a Registry Clerk.

At the recommendation of Recorder Fitz Gerald a registry clerk will be appointed to act during the 30 days in which voters may register for the coming city election. The appointment of the clerk and the salary to be paid was left with the mayor, who will select a party for the place between now and September 4, at which time registering is to commence.

Owing to the resignations of Messrs. Sewell and Wells quite a number of vacancies have occurred on the various council committees. To fill these the mayor made the following appointments: License, Renn and Murphy; finance, Swearingin; sewer, Ferguson; fire, Murphy and Renn.

The report of the city treasurer for

the month of July was read last evening and showed the state of the city's finances on August 1 to have been: General fund, \$11,199.15; called warrant fund, \$14.37; levee sinking fund, \$3882.89; general sinking fund, \$1,659.18; total in treasury, \$16,775.62.

Hereafter the council will commence its meetings at 7:30 instead of at 8 o'clock, as has been done during the past few months.

### BIG DAM IN MONTANA.

#### Missouri River Will Be Dammed at a Cost of \$1,500,000.

Helena, Mont., Aug. 30.—The Helena Power Transmission company today awarded the first of a series of contracts aggregating \$1,500,000 for the building of a dam across the Missouri river 12 miles from here, to the Wisconsin Bridge company of Milwaukee, in competition with the leading steel concerns of the country.

The steel dam is to be completed by May 1 next, and it is expected that the company will begin the transmission of electric power to Helena, Butte and Anaconda within 10 months. About 20,000 horse power will be developed, and this will be utilized chiefly in the amalgamated smelters at Anaconda and in mining points and between there and Helena, as well as for lighting and street car purposes in the cities mentioned. The entire product of the present dam is used in the Helena smelters and Butte mines.

### Will Demand Indemnity.

Paris, Aug. 31.—It is announced the government is to demand an apology and indemnity from Morocco for the imprisonment of her Algerian subject, Bouzain. Bouzain's release does not satisfy Rouvier.

## RURAL SCHOOLS ARE DISCUSSED

#### FOLLOW TEXT GIVEN BY ACKERMAN'S ADDRESS.

#### The Discussion, Participated in by Leading Educators from All Over the United States, Was Led by United States Commissioner of Education Harris—Prof. McLean of the Idaho State University, Informs the Convention of Idaho's Progress in Educational Affairs.

Portland, Aug. 31.—The problems of the rural schools were the chief topics for discussion at today's session of the National Educational congress following an address upon those subjects by J. P. Ackerman, superintendent of public instruction of Oregon.

The discussion was led by United States Commissioner of Education Harris, in whose honor a reception will be given at the exposition tonight.

"The Educational Situation in Idaho," was the subject of an address by Prof. McLean of the University of Idaho.

### CHICAGO WHEAT MARKET.

#### Quotations From the Greatest Wheat Market in the United States.

Chicago, Aug. 31.—September wheat closed today at 78 7-8; corn at 53 1-2, and oats at 25 1-2.

Fifty-seven cents is now the price for club wheat in the local market, a drop of one cent having taken place yesterday. Bluestem is now quoted at 60 cents. While some selling is being done every day, the market is regarded as slow in spite of the fact that the price is tending downward.

### DANGEROUS FOREST FIRES.

#### Have Reached the Summit of San Bernardino Mountains.

San Bernardino, Aug. 31.—The forest fire which started Tuesday is sweeping up Cable canyon, San Bernardino mountains. Reinforcements of fire fighters are hurrying to the scene. The fire reached the big timber on the summit today. Fire fighters have been without sleep for several days, and are exhausted. There is danger of the fire spreading over the entire western range.

### Confessed to Murder.

Great Falls, Mont., Aug. 31.—Joseph Frisco, under arrest for grand larceny, has confessed to killing Harry Protter, in Flathead county in 1901, following a saloon brawl.

### PROFESSOR BALDWIN BLOWN IN PIECES.

Greenville, O., Aug. 31.—While Professor Baldwin, the aeronaut, was making an ascension at the fair grounds this afternoon, an explosion of dynamite occurred and Baldwin was blown to pieces.

## WILL BE MADE PUBLIC WHEN RATIFIED BY THE EMPERORS

#### An Element of Doubt Enshrouds the Permanent Fate of the Treaty, Until Czar and Mikado Are Heard From.

#### The Japanese Fiscal Agent at London Declares That Japan Does Not Need Indemnity, and Does Not Need a New Loan, and Could Have Raised Much More Money at Home Had the War Continued—Roosevelt Congratulated by King Edward and Kaiser Wilhelm—Implacable Russian Newspaper Declares That Russia Will Only Wait for Future Opportunity to "Do" Japan—High Russian Official Declares, Russia Was in Sore Straits Because of the Japanese and Internal Trouble, and That Peace Was Most Welcome.

Portsmouth, Aug. 31.—At noon the issue of peace or war is still hanging in the balance, not a word having been received from either St. Petersburg or Tokio. It is officially announced from Japanese headquarters the full peace treaty will not be made public until ratified by both the emperors.

Takahira, who has been confined to his bed since Tuesday as a result of the strain of the last few weeks, is reported much improved this afternoon.

### Doesn't Need Indemnity.

London, Aug. 31.—Takahashi, the Japanese financial agent, says Japan did not need any indemnity and says at the present moment she has \$175,000,000 untouched in London, Germany and America. He says there is no necessity for a new loan, and that Japan has intended to make an international loan of \$100,000,000 if the war had continued.

### The Pope is Rejoiced.

Rome, Aug. 31.—The pope, when informed of the conclusion of peace in the far east immediately arose and exclaimed, "This is the happiest news of my life. Thank God for President Roosevelt's courage!"

### From Edward and William.

Oyster Bay, Aug. 31.—The following cablegrams bearing congratulations were received by the president: "Marienbad, Aug. 30.—To the President: Let me be one of the first to congratulate you on the successful issue of the peace conference, to which you so greatly contributed, (signed) Edward, R. I." "Berlin, Aug. 28.—To President Roosevelt: Just received a cable from America announcing the agreement of the peace conference on the preliminaries of peace. I am overjoyed to express my sincere congratulations at the great success due to your untiring efforts. The whole of mankind must unite and will do so in thanking you for the great boon you have given it. (signed) William, I. R."

### Russia Will Lie on Her Arms.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 31.—A sensation was created here today by an article in the Novoe Vremya written by Editor Couvorin, declaring that Russia has accepted the peace terms only as a temporary measure. He says she will take a rest and then "travel again."

### The Novoe Vremya also editorially attacks President Roosevelt, while Prince Oubtkomsky in the Svet, praises him.

### Russia Needed Peace Badly.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 31.—One of the highest officials in Russia today said: "This talk about peace being deplored in influential Russian circles is nonsense. Peace has come at the most opportune time, when we were nearing the end of our resources, and, as is well known at court, when Lincovitch's position is helpless. Russia needs every penny she can get to restore her financial balance. The outside world has no idea how terrible the strain of war has been upon the Russian exchequer." "Agrarian disorders are assuming

### PROTEST TO PRESIDENT.

#### Rice Growers of the South Want Special Legislation.

Oyster Bay, Aug. 31.—C. C. Dussan of Crowley, La., a representative of the Texas and Louisiana Millers' association has presented the president with a statement from his association regarding the rice interests of the south. The association controls fifty-two rice mills in various parts of the south.

Their business has been seriously affected by the operation of the present reciprocity treaty between the United States and Cuba.

Mr. Dussan says that since the treaty went into force, Great Britain's trade with Cuba has increased 30 per cent; Germany's trade 28 per cent, and Spain's trade with Cuba has increased 22 per cent. American trade, he said, has suffered almost correspondingly, notwithstanding the fact that his country afforded a market for 80 per cent of Cuba's exports.

The statement which Mr. Dussan presented to the president urges that when the reciprocity treaty should come up for consideration two years hence, it be amended so as to protect the rice interests of this country.

### INQUISITIVE GERMANS.

#### Caught Spying on Fortifications at Esquimalt.

Victoria, B. C., Aug. 31.—German sailors from the warship Falke, now here, were discovered in the naval yard at Esquimalt examining the fortifications. A detachment of marines have mounted guard in the yard and will remain until the inquisitive Germans are gone. German sailors were also ordered out of the canteen grounds at Esquimalt.

## O. R. & N. VALUES RAISED IN BAKER

#### ASSESSMENT RAISED FROM \$5500 TO \$10,000 PER MILE.

#### Board of Equalization Backed up by the Assessor and the Citizens' League Decided to Make a Radical Change in Values—Assessor Fleetwood has been Studying Values—Company is Expected to put up a Stubborn Fight Against the Raise.

Aug. 31. (special)—Inspired by the success of Assessor C. P. Strain of Umatilla county, in raising railroad assessments in his county, the board of equalization of Baker county at its session yesterday raised the assessment of the O. R. & N. company from \$5500 to \$10,000 per mile. The action was unanimous on part of the board and was done at the recommendation of Assessor Fleetwood, who has made a study of the assessment question with regard to railroad property within the past year.

The citizen's league of Baker county has also been studying the question of assessment and taxation and presented a petition to the board of equalization, asking for a raise in the assessment of the railroad property, inasmuch as it was assessed lower in proportion than other classes of property.

It is fully expected that the company will make the same stubborn fight against the assessment as has been made in Umatilla county but public sentiment is strong enough to warrant the board of equalization in making the raise.

### THEY JOLLIED MRS. TAGGART.

#### She Continues to Deny That She Smoked Cigarettes.

Wooster, O., Aug. 31.—In the cross-examination of Mrs. Taggart this morning, she said extravagant compliments were paid to her by General Miner at his dinner party he made her. She said: "The general's compliments on my personal appearance and beauty, my gown, were only jollying, but I couldn't help being embarrassed. On my way home the captain said, 'My, but the general must have shot hot air into you!' My husband is more of a jollier than Miner." Mrs. Taggart again denied she smoked cigarettes. Fortesque previously testified he saw her smoking, but hastened to add it was the custom of ladies to smoke after dinner. Mrs. Taggart says only people from the cities smoked.

## BOARD OF TRADE MAY BE RAIDED

#### Chicago Business Center Has Great Possibilities in the Way of Sensation.

#### REMARKABLE CLIMAX TO ANTI-GAMBLING CRUSADE.

#### Chief of Police Collins Notifies the Gamblers in Business Chances That a Resumption of "Puts" and "Calls" Operations Will Result in the Same Drastic Procedure That Has Made Unpopular Pool Rooms and Gambling House Operating as Such, Without the Sanction of Ordinary Business Usages.

Chicago, Aug. 31.—As a result of yesterday's board of trade vote to trade in puts and calls, Chief of Police Collins says if illegal trading is done he will take steps to prevent it, even if he has to raid the board.

John Hill, of the market report committee, is in conference with Collins today. Hill says it is the duty of the police to raid and stop such proceedings, "the same as other pool rooms and gambling houses."

### JAPANESE CELEBRATE PEACE.

#### Banner of Rising Sun Floats Over Portland.

Portland, Aug. 31.—The Japanese of the northwest are today celebrating the birthday of the crown prince in the grandest peace jubilee ever held on the coast. Thousands of Japanese have gathered in the exposition grounds, where the banner of the rising sun floats over all the buildings. The exercises this afternoon will be in festival hall.

### NEW WAGE SCALE SIGNED.

#### Operators and Miners Come to an Agreement.

Helena, Aug. 31.—The coal operators and miners of Montana and Wyoming after a three days session reached an agreement on a wage scale today. The new scale extends to the first of October, 1906. The wage rate at underground work ranges from \$3.60 for skilled men down to \$3 per day. Outside men get \$4 to \$2.50. Five holidays are named.

### Guards Not Reinstated.

Walla Walla, Aug. 31.—After a personal investigation of the situation at the Washington penitentiary, Governor Mead today declared that none of the prison guards dismissed for alleged fraudulent voting in the Walla Walla city election, would be reinstated as requested. Nine employees of the penitentiary were dismissed but the citizens petitioned for reinstatement. The governor made a personal investigation and finds that there is no grounds for reinstatement.

### Suit on a Loan.

Suit has been commenced here by Alexander Cairns against Sadie Rust to collect the sum of \$110 which the plaintiff alleges he loaned the defendant between June 1 and September 1, 1904, and which she has since failed to repay.

### O. R. & N. Yard Changes.

Charles Hamilton of the O. R. & N. yard crew has returned to work after a vacation of several months and J. R. Reese, who has been in his place leaves tonight for La Grande to take a position as brakeman on the main line.

### Murder and Suicide.

Pueblo, Col., Aug. 31.—Mrs. E. D. Harter, wife of a wealthy real estate man, chloroformed her 5-year-old son, then tied the corpse to her own body and jumped into the Bessemer irrigation ditch, drowning. The action is puzzling upon any other grounds than a sudden and wholly unaccountable mania.