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WEATHER FORECAST.

Fair and warmer tonight; Saturday increasing cloudiness.

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## BOATS ABOVE THE PORTAGE

### Definite Announcements Regarding the Schedule Will Be Made Public Soon.

#### ARRANGEMENTS MAKING BY OPEN RIVER ASSOCIATION.

Two Traffic Steamers Already Commissioned and a Third Will Be, All the Property of Private Individuals, and Competition is Open—Grain Carrying Expected to Be the Greater Part of the Business, But All Will Carry General Freight and Also Passengers—Railroad Wheat Tariff Has Already Been Reduced 40 Cents Per Ton in Readiness.

"Arrangements are now being made by the Open River association to secure boats to handle the traffic of the Columbia river above Celilo, and a definite announcement regarding the schedule will be made within a very short time," said J. N. Teal, of the East Oregonian this morning. Mr. Teal, who is attorney for the Open River association, arrived here this morning and has been attending to business matters during the day.

According to Mr. Teal three boats will probably be put on the run above the portage. Of these one is a small steamer and is owned by Messrs. Smith & Mariner, officers of the association. It is intended for this boat to operate between Arlington and the portage, on which run there is thought to be sufficient business to keep it busy.

Another steamer that will likely be placed on the run is the Jerome, which is now at Kennewick, Wash. However, definite arrangements have not yet been made regarding this boat. Concerning the third steamer Mr. Teal declined to speak, as it has not yet been secured for sure.

The above boats are to be run independently by their respective owners, according to Mr. Teal, and will not be operated in the name of the Open River association. However, the general arrangements are being made with people owning boats on the lower river whereby the freight to the portage by the upper river boats will be handled by those below.

While most of the business at first will necessarily consist of the carrying of wheat, the boats will all be fitted to accommodate passenger business also, and what traffic of that nature appears will be cared for.

As to the rate to be charged for wheat and other classes or freight no schedule has yet been arranged. However, there is to be a charge of 25 cents per ton on wheat that is carried over the portage, and Mr. Teal says that the through rate by water to Portland will be such as to come under the railroad rate now in force. The latter was lowered 40 cents per ton a short time ago, presumably to meet the boat competition.

In the opinion of Mr. Teal, who has given considerable attention to the matter of transportation along the Columbia, there will soon be a number of short railway lines running to the river from various places in Washington and Oregon. These, he holds to be needed in order to carry the wheat from inland sections to the river without relying upon the larger railroad companies. He believes that a line running from the Horse Heaven country to the Columbia would be a success and will be built some day.

### KILLED HIS BROTHER.

#### Urges Reasons Why It Was Necessary to Take His Life.

Butte, Mont., Sept. 1.—John Cobbell, a half-breed Blackfoot Indian, has been brought in by officers, charged with murdering his brother, Thomas, at Cut Bank. Cobbell declares he killed his brother to save his family from being annihilated, as Thomas was crazed by liquor and ran amuck, attempting to shoot the whole family.

### Soldiers Have the Fever.

Jackson, Miss., Sept. 1.—Privates Murray and Schaly of the National Guard, who have been performing quarantine guard service have got yellow fever. They are the first soldiers on the coast to contract the disease.

## STEAMBOAT MEN STRIKE.

### Result in Heavy Loss to Snake River Fruitgrowers.

Riparia, Sept. 1.—For the first time in many years steamboat service on the Snake river between this point and Lewiston has been suspended during the summer season. Last night the steamer Mountain Gem, which has been in service under lease by the O. R. & N. since that company's boats were taken off the river several weeks ago, on account of low water, was tied up in response to advices from the O. R. & N. offices at Portland.

The primary cause of the laying up of the boat was a strike of the deck hands, who complained on account of the nature of the work, which required much work in the water with a tow line. When the boat reached here yesterday the men struck and Captain Gray sent word to Portland for a new crew. As a result of this development, and the report of the captain regarding the river, the company decided to take the boat out of service.

Heavy losses will result to some of the fruit farms between this point and Lewiston, as the only means of removing the crop has been lost. It is reported that the LaFollette and Kelly farms still have a large quantity of fruit ready for shipment.

The situation relative to labor on the construction of the Lewiston-Riparia road remains unchanged. It is impossible to secure the force of men desired by the contractors. At two camps, one located a mile and the other three miles above Riparia, small forces are at work, and at this point about 15 men are engaged in framing timbers for the bridge that will be constructed over the slough here.

### Seven Men Killed.

McKeesport, Pa., Sept. 1.—A fly-wheel in the National Tube works burst this afternoon. Seven men were killed and 10 injured. Loss, \$150,000.

## NORWAY WILL BE A REPUBLIC

### PREDICTION MADE BY MEMBER OF RIKSDAG.

### He Discloses the Operation of Gross Fraud in the Taking of the Referendum Vote Which Resulted in the Announcement That Norwegian Public Opinion "Unanimously" Endorsed the Separation from Sweden—The Secession has Been a Hard Blow to King Oscar of Sweden.

Chicago, Sept. 1.—Dr. C. Waldenstrom, one of the leading figures in Swedish politics, close friend of King Oscar, member of the Riksdag for 29 years and a leader in a religious reform in Scandinavian countries, reached Chicago yesterday for a brief stay. In an interview Dr. Waldenstrom asserted that Norway is drifting with apparent certainty toward the formation of a republic. While Norway, he declared, may yet get a king, his personal view was that the republicans as against the friends of the monarchial idea are gaining ground.

Dr. Waldenstrom said the Swedish Norwegian government will today begin further negotiations. The Norwegian Storting is expected to assemble within a few weeks.

Asked if Sweden accepted in good faith the recent referendum vote in Norway for dissolution, Dr. Waldenstrom replied that the vote did not properly express the views of the Norwegian people as a whole. He then disclosed an alleged trick by which, he hinted, the tremendous affirmative vote was obtained.

"The ballots used at the polls all were marked 'yes' and no one was expected to vote 'no' in any event," said the doctor. "The only way a negative vote could be cast was by writing on a special ballot. In addition, the men in charge of the election showed a strong antipathy to any one's casting a negative ballot, and persecution, or what amounted to it, followed him who flew in the face of the influence behind the referendum."

"Dr. Waldenstrom said the action of Norway had been a hard blow to King Oscar, who, he declared, had aged rapidly in the past few months.

## POSSIBILITY OF BATTLE FOLLOWING ARMISTICE

### Anomalous Situation is Presented of an Armistice Not Taking Effect Until the Treaty of Peace is Signed Up.

### Russians Greatly Displeased Over the Turn of Affairs, While the Japanese Are Complacent—Effect of the "Armistice" is Virtually That There is None, and Throws All the Responsibility Upon the Commanders in the Field Until the Czar and Mikado Have Signed the Treaty—Politicians at Washington Figure Out That Roosevelt May Be Compelled to Succeed Himself as His Party's Nominee in 1908—The Mikado Approves of the Terms of Peace.

Portsmouth, Sept. 1.—The armistice signed here cannot be transmitted to Tokio because neither of the cables is working. Since the Tokio government must communicate to Oyama it is possible that history may repeat itself and a battle be fought after an armistice.

### Armistice Immediately.

Portsmouth, Sept. 1.—The proclamation of armistice was signed at noon and will go into effect immediately, being drawn up by the envoys at the Hotel Wentworth without the special formality of meeting at the navy yard. It will at once be cabled to Oyama and Linnvitch.

The president has declined the invitation to attend the signing of the treaty and accompany the party into the White Mountains. It is expected the treaty will be signed Tuesday. There will be no demonstration, but a simple affair, and will take place in the conference room at the navy yard.

### Ovation for Roosevelt.

Washington, Sept. 1.—A movement is on foot to tender Roosevelt a great ovation upon his return to Washington on account of the triumph of securing peace.

### The Mikado Approves.

Portsmouth, Sept. 1.—Formal announcement was made this morning of a message received from the Emperor of Japan, giving his approval to the peace terms and agreeing to an armistice. A difference of opinion has developed here as to the method of arranging the armistice. The Russians desired to have all details left to the commanders in the field. The Japanese wanted the matter concluded here.

It was decided the envoys will tomorrow sign the protocol of Tuesday's meeting and read over the completed first draft of the treaty.

### Teddy's New Boom.

Washington, Sept. 1.—Official circles are discussing the relation of the president's achievements in the direction of peace have to the presidential candidacies of the next election. One high official and trained political observer says:

"The American people will have an awful hard time to keep from nominating and re-electing Roosevelt in 1908. The stock of all candidates has dropped since peace was declared. Many others share this belief.

The Russians desired that the truce should go into effect immediately; the Japanese desired it should not become operative until after the formal treaty of peace was signed. The Russians finally yielded, and the anomalous situation is presented that an agree-

ment has been entered into to quit fighting, but it will not go into effect until the actual peace treaty is signed.

The Russians are plainly displeased at the stand taken by the Japanese. One declared afterward, "It is a ridiculous contention, but we were forced to yield."

The explanation of the Japanese demand that the armistice should not be effective until after the treaty is signed is that it limited the armistice, which prevents actual hostilities, but holds the armies ready for immediate resumption of hostilities. Safe made the official announcement confirming the statement that it would not go into effect until after the treaty is signed.

### Expert Penman Summoned.

Washington, Sept. 1.—Edward B. Rues, expert penman of the state department, has been ordered to Portsmouth to make the permanent drafts of the Russo-Japanese treaty.

### International Lawyers Meet.

Portsmouth, Sept. 1.—Treaty Framers Dennison and Martens, met this afternoon to hold their third conference. They expect to complete the first draft of the peace treaty today.

### CROSS EXAMINATION ENDED.

### Her Letters Contradicted Mrs. Taggart's Testimony.

Wooster, O., Sept. 1.—The cross-examination of Mrs. Taggart ended at noon today. This morning more letters from her to the captain were introduced to contradict her allegation that love for her husband died after the incidents at Fort Leavenworth and Manila. The letters were written after their return from the Philippines. All are extremely affectionate. Mrs. Taggart said: "I was just trying to make him believe I still loved him."

### WAGE SCALE SIGNED.

### Agreement for a Year in the States of Montana and Wyoming.

Butte, Sept. 1.—The United Mine-workers for the district embracing Montana and Wyoming, in conference with the mineowners at Helena, Mont., have agreed to maintain the prevailing scale of wages during another year.

### CHICAGO WHEAT MARKET.

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

Chicago, Sept. 1.—Wheat closed at 79 1-4, corn at 52 1-8 and oats at 25 1-2.

## CONTRACT LET FOR WOODCRAFT TEMPLE

Mrs. C. C. Van Orsdal, grand guardian of the Women of Woodcraft, who is one of a committee of four having charge of the details of the erection of the new building for the Order, in Portland, informs the East Oregonian that all the principal contracts for construction have been let, the aggregate amount of the contracts let being something over \$36,000.

Minor contracts for details will, it is estimated, aggregate between \$5000 and \$6000. The foundation is completed, and the super-structure will be commenced this week. The contracts provide for the completion of the building by January 1.

"We have been fortunate," said Mrs. Van Orsdal, "in building in the dull season, when contractors are

eager for work, and bid at bottom prices. We thus saved from 10 to 15 per cent in cost, without detracting from quality.

"Everything in all departments of the order are moving off satisfactorily. We are carrying the largest bank balances in our history, and the largest per capita assets. The Women of Woodcraft, the business of which is now centered in Oregon, is one of the most stable and biggest institutions in the northwest.

"The prospects for a big growth between now and January 1 are fine. We will approach our ninth birthday with between 50,000 and 60,000 members, a magnificent and valuable headquarters property, and a marvelous record for our short period of existence."

## CHOLERA IN GERMANY.

### Probable That Many Cases Have Not Been Reported.

Berlin, Sept. 1.—Fourteen new cases of cholera were reported today in various parts of Prussia. It has spread gradually, and probably many new cases have not been reported. There has been one death at Marienwerder. No new cases are reported at Hamburg today. The health authorities here say there is no reason for American fears.

### No Fear at Washington.

Washington, Sept. 1.—The health authorities say they do not fear the importation of cholera because German officials have been well able to control such epidemics. The marine hospital authorities say cholera is easily controlled.

### CANAL ENGINEERS MEET.

### Conclusions Will Be Recommendations Only.

Washington, Sept. 1.—Eminent engineers of Europe and America meet today at the call of the president to make investigations and recommendations as to type of canal across the Isthmus. Chairman Shonts greeted the members. The recommendations will not be final, but will be referred to the canal commission. Final conclusion will be made by the president and congress.

### Addresses on Education.

Portland, Sept. 1.—The technical and industrial education problem was discussed at the National Educational congress today. Addresses on "Higher Agricultural Education," by President E. A. Bryan, of the Washington Agricultural college, and "Education in Reference to Our Future Development," by Howard A. Rogers, of New York.

### First Death at Pensacola.

Pensacola, Fla., Sept. 1.—The first death from yellow fever here occurred today. William J. Abell succumbed. No new cases.

## STUBBLE FIRE ON SOUTH HILL

### DESTROYS BLINKY JIM WILLIAMS' DWELLING.

### Much Property Was Jeopardized, Including the Colesworthy Residence and the Entire South Side Was Filled With Apprehension for Some Time—Some Fencing Was Destroyed, and Strenuous Work by the Residents of That Neighborhood Saved Much Property.

Considerable alarm, though little damage, was caused this forenoon by a fire on the hillside at the south end of Main street. As a result of the blaze the cabin of "Blinky Jim" Williams was destroyed and several acres of stubble and grass burned.

The fire was started during the latter part of the forenoon from a bonfire made by the Chinaman employed at the home of J. R. Dickson. Some papers were being burned by the servant, and the fire evidently got beyond his control. The blaze quickly spread to the dry grass and stubble and in a short time had covered quite an area. The Williams cabin, which is on Mr. Dickson's property, was fired and destroyed. While it was burning it made quite a blaze, and from lower Main street it looked as though the fire might prove serious.

However, no building of any kind, aside from the cabin, was caught in the fire, though for a while the Colesworthy residence on the east side of Main street, was in considerable danger from the fire in the stubble. While the fire was going the residents of that portion of town were very uneasy lest some of the dwelling houses should catch fire and a general blaze result. All who could, worked at fighting the fire in the stubble, and after some time it was extinguished. Some fence was also burned.

Had the fire been allowed to burn in the stubble and extend over the hill considerable stacked wheat would probably have been burned. As it was, the loss consists of the cabin and effects of "Blinky Jim," the burned fence and grass. No alarm was turned during the fire, though many of the women of the neighborhood wished to have such done.

## MANUFACTURING DISTRICT AFIRE

### Conflagration Rages Along the Water Front, Among Portland's Lumber Mills.

#### SEVERAL GREAT FIRMS SUFFER EXTENSIVELY.

### Estimated Loss at 3 O'clock This Afternoon Had Reached \$250,000—Fire Started on East Side of the Willamette River and Was Blown Across the River by a Heavy Wind—The Entire Fire Department, Land and River, Was Out at 1 O'clock—Docks, Lumber and Planing Mills and Immense Lumber Stocks Destroyed in the Conflagration.

Portland, Sept. 1.—Fire rages in the manufacturing district along the water front. It has destroyed the lumber mills of the St. Johns Lumber company, the Oregon Fir Lumber company and the wood yards of the Peninsular Wood company are partially burned. Loss, \$100,000.

Shortly before noon the Montgomery dock on the east side of the river caught fire, the big warehouses being rapidly consumed. Fanned by a stiff wind the sparks were carried across the Willamette river, setting fire to the Eastern and Western Lumber company's yards and mills. At 1 o'clock the entire department is fighting the flames. The destruction by this fire already exceeds that of the early morning blaze.

### Total Damage \$250,000.

The fire started in the old elevator back of the Pacific Elevator company at noon, and spread to the O. R. & N. Albina dock, burning the trestles, the railway adjacent, and a dozen flat cars and completely consuming the docks and contents, and is not under control at 3 o'clock.

The total damage is \$250,000. The elevator dock loss is \$50,000; O. R. & N. dock loss, \$50,000; contents, \$100,000, mostly of flour and feed stored for shipment.

The fire on the west side is still burning, though under control. The dry kiln of the Western Lumber company was destroyed.

### PROMINENT PIONEER DEAD.

### A. R. Lyle of Cross Keys, Crook County, Dropped Dead in Portland This Morning.

Portland, Sept. 1.—(Special).—A. R. Lyle, a prominent pioneer stockman of Cross Keys, Crook county, dropped dead from heart disease at the Naus pharmacy at 5 o'clock this morning.

He had been suffering from heart trouble for some time and had come here for treatment. Mr. Lyle was a prominent local politician and represented his district twice in the state legislature. He will be taken to his home for burial. He was born at Dallas, Ore., in 1852.

### PAPAL REPRESENTATIVE.

### Will Represent the Vatican at the Mikado's Court.

Boston, Sept. 1.—The Globe this afternoon says it is enabled to state with authority that William H. O'Connell, bishop of Portland, has been appointed by the pope as the papal representative to Japan on an important diplomatic mission from the vatican to the mikado upon the conclusion of peace.

### MAINE FOREST FIRES.

### Are Doing Vast Damage in Aroostock County—Town Destroyed.

Bangor, Me., Sept. 1.—Forest fires in northern Aroostock county threaten to be as bad as two years ago. One town is already wiped out of existence and another threatened. Hundreds of fires are raging.

### Blowhard Arkansas Sawyer.

Memphis, Sept. 1.—Governor Jeff Davis and Attorney General Rogers did not shoot each other last night at Griffithsville, Arkansas, but Rogers, speaking after Davis, said, "Kill you! I can take a corncob with a lightning bug on the end and make you jump into the Arkansas river."