

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

WEATHER FORECAST

Rain. Warmer tonight. Thursday rain.

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DISASTERS IN THE COLONIES

Colon, the Canal Gulf Port, Swept by a Fire Which Did Great Damage.

BUSINESS INTERESTS SUFFER VERY HEAVILY.

Government Loses Postoffice and Administration Building, and the Railroad and Canal Lose Much Property—The Shipping Escapes—American Post at Malahi, Philippines, Destroyed by Typhoon, Which Also Destroyed Four Towns in the Interior—A Number of Deaths Are Reported—Extensive Damage to Shipping.

Panama, Sept. 27.—A great fire is raging at Colon. Aid is asked of this city, and a special train with firemen and policemen was dispatched.

Fire Is Extinguished. Colon, Sept. 27.—The fire has been extinguished, but after great damage was done.

The isthmian postoffice, two newspaper offices, the government house, police headquarters, office of the West India Cable company, Armour's establishment, the principal Chinese shops, and 64 houses in Bolivar street were destroyed.

A great amount of international registered mail and parcels was burned in the postoffice, and much railroad and canal property was burned, but the shipping escaped. Governor Magroon has hurried to the scene.

Malahi Post Destroyed. Washington, Sept. 27.—Corbin cables from Manila the storm totally destroyed the post at Malahi. Wires are down and the full extent of the damage is unknown.

Four Towns in Ruins. Manila, Sept. 27.—Reports of the result of the storm are slowly coming in. Four towns in Marequina valley are reported in ruins.

A JAP TEACHES AMERICANS. Reads Extremely Valuable Paper on War Surgery. Detroit, Sept. 27.—Surgeon General Suzuki, of the Japanese navy, read a 10,000-word paper at the convention of military surgeons of the United States.

He told how they treated the wounded in the battles between Japan and Russia. They ordered sailors to don clean clothing immediately before battle, to prevent the infection of wounds, and made each wear disinfected cotton in the ears to protect the drums from concussion.

Five Burned to Death. Fort Dodge, Iowa, Sept. 27.—Five children sleeping in the home of Edward Adams at 8 this morning were cremated. A gasoline explosion caused the fire.

Komura Starts for Home. New York, Sept. 27.—Komura left at 9:30 this morning for Montreal, thence to Vancouver to take a ship to Japan.

Will Sell \$285,000 Bonds. Judge Stewart has reset the hearing on the petition for confirmation of the bond issue, for the Nampa-Meridian irrigation district, for October 27.

THREE BUILDINGS GUTTED. Approximate Loss \$200,000 by the Spokane Fire.

Spokane, Sept. 27.—The heaviest losers by yesterday's fire are the Boothe-McClintock company, wholesale grocers, the Cudahy Packing company, stock, \$40,000; C. H. Weeks, three-story building occupied by Pacific Transfer company, \$25,000; Dr. C. P. Thomas, owner Cudahy building, \$10,000; Robbins, Pratt & Robbins, furniture, \$6,000.

The cause of the fire is unknown. It broke out in the Cudahy building, which was filled with soap and lard, and spread with great rapidity to the Weeks building on the east side. Later the Boothe-McClintock building on the west corner of the block caught fire. The four-story brick building on the east corner, occupied by the Spokane Drug company, was saved by a firewall.

ENGINEER PARALYZED. Was Stricken in His Cab, Between Starbuck and Spokane.

Spokane, Sept. 27.—M. F. Wall, engineer on an O. R. & N. passenger train running from Spokane to Starbuck, though paralyzed in the engine cab, finished the run, Saturday. Following his terrible experience that day, he lies at his home, 815 Mission avenue, partially paralyzed and able to speak only a few words.

Engineer Wall is 44 years of age. He has been running an engine for 20 years, and for the last 15 years has been running a passenger train engine out of this city on the O. R. & N. Few railroad men are better known than he. For a time he had a passenger run between The Dalles and Portland.

WAS HE RESPONSIBLE? Claim That He Was Born With Unbalanced Mind.

Wellsville, Mo., Sept. 27.—Richard Mauchs, formerly of this city, under sentence of death at Merced, Cal., for the murder of his employer, a ranchman, may escape the gallows. Friends and relatives in this county have raised \$2500 to send a representative to California with the facts that Mauchs' mother was insane a short time before her son was born.

Coal Man Murdered. Albuquerque, N. M., Sept. 27.—Andrew Casna, a well known coal operator living near Gallup, was murdered last night by unknown parties.

China Registers a Protest. Asking for What She Did Not Have Courage to Fight for. Washington, Sept. 27.—The Post this morning says: The Chinese government a week or more ago, made a formal protest to the Russian and Japanese governments concerning two of the conditions set forth in the treaty of peace signed at Portsmouth.

FAIR LIMIT HAS BEEN EXTENDED

EXPOSITION WILL NOT BE CLOSED TILL OCTOBER 31. Extraordinary Attendance of Past Two Weeks and Laggard Rain Season Responsible for This Action—Tourist Rush Will Continue Until During November and It is Believed the Fair Attendance Will Justify Keeping Open Two Weeks Longer Than First Proposed.

Because of the excellent attendance now enjoyed by the Lewis and Clark fair, the management has practically decided to extend the limit of the fair to October 31, instead of October 15, as originally intended.

While the rainy season is due in Portland, yet the weather has been pleasant and the attendance at the fair has been extraordinary during the past two weeks.

SELLING TEXAS LAND. Six Million Acres Under Lease Now Open for Settlement. About 6,000,000 acres of state lands, situated in various parts of Texas, and heretofore mostly under lease for cattle grazing purposes, have been placed on the market for actual settlers under a late law passed by the legislature.

Five Indictments Against Schmidt. Five separate indictments were filed in the circuit court this afternoon by District Attorney G. W. Phelps against John Schmidt. One of the indictments charges him with keeping his saloon open last Sunday, while the other four charge him with selling liquor to various parties on that day.

PISTOL DUEL IN AN EXPRESS CAR

Two Desperate Men Keep Up a Fusillade From Behind Barricades of Packages.

BOTH WERE WOUNDED AND MAY NOT RECOVER.

Battle Begun at Bement and Ended at Decatur, Twenty Miles Away—An ex-Messenger With an Unknown Grievance Entered the Car and Started a Quarrel With the Messenger—Both Secured Pistols and the Row Was On—Trainmen Found the Combatants Vengeful and Alert Watching to Get the Drop on Each Other—No Chance for Either to Recover.

Decatur, Ill., Sept. 27.—J. E. Ryan, an express messenger and a man named Green, a former messenger, fought a revolver duel in a closed express car of the fast train, 20 miles from Bement, Ill., to this city this morning.

Green entered the car at Bement with a grievance, cause unknown, and began quarreling. Ryan, in defense, seized a pistol when Green shot. The men barricaded behind packages and continued firing at each other.

Trainmen opened the car at this city and found the combatants warily eyeing each other. Both are badly wounded in many places and exhausted from bleeding. They were taken to hospitals. It is said there is no chance for either to recover.

CHINA REGISTERS A PROTEST. Asking for What She Did Not Have Courage to Fight for.

Washington, Sept. 27.—The Post this morning says: The Chinese government a week or more ago, made a formal protest to the Russian and Japanese governments concerning two of the conditions set forth in the treaty of peace signed at Portsmouth. China objects to two things.

First, the length of time allowed for the evacuation of Manchuria, and second, the provisions made for an armed guard for the railroad lines owned by Russia and Japan in Manchuria.

China believes that nine months is entirely sufficient time within which Japan shall evacuate Manchuria in and of 12 months, as provided for in the peace treaty. The provisions made for guarding the railroad, the Chinese contend, contemplate an armed force of probably 10,000 men in Chinese territory. The Chinese government regards the maintenance of guards in Manchuria of such size as a menace and it does not propose to agree to such a plan.

IDAHO LAND SELLS WELL. State Disposing of 6000 Acres Average Sale Price \$29.45.

Boise, Sept. 27.—The state of Idaho is today over \$130,000 richer than it was yesterday morning. The auction sale of 6000 acres of land in Canyon county, owned by the state, lying under the Boise-Payette ditch, was held yesterday in the hall of representatives at the state capitol.

The sale called out many speculators, but the majority were bona fide farmers in search of good land for homes.

Petition for Injunction. Columbus, O., Sept. 27.—John S. Jones today filed a petition for an injunction restraining Gould, Ramsey and Guy from transferring the Little Kanekaw railway.

Honey's Final Argument. Portland, Sept. 27.—Honey is making the final argument for the prosecution in the Williamson trial. The case will go to the jury at 3 o'clock.

The entire milling plant of the Kent company, at Barnston, Wash., was destroyed by fire. Loss, \$20,000.

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PARTICIPATION BY NOTABLE MEN

Financial Manager of Equitable Tells Who Shared in Responsibility.

SENATOR DEPEW, HYDE AND ALSO ALEXANDER.

Senators Depew and Dryden and Other Great Financial Magnates Will Be Called to the Stand Today—District Attorney at Chicago Flights the Pleas in Abatement Filed by the Packers, and Accuses Them of Descending to the Level of Common Criminals in Their Anxiety to Escape the Penalties of the Law—Present Contest in Court Will Last Several Days.

New York, Sept. 27.—Henry Rogers Winthrop, financial manager of the Equitable, told of syndicate operations before the insurance investigating committee this morning.

Winthrop revealed the participation personally of Depew, Hyde and Alexander in the management of the society's finances. It is understood that Senators Depew and Dryden and Jacob H. Schiff will be called to the stand today.

Fighting Pleas in Abatement. Chicago, Sept. 27.—District Attorney Morrison appeared in the federal court and asked that the pleas in abatement of the packers be dismissed. He declared they are solely for the purpose of delaying the trials of the accused, the defendants thereby resorting to the ordinary methods employed by common criminals.

GAS WAS TURNED ON. And This Mexican in Chicago Was No Reab, Either.

Chicago, Sept. 27.—Tranquilium Paraba, identified by the Mexican consul as one of the wealthiest planters of Mexico, was found partially asphyxiated in a hotel here this morning, with the gas accidentally turned on. He came from his home at San Diego, Mexico, to place his two sons in school.

Was Boy the Firebug? Grangeville, Idaho, Sept. 27.—C. A. Sears, a 17-year-old boy, held here on a charge of being implicated in a highway robbery which occurred a few nights ago, is suspected of the more serious offense of causing the \$125,000 fire in the business portion of Grangeville a few days ago.

Court of Appeals in Session. San Francisco, Sept. 27.—The circuit court of appeals of the ninth district will hold its initial meeting in the new federal building next Monday. The court is composed of William B. Gilbert, Portland, presiding; Judge E. M. Ross, of Los Angeles, district; W. W. Morrow, of San Francisco; Thos. Porter Hawley, of Nevada. It is expected several important decisions affecting the district will be handed down in the near future.

New Coaches Through Here. The first coaches of the Salt Lake, San Pedro and Los Angeles railway to come to the northwest, passed through here last night on No. 5, and today there were two coaches belonging to the same road on No. 1, the westbound morning train.

Violated Sunday Law. The police arrested the proprietor of the Old Hickory saloon on Main street Sunday morning at 1 o'clock, for remaining open on Sunday. Five men who were playing cards at the time were taken to the police station and their names and places of residence noted, after which they were released to appear as witnesses.

The police have announced they will rigidly enforce the Sunday closing law.—Boise Statesman.

CONTRACT BEET PULP. La Grande Firm Will Feed 800 Cattle and 3000 Sheep.

La Grande, Sept. 27.—Grandy & Russell have contracted for all this season's beet pulp and now have a number of teams hauling straw and hay to the stockyards at the sugar factory, where they expect to feed 800 head of cattle and 3000 head of sheep. They may feed more as it cannot be ascertained how many thousand tons of pulp there will be until the close of the factory run and as this season will exceed any former season's run, Grandy & Russell are preparing to use all of the product.

As usual the beet growers will be permitted to purchase such amounts as they may require, but this as compared with the total output is of little importance, however the farmers are beginning to use more and more each year. Pulp has proved to be one of the best cheap foods obtainable.

The feeding of so much stock every year means a large market for all hay and straw in the vicinity of the factory and gives employment to quite a number of people to take care of the stock while in the process of fattening.

"TOUTS" ARE RUN OUT. Walls Walla Police Run 25 Thugs Out of the Fair Grounds and Away From the City.

Walla Walla, Sept. 27.—(Special.)—The police force and assisted by deputy sheriff yesterday afternoon ran 27 conspicuous "touts" out of the fair grounds and ordered them to leave the city. They had become so thick in the crowds at the races that petty crimes were becoming numerous.

If the "touts" hang around the city they will be arrested for vagrancy and ordered out of town or put on the rock pile.

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

Chicago, Sept. 27.—Wheat closed at 85 1/4; corn at 57 1/8, and oats at 27 3/4.

Wheat Dropped One Cent. Wheat took a drop of one cent in the local market today, thus bringing the price back to 60 cents once more.

Korea Was Sighted. San Francisco, Sept. 27.—The Korea with the Taft party aboard, was sighted 20 miles out at 8:30 this morning.

BOTH CANNOT FILE ON LAND

DECISION REACHED AS TO RESERVATION LAND. A Wife's Residence Being Constructively With Her Husband, She Will Not Be Allowed to Enter Land at the Same Time That Her Husband Is an Entryman on Other Land—Other Cases Similar Exist, and Other Suits Are Probable—Successful Plaintiff Has Preference Right.

Both man and wife cannot file upon land such as was included in the reservation sale of 1902, according to a decision that has just been received from the commissioner of the general land office.

The decision was given in the case of Ben S. Burroughs vs. Rose Carroll, who purchased 160 acres at the time of the last sale of reservation land, while her husband, William Carroll, likewise did the same in another quarter section. The contest was brought on the grounds that both man and wife could not file on claims, and this contention has been upheld by the commissioner of the land office.

After an Early Decision. The refusal of Shoshone county to respond to the appeal of Governor Gooding and reconsider its action is the matter of the 1905 state tax levy, has destroyed the last hope of the state administration that this matter would be settled without recourse to the courts.

Morrow Horses to Indiana. John Madden, of Lone Rock, shipped a carload of horses to Indiana last Monday. They are a very good all round lot of horses and Mr. Madden expects to receive fair prices in the east.—Heppner Times.

There are 8,840,789 negroes in the United States, but only 2577 of African birth.

NORTH BANK ROAD MAY GET GRANT

N. P. May Claim Each Alternate Section for 40 Miles on Either Side of New Line.

ORIGINAL LAND GRANT PROMISES MAY HOLD GOOD.

Said on Good Authority That the Agreement With the United States Government by Which the Northern Pacific Was Donated Every Alternate Section for 40 Miles on Both Sides Will Be Binding in Case of the North Bank Road—Such a Donation Now Would Give the Company Half the Vacant Land in All the Columbia River Counties in Oregon and Washington.

Will the Northern Pacific railway demand the fulfillment of the original land grant promises of the United States in the construction of the North Bank road?

The promise of the government to the Northern Pacific when it began building westward that the government would give it, absolutely free of charge, every alternate section of land for 40 miles on either side of the road.

This is why this company owns an empire in the northwest today. This is why settlers are forbidden to locate upon alternate sections in western Umatilla county, and this is why hundreds of thousands of acres of rich timber lands in northern Idaho are held away from settlement today.

It is said on good authority that the company can claim a fulfillment of the land grant promises in the construction of this new line down the Columbia river, and that under their old agreement with the United States government, each alternate section, not otherwise disposed of for 40 miles on either side of the new line, must be given to the Northern Pacific whenever it begins to build a road down the Columbia.

A glance at the map will show at once the magnitude of this promised donation, should the old agreement be binding.

Following as it does the northern boundary of Oregon into Portland, the 40-mile limit of the North Bank road would reach to the center of the north tier of Oregon counties, and would withdraw from the people fully one-half of the vacant land now left in those counties.

The evil effects of such a land grant would be blighting on the state, as it would at once reduce the vacant area in the northern portion of the Columbia river counties by one-half. This reduction of the public domain would take place in the very districts in which the promise of irrigation and future increase in values is most certain and would at once place in the possession of the Northern Pacific an immense tract of arid and semi-arid land which would support people enough to comprise an entire county, after it was once reclaimed.

COUNCIL MEETING TONIGHT. May Act Upon Resolution to Macadamize Alta Street.

Tonight the regular meeting of the city council will be held, the first one in several weeks. As Mayor Matlock has not yet returned, the council will probably have to meet without him. However, every member of the council is now in town.

Probably the most important matter to come before the meeting will be that of macadamizing Alta street. The resolution calling for this was prepared today by City Attorney Carter and will be read at the session this evening. After its adoption 10 days' notice must be given to the property owners before the work can be commenced.

After an Early Decision. The refusal of Shoshone county to respond to the appeal of Governor Gooding and reconsider its action is the matter of the 1905 state tax levy, has destroyed the last hope of the state administration that this matter would be settled without recourse to the courts.

The case can in no way involve the legality of the action of the state board of equalization, because that body simply followed the acts of the legislature, and if error has been made in the various levies, the legislature and not the board is responsible.

It is apparently the wish and hope of all parties concerned that the matter be adjudicated as soon as possible, to the end that money for the administration of state be forthcoming from the various counties before it becomes necessary to close any of the institutions conducted by it.—Boise Statesman.