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WEATHER FORECAST. Fair and cold tonight; Tuesday fair with rising temperature.

EMBARRASSMENT IN THE SENATE

Fulton Failed to Announce the Death of Mitchell and His Desk is Undraped.

TILLMAN INTRODUCES A RATE REGULATION BILL.

House Adjourned Until Wednesday—Thurston Announces Mitchell's Death in the Supreme Court, and the Case Against Him is Quashed.

Washington, Dec. 11.—When the senate met at noon today it gave evidence of embarrassment over the death of Mitchell by his desk being undraped.

A spirited rate discussion was precipitated by the introduction of a rate regulation bill by Tillman, proposing to give the interstate commerce commission power to fix a maximum rate.

No mention of Mitchell's death was made in the house, which adjourned until Wednesday.

Case Against Mitchell Quashed. Ex-Senator Thurston of Nebraska, appeared in the supreme court and called attention to the death of John H. Mitchell, whose case is pending.

Would Repeal Duty. Representative Kahn of California, today presented in congress a petition from the coffee importers of San Francisco, against a duty tax on coffee and tea.

Presidential Appointments. The president has named J. M. Elder to be postmaster at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

Among other presidential nominations today was one for commissioner of immigration at San Francisco, the appointee being Hart H. North.

The following presidential nominations for postmasters are made: Edward J. Williams, at Ketchikan, Alaska; Frieda F. Mashbir, at Safford, Ariz.; Richard J. Murphy, at Folsom, Cal.; Edward R. Collins, at Goldfield, Nev.; C. G. Good, at Dallas, Ore.; Abel W. Severance, at Tillamook, Ore.; O. M. Baldwin, at Stevensville, Mont.; E. Belcher, at Vernal, Utah; J. H. Rosebaugh, at Harrington, Wash.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Recommendations for Paternalism in Merchant Naval Affairs.

Speaker Cannon has announced the standing committees from the republican membership. Each important committee is increased by one in order the democrats may retain their previous numerical strength of one to each two republicans.

The chairmanships are the same barring a few changes. The report of the merchants marine commission is made public. It recommends a bill, which is drafted, providing for subsidies. It details the disasters worked as a result of the decline of shipping, and says the proposed legislation will entail an expenditure for 10 years of \$1,625,625 annually. It recommends a naval reserve force of 10,000 officers and men manning a fleet of 200 to 300 1000-ton fast mail ships in addition to cargo.

This will enable this country to carry 30 to 40 per cent of our trade and earn \$50,000,000 to \$80,000,000 in freight and passenger receipts.

LAND BOOM IS ON.

Irrigation and Railroads Stimulate Entries in Washington.

Walla Walla, Dec. 11.—(Special.)—That section of Klickitat and Benton counties lying immediately along the Columbia river is at present the scene of considerable activity in the line of homestead and desert land entries.

The rush to secure title to a piece of land in that particular section is

Four New Cardinals.

Rome, Dec. 11.—The third consistory since the election of Pius X, and second for the nomination of cardinals, in the same period, began today. It opened with little pomp. The following were made cardinals: Cagliano de Azevedo, of Rome; Joseph Sainasi, of Hungary; Cavallenti, of Brazil; Spinolay Maeste, of Seville.

caused by the alleged promotion of a big irrigation ditch which will take water out of the Klickitat river and distribute it to the eastward as far as possible.

Fillings of either homestead or desert entries are coming into the land office in bunches nearly every day, the applicants all having their hopes built high in anticipation of being "battered land holders" in a short space of time.

The proposed irrigation scheme is the product of the fertile brains of some Seattle and Tacoma promoters, and many of the prospective home-builders are from the Sound.

The land without irrigation is comparatively worthless except for grazing purposes until water is secured for irrigation.

A second incentive to attempting to improve and redeem the land in that particular locality is the building of one or two railroads down the north bank of the Columbia river.

TRIED TO KILL HERSELF.

Charlotte Weaver the Victim of Ill Health and Discouragement.

San Francisco, Dec. 11.—Discharged from her company without a hearing, and believing her theatrical career to be irretrievably blighted, Charlotte Weaver, aged 18, granddaughter of General Weaver of Iowa and member of the "Light Eternal company," playing at the Majestic theater, tried ineffectually to kill herself last night at Hotel Marguerite, by means of gas.

The girl has been ill, and her humiliation before the members of the company by the stage manager, caused the act.

CHICAGO WHEAT MARKET.

Quotations From the Greatest Wheat Market in the United States.

Chicago, Dec. 11.—Wheat closed today at 56 3/8, corn at 44 3/4 and oats at 31 3/8.

REPLY RECEIVED FROM HITCHCOCK

MEMORIAL FROM COMMERCIAL ASSOCIATION ANSWERED

Secretary E. A. Hitchcock of the Department of the Interior Replies to Pendleton Commercial Association's Prayer for the Acceptance of the East Umatilla Project—Letter is Signed by the Secretary and Will Be Treasured With Much Pride by the Association.

Vice-President C. E. Roosevelt, of the Commercial association, has just received a letter bearing the signature of Secretary E. A. Hitchcock of the interior department, which will be treasured in the archives of the association with more than ordinary pride.

The letter is a reply to the memorial sent to the secretary by the Commercial association, praying for the acceptance of the East Umatilla irrigation project, and is as follows:

Washington, D. C., Dec. 5, '05. C. E. Roosevelt, Vice-President Commercial Ass'n, Pendleton, Oregon.

Dear Sir: I am in receipt of a memorial dated November 16, from the Pendleton (Oregon) Commercial association, urging the approval of the East Umatilla irrigation project, and in this connection you are informed that on December 4, the sum of \$1,000,000 or as much thereof as may be necessary, was appropriated from the reclamation fund for the construction of the Umatilla irrigation project in the state of Oregon, subject to certain conditions named in the order. Respectfully,

E. A. HITCHCOCK, Secretary.

The signature of the secretary is made by his own hand and the letter is therefore more highly treasured by the association than if some clerk had made the signature in a perfunctory manner.

While it is a small matter, yet it is an evidence that Pendleton Commercial association has taken an active and influential part in securing the approval of the East Umatilla project even after it had been officially announced that it would be abandoned with other projects under consideration.

WITTE A REACTIONIST.

In Part, at Least, Makes Concessions to That Element.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 11.—Witte is openly aiding the reactionaries to a certain extent. He has made General Grodsky, a bitter reactionist, commander of St. Petersburg fortress. A great meeting of roughs today cried "Down with the intellectuals," "Down with the Jews," "Down with the liberals." Many priests were present. The police dispersed the meeting of the Union of Unions.

Edward Atkinson Dead.

Hoston, Dec. 11.—Edward Atkinson, the famous economist, is dead.

PUNERAL OF SENATOR MITCHELL TOMORROW.

Portland, Dec. 11.—The last rites will be held over the body of Senator Mitchell tomorrow. The remains will lie in state in the city hall from 10 to 12:30, when they will be taken to the First Congregational church.

The funeral services at 2 will be confined to the Elks ritualistic ceremony, with prayer by Dr. E. L. House, and music. The services at the grave will be in charge of the Odd Fellows.

A military guard from the state militia will escort the body. The Bar association will attend in a body. There will be no funeral address.

John H. Mitchell, Jr., will be the only member of the immediate family present.

HOME LIFE HAS A CLEAR RECORD

Such is the Testimony of its President, Who Gives it a Clean Bill of Conduct.

ITS FUNDS NOT USED IN SIDE SPECULATIONS.

Its Officers Do Not According to His Testimony, Profit in Any Way Except Directly by Their Salaries—He Claims it Never Had a Dollar in Syndicate Operates or Made Loans to Its Officers—Its Average Profits Equal Four Per Cent—All Over Ten Per Cent Distributed to the Policyholders.

New York, Dec. 11.—Henry E. Ide, president of the Home Life Insurance company, was a witness before the insurance committee today. He said the officers had no "joint account" by which they received commissions on transactions in securities.

The witness also said he is not insured in any company, though some of its officers are.

The company has neither directly nor indirectly participated in syndicate operations. It bought railroad stocks for investments, but no industrial, and made no loans to its officers, and has made few collateral loans, as it found better means to employ its funds.

Ide said the company received an average of four and a half per cent on its loans and mortgages, which found a surplus of over \$1,000,000 larger than necessary and distributed, during 20 years, all over 10 per cent of its assets to the policyholders.

Ide explained that the company annually accounted to the policyholders, and he could not be induced to criticize its methods in any respect.

RUN OVER AND KILLED.

Heavy Wheels Crushed in the Side of a Teamster.

La Grande, Dec. 11.—Lee Blackledge, aged about 60 years, was fatally injured last evening at Imbler by a wagon running over him. The man was hauling lumber to that place and his team ran away. In his efforts to check them he was thrown beneath the wheels. The wagon was loaded with 2000 feet of heavy lumber and the weight terribly crushed his right side as it passed over him, breaking almost all of his ribs. Dr. Molitor was hastily summoned from this city but by the time he reached there the man was dying. Notwithstanding his terrible injuries he lived four hours after the accident occurred.

Blackledge had been a resident of Imbler and vicinity for a period of two or three years. He is known to have grown children in Iowa, his former home, who have been notified. Until word is received from them no disposition of the remains will be made.

MORE DETAILS OF KERBAUGH'S CAREER

Where is L. K. Kerbaugh, and how are those who cashed checks for him going to come out? It was nearly a week ago that Mr. Kerbaugh made the rounds of his friends in this city and secured sums varying from \$5 to \$25 from each, giving "his check" in return. Also, it has been some time since the checks came back from Portland unpaid and consequently those who advanced money to the Tribune's ex-manager are wondering when the game is to be finished.

However, the checks given here on the Portland bank are not the only ones issued by Kerbaugh. Shortly after his departure last week a number of checks drawn upon the Pendleton Savings bank were sent here from Portland, where he had evidently given them in exchange for money. As Kerbaugh had no funds in the Savings bank, nor ever had, the checks were returned to Portland. What disposition was made of

LEGACY TO THE NEW COUNCIL

May Have the 'Phone Franchise and Court Street Macadam to Wrestle With.

SOME DESIRE TO TURN BOTH QUESTIONS OVER.

At the Same Time Some Prefer That Both Issues Go to a Finish During the Present Administration, and the Mayor Prefers That the Macadam Question Be Decided Before January 1—Postponement Will Develop Many and Various Speculations as to the Outcome.

From present indications, at least two knotty problems which are now before the city council will be left as legacies for the new government when the old officials lay down the reins of power on December 31. These two propositions are the disposition of the automatic telephone franchise, and the macadamizing of Court street. Both of them have been under consideration for many weeks, and they have been very carefully considered, as was proper in view of their importance.

For the improvement of Court street a petition was presented to the council several weeks ago asking that it be macadamized from Main to the end of the street. At that time the petition was referred to the street committee, and it was generally supposed that a resolution ordering the improvement would be passed by the council and the same advertised for 10 days as is required.

However, no resolution has yet been passed, and there is an apparent desire on the part of some of the council to let the matter go over to the new body. This morning Councilman Renn stated as much and also said that trouble was being had over the specifications for the improvement. Among the points that are yet unsettled are the thickness and size of the crushed rock and the point at which the parking shall commence.

Regarding the plan of letting the above matter and also that of the telephone franchise go over until next year, there is a division of sentiment among the councilmen. At least some of those who are to hold over have expressed themselves in favor of deciding the questions now, before the new ones come in. The argument used in favor of such action is that the present council is familiar with the conditions, and since both problems have been pending for a long time, they should be decided now. Also, Mayor Matlock is known to be anxious to have the improvement of Court street taken up by the present government.

Meanwhile, time is flying, and there are but a few more meetings before the old council goes out of power. Consequently, unless they take action soon the new government will have two good sized propositions on hand when it goes into power on New Year.

MANY INDICTMENTS.

Cattlemen of Kansas Are Accused of Frauds.

Topeka, Dec. 11.—After submitting a partial report containing 29 indictments against cattlemen the United States grand jury which has been in session for a week investigating Kansas land fraud cases, adjourned until Thursday of next week. Three of the indictments charge conspiracy to defraud the United States out of a portion of its public domain and subornation of perjury in the securing of fraudulent homestead entries. The other 26 indictments charge the unlawful inclosure of public lands.

The grand jury adjourned until next Thursday to give the officers time to secure additional witnesses for the most important land fraud cases yet to be considered in this state. The jury will make its complete report and adjourn sine die one week from tonight.

All of the men indicted are wealthy cattle barons. The 29 indictments are the result of less than two months work by Colonel A. L. Green, special agent of the federal land office. Colonel Green stated tonight he had barely commenced his work, and would not stop until every case of land fraud in Kansas had been thoroughly investigated. The total amount of land held under fence by the indicted cattlemen is 405,400 acres, of which 125,000 acres is government land.

BODY FOUND BOTTOM OF SHAFT.

Mystery Solved of Mining Man's Disappearance.

Tucson, Ariz., Dec. 11.—The body of Luther Jewell, of San Diego, who disappeared some months ago while investigating a mining property near Liano, Sonora, was found Sunday by H. G. Glone, and a party of American mining men while examining the Veta Tierra mine. The body was found at the bottom of an abandoned shaft, with the skull crushed. It is thought Jewell was murdered by a guide.

BLOCK SYSTEM FOR 65 MILES

COMPLETED BETWEEN LA GRANDE AND CAYUSE.

The First on the Pacific Coast and is Operated by Electric Power at Kamela—There are Twenty-Two Signals, an Average of One Every Three Miles—Is Automatically Operated by the Wheels of Cars and Engines—Another Section is Being Installed Between Portland and Bonneville by the Same Crew.

Between La Grande and Cayuse, a distance of 65 miles, the O. R. & N. company has completed the block signal system which is now in use.

This is the first signal system completed on the Pacific coast and gives the O. R. & N. an advantage over every other western road in the way of safety appliance for the protection of public and employes.

The central station from which the electricity for the system is distributed, is located at Kamela and is in charge of three men who take care of the entire system.

The total number of signals on the system between La Grande and Cayuse is 22, there being three signals between Cayuse and Bingham Springs, four between Bingham and North Fork, seven between North Fork and Kamela and eight between Kamela and La Grande. A separate system of electric wires consisting of three and five heavy wires carries the electric current from the power station at Kamela to the various storage batteries along the line.

The signals are so arranged that they protect the trains from head on collisions as well as from collisions from the rear.

The night lamps on the signals burn for eight days and nights and are attended by employes whose duty it is to keep the apparatus in working order.

As long as a train is in one of the blocks, another train, approaching from either direction, cannot enter that block, thus preventing collisions of any kind, if the signals are obeyed. The signals are operated automatically by the wheels of the cars or engine and the arms of the signals remain in an elevated position or at the "danger" position as it is called, by railroad men, as long as the wheels are in contact with it.

When the train leaves the block, the pressure of the wheels on the apparatus releases the arm and it falls down to "safety" position and all trains finding the arms in this position may proceed in perfect safety as it is known that no other train is nearer than two miles which is the distance each block extends.

ECHO WATERUSERS WILL ORGANIZE

Enthusiastic Meeting of Irrigators Held on Saturday Evening

FORM OF BY-LAWS FORWADED TO HITCHCOCK.

Six Ditch Companies Have 25 Miles of Ditch Built and 25 Miles More Projected Are Affected by East Umatilla Project—All Will Come Into Water Users' Association, Which Will Be Perfected on Indorsement of By-Laws by Hitchcock.

Echo, Dec. 11.—(Special to the East Oregonian.)—In compliance with the requirements of the government, the citizens of Echo who are interested in the irrigation projects which will be affected by the government project known as the East Umatilla in the Cold Springs district, met in this place on Saturday evening to take preliminary steps toward the organization of the Echo Water Users' association.

John T. Whistler, government engineer for Oregon represented the government in the meeting and outlined the requirements of the government in the matter of the surrender of private lands which might be affected by the East Umatilla project.

Before the government will proceed with the reclamation of the land under this project, as with all other government irrigation schemes, private owners of land within the boundaries of the government project must enter into a contract and submit to a set of by-laws and resolutions indorsed by the secretary of the interior and must agree to surrender their holdings under such government project down to the amount of 160 acres.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor L. A. Esteb, who was elected chairman. Louis Scholl, jr., was elected secretary and a committee of seven, consisting of the following named gentlemen was appointed to draft by-laws and resolutions to be submitted to Secretary Hitchcock for his approval: J. F. McNaught, D. C. Brownell, L. Scholl, jr., W. R. Howard, T. C. Irwin, L. C. Crawford and H. G. Newport.

A set of resolutions and by-laws was prepared and forwarded Saturday night by Mr. Whistler, to the secretary of the interior. If found satisfactory, the by-laws will be indorsed by the secretary and returned, with authority for completion of the organization.

As soon as the reply of the secretary to the by-laws and resolutions is received at Echo a meeting of the water users under all the projects affected by the government project will be called and the association will be completed by the election of president, secretary, treasurer and board of trustees or directors.

Companies Affected. Six irrigation companies already organized and now working in that vicinity will be affected by the East Umatilla government project, as follows: The Furnish Ditch company, which is now rapidly completing a main canal, will be affected to the extent of about 2500 acres; Cold Springs Ditch company, Belle Ditch company, Maxwell Ditch company, Brownell Ditch company, and the Three-Mile Falls Ditch company.

The six companies interested now have about 25 miles of main ditches already built and about 25 miles more projected. About 30,000 acres of land will be covered by these ditch companies, all of which have signified their willingness to come under the government regulations if satisfactory arrangements can be made.

An effort will be made to secure a test of winter irrigation along the main government canal in the hilly district west of Foster.

Great enthusiasm prevails in the entire Echo and Umatilla district over the prospect of reclaiming this desert land. It is understood that 40 acres will be limit of a homestead entry under the government project, thus adding an enormous population to that portion of the county.

Arguing New York Contest.

Albany, Dec. 11.—The New York election recount case was argued in the court of appeals today. Ex-Governor Black made the principal argument for Hearst and Allen Parker for McClellan. The question the court is asked to decide is whether the election laws authorize a recount of ballots already officially counted.