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WEATHER FORECAST. Cloudy and occasional threatening tonight and Saturday.

PROTECTS ONLY PERFECT TITLES

Those Having Filing Papers Merely on Overlap Lands May Forfeit Them.

PROBLEM INVOLVED BY IRRIGATION SCHEMES.

About Twelve Thousand Acres in Umatilla County Is Included Within the Various Projects, Government and Private—Increasing Values Increase the Interest in the Outcome of the Struggle for Titles—Foundation of the Controversy Was Laid in Federal Legislation of 1864—A Supreme Court Decision Is Favorable to the Railroad.

During the past day or two a representative of the Northern Pacific land department has been here looking up titles to land involved in the famous "overlap" case on which last spring a decision favorable to the railroad company was given by the supreme court.

Regarding the bill that has just been introduced in congress for the relief of settlers who hold land involved in the overlap case, he says that the same will allow those who now have patents to land to retain the same, but does not protect those who have filed on lands but have not perfected title.

According to the company's representative, about 12,000 acres of the overlap land in this county comes under the different irrigation projects that are proposed for the western part of the county.

R. J. Slater, the local attorney, has given the subject of the overlap case considerable study. He stated this morning that many settlers now hold land in the overlap section, but have not yet gotten patents.

History of the "Overlap." The following is a brief history of the famous overlap case: In July, 1864, an act was passed granting the Northern Pacific company every odd numbered section of land for a distance of 40 miles on each side of their roadway.

This decision was accepted by the company at the time. But later they learned through a similar decision that they might secure their original claim, and suit was instituted. Last spring the supreme court of the United States decided the case in the company's favor, so that they now have title to every odd section.

However, in the meantime the government had allowed settlers to file on lands involved in the dispute, and as a result many were holding such claims when the last decision gave the lands to the railroad company.

Freight Records Broken. Helper Crews Working to Limit to Handle Immense Volume of Business.

The Northern Pacific is handling more than 30 trains a day through the Stampede tunnel, keeping 12 helper engine crews constantly on duty, says a Spokane dispatch.

handle the immense volume of business offering at present.

If the Northern Pacific, with the present big movement of traffic, were compelled to handle the central Washington business over its own line a freight blockade would result at the tunnel that could not be handled in months.

As it is the crews on the mountain run have not had time to give their engines a rest and are being worked until compelled to leave for rest, when another crew is immediately put aboard and started out.

The severer tax made upon the road at the tunnel and all along the Pacific division shows the stress under which the road is laboring by the development of coast traffic and the necessity that compelled the building of the line down the north bank of the Columbia river.

With the ordinary growth of traffic of the next two years the Northern Pacific would not be able to handle the traffic over the mountains with a single track line.

Nearly Three Hundred Delegates. Shamokin, Pa., Dec. 15.—The miners met early this morning. The report of the credentials committee shows 291 delegates seated, with 1029 votes.

PFISTER WAS DISCHARGED

COURT HELD THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE OF GUILT.

He Will Retaliate by Involving the Entire La Follette Faction in Litigation, Alleging Conspiracy and Libel Against Several of the Most Prominent Men in Wisconsin Politics—There Will Be Strenuous Times in Wisconsin Political Circles—Sues for \$250,000 Damages to Character.

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 15.—Millionaire Charles F. Pfister was released this morning at the conclusion of the presentation of evidence by the prosecution in the case in which it is alleged he stole \$14,000 from a Wisconsin rendering company.

Next will be tried the \$250,000 suit by Pfister against the Milwaukee Free Press, alleging libel, a suit for conspiracy against Piper, District Attorney McGovern and a number of La Follette leaders.

Oregon Editor Here. Martin Ferguson, of Adams, Ore., editor of the Adams Advance, and a prominent newspaper man, spent yesterday in the city on his way home from a business trip to Ho.

Purchased Shorthorn Bull. W. R. Goodman, proprietor of the Hudson Bay stock farm, in the east end of Umatilla county, returned last evening from Heppner, where he visited the stock ranches of W. O. Minor for the purpose of selecting a bull for his Hudson Bay farm.

Brought to Hospital. Mrs. John Hampson, of La Grande, was brought over this morning to enter St. Anthony's hospital for treatment, and perhaps an operation.

Arrived From Spokane. Mrs. R. G. Lang came from Spokane today, joining her husband here, and they will at once go to housekeeping at 777 Thompson street.

Wanted Right Away. The following articles are wanted at 507 Marie street, immediately: Several pairs of old shoes, old tin cans, rubber boots, barrel staves, bottles, carpet rags, two pet cats, a parrot and a house dog.

The finest Elk temple on the coast was dedicated at Baker City December 14. Ralph E. Moody, past exalted ruler of Portland, delivered the principal address.

BIG BATCH OF INDICTMENTS.

Kansas City, Dec. 15.—Indictments were returned by the grand jury charging giving of rebates and conspiracy to gain rebates, against George H. Crosby, general traffic manager of the Burlington; George L. Thomas, of New York, a merchandise broker; L. E. Yaggart, of New York, Crosby's chief clerk; the Chicago & Alton Railroad company, and John H. Faithorn, and P. A. Wann, former officials of the Cudahy Packing company Swift & Co., Armour Packing company, Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad company, Nelson Morris, Richard Morris and I. A. P. Morris, comprising the partnership of Nelson Morris & Co.; D. H. Kreek & Co., Kansas City freight brokers.

SECRET AND OBSTRUCTIVE TACTICS ARE DEVELOPING

Roosevelt Realizes That the Struggle for Railroad Rate Legislation Will Be Protracted and Full of Surprises.

Only a Few Senators Dare Acknowledge Openly That They Are Opposed—A Campaign of Delay and Trickery Is Laid Against the Movement—Elkins Is in the Field With the First Measure, and Claims Integrity of Motives—Special Privileges to Standard Oil Makes Trouble on the Isthmus—Joint Committee Favors Joint Statehood—California and Washington Members Refuse to Be Bound by Caucus.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The president looking for a long, hard battle to get the rate regulation he seeks. The fight may last a year, possibly. At present the opposition is secret and underhanded. Even in the senate not a half dozen are willing to admit publicly they are opposed.

Elkins declares he is trying to carry out the president's ideas. Foraker says the differences are technical.

Keane frankly admits he believes the president is a demagogue or crazy. Others say they want regulation badly. Wall street is in the same attitude as last spring, and Wall street senators are anxious to serve their friends.

A campaign of delay and trickery is planned. As a preliminary step the senators demand delay in the matter until Christmas. Considered the Elkins Bill. The senate committee on interstate commerce today considered the Elkins rate bill. Elkins explained its provisions.

Standard Oil on the Isthmus. The controversy between Governor Magoon of the canal zone, and President Amador, of Panama, as a result of Amador's granting the Standard Oil company an exclusive privilege to lay

a pipe line from Colon to Panama, through the zone, is likely to result in serious complications. Amador also granted a Standard Oil franchise for a pipe line from Boyaca Del Toro to David.

The officials argue that the Standard Oil franchise on the isthmus is invalid and that the government owns absolutely the sole right of transportation of all kinds. Even a native carrying a bundle could be arrested. The title acquired by de Lesseps came to the United States.

For Joint Statehood. Late last night the conference committee resolution by a vote of 116 to 85 decided in favor of the creation of two new states—Oklahoma-Indian Territory as one, New Mexico-Arizona as the other.

Will Not Be Bound by Caucus. California and Washington republicans today agreed to refuse to be bound by any party agreement or caucus for the joint statehood of Arizona and Mexico, contending for the single statehood of both, or of Arizona alone at this time.

Wants Uniform Legislation. Carter, of Montana, introduced a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution that congress shall have power to establish uniform marriage and divorce laws.

Said to Look Like Puter. Cleaned Up \$18,000 on Bogus Land Certificates. Salem, Or., Dec. 15.—R. R. Goddard, son of Hiram Goddard, of La Crosse, arrived this morning, bringing the state land agent a bunch of bogus certificates for 7000 acres of school land, purchased by Henry Salger, the millionaire lumberman of La Crosse, from a man calling himself Mueller, who answers the description of S. A. J. Puter, only two months ago. In addition, he purchased another batch for \$12,000.

Mueller drew \$18,000 from a bank in Chicago and started in to paint the town red. When arrested towards morning, he had but \$500 left.

Banker Shot Himself. New York, Dec. 15.—A man about 30, believed to be Felix Frank, a German, and a banker in Mexico City, shot himself in the brain in a restaurant today. He is dying, but refuses to talk.

Mutiny in Far East. Eydtkuhnen, Dec. 15.—Several regiments have mutinied and martial law has been declared near the border of Afghanistan, where the strikers refused to operate either railway or telegraph wires.

Register at Lewiston. Washington, Dec. 15.—Among the presidential nominations is for register of the land office, Thomas R. Bartlett, at Lewiston, Idaho.

Lewiston, Idaho, will at once put in two miles of iron main pipe and 25 hydrants, at a cost of \$6515. All in the residence district.

Universal Penny Postage. Honolulu, Dec. 15.—Heniker Heaton, aboard the steamer Mi-overa, has received a cable from Sabi, postmaster general of Egypt, to the effect that penny postage between the United Kingdom and Egypt commences December 15, and says America and France will follow.

Universal penny postage is ultimately assured.

"THE STREET" IS EXCITED.

Lawson Battles Alone With Host of Speculators.

New York, Dec. 15.—The eyes of the world this morning are upon Amalgamated Copper, in Wall street. The first quotations are favorable to Lawson, showing a decline of nearly a point from the 160.25 at closing last night. A further drop to 99 followed, then it rose to 100.125, when it fell immediately to 99.7-8. The decline is the result of Lawson's bold front, while every rise is a result of his foes' support of the market.

ATTEMPTED MURDER.

Perpetrator Then Succeeded to Avoid Being Taken in Custody.

Los Angeles, Dec. 15.—Swan Swenson, a Swedish tailor, battered in the door of Mrs. Marie Baptiste, at San Pedro last night and shot her three times, inflicting scalp wounds. He then took refuge in a cottage at Long Beach. When the marshal went to arrest him, Swanson blew out his own brains.

SURPRISANT FOUND DEAD.

Just Elected for a Third Term as Mayor of Astoria.

Astoria, Dec. 15.—Mayor J. W. Surprenant, aged 54 was found dead in bed this morning from heart disease. He was just re-elected for a third term, and was a well known contractor.

Hoch Must Hang.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 15.—The supreme court affirmed the Hoch case, and he will be hanged February 23.

DEDICATION A SWELL AFFAIR

EAGLES COVER DECEMBER FIFTEENTH WITH GLORY.

Parade Has Several Novel Features, and Every Detail Was Pictoresque and in Excellent Taste—Excellent Music by the Eagles' Band—The Order Has 440 Local Members—Twenty-Five New Members Initiated Today—Dedication Address by Del Carey Smith, of Spokane.

Today the Eagles have soared in Pendleton, the occasion being the dedication of their new building on Court street. The monster parade which they gave this afternoon is the greatest affair of its sort ever seen in Pendleton, and it will be an event long remembered by the local members of the order.

The parade was formed in front of the new building on Court street, and started soon after 1 o'clock. At the head of the procession rode John Van Orsall, bearing an American flag. Accompanying him were E. J. Somerville, Dr. D. J. McPaul and J. F. Robinson, while W. L. McGinnis, also mounted, acted as master of ceremonies. Following the horsemen came an open carriage containing Del Carey Smith, speaker of the day, J. T. Hinkle, William Bogart and Colonel J. H. Raley. Another open cab bore other distinguished members, and following came the new Eagles' band, of 15 pieces.

The band members were attired in new uniforms and made a splendid appearance, marching well. Following the band came the members of the order on foot. The greater part of the 440 local members as well as many visitors from abroad, were in line, and the entire parade stretched a distance of several blocks. As features, were two vehicles drawn by Shetland ponies and containing four or five little children each. Banners on the ponies read, "Our Fathers are Eagles," "Watch Us Grow." At the rear of the procession was a monster float bearing a number of stuffed Eagles, symbolize of the order, which were presided over by Klug Conrad Platzoeder and a youthful Eagle.

The line of march of the parade was as announced yesterday, with the exception of a few minor changes. Though the afternoon was cool for the marchers, the streets were in splendid shape, being packed hard by the recent cold weather.

On the morning trains today quite a number of Eagles arrived from Walla Walla, Athena, Freewater and other places near by. During the forenoon a meeting of the local aerie was held, and a class of about 25 candidates were initiated into the order. Following the meeting a public inspection of the building was held.

At the close of the parade this afternoon members of the order gathered in the new hall, and there the formal dedication services were held. The meeting was presided over by J. T. Hinkle, grand worthy chaplain of the order. Addresses were given by several local members, while the dedication address was by Hon. Del Carey Smith, of Spokane. The program was also interspersed with selections by the band, and lodge ode.

This evening from 8:30 until 9 o'clock a band concert will be given in the hall, which will be followed by a grand public ball and a banquet.

DRAKE CALLS A CONVENTION

Governors, Attorneys General and Commissioners Will Discuss Insurance.

WILL MEET IN CHICAGO FIRST OF NEXT FEBRUARY.

Bourke Cochran Expresses His Opinion of Modern Insurance Methods, in the Lower House of Congress, and Incidentally Mentions the Rockefeller Fortune—Harrison Had No Faith in Ryan's Protestations That He Had All the Money He Wanted—His Motives for Fighting Ryan Were Misconstrued and Misrepresented by Ryan.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Thomas F. Drake, insurance commissioner of the District of Columbia, has called a meeting of all governors, insurance commissioners and attorneys general to meet in Chicago February 1, 1906.

Excorted in Congress.

Washington, Dec. 15.—In the house Bourke Cochran spoke at length, arraigning the insurance officials. He declared that high salaried presidents are paid for their ability to swindle policy holders. Cochran declared the laws and courts are so administered it is practically impossible to send to prison a man possessing millions, no matter how bad, and denominated Rockefeller's fortune as a monument to crime.

Harriman Doubled Ryan. New York, Dec. 15.—E. H. Harriman was the first witness in the insurance investigation. Hughes immediately plunged into the Ryan negotiations. Harriman said Ryan told him he had made enough money and now wanted to do something for the general public and make a name for himself. The witness said he doubted Ryan's unselfish motives and told him so.

He said Ryan asked his aid in selection of a chairman for the board. Morton was decided upon as a good man.

Harriman said he received notice that Morton was elected, without his having been notified. The election was while the witness was waiting in his office to hear from Ryan. The first he heard was that Ryan had purchased all the stock, elected Morton and sent word that Harriman had been forced out. Harriman was incensed and said he promised to call at Ryan's office and meet Root.

He admitted he threatened to use his influence against Ryan, but denied it was because Ryan refused to sell, but because he was convinced Ryan's motives were impure.

MCOAG WAS ARRESTED.

Charged With Kidnapping and Assault and Battery.

Gardner, Mass., Dec. 15.—Dr. James McCoag, accused of kidnapping the 2-year-old son of Lloyd A. Burrows, of Portland, Ore., whom he decided to adopt, was arrested today and gave bail to appear for examination. He is charged by Burrows with assaulting him, besides kidnapping the child.

DISPLAY OF "DRUNKS."

Spokane Minister Will Collect a Lot of Debauchees.

Blear-eyed "bums" and painted women are likely to adorn the barroom windows of the biggest saloons in Spokane during Christmas week as a horrible example of what whiskey will do, says a Spokane dispatch. Rev. Charles H. Braden, pastor of the fashionable Grace Baptist church, in his sermon Sunday night, made a bitter arraignment of some stuffed crows who now fill the windows of the saloon kept by James Durkin, who is perhaps the biggest saloon keeper in the northwest.

The preacher referred to them as "devils on wings," and expressed a wish that he might be allowed to make a fitting window display. He did not really mean it, but Durkin came back promptly with a letter in which he offered the use of his windows to the pastor, without money and without price. The offer nearly took the wind out of the minister, and he hedged over night, but he met Durkin, and they arranged for the use of all the show windows for Christmas week.

Rev. Mr. Braden has been overwhelmed with advice and suggestions, but has not made a definite announcement on what he will resort to in saloon window dressing. He says he is considering the display of "drunks" and women of the street, who would make a proper exhibition of what whiskey will do.

Agnes Brink, aged 5 years, was burned to death at Tacoma, by her clothes catching fire from a brush fire.