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WEATHER FORECAST

Occasionally light snow tonight; Friday fair.

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POWER COMPANY WITH \$500,000

Will Build and Operate Electric Railways to Several Mining Districts.

ACTIVE RIVAL OF SEVEN DEVILS CORPORATION.

The New Corporation, "The Eagle Valley Power Company," Filed Incorporation Papers at Baker City Last Evening—Expected to Build First Electric Railway From Baker City Into the Cornucopia District—Big Contest Certain to Secure Priority of Rights of Way—Walter M. Pierce of Pendleton, is a Prime Promoter.

Baker City, Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Walter M. Pierce of Pendleton, is one of the chief incorporators of the Eagle Valley Power company, papers for which were filed in this city late last night with a capitalization of \$500,000.

It is definitely stated that the formation of this company means the construction of an electric railway from this city to Cornucopia, 60 miles northeast in the heart of the mining district east of here, the line to penetrate the rich agricultural districts of Pine and Eagle valleys and Lower Powder River valley, all of which are highly cultivated and thickly settled district, producing great quantities of alfalfa, stock, fruit, honey and other farm products.

AWARD FOR WHEAT. W. P. Temple Receives Diploma for Gold Medal From St. Louis Exposition.

Although it has been over a year since the St. Louis exposition closed, W. P. Temple, the well known wheat farmer of this city, has just received a diploma for a gold medal on two exhibits of wheat at St. Louis.

Two diplomas reached Pendleton this morning, one for W. P. Temple on red chaff club wheat and one to Temple and Manning on an exhibit of Salt Lake club wheat.

GYMNASIUM IMPROVEMENTS. New Apparatus Coming and Will Be Placed.

Some changes are to be made in the Commercial association gymnasium that promise to be of benefit. It is the intention of the committee to purchase towels for the use of the members, and to rent them to members at a charge that will cover the cost of laundering.

Looking Into City Grafts.

Bellingham, Wash., Dec. 21.—The state today began quo warranto proceedings against Councilman E. M. Adams, of the fifth ward, to oust him from office for grafting and trafficking in city supplies.

here shortly and will make the equipment of the gymnasium more efficient. A large spring board, very essential in a gymnasium, 15 pairs of dumbbells, 15 pairs of Indian clubs and 24 wands are among the new things that will soon be here.

OFFERED BRIBE TO MURDER. Ex-Member of Parliament Sentenced to Five Years.

London, Dec. 21.—Hugh Watt, financier, and ex-member of parliament, was today found guilty of offering to bribe for the murder of his former wife, Julia, and Sir Reginald Beauchamp, whose divorced wife is now Watt's wife. Watt was sentenced to five years.

FITZSIMMONS WAS DEFEATED

HE COLLAPSED IN THE THIRTEENTH ROUND.

He Has Fought His Last Fight and Says He Was Defeated Fairly and Squarely, by a Better Man—O'Brien Expressed the Determination to Defend the Heavyweight Championship Against All Comers, and if They Will Not Come, He Will Go After Them—Fitz Will Resume Theatrical Work.

San Francisco, Dec. 21.—Robert Fitzsimmons collapsed after the close of the 13th round in the fight with Jack O'Brien. Referee Graney saw his condition and awarded the fight to O'Brien.

While being punched in the face and badly cut up and several times in jeopardy, Fitzsimmons always managed to come to and resume the fight. Just at the close of the 13th round he landed a hard left on O'Brien's stomach, and O'Brien came back with a similar blow and followed it with a left to Fitz's jaw, and he went down and out.

Sick and dispirited, more from mental than physical illness, Bob Fitzsimmons declared this morning that no amount could induce him to enter the prize ring again. "I was defeated, an defeated fairly and squarely by a better man," is Bob's declaration.

SUB-RIVER TUNNEL CAVES. Five Men Were Rescued, But Terribly Injured.

New York, Dec. 21.—The Pennsylvania railroad tunnel caved in again this morning, this time under North river, burying five men who were finally secured, but terribly injured.

POSTOFFICE ROBBED. Safe Looted at Wyeth, Near Cascade Locks, Wasco County.

Portland, Dec. 21.—The postoffice at Wyeth, near Cascade Locks, was broken into last night and \$300 in stamps and coin taken. No clue.

Start Work on Payette Project. Boise, Dec. 20.—Dispatches have been received from Washington, stating the secretary of the interior had authorized issuance of a call for bids for the construction of the Deer Flat reservoir, the dam in the Boise and other portions of the works on that portion of the Boise-Payette project south of the Boise.

NEZ PERCE MINISTER HERE. Rev. Homer Allen of Lewiston, in the City to Visit His Brother, Joe Allen.

Rev. Homer Allen, a full-blood Nez Perce Indian and Presbyterian minister of Lewiston, Idaho, is in the city today visiting his brother, Joe Allen, the well known Umatilla.

Rev. Allen was educated at Lapwai, Idaho, and speaks English well. There are about 200 members of the Presbyterian church on the Nez Perce reservation, the church being at Spaulding. Rev. Allen before entering school to study for the ministry, was a soldier in the regular army at Fort Walla Walla for three years. He is a highly intelligent and handsome man and is well posted on the needs of his people.

ODELL DECLARES WAR ON ROOSEVELT.

New York, Dec. 21.—Ex-Governor Odell today formally declared war on Roosevelt and Higgins, declared they are responsible for the present condition of the republican party in the state, and said if the republicans lose this time it will be their own fault. He predicted that Roosevelt will not be elected speaker of the assembly.

Ex-Governor Odell says Higgins is guilty of duplicity to Odell. "I had a talk with Higgins and asked whom he favored for speaker. He eliminated all possibilities but Merritt. I never was so surprised in my life as when he named Wadsworth. If Roosevelt had desired the (mood of the party) instead of encouraging the sear-heads it would have promoted harmony. Had he sent for me I would gladly have conferred and tried to avert the trouble. I charge Roosevelt and Higgins with deliberately trying to wreck the party for their own ambitions.

Consternation Among New Yorkers. Washington, Dec. 21.—Odell's defiance has created consternation among the New Yorkers in this city. Congressmen who wished to be friendly to both sides, will now be forced to take sides. The president appears little concerned. Loeb intimates he took sufficient interest to suggest that Higgins choose a good man for the speakership.

HUGHES AFTER COMMISSIONER

Conduct of State's Insurance Department is Being Investigated.

HENDRICKS IS A VERY UNWILLING WITNESS.

Recommendations by the Investigation Committee Are Forwarded—Tatlock, of the Washington Life, Proves to Be a Good Witness for His Company—Hendricks Delegated the Essential Duties of His Office and Knew Nothing About the Inside Management of Any Companies, and Said Corruption Could Not Be Stopped.

New York, Dec. 21.—Howard Stokes, third vice-president of the Bankers' Life was recalled to the stand in the insurance investigation this morning. Hendricks, superintendent of insurance, and Isaac Vanderpool, chief examiner, are present.

The committee has decided not to take testimony at Albany, but to investigate the department here. Armstrong says it will conclude December 30.

Will Recommend Yearly Divvy. Tatlock, president of the Washington Life, testified today. Hughes, by a line of questions indicated that the committee would recommend legislation that would compel the companies to distribute the gains of policyholders yearly after setting aside a reasonable amount for contingencies.

Mr. Tatlock was accompanied by Paul D. Cravath, Thomas E. Ryan's personal counsel. A statement on the legal fees for 10 years paid by the company was presented. Mr. Tatlock said he could find no record of payments to Andrew Hamilton nor Andrew C. Fields, nor any payment for legislative purposes.

Hendricks Sworn. State Superintendent of Insurance Hendricks was sworn.

Hendricks said the investigation of the Mutual in 1902-03 was left in charge of Vanderpool. He said he did not ask Vanderpool the result, never knew Fields, did not notice the extreme quantity of stationery used according to the records compared with other companies. He said he did not look into the economics of the companies, but merely satisfied himself as to their solvency, and thought they were very well managed.

Hughes forced testimony from Hendricks, who is a perfunctory witness. He said: "I did not want to manage the companies." Asked why he did not call the attention of the attorney general to the irregularities, he said, "No amount of investigation could stop corruption."

Hendricks gave a list of employees of his office and their salaries. He employs a daughter as confidential clerk at \$2500.

Walsh Has Resigned. Bedford, Ind., Dec. 21.—Thomas F. Walsh has resigned the presidency of the Bedford National bank.

BELIEVES THAT DR. WITHEYCOMBE LEADS

That Dr. James Withycombe of Corvallis, is now leading the western Oregon aspirants for the republican nomination for governor, is the opinion of L. R. Stinson of Salem, who has been in the city today. According to Mr. Stinson the O. A. C. professor of agriculture has developed unusual strength all over the Willamette valley, and from observations made in several of the valley counties he believes that at present Dr. Withycombe is stronger with the people than any of the others who have been mentioned for the nomination.

late Grand Duke Sergius' palace and declared a relentless war on all agitators.

The government has assumed active methods in dealing with rebellious troops. Today General Stabin unexpectedly attacked the barricades of the rebels and captured 250, who were imprisoned.

Martial Law at Moscow. Moscow, Dec. 21.—Martial law was proclaimed in this city today.

CHICAGO WHEAT MARKET. Quotations From the Greatest Wheat Center in the World.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Wheat closed today at 81 5/8 after a dull and featureless market. Corn closed at 59, after experiencing a slight upward flurry, and oats closed at 39 5/8.

CHRISTMAS WILL BE CELEBRATED

WILL BE SEVEN PUBLIC TREES AND PROGRAMS.

Dozens of Private Observances of the Great Christian Festival—Below Is Given a Synopsis of the Events That Will Take Place at the Methodist Episcopal, Christian, Presbyterian, Episcopal, Catholic, Salvation Army, M. E. South, and Baptist Churches.

Christmas will be celebrated in Pendleton with seven public Christmas trees, each to be accompanied by appropriate programs and exercises, besides dozens of private trees which will be enjoyed at various homes in the city.

All of the churches excepting the M. E. church and the Christian Science church will have public trees and appropriate programs will be rendered by the large amount of work which was necessary for the fair just held by the women of this church, a Christmas tree was impossible this year.

Following is a list of the Christmas exercises which will be held in Pendleton:

M. E. Church. Christmas program and exercises on Sunday night in charge of the Sunday school children. The church will be appropriately decorated and the Sunday school children will be remembered but no tree will be held.

First Christian Church. A public Christmas tree and appropriate program will be held at the First Christian church on Monday night. Preparations are being made for a highly enjoyable program and Christmas will be fittingly observed at this church.

First Presbyterian. On Saturday evening, December 23, at 4:30, a public Christmas tree will be given at the First Presbyterian church. The tree and distribution of small gifts will be accompanied by a highly appropriate literary and musical program.

Church of Redeemer. The public Christmas tree will be held at the Church of the Redeemer, Episcopal, on Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the parish house the Christmas sermon and exercises to be held in the church at that time. Highly appropriate exercises will be rendered.

St. Mary's Catholic Church. On Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock the day following Christmas day, St. Mary's Catholic church will have a public Christmas tree and appropriate exercises at the church. The Christmas services at this church, on Sunday will be especially impressive and appropriate to the sacred holiday.

Salvation Army. The public Christmas tree and program to be given by the Salvation Army will be on Monday evening at 7:30 at the barracks on West Webb street and appropriate Christmas exercises will be held at that time. Small Christmas gifts will be distributed to the children. On Saturday, December 23, the army will distribute 150 dinners to the poor of the city.

M. E. South. A public Christmas tree and program will be given by the M. E. church south, on Saturday evening at 8 o'clock. Elaborate preparations are being made for the exercises and an enjoyable program will be rendered.

First Baptist Church. On Monday evening at 7:30 the First Baptist church will hold Christmas exercises, accompanied by a public Christmas tree. An appropriate program will be rendered under direction of S. Simmons, Sunday school superintendent.

So far as possible the churches have tried to arrange their programs so as not to interfere with each other and people may attend the exercises at several churches if desired.

Two public trees will be held on Saturday, the Presbyterian at 4:30 p. m. and the M. E. church south at 8 p. m. On Monday the Episcopal church will have a public tree at 4 p. m. and the First Christian, Baptist and Salvation Army at 7:30 p. m. and on Tuesday at 3 p. m. the tree will be given at St. Mary's church.

PROSPECT RANCH HAS BEEN SOLD

Four Thousand and Four Hundred Acres Bought by C. E. Cameron of Harrington.

ENTIRE RANCH ADAPTED TO WHEAT CULTIVATION.

Consideration Cannot Be Learned—Mr. Furnish Accepts a Washington Farm in Part Payment—Less Than Twenty Dollars Was Paid—Mr. Furnish Has Owned the Prospect Ranch Five Years—None of the Land Lies Under the Furnish Irrigation Scheme, But Will Share in Appreciation of Values by That Undertaking.

Another real estate deal of magnitude has just been concluded here in the sale of the Prospect ranch by W. J. Furnish to Charles E. Cameron, of Harrington, Wash. The ranch consists of 4400 acres of land adapted to wheat, though some of it is yet unbroken. In the trade Mr. Furnish accepted a farm in Washington as part payment upon the land, and it was agreed that the price not be made public. This afternoon Mr. Furnish stated that the trade had been made, but declined to give the consideration. Land in that vicinity is said to have sold recently for \$10 per acre, but it has been rumored that \$20 per acre was paid by Mr. Cameron. However, Mr. Furnish states that the report is not correct, as a lesser price was paid.

The Prospect ranch was acquired by Mr. Furnish about five years ago, when land in that vicinity was comparatively worthless. The land is located north of Sallin and about 16 miles west of Pendleton. None of the land comes under the Furnish irrigation project, but it is held that the land will be greatly increased in value by the carrying out of the east Umatilla and the Furnish projects.

Mr. Cameron, the purchaser, has stated his intention of making his home upon the ranch, and farming it.

CITY WILL BUY ROLLER. Era of Street Improvement Seems Near at Hand.

Evidently the present council believes that some street improvement is to be done during the coming year, for last night it was decided to purchase a steam roller for the city. The action was taken upon the suggestion of the special committee which reported that since a majority of the property owners of East Court street had petitioned for macadam it would be necessary for the city to have a roller of its own. The report was adopted and a resolution passed directing the recorder to advertise for bids for not less than a 12-ton roller.

However, while the above action was taken no other mention was made of the East Court street project, and no action has yet been taken towards ordering the improvement. As there is but one more meeting for the old council, the subject will be left for the new council unless action is taken then.

City Engineer Geary Kimbrell reported that he had surveyed the land involved in the proposed opening of West Court street, and also of Ash street between Alta and Court. According to the report the Court street extension will pass through the land owned by A. B. Chapman, W. F. Matlock, Mrs. Lindsey Raines, the O. K. & N. Co., and Charles Cunningham. The opening of Ash street will be through property owned by A. B. Chapman and W. F. Matlock.

The street committee reported that the work of macadamizing Franklin street had been completed to their satisfaction, and the balance of \$253.35 due C. J. Billodeau upon the contract was ordered paid.

The action of the finance committee in purchasing scrip with \$1700 of sinking fund money was ratified by vote of the council.

Liquor licenses were granted to the following: Thomas Murfill, George Darveau, Ogg & Beavert, Bollons & Brown, and J. D. Shipp.

In the absence of Mayor Matlock the meeting last evening was presided over by Chairman Dickson.

Water Users Will Meet. Echo, Dec. 21.—(Special to the East Oregonian.)—This evening a meeting of the East Umatilla Water Users' association will be held here for the purpose of discussing the business of the organization. J. T. Whistler and H. L. Holgate, the latter an attorney for the reclamation service, will be in attendance, and the legal side of the project will be discussed.