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WEATHER FORECAST

Rain tonight and Thursday; possibly part snow.

INVESTIGATION REPORT IS MADE

New York Legislative Committee Recommends Some Drastic Legislation.

COULD NOT REACH THE FRATERNAL SOCIETIES.

Committee Recommends That the Legal Privileges of the Policy Holders Be Broadened and Made Secure and Effective, Giving Them Free Participation in the Election of Boards and Officers, and Providing for Publicity—If Recommendations Are Carried Out a New Deal Will Be Instituted in New York.

Albany, Feb. 22.—The official report of the legislative insurance investigating committee was presented in the New York legislature today. The report embodies recommendations for drastic legislation which would serve to correct the abuses of the insurance business. It contains a digest of the findings of the committee as to three big companies and numbers of lesser ones.

The proposed remedial legislation is grouped under a number of heads dealing with organization, rights of policy holders; investments, contributions, surrender of values, state supervision, etc.

It also recommends that assessment companies be allowed to incorporate in the future, and declares that companies of this sort afford little security to policy holders other than the power to levy assessments. The report says that in most cases their history presents a record of deception and delusion.

The committee was unable to investigate fraternal societies, and so makes no recommendations regarding them.

Policy Holders to Participate.—The committee says the end to be attained is to provide a free and effective expression of the wish of the policy holders at all times. In part they have been rendered all but helpless by the machine. It recommends a plan by which policy holders may participate in the elections of boards and officers, and provides methods for notification of nominations months before.

Means a New Deal.—The most radical of the measures recommended is a provision regulating the election of directors. It provides practically for a new deal in the insurance business in this state. Under its terms all directors and trustees will expire, and new boards have to be elected by November 16, 1906. It provides that all proxies now held be void. Work on the bills is unfinished and is postponed until morning. Armstrong brought in the report of the committee. It met no objections and the committee signed it.

The committee recommends provisions for the retirement of stock in such manner as will do justice to the stockholders, yet result in a purely mutual company.

Says Companies Are Solvent.—The report recommends suitable penalties for violations of law, and commenting upon the methods of the Mutual's executive officers, says the autocracy was maintained practically without a challenge.

As to the "legal expenses" spent through Field and Hamilton, it says, "It appears the expenses were far in excess of the amount required for legitimate purposes."

"In the cases of the three big companies, despite the extravagant and improper outlays there is no question of their financial soundness."

It refers to the Hamilton transactions as "extraordinary abuses," and to the examinations by the state insurance department as "farce."

The report contains over 100,000 words.

Hoch Is Ready to Hang.—Chicago, Feb. 22.—Hoch has given up all hope and laughed as he said he is ready to hang tomorrow.

A company has opened at Lewiston, Idaho, for the manufacture of blank books. It has a complete book bindery installed.

San Francisco Cut Off.—San Francisco, Feb. 22.—Fire which wrecked one of the power plants of the San Francisco Gas & Electric company, early this morning, has cut the city off from communication with the outside world. The entire plant, with a valuable generating machinery, was destroyed. The loss is estimated at \$350,000.

LOST ON THE VALENCIA.

Ex-Yakima Minister Was Traveling for Armour & Co.

North Yakima, Feb. 22.—Word was received here today that Rev. J. D. Wasson, formerly Methodist minister of this city, and later a traveling man for Armour & Co., working out of Seattle, lost his life in the Valencia wreck. It is stated that he was traveling under an assumed name from San Francisco to Seattle.

His wife is trying to secure \$1000 insurance on his life in the Yeomen lodge of this place. Mrs. Wasson left here for Missouri two years ago, but she has always paid up her husband's life insurance.

OVER FIVE DOLLARS PER HEAD.

Record Price Received for Sheep by the Smythes.

Arlington, Or., Feb. 22.—August Smythe & Son, sheepmen, sold 4000 yearling lambs to a Chicago buyer Saturday at \$3.50 a head. The Smythes receive the wool crop, which makes the price equivalent to \$5 a head. These sheep are to be delivered at Arlington by May 1.

This firm has sold 10,000 head of yearling sheep in three weeks at the best prices for large lots in the northwest in 30 years. The animals sold are mixed stock.

John Taylor Suicided.

Denver, Feb. 22.—The suicide found in a cemetery Tuesday has been identified as John Taylor, a wealthy and prominent mining operator of the west and South America, with headquarters at Buenos Ayres.

Mrs. Warbonnet Dead.

Lusk, Wyo., Feb. 22.—Mrs. Warbonnet, wife of a Sioux chief, and herself a slayer of many whites, is dead by alcoholism.

TRAMP STARTED THE ADAMS FIRE

ELEVATOR BURNED AND WHEAT MUCH DAMAGED.

Building Destroyed Belonged to Pacific Coast Elevator Company and the Building and Wheat Damaged Belonged to John Bannister—The Wheat Was Not Insured—Elevator Had Not Been Used in Years—Property Saved by the Volunteer Fire Company.

Adams, Ore., Feb. 22.—(Special to the East Oregonian.)—By a fire which started at 10:30 last night the elevator building belonging to the Pacific Coast Elevator company was burned to the ground and some wheat stored in an adjoining warehouse and belonging to John Bannister, was damaged by smoke and water.

The old elevator building has not been used for years and was empty at the time. From appearances it is thought the fire was started by some tramp sleeping within the old building. As soon as the alarm was given the volunteer fire department turned out and by splendid work prevented the blaze from spreading to the other warehouse in the group near the depot.

The only other building damaged at all was the Pacific Coast Elevator company's warehouse which adjoined the elevator, the latter building forming one side of the warehouse. There were 2971 sacks belonging to John Bannister stored in the warehouse, and it is estimated the wheat was damaged 10 per cent by the smoke and water. The warehouse building was but slightly damaged. No insurance was carried on the wheat by Mr. Bannister.

As the elevator building at Adams was no longer used by the owners the loss to them is not regarded as serious. The building was worth about \$2000.

WILL HOLD TRIANGULAR MEET.

Oregon, Washington and Idaho Athletes to Meet on the Track.

Oregon, Washington and Idaho have agreed to a triangular track meet to be held in Seattle this spring, says the Walla Walla Bulletin. Both Idaho and Oregon have notified Washington that they will sign the contract.

The only hitch in the proceedings is the selection of a suitable ground for the events. Washington does not want to use the university field, as the expense incurred by the meet, which will be about \$600, will be too great to be held on the regular field.

The objection to securing the grounds in the city is also a matter of expense. It is thought the U. of W. will be able to make arrangements for the park in the city.

At Rochester, N. Y., August Berndt, 12 years old, was shot and killed by his uncle, William Berndt, aged 18 years. The latter was giving an object lesson in how to shoot quickly, and did not know the pistol was loaded.

GARFIELD DENIES THAT HE EVER PROMISED IMMUNITY

Gives the Lie Direct to Packers Who Testified That He Did. Would Make Pipe Lines Common Carriers.

Veterans of the Mexican War Petition for Increase of Their Pensions—

Postmaster at Fairbanks Is Trying for the Governorship of Alaska—President and Backers in Conference Over the Proposed Rate Bill, Especially the Provision for Court Review—Senate Committee on Public Buildings Recommends \$100,000 for Baker City, Oregon—Brunton Nominated for Postmaster at Walla Walla.

Chicago, Feb. 22.—The testimony was all in and they rested at noon. The government then called Garfield for the first witness. Garfield said he did not promise immunity, and directly stated he did not tell the packers the information received from them would be entirely confidential.

Garfield continued his testimony this afternoon and emphatically reiterated he did not in any way promise immunity. He said he did tell the packers he would use the profit and loss accounts in the aggregate, so as not to attack them individually in that quarter.

Would Make Them Common Carriers.

Washington, Feb. 22.—Rhinoek of Kentucky, introduced a bill in the house today to make all oil pipe lines common carriers and place them under the restrictions of the interstate commerce commission.

Want Better Pensions.

Washington, Feb. 22.—Fifty veterans of the Mexican war in this city are demanding an increase of pensions for their comrades. They estimate that in one year more 25 per cent will have died and all be gone in five to 10 years.

Clum Would Be Governor.

Washington, Feb. 22.—John P.

CONVENTION IN SESSION.

Large Attendance at Sunday School Meeting at Athena Today.

Athena, Feb. 22.—(Special.)—The Umatilla county Sunday school association convened this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the M. E. church in this city with a flattering attendance and great interest.

Delegates from a large number of the Sunday school organizations in the county were present and more have sent notice that they will be here in the morning. Mrs. Stephen A. Lowell, of Pendleton, president of the county association, opened the session and is presiding.

A program of great interest was rendered this afternoon and tonight an especially good program will be rendered, the principal speaker to be Rev. W. C. Merritt, international representative for the northwest who is taking a leading part in the convention.

Following is the program rendered this afternoon and also the program prepared for the evening session: Afternoon Session. Song and prayer service—Rev. John Evans.

Organization, appointment of committees, etc.

Round Table conference, Sunday School Management—Rev. W. C. Merritt.

"How We May Train Our Future Teachers"—Mrs. Dr. Idleman.

Discussion.

The Synoptic Gospels: "Turning the Searchlight Upon the Lessons of 1906"—Rev. W. C. Merritt.

Roll call of Sunday schools, registration, etc.

Evening Session. Song and prayer service—Rev. J. W. Jenkins.

"Reaching the Unreached"—Rev. H. B. Smith.

Special music and announcements.

"Our Inspiration in Working With the Young"—Rev. W. C. Merritt.

The people of Athena tendered a cordial welcome to the delegations as they arrived here today. Committees met the trains and greeted the country delegates and provided places to stay while in the city and the meeting is enthusiastic and profitable.

An especially large number of young people are attending the convention and all are enthusiastic in the work before the meeting. While it is not decided upon as yet, it is thought that Pendleton will be the next meeting place of the association.

MAIL IS NOT DELIVERED. Two Hundred Bags Lying in Seattle Postoffice Untouched.

After an investigation into the conditions of the mail delivery of this city by the committee on national affairs sent several telegrams to Senator Piles, urging him to take immediate steps towards the installation of a faster mail delivery service in this city, says the Seattle News.

G. A. R. IN WALLA WALLA.

State Encampment to Be Held on June 25, 26 and 27.

Walla Walla, Feb. 22.—One of the most important gatherings that has ever been held in Walla Walla will be the 24th annual encampment of the Department of Washington and Alaska, Grand Army of the Republic, which will take place June 25, 26 and 27.

All of the prominent men of the state, including Governor Mead, United States Senator Levi Ankeny and Samuel Piles, all the Washington delegates to the lower house of congress, besides many state officials, will be invited to attend and their presence is practically assured.

Corporal James Tanner, the commander-in-chief of the organization, has been invited to attend and has already accepted the invitation. He is probably the most prominent character in army circles in the United States and one of the most popular men who has ever been elected to his office.

RECOMMENDS STATIONS.

Seattle Chamber of Commerce Asks for Life-Saving Stations.

Seattle, Feb. 22.—A report embodying suggestions for the adequate protection of navigation on the coast was presented at the Chamber of Commerce meeting yesterday afternoon by the committee on national affairs. The report recommends measures for the establishment of life-saving stations and other aids to navigation. The report contains many statistics on the shipping business that enters and clears this port.

The report was adopted and the secretary instructed to furnish copies of the report to members of the Washington delegation in congress without delay, with a request that the recommendations of the chamber be taken up at once with the proper authorities.

THOUSANDS OF SHEEP BOUGHT

DAKOTA FIRM OF HOWARD & POLK IS IN THE MARKET.

Purchased Between 8000 and 10,000 Yearlings of Knotts, Johnson, Belts and Mathews—Ruling Price Was \$3 Per Head, a Good Advance Over Last Year's Figures—Will Be Delivered at Pendleton After Shearing and Fed in Dakota.

During the past few days several purchases of sheep have been made by John Howard, the Dakota buyer, at prices higher than ever paid before in this market. Between 8000 and 10,000 head of yearlings were bought for the firm of Howard & Polk of Dakota, and on good authority it is said the ruling price was \$3 per head. This is an advance of 75 cents per head over last year's prices, when the ruling figure was \$2.25.

The sheep secured by Mr. Howard were purchased of A. Knotts, Charles Johnson, Douglas Belts and Charles Mathews. The sheep are all yearlings and are not select lots. They will be delivered here after shearing and will be taken to the ranges in Dakota.

The purchases made by Mr. Howard are the first of importance made this spring, and if the prices which he set are maintained, the sheepmen who have stock to sell will certainly reap a harvest. However, it is said there are few sheep to be sold, and consequently little contracting is looked for compared with what has been done in former years.

GUY M'BRROOM DEAD.

Son of Pioneer Family Succumbs to Tuberculosis at His Home Near Pilot Rock.

Guy McBroom, the well known young citizen of Pilot Rock died last evening at his home, after several months' suffering with tuberculosis. He was formerly a strong, hearty man, but about a year ago was attacked with this disease and has grown continually worse, despite medical attention. He was born in Monroe county, Mo., on July 13, 1876, and has been a resident of this county for a number of years.

He leaves a mother, six sisters and three brothers, his father and three brothers having preceded him. The sisters are Mrs. Jennie Courtright of this city, Mrs. Minnie Hall and Cora Marcum of Gurdane, Mrs. Emma and Jessie Hicks of Weston, and Mrs. Effie Newell of Portland. The living brothers are R. L. McBroom of this city, and Clarence McBroom of Pilot Rock.

The remains will be brought to this city and the funeral will be conducted at the Rader undertaking parlors at 10 o'clock Friday morning, under the auspices of the Woodmen of the World, of which he was a member. Rev. Robert Warner will preach the funeral sermon. Interment will take place in Olney cemetery.

Grading Camp Moved.

Grading camp No. 1, on the Furnish ditch, near Echo, has been moved to what is called "Twelve-Mile Flat," and work is progressing rapidly.

Will Order Out Their 'Phones.

Seattle, Feb. 22.—Two thousand and business men at a meeting last night signed an order for the removal of the Sunset telephones, because of poor service. The city council committee failed to remedy the conditions. An independent company promises to install 6000 'phones at once and by August have them connected with long distance all along the coast.

COFFMAN MAY BE THE CHIEF

Police Committee Will Probably Recommend His Reinstatement.

REPORT WAS MADE BY MAYOR AS CHAIRMAN.

Mr. Coffman Will Accept a Reappointment—Decided to Reverse the Decision to Buy Hose of the Pacific Rubber Company and Purchase From the Overland Company, 1200 Feet at Five Cents Less Per Foot—A Steel Tower Will Replace the Wooden Tower Now Carrying the Central Fire Bell—Two Complaints Were Referred.

Orville Coffman will very likely be reinstated as head of the Pendleton police force if the ideas of the police committee as expressed by Mayor Fee last night are carried out.

During the session last evening the mayor made a brief report for the committee, of which he serves as chairman.

"I wish to say," said he, "that we have investigated regarding the condition of the police force of the city and of the reasons which led to Mr. Coffman's removal. But while we have found that he delayed or was defective in the discharge of his duty, yet the fault was not sufficient to warrant a permanent suspension. I wish to say that the committee now has under consideration the advisability of reinstating Mr. Coffman, and we will probably be prepared to make a recommendation next meeting."

Thereby was the uncertainty concerning the marshalship set at rest, and evidently the announcement was made by the mayor for that very purpose. That Mr. Coffman will again be wearing the star of chief of police within a week or so there is little doubt, for he states that he will accept the office should it be tendered him again.

Will Buy of the Overland Company. Upon recommendation of the fire committee and the chief of the fire department, it was decided to change the former decision to purchase 1200 feet of fire hose from the Pacific Rubber company, as the matter had not been fully settled. A substitute report was made favoring the purchase of the hose from the Overland Rubber company at 75 cents per foot. The same was adopted and an ordinance passed ordering the purchase. The Pacific Rubber company had bid 80 cents.

Will Erect a Steel Tower. Also, the fire committee reported in favor of the purchase of a 45-foot steel bell tower to replace the old wooden one now in use on Cottonwood street. The report was adopted and bids will be advertised for the tower, which must be of sufficient strength to sustain a 1000-pound bell.

Complaints regarding the slaughter house on Tutuilla and also the city dumping ground, were referred to the city health officer.

Liquor licenses were granted to J. P. Medernach and J. E. Russell & Co. Also, a temporary license was given E. C. Riddell to sell tamales.

Farm Hand Killed Himself.

Sitting on the edge of his bed, the butt of a 44-calibre rifle braced between his feet, the muzzle resting against his forehead, a hired man in the employ of William Johnson, who owns a ranch near Silver Lake, shot and killed himself last Thursday. The bullet tore off the top of the man's head and when his body was found a few hours afterwards, blood from the wound had soaked the bedclothing. The brains of the dead man had been scattered on the four walls of the room.

The hired man, whose name could not be learned, had been employed on the Johnson ranch for several months and went to Silver Lake from Prineville, where he had remained several days.—Cook County Journal.

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DORRIS CALLED TO CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Rev. Victor Dorris, who conducted the revival meetings in the Christian church last winter and added 95 members to that organization, has been secured as pastor for the church.

The announcement of the above was made today by Rev. N. H. Brooks, retiring pastor of the church. It is understood Mr. Dorris will arrive here within a month or six weeks. No salary arrangement has yet been made with him, and the same will be agreed upon after his arrival. He resigns a position paying \$2600 a year in order to accept the church in this city.

Rev. Dorris is recognized by his brethren as being one of the ablest men in the ranks of the Christian clergy, and his selection speaks well for the enterprise of the local church people.

At present Rev. Dorris is pastor of the Christian church at Georgetown, Ky., one of the largest congregations of that denomination in the country. He has engaged in evangelical work considerably with success. Last year he held meetings both here and at Walla Walla, with very satisfactory results. He is well known to Rev. N. H. Brooks, former pastor of the local church, who is also from Kentucky.