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WEATHER FORECAST
Fair tonight and Saturday.

\$400,000 FOR THE COLUMBIA

That Sum Appropriated to Be Expended Upon the Jetty System at the Mouth.

GREAT TRIUMPH FOR THE INTERESTS OF OREGON.

Packers Fight the Introduction of Testimony to Prove That Garfield Did Not Promise Immunity—Last Session for Debate Upon the Joint Statehood Bill Has Closed, and the Issue Goes to a Final Vote in the Senate at 4 O'Clock This Afternoon—Peterson and McCumber Oppose and Beveridge Favors.

BILL PASSED THE SENATE.

Washington, March 9.—At 5:35 the bill as amended, was passed. It thus provides only for the admission of Oklahoma and the Indian Territory, leaving out New Mexico and Arizona altogether.

Washington, March 9.—The senate passed an emergency appropriation bill for \$400,000 improvement at the mouth of the Columbia river, to be expended upon jetties.

Packers Oppose Evidence.

Chicago, March 9.—The packers fought today the introduction of correspondence by the government said to prove Garfield's contention that he did not promise immunity. Government officials continued telling about the investigation.

Last Debate on the Statehood Bill.

Washington, March 9.—Last night afforded the last opportunity for debate on the statehood bill. The entire session was occupied by three senators, Beveridge, McCumber and Patterson.

Beveridge contended that while Arizona and New Mexico were unprepared for separate statehood, it is unjust to keep them out of the Union as one state. He took this ground against the Foraker amendment, which allows each territory to vote separately on the question of jointure.

Senator Patterson held that Arizona and New Mexico should be admitted as separate states.

McCumber introduced a substitute bill creating one state of the Indian Territory and another of Oklahoma, and eliminating New Mexico and Arizona. He argued against the consolidation into fewer states, contending that more western states are necessary to give trans-Mississippi interests a strong representation in congress.

He declared the time has come when the east must find protection from the west, and referred to the influence of immigration in eastern cities, declaring that at the last election Chicago has elected socialists.

The senate will begin voting on the amendments offered to the bill at 4 p. m. today. The final vote will be taken before adjournment for the day.

Mormons Disqualified.

Washington, March 9.—Dubois' amendment prohibiting Mormons from voting or holding any civil office in either of the new states, was accepted without objection.

POWER PLANT FOR NAVY YARD.

Scheme That Secures Great Economy of Force.

Brooklyn, N. Y., March 9.—A contract for \$150,000 will shortly be awarded by the navy department for the installation of machinery for a central power plant at the Brooklyn navy yard. This represents the application of the principle of a concentration of power at navy yards and naval stations, in accordance with the recommendations made to the navy department by a number of experts some months ago. The work will be done under the direction of the bureau.

Chief of Police Suicided.

Eugene, March 9.—Anticipating prosecution upon statutory charges preferred by two young girls, Joseph Stiles, aged 47, chief of police, committed suicide last night by shooting himself in the head with a revolver. The body was found this morning in a shed. He was under investigation by the grand jury on charges made by Erma and Ruby Diller, aged 15 and 16. He leaves a wife and children.

of yards and docks, under which branch of the department also the central power plants at each yard will be operated. The specifications prepared for the machinery for the power plant at the Brooklyn navy yard include six 440-horse power water tube boilers and appurtenances, smokestack and flues, two feed water sets, three condenser units, water and steam piping, and all necessary equipment. The estimate of the civil engineer who has been engaged on this work places the cost of the project at \$125,000. It is possible that the lowest bid will be even lower than that amount. The bids will be opened in the navy department in Washington, on March 31.

ANNUAL Y. M. C. A.

Full Corps of Officers Elected at Los Angeles Convention.

Riverside, March 9.—Two hundred fifty delegates are attending the 25th annual convention of the Young Men's Christian association.

The following officers for the ensuing year were elected this morning: President, Dr. F. F. Kelley, San Francisco; vice-presidents, C. W. Marston, of San Diego; J. Q. Anderson, of Fresno; S. H. Herrick, of Riverside; J. Ross Clark, of Los Angeles; secretary, N. A. Holabaugh, Redlands; assistant secretaries, F. H. Edson, of San Francisco; T. I. Caldwell, of Occidental college.

HELD UNCONSTITUTIONAL.

State Licenses to Sell Machinery Are Found to Be Void.

Olympia, Wash., March 9.—The state supreme court today declared unconstitutional the act of the legislature requiring a \$200 license to sell farm machinery. It applies to articles manufactured outside the state and was passed to prevent California and eastern dealers doing business.

NO HAPPINESS IN WEALTH.

Got the Wealth, so He Could Speak From Experience.

London, March 9.—Andrew Carnegie, writing for a paper here, says that beyond providing a competence for old age, wealth gives no happiness, and says the millionaires who laugh are rare.

FROM BIG EDDY TO THE DALLES

PROPOSED EXTENSION OF THE PORTAGE ROAD.

Would Expedite Handling of Freight and Cut Down Cost of Handling to the Very Minimum—Would Enable Boats on the Upper River to Establish and Adhere to a Better Schedule—Superintendent of the Road Does Not Think a Special Passenger to The Dalles Would Be Practicable.

Portland, March 9.—Superintendent Cook, of the State Portage road, appeared before the portage railway commission yesterday with reference to construction of a proposed connection on the line between the Big Eddy and The Dalles. His statement favored the improvement. Concerning it he said:

"The Portage road should by all means be extended to The Dalles to handle freight with dispatch and cut down cost of handling to a minimum. Boats on the lower river would give us preference in taking care of all our wheat shipments and moving our up freight. The boats on the upper river could establish a regular schedule and could meet competition with some success.

"I am endeavoring to interest the ranchers to get them to assist in getting a county road into Oelilo so that they can haul their wheat to that point, but find some who will not be willing to allow a road through their place. We can give them a little better rate than they get at present."

With reference to the request that a special train be operated over the line mornings and evenings for the benefit of persons desiring to spend the day at The Dalles, Superintendent Cook said the passenger traffic to be worked up for such trains would not pay the cost of operation. He was of the opinion that it could be done profitably, or at least without loss when more men are employed at camps of the Portland & Seattle Railroad company, and by Celilo canal constructors.

The report of financiers showed the receipts for February were \$448.48 and the disbursements \$574.72, a loss of about \$125. This is a smaller deficiency than usual.

WALSH RETIRES.

"Famous" Chicagoan Going Into Business Retirement.

Chicago, March 9.—Announcement has been made today that John R. Walsh has resigned from the directorates of the North Shore, Electric, Illinois and Millers' National Insurance companies.

CHARGE PERSONAL PARTICIPATION.

Caldwell, March 9.—Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone of the Western Federation of Miners, were arraigned in the district court this morning and the indictments read, charging each with the murder of Steunenberg. Each is indicted on three counts, charging each with being personally present and assaulting with a certain bomb loaded with nitro-glycerine, sulphuric acid and other deadly chemicals, causing a bottle to explode and against the person of said Steunenberg, from the wounding, injuring and maiming by which he died.

In no place are the men charged with conspiracy or with being accomplices merely, but as principals, personally committing the act. Each admitted as true the name given in the indictment. The names of 17 witnesses are endorsed on the indictment, among them Marry Orchard, the murderer who confessed, Detective Swain, Sheriff Nichols of Caldwell and Mosely of Boise. The defense is given until March 15 to prepare and file a motion to set aside and quash the indictments.

The habeas corpus cases are being argued in the supreme court this afternoon.

AMERICAN TROOPS KILL 600 REBELLIOUS MOROS

Latter Were Entrenched in an Extinct Crater on the Mountain of Bajo and Resisted to the Death.

Said That the Natives Were an Organized Band of Marauders and Bushwhackers—"Battle" Was a One-Sided Slaughter, as the American Forces Lost Eighteen Killed and Fifty-Two Injured—Struggle Lasted Two Days, Participated in by Soldiers, Sailors and Marines—Governor Wood Was Present—Crushing Defeat to Ladroneism in the Islands.

Washington, March 9.—Governor Wood cables of an engagement at Jolo between American military and naval forces and Moros. Fifteen soldiers, two or more mientactadinos, two or three sailors and about 60 natives were killed.

Six Hundred Natives Killed.

Later, six hundred instead of 60 natives were killed. The dispatch states: "Colonel Joseph W. Duncan, commanding, attacked the Moro fortifications in the crater of Mount Bajo, near Jolo. The action lasted from the afternoon of March 6 to the morning of March 8.

"Bajo is 2100 feet high at an angle of 50 degrees, covered with lava ledges and heavy timber. The artillery was lifted by block and tackle 300 feet.

"The Moros, who have made forays from the stronghold for the past eight months resisted to the death and about 600 were killed. Wood and Brigadier General Bliss were present throughout.

Losses to Americans.

"The army lost 15 enlisted men killed. Wounded: Captain Tyeer Rivers, slight; First Lieutenant Gordon Johnson, serious; First Lieutenant Ernest B. Agnew, slight; First Lieutenant Wylie T. Cenway, slight, and 32 enlisted men were wounded.

"The navy lost three enlisted men killed and Ensign H. D. Cook and two men slightly wounded. Constabulary, three men killed and one wounded."

Wood highly commends the soldiers, naval constabulary and contingents.

Total of Losses.

No sailors were killed. Total: eighteen killed and 52 injured.

No General Significance.

San Francisco, March 9.—General Corbin, when interviewed as to the recent outbreak at Jolo, said: "I place no significance upon the outbreak, because it has nothing to do with the Philippine situation. These outbreaks are like American Indians. They love to fight, and when they can't attack each other they will combine against a common foe. There was no indication of an uprising when I left the Philippines, nor do I think any further trouble is imminent. The instigators of the skirmish yesterday were merely a band of fanatics."

General Corbin Leaves for the East Tonight.

Thumped Anthony Comstock.

New York, March 9.—Anthony Comstock, while testifying before the United States commissioner this afternoon called Hughes Gordon Miller a "liar." Miller hit Comstock three terrific blows in the face.

Sentence Commuted.

Trenton, N. J., March 9.—The court of pardons this afternoon commuted to seven and a half years the death sentence of Mrs. Tolla, the Italian murderess.

Passed Anti-Pass Bill.

Des Moines, March 9.—The senate unanimously passed a bill prohibiting every public official from accepting railroad, streetcar, telephone or telegraph favors.

FREEWATER TO WALLA WALLA.

Propose Co-operation to Build a Macadam Road.

It is probable that a meeting will be arranged soon between the county commissioners and those of Walla Walla for the purpose of discussing a proposed macadamized road from Freewater to Walla Walla. Yesterday afternoon County Judge Bean was called by phone upon the subject and was informed that a petition will be sent in from the north end of this county asking that the court unite with the Walla Walla authorities in the work. While it is not known yet just what is desired, it is said the road in question is the "lower road," which leads direct from Freewater to Walla Walla.

Joseph Jones is the new chief of the fire department at La Grande.

NO INTEREST ON PUBLIC FUNDS.

Secretary Taft Forestalls Transferring Money.

New York, March 9.—Mr. S. V. White, representing the Prison Ship Martyrs' association of this city, has been anxious to have transferred to the Nassau National bank of Brooklyn, \$25,000 which is held to the credit of the secretary of war in the treasury of this city, being a part of the total of \$150,000 and the fraction appropriated by the state of New York for the erection of a monument to the memory of those who died in prison ships in New York harbor during the war of the revolution. The object of the move was to derive an income by the transfer of the fund to a national bank, which is a depository of public moneys.

Secretary Taft, however, decided that this transfer could not take place under the law. The latter requires that public moneys shall remain in the keeping of the government treasury. An attempt to make such a transfer as is desired by the Prison Ship Martyrs' Monument association would lead to an action against the disbursing officer and the bank receiving such funds on the ground of embezzlement.

LEDUC'S ECCENTRIC WILL.

Cuts His Only Child Off With \$1, the Balance to an Actress.

Los Angeles, March 9.—The will of Dennis Leduc, filed this morning, leaves an estate of \$100,000 to Lucille Isabel Sells, "professionally known as Isabelle Gilbert." Leduc was former chief engineer of the Canadian Pacific and founder of the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers. The will cuts off his only daughter, Mrs. Robert Elliott of Denver, with \$1, and provides that if she contests, the dollar goes to the Salvation Army.

German Unpopular in Russia.

St. Petersburg, March 9.—Mendelssohn, the German banker, who is here negotiating a loan to the government, is constantly menaced by revolutionists.

Schwab Is Entirely Well.

St. Louis, March 9.—Charles M. Schwab arrived from the west last night, apparently entirely well, and left for New York today.

SHEARS SHEEP ON BIG SCALE

OWNS LARGEST BUSINESS OF THE KIND IN THE WORLD.

N. H. Cottrell of Boise, Formerly of Pendleton, is Proprietor of This Great Industry—Runs Four Plants of Twenty-Five to Thirty Machines Each in Idaho—Has No Plant in Oregon at This Time, But May Install One in Baker County—Employ Forty-Two Men to Average Plant.

With the intention of looking over Baker county and possibly setting up one of his big sheep shearing plants here during the coming season, N. H. Cottrell of Boise, Idaho, the owner of the largest sheep shearing business in the United States and in fact in the world, arrived in Baker City this morning, says the Baker City Herald. Mr. Cottrell stated that he was not sure whether he will come into Oregon during the coming season or not. He runs four plants of from 25 to 30 machines each in Idaho each year and shears approximately 400,000 sheep. Although for a number of years Mr. Cottrell made his home in Pendleton, he does not shear in Oregon any more and Baker county will be the only place in this state which he will work in case he does come here.

The number of sheep handled each year by the employees of Mr. Cottrell is enormous. Of course it depends upon the man he has operating the machine, how many sheep will be sheared each day, but with good operators the Boise man estimates that at each plant he can handle from 2,500 to 3,000 sheep daily. About 42 men are employed upon each plant of 30 machines.

Mr. Cottrell will spend several days with the big sheepsman of Baker county and if he finds that it will pay him to bring one of his plants into Oregon he will have it shipped to this place and be upon the field when the shearing commences.

CHICAGO WHEAT MARKET.

Quotations From the Greatest Wheat Center in the World. Chicago, March 9.—Wheat closed today at 76 1-2, corn at 42 1-2 and oats at 29 1-2.

Bought 30 Jersey Cows.

J. E. Reynolds has returned from the valley, where he purchased 30 head of Jersey cows and had them shipped to Arlington, where he will keep them for the benefit of any one wishing to purchase. For dairy purposes or family use no other breed of cattle can compare with the Jerseys.—Arlington Record.

ARE OPPOSING EVERY REFORM

Cohorts of the Great Insurance Trusts Lined Up at Albany in Full Force.

WOODRUFF OF PROVIDENT IS COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

The Armstrong Committee Makes Ten Recommendations in the Way of Remedial Legislation, and the Insurance Magnates and Their Attorneys Will Fight Them All—Armstrong Promises the Objectors a Square Deal, But Declares That the Arguments Must Have Publicity and Will Give No Favors.

Albany, N. Y., March 9.—Leaders of the insurance world are gathered in this city today to oppose the remedial legislation recommended by the Armstrong committee.

Paul Morton, of the Equitable; Charles A. Peabody, of the New York Life; Alexander E. Orr, of the Mutual; Timothy Woodruff, of the Provident, and others are in such numbers it looks like a political convention press.

Woodruff was chosen director of the insurance forces. George D. Ide, of the Home Life, was selected to plead in behalf of the smaller companies, and William B. Johnson to argue for the agents.

The opposition will be heard first by the committee and are ordered to be concise and brief.

Fighting All Proposed Reforms.

All the 10 bills framed by the committee are being opposed: Against political contributions, against real estate deals, publishing for false entries, alterations of records, providing for new elections, abolishing proxies, restricting lobbying, prohibiting rebates, detailing punishment for false entries, standard form of policies and regulating assessment companies.

Longest bill proposes over 100 amendments to the existing general insurance law, including state supervision.

Armstrong Promises Square Deal.

Armstrong opened the session at 11 o'clock. He declared he wanted the hearing to be full and unhampered in every way, with no privacy and no restraint. He told the agents "not to spare the report, bills, nor recommendations," and said the committee will sit as long as any man has any light to throw upon the insurance laws or their operations.

Morton Is Afraid.

Morton addressed the committee. He said he favored the general plan of the committee, but thought that certain recommendations if adopted would injure the insurance business.

SALOON MEN GOT "COLD FEET."

Failed to Appear to Prosecute Manager of the Keylor Grand Theater at Walla Walla.

Walla Walla, March 9.—What is said to be the most severe case of "cold feet" ever witnessed in Walla Walla attacked the Walla Walla saloon men who caused the arrest of Manager Catron of the Keylor Grand theater for keeping his theater open on Sunday, but who failed to appear yesterday afternoon to prosecute Manager Catron on their complaint.

The case against Manager Catron for conducting a theatrical performance on Sunday evening was set for 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, the complaint against him having been filed by two saloon men. The complainants failed to appear and the case was dismissed without costs and Sunday performances at the Keylor Grand will continue as in the past.

It is said the saloonmen who complained against the theater decided that they had carried their prosecution of business men far enough and that if they did not stop they would cause a strong prohibition sentiment in the community.

When the famous London promoter J. Whitaker Wright, failed in 1900, 13 firms and 20 members of the London stock exchange were swept out of existence. There were assets estimated at \$14,505,100, but only \$2,575,870 were realized on them and to do this it cost \$1,500,000. The estates of dead men always dwindle fearfully.

Swindler Cleaned Up \$60,000.

Butte, Mont., March 9.—It develops today that H. G. Robinson, purporting to represent the underwriters for the March 1st wireless company, during a recent visit, cleared up \$60,000 in Butte by selling stock at \$100 a share, the same stock selling at 30 and 32 on the Boston curb.

HARRIMAN TRAFFIC MANAGER IS HERE

J. C. Stubbs, traffic manager of the Harriman system, who directs the operation of the freight department of the O. R. & N. and allied Harriman roads, passed through the city this morning in his private car "Sunset," on his way from Chicago to Spokane.

Mr. Stubbs was met in this city by General Superintendent M. J. Buckley, General Passenger Agent A. L. Craig, General Freight Agent R. B. Miller, Assistant Freight Agent E. B. Coman and General Agent Robert Burns of Walla Walla, of the O. R. & N. system, all of whom accompanied Mr. Stubbs on his tour of the Washington lines. The officials of the O. R. & N. came up from Portland this morning in private car 02 of the O. R. & N. system.

The two private cars of the officials were made up into a train here and left for Spokane at 11 o'clock in charge of Conductor Jones and Engineer J. Melcher of the Washington division. To this train was also attached a chair car bearing 45 passengers who transferred from the main line train here, for Spokane.