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WEATHER FORECAST.

Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday with occasional light rain or snow flurries.

WHO WILL MANAGE FOREST RESERVE?

Umatilla County Stockmen Interested in New Blue Mountain Reserve.

PENDLETON SHOULD BE HEADQUARTERS FOR OFFICERS.

Practically All the Stock Ranged in the Reserve Are Shipped From This City—Reserve as Now Created Eliminates All Land Not Strictly Forest Land and Comprises 2,627,000 Acres—Headwaters of All Streams Will Be Protected.

Who will be superintendent and rangers of the new Blue Mountain forest reserve just re-created by the president and the forestry department?

This question is now being asked by Umatilla county stockmen who feel that Umatilla county is entitled to the headquarters and a portion of the appointments of the reserve.

The Blue Mountain reserve as established by the president contains 2,627,000 acres of forest land, a large part of this being in southern Umatilla and northern Grant counties. Pendleton is the chief shipping point for practically all the stock that will be ranged in the reserve and Umatilla county people are deeply interested in the creation of the reserve and in the rules which are to be formulated for its regulation.

The reserve as created follows the general lines of the temporary withdrawal made three years ago, with the exception of 200,000 acres in the valley of the Silves river, which has been eliminated because of the agricultural nature of the land.

Around the edge of the withdrawal small tracts of agricultural and school land have been eliminated and the boundaries are so drawn as to exclude all land lying along the border which has passed into private ownership under any public land laws.

The original Blue Mountain withdrawal embraced more than 3,000,000 acres. About 500,000 acres more have been left out, so as to make the reserve a compact body of forest land.

Most of the opposition raised against the creation of this reserve at the time of the withdrawal was first made has subsided, and the people of eastern Oregon are now, with few exceptions, satisfied that its establishment is to their interest, particularly since assurance is given that the Blue Mountain range will be opened to grazing under such restrictions as protect the grazing areas in all other forest reserves. Special regulations governing grazing in the Blue Mountains have not yet been prepared, but will be issued shortly.

The forest service, in announcing the creation of the Blue Mountain reserve, makes a statement of its purposes and its benefits. The following extracts are made from that report:

The Blue Mountain reserve contains numerous headwaters of the John Day, Umatilla, Malheur, Silves and other rivers, which have important bearings upon the work of the reclamation service in that state. The success of the widely separated Umatilla, Malheur and Silves creek irrigation projects depend in a large measure upon conservation of the water supply within the great drainage area embraced in this reserve.

The creation of the reserve will have a direct effect in bringing about the agricultural development of a great portion of the state lying east of the Cascade mountains, which needs only irrigation to develop fertility of millions of acres. The land in the mountain regions embraced in the forest reserves will be carefully patrolled at government expense at all times to prevent disastrous fires, and all other possible efforts will be made to sustain and regulate stream-flow to those regions.

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White Slave Traffic.

New York, March 21.—Robert Spriggs, the negro accused of white slave traffic, was placed on trial today. It is said that if the horrible details of the testimony were published, the citizens of New York could not be restrained from lynching Spriggs.

Bailey, Senior, Dead.

New York, March 21.—N. W. K. Bailey, father of Senator Bailey of Texas, died here during an operation. He was a native of New York and resident of Mississippi.

An earthquake nearly destroyed the city of Kagl, on the island of Formosa. Several hundred persons lost their lives.

accosted by the two bandits and compelled to throw his hands skyward. They went through his pockets, but overlooked searching the officer's hip pockets, in which he carried a revolver.

As the deputies were departing Deputy Weyman whipped out the gun and opened a fusillade, bringing one man to the ground. The other made his escape, though it is believed he was wounded. Before he breathed his last the robber gasped out that his name was "Campbell." Nothing further is known of the man.

KILLED BY DYNAMITE. Victim Was Engaged in Shooting Stumps Near Hood River.

Hood River, Or., March 21.—J. B. Johnson was thrown 45 feet and horribly mangled by an explosion of dynamite, with which he was "shooting stumps" yesterday afternoon. The tamping bar with which he had been working was thrown 20 feet farther.

Johnson was clearing land on a ranch belonging to the Hood River Fruit company, and it is supposed that while tamping a charge in a stump he accidentally struck the cap. His head was blown off, a leg was broken and a large hole was blown in his side. He leaves a widow and several children.

WILL MEET THEM IN COURT. Judge Hamilton Will Testify What It Will Do the Most Good.

New York, March 21.—Judge Hamilton this morning made a caustic reply to the Flower investigating committee's invitation to testify before the committee. He said he would meet the issues "in court, where there will be no vanity to be tickled, and the scales will be held on an even balance."

Rate Bill Consideration. Washington, March 21.—The senate considered the rate bill from the start today. Cullerson introduced an amendment prohibiting any concern engaged in interstate and foreign commerce from contributing to political parties.

Representative Patterson Dead. Washington, March 21.—Representative George R. Patterson, of Pennsylvania, died suddenly of heart disease, at his residence in this city this morning.

MEET BEHIND CLOSED DOORS. LAST STRUGGLE BEFORE THE WAGE SCALE EXPIRES.

Operators' and Miners' Scale Committees Are in Joint Session at Indianapolis—Vice-President Lewis May Become a Leader of Equal Magnitude With John Mitchell—Their Policies Are Opposite and Personalities Not in Harmony—Mitchell May Be Deposed.

Indianapolis, March 21.—The miners' and operators' joint scale committee is in session behind closed doors, with 22 members.

Lewis' Star Waxes. Indianapolis, March 21.—Vice-President Lewis' influence in the joint committee may result in his becoming a leader of equal strength with Mitchell and a rival of Mitchell in the future. The men in person and policies are inimical.

What Lewis will do on the scale committee is unknown. Speculative observers say Mitchell's conferences with Robbins, which resulted in Robbins' downfall from the leadership of the operators, will also likely result eventually in Mitchell's fall.

ENFORCE LAW IN SEATTLE. Mayor Moore Makes Plain His Future Policy.

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INDIVIDUALS IMMUNE, CORPORATIONS NOT.

Chicago, March 21.—This afternoon Judge Humphrey decided that the individual packers are immune, but the corporations are not. The corporations will be tried by juries later, and the individuals dismissed. In delivering the opinion the court said: "Congress plainly intended that immunity act should be used to secure information upon which to base new legislation, and not to secure anybody's conviction."

This opinion is rendered upon the packers' pleas of immunity made as demurrers to indictments. The question is one of law. The individuals were then freed by court order and the jury dismissed. The court said he would set the trial of the corporations for next fall. He said he wanted rest, having had a congestion of business all over the district. It is a year yesterday since the grand jury was impaneled which indicted the packers.

WATERS-PIERCE MAN STUBBORN. Professes Ignorance When Questioned About Relations With Standard Oil.

THREATENED AND CALLED DOWN BY JUDGE ANTHONY.

Attorney General Hadley Takes Advantage of Adjournment to Go to New York and Resume the Taking of Depositions—Attorney General Moody Expresses Confidence That the Court Will Dismiss the Pleas of Immunity Urged by the Defendants in the Reef Trust Cases—Defense Complete Their Arguments.

St. Louis, March 21.—Pierce, secretary of the Waters-Pierce Oil company, was too ill to testify in the Standard inquiry this morning. The hearing adjourned at noon to April 5, to permit Hadley to go to New York to resume taking depositions there.

Andrew M. Findley, vice president and general manager of the Waters-Pierce company, was on the stand this morning and proved so stubborn that Judge Anthony threatened to punish the man. Asked why a list of his employees was sent to the Standard office, the witness when pressed said he did not know.

Moody is Hopeful. Chicago, March 21.—Before departing for Washington General Moody said: "In the light of the evidence I don't see how the court can do otherwise than dismiss the immunity pleas and order the packers to trial."

Attorney Miller for the packers answered Moody today. The court, during Miller's argument, said: "The construction of immunity should be fair in dealing with all citizens so the fullest benefits can be accorded to all."

Joint Ownership Proved. St. Louis, March 21.—Stock certificates which were produced showed that the Standard Oil company held stock of the Waters-Pierce company in 1900, when that company was reorganized. Attorney General Hadley today telegraphed Missouri's secretary of state not to permit the Republic company to withdraw from business in Missouri as that would defeat the purpose of the investigation.

IOWA AFTER STANDARD. Would Prevent Reduction in Price to Stifle Competition.

Des Moines, March 21.—The house today passed an anti-discrimination bill aimed at Standard Oil and forbidding oil reductions to stifle competition. A fine of \$5000 and imprisonment is provided.

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REJECTED STEEL CELLS. Washington Penitentiary Board Says Ohio Firm Flim-Flammed the State.

Walla Walla, March 21.—It is stated that the board of control has rejected the steel cells which are being erected in the new wing of the penitentiary, and will demand new material before allowing the contractors to proceed with the work.

The cells were built in Canton, O., and the loss to the contractors in freight tolls alone will be large. There are about eight carloads of the material and all of it will be a dead loss to the contractors.

The action of the board is undoubtedly a result of its recent visit to the penitentiary and, although the members stated that their inspection covered routine business only, it was said at the time that they were here for a distinct purpose, which is now believed to have been in connection with the steel cells.

What effect the action of the members will have in regard to the ultimate work is problematical, but it is said by those who have watched the case that in all probability new bids will be advertised for, and new awards made for the completion of the work.

Another alternative for the board, and the one which it will most likely take, will be to compel the contractors to furnish material according to the specifications, or else forfeit their bonds. Such a course is the only one that the board really has the right to do according to the construction put upon the wording of the awards by those who have studied them.

SCHMITZ AND KUBELIK. San Francisco's Mayor Will Entertain Bohemian Violinist.

San Francisco, March 21.—For the first time in the history of San Francisco a great artist will be entertained officially by the chief magistrate of the city. Jan Kubelik, the Bohemian violinist, is the artist.

Invitations were sent out yesterday by Mayor Schmitz for a dinner to be given in honor of the young peasant fiddler. The dinner will take place at the Hotel St. Francis on Friday evening, March 23, at 7 p. m. The leading city officials, newspaper men, musicians and business men will be present.

FILED NEARLY 300 ANSWERS. NOT ALL THE DEFENDANTS ACTIVELY IN LITIGATION.

A. D. Stillman Presents the Formal Claims of the Defendants in the Famous Little Walla Walla Suit, Regarding Their Rights to the Use of the Water They Are Using—Complete Line-up Has Now Been Effectuated for Most Memorable Battle Over Irrigation Privileges.

A. D. Stillman, attorney for most of the defendants in the Little Walla Walla water suit this afternoon filed answers for 58 of his clients. In each instance the defendants set forth the amount of water they have been using and their right to the same.

Some time ago Mr. Stillman filed answers for over 200 other defendants, and he has now completed that part of the work. There are 450 defendants in the suit, but some of this number have failed to answer through having no interests.

The present suit was brought by a number of parties living below Milton on the Little Walla Walla, and all farmers living above were made defendants and required to show their rights to the water they are using.

WOMAN MADE FEWEST ERRORS. Was Fourth in Speed in Typewriting Contest.

Chicago, March 21.—In the speed contest on typewriters at the National Business show last evening a woman made the record for the smallest number of mistakes in her copy. She was Miss Elizabeth Baker, and in half an hour she wrote 4955 words, making mistakes in only 52 of them. This was sufficient to place her in fourth place, the first prize being carried off by Charles H. McGurrin, of Kalamazoo, Mich., who defended his title to champion "typist" of America by writing 4627 words in 30 minutes, an average of 154 words a minute. H. Otis Blaisdell, of Chicago, won second place, with a record of 4238 words. Third place went to Emil A. Trefzger, of Peoria, who last year won the championship of Illinois.

Penalties for Hazing. Washington, March 21.—The naval affairs committee of the house today favorably reported a bill graduating the penalties for hazing at the naval academy.

Next Bowling Congress. Louisville, Ky., March 21.—St. Louis was chosen as the place for the next bowling congress.

Labor Unions Protest. Washington, D. C., March 21.—Samuel Gompers, heading a delegation of 110 labor officials, this afternoon presented to the president a protest against "the indifference which congress displays towards the laws recommended by allied labor."

WOULD HANDLE NAYLOR ESTATE. His Daughter, Mrs. Tracy, Petitions Court to Be Appointed Administratrix.

ESTATE HAS ESTIMATED VALUE OF \$6000. The Dead Man's Will is Filed With the First National Bank of Athens and Provides That All His Property Shall Be Heired by His Two Daughters—A Nephew of the Deceased is Said to Desire the Appointment of Administratrix—No Developments Relating to the Murder Have Occurred, Though Every Clue is Followed.

Another day has passed without any new developments in the Naylor murder mystery, and the solution of the same seems as difficult as at the start. Though there has been little to work on, Sheriff Taylor has been carefully investigating everything bearing upon the case, but so far nothing of importance has been found. There is now nothing for the officers to do but quietly wait for developments.

Would Be Administratrix. This morning Carter, Raley & Raley as attorneys for Mrs. Apollonia Tracy, daughter of the dead man, filed a petition in the county court asking that she be appointed as administratrix of the estate. In the petition the total value of the property left by the deceased is about \$6000. This consists of 50 head of horses, worth \$2500; cattle worth \$100; machinery worth \$1000; while the remainder consists of other personal property and leases on land. There is but a small indebtedness.

The last will of the deceased was left with the First National Bank of Athens, and by its provisions all of the property is left to Mrs. Tracy, 19 years old, and her sister, Minnie Naylor, 17 years of age. Fred Rosenweig was named as executor in the will, but as he is a resident of the state of Washington, his appointment is impossible.

It is asserted that M. L. Watts, of Athens, a nephew of the deceased, is seeking the appointment as administrator. But the petitioner expressly objects to his being named for the position and asks that the court order the will to be produced, and that Mrs. Tracy be appointed as administratrix.

ON TRAIL OF KIDNAPPER. Latter Supposed to Have Taken the Wrong Child by Mistake.

San Francisco, March 21.—The police today arrested a man whose name they refuse to divulge, who, they say, tells a story of talking with a strange Italian on a train the day following the kidnapping of the Toso child at Colma. The Italian said he took the child to San Jose, where he discovered it was not the one wanted. The police are looking for the supposed kidnapper. What disposition was made of the child is not disclosed.

Tyree Held for Trial. Salt Lake, March 21.—Hiram Tyree, company, charged with falsifying his statements to the state insurance department, and with other offenses against the insurance laws, was held to the higher courts today under a bond of \$5000.

WHEAT BADLY DAMAGED. From Seven Miles West of Helix Toward the West and South the Crop is Nearly Killed.

John T. Hill, the well known Helix farmer who resides in this city, has just returned from a trip over the Helix wheat belt and finds that in the vicinity of Helix and for seven miles west, there has been but little wheat killed. In spots it is slightly damaged but within that territory there will be little reseeded.

However, the condition west of the seven-mile limit from Helix, the crop is practically all killed and must be reseeded. In the damaged territory there are spots that are not killed, but it is the opinion of the farmers in that section that practically all the crop must be reseeded.

Mr. Hill left Monday morning for Helix and has made a thorough examination.

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