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WEATHER FORECAST.

Fair and warmer tonight and Saturday.

PEASANTS MAY BUY THE LAND

Said that the Czar Favors a Plan That Will Break Up Land Monopoly

WARSHIPS ORDERED TO RETURN TO KRONSTADT.

Agrarian Disturbances Continue, Headed by the Socialists, and Hundreds of Arrests Have Been Made—The Government Making Desperate Effort to Minimize Reports of Trouble, While the Revolutionists Insist the Present Calm Forbodes Disturbances.

St. Petersburg, July 27.—Orders have been sent to the commanders of Russian warships in foreign ports to return to Kronstadt immediately. The principal item in the reform plan of the czar is granting lands to peasants upon easy payment terms. The government has appealed to the people to use good sense and put down the revolution.

Agrarian Disturbances. Moscow, July 27.—Agrarian disturbances in this district and Tver are so extensive that 600 arrests have already been made in an effort to quell the socialist revolutionists' uprising.

"Present Calm is Ominous." St. Petersburg, July 27.—The home, foreign and war ministry today predict a period of calm and prosperity, followed by recovery of Russian prestige and credit. They say the enlargement of the suffrage and removal of the disabilities of Jews and improvement of the condition of the peasants will effect it. The revolutionary leaders say the present calm is ominous, as the people are united in their purposes but have lacked the faculty of unorganized resistance. They will await the completion of more concerted, better balanced plans.

TAMING GREY WOLVES. Wyoming Woman Owns Two Vicious Pets. In order to occupy her leisure moments Mrs. Lewis Travis of Pineale, Wyo., who fears neither man nor beast, has turned wolf tamer and daily risks life and limb to subjugate two young wolves, says the Cheyenne Tribune. Up to date she has been quite successful in this dangerous diversion, but her friends are fearful that sooner or later some accident will befall her.

Last spring while Mr. Bailey of the biological survey was here examining into the wolf problem, he captured several pup wolves, three of which he took away, leaving two in the possession of Mr. Travis, who had cared for all for some time. These pups have now grown to almost the size of a coyote, and have been constantly in her charge, and while they will not let any one else come near them they allow her to go into the cage and are like playful kittens in her presence.

They are treacherous looking little beasts as they sit around in the cage and one would almost hold his breath when Mrs. Travis enters among them, but they seek her for protection in the presence of strangers, laying their heads in her lap and leaping up, but with a most playful jealousy should she pay more attention to one than the other.

The nature of these animals is that as they grow older they become more savage and most treacherous, but Mrs. Travis gives no thought to such a time coming when they will turn on her, and is confident that they never will.

To Borrow \$100,000,000. The slogan, "One hundred million dollars for national reclamation," which is to be the battlecry at the Fourteenth National Irrigation congress at Boise, September 3, has been taken up by delegates coming from every section of the country. Advocates of the movement will be able to convince every delegate to the congress that there is an absolute necessity for the immediate use of this sum to complete the work now under way, and that every dollar will be returned with interest within 10 years by the farmers to be benefited. It is a business proposition, and the security offered is land that is worth more than three times the amount which will be asked to reclaim it. The Boise session will be known as the "hundred million dollar congress."

ROBERTS GETS TWENTY YEARS. Defendant Sentenced for an Election Murder in Chicago. Chicago, July 27.—George Gill Roberts was sentenced to 20 years this morning for killing County Commissioner Klopff last fall during the primary election. The case will be taken to the supreme court.

FORTY ACRES WHEAT BURNED. Destructive Fire in Fred Stine Field Near Walla Walla.

Walla Walla, July 27.—Forty-one acres of wheat were destroyed yesterday about 5 o'clock at the Fred Stine place, a short distance from the city. A threshing outfit in an adjoining field had left a small fire from an engine, and this was fanned by a light breeze until the stubble was caught and the flames soon spread to the wheat owned by Mr. Stine. The blaze ran through a 200-acre field of fine grain and completely destroyed 41 acres of grain which it is estimated would have made 45 bushels per acre. That several hundred acres were not destroyed by the flames was due to the neighboring farmers and their crews of harvest hands. In a short time after the blaze had been discovered 70 men were working like Trojans to control it.

STORMS IN NOME. All Shipping is Demoralized by Severe Gales.

Seattle, July 27.—After one of the stormiest trips on record for this season of the year the steamer Oriabab arrived at Nome last Sunday afternoon, according to word received this morning by the Northwestern Steamship company and the Merchants exchange. Captain Truebridge wired that two days out from Cape Flattery heavy weather started and when he headed into Bering sea the steamer was beset with headwinds and heavy seas. At Nome all of the steamers are having a hard time discharging and several times the craft have been forced to put to sea to ride out the storms.

ROCKEFELLER IS PEEVISH. The Billionaire Returns With Little Benefit From His Trip.

New York, July 27.—The steamer Amerika is gradually nearing New York. Rockefeller, according to the wireless, grows plainly peevish. He has given up the shuffleboard and abandoned the companionship of other passengers. The stewards say his appetite is poor. He was greatly annoyed by a cartoon in the ship's paper. The voyage continues to be stormy.

BAD MILK FOR TROOPS. Prosecutions Will Follow Exposure in Pennsylvania.

Gettysburg, Pa., July 27.—Dr. Warren, member of the state food commission, has examined the milk used by the state troops camped here, and reports he found 50 per cent bad. Prosecutions will follow.

FIGHT HEAVY NAVAL BUDGET. House of Commons Favors Smaller Appropriation.

London, July 27.—A majority of the house of commons held out through a bitter fight today for reduction in the naval appropriation, saving \$12,500,000.

Chicago Wheat Market. Chicago, July 27.—Wheat opened at 76 3-4, closed at 76 5-8; corn opened at 51, closed at 51 3-4; oats opened at 33 1-8, closed 33.

MARTIN HOGE IS REMANDED TO JAIL

BONDSMEN SURRENDER GUILTY LAND THIEF

Jury Found Hoge and Nickell Guilty Last Night—Hoge is Now in Multnomah County Jail—Judge Hunt Granted Stay of Judgment Pending Application for New Trial.

Portland, July 27.—(Special.)—Martin C. Hoge, who with Charles Nickell was found guilty of subornation of perjury in the land frauds, was surrendered by his bondsmen this morning and is now in jail.

The jury returned a verdict of guilty in the case of Hoge and Nickell at 12:20 last night and this morning the bondsmen of Hoge appeared and asked that he be lodged in jail and they be released from the bond. The request was granted by Judge Hunt. Hoge will be sentenced tomorrow. Hoge and Nickell were indicted with Henry W. Miller and Frank E. Kincart, the latter two pleading guilty before the trials of the land fraud conspirators began.

A motion to stay judgment for 10 days pending an application for a new trial for Hoge was granted by Judge Hunt.

Trial of Hendricks Has Begun.

Portland, July 27.—In the subornation of perjury land frauds cases, the trial of Hamilton H. Hendricks, a wealthy rancher of Fossil, began in the federal court this morning. The morning was occupied in securing a jury.

INSANE ASYLUM WAS MUCH DAMAGED TODAY BY FIRE

Portland, July 27.—The state insane asylum at Salem, containing 1420 inmates and 178 attendants, is reported to be on fire.

No Lives Were Lost. Salem, July 27.—Fortunately many inmates were out on the grounds when the alarm was given. The attendants placed the females in a small garden, and the males, who were being marched into the building after the morning exercise, were immediately marched back and held in an enclosure nearby and strongly guarded. All the patients were then taken out of the buildings except the most vicious ones, who were watched closely.

The fire was probably due to the crossing of electric wires. Eleven trustees from the penitentiary assisted in fighting the fire. No floors were burned. Much damage was caused by water on the top floor. The roof was also badly damaged. There was no insurance.

PUBLIC DOMAIN WAS SMUGGLED ROCKEFELLER PENITENTIARY

Juxtaposition Is Deemed Possible, According to Latest Chicago Advices.

Senator Clark and One of His Managers Were Beneficiaries of the Fraud.

MANAGER PLEADED GUILTY AFTER FIVE YEARS' FIGHT.

Treasury Department Appeals in an Import Duty Case in Which Over a Million Dollars is Involved—Roosevelt Entertains Today—Burton's Appeal Arguments Failed for Personal by the Justices—Several Postmasters for the Far Western States Appointed.

Fargo, N. D., July 27.—Huidekeper Bros., owners of the Little Missouri Horse company, and W. A. Clark's company manager, pleaded guilty this morning to illegally fencing 5000 acres of government land. The case has been fought in the courts five years.

Problem in Import Duties. Washington, July 27.—The treasury department has decided to appeal from the decision of Judge Morrow, of California, classifying Japanese sake, a non-enumerated manufactured article as dutiable at 12 cents a gallon. It claims sake is a wine and therefore dutiable at 50 cents a gallon. Over a million dollars is involved.

Roosevelt Entertains. Oyster Bay, July 27.—The president entertained this afternoon E. E. Clark, lately appointed to the interstate commerce commission, Assistant Secretary of State Bacon and General Barrin. All were guests at luncheon.

Burton's Appeal Arguments Filed. Washington, July 27.—The argument favoring Senator Burton's appeal for a rehearing was filed in the supreme court today, to be perused by the justices in full.

Postmasters Appointed. Oyster Bay, July 27.—The president today appointed J. N. Newkirk postmaster at San Diego, Cal., and Francis Winter at Montpelier, Idaho.

Many Assassinations. St. Petersburg, July 27.—A number of government spies have been slain in the terrorist quarter and minor assassinations are reported from various parts of the empire. The Viborg manifesto is beginning to circulate through the country, causing uprisings.

SHERIFF AND POSSE LOST. Curious Incident Succeeds the Battle in the Woods.

Madison, Wis., July 27.—Since the battle at Cameron dam yesterday, the sheriff who led the attacking party and his posse, including the wounded soldiers, have all disappeared. Reinforcements have found no trace and are not strong enough to attack Dietz. They have returned and report the main party is either captured by Dietz or lost in the woods.

Governor Davidson says the soldiers in the fight acted without gubernatorial authority.

At Condon, Russ Neuman, while drunk, attempted to beat his wife. She shot him through the leg with a pistol, as a discourager, but it only had the effect to stimulate his brutality. Then she shot him through the neck, which put him out of commission. He is badly hurt, but will recover. Neuman was formerly a bartender at Arlington.

That man can best ignore the enmity of those who don't understand him who goes home to a wife who does.

New Dispensation at Zion City. Judge Landis will exercise personal supervision over affairs, to protect the interests of all members. The title of all investors will be recognized, but the officers of the church are divested of all power except to expound the scriptures.

The government of Zion City is to be practically a republic under the guidance of the federal government. All questions will be submitted to referendum, men and women alike voting, and the majority rule. The elections will be controlled by judges appointed by the state election commissioners.

STRINGENT INSPECTIONS. Secretary Wilson Issues Rules Governing Inspectors. Washington, July 27.—Secretary Wilson today issued stringent rules for the inspection of meats for the interstate and foreign trade. The rules are in line with the best authorities on the subjects of sanitation and preservation, dyes, chemicals and condemnation of diseased carcasses.

Laying New Water Mains. Walla Walla, July 27.—With a force of 43 men Water Superintendent Knight is making rapid progress in laying the big 16-inch mains to connect with the new water system. The men are now at work on the county road near the Augustavo residence northeast of Walla Walla and are putting the pipe in the ground as fast as it is delivered. The men are worked eight hours each day.

ASSESS OFFICE FIXTURES. Professional Men's Equipment No Longer Exempt.

Portland, July 27.—As a result of the supreme court decision all professional men in the city will in the future pay taxes.

Heretofore under the old law they have been exempt from paying a personal property tax on their instruments, libraries and office fixtures, but according to the recent decision of the supreme court it was declared that no property, such as is used for municipal, educational, literary, scientific, religious or charitable purposes, is exempt.

County Assessor B. D. Sigler said this morning that professional men would now have to contribute for the support of the government. Heretofore they have escaped taxation on their personal property because they declared that their instruments, libraries and office fixtures were a means whereby they derived a living, and could not be taxed.

Physicians, surgeons, dentists, lawyers, surveyors, architects and every other professional class are affected. No one will escape as the county assessor said that he would not make fish of one and fowl of another.

The personal effects in the offices of these men are valued at from \$100 to \$1000 each, and this will have a tendency to greatly increase the assessed valuation of personal property in Portland. It will also increase the revenues, as each of them will have to pay on an average of \$4 or \$5 taxes each year.

FOR FREEDOM IN APPAREL. Miss Mayhew Stands for Physical Emancipation of Women.

Madison, July 27.—In a lecture at the State university today Miss Abby Mayhew, dean of the women's department, condemned peekaboo waists, tight lacing and petticoats. She spoke in favor of large shoes, low neck dresses and round garters, and said that in time if the women want more freedom, they would wear gymnasium-like costumes.

PACIFIC COAST BASEBALL. Scores of Yesterday's Games at All League Points.

Butte, July 27.—Butte 6, Spokane 12. Coast League. Oakland, Cal., July 27.—Los Angeles 1, San Francisco 6. Hoquiam, Wash., July 27.—Tacoma 9, Gray's Harbor 3. Fresno, Cal., July 27.—Oakland 5, Fresno 4.

COMING TO LAKE WASHINGTON. Troops From California to Take Part in Maneuvers.

Pacific Grove Cal., July 27.—Ten companies of the Twentieth regiment of United States infantry and three troops of the Fourteenth cavalry, left this morning on a march for Oakland, where they will take the train for Lake Washington to take part in the maneuvers.

Wreck on the 'Frisco. Springfield, Mo., July 27.—A 'Frisco train was wrecked near here and 20 were seriously injured. R. J. Thorpe and Mrs. Kate Shotte, fatally. Forty more were hurt to some extent. The fourth car from the engine was turned completely over by a split switch.

MANY ACCEPT OPPORTUNITY

BANCROFT LAW A BOON TO SOME PROPERTY OWNERS. City Attorney McCourt, Who is Preparing the Blanks Needed in its Operation Believes Sixty to Seventy Per Cent of Abutting Realty Owners Will Accept Chance to Make Time Payments on Paving.

John McCourt, city attorney, has prepared an application for use by those who desire to pay the street paving assessment on the 10-year installment plan. He is now having the form printed, and within a few days those desiring to secure the extended time for payments, may secure the blanks from him.

In the applications which property owners make in order to secure the 10 years' time, they agree to waive all irregularities or defects, jurisdictional or otherwise, in regard to the assessment and paving work.

From indications many property owners are going to take advantage of the time offered, Mr. McCourt believing that 60 or 70 per cent of the owners will do so, judging from the number of inquiries he has received in regard to the matter.

After the applications are all in and it is known how large a bond issue is necessary, the council will pass an order authorizing the issue of the same. It is presumed that the bonds will bear 6 per cent interest, as they will be for but 10 years and redeemable after one year.

SHOOTING WAS ACCIDENTAL. John Priel Shot Himself on Blue Mountains is Coroner's Verdict.

Walla Walla, July 27.—The coroner's jury, which returned to the tollgate from across the Little Salmon yesterday afternoon, decided that John Priel, the shepherd found dead in the mountains, came to his death by a gunshot wound inflicted by himself. It was clearly proved to the jury that Priel had been standing on a log, leaning on the muzzle of his 30-30 Winchester rifle, when it was accidentally discharged. The bullet tore the middle finger of his left hand off, and passed through his body near the heart. The accident occurred within a quarter of a mile of the man's camp and evidently while he was watching his sheep.

Owing to the decomposed condition of the body, the man was buried near where he was found and the grave marked with a mound of stones. His name and a short obituary were written in pencil on a short slab which was heven from a small tree.

SAGE'S WILL FILED. Practically the Whole Estate Left to the Widow.

New York, July 27.—Russell Sage's will is filed. It leaves practically all to the widow. His nephews and nieces each get \$25,000; his sister, Mrs. Chapin, now dead, \$10,000. The widow of Dr. John Munn, and Chas. W. Osborn are executrix and executor. Any beneficiary objecting, loses all. His real estate is not worth more than \$1,000,000, but the personal property is worth more than \$20,000,000.

LEFT TO BOARD EQUALIZATION

Assessor Strain Will Not Undertake to Assess Property Heretofore Exempt.

WOULD BE DIFFICULT AND EXPENSIVE JOB.

Will Ask the Board to Act Under its Authority to Levy Overlooked Assessments—The Decision Will Add a Valuation of About \$184,000 to the Rolls—Mr. Strain Favors Constitutional Authority to Allow Exemption—Until Then the Assessors Have no Option in the Matter.

In the office of Assessor Strain today the principal topic of interest has been the supreme court decision whereby it is decreed that no personal property, even if less than \$300 in value, shall be exempt from taxation. As the decision promises to work a revolution in the work of the assessors the subject has naturally been given considerable attention by Mr. Strain.

Owing to the fact that the deputies have finished their field work long ago and the tax roll is now nearly completed, Mr. Strain says he will not send his men out again, this year to list the personal property that was not taken when the regular assessment was made. To take such property this year would be a most difficult job for the deputies and but little would be realized by the county.

However, Mr. Strain says that all who turn in their valuations to him will be taxed and all cases reported by others will be taken up. Then when the board of equalization meets in August the matter will be passed up to them, for the board has authority to levy assessments that have been overlooked.

According to Assessor Strain there is approximately \$1,000,000 of exempt personal property in this county, making an assessed valuation of about \$300,000. Last year the amount of exempt property on the tax roll was \$184,000, and it will be about the same this year. This property being already listed will be taxed now that the supreme court has decided against exemptions. Consequently the county will be the gainer through the decision to the extent of the tax on \$184,000.

Constitution Should Be Changed. In the opinion of Assessor Strain the state constitution should be changed so as to permit of exemption of some personal property. This view he takes largely because he regards the taxes of less than \$300 worth of personal property as not worth while from a revenue-raising standpoint. He says such a course would increase the labor and expense of making the assessment about 33 per cent, and but little of the tax would be collected. At present there is no provision for collecting personal taxes, and as a result many do not pay the same. Should no exemptions be made and every body be taxed for their personal property the amount of the tax would not justify levying upon the property.

But as no change can be made in the constitution for at least two years, it will be up to the assessors to levy on all personal property during that time. Next spring all property will be listed by Assessor Strain, though his course for this year will be as stated above.

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