

People from ten counties in eastern Oregon make Pendleton their trading and banking center. There's a reason for it. It is the Pendleton Spirit.



WEATHER FORECAST.

Fair and cooler tonight; Saturday fair.

BOY THIEVES PRESENT PROBLEM

Police Discover an Organized Gang of Youthful Robbers and Are in Quandary,

SYSTEMATIC WORK THAT BAFFLED OFFICERS.

Mere Children Found Guilty of Many Burglaries—Quarrel Over Distribution of Spoils Reveals Story—Remarkable Raid on Marshall Residence—Removed Faucets From Water Hydrants—Problem for Officers—May Form Juvenile Court—Reform School Makes Permanent Criminals.

That boys of but 10 or 12 years of age should break into houses and otherwise follow the methods of adult crooks seems hard to believe, yet such is shown by facts that have come to light here during the past few days.

A few days ago young Willie Reed was caught in the act of stealing from the Lyman butcher shop on Court street and at the time he had a partner who managed to escape.

Reed was closely questioned by Chief Gurdane regarding what he had done and the story told by the boy and by others of the gang showed a highly cultivated state of youthful depravity.

While quarreling among themselves over the distribution of the spoils the lads told the police officer some stories that made his eyes bulge.

Other boys in the crowd were Willie and Bert Ruper and Willie Finneran. Railed Marshall Cellar.

Of the different "jobs" perpetrated by the small boy gang the most remarkable was a raid on the cellar of E. P. Marshall.

While being questioned by the marshal young Ruper accused the Finneran boy of having taken \$6 away from him, and in reply Finneran declared that the money was due him as his part of a recent deal and that his pal had refused to divide peacefully.

According to Mr. Phelps any interested party may now have an ering boy brought before the court by merely filing a proper charge with the court.

The law provides that the court may appoint probation officers, either male or female, to have general supervision over boys reported to the court.

"The success of the juvenile court depends largely upon the unselfish interest taken by residents of a city," said District Attorney Phelps today.

"If some of the business men, club ladies, school teachers or others, will but devote a little time trying to aid the boys much good can be done them and they will be saved from going deeper into crime. To send little boys to the reform school or older ones to jail generally means to make permanent criminals of them."

READY FOR BIG GAME.

Football Teams From Idaho and Oregon to Meet Tomorrow.

Portland, Ore., Oct. 25.—Coach Middleton and his squad of 18 from the University of Idaho, reached Portland this morning and immediately put up at the Perkins hotel.

When they arrived, a fine drizzling rain was falling, but Middleton immediately went out and took a look at the field and said practice would take place this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

"We expect to defeat Oregon," he said. "I am not figuring on a score, but on a victory." His men are a big, powerful lot with plenty of strength.

The question of speed will not be settled until the men have a chance to show what they can do in uniforms.

The University of Oregon team, in charge of Coach Gordon Bennett Frost, will reach Portland tonight and stay at the Imperial. Frost is non-committal.

The Oregon team will be accompanied by 100 rooters as well as a large number of students and adherents from down the state. There is little betting on the result as Idaho is unknown.

NO GAMBLING IN MANILA.

Police Interrupt Mrs. Taft's Little Whist Party.

Manila, Oct. 24.—Secretary Taft started for Subig bay at 12 o'clock last night to inspect the coast defenses and the naval base there. He opened the university hospital yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. Taft was a guest at a bridge whist party yesterday morning. The local police are making a crusade against gambling and a policeman called to inform the hostess that the law against playing for prizes or money would be enforced.

FATALLY INJURED BY TRAIN.

Late this afternoon Pat McCoy, formerly an O. R. & N. switchman of La Grande, was fatally injured by being thrown from O. R. & N. train No. 1 in the yards, here, while attempting to board the train.

He is badly cut and bruised about the head and breast and it is thought is dying at the time of going to press. He was taken to St. Anthony's hospital and his father, James McCoy of La Grande telegraphed to.

STRIKERS APPLY FOR OLD PLACES

END IN SIGHT OF TELEGRAPHERS' LONG STRUGGLE

Breach Expected at Any Hour, Say Close Observers—Majority of Strikers Will be at Work in Ten Days—Desertions from Ranks of Strikers Effects Other Cities—Lack of Definite Program at Milwaukee and Action of Small Responsible.

Seattle, Oct. 25.—A break in the lines of the striking press telegraphers may be expected at any hour now, say close observers of the situation.

It is believed that within the next three days the majority of the old press association men, now on a strike, will be back at work.

It is stated on reliable authority that old men are now back at Butte, Seattle, Tacoma, Helena, Missoula and Salt Lake. These desertions will undoubtedly affect the situation in San Francisco and Portland and desertions are looked for in these cities before Monday.

Lack of a definite progressive program at the Milwaukee convention and the disheartening action of the late President Small are mainly responsible for the return of the men.

WILL SOON TAKE DALY'S PLACE

Portland Man Has Been Commissioned Surveyor-General of Oregon.

Washington, Oct. 25.—The commissioner of the general land office has notified George A. Westgate of Portland, that he has been commissioned to be surveyor-general of Oregon, vice John D. Daly, deceased. A blank bond has been transmitted to Mr. Westgate to be executed by him, and upon approval of the same by the department of the Interior, Westgate will be directed to assume the duties of the office of surveyor-general.

Accident at Skating Rink. Athens, Oct. 25.—Mrs. A. L. Douglas had the misfortune to break her left arm while skating in the Athenian rink yesterday afternoon.

SHEEP DYING IN GREAT NUMBERS

Dry Pasture Cause of Big Loss to Growers—All Eastern Oregon Affected.

UMATILLA GROWERS AMONG LOSERS

Delayed Rain Playing Havoc With Pasture—Arlington Firm Loses 200 Head—Morrow County Grower Loses 10 Head Per Day—State Inspector to Investigate—Change From Grassy Mountain Pastures to Dry Grass Is Cause, Says Dr. Lytle.

As a result of the long, dry spell and resulting lack of succulent feed, sheep are dying all over eastern Oregon and the total loss to the growers will be considerable.

Thus far the losses to the individual growers have not been heavy, but almost all of those whose sheep have been placed on winter ranges have suffered some.

From reports that have been received here it appears that the loss has been heaviest in Morrow and Gilliam counties, though Umatilla county growers have also been hit to some extent.

Loss 200 Head. At Arlington, Smythe & Son have lost in the neighborhood of 200 head all told and William Smith, another large grower of that county, has met with a similar loss, while smaller bands have suffered in proportion.

10 Head Per Day. In Morrow county one grower has been losing sheep at the rate of 10 head per day and yesterday Dr. W. H. Lytle, state sheep inspector, was summoned to investigate the matter. He left on the westbound local train this morning for Heppner.

Think Heirs Are Poisoned. As to the exact cause of the deaths in their hands the shepherms differ in opinion, some believing that the sheep have become poisoned. However, it is the opinion of Dr. Lytle that the trouble has been all due to the fact that the excessively dry grass that the bands have been fed upon since their return from the mountains.

Change of Pasture. Under the rules of the forestry bureau the sheep must be taken from the summer ranges in the reserves by October 15. In accordance with this rule practically all of the sheep of eastern Oregon have been brought back to the lower ranges from the grassy pastures in the mountains. As there has been no rain since early in the fall there is no new grass for the bands to feed upon and the condition has caused disaster.

One hopeful feature of the present situation is the fact that the fatalities in the various bands seem to grow less as the sheep become more accustomed to their new pastures. This morning Dan. P. Smythe, secretary of the sheep commission, received word from his father in Arlington to the effect that no new losses were occurring there and it may be that the epidemic will prove less serious than has been feared.

But among shepherms as well as cattlemen and farmers alike the prayer is for rain. To the stockmen it stands for new grass, which means everything in the wintering of sheep and cattle, while among farmers moisture was wanted so as to make fall work possible.

IS STILL A CANDIDATE.

Indiana Man Says He Will Not Get Out of Taft's Way.

Broadhead, Ky., Oct. 25.—Vice President Fairbanks today denied the story that he would not be a candidate for any office.

It was rumored yesterday that Fairbanks had decided not to oppose Taft but this evidently was not official.

DISCUSSING EXPERIMENT FARM AT HERMISTON

At the time of going to press this afternoon the board of managers of the Commercial association and citizens of Pendleton are in conference with the executive committee of the board of regents of Oregon Agricultural college, Dr. W. J. Kerr, E. E. Wilson and Captain Apperson. In regard to the establishment of a state experiment station or experimental farm on the government irrigation project near Hermiston.

The government has practically promised to set aside a 40-acre tract there for the purpose and the regents of the agricultural college are seeking information as to the climatic conditions, soil, rainfall and agricultural possibilities of the section and the matter of establishing such a station will be thoroughly investigated.

This forenoon Dr. Kerr visited the reservation wheat belt in company with George Pefinger in his automobile and Mr. Wilson and Captain Apperson were taken by Dr. W. G. Cole in his auto over much of the rich section near the city.

The regents have been invited to stop at Hermiston on their return from Union and look over the proposed site for the farm, personally.

RUNS CONTINUE TO STARTLE EAST

Failure of Three More Banks Faced Financiers Who Supposed Trouble Over.

NEW YORK CONVALESCENT, BUT SHAKY.

United States Exchange Bank, of New York, Borough Bank of Brooklyn, Union Trust Company of Providence Close Doors—Runs on Simultaneously in Four New York Banks—Receiver for Union Trust Company—Condition Is Easing.

New York, Oct. 25.—Despite the strong close of yesterday, the troubled financiers of the east had to face the failure of three more banks this morning.

Notices were posted on the doors of the United States Exchange Bank of New York, with capital stock of \$100,000, that it would not open its doors today and the doors of the Borough Bank of Brooklyn held the same notice.

In Providence the Union Trust company formally posted notice that payments would be temporarily suspended.

New York, Oct. 25.—Financial New York is convalescent but shaky. The hardest blow today was the suspension of the Union Trust of Providence and failure of the Brooklyn banks.

The runs on the Trust Company of America, Fifth Avenue Trust, the Harlem Savings and Dollar Savings continue, but are decreasing steadily as confidence is restored.

Run on Union Trust Co. A run developed on the Union Trust company bank late yesterday afternoon but it was thought that the company had sufficient funds to stand the emergency.

All of these banks are believed to be solvent and able to pay dollar for dollar.

Williamsburg Bank Closed.

New York, Oct. 25.—The Williamsburg Trust company of Williamsburg, Brooklyn, closed this afternoon because of its inability to cash a \$10,000 check. Frank Jenkins is president of the bank, which had a capital of \$700,000 and liabilities of \$9,676,484.

Reinsurance at London.

London, Oct. 25.—A sharp rise in the prices of American stocks here gave added confidence to the markets on American securities.

Union Pacific opened two points higher and Southern Pacific one point up.

Receiver for Union Trust Co.

Providence, R. I., Oct. 25.—C. S. Sweetland has been appointed receiver of the Union Trust company. The company's individual deposits exceed \$25,000,000.

Two Brooklyn Banks Down.

Brooklyn, Oct. 25.—The International Trust company, with two branches, the Brooklyn and Borough banks, closed this morning because of inability to meet demands for cash.

KILLED BY SON.

Drain, Ore., Oct. 25.—M. V. Hinman, an old soldier, was shot and killed six miles west of here today. He was mistaken for a deer by his son, Clarence.

DICKEY TO SUPPORT TAFT.

Has Fairbanks Determined to Withdraw From Race? Kansas City, Oct. 25.—After conference with Vice President Fairbanks, Walter Dickey, chairman of the republican state committee, announced himself in favor of Taft for president this afternoon.

This action was taken by many as an indication that Fairbanks has decided to withdraw from the presidential race and will support Taft.

FITTING CLOSE TO INSTITUTE WEEK

Teachers Depart for Homes After Most Successful and Enjoyable Meeting.

WOMEN ATTEND FORD TRIAL.

Gallagher Thought Sensational Testimony a Joke, But Loses Temper. San Francisco, Oct. 25.—There was an unusual number of women present at the Ford trial, attracted by the sensational testimony given by Gallagher yesterday.

Gallagher pretended to consider the whole matter as somewhat of a joke, but under grilling cross examination of Rogers soon lost his jocular manner and became angry.

Gallagher said he thought the overhead trolley ordinance would have passed without the expenditure of a single cent.

RAISING STEAMER.

Big Liner Empress of China Will Soon Be Ready for Sea Voyage Again. Vancouver, B. C., Oct. 25.—Two big pumps are slowly emptying the hold of the lower decks of the Empress of China of water and the big liner is rising.

It is expected to have the vessel in condition to sail by one week from today and every effort will be made to do so as the company will otherwise lose considerable money in forfeit to the government on mail contract.

A rumor in Vancouver yesterday that the vessel had been scuttled by a Chinese crew was denied by the officers who say the accident was due to only gross carelessness.

Big Prairie Fire in Nebraska.

Valentine, Neb., Oct. 25.—A big prairie fire has been furiously sweeping everything before it for the past three days on the Sioux Indian reservation. It started near Rock creek, and had been burning in a southeasterly direction. It has already done a great deal of damage as everything is dry as tinder and the dead grass is heavy there is liable to be much more.

United States Balloon Last.

Washington, Oct. 25.—The war department announces officially the winners of the balloon race as: 1st, Pommeron, 876 3-4 miles; 2nd, Isle De France, 870 3-4 miles; 3d, America, 738.53; 4th, United States, 625.29.

Satisfied With Constitution.

Washington, Oct. 25.—"The only thing I've got against the Oklahoma constitution," said President Roosevelt today, "is that it does not prescribe the kind of tooth powder all Oklahomans must use."

PENDLETON MAY GET MORE TRAINS

MEAGER DETAILS OF NEW ARRANGEMENT.

Plans Are to Add Early Morning Train From Huntington and Early Northbound Train for Spokane—Spokane Train to Do Away With Transfer at Umatilla—Huntington Train Continuation of Pendleton-Portland Local—Official Announcement Expected.

Two new trains will be added to the O. R. & N. time card into Pendleton, if plans of the officials are carried into execution.

While it is not officially announced as yet, it is known that the officials are working on a new time card which may possibly be ready for November 1, which will give Pendleton an early morning train from Huntington and a northbound train early in the morning to Spokane.

But meager details of the arrangement are to be had at this time, but it is said that the company is making arrangements to run a train out of Pendleton to Spokane, early in the morning, in order to carry the passengers who transfer from the main line in the night, for the north.

This will leave the regular Spokane train, No. 8, free to wait here for No. 1, the main line westbound train which is due at 11:40, but which is late much of the time. Under this arrangement both No. 5 and No. 1 will have a northbound connection here which will prevent and avoid the transfer at Umatilla.

It is also said that an early morning train from Huntington is in anticipation which will connect here with the Pendleton-Portland local, or which would be in effect a continuation of the Portland local to Huntington and will serve as a regular local train running between the schedule time of Nos. 1 and 5.

With the present excellent train service enjoyed by Pendleton this will give her a service not enjoyed by any other inland point in the northwest excepting Spokane.

TEACHERS DEPART FOR HOMES AFTER MOST SUCCESSFUL AND ENJOYABLE MEETING.

STATE SUPERINTENDENT ACKERMAN'S ADDRESS

Superintendent Ackerman Compliments Teachers—Declares Last Legislature Did Much for Teachers—Teachers Must Educate Public Opinion—Workings of the Truancy Law—Two Classes Who Keep Children Out of School—Teachers' Contract Law.

This afternoon the teachers' institute is being brought to a close and the evening trains today will be largely filled with home coming teachers. In every way the gathering now ending has been a successful one and apparently it has been enjoyed by all who have participated.

The program for today has been one of the strongest of the institute, largely through the presence of State Superintendent Ackerman, who is a vigorous speaker and always interesting. Two addresses were delivered today by the state superintendent, one in the forenoon and one this afternoon, the latter being the closing number on the program.

Upon reconvening after the noon recess today Prof. Welles named a committee on resolutions composed of Prof. Young of Freevater, E. E. Larsen of Pilot Rock and Miss Maud Davis of the Pendleton high school.

State Superintendent Speaks. State Superintendent J. H. Ackerman was present at the institute this morning and was heartily welcomed by the teachers and their friends. He spoke briefly upon the benefits of institutes and teachers' associations, and advised all who possibly could to attend the session of the Eastern Oregon division of the Teachers' association to be held in La Grande in November.

He complimented the teachers of Umatilla county highly, saying he always thought them a hard working, enthusiastic and more than that, a good looking lot of young ladies and gentlemen.

Superintendent Ackerman declared the last legislature did more for education and the schools than any other legislature had done since 1890. This was not because the intervening sessions of the legislature were unfriendly to educational interests, but simply because the teachers had not asked for very much. They were patiently waiting until they could educate public opinion before they made any further requests; for without public opinion to sustain them, the very best laws which can be put on the statute books are of little practical value. The compulsory education law, for instance, could not be enforced without the aid of public opinion. A compulsory education law that would not be enforced by public opinion would be worse than no law, because every law that is not enforced leads to the disregard of all laws.

Since the child is the basis of the state, the state has a right to say "This child must go to school and be prepared for the duties of citizenship." The parent cannot claim the first and paramount interest in the child, or set up a claim to his time and earnings. The state has a right to take him from his home and see that he is kept in school for the good of the state. In this respect the compulsory education law is a sort of species of socialism. If necessary, the state will feed and clothe the child and even support the needy parent; but to school the child must go between the ages of 9 and 14.

The framers of our law on this subject have had the advantage of the experience of many other states, and the Oregon law is pronounced to be the best one ever drawn so far. Parents or guardians are allowed to teach their children themselves at home, or to provide tutors for them; but under those circumstances the examining board are permitted at any time to look into the course of study and if it does not come up to the standard required by law, the child may be declared a truant and must be placed in a regular school. The only excuse which the teacher

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Dying Like Flies.

Vienna, Oct. 25.—Cholera is raging with frightful violence throughout the southwestern portion of Russia. The poor are dying like flies. At Kiev the deaths average 100 daily.