

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 tonight and Sunday.

SCHOOL DIRECTORS' ANNUAL MEETING

Umatilla County Directors Meet to Hear Instructions From Educators.

GATHERING IN NATURE OF FREE PARLIAMENT

Addresses by State Superintendent Ackerman, Prof. Traver and Supt. Welles—Chief End of Organization of Directors to Secure Co-operation in Needed Reform—Prof Traver Makes Plea for Eight Months' School Term.

Today the school directors of Umatilla have been meeting here in their first annual convention and the meeting is proving one of much importance to the schools, especially the rural districts.

The man is probably insane. "I was sent here to shoot a gentleman who is to hunt here," he said to police after his arrest.

SEATTLE FIGHTS BUBONIC PLAGUE

Seattle, Oct. 26.—There are no new developments in the plague situation here. No new cases have been discovered and no new suspects found. Dr. Martin Glover of Juneau, Alaska, has been ordered by the government to come here at once for plague duty.

WOULD LEASE RANGE LAND

Vital Subject to be Considered at The Dalles Woolgrowers' Convention.

SHEEPMEN WORRIED OVER GOVERNMENT ATTITUDE.

Dan P. Smythe, Oregon Committeeman, Familiar With Government's Plan — Eastern People Believe Western Stockmen Are Getting Something for Nothing—Impossible for Western Statesmen to Block Proposed Measure.

At the annual meeting of the Oregon Woolgrowers' association to be held in The Dalles November 12, one of the most vital subjects for consideration will be the government's proposition to lease the public ranges.

PLOT TO ASSASSINATE KING

King Edward's Life Endangered by Mad Man—Captured by Police. London, Oct. 26.—What is thought to have been a plot to assassinate King Edward was discovered in the arrest of John Pearce, who was loitering near Ernest Cassel's Chippenham Park residence where the king is hunting.

The prince of Wales is due to arrive at the hunting grounds shortly. The arrest is connected with the mysterious attempt of a closed carriage to ram the king's carriage a week ago.

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PROMINENT SPECIALISTS HURRYING WEST.

Government Has Sent New York Man to Take Charge of Situation—Dr. Martin Glover Called From Alaska for Plague Duty—City Council Appropriates \$15,000 Dollars for Plague Station and Laboratory.

THIEVES GRAB \$5000 AND RUN

Philadelphia, Oct. 26.—Two men walked into the sub-treasury here yesterday morning, grabbed \$5000 that was being paid out to a national bank teller and started to run from the building. Clerks and others gave chase and the two men were so hotly pursued that they threw the money under a street car.

SALEM MAN LOST IN WOODS

Salem, Ore., Oct. 26.—Ole Olsen, a well known jeweler of Woodburn, has been lost in the Cascade mountains for the last 10 days and is known to have been out of provisions for at least six days. A searching party is out beating the foothills in search of him.

FOUR FEET OF SNOW

Fairbanks, Alaska, Oct. 26.—Most peculiar weather reports come from Alaska. The weather is warm with but little slush yet running in the Yukon. Snow fell two weeks ago but melted. Towards the coast on the Valdez trail, snow is reported four feet deep, but little ice has been formed on streams.

RESENT TILLMAN'S WORDS

Denver, Oct. 26.—Senator Tillman's speech here last night almost created a riot. Negroes in the audience resented the speaker's statements and the hall was in an uproar for some time.

ALL TAX VALUES ARE QUADRUPLED

Board of Equalization Places Taxable Property on New Basis for Assessment.

PROPERTY AT ACTUAL WORTH, TAXES LOWER.

Total Assessable Property Value in County Raised From \$10,300,000 to \$41,200,000—Tax Levy to be Reduced to One-fourth—Board Merely Following Provisions of Law—Few Complaints on File—Much Property Owned by Local People.

With one fell swoop made by the board of equalization today, the assessment of the county was raised to full value and every man upon the roll will have his assessment multiplied by four. As a result of the action taken the total of the assessment for the county has been raised from \$10,300,000 to \$41,200,000 and the tax levy will be reduced to one-fourth its present figure.

WHI LOWER TAXES.

In reality the change in the assessment basis will not affect to the slightest degree the amount of taxes to be paid by an individual or corporation, for with the increase in the assessed value the tax rate will be lowered correspondingly.

NO MORE COMPLAINTS.

During the week thus far the equalization board has acted on very few complaints presented. Under the law all requests for changes must be made in writing and under oath. After that the board cannot consider any new requests. However, the complaints which have already been properly filed will now be taken up and disposed of by the equalization board.

THREE-FOURTHS OWNED LOCALLY.

Of the \$41,200,000 in property shown by the new assessment the treasurer's books show that at least three-fourths is owned by Umatilla county people and consists of farming lands, improvements, town property, etc. The following will be the new assessment of the outside companies doing business within the county: Railroads, \$8,195,000; Northwestern Gas & Electric company, \$300,000; Pacific States Telephone

GROUP OF DEGENERATES.

Lawyer Bernstein Declares Harden Has Performed Public Service.

UNITED PRESS CORRESPONDENT REACHES SCENE OF EARTHQUAKE DISASTER.

Rome, Oct. 26.—A correspondent of the United Press association, has been able to reach Ferranzano and found the place a mass of ruins with the dead and injured lying everywhere.

NORTH BANK HAS 17 DEPOTS

Seventeen depots have now been erected along the Portland and Seattle Railway, or north bank line, and are ready for use, according to George D. O'Connor, travelling representative for the Northern Pacific, who has been here today.

TRACK LAYING COMPLETE TO THE DALLES

Traveling Representative of the N. P. Says Work on New Line is Progressing Rapidly—Some Unique Names for New Stations—Expect to Haul Grain in November—Passenger Service Must Await Completion of Line to Portland.

MEDAL FUND AFFECTED.

Carnegie Had Hero Money Tied up in Trust Company. Pittsburgh, Oct. 26.—It has just been discovered that the ready money in the Carnegie hero medal fund is tied up in an Iron City trust company and that the aspiring heroes will have to wait for their medals until the dark financial clouds roll by.

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SETTLING DOWN TO LEVEL BASIS

Issuance of Clearing House Certificates Big Event of Day in Finances.

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Certificates Will Relieve Tension in Money Market — Stocks Steady After Long Waver—Large Shipments of Gold Also Help—J. P. Morgan Is Sick—Nevada Banks to Open Monday—Runs on Two More Brooklyn Banks — Situation Is Greatly Improved.

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SALOONS TO SELL CIGARS ON SUNDAYS

It has been rumored upon the streets today that many of the saloons are planning to keep their cigar counters open on Sundays hereafter. However, the liquor men themselves, or at least several of the leaders, declare they have no such intentions. Since the recent all day closing order went into effect all of the saloons have remained closed entirely, excepting at "Ferry's" where the cigar counter has been kept open while the barroom has been partitioned off.

GREAT NORTHERN THIEVES CAUGHT.

Spokane, Oct. 26.—The police believe to a certainty that they have captured a part of the gang that held up the Great Northern at Ronod last September in the persons of C. E. McDonald and Ed Smith. Bankers have identified a package of money found on them as part of the train's consignment. The men claim innocence and assert they have an alibi.