

WEATHER REPORT.

Fair and cooler tonight
with light frost; Fri-
day fair and warmer.



After you have read
the ads, you are ready
to go shopping. Pen-
dleton's best bargain
giving stores are rep-
resented in this paper.

VOL. 21.

PENDLETON, OREGON, THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 1908.

NO. 6251

STRAIN DEMANDS AN INVESTIGATION

Assessor Declares That State-
ment of County Finances is
Misleading.

DEMANDS MASS MEET- ING OF TAXPAYERS.

Says All Investigations Should Be
Made in the Open Where the People
May Understand—Makes Affidavit
as to Instructions to Deputy Asses-
sors Concerning Valuations—Wants
Everything Done in the Open, Fair
and Square.

Being drawn into the controversy
that has arisen concerning the assess-
ment in this county, Assessor C. P.
Strain today issued a statement to
the public and in fairness to that of-
ficial it is here published in full and
without comment.

Pendleton, Ore., April 9, 1908.

To the Public:

The editorial statement in the morn-
ing Tribune of today, so far as it per-
tains to the assessor's office, is wil-
fully and viciously false and mislead-
ing, except in a few unimportant par-
ticulars.

The same is true of a statement in
the same paper of the same date signed
by R. T. Brown, and the members of
the county court. I not only wel-
come a real investigation, but I de-
mand it. This investigation, however,
in order to have any value, must not
be a star chamber affair, conceived
and engineered by the little coterie
of tax dodgers in this city who are
making it their business to capture
the assessor's office.

It must be made by a mass meet-
ing of taxpayers from all over the
county right out in the open where
everybody can witness all that trans-
pires when I come to be confronted
by my detractors.

This meeting should be held at the
court house, where the records are
convenient. The committee should
be large enough to include every
taxpayer who desires to be present.
As to the misrepresentation concern-
ing the assessment of personal
property, I attach hereto an affidavit
by myself and H. P. Whitman, my
chief deputy.

To assert that the assessor's office
multiplied the personal property by
four is to insinuate that the other
members of the board of equalization
were but pawns in my hands, for each
of them had equal power with me.

As to the motives of those scrapping
me I will suggest that the arbitrary
assessment of \$52,000 against C. W.
Brownfield for notes and accounts in
1907 will furnish a key to the whole
situation. I have added a million dol-
lars of this kind of property to the
roll. A good many of its owners are
either openly or secretly fighting me.
More will be told at the forthcoming
investigation.

C. P. STRAIN.

Affidavit by Assessor.

State of Oregon, County of Uma-
tilla, ss.

We, C. P. Strain, county assessor of
Umatilla county, Oregon, and H. P.
Whitman, chief deputy county assessor
for said county, being each duly
sworn, depose and say that the field
deputy assessors for the years 1906
and 1907 were instructed to assess
personal property as nearly as possi-
ble at one-quarter of its full market
value.

C. P. STRAIN.

H. P. WHITMAN.

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 9th day of April, 1908.

C. H. MARSH.

Notary Public for Oregon.

FUNERAL OF MRS. TERRY.

Pioneer Woman Laid to Rest in
Otney Cemetery Today.

At 10 o'clock this morning the fu-
neral of the late Mrs. M. A. Terry
was held from the residence of T. B.
Swearingen and the turnout was
one of the largest seen here in months.
The service was conducted by Rev.
Charles Quimby, rector of the church
of the Redeemer.

Pall-bearers at the funeral were as
follows: Pete Peterson, Henry
Thompson, V. Strobbe, George De-
Mott, J. W. Daley and Ed Harlow.

Tree Planting Crusade.

The La Grande post of the G. A. R.,
assisted by the Women's Relief Corps,
will start a tree planting crusade in
that city a tree planting afternoon.
Speeches will be delivered by District
Attorney F. S. Ivanhoe and others and
the event will be largely attended.

Henneman Is Back.

R. W. Henneman returned home
this morning from a visit in Seattle
and Portland, during which time he
bought fixtures for the new billiard
parlor he will open adjoining his
cigar store in the rear.

ST. LOUIS STILL ON MAP.

Fanatics' Prediction That City Would
Be Destroyed, Fails.

St. Louis, April 9.—St. Louis is still
on the map and wagging along with
the rest of the world, despite the pre-
diction of an evangelist that the met-
ropolis of the Mississippi would be
wiped out by earthquakes, cyclones,
fire and flame during the present
week. John Moss, known as the
"boy preacher," was the author of the
dire foreboding as to the fate of
St. Louis, which he has branded as
"the wickedest city in the world."

Many of Moss' followers fled from
the city, but are now returning, with
their confidence in the ability of the
"boy preacher" as a prophet consid-
erably diminished. Moss admits that
he may have made a mistake in his
calculations, but insists that St. Louis
will soon lie in ruins and that its de-
struction will herald the end of the
world.

Moss declares that St. Louis is the
plague spot of the universe and that
it is worse than New York, Paris, Chi-
cago or San Francisco.

MISS MARLOW PROSTRATED.

Actress Shocked to Have Name Men-
tioned in Divorce Case.

Ithaca, N. Y., April 9.—Miss Julia
Marlowe was a victim of nervous col-
lapse last night, due to the fact that
her name is mentioned in the news
dispatches as a co-respondent in a suit
of Mrs. Clara Von Herman for di-
vorce against her husband, the mag-
azine writer, Karl Von Herman. She
may be able to play tonight.

HEAVIER STEEL FOR MOUNTAINS

FORTY-SEVEN CARS OF 90-POUND STEEL ARRIVES

Work of Replacing 85-Pound Rails
Between Kamela and Huron Will
Begin at Once—River Gravel for
Ballast Will Be Hauled from La
Grande—May Change Grade at Old
Washout.

Forty-seven cars of 90-pound steel
rails have just been received by the
O. R. & N. company for distribution
on the Blue mountains between Ka-
mela and Huron and the work of re-
placing the 85-pound rails now on
that section of the road will begin at
once.

Several work trains and a large
force of men will be engaged for sev-
eral months in laying the heavier steel
and in ballasting that section of the
roadbed and when the work is com-
pleted the mountain grade will be
the best in the west.

Gravel from the Grande Ronde
river will be hauled by work trains
to the mountains and the roadbed
will be placed in first class condition
during the summer. Important
changes at the point where the grade
is washed out with every rise in
Meacham creek are contemplated and
the present season will be one of the
most active in the history of the O.
R. & N. on the Blue mountains.

The work of improving the moun-
tain roadbed will be in direct charge
of Division Engineer William Bollens.

Jurors Are Secured.

San Francisco, April 9.—Two tenta-
tive jurors were secured at the morn-
ing session of the Ford bribery trial.
They are J. D. Mansfield, a railroad
man, and B. H. Brilliant, a furniture
dealer. In the Ruef trial one juror
was secured, the first. He is John
Koenenman, a grocer, and he will prob-
ably be challenged on the grounds that
he served as juror in Older-Tevis libel
suit case against the Bulletin recently.

CHINATOWN ALARMED.

Jim Town Warns Police That Gam-
bling Is Going On.

There was some excitement on in
Chinatown last night and if Jim
Town, the Chinese vegetable vender,
carries out his threats Pendleton may
be treated to a full fledged metropolitan
highlander war.

During council meetings last night
Jim rushed into the recorder's office
and appeared much agitated. He ap-
plied for a policeman and when he
found none present at the time, said,
"Tell policeman watch gambling
business."

Later in the evening Officer Kear-
ner, learning that something was
brewing in Chinatown, repaired
thereto and found a rather excited
bunch of Mongolians. However,
they were all as innocent as babes
when questioned and the officer could
find nothing for a policeman to do.

This morning Jim Town said that
a highlander Chinaman was there
last night and insinuated that he had
succeeded in winning some money
from his countrymen.

"I will get pistol and kill him five
or six," said Jim this morning in ex-
plaining his plans for the future.

Other members of the Chinese col-
ony declare that they do not gamble
now and the true "inwardness" of the
trouble that was on last night has
not yet been revealed.

PRESIDENT MAY VETO BENTON DAM

Power and Irrigation Com-
pany Must Compensate the
Government.

PRESIDENT WANTS FOUR NEW BATTLESHIPS

Naval Appropriation Bill Provides
for But Two Ships, But This Is
Not Satisfactory to Roosevelt—
Work on Four Vessels Should Be-
gin at Once—Venezuela War Cloud
Lowers Again and the Situation Is
Again Serious—Castro's Papers
Attack Roosevelt.

Washington, D. C., April 9.—In-
formation has been given out
from a high source that the presi-
dent will veto the Benton Water
Power Company's Snake river dam
bill unless an amendment is passed
limiting the franchise and requiring
compensation for the privileges con-
ferred by the federal government.

Wants Four Battleships.

Washington, April 9.—A special
message to congress for the construc-
tion of four new battleships is now
the plan of the president. This de-
veloped as a result of the naval ap-
propriation bill which provides for
only two battleships.

This provision is not satisfactory to
either the president or the navy de-
partment. The president believes that
work on the four vessels should be-
gin at once and will make an effort
to have the appropriation changed.

Venezuelan Cloud Lowers.

Washington, April 9.—The feeling
of vexation on the part of the admin-
istration toward Castro's government
has given away to one of anger as a
result of the publication of articles at-
tacking President Roosevelt in the
Venezuelan president's organs.

Secretary of State Root is more
aroused at this crisis than at any
time since he took office. Root is
confident that as soon as the senate
committee takes the matter up the
president will be authorized to treat
with Castro in a manner he deems
necessary and fit.

GOVERNOR HUGHES SAYS PASS ANTI-GAMBLING BILL.

Albany, April 9.—Governor Hughes
stirred up a hornet's nest today when
he sent a special message into the sen-
ate urging again the necessity of the
passage of an anti-race horse gam-
bling bill upon which a tie vote was
taken yesterday.

The message was no sooner read
than Senator McCarran leaped to his
feet and suggested that the bill be
sent back to the governor with a mes-
sage asking the governor to mind his
own business.

"The message is an insult to the
senate," said Senator Grady, who then
declared that Hughes was turning in
to a common "scold."

NO FEVER IN CUBA.

Magoon Protests Against the Govern-
ment Quarantine.

Havana, April 9.—Governor Gen-
eral Magoon has sent an earnest pro-
test to the American government
against placing a quarantine about
Cuba as he asserts that there is no
fever on the island.

Many planters in the country dis-
tricts are placing gatling guns in
their homes in anticipation of the
withdrawal of American troops next
February and in fear of revolutionary
disturbances.

Third Trial of Ford Begins.

San Francisco, April 9.—The third
trial of Former Attorney General
Terry L. Ford was called this morning
in Judge Lawlor's court. Ford is
charged with conspiracy and bribery
of supervisors in regard to the pas-
sage of an overhead trolley franchise.
The first trial was a disagreement and
the second an acquittal.

THE "INTERESTS" ARE FOR FULTON

Fairbanks, Knox, Cullom and
Nelson Wire Indorsements
to Oregon.

ACTIVITY OF THE "INTER- ESTS" MAY BE BOOMERANG

Looks Like an Attempt to Switch
Oregon Away from Taft—Fair-
banks and Knox Being Candidates
for the Presidency, are Fishing for
Oregon Delegation, It Is Thought—
Fulton's Opponents See a Reaction
in This Activity from the Big "In-
terests" of the Senate

Portland, April 9.—The telegraphic
endorsements of Vice President Fair-
banks, United States Senators Knox,
Cullom, Lodge and Nelson of the
candidacy of Fulton for reelection,
created a political sensation in this
city today.

The action of Fairbanks and Knox,
both of whom are candidates for the
republican nomination for the presi-
dency, is regarded as significant and
may mean an attempt to divert Ore-
gon from the Taft column.

Lodge's statement also caused sur-
prise, as Lodge acts as the voice of
President Roosevelt in the senate.
This taken by Fulton's friends to be
an indication that the reputed
anxiety on the part of Roosevelt to
see Fulton defeated is unfounded and
that Fulton is again in favor at the
White House.

On the other hand the opponents
of Senator Fulton in Oregon see his
chances for reelection wane, in this
public endorsement and far fetched
activity of the pronounced representa-
tives of the "interests" in the senate.

The people of the state of Oregon
prefer to use their own judgment as
to the fitness of public servants, with-
out dictation from outside politicians
who have "axes to grind" and who
are personally interested in strength-
ening special interests in the United
States senate.

STEEL TRUST TIRES OF COREY.

Stockholders Say That He Is a Poor
Business Getter.

Pittsburg, April 9.—The resignation
of W. E. Corey as president of the
United States Steel company, will be
demanded by a large number of stock-
holders at the annual meeting on April
20.

They maintain that Corey is not a
good president at this time when the
business condition is not flourishing.
Since the depression it is said that
Corey is a very weak business getter.

Lottery Pays Fine and Dies.

Cincinnati, April 9.—After pleading
guilty to indictment charging a viola-
tion of the federal laws, the promoters
of the Kentucky lottery were today
fined \$25,700 in the federal court at
Covington. They promised to go out
of business forever.

WEALTHY CHINESE DIES.

Wing Sick, Pioneer Resident of Wal-
la Walla, Is No More.

Wing Sick, a Chinese doctor and
one of the best known Oriental resi-
dents of this city, died yesterday af-
ternoon at St. Mary's hospital of
Bright's disease, says the Walla Wal-
la Statesman.

Wing Sick was born in China, 76
years ago and has been a resident of
Walla Walla for 28 years. For 22
years he occupied the building at 117
West Alder street, practicing as a
Chinese herb doctor. He was a Ma-
son.

Decensed is survived by a wife and
several children, all of whom are in
China. According to report they will
be provided for most handsomely by
the dead man's estate.

Funeral services will be held tomor-
row from the Hennessey undertaking
parlor and interment will be made in
the Chinese cemetery.

HERMISTON EXCURSION TRAINS WILL RUN

Special excursion rates to Hermis-
ton and the east Umatilla reservoir
have been granted by the O. R. & N.
company and they will be in force at
the expiration of the 30 days' notice
which must be given. The rates will
be in effect from Saturday to Monday
of each week and they are given at
points as far west as Arlington and
as far east as La Grande.

The rates established cover the rail-
road trip to Hermiston and also the
stage fare from Hermiston to the reser-
voir. From Pendleton the round
trip fare will be \$2.80; from La
Grande, \$5.75; and from Arlington,

\$3.35.

As a result of the excursion rates
eastern Oregon people will hereafter
be able to make the trip to the dam
site and return at comparatively light
expense and there is little doubt but
that the excursion will prove popular.

On the day of the primary election
two special trains will be run from
Hermiston to Echo for the accommo-
dation of the Hermistonians who must
go to Echo to vote this spring. The
first train will leave Hermiston at
noon and returning will leave Echo
at 2:30. The second train will leave
Hermiston at 5 o'clock and returning
will leave Echo at 7 o'clock.

SIX NATIONS IN MEETING

Famous Indians Will Hold First
Conference in a Century.

Oskosh, Wis., April 9.—For the
first time in a century the scattered
remnants of the Six Nations, the pow-
erful Indian tribes which inhabited
New England in colonial days, are
holding a general council.

Quinney, an Indian settlement on
the shores of Lake Winnebago, is the
scene of the conference, which has
for its purpose the perpetuation of
the ancient forms and customs of the
Six Nations. Delegates are in attend-
ance from many states.

Historians of the tribe have been
busy for months in preparing elabo-
rate accounts of the prowess of their
ancestors, with which to regale the
assembled redskins. The wanderings
and the trials and tribulations of the
tribe since it was driven from its New
England home will be recounted for
the benefit of the younger genera-
tion.

EVANS IS SERIOUSLY ILL.

Worst Night Since He Came to the
California Resort

Paso Robles, April 9.—Admiral
Evans is a very much sicker man
than the public is lead to believe.
Last night was the worst since leav-
ing the vessel and this morning he
looked very ill. He has suffered a
painful injury to the left ankle, which
was most affected when the leg was
caught between the wheel and body
of a chair yesterday while he was
taking an airing. The injury caused
the patient much pain and loss of
sleep.

ERIE IS SCOOPED IN BY HARRIMAN

SYSTEM BECOMES PART OF HARRIMAN LINES

Short Term Notes Which Matured
This Week Were Refused by Banks
and Harriman Furnished the
Needed \$5,000,000 to Save the
Road from Bankruptcy—Morgan Is
In Despair—Erie Gives Harriman
Eastern Outlet

New York, April 9.—By stepping
forward at the last moment after
every other possible source of aid
had been appealed to in vain, E. H.
Harriman saved the Erie railroad
from bankruptcy and is this morning
the dominating factor in Erie con-
trol.

The Erie short term notes matured
yesterday and the roads could not
meet them. The banks refused to
touch the road's paper and Morgan
is in despair.

At a meeting of the directors it was
practically decided to apply for a re-
ceiver when Harriman tendered the
needed \$5,000,000 and averted a
crash.

The Erie control gives Harriman
a strong eastern outlet.

IRRIGATION WHEEL.

Test Being Made in Columbia River
This Week.

Many of the irrigation problems for
the Kennewick valley will be solved
if the new water wheel placed in the
Columbia river this week by J. R.
Morrison, proves as successful as all
indications point to, says the Kenne-
wick Reporter.

The new wheel or screw, is five feet
in diameter, built on the same plan as
a propeller on a boat, the water acting
on the screw as does the screw of a
boat against the water. The new
invention is placed in a large cylinder
on a barge which is anchored in the
river with a funnel on the upstream
end. With a two-mile current it is
hoped to develop some great power.

Where practical the water will be
pumped from a large pipe directly in-
to the ditch, but where the land is too
far from the stream for this method
a dynamo will be placed on the boat
and the power transmitted by wire.

Last Wednesday the barge and
screw were placed in the river and
the propeller began operations as soon
as it struck the current. While Mr.
Morrison was unable to give his in-
vention a thorough test it worked well
and is turning in fine shape, although
not yet firmly set in place. Much in-
terest is being manifested by ranch-
ers of the valley in the new machine
and the development of power is be-
ing watched in hopes that it will be
as successful as the preliminary test
indicated.

Suit to Collect Note.

A suit has been brought by the
Holt Manufacturing company against
J. A. Wilson and George M. Stevens to
collect \$824 alleged to be due as prin-
cipal and interest upon a note given
to Annie Ennis. Carter & Smythe are
attorneys for the plaintiffs.

Baseball Scores.

Los Angeles, April 9.—Los Angeles,
11; Oakland 2.

San Francisco, April 9.—San Fran-
cisco, 9; Portland, 6.

CITY WILL PAVE TEN MORE BLOCKS

Residents of West Court
Street Want More Im-
provements.

NEW PAVING DISTRICT FROM MAIN TO STAR.

Petitions Presented at Council Meet-
ing Last Night and Street Commit-
tee Indorsed the Movement—New
Site Will Be Selected for Cemetery
Well—Subject of Contagion Hospi-
tal was discussed by Council—City
Hall Bids Not Opened.

Ten blocks on West Court street,
covering the section from Main to Star
Streets, are to be paved with bitu-
lithic or asphalt unless a sufficient re-
monstrance against the improvement
is presented.

At the council meeting last night a
petition from the property owners on
West Court was presented. It asked
that the 10 blocks be paved, the block
between Main and Garden streets,
for the full width, while on the re-
mainder of the street parking was
asked for.

The petition was reported upon fa-
vorably by the street committee and
later in the session a resolution pro-
viding for the improvement was passed.

Another Cemetery Well.

When the subject of the cemetery
watering plant came up last night it
was reported that water had not been
found at the experimental well above
the Porter ranch. After some discus-
sion the cemetery committee was au-
thorized to select a new site and it
is probable the well will be located
on the flat near the end of Webb
street.

Joe Eli, chairman of the ordinance
committee, resigned that post and
Mayor Murphy named Councilman
Hinkle to head that committee.

A contract awarding the street
cleaning work to John Hastings, was
passed after the bond furnished by
Hastings had been approved. He does
the cleaning work for \$30 per month.

At the request of Councilman Stro-
ble, chairman of the city hall build-
ing committee, the opening of bids
upon the building were postponed for
a week.

The subject of providing a conta-
gion hospital was brought up by
Councilman Hinkle, who referred to
the fact that there are now some
smallpox cases in the city and said
the city should have a hospital for
use in the event of anything like a
general epidemic. The health com-
mittee was instructed to take the
subject up with the county court with
a view to securing a joint city and
county contagion hospital.

The subject of Major Moorhouse's
long lost warrant for \$150 was brought
up again last night, but the sentiment
of the council was against making a
payment and no action was taken.

Candidate for Commissioner.

W. H. Hurlburt, candidate for rail-
road commissioner, and well known
in this city and county, is here for
a few days meeting the voters in the
interest of his candidacy. He was
formerly connected with the passen-
ger department of the O. R. & N. and
has a wide circle of friends through-
out the state. On account of his
railroad experience he is a logical
candidate for commission and is
making an effective campaign for the
place. Mr. Hurlburt has many warm
personal friends in this city who
would like to see him nominated for
the place.

For a State Rifle Range

The purchase of a suitable tract of
land near Troutdale for use as a state
rifle range is the principal matter up
for consideration before the state mil-
itary board, which is in session, says
a Salem item. The tract under con-
sideration consists of