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WHEAT FIELDS IN THEIR GLORY

Section of Umatilla County
Between Pendleton and
Walla Walla a Paradise.

RECENT RAINS MAKE AMENDS FOR SLOW START

Only Blot Is Idle Summer Fallow—
Fruit Season Commences in Milton
Freewater Section—New Homes
Springing Up Along the Interurban
—Electric Line Draws East End
Closer to Walla Walla Than Pen-
dleton—Residents Prefer to Trade
in County Seat of Umatilla County.

(Staff Correspondence.)

With the wheat fields green and fresh from the late rains the section of country between Pendleton and Walla Walla never looked better than at present and one passing along the line yesterday could readily believe that the land is suited for diversified farming.

Though the growing crop was retarded somewhat earlier in the spring the rains that have occurred recently have made amends for that. Today the entire wheat belt is one great field of green except that half the land is idle as summer fallow.

Milton's Early Fruit.

In the Freewater-Milton section conditions are likewise good this spring and an especial activity is now noticeable because the fruit season has commenced. At the Milton depot yesterday truckloads of strawberries were being expressed to Boise, Nampa, Butte, Anacosta, Elgin and other points where the fruit season comes much later than in the east end of Umatilla.

Along the line of the interurban between Walla Walla and Milton new homes are now springing up and almost every acre of ground is being used for fruit raising or gardening.

The building of the interurban line has put a new face on affairs in the east end and really values have gone skyward since the road was installed.

But there is one feature in connection with the road that is not favorable to Pendleton. The line has drawn the Milton-Freewater country closer to Walla Walla and whether they wish to or not the east end people are now forced by the logic of the situation to trade at the Washington town.

They Prefer Pendleton.

That this condition is not acceptable to scores of people in that section is shown by a conversation that occurred yesterday in a Milton drug store. An old farmer, the proprietor of the store and the writer were discussing the respective merits of Walla Walla and Pendleton and without knowing that he was talking to a Pendletonian the rancher said:

"I would rather trade in Pendleton than at Walla Walla, for I can buy better goods there and buy them cheaper than I can in Walla Walla."

According to the same man there are many who feel as he does upon the subject and aside from the fact that they regard Pendleton as a better place to trade they would prefer to come here if they could because this city is in the same state.

But in the absence of a through electric line from Walla Walla to this city there is little hope for Milton business to come this way and if Pendleton wishes to hold its own in the east end it must bind itself to that section by means of a trolley wire.

FLEET STEAMING NORTH.

Sea Fighters on Their Way to the Puget Sound.

San Francisco, May 18.—Without any demonstration beyond a few cheers, the Atlantic fleet pulled up their mud hooks yesterday and headed by the Connecticut with Admiral Sperry's pennant at the forepeak, started on the trip north.

They left the bay shortly after 11 o'clock and will arrive in Puget sound May 21. Eight vessels will then visit

Bellingham bay, four go to Port Angeles, three to Port Townsend and one to the dry dock at Bremerton.

May 23 the fleet will assemble at Seattle and May 27, 12 vessels go to Tacoma, but only four will remain there, the other eight proceeding on out of the sound to San Francisco.

The ships left in the sound will take their turn dry docking and will then proceed to San Francisco.

July 7 the fleet will leave for Honolulu and Australia. The Maine and Alabama will not accompany the fleet north.

ENCOUNTER BAD WEATHER.

Fleet Has Disagreeable Journey Up California Coast.

On board the U. S. S. Georgia at sea—by wireless to Mare Island, May 19.—Long rolling seas and a heavy fog made the morning run of the fleet a disagreeable one. In the afternoon the fog lifted a bit, but the seas continued heavy and the ships steamed at about eight knots.

At night the weather cleared and the vessels speeded up to 12 knots. There are but a few absentees reported and the majority of those left behind will report at Seattle and rejoin their ships.

The fleet steamed in shore as near as safety permitted to allow the sightseers to view the big boats. All night bonfires along the coast lighted up the skies.

THOUSANDS SAW FLEET MANEUVERS.

On Board Battleship Georgia, May 19.—Wireless—Sixteen battleships in Sperry's command maneuvered outside of Humboldt bay this noon in view of thousands of people who stood on the cliffs in a drenching rain to watch the proceedings. Wireless greetings were exchanged with the Eureka board of trade and chamber of commerce.

BANK FAILURE ENTANGLES CITY

PITTSBURG COMPELLED TO MAKE BIG BOND ISSUE.

Milton and a Half Tied Up in Institution Wrecked by Unscrupulous Cashier—State Has \$5,000,000 in Bank But Is Protected by Bonding Company—Montgomery Stole Half a Million But Shortage Will Equal \$2,000,000.

Pittsburg, Pa., May 19.—Following the closing of the Allegheny National bank by the comptroller of the currency, the announcement was made that the city of Pittsburg is in danger of being compelled to issue bonds in the sum of \$1,500,000 as that amount of the city's funds are tied up in the defunct institution.

The city is without available funds to meet current expenses and the officials must take action at once to relieve the situation.

State funds to the amount of \$5,000,000 are also tied up in the same bank, but this money is secured by a bonding company.

The peculations of Montgomery are officially placed at \$594,000, although the bank's total shortage is said to be \$2,000,000. Montgomery has been held to the grand jury.

Rioting Continues.

Cleveland, O., May 19.—Rioting marked the progress of the street car strike today, but the police were on hand in such short order that in every case no serious disturbances resulted. In one place a car collided with an explosive, but no one was hurt. It is thought that the end of the strike is in sight. The hope is expressed that an agreement will be reached through the efforts of the state board of arbitration.

Episcopal at Portland.

Portland, May 19.—Delegates from all over the west are arriving today to attend the primary missionary council of the eighth district of the Episcopal church tomorrow. The district includes Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Arizona, Nevada and California.

DEATH IN WAKE OF CELEBRATION

Civil War Cannon Used to
Salute Passing Fleet Ex-
plodes at Ferndale.

WHITE MAN DEAD AND MANY INDIANS INJURED.

First Report Said Seven Would Die—
Gun Had Been Used in Celebrations
for 30 Years—Extra Charge De-
molishes Weapon—Curious Reds
Had Gathered Around to See it
Fired—Clearing Smoke Revealed
Dead and Dying—Three Women
May Succumb to Injuries—Indians
May Pull Through.

Ferndale, Cal., May 19.—(Later.)—Isaac Davis is the only man dead as the result of the explosion of the old cannon which was fired as a salute to the passing fleet at Centerville, near here.

Three women, who were injured, may die, but it is expected that the Indians, thought to have been killed by the explosion, will pull through with their lives.

The cannon was an old one and had been used for 30 years.

Fired a Fatal Salute.

Ferndale, Cal., May 19.—While saluting the slowly passing Atlantic fleet today an old cannon exploded, killing one white man and seven Indians.

A great crowd had gathered at Centerville to observe the big fighting machines sail past.

The old cannon, a relic of the civil war, if not older, which had done duty on every national holiday for many years, was dragged out of its shed and hauled to the beach. Here it was loaded and fired several times in honor of the fleet.

A crowd of Indians incautiously gathered close about the old gun to observe the manner in which it was exploded.

The last charge was an unusually large one. The fuse was touched and a moment later a tremendous explosion occurred.

Screams of agony issued from out of the cloud of smoke that surrounded the gun carriage and when the breeze blew the smoke away, seven Indians and one white man were huddled about the dismantled gun carriage, all being dead or dying.

Others in the crowd were painfully wounded.

MRS. GUNNESS IS DEAD.

La Porte, Ind., May 19.—All doubt as to the fact that Mrs. Gunness died in the flames that destroyed her home was removed today when her dentist, I. N. Norton, positively identified a gold crown in the ruins as the one he had placed in her mouth some time ago. It is hoped that the trial of Ray Lamphere, charged with burning the Gunness home, will begin next Monday.

No Currency Bill.

Washington, May 19.—As the session draws to a close it is apparent there is little chance for any currency legislation to be passed. It is admitted that the Vreeland and Aldrich bills are so unlike that there is practically no hope of passing either one and there does not remain sufficient time for both parties to get together and make a new bill. Neither side seems disposed to yield a point.

Democrats Grow Caustic.

Fresno, Calif., May 19.—A platform, teeming with denunciation of the political grafters and the Southern Pacific and endorsing Bryan and ridiculing the state railroad commission, was adopted by the democratic convention today. The eight hour day, Asiatic exclusion, conservation of resources, restriction of the power of injunction and independence of the Philippines is also urged.

Murderess Was Norwegian.

Trond Hjem, Norway, May 19.—Bryndyld Pulsdatter was the maiden name of Mrs. Belle Gunness, whose murder fame at Laporte in America, is now exciting so much attention. She was born in Norway in 1853, and she left her home 33 years ago for America. Her only surviving relative, her sister, Selbo, died last Friday. It is said that the sister had not heard from Mrs. Gunness in many years.

Sensational Letter.

Clinton, Ill., May 19.—The jury in the Snell will case was secured today. The attorneys for Richard Snell, who is trying to break the will, announced letters written by various women to Snell, and which, if read in open court will cause a number of domestic tragedies, will be introduced.

REGISTRATION IS 400 GREATER

Many More Voters Than Two
Years Ago—Total on the
Books Reaches 4,465.

PENDLETON LEADS WITH MILTON AND ECHO CLOSE

Compilation by Registering Clerk Shows Number of Voters Is Much Greater Than When Books Closed for Last Election—Echo Has Nearly 500 Voters and Crowds Milton Close for Second Honors—Ruddock Is Lowest With Only Five Men on the Books.

With a total registration of 4465 Umatilla county has over 400 more voters in line for the June election than there were two years ago. At that time the total reached 4031.

This afternoon Clark Nelson, registry clerk, compiled the following statement showing the registration by precincts for the coming election. As those registering for the state election are not required to give their political faiths the respective strengths of the different parties cannot be known.

Precinct	Electors
Adams	41
North Athens	195
South Athens	75
Bingham Springs	19
Cottonwood	16
Echo	495
Encampment	38
Fairview	42
Ferndale	95
Fulton	96
Gilliland	38
Helix	84
Hogue	42
Holdman	115
Juniper	31
North Milton	272
South Milton	247
Mountain	58
McKay	116
Pendleton	299
North Pendleton	319
South Pendleton	331
East Pendleton	217
Pilot Rock	233
Prospect	34
North Reservation	50
South Reservation	50
Riverside	51
Ruddock	10
Ukiah	5
Umatilla	77
Union	101
Valley	35
Vansycle	104
Vinson	21
Weston	16
East Weston	123
Willow Springs	148
Yakum	22
Total	4465

TO INSPECT OREGON TIMBER.

Government Expert to Investigate for Turpentine in Northwest States.
Washington, May 19.—L. W. Hawley, expert on wood distillation for the forest service has just left Washington for Oregon, Washington, Montana and Idaho, to investigate the possibilities of a future turpentine industry in the northwestern portion of the United States.

Mr. Hawley has taken with him a small distillation apparatus, which he will set up at various places in these states, distilling the different woods to determine their value in the production of turpentine. In this manner an accurate idea of the yield of extracts from the various woods can be obtained, and samples of the material will be sent to Washington for analysis and estimation of its value for use in paints, varnishes and other naval stores.

There are at the present time in the northwest, several wood distilling plants which are producing various grades of turpentine, wood preserving oils and materials of a similar nature. It is believed that a careful study of existing conditions in this section will yield results which will give an accurate idea of the possibilities of utilizing the enormous quantity of sawmill refuse now going to waste.

Victim Identified.

Laporte, Ind., May 19.—One of the alleged victims of Mrs. Gunness was identified today so positively that the coroner has issued a death certificate. The corpse was that of Jennie Olson. The body was one of the first found on the farm. Mrs. Gunness told neighbors that the Olson girl had gone to Los Angeles.

New Tacoma Newspaper.

The plant of the defunct Seattle News, purchased by R. F. Riddaugh, has been taken to Tacoma and stored in the Wallace block on A street, in which Riddaugh proposes to house his newest Tacoma daily, the Tacoma Tribune.

BURNED \$700 HIDDEN IN SAGE.

Ditch Worker Had Close Call for Losing His Entire "Wad."

Boise, May 19.—A man named O'Donnell working on the government canal, came near losing \$700 in a peculiar manner. While at work he took off his vest and threw it across a sage bush with the money still in the pocket. A companion coming along saw the sage bush which he thought was in the way, but did not see the vest and knew nothing of the money. O'Donnell's back happened to be turned and he did not see what was going on and the first intimation he had that things were wrong was when he smelled smoke and looked behind him. His companion had touched a match to the brush to get it out of the way.

O'Donnell made a frantic rush into the burning bush and grabbed the remnants of a badly burned vest. The purse containing the money had been badly burned and \$300 in greenbacks were also badly scorched. The balance of the money was in gold. None of it was completely destroyed.

CLOSING ARGUMENTS.

Heney Is Roasted and Called Unfair—Allege Private Prosecution.

San Francisco, May 19.—Taking up the argument where Attorney Ach had left off last night, Attorney I. F. Chapman today addressed the jury in the Reut case.

"This is a peculiar prosecution," he said. "Since the impeachment of the jury many times Heney has attempted to tear from the defendant the legal presumption of innocence to which my client is entitled."

Chapman added, it is not Heney's nature to be fair and that the entire case is a fabrication. "This is private Spreckles prosecution," he added.

ATTEMPTS TO MURDER FAMILY

ANSWERS WIFE'S CHIDING WITH RAZOR SLASHES

Cuts Throats of His Two Babies—
Crazed With Drink He Becomes a
Fiend When Spouse Remonstrates
With Him for Staying Out All
Night—Police Arrive in Nick of
Time and Strike Down Mad Man—
Children Rushed to Hospital in an
Auto.

San Francisco, May 19.—Crazed by drinking, Wm. J. Hanna, a plumber, attempted to murder his wife and two babies this morning because his wife remonstrated with him for staying out all night and spending his money.

Attracted by the woman's screams the police rushed in time to see the frenzied husband slash the throats of his children with an open razor. The police struck the man down with night sticks and handcuffed him, then impressed a passing automobile to take the two children, both wounded, to the hospital. It is believed both will recover although they were badly slashed.

Test Case on Land Blot.

Roy W. Minckler, of Clarke county, Washington, has started suit in the federal court to compel the Oregon & California Railway company to sell its granted land to actual settlers at \$2.50 an acre, under the terms of the act of congress of May 4, 1870. This is a test case and if Minckler is successful a large number of similar suits will be begun.

Bad Fire at Hope, Idaho.

Fire Sunday morning at Hope, Ida., destroyed six residences, causing a loss of about \$10,000 with little insurance. The fire started in the residence of Harry Morton from a defective flue, and the residences of Mrs. Peshak, John Larson, Wm. Billings, Grant Sherman and Messrs. Stone and Termullen were completely destroyed.

Unable to Tell His Name.

A stranger, about 38 or 40 years of age, applied at the police station at Aberdeen, Wash., the other night for a place to sleep, and when asked his name was unable to give it. His mind seemed to be a blank as to his past, and he could give no account of himself.

Child Died.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Haupt of Colton, Wash., died Friday from the effects of a terrible scalding received a short time ago by turning a tub of boiling water over its head and shoulders.

John Donlan committed suicide at Grand Forks, B. C., a couple of days ago in a horrible manner. He placed a stick of dynamite next to his skin at his chest and lighted the fuse. The body was blown to pieces. He was about 40 years of age.

EVENTFUL DAY AT HIGH SCHOOL

Regular Work Closes for the
Year—Final Examinations
Begin Tomorrow.

DR. SMITH ADDRESSES THE STUDENT BODY

Champion Orator of Eastern Oregon Delivers Winning Oration to Fellow Students—Both Speakers Are Heavily Cheered—Smith Popular With the Students—Easter Elected Captain of Next Year's Track Team—Jay Will Not Represent Local School After This Session.

This has been an eventful day at the high school for it is the last day of the year for regular school work, the examinations commencing tomorrow.

At the assembly this morning the students were treated to an interesting talk by Dr. C. J. Smith, who spoke of his travels abroad. The address was listened to closely by the students and the doctor was warmly cheered both when he entered the room and at the conclusion of his talk.

Harold Warner, winner of the interscholastic oratorical contest at Baker City, also rendered his oration this morning. It was the first time the oration has been delivered before the Pendleton students and it was given by Warner in fine shape.

Easter Is Captain.

This forenoon the members of the high school track team met and elected Alfred Easter as captain of the team for next year. He will succeed Ora Jay who has now been on the team for four years and hence is no longer qualified to run under the colors of the high school.

Easter is a weight man and is one of the most enterprising of the new students at the high school. Consequently it is believed he will make good as track captain next year. Aside from Jay, the high school will also lose Arthur and Lester Means and Cliff Turner this year. These are all good men and will be missed next season.

In the grade rooms of the Pendleton schools the last class work will be done tomorrow and the examinations will commence Thursday, according to Superintendent J. S. Landers.

Track Meet Friday.

This forenoon the high school athletes organized rival track teams and will hold a friendly meet next Friday afternoon on the Tutuilla grounds. The event promises to be one of the most interesting of the school year and will be closely contested. Eight athletes have taken sides and will contend for honors. A reproduction of all the fast events of the inland empire track meets of the past month will be witnessed on the home field.

Trouble at Reform School.

H. T. Jones, member of the state board of control, is again temporarily in charge of the state industrial school at Chehalis, Wash. Open friction has been prominent in the school between Superintendent F. G. Thompson and Assistant Superintendent John Simpson for some time, and recently there have been a number of escapes from the school. It is charged that Simpson connived at the escapes, and a few days ago Superintendent Thompson informed the board that either he or Mr. Simpson must leave. The board upheld Simpson and Mr. Thompson tendered his resignation, which was accepted.

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INDIANS RETURN FROM YAKIMA MEETING

Twenty-five Umatilla Indians in company with Rev. J. M. Cornelson and Rev. E. J. Connors of the Tutuilla Presbyterian mission, returned today from Fort Simcoe, Yakima reservation, where a two weeks' evangelistic service has been held and where the Yakima Indians were organized into a temperance society, similar to that organized on the Umatilla reservation.

About 25 Nez Percés returned to their homes at Kamiah, last evening, and the meetings have been brought to an end after a most successful series, in which a large number of the

Yakima Indians were converted.

This is the first of the series of Indian revivals which will be held throughout the northwest and is a most auspicious beginning of the unique movement to evangelize the northwest tribes.

The meetings were attended by about 100 Indians from outside reservations and some eight or 10 native ministers took part. The Umatillas are delighted with the progress of the religious sentiment among their Yakima cousins and visits between the two tribes will be much more frequent hereafter.

TENNESSEE SENATOR GRILLS REPUBLICANS

Washington, May 19.—Senator Tyler delivered his maiden speech in the senate today. The Tennessee senator made the basis of his argument an attack on President Roosevelt, which the republicans are inclined to think unwarranted.

"In these imperial days," he began, "when concentrated wealth is entrenched under the dome of the capitol and centralized power enthroned in the White House, what can you

expect but a gradual encroachment of the federal government upon the reserved rights of the states?"

Turning to the republicans he taunted them with their lack of unanimity in regard to the president's policies. "The question is," he said, "are you going to put the president's reform policies in the platform? If you are why don't you endorse Bryan and be done with it? If not you will repudiate your own president."