

WEATHER REPORT. Fair tonight; Thursday fair and warmer.



TO ADVERTISERS. Don't sit down in the meadow and wait for the cow to back up and be milked—go after the cow.

TAX MUDDLE CAUSES TROUBLE

Assessor Strain Perplexed and Hindered in His Work.

EARLY DECISION IN YAMHILL CASE DESIRED.

Supreme Court Will Probably Be Asked to Advance Case on the Calendar—If Judge Galloway's Decision Is Upheld Some Sweeping Changes Must Be Inaugurated—Strain Is Leaving Valuations Off Roll Pending Settlement of Matter—City Also Greatly Interested.

Because the state tax law is now a tangled skein with the date of unraveling uncertain, Assessor C. P. Strain is a perplexed official and there are others who are also wondering where we will be if the supreme court upholds Judge Galloway's decision.

At present Mr. Strain is engaged in making up the assessment roll, but owing to the uncertainty concerning the law is leaving the valuations off the roll so that he may fill them in after the present controversy has been settled. By so doing he will protect this county against paying more than its just share of the state tax.

Ask for Early Decision.

Because of the confusion growing out of the tax muddle there is a great desire to have the supreme court act promptly on the Yamhill county case and it is probable that the court will be asked to advance the case on the calendar. This line of action is advocated by Dr. C. J. Smith, who as state senator from this county, is endeavoring to help straighten the tax tangle.

According to Mr. Strain there will be no state tax law and simply no basis whatever for raising state revenues if the Galloway decision is affirmed. Consequently it is very important that the supreme court pass upon the case before the legislature meets.

But even then there will be difficulty for the state tax must be apportioned by the first week in January so that the county courts can make their levies. This being the case the legislature could not enact a new law in time to meet the exigency and it may prove that a special session will have to be called by the governor in order to pass a law in the required time. This is on the assumption that the Galloway decision will be sustained.

Should the Galloway decision be upheld it will then be up to Multnomah, Umatilla and other counties now on a full valuation, to force the remainder of the counties of the state to follow their lead.

Under the law it is mandatory that each county shall assess its property at the actual valuation and the members of the board of equalization are required to take oath that they will do so. But this pledge has not been observed by most of the counties. That being the case an injustice would be worked upon those obeying the law, if Judge Galloway is sustained, for those counties would be required to pay the specified levy on a full valuation, while the recalcitrant counties pay the same levy on a fractional valuation.

Strain Is Watching.

In order to protect this county, Strain says he will keep in close touch with the Multnomah people and the situation in general. By leaving the amounts off the assessment roll for the time being he will be able to make the assessment at the actual valuation or a fractional valuation, according to what is done in the remainder of the state. But he does not wish to abandon the plan of assessing property at the actual valuation, for such is required by law and the change has already been made here.

Pendleton Is Interested.

Furthermore, if he is compelled to go back to the old basis of assessment there will be trouble in store for the city of Pendleton. At present the

ALICE LONGWORTH IS BARRED FROM CONVENTION

Columbus, O., July 15.—Alice Longworth, daughter of President Roosevelt, will not attend the national prohibition convention, now in session, as a guest of the Kentucky delegation because the delegates have decided she is not the proper kind of a woman to have as a guest. This was decided today. One case was cited when one delegate recalled that Alice put a tack on a seat in congress, causing a fat man to well.

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MRS. MATLOCK GIVEN DIVORCE

Allowed to Retain Property She Had Before Marrying Mayor of Eugene.

Eugene, Ore., July 15.—Judge Harris of the circuit court, has granted Mrs. Sarah Matlock, wife of Mayor J. D. Matlock of Eugene, a divorce. Mrs. Matlock sued the mayor two weeks ago for legal separation on the ground of cruel and inhuman treatment, alleging he was frequently quarrelsome over property matters. Mrs. Matlock is given the property she owned previous to marrying Matlock.

ADAMS NOT GUILTY.

Grand Junction, Col., July 15.—Steve Adams was found "not guilty" this afternoon of the murder of Arthur Collins, the Telluride mine superintendent who was blown up with a bomb.

FINAL HORROR IN TABRIZ

REMAINDER OF REVOLUTIONISTS WIPED OFF THE EARTH

Cossacks in Pay of Shah Finally in Control of City of Blood and Carnage—Streets Literally Swept With Bullets of the Soldiers—Bodies of Victims Mark Path of the Firing.

Vienna, Austria, July 15.—The culmination of the horrors of Tabriz comes in the form of a bombardment and massacre which wiped out the remainder of the revolutionists and left the city finally in complete control of the Cossacks under pay from the shah, according to a news agency message.

A hundred were killed, the bombardment being directed at the Umriathi quarter of Tabriz. The firing continued until the place was completely destroyed. The Cossacks literally swept the streets with their bullets.

The bodies of the victims mark the course of the firing. This marks the end of the terrible bread riots following the first massacre by the Cossacks.

Bryan as Farmer.

Fairview Farm, Lincoln, Neb., July 15.—Bryan the candidate, was "Bill" Bryan the farmer, today. He went out early to see to the affairs of the field which were allowed to lag somewhat during the convention excitement. He appears interested in every feature of the crops and gives them his personal attention, directing the men himself. He will probably spend the afternoon outlining his speech of acceptance.

Forest Fires Raging.

Forest fires are running through old logging works in various directions from Snohomish, Wash., filling the air with clouds of smoke, but so far as reported doing no damage.

TINY TOT TRIES TO END HER LIFE

Refused Credit for Mother at Butcher and Baker Shops She Drinks Ink.

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Leaving a pathetic note for her mother, she drank ink, and only prompt medical attention saved her life.

The girl's father was killed in the earthquake. Her mother sought employment as a seamstress and kept the wolf from the door by hard work. The care of the three smaller children developed upon Louise.

When told by the butcher that no more would be charged to her mother's bill, the girl wrote the following note to her mother: "I am sorry to tell you I am dead, but the butcher would not trust me or the grocery store, and I am very sorry mamma, dear. I know you would scold and say I am a bad girl, but I hope you will forgive me. I know dear God will forgive me. I went to church and said some prayers for all. Send this to all. Your loving daughter."

Across the front of the note she wrote: "Please give this to mother." Then Louise went to the rear of the butcher shop and drank the ink which she was carrying with her school books, and fell to the floor.

COMMITTS SUICIDE TO ESCAPE A POSSE

August Groess and His Half Brother Dead Behind Barricade.

Benton Harbor, Mich., August Groess, who yesterday shot and fatally wounded James Kirk, an 80-year-old meat peddler, for no apparent reason, was found dead on the floor of his barricaded house when the posse which had surrounded it last night forced an entrance today. Groess had shot himself during the night. Kirk is still alive, but in a critical condition. During the night Groess and the posse frequently exchanged shots. The body of Fred Groess, a half brother of August, was also found in the house by the officers. It is not yet known whether he was killed by shots from the posse or by his brother or whether he committed suicide.

High School for Condon.

Condon, Ore., July 15.—Since the June election decided the location of the county high school at Condon, the county court is taking steps for its establishment. As there is no fund set aside for this purpose the district will run the high school until the January term, or until such time as the court can raise the funds. The county court has pledged itself to reimburse the district for all apparatus purchased and also for all money expended for teachers, provided the patrons of the district guarantee the board against loss in case the question is raised as to the legality of the county court's paying this amount. It has been practically agreed to use the two available rooms in the court house as quarters for the high school until the building of suitable quarters. Two teachers will be added to the number already chosen by the district.

Prince in Accident.

London, July 15.—The New British battleship Indomitable, with the Prince of Wales aboard, collided with a barge off Portsmouth today. The man of war was slightly damaged. The barge is a total loss.

PREPARING ANSWER.

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RUEF'S TROUBLES BEGIN AFRESH

Bondsmen Discover How Expensive Signing of Names Will Be and Revolt.

ASSESSOR ANNOUNCES NEW BASIS FOR TAX.

Bombshell Creates Consternation—Sworn Statements of Signers of Bonds Shows They Overlooked a Few Hundred Thousand Dollars When Giving in Their Property—Increase in Assessments Will Be From 50 to 100 Per Cent—Ruef Called on to Pay the Difference.

San Francisco, July 15.—Ruef is again in trouble.

His troubles began afresh when the men on his bond discovered that the work of signing their names to his bond was going to be expensive.

The announcement made at the assessor's office that the sworn statements made by the persons on Ruef's bond would be accepted as the basis for their tax this year is a bombshell that created much consternation. As a result increases of from 50 to 100 per cent will be made in the assessments of nearly everybody who signed Ruef's bonds.

In one instance the amount will be raised from \$600 of unsecured personal property to \$15,000 in a bank which the bondsmen told the court of, but forgot to mention to the assessor.

Delegations of indignant bondsmen have been calling on Ruef throughout the day. The story gained circulation that Ruef will be asked to pay the difference in his friends' taxes.

MANIA FOR ROBBING.

Pretty Stenographer Cannot Resist Temptation to Steal.

San Jose, Cal., July 15.—Suffering from a nervous breakdown, and on the verge of collapse, Miss Jessie Turner, a pretty stenographer of Palo Alto, who last night robbed the home of Mrs. Mabel Seale, of this city, and later tried to kill her victim when she tried to summon help, told her story to Sheriff Langford today.

She says she is an orphan and believes she inherits a mania for robbery.

"I was driving past the Seale home last night," she said, "and noticed the blinds pulled down. The thought flashed through me that this would be a good opportunity to enter the place. I found the key in the door, entered and took everything in sight. I cannot tell why I did it."

The woman has a sister who committed a similar crime a few months ago.

Miss Turner lives at the home of Arthur Crane, a San Francisco business man, and she took the Crane boy, aged 13, with her. She had the boy open the house.

FLEET NEARS HONOLULU.

Will Arrive Tomorrow—Day Declared a Holiday.

Honolulu, July 15.—The Atlantic fleet is expected here tomorrow morning, according to a wireless from the Connecticut.

The celebration in honor of the ships is expected to be the greatest ever witnessed here. Tomorrow has been declared a holiday and all business will be suspended.

Thousands of people will take their places at daylight tomorrow morning on Diamond Head to watch for the first glimpse of the white ships over the eastern horizon.

Name Forest for Cleveland.

Washington, July 15.—The San Jacinto national forest, California, will hereafter be known as the Cleveland national forest. It was rechristened by Roosevelt in honor of the late president, under whose administration the first national forest was created.

TESTIMONY ALL IN.

Interesting Facts Develop in Harris-St. Dennis Case.

The taking of testimony in the St. Dennis-Harris case as concluded here today and with the exception of the arguments by the attorneys the case is now ready for Judge Bean to pass upon.

No time is set for the arguments and the attorneys have different wishes in the matter. D. B. Bailey, counsel for Harris, wished to have the arguing work deferred until September, while Messrs. Peterson & Winter for St. Dennis, was to close the case in the near future.

It was disclosed during the trial that all but 80 acres of St. Dennis' land is allotment land and hence the alleged lease given Harris was an "informal" one as it was not approved by the department. Since the alleged lease was given St. Dennis sold the 80 acres of non-reservation land.

EIGHT MEN KILLED BY AN EXPLOSION.

Pittsburg, Pa., July 15.—Eight men were killed in an explosion in a shaft of the Williamsburg colliery, operated by the Susquehanna coal company. Eight others were rescued, suffering terrible burns which will probably prove fatal. More men remain in the shaft where they were trapped by the explosion. It is feared the death list will grow. Every effort is being made to reach the imprisoned men, but the flames make it difficult.

THINK WIFE POISONED HUSBY.

Cause of Castle Rock Man's Death Under Investigation.

Castle Rock, Wash., July 15.—Suspecting that Godfrey Kunart of Castle Rock, did not die from hiccoughs after all, Mrs. Kunart and Reinhold Greenwald, a friend, have been arrested on information sworn out by a countryman of Kunart. Kunart died last Friday, supposedly from a malignant attack of hicoughs, but the physicians who attended him were not satisfied and a quiet investigation was begun.

The result was an inquest yesterday, Coroner Bird and Prosecuting Attorney Hubbell of Kalama, having been notified. Much testimony was taken throughout the day but nothing was elicited sufficient to take a murder case into court. The body had been exhumed, however, and a portion was sent to Portland last night for analysis for poison.

The jury was then dismissed till returns are received from this analysis, when the investigation may be resumed.

The most damaging circumstantial fact adduced was the purchase by Mrs. Kunart of poison at a local drug store a short time ago and the supposed unusual friendliness of the woman and Greenwald.

Mrs. Kunart has three little children.

MURDERS TWO, THREE ESCAPE

ITALIAN TRIES TO SETTLE OLD SCORE.

Driven Out of Railroad Camp Because He Was Quarrelsome, He Vows Vengeance on Whole Camp—Watching Opportunity He Attacks Band of Five—Posses Scouring the Hills.

Marysville, Cal., July 15.—Sheriff Chubbuck and three posses are today scouring the woods in every direction in an effort to locate Gus Adolph, an Italian, who Tuesday night, it is charged, murdered two men and tried to kill three others in a Western Pacific camp in the hills 25 miles east of Oroville.

The Italian was run out of camp last March because he was quarrelsome. He left vowing vengeance on the whole camp.

Adolph was familiar with the camp. He watched his opportunity to get some of them alone. He slipped up on a party of five and killed two. He was about to slay the others but they ran.

It is believed the Italian is heavily armed.

Oregon Wool in Demand.

Boston, July 15.—The wool market is one of special interest, with an active demand for quarter and half-blood fleeces and staple clips, in territory wool, especially Oregon. Clothing wool, however, has not improved. Prices remain firm and the advance is well maintained. Oregon eastern, No. 1 staple, is selling at 18 to 19 cents. Foreign wools are active.

Must Go Back.

Governor Mead of Washington, has granted a requisition of the governor of Illinois for Louis Rankenburg, who is wanted in Chicago for an alleged theft of \$1248. He is in jail at Colfax.

PENDLETON IS BEST OF ALL

Universal Verdict of Northwest Traveling Men is "Best of Its Size."

MORE BIG THINGS THAN EVER BEFORE

Harmonious Aggressive Action Is All That Is Needed to Land Institutions—Branch of State Insane Asylum Practically Assured—Electric Lines Coming—New Homes Needed to Rent—Vacant Saloon Buildings Being Rapidly Filled—Tax Question Is Important.

The repeated statements of traveling men who "make" all the northwest cities, that Pendleton is still the best town of her size in the northwest, is encouraging to Pendleton business men and property owners and is stimulating many of them to make renewed efforts to build up the town and increase the population of the county.

There never was a time in the history of the city when united, harmonious, aggressive action was needed as much as now and if this kind of action characterizes the city during the next two or three years, those who have looked for it to die, will be startled to note the excellent progress that will have been made.

There are more really big things ahead of Pendleton and within her grasp today than ever before, if she will only take hold of her opportunities with a vim.

The law permitting state institutions to be located away from the state capital, will give Pendleton a branch insane asylum to accommodate from 600 to 800 patients, if she tries for it. It will require three years to locate the branch here, under the law as it is.

If the asylum bill is introduced in the legislature at the coming session of the legislature, it must pass by a two-thirds vote and then be referred to the people under the referendum. It could not be voted on before the state election in November, 1910, and then if it was passed by the people, it would be ready for construction.

Pendleton is in position to secure this institution if the Commercial association will get behind the Umatilla county delegation and will take the matter in hand now. The association should begin now to lay plans for the asylum.

Electric Lines Coming.

It is absolutely certain that a system of electric car lines will be started out of this city within the next year or so, if the citizens show any disposition to encourage such. Capital is looking toward this rich county and Pendleton being the trading, banking and industrial center will be the hub and central point for any system which is installed.

But to secure this will require united, energetic work. The Commercial association can help this along by investigating the traffic possibilities of the county and making reports upon them for the benefit of capital.

New Homes Needed.

When the schools of the city open next September, there will not be half enough good houses to rent to those who will come here for schools. Although there are a number of vacant houses now, yet it is impossible to secure good, large houses to accommodate a big family. Pendleton absolutely needs a score or more of large, commodious dwelling houses to rent. Farmers and homeseekers inquire every day for houses in good locations and of a size to accommodate a family and there is a demand, even now, in the middle of the summer, when it is usually dull, in this line.

Within a few months every room vacated by a saloon can be filled with a live, enterprising business, if Pendleton property holders and business men will pull together and work harmoniously to that end. The business is in the country and somebody will come here to take advantage of the opportunity.

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CALIFORNIA OIL FIELDS ARE ON FIRE

Santa Barbara, Calif., July 15.—Two men killed and 50,000 barrels of oil destroyed with a loss aggregating \$200,000 resulted from the fire which is still raging fiercely at the little town of Orcutt, in the Santa Maria oil fields today.

At noon the entire country side was on fire. Desperate efforts are being made by the inhabitants to check the flames, which are threatening a tank containing 35,000 barrels of oil. Through hard work the volunteer

firemen have so far kept the fire away from the houses of the village. The conflagration was probably started by sparks from a locomotive which set fire to the dry grass and brush.

The two men were killed in a horrible manner, both were working on a runaway above a huge oil tank when the plank was ignited and collapsed. The men fell into the burning oil.

Orcutt is an oil distributing town with a population of 700.

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AMERICAN ATHLETES HAVE AN OFF DAY

London, July 15.—E. V. Leming of Sweden, won the final javelin throw at the Olympic games today. His mark is 178 feet 7 1/2 inches.

In the final heat of the three mile team run, M. W. Deakin of England, was first, the American team was second and France third.

Deakin's time was 14 minutes 39 3-5 seconds.

ond, Numan of Germany, third. Johnson's time was 51 1-5 seconds.

On the javelin throwing the second place was given to Bonitas of Greece, who threw 168 feet 6 inches. Halse of Norway, was third, 163 feet 1 3-4 inches.

In the three mile race the English team was composed of H. A. Wilson, A. J. Johnson, J. E. Deakin, N. F. Hallows and W. Coates. The American team was composed of George V. Bonhag, G. A. Dull, J. L. Elsie, H. L. Trbue and Harvey W. Cohn.