

Fair and cooler to night. Sunday fair.



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

MARSHFIELD IN PATH OF FLAMES

Unless Wind Changes Metropolis of Coos County Will Soon Lie in Ruins.

FOREST FIRES BEARING IN FROM ALL DIRECTIONS.

Many Homes on Outskirts Already Destroyed and Few More Hours and Whole City Will Be Devastated—Firemen and Citizens Working Desperately to Protect Lives and Property—Mayor Calls on Neighboring Towns for Help—Whole Town Moving.

Marshfield, Ore., Aug. 1.—Marshfield will be wiped off the map by forest fires if the strong wind now blowing continues for a few hours. Many homes on the outskirts have already burned and the whole town is moving.

Fire Threatens Town. Ukiah, Cal., Aug. 1.—A hundred masked men were hurriedly dispatched to the outskirts of the town today to save the towns in the path of a forest fire. The city is threatened on account of the change in the wind.

Big Trees in Danger. Santa Cruz, Cal., Aug. 1.—Forest fires are burning six miles from the Big Basin. Reinforcements have been sent in the hope of saving the menacingly.

KIDNAPER GETS GIRL. Believed to Be Same Man Who Murdered Nora Fuller.

Chicago, Aug. 1.—Accumulating evidence today increases the suspicion of the police that the man who kidnapped Veronica Cassidy, aged 12, by advertising for a "companion for a wife," is Charles B. Hadley, the alleged murderer of Nora Fuller, aged 13, of San Francisco, who was enticed from home in a similar way and killed February 8, 1902. Hadley has been sought for six years.

Mrs. Catherine Casper this afternoon revealed to the police the lodging of the kidnapper.

The man took her home last week and disappeared Wednesday. He gave the name of E. J. Blair. When the room was searched the police found three answers to advertisements for a young girl to act as a companion to a wife. They also found a letter addressed to "E. J. Blair, Moxie B. C.," postmarked Seattle.

The police believe the man and the Cassidy girl boarded a train for the west Friday. Mrs. William Cassidy, mother of the girl, is prostrated because she fears her daughter will be found dead like the Fuller girl.

After Standard Oil. Chicago, Aug. 1.—District Attorney Sims announced today that a petition for a rehearing of the Standard Oil case will be filed within the next ten days.

STANLEY KETCHEL IS STILL CHAMPION

San Francisco, Aug. 1.—Stanley Ketchel of Grand Rapids made short work of Hugo Kelley of Chicago last night at the Coliseum in their scheduled 20-round contest for the world's middle weight championship. He knocked out his man in the third round, a left shift flush to the jaw placing Kelly on the floor.

SULTAN FORGES AHEAD.

Will Put New Constitution Into Effect Immediately—Working to Insure Success.

Constantinople, Aug. 1.—An official communication issued yesterday announces the formation of a special council to put the constitution in force immediately. The council is composed of Kiamel Pasha and the ministers of foreign affairs and interior, the president of the state council and the legal adviser to the sultan.

The sultan has decided shortly to issue a rescript consecrating the constitution. The leaders of Young Turkey are working methodically to insure the success of the new regime. They are devoting their efforts in the first place to getting the finances of the country in order and to the regular payment of officials. With this as their aim, they have secured the grand vizier's promise that the salaries of high officials will be reduced to proper amounts and that none of the additional sums hitherto paid will be allowed them. Nobody will be permitted to retain two offices, and all needless under secretarieships and like offices will be abolished.

Shah Is Disturbed.

London, Aug. 1.—The Times correspondent at Teheran says that the news of the revival of the Turkish constitution has greatly disconcerted the reactionaries and encouraged the nationalists. The shah and his entourage are said to be greatly disturbed.

It is rumored, the correspondent says, that the shah has determined to postpone the elections lest it should be thought he was imitating the sultan.

PIRATES WORK ON PUGET SOUND

STEAL 5,000 SALMON AND LET 25,000 ESCAPE

Fish to the Value of \$2,000 Taken Away on Two Schooners—Marauders Allow Five Times as Many to Escape as They Took—Watchman Bound, Gagged and Left Till Morning.

Bellingham, Wash., Aug. 1.—Two armed pirates last night rowed up to a fish trap of the Alaska Packers' association, south of Point Roberts, disarmed the watchman with a revolver, bound and gagged him, leaving him in the trap, and decimated with 5,000 salmon, which they loaded on two scoows.

The plunder at the current price of 40 cents per salmon is worth \$2,000. The marauders left the trap open and allowed 25,000 salmon to escape.

The watchman states that the men rowed up to the trap in a dory. On his noticing them, they ordered him to throw up his hands, and when he attempted to use his gun the weapon was taken from him. He was then bound.

The watchman was held until released this morning by the crew of a tug.

COLONIST RATES NEXT MONTH.

Railroad Men Expect Big Influx of Homeseekers.

Colonist rates will be given by the O. R. & N. company during September and October this fall, and railroad men are looking for a heavy traffic during those months.

The rates this fall, according to F. J. Quinlan, Pendleton agent, will be the same as those in force last spring. These rates are about \$5 higher than those given a year ago, yet they are much lower than the usual fares.

FOUR NEGROES ARE LYNCHED

Taken From Jail in Kentucky Town and Hanged to One Tree Last Night.

HAD ENDORSED MURDER OF WHITE MAN BY NEGRO.

Discharged by Employer, Rufus Browder Murdered James Cunningham—Murderer Hurried Out of Country to Prevent Lynching—Colored Lodge Passes Resolutions Endorsing Crime—Leaders Are Arrested—Mob Compels Jailor to Surrender Prisoners.

Russellville, Ky., Aug. 1.—The bodies of four negroes were found suspended from an "old hanging tree" on the Nashville pike at dawn today. The men were removed from the jail in this city last night by a mob of citizens who forced the jailor to deliver them.

The lynching was the result of the murder of James Cunningham, a white farmer near Allensville, Ky., a week ago, by Rufus Browder, a negro. The men hanged belonged to a lodge which adopted resolutions endorsing the murder.

Browder would have been lynched if he had not been removed quickly to Louisville.

The four men hanged were the leaders of the party that endorsed the resolutions. Cunningham was murdered because he discharged Browder.

Return as Conquerors.

New York, Aug. 1.—The American athletes who participated in the Olympic games will be given a remarkable reception upon their arrival August 23, according to the program announced today. The speakers will include Roosevelt, Bryan, Governor Hughes, Mayor McClellan and others. The ship carrying the athletes will be escorted up the bay by a United States gunboat. As they pass up the North river the whole city will extend a welcome. From the dock there will be a parade to the city hall. Exercises will be held in the City Park.

Murder or Suicide?

San Francisco, Aug. 1.—Coroner's Physician Clark today held an autopsy on the remains of Bernald Revalk, who was found dead in a cab in the street early today, and declared that death had resulted from cyanide of potassium taken with suicidal intent or given in a glass of water. Revalk attended a farewell party given in his honor last night. He was 18 years old and the son of R. E. Revalk, a wealthy typewriter dealer of this city. The case is shrouded in mystery. He was to have sailed today for Manila to accept a position.

Strikes Are Dangerous.

Paris, Aug. 1.—Gendarmes today raided headquarters of the general labor federation, arrested Editor Poughal of the Voix du Peuple, the revolutionary organ of the federation, and Secretary Griffeuishes M. Marj and prominent members of the federation. They are charged with the responsibility for the riots and the strikes threatening the welfare of Paris.

Cornerstone Laid.

Olympia, Aug. 1.—With impressive ritualistic ceremonies by the grand lodge of Masons, addresses by Governor Mead, and other officials, the cornerstone of the governor's mansion was laid this afternoon. Business was suspended here as a general holiday had been proclaimed by Mayor Hagemeier.

Leniency for Hazers.

Oyster Bay, Aug. 1.—Following a conference with Roosevelt today, Sec. cancelled the steps taken toward the dismissal of eight West Point cadets who were accused of hazing. Wright said he thought the punishment was too severe for the offense. He said that likely the boys would be court-martialed.

Good Yield on Knight Ranch.

That the wheat on the Knight Bros. ranch is running 37 bushels per acre was declared last night by Ernest Knight, who was in town for the purpose of buying supplies for their threshing crew. He says that their grain will yield an average of 35 bushels per acre.

Heat Kills Near Fresno.

Fresno, Cal., Aug. 1.—Two deaths from heat have been reported from outside towns today. Mrs. C. E. Fashpach was found dead in bed at Visalia this morning and the body of Riareri Strugari was found in a ditch near Tulare. The temperature yesterday was 114 degrees.

BRYAN PREPARES SHARP REPLY

Nebraskan Will Answer Attack by President of Manufacturers' Association.

ANSWER WILL BE PUBLISHED IN COMMONER.

Van Cleve Calls Upon All Manufacturers and Their Friends to "Take Hide of Bryan and Nail it to Fence for All Time"—Onslaught Caused by Support of Anti-Injunction Plank Opposed by the Association—Some Members Will Support Democratic Nominee.

New York, Aug. 1.—Norman E. Mack, manager of the democratic national campaign, received word from Bryan that he will reply to the circulars issued by J. C. Van Cleve, president of the National Association of Manufacturers, asking the members of that organization and their friends to "Take the hide off Bryan in the coming election and nail it to the fence for all time."

Bryan's reply will be published next Friday in the Commoner. It contains 2000 words.

Van Cleve says the onslaught upon Bryan is caused by the Commoner's support of the anti-injunction plank, which was incorporated into the platform against the wishes and strongest arguments of Van Cleve and his associates.

Mack said today that certain members of the association had assured Bryan of their support.

Bryan Confirms Report.

Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 1.—Bryan today confirmed the report that he will reply to Van Cleve's circulars. Bryan's speech of acceptance is being transcribed today and will soon be in a complete form.

RAILROADS PREPARE TO FIGHT.

Will Contest Increase in Rates of Assessments.

Bellingham, Wash., Aug. 1.—That the railroads of Washington are collecting data and preparing for a bitter legal fight in case of the assessments of public service corporations, of which they are the most important, are raised higher than they think is equitable by the board of state tax commissioners was the statement made today by State Tax Commissioner Frost.

The Northern Pacific and the Great Northern roads particularly, it is said, already have men in several parts of the state obtaining figures on the value of real estate from experts who can testify in court.

INDIAN RETURNS.

Likely Indian Agent Will Resume Plevein Proceedings Over Horse.

The Indian from the Umattila reservation, who was in the city yesterday seeking to replace a horse found in this valley by the owner, the redman's sister, returned today to his reservation. It is likely that the agent of Indian affairs on the reservation will pick up the prosecution, as the Indian is short of funds.—La Grande Observer.

Hot in La Grande.

All records in heat annals in La Grande for at least 22 years were broken this afternoon when the mercury at the government weather observatory registered 106 degrees in the shade, says the La Grande Observer. With the exception of two years, the records furnished herewith are authentic. During the years of 1896 and 1897 the records were not maintained in proper order, but authentic authorities from other sources, affirm that the heat did not equal today's record during that time. This being true, it is at least 22 years, and no one knows how much longer, since the city has been sweltering in a similar degree of heat.

Notwithstanding the high temperature, no one suffered. The mountain air is refreshing, a fact which no doubt saved prostrations.

Cleaning Up Oyster Beds.

At the present time there is great activity on the Washington state oyster reserves, near South Bend. Much money is being spent in destroying starfish and generally cleaning up the natural beds. Two crews of men are at work tonging starfish, and together they are destroying about 10,000 of these voracious pests each day. The work is being done under the direction of State Oyster Patrol H. E. Bochau.

David England, a Vancouver man, 35 years old, was drowned at Barnet, B. C. He fell off a launch in which his wife and six friends were helpless witnesses of the fatality.

OVER \$100,000 FIRE AT ISLAND CITY

In a fire at Island City, Union county, last night, a loss of nearly \$150,000 was caused. The fire started at midnight in the store of W. R. Perry and quickly spread to adjoining establishments. The damage to the Perry store amounts to but \$2000. From the store the flames spread to the M. & M. company's implement store and warehouse, causing a damage of \$45,000.

From here the blaze spread to the Bare hotel, burning it down with a loss of \$1,500, and then to the Pioneer flour mill. This plant, which was a 75,000 barrel mill, was practically destroyed with much flour stored therein. The loss is approximately at \$50,000.

Almost at the outset of the big fire the electric pump which supplies Island City with water gave out, thereby making it impossible to fight the fire successfully, as the only available water was from the wells.

Young Weyerhaeuser Denies It. St. Paul, Aug. 1.—F. P. Weyerhaeuser, son of the millionaire lumberman, denies his father's interests are connected with the \$300,000,000 lumber merger. He says he will keep what yellow pine he has.

Youth Sentenced.

Ukiah, Cal., Aug. 1.—Jesse Heacock, a youth, was yesterday sentenced to 15 years in San Quentin for the murder of Fritz Steinhart in April.

PROHIBITION HAS SOME EFFECT

RECORDS OF POLICE COURT SHOW FALLING OFF.

Near Six Times as Many Fines Paid During July, 1907, as During July of This Year—Only Seven Arrests for Drunkenness During Month—"Dryness" Wipes Out Half of Tenderloin District.

That prohibition has materially cut down petty crime within the city is clearly shown by the records of the police court. An inspection of the docket shows a tremendous slump in business and it is principally due to the absence of the hordes of drunks that formerly graced the morning court sessions held by Judge Fitz Gerald.

During the month of July but 32 people paid fines in the police court, and of these but seven were for drunkenness. For July, 1907, the total of 171 fines were paid, a large part of the offenders being drunks.

During the month of June this year there were 30 cases in the police court and of these 41 were drunks, during June a total of 30 fines were imposed upon parties conducting bawdy houses and this month but 17 such fines were imposed, thus showing that the dryness has wiped away half of the tenderloin district.

As a rule the summer months are the busiest in the police court because of the large number of transient men in the city. In the past crowds of loafers have drifted into the city during the warm weather period. Many of them were professional hoboes, while others were looking for work but dreaded finding any.

This year the transient men are of a better element than usual or if they are not they are at least better behaved. Most of those here are men who really wish to work, while the huns have passed up the town for more congenial spots.

But prohibition alone does not account for the falling off in the business of the police court. A noticeable decline occurred during the panic last fall and from that time on, even while the town was wet, the court records did not show the large number of cases that arose before the financial flurry.

ELEMENTS UNITE IN DESTRUCTION

Man Killed and Hundreds of Thousands of Dollars Worth of Property Ruined.

CLOUDBURSTS, FLOODS AND THUNDERSTORMS TODAY.

Entire Territory of New Mexico Seems to Have Been Smitten at Almost the Same Time—Man Snatched by Lightning from Side of Wife and Baby—Crops Ruined, Streams Flooded, Many Buildings Destroyed, Wires Down and Full Damage Is Not Known.

East Las Vegas, N. M., Aug. 1.—One person is known to be dead and hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of property ruined as a result of cloudbursts and floods throughout this territory.

Alfredo Apedaca was killed by lightning at Wagon Mound today while in bed with his wife and children. The wife and baby were both injured.

Cloudbursts at Santa Rosa ruined the crops, flooded streams and destroyed many buildings. Communication is cut off and the full extent of the damage is unknown.

Delegates Delayed.

Ogden, Utah, Aug. 1.—Delegations to the independence party convention from Washington, Oregon, California and Nevada, returning from Chicago, were delayed forty miles east of this city last night by a cloudburst which washed out the track.

ALL READY AT CAMP.

More Than 100 Army Officers and Many Soldiers Encamped.

Tacoma, Aug. 1.—With 113 officers of the United States army and 2548 soldiers of the line in camp, David S. Stanley on the south bank of American Lake, everything is ready for a month of maneuvers.

The camp was officially opened today, but the actual problems of the service will not be tackled until Monday, when the burning of powder starts and the boys will be given a taste of war with all the vividness of real action minus the casualties. The greatest activity today was by the sprinkling carts setting the dust.

The first period of maneuvers between August 1 and 10, will be devoted to formations for attack and defense. All regiments will be given practice in these departments. The national guard will also take a place. Special officers from the regulars will be assigned to instruct the troops.

The Washington national guard arrives tomorrow. Every moment of the time will be occupied. There will be concerts daily by regimental bands.

August 8 will be pay day. Over \$32,000 came up in a big chest from Portland Friday. It is in plain view under guard at the paymaster's tent. There will be \$60,000 more brought during the week.

WHEAT IS NOW 76.

Several Sales Made, but Many Farmers Are Not Ready.

Wheat has taken another advance in the local market, and club is being sold today for 75 cents. Many farmers are in town today with samples of their grain, and the buyers' offices have been busy places. But while numerous sales have been made, it is said the majority of growers are not yet in a position to sell.

Thus far the price of wheat this season has been steadily upward. The market opened at 71 cents and then jumped to 73, 75 and lastly to 76 cents.

FIRST MOVE FOR GRAVITY WATER SYSTEM

At a meeting of the water commission held last evening the first actual step towards securing a gravity water system was taken when the board authorized its chairman to employ an engineer to make a preliminary survey for the proposed system.

It is the plan of the board to have a competent engineer go over the ground with a view to ascertaining the feasibility of securing water from the mountains. In doing this he will first learn the extent of the water supply and something of the task involved in bringing the water to the city.

The motion to employ the engineer did not state where the board should look for a water supply but individual members at present regard the Umattila river above Wenaha springs as the best source. However, the McKay

creek source may also be investigated.

To J. T. Brown, chairman of the board, was left the task of employing an engineer or engineering firm to make the preliminary survey. It is understood he will secure some one for the work in the near future and Young & Kelsay, levee engineers, may secure the position. Following the meeting last night Mr. Brown left for the coast and he will spend some time in Portland on the way to and from the seashore.

At the meeting last night all members of the board were present excepting T. C. Taylor, who was out of the city. All those present favored the move taken.

The complete water commission is composed of J. T. Brown, chairman; J. R. Dickson, secretary; T. C. Taylor, Will Moore and James A. Fee.