

WEATHER REPORT. Fair and cooler to night; Thursday 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.

EXPERT'S REPORT IS MADE PUBLIC

Only Slight Shortages, Due to Errors, Found in Umatilla County Records.

HIGH STANDARDS OF BOOKKEEPING COMMENDED.

Records of All Offices Found in Excellent Condition and No Recommendations for Improvement Were Made—Umatilla County in Good Financial Condition—Fines Are Still Unpaid, but Records Are Generally Well Kept and Correct.

The report of Accountant E. A. Johnson, who has just finished experting the books of the different county offices, was officially received and acted upon by the county court today, and discloses but minor errors in bookkeeping in all of the offices experted, but Mr. Johnson in his report commends very highly the excellent standard of bookkeeping and record-keeping of the different offices.

The introductory to the report is as follows: To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners:— Umatilla County, Oregon, Aug. 5, 1908.

As per contract of date of April 10, 1908, made by you with the undersigned, and contemplating an examination into the fiscal affairs and financial condition of the various county offices of Umatilla county, Oregon, the following report of the result of such examination is respectfully submitted:

Generally. It is a pleasure to be able to report the excellent condition generally of the various offices examined, and only justice to the men to whom is given the management of the affairs of the county to say that a more careful, painstaking, honest and efficient set of officials could hardly be assembled. In the work just finished your examiner has been shown every courtesy and given all assistance possible, and the work of examination thereby greatly facilitated.

Much improvement has also been made within the past few years in the method of handling the receipts and fees of the several offices, requiring more frequent returns and accountings by the different offices, and all tending to insure a more careful and correct administration of the financial affairs of the county.

Mistakes have been found, and probably will never be entirely eliminated. In view of the immense volume of business transacted by the county, amounting as it does to hundreds of thousands of dollars yearly, they are, however, small. Further, your examiner is fully satisfied that none of the errors or deviations found are the result of an intent upon the part of the county officials to defraud.

In the light of a thorough knowledge of the conditions leading up to the transactions appearing in the following pages of this report, a total absence of anything of a criminal nature in the errors is very apparent, and most of the mistakes easily understood.

The offices experted have been very thoroughly gone over, and in checking in the fees thereof no mention has been made of, nor credit given for, any fees collected and turned over in excess of the amount prescribed by law. While this may seem unfair to the officials who must be held to account for the fees due the county, it is apparently the only policy which may consistently be followed in an accounting of this kind.

Slight Shortages Noted. After giving every entry in detail in the books of the county recorder, under William Folsom, from July 1, 1905, to July 1, 1906, the report shows a shortage of fees collected amounting to \$58.05, but as the accountant says in his introductory statement this slight shortage may be explained

by a misunderstanding of the law and errors in collections and is not serious and has no criminal bearing whatever.

Under the administration of Recorder Fred W. Hendley, from July 1, 1906, to July 1, 1908, shortages in collecting fees from filings amounting in full to \$39.85 were found. As in the case of Recorder Folsom this amount was made up of 10 and 20 per cent shortages on a large number of items and is wholly a misunderstanding of the law.

Of the assessor's office Mr. Johnson says: "With the county poll tax done away with in the levy of 1906, and no other public monies with the exception of a few occasional, transient tax, coming into the hands of the assessor, the examiner found little in this office to occupy his attention."

In the office of the county clerk, under the administrations of Frank Saling, from July 1, 1905 to July 1, 1908, shortages amounting to a total of \$149.05 were found, but all of these are errors in making collection of fees and were easily explained.

There is a dispute among attorneys as to the meaning of the law of 1905 concerning fees for transcripts furnished private parties by the county clerk and when this law is correctly interpreted and its meaning understood the difference in the clerk's office will be fully explained.

In the sheriff's office from July 1, 1907, to July 1, 1908, a discrepancy of \$8.12 is found in the collection of taxes and most of this was the result of a misunderstanding of the division of school district and other special taxes. The accountant says: "No suggestions are offered and but little improvement could be made in connection with the same."

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STRIKE TIES UP CANADIAN ROAD

GENERAL STRIKE ORDERED ALL ALONG THE LINE.

Machinists Walk Out at Vancouver and Winnipeg—Leaders Say Every Wheel Will Cease to Revolve Within Ten Days—Eight Thousand Men Affected—Fate of Union at Stake.

Vancouver, B. C., Aug. 5.—Promptly at the scheduled time the men employed in the shops of the Canadian Pacific laid down their tools and quit. This probably means that the bitter industrial fight in the history of the city is on.

J. H. McVety, secretary of the machinists, who is in charge of the strike, declared today that the men will stay out until their demands are granted.

Winnipeg, Aug. 5.—Machinists on the Canadian Pacific struck at 10 this morning. Advice says that the men have refused to go out at Toronto. Leaders here say the strike is general. The lowest estimate is that 8,000 men are affected.

Status of Unions at Stake.

Vancouver, B. C., Aug. 5.—The strike resolves itself into a battle between the company and the men as to the status of the unions on the road. That is what the men are fighting for.

"Within ten days not a wheel will be turning on the company's western lines," said one leader after quitting work. "The public is with us and will see to it that no non-union labor is brought in from the United States or Europe."

Winnipeg, Aug. 5.—Reports indicate that at least 8,000 machinists have already quit. It is estimated that 1500 have left the shops here.

The railroad is taking a negative attitude, making no move and no statement. This city is the general headquarters for the strikers.

General Manager Bury is directing the affairs of the road in trouble. Many strike leaders are arriving here.

200 Quit at Montreal. Montreal, Aug. 5.—Two hundred mechanics have quit here.

ABDUL HAMID IS STABBED

Attempt to End Life of Turkey's Ruler Foiled by Coat of Armor.

KNIFE AIMED AT HEART IS BROKEN.

Bag of Gold Prevents Would-be Assassin's Escape—Supposed to Be Blood Money—Sultan Badly Frightened and Will Grant All Demands of Young Turks—Near Tragedy Occurred Monday Night and Abdul Has Not Appeared Since.

Geneva, Switzerland, Aug. 5.—The sultan of Turkey was stabbed in the breast by a minor palace official in the ruler's apartments, according to a Constantinople dispatch. The only thing that saved the sultan's life was his heavy armor coat.

The knife was directed at his heart but the blade broke.

The assassin failed to make his escape on account of a bag of gold he carried. It is supposed the gold was given to kill the sultan.

The assassin was captured by a palace guard and thrown into a dungeon.

The sultan is so frightened it is said he is almost ready to yield to any demands of the young Turks.

Report Confirmed. London, Aug. 5.—The attempt to assassinate the sultan is confirmed by Constantinople dispatches. He was stabbed Monday night. Since then he has not appeared in public. The palace is heavily guarded.

Sultan Grants Everything.

Constantinople, Aug. 5.—An entire reorganization of the Turkish ministry is expected immediately, following the announcement today of the success of the mission of the Salonika committee which came here to present the demands of the young Turks, acting as an intermediary between the organization and the Sultan. It is understood the sultan is anxious to make every change possible now that he has started to revolutionize the government.

United Press Is First.

Washington, Aug. 5.—The United Press gave the first information of the attack upon the life of the sultan by the Turkish legation. The Turkish minister expressed great regret over the attempted assassination.

GREAT AIRSHIP DESTROYED.

Count Zeppelin's Dirigible Balloon Wrecked in Electric Storm.

Berlin, Aug. 5.—Count Zeppelin's dirigible balloon was torn from its moorings on the Plateau this afternoon in an electric storm, caught fire and sailed away in a cloud of smoke. It is not known whether anybody was in the balloon at the time. It is practically certain the balloon was destroyed.

The count is heartbroken over the loss of the biggest airship in the world. Four workmen were seriously injured by the explosion of the motor. The count wept like a child. He had worked on the ship for years.

He was cheered by word from the Kaiser that he would contribute funds for a new one. Parties are looking for what is left of the ship.

TWO DAYS OF BATTLE.

Troops at American Lake Will Participate in Mimic Warfare.

Tacoma, Aug. 5.—The soldiers will tackle the first real warfare Monday when they will start a two-days battle with imaginary powder and ball. Washington will probably be pted against Oregon.

The work so far is largely in shaping up the guardsmen for duty. Battalion formation in the various forms were the order of yesterday.

Honors of the camp have been bestowed upon troop H, the crack cavalry company of Tacoma, which has shown itself equal to the regulars in action.

The seasoned men are having great sport at the expense of the new men in the national guard.

Three Boys Heroes.

Three boys of Tacoma, aged about 14 years each, rowed nearly a mile Saturday and saved two men from drowning. The men were in a small boat, which capsized, and their shouts were heard by the boys, who immediately went to their rescue.

Arrested on Murder Charge.

J. R. McDonald is in the jail at Greenwood, B. C., on the charge of attempted murder near Chesaw, Wash. He will be held for extradition.

ALGERIA QUAKES, HUNDREDS KILLED

Hordes of Wild Bandits Sweep Down on Stricken Towns Causing Terror.

FRENCH SOLDIERS SHOOT DOWN MARAUDERS.

Estimates of Dead as Result of Earthquake Reach a Thousand—Scores of Bodies Being Removed from Ruins—Rescuers Interrupted by Fighting—French Officials Hurry Relief Measures, but Suffering from Famine in Outlying Districts Is Feared—Springs Dried Up.

Constantine, Algeria, Aug. 5.—Following a terrible earthquake yesterday, killing between five hundred and a thousand persons in a score of Algerian towns, hordes of wild bandits swept in from the desert, bent on loot. A reign of terror ensued and the French soldiers are shooting them down.

Hundreds of dead are being removed from the ruins.

Rescuers are frequently interrupted by the fighting.

Two thousand natives are homeless. The French authorities have taken measures for their relief.

It is feared a famine will result before the outlying districts are reached with food. In some places the earth disturbances dried up springs.

HIGHWAYMEN HOLD UP AUTO

Clase Wealthy Family in Big Machine—Secure Money and Jewelry.

reno, Aug. 5.—While returning early today from an auto trip to Mona springs Sam Wheeler, a wealthy business man of this city, and his family were stopped by three highwaymen out side of the city limits, during a running chase of half way, during which the highwaymen fired four shots. The occupants were forced to submit to search.

The robbers secured jewelry and money to the value of several hundred dollars. Wheeler's beautiful daughter saved a beautiful diamond necklace by putting it in her mouth. Wheeler dropped a valuable diamond ring and picked it up later.

The thugs pursued the auto in a buggy. To save the lives of the party Wheeler stopped the machine.

BEBERIBI KILLS JAPS.

Death of Bride of Three Days Leads to Discovery of Plague.

San Jose, Cal., Aug. 5.—Beriberi, the dreaded Asiatic disease, has been discovered in a colony of Japanese & fruit cannery in the vicinity of Alviso, near here.

The health officers are making an investigation.

The presence of the plague was revealed by the death of the wife of N. Haki, a Japanese, three days after he had purchased her and her children for \$250.

It is reported that there are 41 cases in the Jap camp.

TRUST BUSTER TO HOLD BRYAN SACK.

Chicago, Aug. 5.—The unofficial announcement that Moses Wetmore, of St. Louis, a stockholder in the so-called tobacco trust, has been selected by Bryan for chairman of the finance committee, has created a sensation in political circles. Wetmore is widely known as a trust buster and three times he opened strong independent concerns with the avowed intention of putting the American Tobacco company out of business.

Mysterious Suicide.

Medford, Ore., Aug. 5.—Lawrence H. Belsor, a wealthy real estate dealer of Wenatchee, Wash., aged 59, suicided last night by blowing the top of his head off with a rifle in his room in the Nash hotel. He came here to purchase an orchard. He sent for some acquaintances, shook hands, stepped into an alcove and fired. The case is a mystery.

To Form Bryan Clubs.

Fairview, Neb., Aug. 5.—Ten thousand Bryan and Kern clubs will be formed in doubtful states, according to plans approved by Bryan today. His acceptance speech was printed today and the notification ceremonies in charge of Mayor Brown will occur at Lincoln next Wednesday.

Crazed with Grief.

San Mateo, Cal., Aug. 5.—Ethel McCormick, who drove the auto in which her mother and four relatives were killed Monday is today on the verge of insanity. She is in constant hysteria. Her mind wanders over the details of the auto's wild plunge over the embankment.

NEW COURT REPORTER.

F. A. Turner of Salem, Succeeds Judge Morrow.

Salem, Ore., Aug. 5.—After a continuous service of 16 years, Robert G. Morrow of Portland, elected judge of the circuit court for Multnomah county, today tendered his resignation as supreme court reporter, and the supreme court announced the election of Frank A. Turner, of Salem, to succeed him. In tendering his resignation Judge Morrow expressed his pleasure in his duties as reporter and association with the members of the court, and Chief Justice Bean, on behalf of the court, expressed regret in his resignation and congratulated him upon his election to the circuit bench. F. A. Turner, his successor, has been a resident of Salem for many years, and a practitioner at the bar for over 10 years. He is quite prominent in county politics, a republican, and also in Masonic and I. O. O. F. circles. His incumbency takes place immediately.

LOVELORN SAILOR ENDS LIFE.

Plunges From Quarterdeck of Battleship in Midocean.

Wireless—Aboard Georgia, Aug. 5.—Albert E. Heisel, an ordinary seaman on the Wisconsin, is the first to lose his life on the voyage of the fleet. He flung himself into the sea.

Heisel received a letter in Honolulu from his sweetheart in the United States and immediately became morose. He wrote a long reply, but refused to tell what was in the letter, saying: "It is all wrong."

Last night he slipped away from his comrades and plunged from the quarterdeck, carrying his secret with him. The fleet is 1000 miles from Auckland.

DEGENERATE BOY IS MURDERER

FAILS TO REALIZE ENORMITY OF CRIME.

Boasts of Ability "to Plug" Victim Where He Wanted to—Takes Delight in Telling Crowd How Murdered Man Fell Without a Word—Children Set Dogs on Old Man, and When Son Comes to Rescue with an Oar Young Owner of Dogs Sends Sister for Gun and Shoots to Kill.

Portland, Aug. 5.—What is without doubt the most cold blooded crime ever committed in Portland by a degenerate boy was committed last evening on Government Island, the site of the Lewis and Clarke fair, when 11-year-old Jackson Reid shot and instantly killed Charles F. Demars, a painter residing on the east side.

Reid and a number of other children set dogs upon the elder Demars who with his two sons was fishing in Guild lake. Being unable to drive off the dogs alone, the father called to his son, who came to his relief, driving away the dogs.

A war of words between the young Demars and the Reid boy ensued, when the Reid boy ordered his sister to go to their home near by and bring him a pistol. This she did, and instantly upon receiving the pistol from his sister young Reid called to Demars to halt, and as he spoke shot the young man through the head, killing him instantly.

The Reid boy was placed under arrest, but laughs about the matter and is evidently without feeling as to the enormity of his crime. His mother, Mrs. Charles H. Schemp, begged for his freedom, but he is locked up and will perhaps be sent to the reform school.

He delighted in telling a crowd of curious sightseers how young Demars fell to the ground, without uttering a word as he fired, and boasted of being such an expert shot as to be able to "plug him" where he wanted to. It is one of the worst cases of degeneracy to come before the local police department for many years.

WHEAT SELLING AT EIGHTY CENTS

Price of Umatilla Grain Reaches Highest Mark in Many Years.

OFFICES THROGGED WITH GRAIN GROWERS.

Few Are Selling, but Signs of Weakening in the Market Will Be Signal for General Letting Go—Representatives of 2,000,000 Bushels Anxiously Watching for Fluctuations—Every Cent Up or Down Means Thousands of Dollars—Less Than 100,000 Bushels Sold Yesterday.

That the sharp competition between the old line and independent wheat buying companies is coining money for the farmers these days is shown by the rise in wheat prices yesterday afternoon.

Tuesday, August 4, 1908, will go down in the history of the wheat market in Pendleton as the day on which the price touched 80 cents for the first time in almost a decade. It is estimated by the buyers that about 50,000 bushels changed hands yesterday afternoon at that price.

During the afternoon yesterday the grain offices were thronged with anxious farmers who were closely watching the rising tide of the wheat market, who declared that they would sell at 80 cents if the market showed the least sign of weakening, but as it closed strong few crops were offered.

A rough estimate of the wheat represented by the farmers who were watchers at the various grain buying offices yesterday afternoon is placed at 2,000,000 bushels, and a cent one way or the other meant a large sum of money for these men. Therefore the pulse of the market was closely watched, and had a decline of half a cent been experienced toward the close of the day it is thought the sales would have been enormous, but as there was no sign of weakening, the farmers held on, hoping that the market would yet reach 85 cents.

This morning the price of wheat was reported at 80 cents, and large numbers of farmers were in the city to take advantage of any change in the market, but practically none was sold during the forenoon.

TO ENLARGE COAST LEAGUE.

Sacramento and Some Suburb of Los Angeles Will Be Taken in.

San Francisco, Aug. 5.—It is likely that the Pacific Coast Baseball league, which now has but four clubs, will enter the next season with six or eight cities represented. San Francisco, Los Angeles, Portland and Oakland now comprise the circuit. Sacramento will be taken in next year, and some suburb of Los Angeles will make the sixth city.

It is possible that two northern cities, probably Seattle and Tacoma, will be induced to cast their fortunes with the Coast league. The formation of the Pacific Northwest league, resulting in the withdrawal of Seattle, seriously crippled the Pacific Coast league, but prospects are now good for a return of the old time prosperity and supremacy of the league.

MURDER MYSTERY.

Woman's Legs Found in Canal—Cut Off With Butcher's Cleaver.

Chicago, Aug. 5.—The recovery of two human legs, evidently those of a woman, from the Illinois and Michigan canal today, has given the police a murder mystery to solve. The authorities are satisfied a foul crime has been committed. The coroner's physician thinks the legs were chopped off with a meat cleaver.

SELECTING LIBRARY BOOKS FOR SCHOOLS

County Superintendent Frank K. Welles, who is now at his office after a delightful outing in southern Idaho, is now working upon the matter of selecting library books for the school districts of the county.

About \$600 is available in the library fund of the county for new books which will be apportioned to the different districts according to their school population. The books selected are of the highest possible standard and a large majority of the districts are taking much interest in the development of their libraries.

Last year about 1000 volumes were distributed and it is estimated that about the same number will be purchased this year.

However, there is a pile of books in the county superintendent's office which is a constant reminder of the lack of appreciation of a number of Umatilla county school district officers. Books from last year's distribution for about half a dozen districts are still in the office of the county superintendent and repeated efforts on Mr. Welles' part to have the officials of the district call for the books have been unavailing.