



FARMERS ARE WELL PLEASED

Crop Much Better Than Was Expected and Price Best in Years.

MARKET TWO CENTS OFF TODAY AND GROWERS HOLD.

Many Believe Price of Wheat Will Go Above 85 Cents—Spirit of Optimism Prevails—Merchants Doing Big Business—Large Quantities of Harvest Supplies Being Purchased—Threshing Is About Half Completed—Farmers Showing Interest in the Fair.

With wheat off two cents from the high mark, but little has been sold today, although the grain offices have been thronged all day by farmers who are now half through threshing and who are watching the market tendencies closely.

Wheat opened at 78 cents this forenoon and no change was registered up to time of going to press and but few sales were reported.

Formers display a most optimistic spirit, are pleased with the crop yield and are more than pleased at the prospects of an advance in the price, and, taken all together, the situation is better in this city and county now than ever before at this season of the year.

With higher prices farmers will have more money to spend for necessities and to invest, and all of them are hopeful and optimistic. All are going to hold their wheat for a short time anyway, to be sure of the market tendency, and it is the general opinion that the price will go above 85 cents.

The merchants also did an excellent business today. Large quantities of harvest supplies were sent out, Indians were in the city with money with which to pay old bills and do trading, and a general air of cheerfulness and good feeling prevailed as in the olden days before the bugaboo of prohibition spread its wings over Oregon.

With the close of the harvest season farmers will begin to move back to the city for school. The public school will open on September 7, and so within a month practically all of the farmers and summer resort campers will have returned, harvest will have been finished and the fall season will have opened auspiciously.

Farmers are showing much interest in the fair, and the number and quality of exhibits will be better than ever, and the fall season promises especially well for Pendleton and Umatilla county.

COAL MINES TO CLOSE.

Inability of Owners and Miners to Agree Will Leave 7000 Men Idle.

Billings, Mont., Aug. 8.—George Crosby, a prominent Wyoming coal operator, announced today that all mines in northern Wyoming will close September 1 on account of the inability of the operators and mine workers to reach an agreement on a new wage scale. Seven thousand men will be idle, he said, and he declares there is no hope of reaching an agreement.

ANNIVERSARY OF BLOODY INDIAN BATTLE

Hamilton, Mont., Aug. 8.—A reunion of the survivors of the battle of Big Hole, one of the bloodiest clashes between Redskins and pale-faces in Montana history, will be held heretomorrow, that being the thirty-first anniversary of the battle.

The battle took place on August 9, 1877, when Chief Joseph and his Nez Perce Indians came through the valley on the warpath. One hundred and ninety-four citizens and soldiers surprised the Indians in their camp early in the morning in the Big Hole basin. A pitched battle lasted all day and until 11 o'clock that night,

50,000 JAPS READY TO COME OVER LINE.

Galveston, Tex., Aug. 8.—From eight Japanese captured while they were attempting to cross the border from Mexico, details of a great smuggling plot were learned by the immigration officers today. The Japs say that 50,000 of their countrymen are in Mexico, awaiting an opportunity to enter the United States. They also say an organized band of smugglers is working on the border, running a tug from a point about a hundred miles north of Tampico to Corpus Christi.

FIERCE FOREST FIRES RAGE IN MONTANA.

Missoula, Mont., Aug. 8.—Forest fires are growing fiercer hourly and are playing havoc in the dense timber land of western Montana and eastern Idaho. Hundreds of forest rangers are fighting.

ARMY OFFICERS TO GO ON STRIKE

'HIGHER UPS' OBJECT TO STRENUOUS REQUIREMENTS.

Colonels and Majors Think President Roosevelt's Tests for Efficiency Are Too Severe—Say Ninety Mile Ride Is Too Much—Don't Fit in With Life of Ease.

San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 8.—If a veiled statement made here today by a leading army officer is an authority, a general strike is soon to be made against the new riding tests instituted by Roosevelt to prove the efficiency of high army officers. He declared the order lacks a proper legal foundation and contended that all orders "for the good of the service" should originate in congress.

A movement is reported to be under way to bring the matter to an immediate test by colonels and majors who will be called upon to straddle horses for a 90-mile ride and wear out army leather on 50-mile hikes. It is pointed out that if the tests are for the good of the service they should affect all grades of service instead of being directed solely at the higher officers.

PATIENT SEARCH REWARDED.

Old Miner Makes Rich Strike After Seven Years. Bellingham, Wash., Aug. 8.—A vein of free-milling ore, assaying on an average of \$12 to the ton, has been located by E. Spencer, an old mining man, after seven years of hunting. It is located in this county on the south fork of Nooksack river.

He says a mining expert estimates the value of the property as it stands at a million dollars.

Nobleman Arrested.

New Haven, Conn., Aug. 8.—Nine well dressed Italians, said to have been posing as noblemen here, were arrested on a farm near Branchville this afternoon, charged with making counterfeit money. They were captured after a sensational raid by the sheriff.

TABRIZ SECEDES FROM PERSIA

Declares Allegiance to Turkey and Turkish Army Will Aid Insurgents.

SULTAN IS EXPECTED TO DECLARE WAR.

Abdul Hamid Is Powerless in Face of Strong Feeling Against the Shah of Persia—Cabinet Favors Alliance and Turkish Army Is Ready to Strike When Command Is Given—Would Mean Starting of Constitutional Government in Persia.

Constantinople, Aug. 8.—Tabriz has seceded from Persia and declared her allegiance to Turkey, according to dispatches. The Turkish army is near the Persian border and is moving fast toward Tabriz for a joint attack with the revolutionists upon the shah's army, if the orders should be given.

It is believed here that Sultan Abdul Hamid II will not dare to check the pro-Turkish movement of the young Turks who are behind the secession of Tabriz. The new cabinet is strongly disposed to accept the allegiance of Tabriz and if the Turkish troops aid the revolutionists the shah's soldiers will be overwhelmingly defeated at Tabriz.

The sultan is almost helpless in the hands of the young Turks' party. All Constantinople expects him to give the word for war. That would give him the distinction of starting the movement for a constitutional government in Persia.

CHICAGO RAILWAY TERMINAL.

Will Cover Four Blocks and Will Cost \$20,000,000.

Chicago, Aug. 8.—Officials of the Chicago & Northwestern road today made public plans for one of the finest railway terminals in the United States, when completed. It will occupy four city blocks, 13 acres of ground space on the west side just across the river and will cost \$20,000,000. It will be completed by January 1, 1910.

To Renominate Smith.

Prescott, Ariz., Aug. 8.—It is probable that the democratic territorial convention here today will renominate Mark Smith, the present incumbent, as the candidate for Arizona. Eugene B. O'Neill has been Smith's principal rival for the nomination.

50,000 in Parade.

New York, Aug. 8.—Fifty thousand working men, women and children of the East Side, representing 78 labor unions, will march through the streets tomorrow, preliminary to the annual picnic of the United Hebrew Trades, to be held at Evergreen, L. I.

Farmer Under Heavy Bonds.

Hershel Dodson, a Horse Heaven farmer, was taken to Kennewick Saturday and placed under \$1000 bonds on the charge of robbing the home of his neighbor, George Kirk. Dodson was apprehended by Mr. Kirk and Deputy Sheriff Cummings of Wallula, near Touchet.

Shooting Affray.

At Kallspeil, Mont., Wednesday morning Harry Miller and Alderman Schuman were shot, but none of them were seriously wounded, by John Kossuf, who is said to have been passing forged checks about the city. Ed Dupont, a partner of Kossuf, was also shot. Dupont and Kossuf are in jail.

Special Meeting Monday Night.

Baker City officials of the Salvation Army will arrive in this city to hold a special street meeting next Monday evening. They will assist the local officers, and an interesting meeting is anticipated.

Fire was started in the grain field of E. L. Burns, near Ritzville, Wash., Wednesday afternoon, which destroyed two stacks of wheat and damaged a threshing outfit to the extent of \$150. The wheat was valued at \$200. The fire was started by a spark from the engine.

GOMPERS DENIES THE RUMORS

Labor Leader Declares He is Not Trying to Throw to Bryan.

WILL MERELY REPORT CONVENTION RECEPTIONS

President of Federation Says He Is Not on His Way to Chicago to Meet Bryan and Is Not Trying to Dictate to Any Man How He Should Vote—Will Tell His Men How Their Representative Was Received at Chicago and at Denver.

Columbus, O., Aug. 8.—Gompers gave out a statement today denying he would try to throw the labor vote of the country to Bryan, and he denied the report that he was on his way to Chicago to see Bryan.

He said: "I am not trying to dictate to any man how he should vote. I am not trying to throw the labor vote to Bryan. I have an invitation to speak all over the country and my only object is to report to the federation how I was received by both parties at the conventions."

Pleased at Refusal.

Fairview, Neb., Aug. 8.—Bryan leaders said he will be pleased over the refusal of the railroads to give special rates for persons attending the notification ceremonies Wednesday. He thinks the refusal will arouse sympathy for the democrats on the score of alleged discrimination against the party.

ARMADA IN A STORM.

Splendid Welcome Will Be Extended at Auckland.

Auckland, Aug. 8.—Wireless from the fleet says: "Gale blew itself out last night. The weather is fine. We will arrive at Auckland at 8 o'clock Sunday morning."

Auckland, Aug. 8.—Another wireless has followed, stating that the vessels are pitching in a heavy sea and that the speed of the fleet has been increased to 11 knots to bring the vessels into the harbor on time.

The book printed by the government to be presented to the officers of the fleet was finished today. The preface declares that no visit of foreign warships is as welcome as this visit of the American armada. The book says the name of Theodore Roosevelt stands for national righteousness everywhere. It is honored and revered, and the American fleet stands for justice, peace and freedom.

Parliament appropriated \$25,000 for the celebration and local merchants raised an additional \$15,000. Monday morning is to be given over to the landing of the fleet's crews.

Prospector Found Dead.

Word was received at Helena Tuesday that the body of John Jordan, an old prospector living near Ophir, Mont., had been found a few yards from his cabin, and the cabin itself was burned to the ground. Whether the old man died from the shock of the fire, or whether he was murdered and his cabin destroyed, is not known.

Increase of Insanity.

The July report of the Provincial asylum for the insane in New Westminster, B. C., shows an alarming increase in insanity in the province, there being 530 cases under treatment at present, an increase of 15 for the month of July, and of more than 100 for the year ending with July.

Died with Appendicitis.

The 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. A. McCarty died at noon today at St. Anthony's hospital with appendicitis. The child had been ill for some time and was finally operated upon yesterday at noon, but the disease was so far advanced that the operation did not relieve him. The funeral arrangements have not yet been made. The McCarty family lives on Tutuilla south of the city a few miles.

STEAMER BURNED; EIGHT ARE KILLED.

Winnipeg, Aug. 8.—Dispatches today confirm the report that the steamer Premier, one of the largest boats on Lake Winnipeg, was wrecked on reef near Warren's landing Thursday, resulting in the death of six passengers and two members of the crew. Fire broke out in the engine room and spread so rapidly that the people could not man the lifeboats. She burned to the water's edge. Two were killed below decks and many jumped overboard and swam.

Governor Mead an Eagle.

Bellingham, Wash., Aug. 8.—Governor Mead of Washington, was initiated as a member of the Eagles last night.

HORSE KILLED IN RUNAWAY

SICKENING ACCIDENT ON MAIN STREET TODAY.

Wagon Tongue Driven Completely through Horse's Body—Shot from Revolver Puts Animal Out of Its Misery—Small Boy Has Narrow Escape from Death.

One of the most sickening accidents ever witnessed in the city occurred in front of the Boston store on Main street at 10 o'clock this morning, in which a horse belonging to J. A. Owenby, a fruit dealer of this city, was killed by being impaled in the broken wagon tongue.

The team was standing on Court street, when Mr. Owenby's small boy walked out on the wagon tongue between the horses to pick up the lines. This frightened the horses and caused them to start to run. The boy was thrown from the wagon tongue between the horses and under the wagon, but was not struck by the wheels, and escaped injury.

The team circled in the street and was not moving rapidly when the curbing was struck in front of the Boston store, the wagon tongue at the same time striking the electric light pole at the corner. The tongue was broken and the portion attached to the wagon was run entirely through the body of one of the horses, the end protruding several inches on the opposite side.

The broken tongue entered the animal's body just behind the shoulder and ran diagonally through, protruding in the middle of the body on the opposite side.

The animal was extracted from its horrible position and was led, dying, toward the Oregon feed yard, but when two blocks away, on Willow street, it was shot, and its suffering ended.

The sickening accident was witnessed by a large crowd. In view of the fact that the team was not running rapidly, the accident is out of the ordinary. Mr. Owenby is a resident of Milton, but is in this city at present conducting a fruit peddling business.

PILLSBURY MILLS ARE BANKRUPT

One of the World's Largest Flouring Mills Forced to the Wall.

HIGH PRICE OF WHEAT WRECKED BIG PLANT.

Lack of Ready Cash to Buy Wheat at Present Prices Brings on a Crisis—Failure Creates Sensation—Receivers Appointed and Mills Will Continue to Be Operated—Five Million Unsecured Liabilities, Four Thousand Secured—Assets Aggregate Fifteen Million.

Minneapolis, Minn., Aug. 8.—A petition for a receivership was made today for the great Pillsbury-Washburn company, one of the largest flouring mills in the world. The company officials appeared in court and presented their application. The failure has created a great sensation.

The receivership was forced on the company because of a lack of cash with which to buy wheat at the present high prices to fulfill export contracts.

The unsecured liabilities are estimated at \$5,000,000 and the secured at \$4,000,000. The assets are said to aggregate \$15,000,000.

The mills will not be closed. A. C. Loring, C. S. Pillsbury and A. C. Cobb of this city, have been appointed receivers under a joint bond of \$500,000. They will hold a meeting with the creditors Monday.

The application which was filed before Judge Purdy, of the United States district court, is signed by the Second National Bank of St. Paul, the Northwestern National, the Security National, the Swedish American National bank of Minneapolis, and John N. Pillsbury, a shareholder. Most of the stock is held in England.

The company was capitalized at \$5,000,000 and operates five mills with a capacity of 30,000 barrels of flour daily. The receivers announced this afternoon they did not believe anything was seriously wrong with the affairs.

Pit Is Staggered.

Chicago, Aug. 8.—The wheat market was staggered today when the Pillsbury receivership was announced in the grain pit. The longs unloaded great quantities at once, May and September wheat slumped badly. December wheat fell off one cent and September off nearly two cents.

Kern to Speak in Iowa.

Des Moines, Ia., Aug. 8.—John W. Kern, democratic candidate for vice-president, will deliver an address at Charles City, Iowa, today before a Chautauqua gathering. Mr. Kern will not begin an active campaign until next month.

Hotel Man Disappears.

Nick Michaelson, proprietor of the Othello hotel at Othello, Wash., has mysteriously disappeared and no trace of him has yet been found. He was last seen Monday evening when he retired to his room early.

SECOND FAIR ADVERTISING WAGON STARTS

The second wagon advertising the Umatilla-Morrow district fair was started out last evening in charge of Sherman Warner and will cover the north part of Umatilla county, including Holdman, Helix, Vansycle, Juniper, Milton, Freewater, state line and Walla Walla, and returning will bill Weston, Athena, Adams and the intervening settlements.

Mr. Warner is supplied with a covered wagon and camping outfit and took along several hundred pounds of posters, dodgers, blotters, hangers and cards, all telling in brilliant colors of the coming district fair.

As in the case of the first wagon sent out this week, Mr. Warner will also make arrangements for exhibits, and it is expected to secure a

large supply of products from the north part of the county as a result of this trip.

The town and county of Walla Walla will be thoroughly billed, something that has not been done before, and it is believed that a large attendance will be enjoyed at the Pendleton fair from that city and county. Pendleton and Umatilla county have heretofore supplied a large attendance at Walla Walla fairs, and it is believed Pendleton will offer excellent attractions for the people of Walla Walla this year.

Farmers having products of any kind are urged to list them with the advertising wagons and then to see that they are brought to the fair in time to be properly displayed.