

WEATHER REPORT.

Wednesday. Fair tonight and Wednesday.



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

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SOME FACTS ON WOOL QUESTION

Figures Show That East Oregonian's Information Came From Reliable Source.

OREGON MERINOS ARE BEST IN THE UNION.

Montana Buyers Come Here for Weathers and Montana Breeders Come Here for Bucks—Wool from this State Contains More Dirt, but Is of Longer Staple and Finer Quality—Logically 2 Cents Difference—Buyers Did Try to Hammer Down Prices.

Referring to the statement of the "Oregon Wool Grower," published in the Pendleton Tribune under date of August 9, we note that this wool grower makes the charge that the person who gave the information to the East Oregonian does not at all understand the wool question.

We quote from the Tribune's article: "In the first place the Oregon fleece will average about 12 pounds, while that in Montana is only eight pounds, approximately in both cases, and since the grade of sheep in both states is about the same the difference is found in the dirt in Oregon wool. It is plain to be seen and understood, therefore, that the buyer who has paid 12 cents for Oregon wool in the dirt has given more for it than the Montana man who has received 16 cents."

The fact is that this wool grower does not evidently understand the wool situation very well himself. Instead of the Oregon sheep shearing 12 pounds, statistics show that for a number of years they sheared 8.5 pounds, and instead of the Montana sheep shearing eight pounds they shear 6.7 pounds.

Average Oregon Price 11 Cents. We originally made the statement that the average price of the Oregon clip was 12 cents, but we are now satisfied that the average is about 11 cents.

With Oregon sheep shearing 8.5 pounds of wool at 11 cents per pound, we have 93.5 cents as the average value of the Oregon clip. With the Montana sheep shearing 6.7 pounds per sheep at an average of 16 cents per pound, we have an average value per sheep in Montana of \$1.072. The average price paid in Montana, however, is above 16 cents.

We note what the Tribune wool grower has to say relative to the grade of sheep in Montana being the same as that in Oregon. This statement also indicates that the Tribune wool grower is not well informed, for the fact is that Oregon has the best grade of merino sheep of any state in the union, including Ohio.

As evidence of this fact, we notice such Montana buyers as C. M. Bear and Will Rea and dozens of others coming to Oregon this year to purchase weathers for the purpose of raising wool.

We also note the average Montana sheepman comes to Oregon to secure his bucks, and there is not in the entire state of Montana a flock of breeding sheep that can begin to compare with the flocks of the Baldwin Sheep & Land company, the Cunningham Sheep & Land company or the J. E. Smith Land & Livestock company.

Superiority of Oregon Sheep. These Montana sheepmen in general recognize the superiority of the Oregon merino, and while our wool contains more dirt than does the Montana wool, it is also of longer staple and much finer, and these are the influences that should govern the prices.

The fact is that statistics prove that Montana wool shrinks 63 per cent and Oregon wool shrinks 70 percent. After scouring the Oregon wool has every year commanded as much, and during the years 1903 and 1907 has commanded more per pound than has the scoured Montana wool, which shows that the difference in quality is in our favor.

Prices Hammered Down. Referring to our original statement that it was the purpose of the wool buyers to hammer down the price of wool, we desire to submit the following statement made in Montana by Fred H. Putnam of Boston, who is one of the largest buyers of wool in the world.

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ANOTHER GREAT IDAHO PROJECT

BIGGEST IRRIGATION SCHEME EVER LAUNCHED.

Will Cost \$15,000,000—State Land Board Segregated 400,000 Acres—Waters of Snake and Bruneau Rivers Will Be Used to Reclaim Arid Land—Million Acres Under Projects.

Boise, Aug. 11.—The biggest irrigation enterprise, costing \$15,000,000, ever undertaken in this country, was launched today when the state land board segregated, under the Carey act, 400,000 acres in Owyhee county, Idaho.

The project is financed by the Buht interests, giving the first demonstration of the great possibilities of irrigation under this act. The waters of the Snake and Bruneau rivers will be diverted to the land under the project.

This is the sixth and greatest of the Twin Falls projects, making a total area under them of 1,000,000 acres.

Japan's World's Fair.

Tokio, Japan, Aug. 11.—At a meeting of the parliament today the progressive party introduced a bill providing for an increase of the Tokio exhibition appropriation to \$15,000,000. This means an addition of \$14,000,000 to a fund of \$5,000,000 already provided. The bill is popular, as every effort is being made to make the exhibition a most successful world's fair.

JAPAN LOOKS FOR A NAVAL CLASH

Count Okuma Directs His Remarks Against Roosevelt Speeches.

SAYS NAVAL EXPANSION HAS ONLY ONE OBJECT.

Declares That Ultimate Clash for Mastery of the Pacific Ocean Is Object of the President's Policy—Okuma Is One of Leading Statesmen and President of Waseda University—Utterances Create a Sensation—Views Accepted as General.

Tokio, Aug. 11.—"American naval expansion has but one object in view, an ultimate clash with Japan for the mastery of the Pacific ocean."

This is the gist of an interview today by Count Okuma, formerly president of the progressive party and now president of the Waseda university. He is one of the foremost educators and thinks as the statesmen of Japan.

His remarks created a sensation and were directed chiefly against Roosevelt. He said: "Judging from the fragmentary Roosevelt speeches transmitted here, it is not difficult to infer that the augmentation of the United States navy in the Pacific is directed solely at Japan."

BRYAN MAY COME WEST.

Told That Chances Would Be Good to Carry All Coast States.

Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 11.—Charles Edelman, a member of the notification committee, today appealed to Bryan to visit the Pacific coast on a stumping tour and assured Bryan that if he does come he will have a good chance of winning the electoral vote of Oregon, Washington and California.

Bryan was interested in the request but did not indicate that he would be able to make the trip.

A conference was held today by Bryan, Kern, National Chairman Mack and other big democrats, to discuss campaign plans and arrangements for the notification ceremonies tomorrow. All is ready for the ceremonies.

The city is rapidly filling and leaders of the party from all parts of the country are filling the hotels.

SAYS CHRIST WAS NOT A JEW.

Berlin, Aug. 11.—Paul Haupt, head of the Oriental department of the international congress today created a sensation by declaring Christ was not a Jew, but an Aryan. Scores of theologians took issue with him and a lively discussion followed.

Blew Himself off Pieces.

Sonora, Cal., Aug. 11.—Placing a stick of dynamite on his breast, and holding a razor in his hand ready in case the explosion failed, a man, supposed to have been Charles Beckman, blew himself to pieces today at Tuoluma. He was despondent because jobless.

Chinks Deported.

San Francisco, Aug. 11.—Eighty-five Chinese who were smuggled across the border from Mexico into this country, were deported to China today when the Pacific Mail liner Siberia sailed.

APPALLING CONDITIONS IN SOUTHERN CHINA.

Hong Kong, 9 Aug. 11.—An official report issued today gives details of the appalling conditions among the victims of the recent typhoon, which killed thousands of natives. More than a million refugees are dying of exposure and starvation. Many thousands have succumbed since the typhoon, and the dead are piled in heaps, there being no means of burial.

TEXAS HOT AFTER BIG RAILROADS

Complaint Filed Monday Charges 67 Companies With Conspiracy.

TEXAS COMMISSIONER FINDS TRAFFIC THROTTLED.

Interstate Commerce Commission Receives Startling Evidence from Lone Star State—All the Big Companies Operating in the States Are in the Conspiracy—Freight Schedules Filed in Evidence.

Washington, Aug. 11.—The railroad commission of Texas today filed a formal complaint with the interstate commerce commission against 67 railroads and other common carriers, alleging a conspiracy on the part of the defendants through the suppression of competition and restraint of trade in the recent action in increasing freight rates to common points in Texas.

The commission will forward notice of this complaint to all the carriers involved and will give them 15 days to reply, the usual period allowed for answering a complaint being 30 days.

The commission will expedite this case as much as possible on account of its widespread importance.

The complaint is signed by Allison Mayfield, chairman of the Texas commission, with R. T. Davidson, attorney general, Claude Pollard, assistant attorney general of the state of Texas, countersigning the paper.

Values Compared. The complaint undertakes to compare the cost of maintenance and operation of the railroads with the actual cost and the claimed indebtedness which is supposed to justify the increase, with the actual indebtedness.

The railroad commission of Texas, it appears, has appraised the cost of construction and operation of the roads, as well as the actual indebtedness upon which the rates may be fairly based.

Eight freight schedules which have recently been filed with the commission are made the basis of the complaint, and all are claimed to have been brought about by the unlawful agreement between the defendant carriers and the Southwestern Traffic association, of which they are members or whose members represent, through power of attorney, those who are not.

TURKISH MINISTER RECALLED.

Entire Diplomatic Corps Is to Be Changed as Result of Reform.

Constantinople, Turkey, Aug. 12.—The report that Sultan Abdul Hamid has recalled Mehmed Alibey, Turkish minister at Washington, was confirmed today by the officials of the new cabinet. It was learned also that the French and Russian ambassadors will be recalled.

It is believed here that the entire diplomatic corps of Turkey is to be changed before the sultan gets through with his program of reform. There are no specific charges of incompetency against Bey or others, but the changes are made to give Turkey an entirely new service.

WOMAN DIES; WEIGHT 510.

Pittsburg, Pa., Aug. 11.—Five hundred and ten pounds was the weight of Mrs. Anna E. Lynch, who died at McKeesport today. For 19 years she had been a sufferer from elephantiasis.

Fleet Officers Entertained.

Auckland, Aug. 11.—Officers of the Atlantic fleet are today visiting Rotorua, the Yellowstone Park of New Zealand. Entertainments have been planned there. The trip will be three days in length.

Fierce Political Battle.

Juneau, Alaska, Aug. 11.—Alaska is today voting for a delegate to congress. There are four candidates in the field and the fight is the fiercest ever waged here.

ROUTED BY ARMED MAIDEN.

Government Officials Put to Flight by Moonshiner.

Sargeant, Ky., Aug. 11.—Miss Mary Fontz, 27 years old, widely known as the "Maiden Moonshiner," Saturday had a pitched battle with United States officials.

Entrenched at her camp near Beaver Creek and armed with a rifle, the girl fired 60 shots at the officials. United States Deputy Marshal Hiram Day was seriously wounded and the other officials were routed.

The woman occupied an advantageous position in a ravine overlooking a public highway. The government authorities have for a long time tried to find and arrest her.

It is said she has been engaged in moonshining for eight years.

AMPUTATES LEG WITH COMMON POCKET KNIFE.

Man Has Leg Crushed in Machinery and Companion Cuts Him Out.

Dawson, Alaska, Aug. 11.—William J. Lowrey, oiler on the Guggenheim, is dead as a result of an accident. After his leg was crushed in a roller in the machinery, he took a knife from his pocket and requested Donald Hardin to amputate it. It was impossible to extricate the limb, so Hardin immediately cut it off, but Lowrey died a few minutes later.

MONARCHS SILLY AS SCHOOLGIRLS

KAISER KISSES KING; KING EMBRACES KAISER.

William Gives Edward a Smack on Each Cheek—Hundreds Witness Foolish Greeting of Two of the World's Greatest Rulers—Papers Say Visit Augurs for Peace Between Nations.

Cronberg, Germany, Aug. 11.—Kaiser Wilhelm kissed King Edward on both cheeks, and the king embraced the kaiser when the met at the station here today. Hundreds witnessed the greeting. The two rulers held a private conference at the castle and dined together on an auto trip.

The emperor wore a gorgeous uniform, which was in strong contrast to the black silk hat, black frock and coat of the king.

After the first exchange of good will both entered the kaiser's auto and were whirled off to Friedrichschoff castle, two miles away.

The kaiser's suite wore imposing military uniforms. The king's entourage wore silk hats and frock coats like their ruler.

The German press, judging from the warm greeting, is unanimous in declaring that the visit augurs for peace between the nations.

Dr. A. E. Shaw is in the city today from his homestead near Barnhart, where himself and family are spending the summer.

FATHER AND TWO CHILDREN DROWNED

George E. Evans, his two children, aged 14 and 16 respectively, are dead as the result of the treacherous waters of Snake river, at a point 17 miles from Huntington on the W. E. Baker ranch.

Saturday evening about 6 o'clock the daughter and son of Mr. Evans were in bathing and the boy was trying to teach his sister to swim. They ventured into water that was too deep for them and their father was attracted by cries for help. He rushed to the river and plunged in to rescue the ones who were in danger, only to be overcome by the swift current himself, and all three perished.

Evans and family lived on a ranch in that section of country about two miles below the Cook ranch. He is well known in eastern Oregon, having been here for many years, and at one time was a resident of Baker City. He carries a life insurance policy in the Queen of Forest Circle and also

MAN WITH MONEY HAS VANISHED

Umatilla County Officers Are Given Another Mysterious Disappearance to Solve.

EPHRAIM HEDBERG DROPS FROM SIGHT AT UMATILLA.

Retired Farmer From Wisconsin, Steps From Train No. 5 at Umatilla the Night of August 5, to Secure Cup of Coffee and Has Never Been Seen Since—Daughter Left on Train Continues Journey to Ashland—Nephew Takes Up the Search.

Had the earth swallowed up Ephraim Hedberg, who stepped off O. R. & N. train No. 5 on the night of August 5, at Umatilla, his disappearance would not have been more complete.

Mr. Hedberg was a retired farmer of Cumberland, Wis., on his way to Ashland, Ore., in company with his daughter Elma, aged 26, and in passing through Umatilla he stepped off for a moment to get a cup of coffee and since that moment he has not been seen or heard of.

His nephew, G. H. Hedberg, a Southern Pacific fireman of Ashland, arrived in the city today to make inquiry concerning his uncle, but as he looks into the matter the mystery deepens and there is absolutely no clew to the old gentleman's whereabouts.

Ephraim Hedberg was 63 years of age, about five feet six inches in height, weighed about 135 pounds, had black hair and sandy mustache and was dressed in a common business suit with soft hat and shirt and had drafts for \$1000 in his pockets on the Cumberland State bank, of Cumberland, Wis. When last seen he was in good health and perfectly sane. It is believed he met with foul play.

He was on his way to Ashland to invest in a small property and was accompanied by his daughter, who immediately missed her father, but who supposed he was in another car of the train and that he would soon come to his seat. But upon the fallure of the father to return the daughter then thought that he had been left at Umatilla and that he would follow on the next train and so she proceeded to Ashland where she still anxiously awaits news of her father.

All the banks in the country have been notified of the disappearance of the drafts and it will be impossible to cash them if the old man has been murdered.

There is absolutely no clew as to the cause or reason for his disappearance and the nephew who will spend several weeks making a personal search is at a loss to know where to begin.

Sheriff Taylor has been notified of the disappearance and will render every assistance in finding the missing man.