

WEATHER REPORT.

Showers tonight; tomorrow 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.

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### SMOOTH FORGER BEHIND THE BARS

#### Farm Hand With Half Dozen Aliases Passed Bogus Paper to Amount of \$100.

#### SEVERAL LOCAL STORES WERE HIS VICTIMS.

Edward Wilson, John Thomas, Thomas Jones and W. E. Wilson are names claimed by criminal—checks were signed by name of W. E. Ruther, but was discovered to be a forger early today—bought goods and took good money in change.

Once more the forged check crook has been busy in this city and the old story, with variations, has been repeated. Edward Wilson, alias John Thomas, alias Thomas Jones and alias W. E. Wilson, is the culprit and he is now in the county jail. He passed worthless checks aggregating nearly \$100 on merchants of this city and was caught this morning before he could get away.

Saturday night Wilson, if that is his name, made some purchases at Bond Bros. store and gave in payment a check for \$26.90 and signed by W. E. Ruther. It was a First National bank check. This forenoon the same man passed two checks on other local business houses. One of these for \$29.20 was taken by the Livingood company, while one for \$39.90 was taken at Max Baer's store. At all of these places the fellow made purchases amounting to several dollars and secured the change in money.

The discovery of the forgery was made during the forenoon by George Hartman, Jr., assistant cashier of the First National bank. The check from Livingood's store was presented by T. C. Taylor and it was immediately declared a forgery by Mr. Hartman. A short time later the two other checks arrived at the bank, thereby clinching the banker's suspicion. W. E. Ruther, whose name was forged, has an account at the bank, but the swindler was unable to imitate his signature sufficiently well to make his work pass the critical eye at the bank window.

As soon as the forgery was discovered the search for Wilson was taken up and he was soon found by Deputy Joe Blakeley and Charles Bond. He had evidently made no attempt to leave the city, believing that his game would not be detected until Ruther received a statement from the bank.

When arrested Wilson became sullen and when asked to write his name for George Hartman, refused to do so unless he had one of the checks to copy from. This assistance was refused him and he was taken to jail. He made no explanation of his conduct, evidently taking it for granted that he had been caught in the act.

When searched another check, signed by Ruther's name and made out for \$39.90 to William Johnson, was found in his pocket. One of the checks passed here bore the endorsement of W. Vogt, well-known here, but this endorsement is also believed to be a forgery.

#### Prisoner Is Foxy.

Wilson is a man of about 40 years

#### TURKS PROTEST AT ENGLISH OFFICERS.

Constantinople, Aug. 24.—This city is in a turmoil following the arrest of several defaulting officials of the old regime for the loan of a number of hard time preventing the mob from taking the prisoners forcibly. Most of the disorder is due to the report that Turkey is negotiating with the English for the loan of a number of English army officers to reorganize the Turkish army to prevent the radicals from degrading the sultan and precipitating bloodshed.

of age and is shrewd and educated. Though he has been working at harvesting this summer, his writing shows that he has been an office man in the past. To Charles Bond he said he had worked in a Boise store for nine years.

During the forenoon he had a telescope and in it had placed much of the merchandise he had bought. This afternoon he told Sheriff Taylor he had left the telescope with "Scotty" at the Brewery saloon. However, it was found he had not done so. The prisoner has a shrewd, knowing manner and when questioned by the sheriff inquired if the safe was the sweat box and asked to be put inside it.

When arrested the forger had a quart bottle of whisky which was labeled ginger ale. He had bought this at one of the Main street "soft drink" stands and the contents of the bottle helped some in loosening his tongue.

During the forenoon Wilson was traveling around some with a man named Tharp from Heppner, but it is said the two did not become acquainted until last Saturday evening. This morning Tharp lost a \$600 deposit slip that had been given him by a Heppner bank and it is suspected he was robbed by the man who is now in jail. However, no money was secured on the slip.

#### Ruther Identifies Man.

This afternoon W. E. Ruther arrived from Helix in response to a telegram from the First National bank telling of the forgery. He identified Wilson as a man who had been working for him during harvest under the name of James Lethridge.

When the man quit work he, Ruther, gave him a check which Lethridge cashed at Helix with the assistance of H. Vogt, who endorsed it for him. After coming to Pendleton the crook wrote out the fictitious check and remembering how Vogt's name had helped him cash the check at Helix he made use of the name here also.

## "PEACH DAY" ON SEPTEMBER 2

#### FREEWATER TO HAVE AN ANNUAL EVENT

Big Picnic Arranged for September 2, When Prominent Speakers Will Be Present—Peach Growers Are Organizing in the North End—More Peaches Than in Yakima Valley—Peach Day Is Now Fixed Event.

Peach day will be observed at Freewater September 2, and those who participated in this event at Freewater last fall will be glad to know that the event is to be an annual one and will take place this year on Wednesday, September 2.

Arrangements have been made for a big picnic for the people of Umatilla and Walla Walla counties. Among those who are expected to be present are ex-Governor Moore, C. F. Whitney, Will M. Peterson, Judge Lowell, Congressman Ellis and others.

A complete list will be furnished later. Sports, games and other attractions in addition to the speaking will enliven the proceedings. A big exhibit of the products of this rich section will be in evidence.

Peaches and cream will be served free to all. This rich portion of Umatilla county is becoming the center of the peach industry for the inland empire, its output last year exceeding the widely advertised Yakima valley. Freewater does things and is making rapid progress in the development of its naturally rich resources. Let everybody turn out and give Peach Day a big boost.

#### American Delegate.

Washington, Aug. 24.—Frank D. LaLanne, of Philadelphia, has been appointed by the state department as the official representative of the United States government at the International Commercial congress to be held in Prague, Austria, next month.

#### Baseball Scores.

Portland 5-1, Oakland 4-2. San Francisco 4, Los Angeles 2.

### SUN MURDERED BRUTAL FATHER

#### Awful Crime is Unearthed by Confession of the Aged Mother.

#### BODY OF MURDERED MAN IN A TRUNK.

Samuel J. Rosenbloom Shot by Son While Beating His Wife—Body Was Crowded Into a Trunk and Then Sunk into the River—Mother of the Murderer Finally Confesses—Son Is Now Being Sought for the Crime.

Baltimore, Aug. 24.—The Camden trunk mystery was cleared today by the remarkable confession of Mrs. Bonnie Rosenbloom, aged 57, and her daughter, Eva, who admitted that the body was that of Samuel J. Rosenbloom, the husband of Mrs. Rosenbloom.

She said that he was killed by his son Alexander, at the home at Windbar, Penn. The body was found in a trunk at Belle Mawr, near Camden, on August 16.

The mother said her husband beat her and the son interfered and killed the father. The trunk was partly submerged and tied with ropes. Rosenbloom was shot in the heart. Alexander is now sought.

#### BREEN DID NOT FIND THE BRITISH CHILD.

Walla Walla, Wash., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—Breen, the convict, is now again inside the penitentiary and the officials are now fully convinced that he is a rabid liar and that he really knows nothing about the whereabouts of little Cecil Brittan. No further attention will be paid his stories and he will be kept inside the penitentiary until his term expires.

Breen was taken to the Toll Gate country by auto yesterday for a final trial. When he arrived on the ground he could do nothing towards locating the boy or giving the officers any clues whatever. He said they had evidently gotten there "a little too late" to find some people whom he claimed had camped there and would know of the boy.

#### STRICKEN WITH LEPROSY IN WASHINGTON, D. C.

Washington, Aug. 24.—With religion as his only solace, John R. Early, a Spanish war veteran, is stricken with leprosy. He admits his fate and is isolated on the bank of the Potomac in a tent, where he is guarded by the health officers. Hundreds of people in Washington are frightened fearing they have contracted the disease because Early spent five days seeking work before physicians discovered he was a leper. His wife and children are in deep distress at Lyon, N. C.

#### Daring Jail Break at Elko.

Elko, Nev., Aug. 24.—Sheriff Clark and posse are scouring the hills about Elko searching for "Slim" Smith who escaped from jail yesterday in one of the most daring jail deliveries of this state. Forty-five prisoners escaped, but all were recaptured except Smith. The jail was overcrowded. Many were accused of murder.

## POWER PLANT FLOODED AND LIGHTS OFF UNTIL TUESDAY NOON

There will be no electric lights for Pendleton this evening, but if the estimates of the electric company officials prove correct the power will be on again by about noon tomorrow.

During the fore part of last night the reservoir above the N. W. G. Co.'s power plant near Milton, was flooded as a result of a heavy storm and the overflowing water interfered with the operation of the plant.

### FIVE KILLED IN EUGENE WRECK

#### Engine of Passenger Train Struck a Cow and Turned Turtle Beside the Track.

#### ENGINEER, FIREMAN AND THREE TRAMPS DEAD.

Cottage Grove Local Wrecked Near Eugene—Coaches, Baggage Car and Engine in the Ditch—Seven Were Injured in Passenger Coaches—Engineer Nichols Horribly Scalded, But Lived for Five Hours in Terrible Agony.

Eugene, Aug. 24.—After suffering six hours, Jack Nichols, engineer, died this morning, making the fifth death due to a wreck of the Southern Pacific local passenger four miles north of here.

The engine struck a cow last night and turned turtle and was hurled from the track. The baggage cars and coaches pushed the tender several feet then slid on top of it.

Fireman Frank Boulton was crushed to death under the engine and three tramps were killed under the cars. Nichols was frightfully burned and expired at 3 o'clock this morning. The loss of rolling stock will be heavy.

Autos carried the seven injured and dying engineer to a local hospital. The cow was cut in two and the fragments scattered. The rails and ties torn up for 75 feet.

The passenger coaches and baggage cars lie in the ditch a short distance from Eugene. Efforts were made today to recover the bodies of the tramps. Little was done until the arrival of the wrecking crew.

The train was the Cottage Grove local and left Portland at 4:15 yesterday afternoon with Conductor Minkler in charge of the train. It is considered remarkable that the passengers escaped death.

#### Were Not Tramps.

Eugene, Aug. 24.—The bodies supposed to be tramps were identified as those of Ray Schwartz of Junction City; George Bailey, a restaurant proprietor of Eugene. Four are dead all told. The injured are Verne Apperson of Eugene, back and arm hurt; John Wright of Portland, leg injured; John Wilbight of Pittsburg, Pa., left arm broken; Albert Rahn of Portland, left arm cut; W. Richardson of Salem, right hip injured.

It is one of the worst wrecks in the history of Oregon.

#### Women Would Stop Roulette.

Reno, Aug. 24.—Church women are trying to induce the police chief to prevent Nan, Rooney of San Francisco, from conducting a roulette game already opened at Reno. The sheriff refused to act, saying he has no right. The women threaten to take the case into court. Saturday night Nan won \$10,000 from Jack Flynn, the mine manager.

#### Revolt Expected in Finland.

Helsingfors, Finland, Aug. 24.—Russia in hurrying troops to Finland in anticipation of a general revolt. The mobilization is being done secretly. The early dissolution of the Finnish diet by the czar is expected to precipitate trouble.

#### O. R. & N. DISCHARGES WORTHLESS GREEKS

La Grande, Aug. 24.—Every Greek employed by the O. R. & N. on the coal bins, where 30,000 tons of coal are being stored, were summarily dismissed last evening.

The reason for the action is that the Greeks are too quarrelsome and too mean for practical purposes.

The foremen have had much trouble with the gang of 30 or so who are unloading the coal, and came to the conclusion that more could be done without them. The dismissal came all in a heap, and the entire gang is now hanging around the yards awaiting an opportunity to get out of the city.

Japanese will replace them. The contractors find the latter class of laborers less likely to indulge in quarrels either with the foremen or between themselves.

#### NURSE IS NOW HEIR TO \$10,000,000 ESTATE.

Chicago, Aug. 24.—The friends of Alice Page, aged 28, of Chicago, were surprised to learn today that she has been adopted by John H. Converse, the Philadelphia banker and financial agent of the Baldwin locomotive works. The girl nursed Page's wife for two years. The wife made a dying request that her husband adopt the nurse. The girl is now touring Europe with Mary Converse. She is now joint heir to the estate, valued at \$10,000,000.

#### ACCUSED OF STEALING \$175,000 IN \$1000 BILLS

Chicago, Aug. 24.—George W. Fitzgerald, formerly associating teller of the United States sub-treasury, appeared before Judge Chetlain's court today to answer to the charge of stealing \$175,000 from the treasury over a year ago.

The case was postponed until next Monday and the prisoner released on \$10,000 bail. His arrest was based on the alleged fact that Fitzgerald tried to make arrangements with a certain business man to cash a \$1000 bill. Several similar bills were stolen from the treasury.

## GOOD BUILDING ON FIRE RUINS

#### W. H. JONES TO BUILD BRICK OR CONCRETE

Site of the Wilcox Implement Company's Store Will Not Be Unoccupied Long—Work to Begin on New Structure Soon As Insurance Loss on Implement Stock Is Adjusted—Will Erect Permanent Building.

That he will very likely build a brick or concrete building to replace the Wilcox implement building, destroyed by fire last week, was stated this morning by W. H. Jones, owner of the property.

Mr. Jones arrived here from Seattle Saturday. He was intending to make a trip to Pendleton in the near future and the news of the big fire caused him to come at once.

The long corrugated iron and frame structure used by the Wilcox company was owned by Mr. Jones, as was also the residence occupied by Tom Thompson and family. Upon the office portion of the implement building he carried \$600 insurance, but nothing upon the remainder of the structure.

As to his plans for the future, Mr. Jones said: "I will not do anything until Mr. Wilcox secures an adjustment of his insurance. Then if satisfactory arrangements are made I will erect another building for the Wilcox company. I suppose it will be either a concrete or a brick building, as I understand that that portion of town is to be included within the fire limits."

#### Douglas Memorial.

Washington, Aug. 24.—Delegates to the National Negro Business league in session at Baltimore last week, are in Washington today. An outing has been arranged in their honor, the proceeds to go to the Frederick Douglas Memorial fund.

### OREGON THEATER HAS BEEN LEASED

#### Northwest Theatrical Circuit Attractions Will Again Be Seen in Pendleton.

#### C. J. MITCHELL OF DAYTON IS NEW LESSEE

No Stock Concern Will be Connected With the Oregon During the Coming Year—Last Year the Local Theater Was Outside the Theatrical Circuit and But Few of the Road Companies Played Here—Some Excellent Attractions Are Already Booked.

C. J. Mitchell of Dayton, Wash., has leased the Oregon theater for a year and the playhouse will be formally opened for the season on September 2. The new lessee will arrive here this evening for the purpose of putting the theater in order.

During the year the theater will be open to road attractions and the Northwest circuit attractions will be brought here. Aside from these independent shows will be used when dating can be given them without crowding out northwest attractions. There will be no stock company connected with the theater as was the case last year when Morrie B. Street and company had the house.

Mr. Mitchell, the new lessee, is a practical theatrical man and those who know him have every confidence in his ability to manage the theater successfully. He is also in the bill board business, being a member of the association which controls the advertising billboards of the state and he will handle that work as well as operate the theater.

Last year the Oregon was outside the Northwest circuit and as a result Pendleton people saw but few good road shows. Consequently the town will be play hungry this season and this fact should insure a good patronage for the new management. The list of attractions for the season has not yet been published, but among the number will be Paul Gilmore, Hanford, Figman and other stars sent out by John Cort.

#### Italian Shoots in Crowd.

Santa Rosa, Aug. 24.—The entire police force of this city aided by a posse of deputy sheriffs, are today seeking a strange Italian who last night entered the ball room of a hotel and shot ruthlessly at the crowd of dancers, wounding two. He escaped from the crowd.

#### Negro Physicians.

New York, Aug. 24.—Negro physicians, dentists and pharmacists are gathering in New York today for the tenth annual session of the National medical association, which will open tomorrow.

#### Largest Brokerage Firm Quits.

Buffalo, Aug. 24.—With a sign upon the door to the offices at Meadows Williams & Co., this morning announced the suspension of the firm, which is the largest brokerage house in the city.

#### CAPTAIN HAINS IS SHAMMING OR CRAZY.

New York, Aug. 32.—Captain Hains is either stark mad or shamming. He seems to have forgotten that he killed William Annis. A double watch has been placed in his cell. It is feared he will attempt suicide. He imagines that he must report at Fort Hamilton for duty.

Yesterday he sent for his military clothes, and when brought said: "I have been waiting for you. You people seem not to understand that I have to report to Colonel Harris at noon today. So long, I'm off for the fort." He tried to leave and when restrained was furious.