

WEATHER FORECAST. Fair tonight and Tuesday; light frost tonight.



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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BIGGEST FAIR EVER IN OREGON

State Cannot Accommodate All Exhibitors in Pavilion and Grounds.

PRESIDENT W. F. MATLOCK PLEASED WITH OUTLOOK.

Oregon State Fair Which Opens on September 14 for a Week, Will Be the Best Ever Held—More Exhibits of All Kinds Than Ever Before—Space Will Be Limited for Late Applicants—Machinery Building Is Needed Now to Display Oregon Manufactures Properly.

That the state fair board is having difficulty in providing enough room to accommodate the increasing number of exhibitors is declared by W. F. Matlock, president of the fair board, who is in Pendleton today.

"The state fair needs more buildings badly," says Mr. Matlock. "We keep adding new buildings constantly but the state is growing so and interest in the fair is increasing so fast that we have a hard time keeping up. What we need the most now is a machinery building where we could house all of the machinery offered for exhibit at the fair."

For the past few months Mr. Matlock has been at Salem most of the time attending to business in connection with the fair. As president of the board he is now the one upon whom the burden of responsibility falls and there is much administrative work to be done at this time especially.

The state fair this year commences on Monday, September 14. The valley counties are taking more interest than usual in the fair, practically all of them having secured space for large exhibits.

"BLIND PIG" ARTISTS UNDER \$500 BONDS.

In the "blind pig" cases at Echo Saturday afternoon each of the five men arrested was required to give \$500 bail. Three of the men, M. H. Gillette, Norman Stone and Morrison waived examination and their cases will go before the grand jury. M. B. Gillette and Frank Nance will be given a preliminary hearing in the Justice's court Friday. District Attorney Phelps and Judge Fee, the latter being attorney for the defendants, returned home from Echo Saturday evening.

Crisis on Canadian Pacific.

Vancouver, B. C., Aug. 31.—Winnipeg dispatches say a crisis is approaching in the mechanic's strike on the Canadian Pacific. A committee meeting at Winnipeg representing all the unions was given this week to decide whether it will meet in conference with the object of settling the strike or have the whole system tied up.

Tacoma's Population, 107,500.

Tacoma, Aug. 31.—The Advance sheets of the 1908 directory show this city has a population of 107,500, an increase of 9750 in a year. The suburbs of Ruston and Fern Hill are included in the new directory.

Jersey Horse Fair.

Newton, N. J., Aug. 31.—A horse fair and carnival which has attracted many lovers of thoroughbred equines from all over the state was opened here today and will continue through the week.

CHARLES SCHWAB PLAYS ROLE OF "SPOTTER"

Bethlehem, Pa., Aug. 31.—Employees of the Bethlehem Steel works are shaking in their boots today awaiting the outcome of a little visit paid to the works by Charles Schwab, the steel magnate and former president of the steel trust, in the garb of a workman. It is reported he saw several men asleep.

AN ACTRESS' COURT IN ARCHDUKE'S PALACE

Vienna, Aug. 31.—The Palace of Archduke Louis Victor, the younger brother of Franz Josef, is being remodeled for Mme. Catherine Schraff, the actress, to whom the ruler has been devoted for years. The emperor took the palace away from his brother and banished him for immorality. Mme. Schraff will set up a sort of second court in it. Her power with the emperor is strong.

FRUIT PACKING IN FULL BLAST

THREE BIG COMPANIES WORKING FULL CAPACITY.

Over 300 People Employed in the Milton-Freewater District in Handling Fruit Crop—Peaches, Prunes, Apples and Pears Now Going Out Daily—Thirteen Cars to Be Loaded Saturday—Shipments Go to Every Eastern State.

Freewater, Ore., Aug. 31.—The three fruit packing houses in the Milton-Freewater section, namely the Shields Fruit company, Milton Fruit-growers' union and Walla Walla Produce company, are doing a rushing business these days. There are over 300 packers at work and still they are calling for help. Fifty more, at least must be had.

Peaches, prunes and apples are the principal fruits now on hand. They are being shipped out at the rate of five carloads a day. On Saturday afternoon there were 13 refrigerator cars standing on the tracks awaiting shipment.

Some go over the O. R. & N. and others in the Northern Pacific cars over the Walla Walla Valley Traction company's lines and are being billed to New York, Pittsburg, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneapolis and points in Montana and Dakota. Good prices are being obtained.

Ready for Peach Day. All preparations are being completed for a big time at the approaching peach day, Sept. 2. The only drawback is the late date, as the crop has matured earlier than was anticipated a few weeks ago. Still there will be peaches galore. It is expected that there will be a big delegation from Pendleton.

New Gotham Theater.

New York, Aug. 31.—New York's newest theater, the Gaiety, at Broadway and 45th street, will be opened tonight by George M. Cohan in "The Yankee Prince." The house will be devoted exclusively to comedy.

Bids on Aqueduct.

New York, Aug. 31.—Bids will be opened tomorrow for another section, costing \$1,300,000, of the Catskill aqueduct, the gigantic project which is to carry water from the Catskill mountains to the metropolis.

COMMITTEES ARE SHORT OF FUNDS

Democratic and Republican Leaders Are Not Flush With Gold for Campaign.

DEMOCRATS HAVE ONLY ABOUT \$90,000 ON HAND.

With Million Dollar Campaign Now on Both the Party Leaders Are Kaiting Their Brows Over the Prospect — Democrats, by Good Management Saved Over \$65,000 From Denver Convention—Rich Men Are Not Contributing to the Funds of Either Committee as Yet.

Chicago, Aug. 31.—Their is aching void in the campaign coffers of both the democratic and republican parties, according to political gossip and leaders have begun to knit their brows over the outlook.

The campaigns have thus far been conducted on a conservative financial basis, the managers being hopeful that conditions will improve. Something has seemed to dampen the ardor of the rich men who formerly opened their wallets for liberal amounts.

So far the democratic national committee has taken in \$25,000 which added to a balance of \$65,000 left over from the Denver convention, amounts to a total of \$90,000 with which to pay the expenses of half a million dollar campaign. The republicans have a small comfortable sum. It is reported that Taft's brother, Charlie, has contributed the largest sum.

Hitchcock Arrives.

Chicago, Aug. 31.—Hitchcock, chairman of the national republican committee, arrived here from the east today. It is expected that the democratic charges of corporation management will soon be answered from Hitchcock's office.

Folsom Recovering From Storm.

Las Vegas, Aug. 31.—Folsom is gradually recovering from the effects of the cloudburst. Food and clothing is being supplied to families. Thirty victims have been buried. The country surrounding is devastated. It is estimated the loss will reach half a million. The wrecked houses have been inspected and the search for more victims is proceeding.

Old Soldiers Arriving.

Toledo, Aug. 31.—Hundreds of members of the Grand Army of the Republic are arriving here today to attend the national encampment opening tomorrow. Commander in Chief Charles Burton, of Missouri, has established headquarters at the Boody house.

Asbury Park Carnival.

Asbury Park, N. J., Aug. 31.—With a mad and merry masque, the reign of Queen Titania over Asbury Park will come to an end tonight, closing one of the most successful summer carnivals in the history of this resort.

Negroes Discuss Politics.

Pittsburg, Pa., Aug. 31.—Negro editors are today gathering in Pittsburg for a general convention during the next three days, at which the political situation, as it affects the colored race, will be the principal subject of discussion.

Hanged Himself in His Cell.

James Bovard was arrested at Oakesdale Monday night for drunkenness and Tuesday morning was sent to jail to serve out a \$5 fine. Shortly afterwards he was found hanging in his cell, having used the roller towel for a rope. He was dead when he was found.

Candidate Accused of Crime.

Steven Magil, candidate for county clerk in Columbia county, has been arrested at Dayton on the charge of wronging Ruth Heter, aged 17. It is stated that both parties have confessed.

SOCIETY WOMEN CAUGHT IN TRAP

Clever Ruse to Discover More Taxable Personal Property Worked Like a Charm.

PITTSBURG ASSESSOR LAID TRAP FOR FAIR ONES

Letters Asking for Statement of Property Were Unanswered Until Wedding Gifts Were Mentioned When Full Statements Were Made —Several Millions Added to Taxable Property by the Clever Ruse—Woman Rushed to Office in Haste to Make Statements.

Pittsburg, Aug. 29.—The assessors today report an increase of several millions of dollars in the taxable personal property of the city as the result of a clever ruse worked by the assessor on wealthy women.

Letters from the assessor to society women were unanswered until they received others asking "about the stock your father gave you as a wedding present" and similar questions. These brought the women to the office with a correct list of their property.

From Central Oregon.

J. H. Estes and wife returned home today from a long overland hunting and camping trip which they took into central Oregon. They went by train from here to Crook county and camped during the summer in the mountains southeast of Bend.

Fishery Congress.

Washington, Aug. 31.—Announcements were made today of plans for the International Fisheries congress opening here September 22. President Roosevelt, Secretary Root and Secretary Straus will welcome the delegates.

Probe Militia Scandal.

Portland, Me., Aug. 31.—A court of inquiry has been ordered by Governor Cobb to convene here tomorrow and investigate charges against the Montgomery guards, recently expelled from the Maine militia for alleged misconduct.

Insurance Loss Paid.

The Christian church today received a draft for \$4000 to cover that portion of their insurance they carried in the Oregon Fire Relief association, for whom Courts, Bittner and Hayes are local agents.

Successful Aeroplane Flight.

Lemans, France, Aug. 31.—After a wonderful flight of 56 seconds over the military course Avours today, Wilbur Wright of Dayton, Ohio, was forced to bring his aeroplane down on account of a slight accident.

Double Capacity of Big Mill.

The capacity of the Corvallis saw-mill, which is now owned by Eugene people, now 30,000 feet daily, is to be doubled within a short time. The announcement was made by G. O. Bassett, one of the owners who is to be the resident manager of the property, says a Corvallis item. Mr. Bassett has been manager for the Booth-Kelly company at Springfield and other mills for nine years and is an expert in the lumber business as well as in matters financial. His family arrived in Corvallis this week and Mr. Bassett will assume personal charge of the mill in about 10 days.

Arrested for Horse Stealing.

Edward Edwards, of Toppenish has been arrested on the charge of horse-stealing. It is stated he was trying to elope with a Granger girl, but she refused to go with him and he went on alone with the rig. He was captured to Prosser.

New Paper for Newport.

J. J. Amlett, formerly from Montana, is preparing to establish a new paper at Newport to be known as the Pend Oreille Press. He is now getting his office material in shape and expects to issue the first number about September 10.

CANADIAN PACIFIC IMPORTING LABORERS.

Winnipeg, Aug. 31.—Trains are delayed throughout the west on the Canadian Pacific lines. The railway commission meets September 10. It is understood that many affidavits by railroad men in the United States will be offered supporting the contention that the railroads are violating the alien labor law by a general importation of Americans as strike breakers.

DEBS' "RED SPECIAL" STRIPPED OF ITS COLORS.

Chicago, Aug. 31.—Eugene V. Debs the socialist presidential candidate, left here today on the socialist "Red Special." The train was shorn of its colors in the depot by order of the company. As soon as it was out of the yards it was stopped and decorated with red bunting. Debs stood on the rear platform.

NO LAMBS SOLD AT LOW PRICES

R. F. BICKNELL OFFERED BUT \$1.50 PER HEAD.

Idaho Buyer Would Like 20,000 Head But Sheepmen Will Not Sell—Prices Offered at From 25 to 50 Cents Too Low—Bicknell Would Feed Oregon Lambs on Idaho Ranch.

After trying in vain to induce some Umatilla county sheepraisers to part with their lambs R. F. Bicknell, the sheepbuyer, will leave for his home at Parma, Idaho, this evening. He has been in this section for several days looking over the situation.

According to Mr. Bicknell, he wished to buy 20,000 or 25,000 head of lambs to feed on his Idaho ranch. He offered \$1.50 per head for them but found out that his price was from 25 to 50 cents lower than what was demanded. Also he says that he came here too early in the season. During the fall many sheepmen purchase lambs with the intention of running them through the winter, shearing them and selling them for mutton in the spring. This business usually creates a considerable local demand for lambs and it often occurs that local buyers take all of the surplus sheep, leaving none for outside buyers. What the situation will be this fall remains to be seen.

According to Mr. Bicknell lambs are selling for \$1.75 per head in Idaho at present. To an Idaho man this is equal to a price of \$1.60 at this point as the freight rate is 15 cents per head to Idaho.

Mr. Bicknell was formerly in partnership with F. C. Oxman, but for over a year past each man has been in business independently.

Taunted Comrade; Is Shot Dead.

Los Angeles, Aug. 31.—Leslie Vertrees, the boy shot and killed yesterday by Earl Orr, aged 17, had taunted young Orr about being a poor marksman. The boys were returning from a rabbit hunt when Orr raised his rifle and shot Vertrees dead. He said he didn't mean to pull the trigger.

Miners' Strike at an End.

Birmingham, Aug. 31.—The Alabama miners' strike was called off today by President Lewis of the executive board of the United Mine workers, after a conference with the local mine unions.

Big Theft Case Postponed.

Chicago, Aug. 31.—The hearing of George Fitzgerald, accused of the theft of \$173,000 from the sub-treasury a week ago, was postponed today until September 9.

NOME DISTRICT IS A BACK NUMBER

Writing to his father, W. F. Matlock, under date of August 6, Wesley Matlock has the following to say regarding conditions in the north. "I was in Nome four days the first of this month and Nome looks to be a back number. Been no new strikes made there this last year, the beach line getting pretty nearly worked out. It looks like the life of Nome is pretty nearly at an end as far as a business center is concerned. Of course there will probably be a town there for 20 years, but never the old Nome.

CALIFORNIA IS FIRE SCOURGED

Priceless Redwood Forests Threatened by Fire Raging in Coast Ranges.

OVER 20,000 ACRES OF TIMBER BURNED NEAR CHICO

Two Hundred Farmers Are Fighting the Fires Which Are Being Fanned by a Strong Wind—Mountain Homes and Summer Resorts Are Threatened—Fish Hatchery Near Ukiah Endangered and Thousands of Acres of Forest and Grazing Land Burned Over.

Chico, Calif., Aug. 31.—The forest fire raging north of here has already burned 20,000 acres of timber and grazing land. Two hundred farmers are fighting, which is made hard by a high north wind.

Redwoods Threatened.

Santa Cruz, Aug. 21.—Over a hundred acres of valuable redwood timber land has been burned over already today by a forest fire raging in Blackburn gulch four miles away. Scores are fighting to keep the fire from their homes. The burning of a barn started the fire.

Flames then spread to trees and dry grass and burned over the John Walsh ranch, part of Crandall's summer resort, Morgan ranch and Dr. Holmquist's ranch. The fighters saved Crandall's place. Back firing was resorted to.

Fires Rage Near Ukiah.

Ukiah, Calif., Aug. 31.—Fires started last night are raging today on the mountains west of here threaten to destroy the fish hatchery of the Northwestern Pacific Railroad Co.

SOCIALIST LEADER TOO NEW IN THE CAUSE

San Francisco, Aug. 31.—Because she has been a member of the socialists for only six months, Countess Poniatowski of Poland, known as Mrs. Cloudale Johns of Los Angeles was thrown down by the socialists of California for a place on the presidential electoral ticket at the state convention last night. She has been in jail for speaking for the socialists on the streets. She is considered by outsiders as one of the strongest members of the party.

Spanish War Veterans Meet.

Boston, Aug. 31.—Hundreds of visitors are arriving here today to attend the national encampment of the United Spanish War Veterans, which begins tomorrow. It is estimated that 50,000 visitors will be here. The grand parade will occur Wednesday. Among the prominent guests are Admiral Schley and General Miles.

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PROHIBITION CANDIDATE TO BE AT FAIR

Hon. Aaron S. Watkins, prohibition candidate for vice-president of the United States, is scheduled to speak here on political day of the district fair. By reason of his high standing in the ranks of his party his presence should add much to political day. News that the vice-presidential candidate may be here was received this morning by Judge Fitz Gerald, secretary of the fair commission. He received a letter from J. P. Newell, state chairman of the prohibitionists saying that Mr. Watkins is to be in Oregon during the campaign, and that he would endeavor to have him appear here during the fair week. Should he be unable to do so some other national figure in prohibition circles will be sent here.