

WEATHER REPORT.

Fair tonight; Sunday
fair and cooler.



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

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RECENT FIRES COST MONEY

Strongest Argument Better
ing Pendleton Department
Equipment.

AUGUST FIRES COST
CITY APPROXIMATELY \$1000

Fire Chief Says \$10,000 Worth of New
Apparatus Would Have Saved Half
the Recent Loss and Would Mean
a 14 Per Cent Decrease in Insurance
Rates—Auto Engine and
Electrical Alarm System Needed.

Since the first of August approxi-
mately \$85,000 worth of Pendleton
property has gone up in smoke and
the city has paid out \$1000 to its fire
fighters.

"If the city had been equipped
with proper fire apparatus, which
would cost about \$10,000," said Fire
Chief John Vaughan this morning,
"we could probably have saved half
of that loss. Furthermore, if we had
such apparatus, insurance rates in
the city would be 14 per cent lower
and property owners would save be-
tween \$6000 and \$7000 annually in in-
surance premiums."

For years the firemen of the city
have been asking for better appa-
ratus and regularly their requests have
been denied by the city on the ground
of economy. But during the past
month the record of the department
shows that it would have been more
economical had their recommenda-
tions been granted.

Fires Were Expensive.

If anyone believes that Pendleton
has an inexpensive fire department,
because it is a volunteer organization,
he is sadly mistaken. Within the
past month the firemen have earned
approximately \$1000 in wages. Every
time the fire bell rings, under our
present "economical" system it costs
the city at least \$30 and if the central
companies turn out in force, \$45.
Since the first of August the depart-
ment has been called upon eight
times and there has been practically
1000 hours of fire fighting. Firemen
are paid a dollar an hour and when
they turn out they are given credit
for an hour's work even if they are
not needed. They deserve it, and
more besides, because their work is
hard and often times dangerous.

Cost of Fires.

The Alta House fire cost the city
\$200, the seven hose companies and
the hook and ladder company all be-
ing called out, approximately 10 men
to the company. The Wilcox-Chris-
tian church fire was more expensive,
the entire department being out and
working approximately 375 hours.
The smaller fires occurring during the
month have also cost the city money.
None has cost less than \$30 and most
of them have cost from \$40 to \$60.
It cost the city \$30 to investigate the
smoke at the Hohbach bakery Satur-
day night for three companies were
called out and responded.

The Apparatus Wanted.

If Fire Chief Vaughan had his way
the city would secure a chemical au-
to engine, would employ one capable
man to run the same and would in-
stall an electric alarm system. These
things would mean expense, perhaps
to the extent of \$10,000.

But the improvements would mean

FISHING LAUNCH MISSING.

San Pedro, Sept. 7.—Sixteen
persons who were passengers on
the fishing launch O. K., have
been missing since yesterday,
and it is believed they have
been drowned. Efforts are be-
ing made by wireless to com-
municate with Catalina Island.
Five women were among the
passengers. The party intended
to return to San Pedro last
night. After they left the island
a squall blew up. Captain
John Gishler was in charge of
the boat.

The fact that none of the rela-
tives or friends have heard
from the missing ones is taken
as a certain indication that they
have been lost. Carl E. McStay,
the president of the McStay
supply company, organized two
rescue parties. The launches
Lou Kelly and Pearl have been
sent out.

that in cases of fire an alarm could
be given quickly and accurately. Only
the necessary companies would be
called out. An auto engine and
driver would mean that the depart-
ment would get into action quickly
and therein lies the secret of fire-
fighting. If the department had been
properly equipped the fire at the
Golden Rule stable would probably
have never gotten beyond that struc-
ture. But when the firemen sleep at
their own homes and have to rush
to the fire station and drag their hose
cars out by hand, how can really
prompt work be expected?

According to the fire chief, J. C.
Stone, manager of the Pacific board
of underwriters, has assured him
that if the department were equipped
as outlined above insurance rates in
the city would be lowered 14 per
cent. This being true, what should be
done?

HARMONY THE WATCHWORD

FACTIONS OF REPUBLICAN PARTY TO WORK TOGETHER

Chairman Cake Appoints a Commit-
tee to Receive and Expend Cam-
paign Funds in Oregon—No effort
Made to Oust Cake as Chairman—
Meeting Was Enthusiastic.

Portland, Sept. 7.—W. M. Cake,
republican state chairman, presided
today at a meeting of the republican
central committee. Thirty-three
counties of Oregon were represented
by 12 men. Ralph Williams, the na-
tional committeeman, was made tem-
porary secretary. The meeting was
harmonious. The name of Taft was
a signal for enthusiasm every time he
was mentioned. James Kertchen,
the secretary of the Multnomah county
central committee, injected some hu-
mor into the meeting by denying there
was any factionalism in the republic-
an party. While Cake was planning
the campaign for the state committee
Senator Fulton was at the Imperial
hotel conferring with politicians from
various parts of the state. No effort
was made to oust Cake as chairman.
The gap dividing the factions is ap-
parently closed for the campaign.
Cake has appointed a committee to
receive and expend campaign funds

MURDER MYSTERY EXPLAINED

Woman Held in Jail at Omaha
for Killing Dr. Rustin Makes
Statement.

KILLED SELF TO SAVE FAMILY FROM POVERTY.

Had Lost Everything and Became
Discouraged and Despondent—Car-
ried Large Life Insurance Which
Would Have Lapsed on Account of
Non-payment of Premiums so Com-
mitted Suicide to Secure it to Fam-
ily.

Omaha, Neb., Sept. 7.—Mrs. Abbie
L. Rice, who has been detained at the
city jail for three days in connection
with the mysterious shooting of Dr.
Frederick Rustin last Wednesday
morning late tonight gave to Chief
of Police Donahue and County At-
torney English a long statement, in
which it is said, she clears up consid-
erable of the mystery surrounding the
shooting of the physician and makes
it an evident case of suicide.

The girl said she had known Rus-
tin since last December, but that it
was only four weeks ago that he told
her his troubles. She said he told
her that he had lost everything, that
he was in debt to an extent which
would make it impossible for him
ever to get out. He had received no-
tice to vacate his office for non-pay-
ment of rent; had borrowed from his
friends and had several checks at the
bank with no funds to cover them.
This had driven him to a deliberate
plan to end his life.

The girl says she left him in a con-
dition of mental agony Tuesday and
could not sleep for fear something
terrible would happen. She had tel-
ephoned the Rustin house several
times and when she learned he had
not reached there she was sure that
he had carried out his declared in-
tention of taking his life. The state-
ment also intimates that insurance he
carried, amounting to \$50,000, had
much to do with his action, he wish-
ing to protect his family. Many of
the policies had lapsed for non-pay-
ment of premiums and others were
coming due every week or so.

DEMOCRATIC SQUABBLE IN SUPREME COURT

Factional Fight Over Tickets to be
Contested in Court.

Boise, Sept. 7.—Upon petition filed
by Attorney R. H. Johnson on behalf
of the Dubois ticket, an alternative
writ of mandate was issued by the
supreme court today directed to Sec-
retary of State Laundon, and return-
able Wednesday next at 10 o'clock,
to show cause why he should not file
the Dubois ticket and certify it to the
county clerks as the legal democratic
ticket.

The petition is filed in the name of
Jesse J. Walling who alleges that he
is the nominee of the regular demo-
cratic convention for the office of
secretary of state.

Mr. Johnson was the only attorney
present in court for Mr. Walling, but
the names of Henry Z. Johnson, T. D.
Cahalan, S. H. Hayes, Milton G.
Cage, C. H. Jackson and A. T. Ryan
appear as attorneys for that side.
James H. Hawley and Karl Paine ap-
peared for the secretary of state,
though a number of other attorneys
will appear when the answer is filed.

Both sides express anxiety to have
the case pushed as rapidly as pos-
sible, and Judge Ailshie, speaking for
the court, asked the cooperation of
the attorneys in securing a speedy
determination of the question.

FOREST FIRES SUBSIDING.

Change in Wind Enables Inhabitants
to Save Many Homes.

Duluth, Sept. 7.—The fire which
yesterday covered the greater portion
of St. Louis, Carleton and Itasca
counties, and northern portion of
Douglas county, Wis., is subsiding.
The wind changed and enabled the in-
habitants of Buhl and Naskauk to
save their homes after a hard fight.

BRYAN SPEAKS IN CHICAGO

Formally Opens Campaign
With Labor Day Address at
Auditorium.

GUEST OF IROQUOIS CLUB AT DINNER

Monster Parade in Which Bryan Was
Star—Kern Accompanied Him
Throughout the Day—Discussed the
Courts and Jury System and Flays
Taft—Says the Democratic Plat-
form is Ideal.

Chicago, Sept. 7.—William Jen-
nings Bryan was the Labor day guest
here today. The whole celebration
centers around him. When he ar-
rived from Lincoln he was met at the
depot and escorted to the Auditorium
hotel by a special committee of 50.
National chairman Mack personally
greeted the Nebraskan. John W.
Kern accompanied Bryan through the
day's events.

At noon the candidates were guests
of honor at a dinner at the Iroquois
club with the state committee. Im-
mediately afterward they proceeded
to the balcony of the hotel where
they viewed the parade in which
practically all labor organizations in
Chicago participated.

The Labor day exercises were be-
gun immediately after the parade was
disbanded. Bryan was cheered by
the parade. He faced a tremendous
thrill when he started his speech.

In part Bryan said: "Were I to
speak from a text I would select a
passage from Proverbs, one furnis-
hed by the words of Solomon when he
declared 'as a man thinketh in his
heart, so is he.' This bible doctrine
is but common sense. I begin this
speech with this proposition because
I want to impress it upon the minds
of those who listen to me. The
world is growing more toward a uni-
versal brotherhood, our nation is
leading the way. There is more gen-
uine altruism in this country than in
any other in the world. The labor
organization is a part of the great
movement of the masses toward clos-
er fellowship. Some assume that to
settle the labor question permanently
we need only to enforce the law rig-
orously, but we must remedy the
abuses by the law if we would insure
a respect for and obedience to the
law. A long step toward the eleva-
tion of labor to its proper position in
the nation's deliberations could be
found in the establishment of de-
partment of labor with a cabinet of-
ficer at the head. The republican
convention did not deal candidly
with the laboring man on the sub-
ject of the writ of injunction. Taft's
promises offer nothing in the way of
a substantial reform."

Taft Is Not An Unbiased Judge.

Bryan discussed the questions in-
volving the courts and jury systems,
saying: "Taft is not an unbiased
judge where the jury system is un-
der consideration. He is not only
known as the father of government
by injunction but is prejudiced
against the jury system. His long
service upon the bench has led him
to underrate the importance of the
system. Taft has fallen into the er-
ror of assuming that any improve-
ment in the methods of court pro-
cedure is an attack upon the author-
ity of the court. One of the greatest
problems of the day is to secure an
equitable distribution of the proceeds
of toil. The material wealth of this
country is largely the result of joint
products. Where men work togeth-
er, like an army organization, it ap-
plies to some degree as some direct
and others are directed. The labor
question as it presents itself at this
time is chiefly a question of equitable
distribution. The legislation asked
for will secure to each all that his
services entitle him to. As legisla-
tion is secured through the ballot
everybody should use their ballots to
obtain legislation. The democratic
platform presents the ideal toward
which the democratic party is striv-
ing, namely justice in distribution of
rewards."

SENATOR KNOX IN AUTO SMASH UP.

Geneva, Switzerland, Sept.
7.—Hurled from an auto when
the machine collided with an-
other car, United States Sena-
tor Knox of Pittsburg, and
wife, were slightly injured here
today. His son was hurt se-
riously. The party was travel-
ing at a high rate of speed
when the chauffeur seemingly
lost control of the machine and
it collided with another car,
then went into a ditch, throw-
ing the occupants high in the
air. The senator was pined up
apparently dead. Philander
C. Jr., was unconscious for sev-
eral minutes and is thought to
be internally injured.

GILBERT TO WED.

Olympic Victor to Marry on Arrival
in Portland.

Chicago, Sept. 7.—It was announc-
ed today that Albert C. Gilbert, the
Yale athlete who won the world's
pole vault record at the London
Olympic games is to become a ben-
edict upon his arrival at home in Port-
land, Ore. Miss Marie Thompson of
Seattle, is to be the bride. The cou-
ple will go east late this month. He
will take a post graduate course in
medicine.

THAW TO GO TO PITTSBURG.

Will Leave New York State First
Time Since His Arrest.

Pittsburg, Sept. 7.—Harry K.
Thaw will be brought to Pittsburg on
September 11 for the first time since
he left here preceeding the shooting
of Sanford White to appear in the
bankruptcy hearing.

BERGER SAYS GOMPERS LIES

SAYS HE LIES ABOUT THE RED SPECIAL.

Victor L. Berger, Socialist National
Committeeman, Scores Gompers
and Democratic Party—Says Gom-
pers Would Drink Whiskey With
the Devil.

Milwaukee, Sept. 7.—In a signed
editorial in the Social Democrat Her-
ald, Victor L. Berger today attacks
Gompers as follows:

"I am not going to answer Sam
Gompers' insinuation about capitalistic
support for the Debs red special. As
a member of the national executive
committee of the socialist party, I am
posted about all the details of the
matter from the beginning to end.
Every donation received and every
cent expended has been properly ac-
counted for. In casting the asper-
sion Gompers did so against his bet-
ter knowledge, in other words, lied
wilfully and did it in order to help
Bryan and the democratic party."

"I know Taft from the capitalistic
standpoint, is more desirable than
Bryan, and from the workingmen's
standpoint Bryan is the more insin-
cure, and hypocritical of the two.
Now why should the working man
vote for the democratic ticket?
Should he do so because the Tam-
many leaders, and democratic ward hee-
lers of the large cities socially drank
whiskey in Denver with Gompers?
The average democratic leader would
drink whiskey with the devil and so
would Gompers. To vote for the
democratic party, even as a protest
against the other wing of capitalism
is nonsensical and useless."

FRENCH AERONAUT BREAKS ALL RECORDS

Paris, Sept. 7.—Leon De La Grange,
the French aeronaut, president of the
Aviator club of France, established a
new world's record today at Issy
when in an aeroplane he sailed for
31 minutes, beating the world's re-
cord established by him yesterday. He

SCHOOLS SHOW BIG INCREASE

Enrollment in Pendleton Over
Ten Per Cent Heavier Than
Last Year.

"DRY TOWN" NO BAR TO SCHOOL FAMILIES.

Gains in Attendance Necessitates Ad-
ditional Teacher—Good Increases
at Every School Save One—Last
Year 719 Enrolled on Opening Day
While Total of 812 Appeared This
Morning—Others to Come Later.

There is encouragement to be
found in the enrollment in the pub-
lic schools today for the enumeration
shows a gain of more than 10 per
cent over that of last year. If probi-
tion has driven people from the
city it has evidently had little effect
upon families with children.

This forenoon the public school
children of the city were enrolled for
the coming year and when a sum-
mary of the enrollment was made at
noon by Superintendent Landers it
was found that the enrollment was
greater than that on the opening day
last year by 92. The following is the
registration by schools and last year's
enrollment is also given for compari-
son:

Field school, 85; for '07, 76.
Lincoln school, 53; for '07, 55.
Hawthorne school, 246; for '07, 224.
Washington school, 278; for '07, 220.
High school, 123; for '07, 114.
Total enrollment for '08, 812; for '07, 719.

New Teacher Needed.

Because of the heavy attendance
this year it will be necessary to em-
ploy an additional teacher for the
Hawthorne school and Superinten-
dent Landers says he will take the
matter up with the board at once.

Begin Work Tomorrow.

Today was devoted entirely to the
registration of the pupils, giving of
instructions regarding books, etc. The
children were then dismissed for the
day. Tomorrow morning regular
school work will be taken up.

Other Schools.

Of the private schools in the city
the St. Joseph's academy is already
under way, having started last Mon-
day with a splendid attendance.
The Pendleton academy will open
its doors next Monday, September 14,
and the prospects for a large atten-
dance there are also good.

The Pendleton business college will
commence work tomorrow morning.
The school will be again under the
management of Miss M. M. Slattery
of Spokane.

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN TO RECEIVE FORTUNE.

Colonel Vilas Makes it a Beneficiary
in His Will.

Madison, Wis., -Sept. 7.—It was
learned today that the will of the
late Colonel Vilas leaves the Univer-
sity of Wisconsin the sum which is
expected to total \$3,000,000, some day.
The estate is valued at \$3,000,000.
The widow is to have the income
during her life. The daughter is to
have \$30,000 yearly and after that
half the income of the trust fund is
to be used for the university and the
other half added to the fund until it
reaches \$30,000,000.

George Ayre, former principal of
the Pendleton high school, passed
through last evening on his way to
Boise, Idaho, where he is to teach
this winter.

RATE HEARING IN PENDLETON SEPT. 28

On Monday, September 28, the
members of the Oregon railroad
commission will be here for the pur-
pose of holding a hearing regarding
the grain rates now in force upon
the O. R. & N. company's lines in
this state. If upon investigation the
commission finds that the rates now
charged are too high they will order
a reduction.

News of the coming hearing was
received here Saturday by District At-
torney Phelps, who has been asked
by the commissioners to assist them
in gathering information from this

county.

The "grain" case has been brought
by the commission upon its own in-
itiative and in the statement it has sent
out it seemingly intends inquiring in-
to from all points on the O. R. & N.
between Portland and Huntington
and also from points on the branch
lines. The rate from Pendleton to
Portland is now 15 3-4 per hundred
pounds in carload lots. From Pilot
Rock the rate is 20 3-4 cents.

The rate hearing will be held at
the court house and will commence
at 10 o'clock in the morning of Sep-
tember 28.