

WEATHER REPORT. Fair, continued cold tonight and Saturday.



Opportunity knocks at your door EVERY day. To be convinced read today's ads.

JUDGE J. A. FEE ENTERS ARENA

Declares for Mayor Murphy's Re-election and Strikes at "Peanut Politicians."

MAYORALTY FIGHT NOT A PARTISAN ISSUE

Prominent Republican Leader Is Against Move to Inject Partisanship into Contest—Wants New Electric Company to Come—Byers Should Not Be Involved in Issue—Resents Attack on FitzGerald.

Pendleton, Oregon, Dec. 3, 1909.—(Editor East Oregonian.)—Permit me to say, it is unwise, in my judgment, to engender strife and ill feeling and to inject partisan politics into the approaching municipal election.

by a system of exclusion nor will Pendleton grow or prosper if we adopt such a policy. Therefore, if the Washington-Oregon Traction company is seeking a field for investment, it will, as its representatives claim, construct a street railway in Pendleton, furnish a cheaper power and cheaper lights, why should we not give it aid and encouragement.

The men, who are promoting this enterprise, are not strangers to the people of Pendleton. They come from our sister city of Walla Walla, where for years they have been among the most enterprising and enlightened of her business men, where they enjoy the confidence and esteem of their fellow citizens, for honesty and fair dealing.

Mr. Fitz Gerald, who stands at the head of this enterprise, has established in the city the headquarters of the corporations he represents. He has been engaged in this character of work for many years, he is an experienced and competent man, a gentleman by instinct and education, and it is a disgrace to our people that a few peanut politicians, mossback and surly and avaricious schemers should slander him without cause or justification.

ZELAYA CAUSED AMERICANS' DEATH

BODIES MUTILATED AT TYRANT'S ORDERS

Fighting Underway at Bluefields With Revolutionists Succeeding—Troopship Prairies Aground in Delaware River.

Bluefield, Nicaragua, Dec. 3.—It is reported today that the bodies of Cannon and Groce, the Americans executed at Managua, were cut into small pieces and burned. It is alleged this barbarous work was done under the direction of President Zelaya.

Zelaya is Crafty.

Washington, Dec. 3.—Driven to desperation by the unexpected attitude of the United States, President Zelaya is now reported to have developed a plan whereby he can resign and still retain power.

Zelaya's General Surrendered.

Bluefield, Dec. 3.—Colonel Guadamuz, in command of a detachment of Zelaya's soldiers has surrendered to General Matuty of Estrada's army near Rama. The Zelaya forces held out until they were physical wrecks, having gone without food for two days. They were simply unable to continue the contest longer.

MOTTER-WHEELER STORE DESTROYED BY FIRE AT EARLY HOUR THIS MORNING

Walla Walla, Wash., Dec. 3.—The Motter-Wheeler store, one of the largest department stores in the city, was gutted by fire at 7:30 this morning, with a loss of \$150,000. An explosion of an office oil stove was responsible. Only about five per cent of the goods were saved. The loss is partially covered by insurance.

BRYAN PREDICTS COMMONS TO TAFT-ALDRICH FIGHT LORDS

Asserts Senate Leader Would Take Vice Presidency and Then Succeed Taft.

"INSURGENT" LEADER SAYS CANNON SEES WRITING

President Taft's Praise of Rhode Island Man May Mean New England Vice President Claims Democratic Leader—"If You Can Stand Taft-Aldrich," Then Why Not Aldrich-Cannon in 1912?"

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 3.—William J. Bryan, in The Commoner today, said: "Has it occurred to you that Taft and Aldrich will likely head the republican ticket next campaign? Taft's endorsement of Aldrich's statesmanship; his praise of the Aldrich bill as best ever; Aldrich's tour through the west, making laudatory comments upon the corporation press, all point to the plan, New England has not had a piece on the national republican ticket for some time, although it has supported the ticket with great constancy. Isn't it about time to recognize her?"

Cannon To Retire.

Washington, Dec. 3.—That Speaker Cannon believes the house is in danger of democratic capture and will try to save it to the republicans by announcing his speakership retirement before the republican primaries next June was the statement made today by Victor Murdock of Kansas, house leader of the "insurgents."

Bank Explodes; Loss \$100,000.

Camden, N. C., Dec. 3.—A gas tank in the southern Express office exploded last night, wrecking the office building and causing a fire that swept half a block of Camden's finest business section with a loss of over \$100,000. One negro is reported killed.

Senator Tom Carter is up to more mischief.

HEARING OF FAMOUS WEST END WATER SUITS BEGINS MONDAY

The rapidly becoming famous Echo water suits will start in the circuit court next Monday morning as per schedule, all efforts to have them referred to the state board of water commissioners having failed. Those directly interested in the suits were brought up from Echo last evening but after an extended conference held this morning in the office of Lowell & Winter between the litigants and their attorneys it was decided to go ahead with the trial of the cases.

The principal difficulty in the way of having the matter referred to the board was the indefiniteness of the length of time which might elapse before the board could take up and adjudicate the rights of water users along the Umatilla river. As it is necessary that the questions involved in these suits be settled before the next irrigating season it was decided best to proceed with the litigation.

touch the money bills the whole executive machinery of the country would be brought to a standstill." The amazement with which the liberals listened to the quotations from Balfour against himself, was only equalled by the chagrin depicted on the faces of Mr. Balfour's followers. Altogether Mr. Asquith surpassed himself and his elated followers declare that he never made a finer or more effective speech.

English Campaign on.

London, Dec. 3.—The capital is practically deserted by parliamentarians today. Released from duties, many members of the house of commons have left the city to commence their personal political campaigns.

Parliament Prorogued.

London, Dec. 3.—Parliament was prorogued this afternoon. There is much comment upon the fact that the king thanked the house of commons for a liberal allowance for the nation's needs, while he failed to thank the house of lords according to the usual custom.

OAKLAND LAWYER GUILTY OF EMBEZZLEMENT

Oakland, Calif., Dec. 3.—John S. Delaney, one of the most prominent attorneys of Oakland, was found guilty of felony by embezzlement by a jury today, after thirty minutes deliberation. The charge was made in connection with the recent scandals in the office of public administrator, it being alleged Delaney, as counsel for the public administrator, withheld funds from estates being administered.

FIGHTERS WRANGLE OVER BATTLEGROUND

RICHARDS WOULD HAVE FIGHT AT SALT LAKE

Fighters However Favor California and San Francisco Seems Preferable City—Contest Over Stakeholders and Referee.

Hoboken, N. J., Dec. 3.—Jeffries and Johnson with Managers Tex Rickard and Jack Gleason, promoters, wrangled for hours today over the place of holding the championship battle, the referee, stakeholder and final division of the purse. It is understood the hottest fight is over the stakeholder, as he will be responsible for a fortune which is to be divided between the two contestants.

The men agreed to meet at 11 o'clock and sign articles but it was nearly 12:30 when Jeffries and Rickard, and Gleason arrived together. A big crowd was on hand and Jeffries was cheered. Shortly afterward Johnson arrived with his manager. He also was greeted with cheers. The party went into secret session and heard reporters. "Tex" Rickard said he had received two telegrams from prominent Salt Lake City men guaranteeing that the fight would not be interfered with if held there. He also said he had a strong guarantee that no financial loss would be sustained if Salt Lake is chosen as the battle scene. Rickard said he favored holding the fight in Salt Lake if all conditions are favorable. It is known, however, that both Johnson and Jeffries like to train in California. It is probable San Francisco will be chosen.

SWITCHMEN'S STRIKE CAUSES CLOSING OF COAL MINES

Butte, Mont., Dec. 3.—It is announced today that the large coal mines at Stockett, Bait and Sand Cobles, in the country tributary to Great Falls, will close tonight as a result of the switchmen's strike that has demoralized freight transportation on all railroads in this section. In accordance with yesterday's announcement the Moonlight and Paragon mines of the Amalgamated Copper company closed this morning. It is estimated 4500 men are idle today.

Drowned in Channel.

London, Dec. 3.—The steamer Thislemera foundered in the channel today after a struggle with the storm that is prevailing. It is reported that all members of the crew were drowned.

Baltimore Has Fire.

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 3.—Fire which broke out in a building in South Sharp street within a block and a half of the point of origin of the great disaster of 1904, caused a loss of \$200,000 before it was finally extinguished.

ROADS COPING WITH STRIKE

Yard Officials Are Taking the Places of Striking Switchmen in Many Cities.

STRIKEBREAKERS CLEARING SEATTLE TRACKS OF FREIGHT

No Freight Being Received at Tacoma, But Perishable Goods are Being Sent on Their Way By Aid of Office Men—Activity Characterizes Situation in Seattle—Trains Arriving at Spokane from East and West—Mail on Time.

STRIKE MAY COME TO AN END TODAY.

Minneapolis, Dec. 3.—It is reported this afternoon on reliable authority that the strike of the switchmen will be ended within three hours. The report is verified by men who are in close touch with the situation.

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 3.—The first attempt of the officials of the Northern Pacific to cope with the switchmen's strike was made today when the yardmaster's office men were placed in the yards to take the switchmen's places.

At the freight office no freight is being received. The office is closed and the instructions are that not a pound of freight will be received under any condition. Very little freight is coming in.

Activity in Seattle.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 3.—In strong contrast to the strike situation yesterday there is marked activity in the local railroad yards today. Between 25 and 30 strikebreakers are working to clean the tracks of perishable freight.

Officials Make Up Trains.

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 3.—Through freight trains en route to Spokane from the coast cities and from the east over the Northern Pacific and Great Northern roads are being made up by yard officials from eastern points. The mails are arriving on time.

At St. Paul.

St. Paul, Dec. 3.—More than 400 imported Chicago strikebreakers are working today in the local railroad yards, according to the transportation officials. It is stated that before tomorrow the places of practically all the strikers will be filled and freight moving resumed. The leaders of the striking switchmen laugh at the statement that the strike is practically broken and apparently are confident of victory. They declare that comparatively few of their number have returned to work and are making every effort to combat the efforts of railroad officials to import more men to fill the strikers' places.

As a result of the importation of substitute switchmen it is deemed probable the dispute will be carried into the courts. Mayor Lawler has been retained as the strikers' counsel and will assume direct charge of the legal campaign if instituted. Many strikebreakers have been sworn in as special police to protect the railroad's interests. Strikers claim this procedure is in direct violation of the state law which prohibits non-residents from serving as officers. Lawler has brought the matter to the attention of State Labor Commissioner McEwen. The strike leaders demand the arrest of every non-resident employed in the local yards who is wearing a special officer's badge.

Brotherhood Against Strike.

Chicago, Dec. 3.—Grand Master Lee of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, announced today that the striking switchmen of Duluth, who

COAL FAMINE THREATENS SPOKANE

Spokane, Dec. 3.—Much alarm is felt here today because railroad officials report the coal supply is becoming so low that it is doubtful if the passenger trains can be run 24 hours longer. The coal famine is the result of the switchmen's strike.

DOG EATS BODY OF DEAD BABY.

Walla Walla, Dec. 3.—A dog belonging to G. T. Stovall, dragged to the steps of a baby about four months old, which the dog found in an alley back of the house and was trying to eat. There is no clue to the baby's identity.