

WEATHER REPORT.

Fair tonight; Friday rain.



STRONG HOPE FOR EXTENSION

Articles of Incorporation Filed for West Umatilla Water-users' Association.

OTHER FACTS ALSO LEND ENCOURAGEMENT

Though Report of Army Engineers Has Not Yet Been Made Public Activity of Government Near Hermiston Looks Good.

COMMITTEE'S REPORT IS CLOSELY GUARDED

(By John E. Lathrop.) Washington, D. C., Dec. 1.—(Special to the East Oregonian) —Recommendations of the irrigation board of army engineers as to assignments of money for extensions is safe-guarded from publicity prior to the president's giving them out. The board's report went direct from Secretary Ballinger to the white house and may be given out any day.

All evidence points to the extension of the Umatilla project, so as to include the 70,000 acres in the proposed West Umatilla project, by the government.

Despite the fact that the above special message from Washington, D. C., to the East Oregonian says the recommendations of the board of army engineers is being carefully guarded, developments in this county indicate the report is favorable and that the government is already taking the necessary steps to go ahead with the work immediately. It is of course possible that the steps being taken are merely precautionary but they look to be more than that.

The two most significant of the recent developments are the presence in the field of a crew of engineers and surveyors who are apparently running a line for the main distributing canal from the proposed reservoir site out over the proposed project and the filing of articles of incorporation for the West Umatilla Water Users' association. The incorporation articles were filed today with County Clerk Saling and with the secretary of state in Salem.

The amount of capital stock of the incorporation is \$10,000, divided into 10,000 shares. The control of the association is left in the hands of a board of five directors to be elected by the stockholders and in every way the organization is exactly similar to the one which now obtains on the Umatilla project proper. The incorporators for the new association are O. D. Teel, Thomas Campbell, R. C. Caulfield, Thomas Huriburt, E. W. Rhea and J. W. Campbell.

The surveyors who are apparently running the line for the main distributing canal have been in the field for several days. Their presence has been known to the ranchers in that part of the county and enthusiasm over the prospects for the proposed extension is growing greater every day.

LATOURELLE HOME DESTROYED BY FIRE---LOSS NEARLY \$4000

Henry Latourelle's residence at 813 Mill street, was destroyed shortly after 8 o'clock this morning by fire. The frame of the building is still standing, though greatly damaged while the interior of the structure was gutted. What was not destroyed by fire was ruined with the great quantities of water poured into the building to quench the flames.

The fire started from a defective gasoline stove, according to Henry Latourelle, Jr., who was engaged in assisting his mother to prepare breakfast. Mr. Latourelle was still in bed, having worked until 1 o'clock.

According to the boy's story they had lit both burners. He then went out onto the back porch for something and returning saw the entire top of the stove on fire. His mother's back was turned and she had not seen the stove. Not wishing to alarm her the boy grabbed up a carpet and threw it over the blaze, thinking to smother it out. The fire, however, spread to the carpet, from the carpet to the floor and from the floor to the walls and furniture in such an incredibly brief time that the boy and his mother were powerless to stop it. An alarm of fire was turned in but

"AMERICAN DOLLARS" ARE AN ISSUE IN ENGLAND

London, Dec. 1.—Tories who mentioned "American dollars" in the campaign in Ireland were made to regret it today when Chancellor Lloyd George pointed out that American dollars paid English rents and prevented his tenants from being ejected from their homes. Hourly the political situation in Ireland becomes more bitter. Orangemen of Ulster are threatening armed resistance.

HAVE ROOSEVELT AND PINCHOT PARTED COMPANY?

Washington, Dec. 1.—Whether Roosevelt and Pinchot are really at odds or whether their seeming estrangement is merely the fiction of newspapers is a much discussed question in political circles today. Rumors say the two stalwart friends of conservation, and usually bosom friends, disagreed over Roosevelt's attitude toward framing the New York political platform.

COOK WROTE STORY AT TROY, NEW YORK

CROSSED ATLANTIC TWICE UNDER ASSUMED NAME

Discredited Explorer Now Anxious to Make Public Believe He Was Sincere in Announcing Discovery of North Pole.

New York, Dec. 1.—While newspapermen on two continents were seeking Cook he crossed the Atlantic twice with no disguise other than an assumed name. For a month he lived at Troy, New York. There he dictated the story of his wandering in Arctic zone and wrote the confession that he did not discover the pole. Benjamin Hampton, editor of Hampton's magazine today gave this information in explaining how the arrangements were made when Hampton decided to seek Cook. "We communicated with his brother William and thus learned the name of his London solicitor. In turn he got Cook's address there and then we sent representatives to make arrangements for the story and he brought Cook to Hampton where the articles were written." Hampton says Cook is extremely anxious to push his claim that he was sincere in announcing the discovery of the pole as he believed he did it.

Says Cook Is Fakir.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 1.—That Cook is a fakir and that his confession that he was suffering mentally when he claimed a discovery of the pole is written with a view to regaining the good graces of the American people is the belief expressed today by Admiral Melville, U. S. N., retired.

HELEN TAFT MADE DEBUT AT WHITE HOUSE TODAY

Washington, Dec. 1.—President Taft forsook his official duties this afternoon to attend the official coming out party of his daughter, Helen. The president with others, took tea in the reception room of the white house.

DIAZ IS INAUGURATED PRESIDENT FOR EIGHTH TIME

Mexico City, Dec. 1.—Precautions against disorder in the palace marked the inauguration of President Diaz to the presidency today. The Mexican president is now beginning his eighth term.

WEST RESIGNS PRESENT OFFICE

Quits Railroad Commission and Resignation Will Take Effect Tomorrow.

WEST AND KAY OFF FOR CALIFORNIA

Politicians Now Satisfied Governor Benson Won't Resign as Secretary of State Despite Effort to Oust Him.

Salem, Ore., Dec. 1.—Governor-elect Oswald West today tendered his resignation as railroad commissioner, to take effect tomorrow. He is arranging to go to California in a few days. Tom Kay, state treasurer-elect, accompanies him. It is believed the men who are warm personal friends, will fix up the appointments for different state offices. Politicians are satisfied now that Governor Benson, secretary of state-elect, won't resign despite rumors to this effect.

BAD FIRE AT DALLAS, TEXAS, LAST NIGHT

Dallas, Texas, Dec. 1.—Five hundred people are homeless and a hundred thousand dollars worth of property was destroyed by a fire that swept over a large section of this city today. Fifty buildings were burned, including many residences. The fire started shortly before midnight and was uncontrollable on account of a high wind. One woman and two firemen were struck by a hose wagon and fatally injured. Ineffective water pressure due to a long drought rendered the fire fighting apparatus practically useless. The fire died out of its own account.

WESTERN GOVERNORS OBJECT TO TOO MUCH SOCIETY

Louisville, Dec. 1.—Governor Marshall presided today over the conference of governors. Spring Lake, N. J., was selected for the conference next year. There was little business up today. Western governors complained that too much time is being spent in social duties and not enough chance given westerners to unburden themselves on conservation and other questions.

JAPAN MAKES CHANGE IN HER FIGHTING MEN

Tokyo, Dec. 1.—The promotion of 200 young army officers to important positions on the line; the retirement of elderly officers and other important changes in the rosters of naval officers was ordered today by the ministers of the army and navy. The shake-up is the greatest since Japan was organized as a modern fighting force.

NEWSPAPERMAN WILL BE ASSISTANT TREASURER

Washington, Dec. 1.—Robert O. Bailey, formerly a newspaperman and at present secretary to Secretary of the Treasury McVeagh, will become assistant secretary of the treasury in March. The appointment of Fred Lesman of St. Louis as a successor to Bailey is announced.

CITY TAX LEVY IS TO BE NINE MILLS

Pendleton's city tax levy will be nine mills instead of 8.2 mills as originally recommended by the finance committee. The change was made at last night's meeting of the council after it had been decided to undertake more street improvements during the coming year than had been anticipated.

The levy will now be divided as follows: 6.8 mills for general purposes, two mills for street purposes and two-tenths of a mill for library purposes.

The deplorable condition of West Alta street was responsible for a petition from Mrs. Aura Raley which was read at the meeting and referred to the street committee. She called attention to the condition of the street and asked that it be cleaned. In discussing the matter after the meeting, Street Commissioner Stansbury said it would be an easy matter to clean off the mud. The street was cleaned today.

A petition from North Pendleton residents for a cross walk on Jackson street at the intersection of Logan street was read and referred to the committee on streets.

Senator Beveridge of Indiana has the melancholy satisfaction of having stood on the burning deck for 24 of 26 hours after all others had fled.—Pittsburg Gazette-Times.

AGED MOTHER FOUND GUILTY

Mrs. Hannah Bebee, Aged 69, Held Guilty of Manslaughter by Jury at Wenatchee.

DAUGHTER MUST SUFFER THE DEATH PENALTY

Two Women Killed James Sutton, a Rancher, Following a Dispute in Which They Charged Sutton With Trespassing.

Wenatchee, Wash., Dec. 1.—Without any outward show of emotion Mrs. Hannah Bebee, aged 69, tried for complicity in the murder of James Sutton, a rancher who trespassed on her ranch, listened to a verdict of manslaughter brought in by the jury which had been out eight hours. Mrs. Totten, daughter of the woman was charged with killing Sutton and was convicted of murder in the first degree last week. Both women were arrested last July. They had a dispute with Sutton which ended when Mrs. Totten shot him dead.

CHURCH ATTORNEY WILL HELP PROSECUTE PRIZE FIGHTERS

San Francisco, Dec. 1.—Declaring that his purpose is not so much the punishment of the principals in the Nelson-Moran fight as to prevent a repetition of prize fighting in California, Attorney White of the church federation today accepted the invitation of District Attorney Fickert to cooperate with the authorities in prosecuting those deemed violators of the anti-prize-fighting law. Fickert while stating in his opinion that no law was violated, appointed his assistant, Harry Lane, to undertake the prosecution. There is popular feeling against the prosecution of fights.

SEATTLE PEOPLE WANT TO TAKE OVER CAR LINE

Seattle, Dec. 1.—Yielding to the demands of angry residents, the council committee on corporations has rented one of the largest halls in this city for tomorrow night to hear reasons why the franchise of the Seattle, Renton & Southern line, electric, should not be taken from the owners and the line operated by this city. Recently the lines ordered a five cent fare, they continued overcharges and Monday rioting resulted on account of attempts by the company to throw off persons who refused to pay overcharges. The mass meeting is the result.

YAKIMA PEOPLE DIE FROM EATING ASPARAGUS

North Yakima, Dec. 1.—As a result of eating canned asparagus Thanksgiving, Mrs. Frank Kuehn and Mrs. Carrie Fulkerson are dead and several others are seriously ill. It was a family gathering and Mrs. Kuehn had canned the asparagus herself.

Countess Dying of Grief.

St. Petersburg, Russia, Dec. 1.—Grieving over Tolstol's death, the Countess Tolstol is reported dying of fever at Yauyana, Poliana, according to messages received today. She has suffered much since his death.

MAYOR MURPHY ET AL TO WRITE ORDINANCE

Contrary to expectations no caucus was held by the mayor and members of the city council last evening for the purpose of discussing the saloon question. During the day yesterday Mayor Murphy intimated such a caucus would be held following the regular council meeting in the evening.

It is understood now that no formal caucus will be held by the council for some days. In the meanwhile Mayor Murphy, City Attorney Raley and the members of the license committee will get busy drafting a regulative ordinance. When the council is called together it will be for the purpose of considering the provisions of this ordinance which it is to be assumed will be a perfect measure from the standpoint of the mayor, city attorney and ordinance committee.

Regarding the details of his plan for saloon regulation the mayor refuses to say anything save to intimate he will have something interesting.

PENNSYLVANIA WILL GET SIX MORE CONGRESSMEN

Washington, Dec. 1.—The population of Pennsylvania is 7,665,111, an increase of 21.6 per cent entitling the state under present apportionment to six more congressmen. West Virginia has 1,221,119, an increase of 27.4 per cent and entitles it to one additional congressman.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE READY FOR PRINTERS

Washington, Dec. 1.—A hurried call for a meeting today indicates that Taft has completed his annual message to congress. It is believed copies of the document will be sent the printers tonight.

FIRE DESTROYS CANADIAN CONSUMPTIVE ASYLUM

Weston, Ontario, Dec. 1.—Toronto's free sanitarium for consumptives four miles from here was totally destroyed by fire this morning, with a loss of \$100,000. There were 92 patients, 40 of whom were helpless and were rescued without mishap but were afterwards exposed for hours in a raw wind. The fire originated in the boiler-room.

GREEK WOMAN HAS A STRANGE PLEA

ESCAPED FROM HAREM FEARS TO RETURN

Immigration Officials Listen to Story and May Allow Her Admission to America—Relative to Care for the Woman.

New York, Dec. 1.—Declaring she escaped from a harem at Damascus and that she would be killed if she returned to the mercies of her former captors Marie Hopla, a Greek woman of great beauty, today pleaded with the immigration officials not to deport her. Her pleas were temporarily successful and she with Antonio Japara, who rescued her, are being held pending a thorough investigation of her assertions. It is probable she will be allowed to enter this country because her cousin, Mrs. Hafifi Hebelia, promised to care for her. The woman was held a prisoner for nine years after being kidnapped. She is 22.

PULLMAN COMPANY OFFERS TO REDUCE UPPER BERTHS

Chicago, Dec. 1.—Threatened with an arbitrary reduction in sleeping car rates the Pullman company this afternoon submitted an offer to the interstate commission to cut rates on upper berths twenty per cent where the charge is over \$1.50. Counsel for the company virtually admitted the old rates are excessive.

QUIET RESTORED IN REBELLIOUS PROVINCE

Lisbon, Portugal, Dec. 1.—It is announced officially today that quiet has been restored at Macao. Judge Marquis Vidal has been appointed governor succeeding the official who resigned after he had granted the demands of the mutineers yesterday. The governor was accused of protecting religious orders and was disliked on this account.

AMERICAN FISHERMEN POACHING OFF CANADA

Victoria, Dec. 1.—Many United States fishing vessels are engaged in poaching in British Columbia waters in violation of law according to arrivals from the west coast today.

It seems to be a disposition to give the animals a chance at the Madison Square Horse Show this year.

NOVEMBER WAS A WET MONTH

Pendleton Has Had Nearly Six Inch Rainfall During the Present Rainy Season.

ALL RECORDS BROKEN BY RECENT RAINFALL

Precipitation Has Been General and Crop Outlook Is Good Accordingly—Rainfall for the Year as Compared With Normal.

The November which ended yesterday was the wettest experienced in Pendleton since the government began taking observations here 29 years ago. The amount in excess of the previous high mark is not much but it is significant. The excess precipitation over the normal for the month is nearly three inches. In other words the precipitation for the month is nearly three times the normal.

The November excess therefore overcomes the prior existing deficiency for the present wet season and leaves 2.39 inches to go on. There has been practically six inches of rainfall during the present wet season, including the months of September, October and November. The normal rainfall for this period is but 3.59 inches.

The rainfall for the eleven months of the present year is also now above the normal though there was a deficiency all through the late spring, summer and fall.

Rain Was General.

The most satisfactory part of the November rains was the fact that they were general throughout all of Umatilla county and the greater part of eastern Oregon. With the moisture now in the ground fall-sown grain is assured of a start which will carry it through an extraordinarily dry spring and it would seem that conditions would be good for spring seeding.

The following is the rainfall during the year 1910 thus far as compared with the normal rainfall for each month:

	1910.	Normal.
January	1.83	1.59
February	1.74	1.47
March	.92	1.62
April	1.04	1.01
May	1.36	1.46
June	.51	.97
July	.0.	.45
August	.0.	.43
September	.79	.39
October	.91	1.19
November	4.23	1.51
December	.0.	1.51
Total	13.46	14.08

Excess Precipitation for Year.

That the year will therefore be finished with an excess of precipitation is assured. There has only been one December in 29 years when but .62 of an inch of rain was recorded and this is the amount necessary to bring the total rainfall for the present year up to the normal. The above table shows that we can expect an inch and a half of precipitation for the month of December.

Prior to this November the next wettest was in 1897 when a precipitation of 4.24 inches was recorded. November, 1909, was next to that with 3.52 inches.

EIGHT LOCAL SITES OFFERED FOR EASTERN OREGON ASYLUM

If Pendleton does not land the branch asylum it will not be because there are not a sufficient number of good sites in this vicinity. At least eight locations for the eastern Oregon asylum are being offered by local people and today Messrs. Cochran and McCarthy, representing the state board, are busy investigating them.

Here are the eight sites that are available for use of the state if desired: 320 acres composed of 160 acres from the R. L. Oliver ranch and of 160 acres from the Carpenter ranch just west of the city.

The Charles McBee ranch on Birch creek.

The ranches owned by James Johns and George Sloan, located near the mouth of McKay creek.

The Cheney-Clopton site at the mouth of McKay creek and owned jointly by Gritman Bros. and the F. R. Clopton estate.

The Rugg ranch, just above the city. The old Wilkins place, above the city and owned by the Byers estate. The ranch of Judge James A. Fee on Wild Horse creek. The Despain place on McKay creek, just above the poor farm.

Today Messrs. Cochran and McCarthy have been engaged in looking at the Oliver site and at the ranches on Birch creek. It is understood they will investigate the Cheney-Clopton location tomorrow forenoon. They were taken to Birch creek today by James Johns and Lee Teutsch.

While here the two men will gather all information possible with reference to the different sites proposed and will also take options upon the land.

One feature regarding the local sites offered is the fact that with one exception all of the eight sites are located upon railroad lines. Most of the sites are situated on the Main line of the O. R. & N while others are upon branch lines. Therefore the sites are convenient from a transportation standpoint. If located here the branch asylum could be easily reached by officers having patients or by friends desiring to visit inmates. Furthermore sidetrack facilities may be installed so that freight for the institution may be handled to advantage. It is believed this feature will have weight with the board, especially so since Pendleton naturally enjoys cheaper freight rates than do Baker City or Union.