

WEATHER REPORT.

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BOARD FAVORS LOCAL PLAN

Urges West Extension Project and Protection of Upper River Interests.

FOLLOWS LOCAL CLUB

Engineer Hopson Gives Substance of Report—Ask for Irrigation of 30,000 Acres for \$3,000,000—Stanfield is Protected Against Injury.

That the West Extension of the Umatilla irrigation project is to be carried out by the government along lines recommended by the Pendleton Commercial club at its meeting early in December and which policy was advocated by the East Oregonian is certain if President Taft gives his approval to the report of the engineering board that is now on file in Washington.

That it is quite probable the president will approve the report of the board and order the project undertaken from the following telegram which appeared in the Portland Journal last evening:

Message From the President. "White House, Washington, Feb. 19.—Hon. Ben Selling chairman Irrigation congress, Portland— I fully appreciate the situation of Oregon in regard to the distribution of reclamation funds, and I am disposed to encourage the activities of the reclamation service in Oregon to the extent that proper projects are shown and available funds permit. Am informed that the interior department has under consideration, with a prospect of favorable action, the undertaking of the west extension of the Umatilla project.

"WILLIAM H. TAFT."

Hopson Tells Plans.

Portland, Feb. 21.—Upon telegraphic permission from the secretary of the interior, Supervising Engineer Hopson of the federal reclamation service, announced before the Oregon Irrigation congress today, the substance of the favorable report of the board which investigated the West Extension of the Umatilla project near Hermiston. It favors construction of the project along lines which solves the much vexed problem how to give Stanfield home owners assurances that their land will be satisfactorily drained. It promises people on the upper reaches of the Umatilla and its tributaries an abundance of water for irrigation. Hopson said it would satisfy all protestants. Hopson said he didn't know what action the government will take. As a result of the report the congress this afternoon will probably adopt resolution favoring the west extension which will cost three millions and irrigate 30,000 acres.

PATRIOTIC FLAVOR TO GLEE CLUB SHOW

Patriotism as well as industry is taught at the Oregon Agricultural College and there is a tinge of sentiment about the performance given by the glee club which is to be at the Oregon theater tomorrow night. The glee club was at La Grande Monday night and made a distinct hit with the people of that city.

In commenting upon the performance of the La Grande Observer dwells editorially upon the O. A. C. boys and pays them and their program some high compliments. It praised the singing of the "Star Spangled Banner" as a finale and says that when the audience stood during the national air there were many who had not so honored the flag in many years.

While east of here the glee club plays at Baker and Union as well as La Grande and will arrive in Pendleton tomorrow afternoon. Seats for tomorrow night's program are now on sale at the Pendleton Drug store.

TEXAS MILLIONAIRE MURDERER TO KNOW FATE

Fort Worth, Tex., Feb. 21.—Millionaire Sneed, of Amarillo, Tex., who shot and killed A. G. Boyce, Sr., following a quarrel here over the elopement of Mrs. Sneed with Boyce, Jr., will probably know his fate inside of twenty-four hours. Both the state and defense rested this afternoon and the case goes to the jury before tonight.

Immigration Congress Begins.

Tacoma, Feb. 21.—Beginning with three sessions today, the Pacific Northwest Immigration congress opened here. Matters affecting the welfare of foreign immigrants and plans to best care for them will be the principal object of the convention.

ASKS FOREST FIRE MONEY

Pinchot Wants Appropriation of Half Million to Fight Flames.

Washington, Feb. 21.—Gifford Pinchot, former chief forester of the interior department through the National Conservation association today asked congress for at least half a million dollars appropriation in the agricultural bill, for forest fire fighting.

He said: "It is hardly less unpatriotic and unwise, to withhold money to equip our troops against an invading army, than to refuse forest fire fighting appropriations.

"We must not let false economy imperil the safety of our public resources."

REPORT IS PLEASING TO EXTENSION MEN

Commercial Club's Advice Was Followed by Engineering Board.

Pendleton people and Hermistonians who were in the brigade that worked for the West Extension are rejoicing today over the receipt of the news regarding the report of the engineering board. They assert it is exactly what they want and are now hoping the president will order the project built.

Hermiston is Glad. In a phone interview this afternoon George Uptegrove, secretary of the Umatilla River Waterusers' association, said sentiment at Hermiston is very favorable to the report. "It sounds good to me and I see nothing wrong with it," declared Uptegrove. Others at Hermiston take the same view for they have long been strong backers of the West Extension.

Smythe Feels Gratified. Dan P. Smythe, president of the Pendleton commercial club and who presided at the meeting when the subject was under consideration by the local organization, said:

"I feel much gratified over the report, for the engineers have taken the same view of the subject as did the Commercial club. We favored the West Extension but wanted it carried out in such a manner as not to interfere with the rights of the upper river people. I hope the project will be built in accordance with this plan."

"Could Not Be Better. "The report is all that was asked for and could not well be any better," declared Dr. C. J. Smith, who was chairman of the original committee that worked for the extension and was much in the fray while the recent controversy was on over the extension. "I am very pleased over the report. It is now entirely up to the secretary of the interior and to the president."

R. R. Johnson Also.

R. R. Johnson, prominent local attorney and who was an effective champion of the extension, also expresses cheerfulness over the report. "No one was wedded to any particular plan and I am glad to know the board has reported favorably," says he. "The next thing is to get the work done. I think that everybody interested in the extension will be highly pleased with the report, especially if the recommendations are but carried out."

H. McCLAIN PIONEER FARMER SUCCEUMBS

Another pioneer farmer of Umatilla county crossed the great divide this morning at 4 o'clock when Haugh McClain succumbed to a cancer of the stomach from which he had been suffering for some time past. Death occurred at the home of Mrs. Strout, 812 Thompson street.

McClain is well known all over the county, having owned and operated a big farm near Athena for many years. A few years ago he sold his ranch and went to Portland where he invested in city property. Recently, however, he has been making his home in this city. He was a native of Canada and was fifty-eight years old at the time of death.

The remains were taken to Athena this afternoon by Charles McClain, brother of the deceased, and the funeral will be held there tomorrow followed by interment in the Weston cemetery. The Knights of Pythias lodge of Weston of which organization he was a member, will conduct the funeral ceremonies.

GRAFT TRIAL OF FORMER PRISCO MAYOR BEGINS

San Francisco, Feb. 21.—Recalling vividly in circumstances the famous graft prosecution of former years, the trial of former Mayor Schmitz began today before Judge Lawlor. He is charged with complicity in bribing former Supervisor Wilson in the gas rate graft.

Abe Ruef, the former boss, who will testify for the state, was an interested onlooker. He paid close attention to the proceedings.

HOUSTON HAS A \$5,000,000 FIRE

Thousands Made Homeless by Flames Which Sweep Fifty-seven Blocks.

ENTIRE CITY THREATENED

Blaze Starting in Hotel Fanned by High Wind for Twelve Hours and is Finally Controlled by Use of Dynamite.

Houston, Texas, Feb. 21.—Damage that will aggregate from \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000, and thousands of homeless people, are the result today of a terrific conflagration which started near the Southern Pacific depot last night and burned until today, sweeping an area seven blocks wide by twenty blocks long, comprising residences and a number of cotton compresses, lumber yards, etc.

Fifty-seven blocks in all were devastated. The fire started in a hotel. The fire was gotten under control at noon, after two blocks had been dynamited by the fire department which was aided by thousands of citizens after it was realized that the fire was beating the department. One hour previous to that time all hope of controlling the flames until they should burn themselves out, had been practically abandoned and it was thought that a much larger portion of the city was doomed.

The heaviest individual losers are McFadden and Cleveland, cotton compressors, and the E. D. Harrell Lumber company, whose plant was totally destroyed. More than sixty thousand bales of cotton were burned, entailing a loss to cotton dealers alone of \$2,000,000.

The fire was fanned by a thirty-five mile an hour wind, which sent fire brands high in the air and dropping them on the roofs of houses every citizen on the dangerous side of many blocks distant. To practically the fire, is due credit for no more serious fires starting, as they all took stations on top of the buildings and leat out the fire brands with wet blankets when they fell.

Many churches, dwelling houses, school buildings and small business houses were totally destroyed.

The thousands made homeless by the flames are huddled in the parks about the city, and a wide movement for their relief has already been started by the city and various organizations.

PRISCO MINT MAY BE ABANDONED BY CONGRESS

Washington, Feb. 21.—The discontinuance of the San Francisco mint for economy purposes is being considered by a sub-committee of the house committee on appropriations. California representatives will oppose the move.

Standard Oil didn't suppose that the dissolution was to be real and genuine—among friends.

MANY ARE OUT FOR COMMISSIONER'S JOB

Friends Want Manuel Friedley to Enter Race For Democrats

If the efforts of his friends, of all political faiths, are successful, Manuel Friedley, one of the best known farmers in Umatilla county, will enter the race to supplant Horace Walker as a member of the county court. While in the city today and for several weeks past his friends have been urging him to circulate petitions in order that his name may be placed before the people as a candidate for the office of commissioner. Though seriously considering entrance into the contest, Mr. Friedley has not yet made up his mind definitely, but his friends expect to see him an announced candidate soon.

By politics, Mr. Friedley is a democrat, but it is known that a number of influential republicans are among the most insistent of those urging him into the race. They point out that his long residence in the county, his heavy property interests and his unquestioned public spirit qualify him to seek the office. He is a farmer of the Juniper country and is at present a member of the county school board.

There is but one vacancy in the county court this year, Judge Maloney and Commissioner Cockburn holding over. Commissioner Walker, who has held his present position for three terms, has already filed his declaration of intention to seek renomination from the republicans.

SELLING ENTERS RACE

Portland Merchant Announces Candidacy for Senatorial Nomination

Portland, Feb. 21.—Following his informal announcement last night, that he will seek the republican senatorial nomination against Senator Bourne at the Oregon primaries, in April, Ben Selling, of Portland, said today that he would make a formal statement of his principles in a few days.

He will resign immediately, as chairman of the campaign committee, for the purpose of devoting his time to his own candidacy.

Selling decided to make the race definitely, after ex-Senator Fulton announced he would not run.

'MARSE' HENRY SAYS WILSON WAS RUDE

In Not Accepting Ryan Contribution to His Campaign.

Louisville, Ky., Feb. 21.—Governor Woodrow Wilson, of New Jersey, today has been kicked up, it is believed, another step toward the democratic presidential nomination by the editorial utterances of Henry Watterson, editor of the Louisville Courier-Journal.

Mr. Watterson now says that it was rude of Governor Wilson to refuse to accept proffered campaign funds from Thomas Ryan, the wall street financier, when he (Watterson), suggested that Wilson do so.

"Marse" Henry also says that Governor Wilson was in correspondence with Watterson's enemies at the time that Watterson was boosting him.

After La Follette Support.

Portland, Ore., Feb. 21.—The work of securing names to the petition to put Senator La Follette's name on the presidential preference primary ballot, was today resumed in Oregon, following the receipt of a telegram from La Follette that he is still in the race and was not going to retire, as had been rumored.

Thomas McCueker, Oregon campaign manager for the Wisconsin man had stopped work in this state with the report of La Follette's retirement from the contest for the republican presidential nomination.

ATTEMPT TO SETTLE THREATENED STRIKE

London, Feb. 21.—Another conference of representatives of the 800,000 coal miners of England, Scotland and Wales, with the coal companies' agents, will be held tonight in an effort to settle existing differences, growing out of the miners' demand for more wages. The miners have already served notice that they will quit February 29 unless their demands are granted.

Engineer Prevents Robbery.

Cedar Rapids, Ia., Feb. 21.—Engineer Mansfield was wounded in the arm today when he frustrated an attempt of five bandits near Bertram to hold up a passenger train on the Chicago and Northwestern. They shot him when he refused to stop the train.

Waterman, Lewis and Walker After Republican Nomination

H. A. Waterman, mayor of Hermiston, is now an avowed candidate for the republican nomination for county commissioner, against Horace Walker and if reports prove true R. R. Lewis of Echo is also to enter the race against the present incumbent.

Mr. Waterman is in the city today and to the East Oregonian made formal announcement of his candidacy. For some time past he has been urged by friends, particularly at Hermiston, to run against Walker and he has decided to do so. His petition will be placed in circulation soon.

Mr. Waterman is a former living between Hermiston and Umatilla and has resided in this county for two years. He was formerly in the mercantile business at Mitchell, Wheeler county. He was elected mayor of Hermiston by the city council to fill the position made vacant recently when Ross Newport resigned as mayor.

Thus far R. R. Lewis has made no formal announcement of his candidacy but it is known he also is figuring upon entering the race for the republican nomination.

1500 Attend Reception.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 21.—More than fifteen hundred attended the white house reception last night.

RECALL UNFAIR INCOMPETENT JUDGES ADVISES ROOSEVELT

Former President Flays Courts That Have Abused Public For Corporations

OUTLINES POLICIES AT COLUMBUS CONVENTION

Favors Initiative and Referendum, Presidential Preference Primaries, Direct Election of U. S. Senators, Direct Nominations and Short Ballot.

Columbus, Ohio, Feb. 21.—Flaying the courts of this country, and pledging himself flatly for the initiative and referendum, the short ballot, direct nominations by the people, the presidential preference primary; the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people and, in a measure, the recall including judges on the bench, former President Theodore Roosevelt today outlined his policies in a speech which he delivered before the Ohio constitutional convention and in which he advised the delegates on the form of government that appealed to him, outlining just where he stands on progressive policies, on which it is believed he will make a race for a third term as president of the United States. The convention welcomed the ex-president enthusiastically. Many criticisms were made by the colonel of abuses of the present administration, indirectly.

Much of his speech was taken up with sharp criticism of the supreme courts in New York, Missouri, California and other states where he said abuses had been protected, he naming the states, and the United States supreme court also came in for its share of grilling.

He arrived this morning and was greeted by about one thousand people at the railway station. He went to the home of Dr. Gladden, who is entertaining him during his stay in the city.

Colonel Roosevelt did not waste a great deal of time in starting on his speech, after reaching the convention hall. He shook hands with about two hundred people and then launched into his address.

Control of Corporations. In part he said: "I believe in pure democracy. With Lincoln, I hold that this country, with its institutions belong to the people who inhabit it. Whenever they shall grow weary of the existing government they can exercise their constitutional right and amend it. We progressives believe that the people have the right to protect themselves and their own welfare; that human rights are supreme over all other rights; that wealth should be the servant, not the master, of the people."

"Any corporation which has gained its position by unfair methods and interference with the rights of others which has raised the prices or limited output in improper fashion, should not only be broken up but should be made the business of some complete governmental body by constant supervision to see that it does not come together again, save under the most strict control to insure the community against the repetition of bad conduct.

"No man should receive a dollar unless that dollar has been fairly earned. No watering of stocks should be permitted; and it can be prevented only by close governmental supervision of all stock issues, so as to prevent overcapitalization. The nation and states have the right to regulate the terms and conditions of labor.

Grills Courts. "As to the recall, I do not believe that there is any great necessity for it as regards short term elective officers. On abstract grounds I was originally inclined to be hostile to it. I know of one case where it was actually used with mischievous results. On the other hand in three cases in municipalities on the Pacific coast which have come to my knowledge,

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MIDDLE SOUTHWEST SHIVERS UNDER COLD

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 21.—The entire middle-southwest, comprising the states of Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas are shivering today in one of the worst blizzards of the winter. A foot of snow covers all three but Texas and is still falling. At Kansas City and St. Louis, business is practically at a standstill. Traffic is demoralized. In the cattle country, the stock loss is heavy.

Damage Heavy in Texas.

Austin, Texas, Feb. 21.—More than two million dollars damage is the estimated result of a terrific gale that is sweeping Texas today. Hundreds of small buildings have been wrecked. Further reports are expected to show heavy livestock losses among the ranch men.

Storm General.

Chicago, Feb. 21.—This city is gripped in a severe snow storm. The storm is general throughout the Ohio and Mississippi valleys.

SPOKANE FIRMS DEMAND \$2,000,000 RATE REBATES

Washington, Feb. 21.—Sixty-five Spokane firms today filed with the interstate commerce commission demands for a \$2,000,000 refund on freight charges, collected by the western-railroads above what would have been collected if the commerce court had not enjoined the rate decision of interstate commerce on intermountain tariffs.

Arguments in the appealed Spokane cases comes up before the United States supreme court Friday. Today's petition enables the commission to act instantly for the shippers if the supreme court upsets the injunction and legalizes the lower rates as prescribed by the commission.

GOVERNMENT FEARS TO TAKE COLUMBIA CLAIM TO HAGUE

Washington, Feb. 21.—Before making its report on Colombia's claims against the Panama canal zone, the Hague committee, investigating the matter today, is considering whether it would be dangerous from the standpoint of facing a big indemnity verdict for the United States to submit the claims to the Hague tribunal.

The New York World, summing up the case, declares the evidence tends to prove that Former President Roosevelt took the isthmus in violation of treaty rights, and that Colombia is entitled to reparation.

BASKETBALL TEAM TO MAKE A TOUR

Seeking other fields to conquer, the members of the Pendleton high school basketball team will leave tomorrow on an invasion of Union county and before they return they will encounter the three foremost teams of that section of eastern Oregon. Tomorrow night they will clash with the crack M. L. A. team of La Grande, on Friday night they will play the La Grande high school team and on Saturday night will be pitted against the Union high school quintet.

The local players claim the championship of eastern Oregon because of the great record they have made during the season. The games on their tour will, however, have considerable bearing on this claim and it is with the intention of strengthening it that the boys are starting on the trip.

Besides the regular team, consisting of Captain Cliff Jordan, Manager Clayton Strain, Chester Fee, Claude Hampton and Houser, Jack McDonald and Cecil Hampton will make the trip as substitutes while Prof. Asbahr will probably go along as faculty member and referee.

WOMEN AND CHILDREN FLEE FROM MEXICO.

El Paso, Texas, Feb. 21.—American women and children are being rushed from northern Mexico to places of safety in Texas. Northbound trains are crowded. Rebels are permitting repairs of dynamited bridges. Many federal soldiers, disguised as civilians, are entering Juarez. Arms and ammunition are being sent from El Paso.