

THE AVIATORS HURLED TO DEATH

BALLOON EXPLODES

English Prussia, July 13.—The dirigible balloon, refitted for passenger service, was destroyed by an explosion of the benzine tank, owned by Herr Erbsteoh, Herr Toelle, a manufacturer of dirigibles, Herr Kranz and Herr Heoppe, and the dirigible, dropped to death. The bodies of the dirigible, mangled, and the gondola was torn to pieces and buried in the ground.

ROOSEVELT WANTS BEST MAN FOR GOVERNOR

Oyster Bay, July 13.—Theodore Roosevelt today gave the first indication of his position as to the nomination of a Republican candidate for Governor of New York this fall. In an interview he said: "My position in regard to the governorship this fall is this: I want to find the best man for the office; the man most acceptable to the rank and file of the Republican party and the independent voters. I intend to do everything in my power to see that such a man is elected."

GETTING ROAD IN SHAPE ABOVE SPRINGS FOR MAZAMA EXCURSION

T. D. Linton, Road Foreman, Writes County Commissioners of Progress

T. D. Linton, who is road foreman at Alder Springs, on the upper McKenzie river, above Beiknap Springs and leading toward the Three Sisters, writes to County Commissioner H. D. Edwards that he and two assistants are getting the road in good shape there for the Mazama excursion to the top of the Three Sisters early in August. He says: "We three are still working alone, as we have been unable to secure any help so far. We have made over a mile of new road entirely, besides reopening nearly as much more. I hope to get the worst of this end completed by next week, then will go over to the pole bridge and work between there and the lava, which will take at least a week. I wish you could come up and look at this road, as it is important that the work done should be permanent, as what is done on the old road is only deepening the channels for the water to wash out next spring. What new road is to be made is above the old one and will remain dry, thus saving the washout next spring. By doing this the road will be drained and can be improved and remain good for years."

FAIR WEATHER FOR TOMORROW. Oregon—Fair tonight and Thursday; cool east.

JUDGE LACOMBE. On Federal Bench In New York State.



HITCHCOCK MAY RETIRE. Postmaster General is Weary of Political Life.



REPRESENTATIVE SIBLEY. Goes Back to Congress From Pennsylvania.



PORTUGUESE AND CHINESE FIGHT BATTLE

Chinese Have Best of Sharp Contest on Island of Colowan

Hong Kong, July 13.—The Portuguese gunboat, co-operating with troops, today bombarded a pirate settlement on the island of Colowan, destroying many houses and killing many natives. The Chinese retaliated by storming and capturing the Portuguese military post, and Portuguese reinforcements have been sent to the scene from Macao.

EARTHQUAKE IN AUSTRIA-HUNGARY

Munich, July 13.—A severe earthquake was felt here today, and the walls of several buildings were cracked and the people terrified. The shock was felt in surrounding villages, but no casualties are reported.

COUNTY DOING MUCH TO PROMOTE FRUIT CULTURE INDUSTRY

Lane County is doing a great deal at the present time to promote the fruit culture industry. New offices have been fitted up for Fruit Inspector Beebe and the growing importance of the inspection work as carried on is illustrated by the action of the county court in authorizing Mr. Beebe to purchase a modern bug laboratory. Scientific cases of all kinds of pests that assault fruit will be on exhibition at the rooms in the White Temple and expert information will be on tap at all times so that horticulturists may keep posted on diseases of trees and specific remedies therefor. The office at the present rate will need by next year considerable assistance.

PAY EXPRESSAGE ON SHIPMENTS OF SILVER

Will Cost \$4.00 per Thousand to Get Silver From 'Frisco

Portland, July 13.—Local bankers have been advised by the United States sub-treasury at San Francisco that hereafter they will be obliged to pay expressage on silver from San Francisco, which will amount to \$4 on each \$1000 shipped. The bankers here will be reluctant to ship silver to other Pacific Northwest cities, after paying \$4 per \$1000 to bring the coin from San Francisco, as the rates of expressage to other cities are comparatively small. For instance, it costs but fifty cents to ship \$1000 to Seattle, and it is argued that it would be unbusinesslike for Portland bankers to pay the expressage from San Francisco, and then turn a portion of the silver over to other banks on demand.

It may be arranged that where shipments are made from Portland to outside banks that the recipients pay a premium amounting to the cost of transportation from San Francisco.

MOUNCE DISPOSES OF RAILROAD FRANCHISE

Ole Halderson, Farmer Residing Near the City, Now Holds Railroad Grant

J. F. Mounce, promoter of the Eugene, Springfield and Siuslaw railway, has transferred his franchise, obtained from the city council of Eugene several weeks ago, to Ole Halderson, a farmer residing near the city. The papers were filed with the county clerk this afternoon.

SECRETARY KNOX'S PROPOSITION NOT CAUSE OF TREATY

Tokio, July 13.—Marquis Katsura, the premier and minister of finance, denied today that the recently made convention between Japan and Russia was influenced by Secretary Knox's proposition for the neutralization of the Manchurian railways.

NEW EXPRESS RATE ORDERED FOR W. F. CO

Tariff Between Eugene and Various Oregon Points Published

The state railroad commission has by an order prepared by Commissioner West cut all the "merchandise" and "general special" rates of the Wells Fargo Express company about 20 per cent. The order reduces about 30,000 rates between points on rail lines where the Wells Fargo company do business in this state.

When the merchandise rate in cents per 100 lbs.	The rate on "General Special" matter in cents per 100 lbs.
\$0.40	\$0.40
.50	.40
.60	.50
.75	.60
.85	.65
.90	.80
1.00	.80
1.10	.85
1.25	1.00
1.40	1.10
1.50	1.20
1.60	1.25
1.75	1.40
2.00	1.50
2.25	1.75
2.50	1.80
2.75	2.10

If a "merchandise" rate named by the commission in its order is not named above the next higher "merchandise" rate given above is used as a basis in making "general special" rates.

While the order directly applies to only "merchandise" and "general special" rates, it indirectly affects most of the company's other rates. This is due to the fact that most all express rates are based on the "merchandise" rates of the company and as these have been cut by the commission it will result in a reduction of many other rates.

There are set forth below a few of the old and new merchandise rates which will give some idea as to the cut made by the commission:

Between Eugene and	Old	New
Ashland	\$2.00	\$1.60
Medford	2.00	1.55
Grants Pass	1.60	1.35
Roseburg	.90	.75
Albany	.75	.60
Salem	.90	.70
Portland	1.00	.80

GOTCH WILL NOT FIGHT JOHNSON

Fort Dodge, Ia., July 13.—Frank Gotch, whose name has been mentioned as a possible opponent of Jack Johnson for the world's championship, says he has no desire to enter the boxing game, being well satisfied with the honors won on the wrestling mat.

LANE COUNTY ASSET CO. OFFICIALS INVITED TO FLORENCE

A petition from the leading residents of Florence and the lower Siuslaw has been received by the Lane County Asset Company, asking the officials of the proposed road to visit them and lay their plans fully before the people there. Substantial encouragement to the enterprise is promised provided the plans of the company are endorsed, after they have been made plain.

President Svarverud, Secretary Baird and several other members of the company expect to go to Florence next week in response to this request. Location and right-of-way work on the road is proceeding steadily, and good progress is being made in both departments, so the officials say.

THE WHEAT MARKETS

Chicago, July 13.—July, 103 1-2; September, 102 1-8; December, 103 1-2; May, 106 3-8.

Portland, July 13.—Wheat is unchanged.

M'KENZIE FOREST FIRE CAUSES MUCH LOSS

Over 2,500,000 Feet of Logs Burned Near Doyle's Camp

BLAZE IS NOW UNDER CONTROL Should Strong Breeze Come Up However It Will Spread Again

A forest fire that has been raging in the slashings near Doyle's camp, five miles above Deernhorn on the McKenzie, has destroyed over 2,500,000 feet of cut logs ready to be sent to the mill and is now spread over 300 or 400 acres. The fire started presumably by blackberry pickers Monday night, and by yesterday morning was tearing through the brush up the side of the hill that had been logged off. The Booth-Kelly logging camp crew and many people living in that vicinity, numbering thirty or forty men, are fighting the fire, endeavoring to get it under control. If there is no wind by there it is under control by this time, because the timber is too green to burn unaided, but if a strong breeze should come up today it would prove serious. It was thought to have been under control yesterday morning but the breeze that came up yesterday afternoon carried the flames farther, and the logs awaiting to be sent to the river that represents the winter's cut in this camp have been burned.

Dixon Makes Hurdled Trip. In response to a telephone call last night, A. C. Dixon, manager of the Booth-Kelly company, drove up there in his automobile. He got there about 10 o'clock, but found that the men again had the flames under control, and returned at once. The blaze is so hot that it is impossible to get anywhere near the fire, and it is difficult to learn the amount of damage done. It may run well up into the thousands. Telephone messages have kept the company's office here in touch with the progress made against the flames, and the company is ready to double the force of fire-fighters at a moment's notice.

The fire is within 250 yards of the road and is a beautiful sight, but the heat is so intense that it is very uncomfortable to pass even at that distance. The flames are spread over 400 acres on the side hill, and the whole valley was lit up by the fire last night. It is fortunate that this has happened as early in the season as it is, for there would have been almost no stopping if the timber around there had been dry.

The fire is being watched by hundreds of campers, to many of whom it is a novel and awe-inspiring sight.

FIFTH STREET FRANCHISE MATTER AT TONIGHT'S SESSION

The city council will hold an important meeting tonight to discuss the application of the P. E. & E. electric railway for a franchise on Fifth street. The Lane County Asset Company already has a franchise on the street named, and is opposing the latter application on the ground that it will "bottle" them up, so that it will be impossible for them or any other line in the future to reach the S. P. depot.

Representatives of both companies will be in attendance at the meeting tonight to present their respective cases.

RAISE IN FREIGHT RATES IS AGAIN SUSPENDED

Interstate Commerce Commission Takes a Hand in the Matter

Washington, July 13.—Suspension of the recent general advances in freight rates has been determined on by the interstate commerce commission. The tariffs were to become effective Aug. 1, but the commission decided the proposed rates should be suspended until a formal inquiry into their reasonableness can be had.

The annual convention of the druggists of Oregon began at Gearhart today. A pure drug law in Oregon will be the issue, patterned after the United States law.



—Bradley in Chicago News.