

SQUATTERS MUST GO

Trouble Looked for Over Siletz Reservation Contests.

OVER HUNDRED CLAIMS INVOLVED

Original Settlers Declare if Ejectment Proceedings Fail Other Means Will Be Taken.

Newport, Or., Aug. 13.—Proceedings to eject the alleged squatters on the Siletz reservation claims of several Lincoln county residents are to be taken at once. If these are unsuccessful, the original settlers declare other means to dispossess the contestants will be taken. Serious trouble is feared.

Two of the claims in dispute were originally taken by L. W. Williams, and Frank Priest, of this city. W. S. Copeland and J. Jiffcott are now on these claims. They have been ordered by the original claimants to move and have refused. They declare that they will stay until the cases are finally settled by the land office.

This, it is declared, is the attitude of all the contestants. The original settlers declare they will not permit the contestants to carry out this plan.

Homeowners whose claims are thus threatened do not know what to make of this bold move by the "squatters." They are certain that a hundred or more of the best claims are now liable to seizure any day. They are informed by the men now squatting on their places that legal advice has been obtained and that the squatters paid large sums for the location and for protection, but the homeowners are in a fighting temper, because they cannot see by what possible legal twist they can be deprived of their claims without a trial.

FIRES SPREAD TO BANFF.

Forests in Canada's Great National Park Burning.

Winnipeg, Aug. 13.—The forest fires which raged around Fernie have spread to Canada's national park district near Banff, in Pray valley. The fire burned fiercely on the heights of Goat mountain this week.

The government gang of men has the fire in the valley under control, but last night at several points on the mountain eight miles away fire was visible near the top.

A fire started at Castle mountain, 18 miles west of Banff last night under a strong west wind in a half hour had run over eight miles. Boats and supplies were forwarded from Banff. The wind shifted to the northeast, and with this in their favor the fire-fighters should be able to secure control.

No anxiety is felt at Banff about this last fire, as it would be comparatively easy to protect the town, even if the fire came down the valley, owing to the large area of open hay meadows to the west, on which the grass is yet green and on which water is yet standing.

RAIN FLOODS CHICAGO.

Cloudburst and Heavy Electric Discharge Sweeps City.

Chicago, Aug. 13.—No boats have been able to enter or leave the Chicago river this morning on account of the crippling of the electric power that operates the bridges, by a terrific electric storm that swept this city and vicinity last night. The entire lighting and power plant operated by the drainage canal trustees was so badly crippled that it cannot be repaired until tonight.

The storm flooded the entire city, filling cellars, destroying electrical feed cables and shutting off light and power. Lightning struck in several places. Down town the cellars were flooded with several inches of water, the sewers being inadequate to carry off the water. A city drainage pipe gave way near the Auditorium annex.

Strikers Paid and Discharged.

Winnipeg, Aug. 13.—The employees of the Canadian Pacific railway were paid in full today, and all striking mechanics were notified that they had been discharged. The officials of the company took this means of announcing that the railroad will fight the demands of the union to a finish. Vice President Whyte, of the railroad, arrived here today from the Pacific coast. He declined to discuss the strike or state what is being done to fill the places of the strikers. Strikebreakers are being imported.

To Modernize Land System.

San Francisco, Aug. 13.—J. W. Pratt, commissioner of public lands in the Hawaiian Islands, is in this city today en route to Washington, where he intends to visit the United States land office with the purpose of improving the system of caring for the public lands of the islands.

ORIENTALS AGAIN QUARREL.

Killing of Japanese Traitor Caught in Peking the Cause.

Peking, Aug. 14.—The killing in this city early this month of a Japanese army officer, supposed to be a spy and traitor, by Japanese soldiers attached to the Peking legation, will result in the presentation by China of a formal protest against the doing of police duty by legation guards outside of the legation precincts.

The officer in question was Captain Kyhwata. He was in the artillery branch of the Kiroshima division and he was formerly an instructor in the Chinese military college at Pao Ting Fu. He was charged with selling Japanese military secrets to a foreign power and disappeared from Japan in June.

On August 1 he was discovered disguised as a Chinaman, hiding near the war office in Peking. This knowledge was communicated to the legation guards and a detachment was sent to capture him. He resisted arrest, whereupon the guard shot and wounded the spy and he died two days later in the hospital of the legation guard.

M. Abe, the Japanese charge d'affaires, has urged lack of time and the importance of the prisoner in extension of the action of the guard in not notifying the Chinese authorities before arresting the captain. He explains further that the resistance of the prisoner was unforeseen and that his consequent shooting could not be avoided.

The Chinese government is not satisfied with this explanation, and thinks its authority has been ignored. The incident has created a good deal of feeling on both sides.

A NEW DOCTRINE.

Harriman Railroad Attorney Claims Roads Can Give Rebates.

San Francisco, Aug. 14.—Peter F. Dunne, attorney for the Southern Pacific railroad in its defense against the charge of illegal rebating before the Railroad commission, today insisted strongly that a common carrier could not be guilty of unjust discrimination unless the rate complained of was made with "an evil intent." He held further that the railroad was entirely justified, the attorney general to the contrary notwithstanding, in making better terms to large shippers than to their small-fry rivals.

Mr. Dunne also touched upon the matter of competition and held, in opposition to the arguments of Messrs. Benjamin and Cushing made the day before, that it was part of a company's inherent right of contract to take competition into consideration in making freight schedules.

He also argued that the railroad had a right to consider whether it had a chance to carry the same material again in the form of a more finished product and, when there was such a chance, to make a lower rate on the raw material. If any or all of the circumstances considered made it good policy to carry freight for nothing, he could see no provision in the law to forbid it.

WANT 6,000 STEEL CARS.

Harriman Lines Will Spend \$5,000,000 for Rolling Stock.

New York, Aug. 14.—The Harriman roads are in the market for 6,000 steel cars. No orders have been placed, but the car equipment companies have been notified that this amount represents the total of an early purchase by the Harriman lines, and for more than half the cars there have been filed specifications on which the equipment companies may base their bids. Competition between the companies is said to be keen, for the orders, if filled, will be altogether the largest since the panic.

The estimated cost of the 6,000 steel cars ranges all the way from \$4,000,000 to \$7,000,000. It is expected that the lower figure will prove nearer correct, for the reason that the competition between the car equipment companies may result in a cut price.

Seize Another Steamer.

London, Aug. 14.—Another cloud has arisen between Japan and China, according to a special dispatch received here from Hongkong, owing to the seizure at Chin Chou by the Chinese authorities of a steamer having on board 10,000 rifles and 2,000,000 cartridges. Japanese merchants have protested, saying that this cargo belongs to them, and they threaten to make another international question out of it. This seizure is similar to that of the Japanese steamer Tatsu Maru in February of this year.

Whites to Control Pacific.

Melbourne, Aug. 14.—Both houses of the Victorian parliament today voted unanimously resolutions cordially welcoming the American battleship fleet to Australian waters. The various speakers dwelt upon the close friendship which unites Great Britain and the United States, and one of the members remarked that the visit of the American battleships assured the control of the Pacific for all time for the white race.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

PRUNE GROWERS SMILE.

Douglas County Promised Immense Crop This Season.

Roseburg—Tillson & Co. have purchased a fine equipment for their large prune packing plant in this city, and have begun work to enlarge and remodel the plant to handle Douglas county's large prune crop this year. A new 30 horsepower boiler is now being placed for the steam plant, and several new pieces of machinery for grading and packing will be installed. Nearly 200 cars of evaporated prunes will be shipped out of the county from various points, a large portion of which will be handled by local firms. In addition to the new machinery, the building will be enlarged to almost twice its present size.

H. L. Giles & Co., of Salem, have purchased the Douglas County prune packing house of Receiver T. R. Sheridan, and will thoroughly overhaul and make additions to the equipment. These two large packing houses are kept running for from three to four months every fall. Besides these two plants, there is another packing house at Myrtle Creek that handles from 20 to 50 carloads every season. There will also be about 30 carloads of apples shipped from Douglas county this year. The Douglas County Fruit-growers' association will handle about half of this crop of apples.

THE STATE FAIR.

Thousands of Dollars Being Spent to Make It Success.

Salem—For the state fair in 1907 the Southern Pacific railroad handled 215 carloads of stock and exhibits. This year, while the fair is yet more than six weeks away, 219 cars have been ordered for hauling exhibits and stock. Many favorable conditions are working together harmoniously for a great fair at Salem next month.

Several thousand dollars have been expended in enlarging the permanent exhibit building. The grand stand has been enlarged so that it will accommodate one-third more people. Men have been at work on the grounds for some weeks preparing them for the fair. The shrubbery and grass is being cared for and skeletons for decoration purposes are being erected. All preparations are starting early.

A feature that will greatly assist to make the state fair this year of more worth and value will be the co-operation of the Portland Country club, which is offering attractive purses for the livestock exhibitions and races.

Summer Normal Draws Teachers.

Brownsville—Many teachers, lecturers and ministers from this section are taking advantage of the summer normal school conducted by the Albany college. The attendance is very large. Hereafter this will probably be one of the drawing cards for Albany college. Teachers are in attendance from Marion, Lane, Benton, Lincoln, Linn and other nearby counties. Lane county especially is proving its loyalty toward the church college by a good attendance. For the summer school the college has secured the services of some of the best educators in the United States.

Blow Out Beecher Rock.

Eugene—In the improvements which the County court has authorized for the Eugene-Mapleton wagon road, the most noteworthy is the order to blow out Beecher rock, and Commissioner Price will soon take up this big task. Beecher rock, which overhangs the Stulzlaw road, will be remembered by every one who has made the trip to Mapleton as the most dangerous point on the trip. The rock, which is a mammoth one weighing thousands of tons, will be blown to pieces and a better and safer road cut out in the side of the mountain.

Enlarge College Campus.

Salem—State Superintendent Ackerman has returned from Corvallis, and states that options have been secured on land in the vicinity of the Agricultural college that will add about 15 acres to the campus of the Oregon Agricultural college. It is expected that at the meeting of the board of regents at Portland on August 13 orders will be given to buy the land on which options have been secured.

Names Waterways Men.

Salem—J. N. Teal and Peter Loggie, of Marshfield, have been appointed by the governor to represent Oregon at the Lakes-to-the-Gulf Waterway convention at Chicago October 7.

Rebuild Albany Iron Works.

Albany—The Albany Iron works, recently destroyed at a loss of about \$25,000, with insurance of \$9,500, will be immediately rebuilt.

BUILD BIG SMELTER.

Eastern Capitalists Will Do This if County Builds Bridges.

Salem—The County Commissioners' court at their last meeting heard the petition of Mining Engineer Gadsden, representing Eastern capitalists, for the appropriation of \$2,000 for the building of five bridges across the Santiam river, to make the Gold Creek copper mines accessible. In return for this investment, Mr. Gadsden guarantees the erection of a smelter with a capacity of 100 tons per day.

It is expected that the opening up of these mines and the building of the smelter will result in the location of a refinery in this city. The Gold Creek mines are located on the head waters of the Santiam in the extreme eastern part of Marion county.

A number of leading citizens appeared before the court and argued in favor of the \$2,000 appropriation.

Enlarge Salem Hatchery.

University of Oregon, Eugene—According to reports received here, the state salmon hatchery up the McKenzie river will not be abandoned, but extended, and arrangements will be made this fall so that trout as well as salmon can be hatched. The citizens of Eugene will provide the money for the importation of trout eggs from the East. It was rumored some time ago that the hatchery would be abandoned, but it is evident from a letter of the state fish commissioner that great improvements will be made in the establishment.

Realizes Good Prices on Horses.

Drewsey—I. M. Davis, one of the principal business men of this place, is home after an absence of several weeks in Pendleton and other railroad points. Mr. Davis took a number of horses over the mountains. He says they stood the trip remarkably well. He realized from \$100 to \$150 for single drivers.

Bible University Begins Next Month.

University of Oregon, Eugene—The Eugene Bible university, the leading ministerial school of the Christian church west of the Rocky mountains, will open September 22. About 100 students are expected to enroll. The faculty consists of seven instructors, headed by President E. C. Sanderson.

Record by Land Board.

Salem—Loans amounting to \$40,500 were made by the land board at its monthly meeting held last week. This is the largest sum that has been loaned out by the land board in a great many years. The loans were uniform at 6 per cent.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club, 89c per bushel; forty-fold, 90c; red Russian, 87c; bluestem, 92c; valley, 89c.
Barley—Feed, \$23.50 per ton; rolled, \$25.00; brewing, \$26.
Oats—No. 1 white, \$26.50 per ton; gray, \$26.
Hay—Timothy, Willamette valley, \$14 per ton; Willamette valley, ordinary, \$11; Eastern Oregon, \$16.50; mixed, \$13; clover, \$9; alfalfa, \$11; alfalfa meal, \$20.
Fruits—Cherries, 30c per pound; peaches, 65c per bushel; prunes, \$1.25 per crate; Bartlett pears, \$1.50 per bushel; plums, 40c per bushel; grapes, \$1.25 per bushel; apricots, \$1; blackberries, \$1.10 per bushel; Potatoes—90c per hundred; sweet potatoes, 5c per pound.
Melons—Cantaloupes, \$2.50 per crate; watermelons, \$1.50 per 100 loose; crated, 1/2c per pound additional; casabas, \$2.50 per dozen.
Vegetables—Turnips, \$1.50 per sack; carrots, \$1.75; beets, \$1.50; beans, 5c per pound; cabbage, 20c per dozen; corn, 25c per bushel; cucumbers, \$1 per bushel; eggplant, 10c per pound; lettuce, head, 15c per dozen; parsley, 15c per dozen; peas, 6c per pound; peppers, 80c per pound; radishes, 12c per dozen; spinach, 2c per pound; tomatoes, 50c per bushel; celery, 90c per bushel; artichokes, 75c per dozen.
Butter—Extras, 27c per pound; fancy, 25c; Oregon extra, 18c.
Eggs—Oregon extras, 25c per dozen; firsts, 23c; seconds, 21c; thirds, 15c; Eastern, 23c per dozen.
Poultry—Mixed chickens, 11c per pound; fancy hens, 12c per pound; roosters, 80c; spring, 14c; ducks, old, 80c; spring, 10c; geese, old, 8c; goslings, 10c; turkeys, old, 18c; young, 20c.
Veal—Extra, 80c per pound; ordinary, 70c; heavy, 5c.
Pork—Fancy, 7c per pound; ordinary, 6c; large, 5c.
Mutton—Fancy, 80c per pound.
Hops—1907, prime and choice, 4c per 50 lb; old, 2c per 50 lb; contracts, 90c per 100 lb.
Wool—Eastern Oregon, average best, 10c per pound, according to shrinkage; valley, 15c per pound; mohair, choice, 18c per pound.

FIRES IN IDAHO.

Kootenai Falls Prey to Flames and Sand Point is Threatened.

Spokane, Aug. 12.—A Sand Point, Idaho, special to the Spokesman Review says:

With the wind blowing a gale and the adjacent town of Kootenai wiped out, it seems that no power can save Sand Point. At 6 o'clock last evening a small forest fire north of Kootenai was blown into the town and the town of 300 inhabitants was burned to the ground.

The Humbird Lumber company has a \$200,000 mill at Kootenai, which burned to the ground, and which was only partly insured. At present the fire is within 2,000 feet of the Panhandle smelter, which seems doomed.

The homeless people of the little hamlet of Kootenai have been brought here, and are being cared for by citizens. All of them lost their belongings.

Over 500 volunteers are fighting the approach of the flames. Sand Point has a population of about 10,000. An appeal has just been sent to the Spokane fire department for aid.

It was impossible at midnight to learn the extent of the damage by fire at Sand Point. The telephone wires are down and connection is lost with the regular telephone line, but the operator of the Independent Telephone office at Sand Point, states that Sand Point is in no immediate danger. The town of Kootenai was burned, but the big mill of the Humbird company was saved.

Reports are conflicting regarding the smelter at Ponderay, near Sand Point, one report declaring that it was burned while the other states that the forest fire was near but the smelter was still safe.

THOUSANDS PERISH.

South China Scena of Desolation Following Typhoon.

Hongkong, Aug. 12.—In a report issued today from the headquarters of the government relief station it is stated that advices from Southern China give details of appalling conditions among the victims of the recent typhoon, which laid waste an immense territory along the coast and killed thousands of natives.

The report says that more than 1,500,000 refugees are at the point of death from exposure and starvation, and that many thousands have succumbed since the disaster.

The tales of hardship and destitution are pitiful in the extreme. Scores of refugees in all quarters are without shelter of any kind, forced to spend days and nights huddled together like storm-bound sheep. In some districts there is only sufficient food to supply one meal a day. More terrible are the conditions in other localities, where there is absolutely no food, and the people are dying by the hundreds. The dead are piled in heaps, no burial being possible.

MEXICANS USE TORTURE.

Tear Out Americans' Nails to Secure Names of Confederates.

Pittsburg, Aug. 12.—Police officials here have received news of the torturing of William Moffatt and Edward Maloney, who were arrested recently in Mexico City on a charge of robbing a bank messenger. Moffatt and Maloney, the police here say, were well known to them before leaving for Mexico.

Two companions escaped the officers when the Pittsburgers were arrested and the Mexican police demanded their names. Refusing to betray their companions, the men allege that they were strapped by the wrists to the bars of their cells, while the officials with forceps tore the nails from their hands. Unable to bear the agony, the men gave the names of their companions. "I suppose," said Captain of Detectives Edwin T. McGough today, "if it were not for the record of the men, their torture would mean international complications."

Allege Yankee Roads Allied.

Winnipeg, Man., Aug. 12.—Reports received here today that railroad lines in the United States, particularly the New York Central line, are furnishing strikebreakers to the Canadian Pacific and supplying equipment which the Canadian road is unable to repair in its crippled machine shops, have greatly agitated the strikers. The officials of the union declared today that if this report is found to be true, sympathetic strikes will be declared on all roads furnishing men and equipment to the Canadian Pacific.

Tornado in North Dakota.

Mandan, N. D., Aug. 12.—A tornado struck Mandan last evening and caused damage to the extent of \$50,000. One boy was picked up by the wind and carried three blocks. The roof of the Inter-Ocean hotel was loosened and crashed into the dining-room. The Dollar hotel was unroofed. Houses were tipped over and many windows shattered, but no fatalities occurred.

ILLINOIS RACE RIOT

Mob Burns Blacks' Homes and Club the Occupants.

TROOPS ARE RUSHED TO CITY

Whole Negro Quarter of Springfield Burning and Firemen Kept Away From Fires.

Springfield, Ill., Aug. 15.—Springfield is in the hands of a mob of enraged citizens who began last night to wreak vengeance on negro residents for an assault committed yesterday by George Richardson, a negro, on Mrs. Earl Hallam, a white woman. At 1 o'clock this morning the whole east end of town burst into flames, the torch having been applied to several negro houses by some of the more desperate mob members.

A mob of white men at 2:45 o'clock this morning lynched a negro who was supposed to be sneaking under cars on the Illinois Central tracks and shooting at the whites.

The Deatrice company of the Illinois National guard arrived at 2:30 o'clock this morning and went to the "bad lands," where 20 huts occupied by negroes have been burned and where the fire is still raging.

Two men are already dead and probably two score others are injured, mostly negroes. The rabble is sweeping through the streets attacking every negro met. All the local militia are on duty, and half a dozen companies from other cities are rushing here on special trains. Still other companies are ordered to hold themselves in reserve. The fire department is helpless to combat the fire in the negro quarter on account of the threatening attitude of the mob toward the firemen.

Eugene Chafin, Prohibition candidate for president, in protecting a negro from death, was struck on the head with a brick and put out of commission temporarily. The negro he saved drew a knife and badly cut several men in the fight.

Richardson and another negro wanted for murder were stealthily taken from Springfield jail last evening and rushed to Bloomington, whence they were later taken to Peoria. It is thought that with the arrival of the out of town troops the streets will be cleared and order restored.

Negroes in two instances have turned up with considerable effect upon their assailants. In one miss a trooper attempted to separate the combatants and was nearly overwhelmed by those in pursuit of several negroes.

Most of the members of Troop B, of Taylorville, are on guard around the jail. The rioters who had gathered in front of the jail after the incarceration of Richardson were enraged by the ruse practiced by the sheriff in removing him.

Finding that the negroes were gone, the mob amused itself for a time by looting negro resorts in East Washington street. The amusement of the rioters was tragedy for the negroes, many of whom were roughly handled and beaten with pieces of their own furniture.

A white man and his son, whose names were not ascertained by the police, were shot, supposedly by negroes. This encounter further enraged the members of the mob and they began a general search for negroes wherever they could be found.

Dozen Probably Killed.

Springfield, Ill., Aug. 15, 2:45 a. m.—The mob is still burning houses in the negro quarter and the police believe that at least a dozen people have been killed. No outside troops have yet arrived.

Bloomington Firemen Called.

Bloomington, Ill., Aug. 15.—At 3 p. m. the Bloomington fire department was notified to be in readiness to go to Springfield to assist in fighting the fire.

Give Jewels to Heathen.

Long Beach, Cal., Aug. 15.—Unprecedented enthusiasm for foreign missions was displayed at the morning session of the convention of Christian churches of Southern California and Arizona. When the call came for contributions to aid Rev. Royal Dye and his wife to prosecute their mission work in the Congo, men and women vied with each other in giving money and sacrificing their jewels. Gold watches and chains, gold bracelets, rings and diamonds were cast into the basket.

Cholera Gaining Ground.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 15.—A death from cholera has been reported from a town in Tula province, close to the estate of Count Tolstol. At Tsaritain, where the epidemic has been most severe, 225 cases and 150 deaths have been registered since the outbreak.