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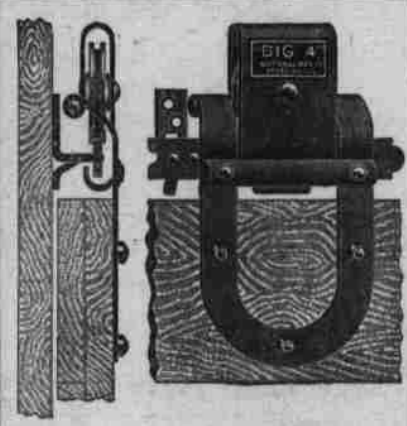
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MORMON QUESTION

NOMINEE FOR CONGRESS GETS COLD FEET.

Dubois Is Hopeful, Says Anti-Mormon Fight Is Right and Will Win.

Boise, Idaho, Aug. 22.—F. H. Holtzheimer, nominated by the state democratic convention for representative in congress, has got cold feet and has addressed a letter to C. H. Jackson, chairman of the state committee, declining to run for the place. Notwithstanding this Senator Dubois is hopeful of winning out in the anti-Mormon fight. He says:

"It is too early to make predictions on the result of the election in Idaho. Regardless of the result, however, the fight against Mormon interference in politics is eternally right, and sooner or later it will prevail. We have endured ecclesiastical dictation until patience has ceased to be a virtue. The democratic party merely emphasized feeling in the state when it declared that present intolerable conditions should cease.

"I think we shall win," continued Senator Dubois. "I spent two days in Lewiston after our convention, and I found that the eyes of the general public there had been opened by the fair and frank discussion of the Mormon question in the convention.

"I believe that when the issue is presented to the voters of the state as we presented it at Lewiston, the result will be greatly in our favor. As I say, however, the issue is right, and I am content to fight it out, either in this campaign or in every campaign for the next ten years."

Disgruntled Homesteader.

Chris Elliot is a disappointed homesteader who filed some months ago on land near Butter creek, induced to do so by the specious representations of land agents. He says he is not disappointed in the land he selected, provided the irrigation scheme ever materialized. He is pessimistic and says an ordinary lifetime is too short in which to realize anything on half the schemes projected within the past two or three years, and that someone else is welcome to the land. He is on his way back to Iowa.—East Oregonian.

RUSSIAN CRUISER SUNK WITH CREW

Novik and 334 Men Sent to the Bottom By Two Japanese Warships.

Chee Foo, Aug. 22.—The Japanese cruisers Chitose and Akitsushima met the pride of the Russian fleet, the cruiser Novik, outside of Port Arthur yesterday and in less than 40 minutes riddled her with shells, sinking her with all on board. Neither of the Japanese vessels were struck by the Russian cruiser, preventing the Japanese from rescuing any of the crew of the Novik, which numbered 334 men.

Japanese Heavily Reinforced.

Chee Foo, Aug. 22.—According to reliable information from Port Arthur, the Japanese received 30,000 reinforcements

from the north this morning. The force now besieging Port Arthur amounts to 80,000 men and 420 guns. The steamer Victoria arrived this evening from Niu Chwang. She reports heavy firing in Louisiana and Pigeon bays between 10 last night and 1 o'clock this morning. She saw search lights playing freely and skyrockets signalling.

Japanese Lose 2500.

Rome, Aug. 22.—A telegram today from Chee Foo states the Japanese losses in the last assault on Port Arthur are 2500, including 63 officers. It is announced today that the Italian squadron in the Far East has been ordered to co-operate with the American to maintain the neutrality of China.

TORNADO AT ST. PAUL

Lives and Property Lost in the Terrible Storm of Saturday Night.

St. Paul, Minn., Aug. 22.—Five are reported to be dead and two-score injured and property loss, it is estimated, will reach \$2,000,000 as the result of a tornado that swooped down on this city shortly after 9 o'clock Saturday night.

The Tivoli theatre was demolished and razed to the ground.

The High bridge, an immense structure crossing the Mississippi at the height of 200 feet, is almost totally destroyed, and 200 buildings are more or less damaged.

The storm was local in character, the damage being confined to a small area, principally in the business districts.

The terrific rain which accompanied the tornado did immeasurable damage

to stocks of goods in both St. Paul and Minneapolis. Windows were broken in, houses unroofed, churches dismantled of tall steeples and streets and alleys were filled with debris.

The principal damage was done to the large department houses with huge glass fronts. Into these a terrific wind, rain and hail storm beat with fury, wrecking stocks, shelving and fixtures in a frightful manner. One wholesale furrier lost \$250,000 in high priced furs and other goods carried in stock.

It will require months to repair the innumerable wrecks left by the tornado. The Mississippi river steel bridge will probably have to be taken down, the steel girders straightened and new concrete piers built.

LOTS OF WHEAT SOLD

Sales in Athena Saturday Run Up to 245,000 Bushels at 70 and 70 1-2c.

Saturday in Athena was essentially wheat day. The price touched 70 and 70½ cents per bushel and the day's sales amounted to over 245,000 bushels. This is the amount reported to head offices by Athena buyers, including 80,000 bushels purchased by the Preston-Parton Milling Co. The grain sold is all of first class quality and included in the big bulk, some bluestem, grown on the light soil farms north of town.

The big sales were not altogether made by farmers who store wheat in Athena warehouses, but is the aggregate and over which Athena buyers have control. The total embraces wheat purchased in other warehouses along the O.

R. & N. and W. & C. R. railways. An exception may be noted, however, in the purchases of David Taylor, who operates an independent warehouse. Mr. Taylor bought wheat tributary to Athena only, the total amount being 30,000 bushels.

The number of bushels agents report buying follows: David Taylor, 30,000 bushels; Pacific Coast Elevator Co., David Williams agent, 65,000 bushels; Preston-Parton Milling Co., D. H. Preston manager, 80,000; Puget Sound Warehouse Co., G. W. Bradley agent, 70,000 bushels.

The Local Market.

Athena, Aug. 23.—Wheat is quoted in Athena today at 67 cents per bushel.

Lavender Misrepresented.

It appears that the papers of the county, the Leader alone excepted, have unintentionally misrepresented an official act of City Marshal Lavender of Weston. Mr. Lavender writes the East Oregonian relative to the following allegations which appeared in the papers: "It is alleged that when Constable D. F. Lavender, of that town (Weston) attempted to serve the summons, Gebhardt, with the aid of a pack of growling dogs and an ugly looking rifle, prevented the officer from entering his premises. Lavender returned to Weston without serving the papers and the

sheriff's office was appealed to." This is wholly wrong, and I am curious to know where your reporter could have picked up such a singular bit of information. I am not constable of Weston, but city marshal, and was appointed special constable to serve the attachment papers in this case. I did so successfully without heed to the objections of Gebhardt, his pack of dogs or the rifle he threatened to get. Deputy Sheriff Blakley came up about two weeks afterward to serve the execution after judgment had been entered.

D. F. Lavender.

TO CHECK FRAUD

PUBLIC LAND STATES DIVIDED INTO DISTRICTS.

Oregon a Separate District With a Minnesota Man as Special Agent.

A special to the Oregonian says: To render the inspection of the service of the general land office more effective, the acting secretary of the interior divided the public land states into nine inspection districts, placing a special agent in charge of each. This special agent will have supervision over all other special agents assigned to his district and will have charge of all inspections carried on in that district, being in turn directly responsible to the general land office.

Oregon has been made a separate district with Special Agent Thos. B. Neuhause, of Minnesota, in charge. Washington is another separate district with Edward W. Dixon of Oregon, in charge, while Idaho and Montana combine to make another district under Harry H. Schwartz, of South Dakota. These special agents were selected from the list of five land offices because of their proficiency and adaptability for the service and will receive \$1500 instead of \$1200 as heretofore, with an allowance of \$3 per day for subsistence.

Nicholas J. O'Brien will be in charge of the Idaho-Montana district.

Oregon and Washington are the only states that constitute separate districts. The experience of the past two years has demonstrated that with all special agents reporting direct to the general land office at Washington it has been almost impossible to keep check on those who go wrong. Numerous discharges have lately been made, because special agents have been found participating in fraudulent land operations, locating settlers on desirable lands, furnishing speculators with valuable inside information, etc. It was this discovery that led Land Commissioner Richards to work out the new system which was approved.

Special agents in charge of the districts will have headquarters at local land offices to be selected by them. Each will have a civil service clerk, whose salary will be \$1000 per annum.

His Second Crop.

A few weeks ago a report was made of the attempt of some parties to raise strawberries in this vicinity, says the Adams Advance. Saturday the sequel came to hand in the shape of a nice bunch of strawberries from a crop that has matured since the runners began. John Pierce is the possessor of this unique strawberry patch, which does not seem to know when the season's work is done. While this crop will amount to nothing in the way of financial returns, it shows that the plants have not suffered any for moisture, although not having had a drop of water except rain or snow since being set out last winter. Mr. Pierce considers that two crops of berries the first year after setting out the plants a pretty fair showing for a dry country.

Determined to Die.

The Mitchell News reports a man named J. Stewart Kaye having committed suicide while traveling from Mitchell to Fossil last week. He came from Dayville to Mitchell and attempted to end his life with an overdose of morphine, but the doctors saved him. His next move was to start for Fossil by stage, and while on the road took sufficient morphine to kill him, and died a few miles from Fossil. The stage driver took the body into Fossil.

Goes to the Valley.

G. A. K. McGrew and family will leave within a few weeks for Corvallis, with the hope that Mrs. McGrew's health may be benefited by the change of climate. They will remain at Corvallis for the winter, and Fred McGrew will matriculate at the state agricultural college. Mr. McGrew will retain his property interests at Weston, which will be the family's permanent home. He will take a rest for a while before arranging definitely any business plans.—Leader.

It Wasn't Wood.

She was a sweet young thing and they had a cozy corner behind the scenes at the opera during the last dance. As his arm stole around her mouseline de soie waste she murmured: "Am I the first girl you ever hugged?" He was a newspaper man and therefore could not tell a lie, so he replied: "No, sweetheart, you are the third edition I have put to press tonight."—Western Publisher.