

TODAY'S SESSION OF THE FOOD COMMISSIONERS

Coffee and Pure Food Labels Discussed—Committees Appointed—Election of Officers Will Close the Session.

This morning's session of the national convention of Food and Dairy Commissioners was held at the Odd Fellows' Temple, First and Alder streets. It was opened by Hon. J. E. Blackburn, of Ohio, who delivered an address on "Adulterated Coffee, Glazed and Otherwise."

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The discussion on this subject was taken up by Hon. Jesse Cope, of Pennsylvania, who showed the results of analyses of 13 samples of coffee, which showed that most of the so-called coffee is not coffee, but other materials.

A FIGHT TO A FINISH IS NOW ON IN CHICAGO

The Freight Handlers Reject Terms Offered by the Railroads—Teamsters Likely to Join the Strikers.

CHICAGO, July 10.—Contrary to all expectations, the freight handlers' organization today refused to accept the terms offered by the railroads, and voted to continue the strike.

deposits, in answer to the appeals of the strikers turned their horses and drove back to their respective barns without unloading.

THE POLICE COMMISSION

Members Uphold Mayor Williams on Vice Suppression.

The reconstructed Board of Police Commissioners held its first meeting last night, Judge Williams sat with the board and took a great deal of interest in all that took place, and after the routine business had been disposed of, entered into a lengthy discussion with the commissioners as to the existing crime in Portland.

Shields' Park, wished a special star. His request was denied. A letter was read from H. W. Scott recommending Frank C. Middleton for the position of deputy license collector.

MANY VISITORS

Much interest is being shown in the Oregon Historical Society's rooms by the large number of visitors daily. As shown by the visitors' register, eight states east of the Rocky Mountains were represented yesterday, and many of the visitors from these states expressed a desire to locate in Oregon.

OREGON SHORT LINE ROADBED

To Be Sprinkled With Oil to the Line of the Webfoot State.

(Journal Special Service.) SALT LAKE, Utah, July 10.—General Manager Bancroft of the Oregon Short Line has just returned from an inspection of the oil experiments for laying dust on their main line through Idaho, and announces that the nuisance will be abated.

STOLE RIDING PONY.

D. E. Dunbar, of the Portland Cash Grocery Store, 25 First street, reported to the police this forenoon that a riding pony belonging to his son, Roderick, had been stolen from Supple's boat yard while the lad was at the Portland free swimming baths.

MOLTEN METAL

Explodes With Terrible Results at Steel Plant Today.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.) PITTSBURG, July 10.—Fifteen men were badly burned, one perhaps fatally and eight seriously, by an explosion of molten metal in the Homestead Steel plant this afternoon.

THE WEATHER.

Moderately heavy rains have fallen in the Central West, and some few light showers are reported in Eastern Colorado and in Northern New Mexico, while elsewhere in the western half of the United States fair weather prevails.

Oregon and Washington.—Fair tonight and Friday; northwesterly winds. Idaho.—Fair tonight and Friday; probably warmer in southeast portion tonight.

CUT-OFF CHANNEL

Pilot Harry Emken took the Inagua, lumber-laden, down the river yesterday, and passed through the new cut-off channel between Tongue Point and Astoria, at dead low tide. The Inagua drew 17½ feet.

The fact demonstrates the fact that the cut-off channel is now a permanency, and can be used with safety by all sea-going vessels. With a view of placing markings upon the government chart, the United States tug Mendell is now engaged in making soundings over this route.

"I was one of the first of the river pilots to take a vessel through the new channel. I have taken big Oriental liners through this passage when their propellers were so close to the river bottom that they churned up the sand. The action of a propeller in this way serves much the same purpose of a dredge. After the sand and sediment are once stirred up, the current carries them on down the river, and thus the process helps to form a channel.

CONTAGIOUS DISEASES.

Louise Lafavor, Fourth and Everett, smallpox. Joseph Siegrist, Front and Columbia, smallpox.

ESCAPED A FIERY DEATH

Close Calls of Many People at This Morning's Fire.

That there were no lives lost in a fire on Morrison street, between Seventeenth and Chapman, at an early hour this morning, seems almost miraculous.

The fire started in some mysterious manner in the basement of a three-story building at 551 Morrison street, which was erected by Russell & Blyth about a year ago. The flames quickly spread to the stores and lodging-house upstairs, and by the time the department arrived it had a bad fire to fight.

Chief Campbell, instantly realizing the situation, sent in another alarm, which brought out Engine No. 4 and Truck No. 1. Soon there were six good streams on the flames.

The fire was discovered by Alexander Retridge, who resides next door to where the fire started. He was nearly suffocated, but, rushing to the front door, he hailed a passing messenger and had him send in the alarm. The family escaped safely.

The building in which the fire started is occupied on the ground floor by a dressmaking establishment, conducted by Mrs. McKibben, and oyster parlors, owned by Mr. Retridge. Overhead is a rooming house, conducted by Mrs. Willis.

During the fire great excitement prevailed. Mrs. Davis, one of the roomers upstairs, in attempting to save \$30 she had hidden under the mattress, was overcome by smoke and had to be carried from the building. After the fire had been subdued the money was found.

At the height of the excitement some one raised the cry that one of the Retridge family still remained in the burning residence. Chief Campbell quickly had a ladder run up and the rooms searched, but all had escaped. The losses are about as follows:

Russell & Blyth, on lodging-house, \$2400, and the residence occupied by Mr. Retridge, \$1500; well insured. Mrs. Willis, furniture, \$750; insurance unknown.

Mrs. McKibben, about \$300; no insurance. Mrs. Willis, about \$200; no insurance.

The walls of the large lodging house of Mrs. Ella Casey, at 553 Morrison street, were blistered and the windows cracked, but the fire was confined to the other two buildings.

BLATANT IDIOCY

Penfield Calls Bailey an Ass—Now Heroes Will Arbitrate.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.) WASHINGTON, July 10.—Arbitration will probably be resorted to for an adjustment of the differences between Senator Bailey, of Texas, and Solicitor Penfield, of the State Department. The friends of both are interesting themselves in the matter and hope to prevent a personal encounter. They have suggested each to appoint an arbitrator, these two to select a third, and the three to determine upon a course that will settle the squabble amicably.

WILL SETTLE THE FAIR SITE

The question of a site for the Lewis and Clark Fair will be permanently decided at a meeting of the directors of the corporation to be held tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock. The report of the executive committee in regard to the City Park as a fair site will be discussed and election of officers will follow. In all probability the present officers will be re-elected, with a probable election of a few more directors.

BUILDING PERMITS.

J. W. Sweeney, head of Sixth street, engine house, \$500. H. L. Davenport, Twenty-third and Johnson, two-story dwelling, \$1500. William Clark, Williams and Alberta, cottage, \$300. J. Perry, First & Caruthers, repairs, \$400.

TEAMSTERS RESTRAINED

Circuit Judge M. C. George this afternoon signed an order prohibiting the striking teamsters from committing any acts of violence against Bantfield-Vesey Fuel Company, of this city, or from interfering with their employes or any who may seek to work for the company.

Come to Me

If you are sick from any cause and have failed to get relief, come right away. I will not charge you for a consultation. Vital Science will cure you, most likely.

DR. EDWIN C. HOLMES, 313-321 Abington Building.

THE JOURNAL'S GIRLS VACATION TRIP. To the most popular young woman in Portland The Journal will give a ten days trip to the seaside and pay her expenses down and back, and her hotel bill while there. To determine her popularity a vote will be taken and the one receiving the most votes will get the trip. The one getting the next highest number will be given a trip lasting from Saturday to Monday, all free. The one who is third in the list will receive a trip up the lordly Columbia and return. This is a chance for the worthy young women who fill busy places in the city to take a vacation trip. CONTEST CLOSES JULY 15th. One coupon every day. Six coupons will be given for a week's paid in advance subscription; twenty-six votes will be given for a month's paid in advance subscription, and seventy-eight votes will be given for every three months' paid in advance subscription. CUT OUT THE COUPON.

In Memory of W. H. Mead.

Traveling Freight Agent Phalon of the Great Northern is in receipt of a letter from Brooklyn, N. Y., addressed, in Mr. Phalon's care, to the Pacific Coast Association of Traffic Agents, Portland, Ore. The letter is self-explanatory, and reads as follows: "No. 111 Joralemon street, Brooklyn, N. Y., July 4, 1902.—Pacific Coast Association of Traffic Agents—Gentlemen: I am requested by Mrs. Mead, the mother of Hon. William H. Mead, late of Portland, Ore., deceased, to express to you her very warm appreciation and thanks for the beautiful chaplet of flowers sent to her by you, and which today were placed upon his grave in Greenwood cemetery. Very respectfully yours, "J. D. MARCELLUS." Mr. Marcellus is the administrator of Mr. Mead.

HUSTLING FOR A FIREBOAT

The Chamber of Commerce committee on fire boat, of which E. M. Brannick is chairman, is sending letters to the members of the City Council and the State Legislature, showing the necessity of a fire boat for Portland, and requesting their opinions on this subject. The committee will meet late Monday afternoon at the Commercial Club, when arrangements will be made for a systematic canvass for this purpose.

NORTHWEST NEWS

KALAMA, Wash.—A 50-ton cyanide plant for the Darnell Mining & Milling Company has arrived in this city from Denver, Colo., and will at once be hauled to the mine. DAWSON, Yukon.—Joseph A. Clarke, editor of the Klondike Miner, is under arrest here charged with the theft of \$750. ABERDEEN, Wash.—The 4-year-old daughter of Levant Denere was drowned here yesterday in the Wishkah River. VANCOUVER.—The liquor permit system has been abolished in the Yukon by the Yukon council in legislative session. VALDES, Alaska.—Ole W. Johnson, of Sheridan, Wyo., and Thomas Kennedy, of Pocatello, Idaho, have been drowned here in glacial streams. BUTTE, Mont.—Lawrence Carrigan, a prominent mining man of Hancock, Mich., is dead here of pneumonia. VICTORIA.—The Australian steamer Moana brings news that the New Zealand police are still hunting the Kemp outfit, who three months ago spread terror through that colony. BUTTE, Mont.—George Perse is dead and three others were badly injured by an explosion of matte in the Washoe smelter at Anaconda last night. MISSOULA, Mont.—George C. Rowan, a well known drummer, was killed here last night in a runaway accident. EXCURSION. Excursion to Castle Rock and Cascade Springs, by Evergreen Camp, No. 560, M. W. A., on the Harvest Queen, Sunday, July 12. Round trip, 75 cents. Clark Bros for Flowers, 289 Morrison Street.

HANDS TEDDY A HOT ROAST

SPOKANE, July 10.—Henry Watterson, the famous Louisville editor, while in Spokane, scored President Roosevelt. He said he was "an aggressive, unfeeling soldier of fortune who by force of a series of lucky chances inside of three years had literally rough-riden his way from a subordinate desk in the navy department to the White House." Of his administration policy he declared that "with one mailed foot in Washington and the other in Manila, its pockets were stuffed with reports which it dare not publish; that it waves the flag which it has discredited in the sight of heaven and before men by exclaiming 'The Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States be blown! Up with the banners of absolutism and arbitrary power. As Russia is in Poland shall we be in Luzon. All hall imperial splendor. Commerce is king!'"

HE'S BADLY WANTED

J. H. Hunter, until Tuesday proprietor of the O. P. & S. Company's market, on Fifth street, has disappeared from the city. He disposed of his interests in the establishment to J. E. Durward, and on the same day moved his family to quarters on Madison street, and since that time parties holding claims against him have been unable to locate him. It is said that he is now on his way to California, where he has relatives residing.

CHIEF ACTS

Chief of Police McLaughlin today notified the dissolute women, under the tactics adopted by the new administration, that they must abandon the crib that has for so long infested the North End. They must move from the ground floor at once. It is the evident intention of the present administration to wipe out the social evil so far as can be done. The new directory just issued by the Columbia Telephone Company shows that company to be growing.