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JAPANESE VOLCANO IS BLOWN UP

Crater's Head Explodes and Devastates Great Island of Yezo—Primal Day of Crater Lake Re-Enacted—Lava Pours Over Country—Deep Harbor Now Shallow Bay.

TOKIO, July 26.—The great island of Yezo (Hokkaido) is being shaken up by continued earthquakes and by a tremendous eruption of Mount Usu, in the southern part of Yezo.

Eight thousand men, women and children are fleeing inland today to escape the rain of boiling water and hot mud that is pouring from the vitals of the volcano.

The great bay of Usu, capable of sheltering the navies of the world, has been made a shallow lake by an upheaval of the sandy bottom and the water in the bay is now only four fathoms deep.

Several vessels, the names of which are not yet known, foundered in the uplift of the floor of the bay.

Warships have been sent to the scene. Few details of the loss of life are obtainable, but it is believed that many persons who lived in the villages on the mountain lost their lives.

The eruption of Mount Usu began with a series of earthquake shocks last Friday. The tremors increased in number and violence and soon the southern portion of Hokkaido was shaken by the great earth waves.

On Saturday Mount Usu showed signs of unrest and smoke poured from the crater. The shocks and volcanic disturbances soon tore rifts in the mountain and by Sunday a score of fissures had opened in its sides.

On Sunday afternoon a river of boiling mud welled over the brim of the crater and ran in great streams down the sides of the volcano. The wooden houses of the mountain villages were engulfed in the thick flood. Later a great explosion rent the mountain and a column of boiling water and white hot stones and sand shot skyward.

Vessels in the bay of Usu moved to apparently safe distance from the volcano when the eruption began. When the crater's head blew off, however, the bottom of the bay rose.

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MONTANA TOWN CIRCLED BY FIRE

Libby, in Northwestern Part of State, Surrounded by Blazing Forests, Appeals for Aid—Devastation Reported in Many Sections.

BUTTE, Mont., July 26.—Libby, in the northwestern part of Montana, is surrounded by forest fires and urgent appeals have been sent to the headquarters of the forestry service at Missoula for aid. An appeal likewise has been made to the governor asking him to relieve the members of the Libby company of militia from duty so they can assist on the fire-fighting line.

The company is scheduled to depart for American Lake, Washington, soon to participate in a two weeks' military encampment.

The situation was reported to be serious early today.

More than half a dozen fires have been reported in Western Montana in the last 24 hours.

On the Milwaukee's right of way 60 men are endeavoring to check the approaching flames near Nine Mile. A big blaze in the Lewis and Clark forest reserve is also reported. Four new fires in the Helena forest reserve are burning also, according to dispatches reaching the forestry office today.

INSURGENT PLATFORM PROBABLE

Garfield Forces Seem to Have Best of Situation in Ohio Convention, as Opposition Is Divided—Demands a Check to Prevent Sinister Influence Exerted by Special Interests.

COLUMBUS, O., July 26.—Unless the delegates of the "regulars" assembled for the republican state convention get together, it is believed the convention will be stampeded for James R. Garfield, former secretary of the interior, for governor.

State Chairman Brown of Lucas county today refused to assure the Burton-Dick-Cox combination that the Lucas county delegates would not support the Garfield and other standpat delegates if it is declared as wavering in their loyalty to the regular candidates. It is reported that Brown is planning to throw his support to Garfield.

It is certain that the first fight will be over the platform. The regulars are planning to doctor Garfield's platform so that the former secretary will refuse to run. It is reported this afternoon that Senator Burton, one of the leaders of the regular combination, has agreed to support Garfield after the second ballot.

The convention will begin at 4 o'clock this afternoon. Congressman Nicholas Longworth will make the "keynote" address. The contest over the platform overshadows the fight for the gubernatorial nomination.

The principal plank of the Garfield platform is as follows: "We demand that action and measures be taken, immediately, to check and ultimately to prevent the sinister influence exerted on public officers and on political activities by the special interests. Such influence is destructive of self government and political liberty."

Opium Still Raided.
KANSAS CITY, Mo., July 26.—Federal officers today raided a big opium still, said to be the largest yet uncovered by the government. The government agents captured several men, confiscated a large quantity of opium and \$25,000 in cash.

GOMPERS TRIES TO AVERT STRIKE

President of American Federation Endeavors to Settle Building Trades Dispute in Chicago—Jurisdictional Differences.

CHICAGO, Ill., July 26.—Although President Samuel Gompers of the American Federation of Labor has been here several days endeavoring to prevent a general strike of members of the Building Trades Council and the complete prostration of building operations in Chicago, it is feared that he cannot avert strife and that the unions affiliated with the council will join in a general walk-out before the end of the week.

Gompers has conferred with a number of labor leaders, but refused today to discuss the situation. He intimated, however, that he had hope of settling the threatened trouble.

It is estimated that 2500 men already are out and that 4500 are preparing to lay down their tools. Work on three large structures practically is at a standstill.

Jurisdictional differences between machinists, backed by the Otis Elevator company, and elevator construction men, backed by the American Federation of Labor, are causing the trouble.

NEBRASKA CONVENTION IN SESSION

Fight Between Insurgents and Regulars at Republican Gathering, With Former Losing First Skirmish—Bryan Mixes With Liquor Issue at Democratic Gathering.

LINCOLN, Neb., July 26.—The insurgents lost in the preliminary struggle for the control of the republican state convention here today, when Congressman Norris was defeated for the permanent chairmanship.

The permanent chairman names the members of the resolution committee, and a standpat platform will probably be reported to the convention. It is likely the insurgents will carry their fight to the floor.

The insurgents favor Congressman Norris for permanent chairman. The republicans favor Senator Brown for temporary chairman and make the temporary organization permanent, freezing out the insurgents.

National Committeeman Water and Senator Burkette are leading the insurgents. The majority of the delegates favor a local option plank. The insurgents are allied with the optionists and hope to sidetrack the standpat program.

Charles O. Whidon of Lincoln, candidate for the senate against Senator Burkette, has a strong following among the insurgents.

The permanent chairman of the convention appoints the resolutions committee, and the platform hinges on the result of the fight to put Congressman Norris in the chair.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., July 26.—That the floor of the democratic state convention today will resemble the liveliest scene of a wheat pit or a stock exchange on a panic market is the prediction made today by prominent democrats. The fight will be upon the issue of county option. William J. Bryan will oppose the forces of Governor Shallenberger and the regulars in an endeavor to force the option plank into the party platform. If the Bryanites are forced to a compromise, they will insist that the convention defer the matter to the various legislative districts and that the gubernatorial nominee be pledged to sign a county option bill, should such a measure pass the legislature. This probably would satisfy Governor Shallenberger, but undoubtedly would fall to please Mayor John Dahman of Omaha, both of whom are candidates for the nomination.

In Milwaukee the socialist administration closed up 104 dives without any fuss. That was such a logical and sane thing to do that the city should not have had to go socialist in order to do it.

OUT OF FIFTEEN VENIREMEN EXAMINED IN COURT, THIRTEEN ARE READERS OF THE MAIL TRIBUNE, ONE ISN'T ONE NOT ASKED.

A striking example of the widespread circulation of the Medford Mail Tribune throughout Jackson county was furnished by the examination of veniremen in the circuit court Monday afternoon during the selection of a jury to hear the condemnation proceedings brought against I. J. Phipps et al. by the Pacific & Eastern railway for a right of way. Out of fifteen veniremen examined thirteen stated that they were readers of the Medford Mail Tribune, one was not asked, and one stated that he was not a reader.

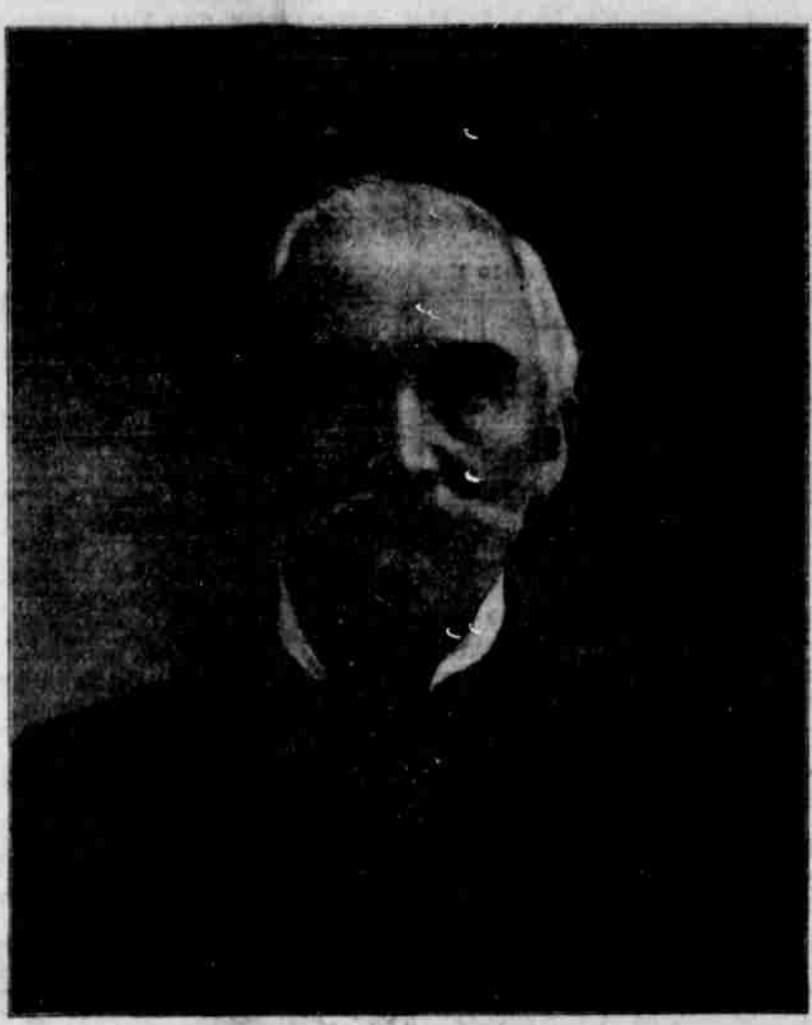
Gus Newbury, attorney for the defendant, in his examination of prospective jurors, asked all but one of them if they were readers of the Mail Tribune. The answer in every case but one was affirmative.

The widespread circulation of the Mail Tribune could not be shown in a more striking way. Here were fifteen men drawn from all parts of the county without regard to political belief or affiliation of any kind, and out of the fifteen an overwhelming percentage are readers of this paper. Verily, the Mail Tribune covers Jackson county like the dew.

As an advertising medium the Medford Mail Tribune is unsurpassed in southern Oregon.

SOUTHERN OREGON BAR MOURNS DEATH OF HANNA; IDENTIFIED WITH STATE'S PROGRESS SINCE EARLY 50'S

Pioneer Jurist Passes Away After a Long and Useful Career



H. K. Hanna

JURY CHOSEN IN P. & E. CASE

Reported at 9 This Morning and Was Excused Until Thursday, When the Case Will Be Resumed—Court Adjourns Out of Respect to Judge.

The selection of a jury to hear the condemnation suit brought by the Pacific & Eastern Railroad company against I. J. Phipps et al., was completed Monday afternoon and the jury brought to Medford to view the premises. They reported this morning, but were excused until Thursday, the court adjourning out of respect to the late H. K. Hanna.

The personnel of the jury is: W. J. Beardsley, E. Calhoun, E. E. Morrison, William Reniff, D. W. Wheeler, C. H. Hosley, Polk Hall, G. N. Lewis, John Arnold, T. Cameron, Harry Luy and A. Coleman.

If it's a job for a want ad don't leave it to a placard!

C. C. BEEKMAN IS VERY ILL

Pioneer Banker of Southern Oregon Is Lying Very Ill at his Jacksonville Home—Established First Bank in Southern Oregon.

C. C. Beekman, the pioneer banker of Southern Oregon, is lying very ill at his Jacksonville home. Owing to his advanced age it is doubtful if he will recover.

Mr. Beekman is one of Jackson county's most prominent pioneers, coming to Jacksonville in the early '50s. He established the first bank in Southern Oregon and was long one of the most prominent citizens until advancing years led him into comparative retirement.

About the first great disappointment a bride has is the discovery that her husband doesn't enjoy entertaining her relatives.

PAY TRIBUTE TO MEMORY DEAD JURIST

Funeral of Late Judge Hanna Will Be Held Wednesday Afternoon and Will Be Attended by Practically All Lawyers of Jackson and Josephine Counties.

Prominent members of the Southern Oregon bar today are all paying tribute to the memory of H. K. Hanna, who for 25 years presided as circuit judge in this district. Nearly every attorney in Jackson and Josephine counties are making preparations to attend the last services which are to be held in Jacksonville Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

Judge Hanna had many close friends among the attorneys of southern Oregon, many of them first practicing before him. Following are a few expressions of their feeling toward him: Judge Calhoun in adjourning the circuit court Tuesday out of respect to the memory of Judge Hanna, who presided there for so many years, stated that he not only had the highest regard for Judge Hanna as a jurist, but as a friend. He spoke of the years he had worked with him and stated that he had always found him a staunch friend and a man of high convictions.

Judge Wm. M. Colvig, in speaking of Judge Hanna went back to early days when he and "Tom Hanna," as he was familiarly known, practiced law together. To his memory Judge Colvig paid the highest tribute, saying he had always regarded him as a man who, when he made a mistake, made them honestly.

"I feel the death of Judge Hanna keenly," stated W. I. Vawter. "For many years I have known him and have practiced in his court. He was well versed in law and had the courage of his convictions. Further than this, he was a staunch friend—but he was never influenced to deviate from what he thought to be his duty by friendship."

"I tried my first case before Judge Hanna."

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HANNA JUDGE CIRCUIT COURT FOR 25 YEARS

Interesting Career of Jurist Who Came to Oregon During the Gold Excitement of 1850—Dug Gold by Day and Studied Law by Night.—Elected Against His Will.

In the passing of Judge Hiero Kennedy Hanna, which occurred Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock, Southern Oregon loses a jurist and a man who has been identified with the progress of the state since the early days. Born in Steuben county, New York, May 22, 1832, he came with the emigration of 1850 to the goldfields of California. He finally came to what was known then as "Sailor Diggings," in Southern Josephine county, now Waldo. There he dug gold by day and studied law by night from a few tattered books which had survived the passage across the plains, and from others that he borrowed from the meager library of a young lawyer located at Kerbyville, then the county seat of Josephine county.

He was first elected justice of the peace for Waldo district and then district attorney in 1872 for Josephine county, and when the first judicial district was formed was chosen as district attorney for the region comprising the present counties of Josephine, Jackson, Klamath and Lake.

After serving his term as district attorney he entered into the general practice of law. In 1880 he was elected circuit judge, but after two years' service resigned and resumed his practice.

In 1888 he was again elected circuit judge and served until failing health and weight of years compelled him to resign. At that time the members of the bar of Jackson and Josephine counties met in the courtroom of the circuit court to at that time express to Judge H. K. Hanna the esteem in which he is held and the confidence reposed in him by those who for years past had served

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MEDFORD FOR 1913 CONVENTION

N. S. Bennett Returns From Pacific Coast Nurserymen's Meeting, With Promise of Annual Gathering Coming Here Three Years Hence.

N. S. Bennett, the nurseryman, has returned from the annual meeting of the Pacific Coast Association of Nurserymen, held at Walla Walla, confident that the annual meeting for 1913 will be held in Medford.

Mr. Bennett states that the nurserymen have promised to hold the annual meeting for 1911 at San Jose, Cal., and for 1912 at Vancouver, B. C., and Medford has been promised by a majority of the leaders the convention of the following year.

Over 150 nurserymen from all parts of the coast were present at the annual meeting. They were taken through the Walla Walla country and shown the progress of fruit-raising in that section. Mr. Bennett also visited the Yakima and Wenatchee country and returns thoroughly convinced that Medford leads all the fruitgrowing sections of the northwest. He reports it very hot and dry in the Washington districts, with the prospect of excessive drouth injuring the fruit crop.

LOCAL OPTION BARS BRYAN

Nebraskan Refuses to Stump Indiana and Will Confine Himself to State Where Democrats Favor County Option—Disapproves Home Rule.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., July 26.—That local option may keep William J. Bryan out of the congressional campaign in many states is the belief here following the failure of the party leaders to secure a definite promise from the Commoner to come to Indiana this fall.

Bryan always has been deeply interested in the Indiana political situation, and if he fails to stump the state this fall it will be the first campaign in years in which he has not taken part.

It is believed, however, that Bryan will not tour the state, because the platform calls for the substitution of city and township option for county option.

Bryan, who is fighting for county option in his own state, does not approve of the change the Indiana Democrats advocate. It is believed here that he will appear in no state where temperance is a question unless county option is advocated.