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## THE HEAVENS ARE OBSCURED

### Heavy Smoke from Forest Fires Covers the Sky

### FORT COLUMBIA BURNING

### And Assistance Has Been Sent Down from Astoria

CLACKAMAS COUNTY TIMBER AND FARMS ARE DEVASTATED—BIG DAMAGE DONE AT NEWPORT AND TILLAMOOK CITY IS THREATENED.

ASTORIA, Or., Sept. 11.—The people here are badly scared by an extraordinary phenomenon. The smoke backed up from the coast in a solid bank today, and the setting sun turned the sky a yellowy green. All lights were turned on at 3 p. m. The captain of the steamer Bailey Gatzert was compelled to use his searchlight at 11 a. m., and all the way down the river. The Oriental liner Indravelli anchored here at 3:40, waiting for daylight.

Fort Columbia, Washington, is on fire. A steamer left here to render assistance.

**In Clackamas County.**

Oregon City, Or., Sept. 11.—Late reports state that fierce forest fires are raging in the vicinity of Springwater. Houses, barns and stock are burned, and the country is devastated. Frank Busch's place is in ruins, and his saw mill burned. Many cattle have been in the timber and burned to death. Heavy fires are raging four miles east of Olalla, the timber is on fire, and the flames are approaching Russell Brothers' saw mill. The fire between Shubel and Clarke's is still spreading, and much damage is being done. Chas. Hettman's house is burned. There is a heavy fire in the timber less than two miles from Howard's mill, and a fire near a wood camp four miles west of this city, burned three hundred cords of wood today. There is a heavy fire three miles north of the city going towards the Willamette river. The sky to the north and west of the city is aglow with the flames, which are increasing hourly.

**Tillamook In Danger.**

TILLAMOOK, Sept. 11.—Forest fires are raging on three sides of this city, and only two miles away, and the destruction of the entire town is threatened. The greatest danger is from a fire just east of here, as the wind is blowing from there directly toward the town. Nearly the entire male population has turned out to fight the flames, and those who remain behind are in a state of panic.

The Five Mile House, on the road toward North Yamhill, was destroyed last night, and four farm houses also were burned.

The fire is now (2:30 p. m.) within 1½ miles of town and has completely surrounded the reservoirs which harbor the city's water supply and on whose resources the fire fighters' entire hopes depended. The town is thus totally at the mercy of the flames, the subsidence of the wind or a providential deluge being about the only thing that can possible stop the progress of the flames. Donaldson's big saw mill has already burned, causing a heavy loss. The banks of the town have closed and the officers, with many others of the town's business men are preparing to remove their valuables to a place of safety, if one can be found.

**At Newport.**

Newport, Or., Sept. 11.—Newport is surrounded on the north and east by a heavy brush fire. A brisk fire swept down on the Seal Rock resort today, burning several seaside cottages, among them C. B. Irvine's, of Salem, and a barn used in connection with it.

**At Vancouver.**

Vancouver, Wash., Sept. 11.—A number of large slashings in this vicinity have been burned during the past ten days, and owing to the extreme dry weather the fires have spread to adjacent timber and several heavy fires are reported burning in the vicinity of Bells Mountain, in the Eureka neighborhood, and other localities. The air is filled with ashes and cinders, and the smoke hangs over the river and city like a pall. A considerable loss is already reported.

TRACY'S FORMER PAL.

DEADWOOD, S. D., Sept. 11.—Robert W. Coulter pleaded guilty of assault and robbery in the Circuit Court today, and has been sentenced to seven years' imprisonment. According to his own statements, which have been verified by investigation of the sheriff, Coulter was formerly associated with Harry Tracy in the hold-up business and had served a term in the Wyoming penitentiary for stage robbery committed near Green river.

BROKE NO RECORD.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Sept. 11.—Patch failed to break the world's pacing record today. Interest was intense when Patch reached the half mile pole in 59¼, but a fair breeze blowing up the home stretch, he lost time and finished in 2:00¼.

## TIMBER FIRE NEAR MEHAMA

### Heavy Damage Done and the Town Is Threatened

THOUSANDS OF ACRES OF VALUABLE TIMBER IS DESTROYED THERE AND IN THE ELKHORN COUNTRY — HIGH WINDS ARE DRIVING THE FLAMES ONWARD.

Reports of an alarming nature reached this city from Mehama last night to the effect that fierce froest fires had started and were raging on the north, south and east of that town, which together with a high wind blowing from the east caused much uneasiness on the part of the Mehama residents whose property interests were threatened with devastation.

The Statesman's informant stated that, during the afternoon yesterday, fire broke out in the strip of timber three miles south of Mehama and was soon fanned into a roaring torrent of flame, which was devastating everything in its path; that another fire had broken out in the timber between Silver Creek Falls and Mehama, a distance of about four miles from the latter place, which, with a strong east wind was eating up hundreds of acres of valuable timber and threatened to wipe out the town if the wind did not change. The citizens of Mehama are very much alarmed and have prepared to make a vigorous fight for their property and lives, and the danger is so apparent that no sleep will be indulged in by the inhabitants of that village until the supreme moment has passed.

Coupled with this report comes another which is still more alarming in its proportion and from a reliable source. This report is in effect that a tremendous fire is raging in the timber in the vicinity of Elkhorn which has swept over 1,000 acres of valuable timber land, has destroyed the buildings on the G. K. Jackson place, has burned the fences from the Church place, which is occupied by George Anderson, and threatened destruction to the buildings situated thereon despite the strenuous efforts of the people to combat the fierce fire fiend. This fire is being urged by a heavy gale from the west, and is rapidly devouring everything ignitable in its path.

The smoke is so dense in Mehama that the people are suffering greatly from its effects.

## SWINDLERS ARRESTED

THEY WERE DEFRAUDING THE EXPRESS COMPANIES IN NEW YORK CITY.

NEW YORK, Sept. 11.—City detectives have arrested three men on the charge of impersonating express company employes. It is alleged that the prisoners have been operating nearly a year, and have secured property valued at $25,000. Simple in the extreme, the methods of the swindlers seldom failed of success. One of them formerly worked for an express company. He is supposed to have hit upon the plan of sustaining himself without work. With two partners he obtained hat plates, and properly clothed and armed with a shipping book ,walked about town until an express call card was seen hanging before a store.

There was no difficulty then in obtaining the package of merchandise which was to be shipped away. Being new, the goods could hardly be recognized by the rightful owners after they had been disposed of to a "fence." The detectives watched for a long period, finally discovered the men lounging about a saloon.


We've Got Them Again

HOP PICKERS' GLOVES
Leather and Canvas
WE CAN FIT YOU NOW

The New York Racket
Salem's Cheapest One Price Cash Store : : : E. T. Barnes, Prop.


## REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

### Session of the Utah State Organization Yesterday

### CAME NEAR CAUSIN' STRIFE

### Beet Sugar Interests Opposed to Cuban Reciprocity

THE RESOLUTIONS ENDORSING ROOSEVELT'S RE-NOMINATION WERE ACCEPTED WITH A WHOOP—BEVERIDGE, OF INDIANA, MADE A SPEECH.

OGDEN, Utah, Sept. 11.—The Republican State Convention today nominated Jos. Powell, of Wellsville, for Congress; Judge W. M. McCarthy, of Sevier county, for Supreme Court Justice, and adopted a platform in which mention of Cuban reciprocity was omitted. On this point the beet sugar interests of the state caused a somewhat bitter and protracted debate in the committee on resolutions. So strong was the feeling over this feature that, had the original program, as regards order of business been carried out, it is probable that unpleasant things would have occurred.

United States Senator Beveridge, of Indiana, was scheduled to deliver a speech this evening, marking the formal opening of the Republican campaign in Utah. The program was changed last night to have Beveridge speak at the close of the business session today. When the beet sugar sympathizers heard of this they openly threatened to give him a hostile reception, believing it a plan to influence the convention in favor of the Cuban reciprocity plank, the result being that the program was changed Beveridge speaking this evening.

An amendment to the platform, declaring it to be the sense of the convention that "President Roosevelt be nominated for President in 1904 as his own successor," was carried with a whoop. The platform endorses the National platform of 1900, favors a protective tariff as it now stands, favors a National Board of Arbitration to decide controversies between capital and labor, and favors the passage of laws providing for governmental supervision and control of trusts.

**Beveridge Spoke.**

Ogden, Sept. 11.—United States Senator Beveridge, of Indiana, opened the Republican campaign in Utah tonight, speaking before the delegation to the Republican State Convention. The Senator was given close attention and was heartily applauded. United States Senators Clark and Warren, of Wyoming, were also present and spoke briefly.

**Texas Republicans.**

Fort Worth, Tex., Sept. 11.—The State Republican Convention adjourned tonight. Only two nominations were made—for Governor, Geo. P. Burkitt, of Palestine; and Treasurer, Eugene Nolte.

**Democrats Split.**

Butte, Mont., Sept. 11.—The meeting of the Democratic county central committee tonight resulted in a split between the Heinze forces and those of Clark and the amalgamated forces. The regularly elected chairman was deposed, and the Clark and Amalgamated people withdrew and organized independently.

## FAMOUS TRAIN ROBBER

BERT ALFORD HAS SURRENDERED TO THE AUTHORITIES—IS READY FOR TRIAL.

DENVER, Col., Sept. 11.—A special to the News from Tucson, Ariz., says: Bert Alford, the famous train robber and outlaw, surrendered last night. Hounded by the Rangers in the United States, and the Rurales in Mexico, broken in spirit, his right arm shattered by bullets so that he can no longer use it, Alford was ready to give up and trust to the leniency of the law.

## A CONFEDERATE REUNION

BRINGS OUT STRONG LANGUAGE FROM A UNITED STATES SENATOR.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Sept. 11.—United States Senator of Arkansas, addressing the veterans at the reunion here today of the ex-Confederates of Missouri, declared that the Confederate soldier performed greater acts of valor and heroism than any other soldiers in the world's history.

"If Jeff Davis was a traitor, I am a traitor, too," said the Senator. A barbacue held this afternoon was attended by 5,000 persons.

BOERS IN HOLLAND.

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 11.—The Boer Generals, Botha, Dewet, and Delarey, accompanied by Messrs. Wolmarens, Wessells and Reitz, arrived here today from the Hague, and were given a hearty welcome. Replying to an address, General Delarey said they did not come here in the character of political personages, but solely to obtain assistance for destitute Boer families.


**Smith's Dandruff Pomade.**

stops itching scalp upon application three to six removes all dandruff and will stop falling hair. Price 50c, at all druggists.


## DEPOT SAFE WAS ROBBED

### Masked Bandits Despoil Station Agent Harry Wallace

### AT NORTH POWDER, OR.

### Money and Valuables Valued at Three Hundred Dollars

CARRIED AWAY BY THEM AFTER BINDING AND GAGGING THEIR VICTIM—BEAUMONT, TEXAS, OIL FIELDS ARE ON FIRE—DAMAGE IS GREAT.

PENDLETON, Or., Sept. 11.—Two masked men compelled Harry Wallace, the station agent at North Powder, to open the depot safe and turn over money and valuables amounting to over $300, late Wednesday night. The robbers then bound and gagged Wallace, and left him lying on the office floor. They made their escape traveling north towards Union.

**Oil Field Burning.**

Beaumont, Texas, Sept. 11.—The oil field is on fire and there is grave fear that great loss will be sustained if the field is not entirely destroyed. A number of huge tanks containing thousands of barrels of petroleum have already exploded, and others are in the direct line of the fire, which has spread over a wide area. The ground is saturated with oil, and there is no chance of stopping the flames tonight.

**Will Not Arbitrate.**

New York, Sept. 11.—S. Hewitt said today that he knew positively that J. P. Morgan would not interfere with the coal strike. Hewitt also said that the coal operators would not agree to arbitrate with John Mitchell, but he believed they would consider grievances presented by their employes.

**The St. Louis Boodlers.**

St. Louis, Sept. 11.—In a talk with an Associated Press reporter, Circuit Attorney Folk said today that almost every one of the indicted members of the House of Delegates combine has offered to turn state's evidence, but that he declined to accept more than two or three with a promise of clemency. Before J. K. Murrell's return and confession the members of the combine, Folk said, were so sure of their position that the offers of the authorities to take care of the informants were spurned. Now the situation is different.

The Grand Jury held two sessions today. At each session a number of members of the council that passed the city lighting bill in 1899 were called on to tell what they knew of the transactions connected with such measures.

## AMERICAN GENERALS

RIDE WITH EMPEROR WILLIAM'S BODY GUARD IN A MAGNIFICENT CHARGE.

FRANKFORT-ON-THE-ODER, Sept. 11.—Major General Young and Brigadier General Wood, and their aides, Lieutenants McKinley and McCoy, charged with the cavalry led by Emperor William today. The Americans did not draw their sabers but rode with the guarde du corps, one of the household regiments, and the Emperor's body guard. This charge was the climax of the maneuvers.

**WILSON HUY DEAD.**

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Sept. 10.—Wilson Huy, who supervised the construction of the Confederate ram Merrimac, is dead at his home in Hampton, aged 84.

## PERSONALS

Hon. J. D. Lee returned from Portland last evening.

H. T. Bruce went to Portland on business yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. I. C. Terry came up from Portland on the overland last night.

J. Conner went to Portland to attend the Carnival yesterday afternoon.

Hon. McKinley Mitchell, of Gervais, was in Salem on business yesterday.

Miss Maggie Folsom attended the Elks' Carnival in Portland yesterday.

F. E. Shafer returned from Portland last evening from the Elks' Carnival.

Sheriff Worth Huston, of Albany, was a business visitor to Salem yesterday.

Judge and Mrs. C. E. Wolverton went to Portland for a brief visit to the Carnival.

Kola Nels and Louis Lachmund were among the sightseers yesterday at the Carnival.

Mrs. Thomas Hubbard and daughter, Miss Edna, returned last evening from a visit to the Portland Carnival.

Frank Decker, of the Salem Indian Training School, departed for Seattle yesterday to accept a position offered him.

Detective John F. Kerrigan came up from Portland on official business yesterday and returned on the afternoon train.

M. McDonald and family departed for Portland yesterday afternoon, en route to San Francisco to enjoy a brief vacation.

Mrs. Z. K. Ferguson went to Dayton, Washington, yesterday for a visit to her grandson and family, Glenn Schaeffer.

Mrs. C. H. King, of Burlington, Kansas, is in the city, the guest at the home of her son, Russell Catlin, for a few weeks.

D. J. Lightener arrived on the overland yesterday afternoon from San Francisco, where he has been employed the past year.

Governor Geer went to Portland yesterday evening to hear the address of Hon. H. B. Miller, before the Portland Board of Trade, on "The Orient."

Albert Payne, Rube Sanders, Ben Neafus, James Simmons and Randolph Meservey, all students of the Salem Indian Training School, left on the afternoon train yesterday for the Paris Indian School, of California, where they will resume their studies and enlist in the football team of that school.

## IN MEMORY OF McKINLEY

### Governor Geer is Asked if He Will Issue a Proclamation

TO THE PEOPLE OF OREGON TO OBSERVE THE DATE OF THE MARTYRED PRESIDENTS DEATH —ROSEVELT DESIRES TO HAVE MEMORIAL SERVICES.

Governor Geer yesterday received a telegram from the Cincinnati (Ohio) Times-Star to the effect that the Governor of Ohio had issued a proclamation setting aside Sunday, September 14th, as a memorial day in honor of the death of President McKinley, being the first anniversary of that sad event, and stating that Governors from eight other states had been heard from in the matter and desired to know whether or not Governor Geer would issue a similar proclamation.

Governor Geer answered the dispatch in substance that he would issue no formal proclamation but that he considered it a noble cause and would request that the churches throughout the state make it a feature of their services on that day.

**The President's Desire.**

Cincinnati, Sept. 11.—Additional telegrams were received from Governors and other public men today for McKinley memorial services next Sunday, and the following from the President:

"Oyster Bay, N. Y., Sept. 11.—Editor Times-Star, Cincinnati: The President has requested his pastor here in Oyster Bay to hold a special memorial service next Sunday morning, being the anniversary of President McKinley's death.

"GEORGE B. CORTELYOU."

ROOME'S NEW POSITION.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 11.—With the sanction of President E. H. Harriman, of the Southern Pacific Company, General Manager Julius Kruttschnitt has appointed A. E. Roome, of New Orleans, superintendent of all the telegraph lines of the company. Mr. Roome will have his headquarters in San Francisco. He succeeds J. B. Donner, who died last month.

TO SURVEY PARK.

MEDFORD, Sept. 11.— J. Frank Warner and party arrived in Medford yesterday and will leave for Crater Lake National Park as soon as necessary arrangements for supplies and transportation can be effected. Mr. Warner has been sent by the Government to survey the boundary line of the new National Crater Lake Park. The party will be gone about one month.

HAYTI CLOSES PORTS.

HAMBURG, Sept. 9.—According to information received from the Haytien Consulate here, the provisional government of Hayti has closed the ports of Gonaives, Saint Marie and Port de Paix to foreign ships on account of the disturbances on the Island. The Provisional President has issued instructions that bills of lading and manifests for these ports be not published for the present.

BIG PROPERTY LOSS.

OREGON CITY, SRept. 9.—Thousands of dollars worth of property were destroyed by fires in this county since yesterday noon. Several houses, a large number of barns, hay and grain, and farm machinery on the farms are destroyed. There is no danger at present of the fires gaining further headway, unless the wind freshens.

RAIN IS NEEDED.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9.—Following is the Agricultural Department's weekly summary of crop conditions: "Rain is much needed in Washington and Oregon, but otherwise general conditions on the Pacific Coast are favorable."


**Fortune Favors a Texan.**

"Having distressing pains in head, back and stomach, and being without appetite, I began to use Dr. King's New Life Pills," writes W. P. Whitehead, of Kennedale, Tex., "and soon felt like a new man." Infallible in stomach and liver troubles. Only 25c at Dr. Stone's Drug Stores.


## METEOROLOGICAL

PORTLAND, Or., Sept. 11.—Following is the weather forecast for the 24 hours ending midnight, Friday, September 12th. For Oregon, Washington and Idaho, fair.

## WARSHIPS GO TO PANAMA

### The Wisconsin and Cincinnati Will Sail at Once

### TO ENFORCE THE TREATIES

### Protect Property and Prevent Interference With Traffic

COLOMBIA WILL BE COMPELLED TO LIVE UP TO ITS STIPULATIONS AND AGREEMENTS MADE WITH THE UNITED STATES—THE SITUATION GRAVE.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 11.—Secretary Moody today telegraphed the commanders of the battleship Wisconsin, at Bremerton, and the cruiser Cincinnati, at Cape Haytien, directing them to proceed to the Isthmus of Panama. The commanders of the Cincinnati and Wisconsin will be instructed to enforce the treaty stipulations with Colombia, by preventing interference with traffic, at the isthmus, and also to prevent the bombardment of Panama from the sea, on the ground that this would constitute a menace to traffic.

**Panama Threatened.**

Asheville, N. C., Sept. 11.—United States Consul Gudger, of Panama, who is now here, tonight received a cablegram from his son, which stated that the revolutionists are advancing on the city of Panama. The message says the outlook appears grave.

**Sentenced to Death.**

PORT AU PRINCE, Sept. 11.—The Revolutionary General Chicoye has been tried by a military tribunal and sentenced to be executed October 9th.

**Cholera On Transport.**

Washington, Sept. 11.—Confirmatory information of the prevalence of cholera and of several deaths from that disease on the transport Sherman has been received at the War Department from Nagasaki. The names of those who died are not given.

**Transport Arrives.**

San Francisco, Sept. 11.—The troopship Meade arrived today from Manila. She brings the headquarters and the organization of the Fifteenth infantry, under command of Col. H. C. Wards.

## WILL BUILD BIG TUNNEL

HARRIMAN'S PROJECT FOR CUTTING TIME BETWEEN CHICAGO AND SAN FRANCISCO.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 10.—The Southern Pacific surveyors that have been engaged since last spring to find a tunnel route for the Central Pacific Road through the Sierra Nevada mountains are putting their work into shape for submission for President E. H. Harriman. It is known, says the Examiner, that the route laid out by the surveyors provides for a tunnel 34,800 feet long, or nearly seven miles. The estimated cost is $14,000,000. It will cut down the summit grade 1,500 feet and enable the company to get rid of all but three miles of the forty-two miles of snow-sheds. The proposed tunnel will pierce the mountains at an elevation of about 5,300 feet.

The tunnel is part of Harriman's plan to reduce time between Chicago and San Francisco twelve hours, or from three days, as at present, to two days and a half.

GIGANTIC CANDY TRUST.

NEW YORK, Sept. 10.—A combination of candy manufacturers, just incorporated in New Jersey under the name of the National Candy Company, with a capital of $9,000,000, will, according to the Journal of Commerce, embrace eighteen Western candy houses, having an annual output, as claimed by the promoters of nearly 100,000,000 pounds of confectionery, mostly of the cheaper grades. The corporation comprises concerns at Cincinnati, Chicago, St. Louis, Buffalo, Detroit, Indianapolis, Louisville, Minneapolis, Grand Rapids, and one or two other Western cities. O. H. Peckham, of St. Louis, probably will be president, and Secretary Eckert, of Cincinnati, chairman of the executive committee.

**Still In Manchuria.**

Pekin, Sept. 10.—According to advices received here from Manchuria, the Russians are making no visible preparations to withdraw from military occupancy the southern portion of the province of Sbing King, as was stipulated should be done within six months of the signing of the treaty. Russian troops and immigrants are reported to be entering Manchuria in large numbers, but none are leaving the country.

**Russia May Withdraw.**

Tien Tsin, Sept. 10.—Colonel Baron Kopp, Director of Manchurian Railroads; General Bolkoff, acting Governor, and other Russian officers of Manchuria, have gone to Pekin in connection with the negotiations for the withdrawal of Russian troops from Manchura, and the restoration of the Shan Hai Kwan railway.

Mrs. L. S. Barnes, of Oakland, California, arrived on yesterday's afternoon train for a visit to the home of her mother, Mrs. A. E. Dinsmoor, in this city.