

## REFORM GOES MAD IN UNION

Stickler for the Law Resigns in Order to Prevent Giving a Man His Legal Rights.

The Baker City Herald of a recent date says: M. R. Woodard returned to Baker last evening from Union, where he was an interested listener at the trial of Councilman O. Pratt, who was found guilty of assault and battery for forcibly taking a bottle of ginger ale from a visitor at the Fourth of July celebration.

Pratt is a member of the reform council and with the assistance of Special Policeman Wolfe took a bottle of what they supposed was beer from the person of Leland Clark and "Tuk" Coney. During the melee one of the defendants was hurt, and accordingly they had the councilman and the policeman arrested on the charge of assault and battery. The conviction of the two men by a jury in the court of Justice Maxwell was the outcome of the trial.

The case of ex-Mayor Law, who is charged with killing game out of season, was called for today and is citing great interest. He is accused of shooting ducks, but will allege that it was merely a mud hen that he shot.

One of the drastic and unfair steps of the so-called reform administration took place there Monday. C. W. Jones was tried last week before the police judge, who is also the city recorder, and was found guilty of selling beer. He was given until Monday to file his bond and appeal the case. But the council met in special session Monday morning at 7 o'clock and accepted the resignation of the police judge, so that when Mr. Jones and his attorney came around at 9 o'clock to file the bond and appeal the case, there was no city clerk to accept the bond. In this way the council thought to prevent Mr. Jones from appealing his case.

Feeling at Union is running very high and it is feared that before the affair is over some one will throw caution to the winds and blood may be spilled on both sides. The fight overshadows all other topics of interest and nearly every person in town is lined up on one side or the other.

## RAINFALL IN OREGON LIGHTER THAN AVERAGE

Official weather statistics show average annual precipitation in many cities not commonly account rainy to be much above that in Portland. The annual precipitation in inches in some of these cities follows:

Birmingham, Ala., 49; Mobile, Ala., 52; Montgomery, Ala., 51; Little Rock, Ark., 49; Jacksonville, Fla., 53; Jupiter, Fla., 60; Pensacola, Fla., 56; Tampa, Fla., 53; Atlanta, Ga., 49; August a Ga., 47; Savannah, Ga., 50; Louisville, Ky., 44; New Orleans, 57; Shreveport, La., 43; Eastport, Me., 42; Baltimore, 43; Boston, 43; Portland, Me., 42; Vicksburg, Miss., 53; Springfield, Mo., 44; Charlotte, N. C., 49; Hatteras N. C., 60; Wilmington, N. C., 51; Charleston, S. C., 52; Chattanooga, Tenn., 50; Memphis, Tenn., 50; Nashville, Tenn., 48; Galveston, Tex., 47; Norfolk, Va., 49; New York, 44.

The figures show that the average rainfall for Portland and the Willamette valley to be about 40 inches since 1904, while the temperature throughout western Oregon has been found to be the most agreeable in the Union.

## LIGHTNING STRIKES HOUSE 12 TIMES

News of a remarkable play of lightning at an isolated point in Chaves county, New Mexico, Sunday, July 14, has just reached here, says a Santa Fe dispatch. During a thunder storm lightning struck the house of W. E. Rail, a homesteader, and H. G. Rutherford, who, with his family, was at the Rail home, was killed. Following this, at intervals of one minute, 11 more bolts struck the house, each shocking an occupant, although none other than Rutherford was fatally hurt. There were 13 persons in the house at the time of the storm. The lightning set the house on fire but the flames were extinguished. The house evidently was the storm center and the fact that it was the only object rising above the ground in that vicinity is believed to explain the furious attack upon it.

## CHICAGO MARKET IS FIRM

Fluctuates During the Day and Closes a Trifle Under Yesterday.

[United Press Leased Wire.] Chicago, July 16.—Argentina wheat had rains and the reign of the bulls was relinquished in the wheat pit here today for the July option. July closed 1 1/2 cents lower while other deliveries gained from 1/4 to 1/2 cent.

Over-confidence of the bull side received a sharp check in today's wheat trading. The market opened generally lower but July was extremely weak. It started the day at \$1.21 as compared with the closing yesterday at \$1.23 1/2. This was a net decline of 2 1/2 cents a bushel.

Shorts took courage from the first quotation on the July option and sold freely while longs began to liquidate with great haste in order to save as much of their paper profits as possible. Both sides of the market were therefore the cause of its undoing for the July made a further dip to \$1.20 3/4 before its descent was arrested.

From that point it recovered to \$1.22, where it closed 1 1/2 c a bushel under yesterday.

While opening a shade weaker and generally lower, the market was not all sluggish for the September, December and May deliveries. There was an early dip in the September and the December, but May reached the day's lowest level right at the opening.

Foreigners were mixed in their views regarding the American market and after opening 1/4 to 1/2 d lower than yesterday, Liverpool closed 1/4 to 1/2 d higher.

Cash wheat sales: No. 2 red, \$1.26; No. 2 red, \$1.20&1.237 No. 1 Northern spring, \$1.39&1.41; No. 2 Northern spring, \$1.35&1.37; No. 3 spring, \$1.20&1.29.

## GOT NO SATISFACTION FROM PRESIDENT

[United Press Leased Wire.] Washington, July 16.—That president Taft feels his responsibility to his party and therefore favors a downward revision of the tariff is the substance of a statement issued at the white house today following the visit of a delegation of Republican congressmen, who pleaded with the president to have raw material of their districts placed on the free list.

The president informed his callers that while he was committed to the principle of a revision downward he could not see his way clear to advocate that raw materials be admitted free. He declared that he was obliged to observe the question from the view point of the whole country and not any particular district. President Taft pointed out to his visitors that the Republican platform stood for a revision downward, although the principle might not apply to every case. He said that if iron ore, coal and hides did not need protection they should be admitted free.

However, he declared that the question raised by the delegation was one that he would give much thought and at the same time he would take advantage of all available information in order that he might carry out what he understood to be the promises of his party.

Unless the African news heats up, the Hon. Bwana Tumbo will soon be only a lingering memory, like the Mississippi bubble or the Guy Fawkes plot.—Kansas City Journal.

## Don't Need Overcoat Now—

When Chief of Police Gibson returned with his prisoner, W. B. Atkinson, the man who stole an overcoat from the office of Dr. Shaw in this city recently and who was arrested at Corvallis, he was taken before Police Judge Moores, who read the charge against him. Atkinson waived examination and was bound over to the grand jury under \$500 bonds. He is now locked up on the county jail.

## Order Rates Reduced—

The Railroad Commission today issued an order to the Astoria & Columbia railroad to reduce the rates now in force over their line from Astoria to Seaside.

## This is the Time of Year—

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## NURSERYMEN ELECT OFFICERS AT SEATTLE

Seattle, July 16.—The Pacific Coast Association of Nurserymen have elected the following officers: S. A. Miller, Milton, Or., president; C. A. Malmo, Seattle, past president; C. A. Tonneson, Tacoma, secretary-treasurer; F. A. Stanton, Hood River, Or.; O. F. Smith, Blackfoot, Idaho; J. Maxwell, California; W. M. Grifinger, Salt Lake, Utah; Richard Lairitz, Victoria, B. C., and F. Wiggins Toppensia, vice presidents; A. McGill Hillsboro, Or.; A. Lingham, Christopher, Wash., and J. A. Stewart, Christopher, Wash., executive committee.

The association voted to hold its next annual convention at Walla Walla on the second Wednesday in July, 1910.

Before electing officers last evening the nurserymen listened to a number of addresses on professional

topics, among which were the following:

"Nursery and Fruit Conditions for the Respective States and Provinces" was discussed by H. A. Lewis, Russellville, Or.; T. E. Mabee, Fresno, Cal.; Richard Layritz, Victoria, B. C.; A. C. Brownell, Portland, read a paper on "Nursery Conditions in the Northwest." "Ginger and Entomology from a Nurseryman's Standpoint" was discussed by Charles A. Chambers of Fresno, Cal.

## THREE WEEKS PLEASED LARGE LOCAL AUDIENCE

The Medford Tribune of Wednesday says:

"The presentation of 'Three Weeks' at the opera house Tuesday pleased a large audience of local people. The scenic effects were especially good, while the lines of the play were clean but left withal much for the student of human nature to ponder over."



Scene in "Three Weeks."

## TO LOOK FOR CREW OF LOST AUSTRALIAN

[United Press Leased Wire.] Victoria, B. C., July 16.—In the hope of securing some trace of possible survivors of the British ship Australian, which has been posted as missing at Lloyds, the British cruiser Algerine may be dispatched from Esquimaux to the South Pacific to cruise among the islands. The Australian left Mazatlan, Mexico, for Sydney, N. S. W., in November of last year and no word has since been had of her.

Hope is entertained by the owners and relatives of the missing crew that the vessel may have gone ashore on an uninhabited South Sea island and that the men are marooned. With the object of effecting a rescue if possible the admiralty has about decided to dispatch a war vessel to search for the Australian's crew.

## WHEAT FLUTTERS AROUND \$1.22

[United Press Leased Wire.] Chicago, July 16.—July wheat hovered about \$1.22 this forenoon. The traders generally are under the impression that such big men in the market as J. Ogden Armour and James Patten are planning a big deal in the September cereal because of the reason that they have been buying heavily today.

## SAME OLD CRY, WANT FREE RAW MATERIALS

Washington, July 16.—A delegation of twenty-three republican congressmen today visited President Taft to plead with him to use his influence to have raw materials in their respective districts placed on the free list. Congressman Young, of Michigan, acted as spokesman, but the majority of the visitors expressed their views briefly. The president gave the lawmakers little encouragement, but listened attentively to their arguments. He dismissed them with the promise that he would investigate the subject.

## ALASKA DANCE HALL TOO TOUGH FOR A. Y. P.

[United Press Leased Wire.] Seattle, Wash., July 16.—Following a bit of detective work by President Chilberg, Secretary Sheffield and Treasurer Collins, of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition, President Chilberg this morning ordered the closing of the Klondike dance hall at the foot of the Paystreak. Chief Wappenstein, of the exposition guards, enforced the order at noon today, serving notice on Dave Blake, proprietor of the show, and M. W. Tanner, who owns the concession.

The exposition officials pronounced the show unfit for decent people. It was originally opened as a reproduction on a mild scale of a Klondike dance hall, but quickly degenerated into an altogether too realistic model of an Alaska dance hall at its worst. The place was frequented by the disreputable element until finally its reputation caused the personal investigation by the exposition officials.

President Chilberg stated today that no concession of such a type would be permitted within the exposition gates.

## NEW INCORPORATIONS

Jones Land and Livestock Company; incorporators, Wm. Jones, J. D. Fairman, C. E. Kenyon; principal office, Westfall, Or.; capital stock, \$5000.

The Swan and Winkler Company; incorporators, W. L. Swan, A. Winkler, J. Strzelecki; principal office, Portland, Or.; capital stock, \$15,000.

White Motor Car Company; incorporators, C. A. Eastman, G. S. Brackett, H. T. Burntrager; principal office, Portland, Or.; capital stock, \$50,000.

The Hydraulic Tooth Brush Company; incorporators, F. S. Skiff, Eleanor M. Skiff, Lydia Watt; principal office, Portland, Or.; capital stock, \$10,000.

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