



# The Evening News

Daily Weather Report

Probably Fair Tonight and Tuesday.

Highest temp. yesterday 60  
Lowest temp. last night 42

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## H. R. STAGGS PASSES AWAY

Death Occurred as He Lay Asleep Saturday Afternoon.

WAS PROMINENT IN MILL INDUSTRY

Has Built Over One Thousand Mills West of Mississippi River; Also Seven In China.

H. R. Staggs, for several years a prominent business man in Roseburg, and widely known throughout the United States as a veteran flour mill manufacturer, died suddenly at his home in North Roseburg Saturday afternoon. Mr. Staggs went to his room at three o'clock Saturday afternoon and was found dead in his bed by his son, Richard, who went to awaken him shortly after six o'clock in the evening. From all appearances death had been instantaneous, occurring about four o'clock, heart failure being given as the cause.

Mr. Staggs was born in Platt county, Missouri in the year 1848. From his early childhood he was interested in the flour milling industry and as a young man engaged in the flour mill manufacturing business. His early life was spent in and around Missouri and Kansas, except for months at a time when he would be out on a contract building a mill. He held the record of building more flour mills west of the Mississippi river than any other engineer in the United States, over one thousand mills having been constructed by him.

A few years ago he was sent by the mill manufacturing firm of Barnard & Lee, to China, where he became the pioneer flour mill builder in this growing country. About four years of his life were spent there and during his residence he gained the absolute confidence of the natives with whom he came in touch, his name being known and honored throughout the entire country. During the years spent there he constructed seven modern flour mills, all of which are still in operation.

On account of falling health he was forced to return to the United States and settled in California for a short time and about five years ago came to Roseburg where he resided until the time of his death. Shortly after his arrival here he purchased the old East flour mill and in partnership with his son started a feed, fuel and supply business. Preparations were made for the manufacturing of flour in this city until fire destroyed the building, putting an end to this line of industry.

About a month ago, Mr. Staggs suffered an attack with his heart, and was under the doctor's care for a short time. Again about a week ago a severe attack weakened him greatly and he seemed to realize that the end was near. He calmly made all preparations for death, settling up his unfinished business matters and making records of financial matters. He was a member of the Christian church, a close student of the Bible and perfectly reconciled to his death.

He is survived by his wife and five children, W. S. Staggs, of Kansas City, Mo.; Mrs. C. C. Mace, of De Queen, Ark.; Mrs. E. B. Mace, of Springfield, Mo.; Richard and Edith Staggs, of Roseburg.

During the Civil war Mr. Staggs served as a bugler in a Missouri regiment, being at the time but a mere boy. He was pensioned by the government, but refused to accept the pension until the last few months. He was very much pleased with the city of Roseburg and surrounding country, and was a firm believer in the future of Oregon in general, and more particularly Douglas county.

The funeral was held from the noon at 2:30 this afternoon, R. E. Jope, pastor of the Christian church, officiating. Interment took place in the Masonic cemetery.

## GRAND JURY CHOSEN.

As the grand jury which reported Saturday night had served for the entire year it was necessary that a new jury be drawn. The drawing was held this morning and the following jurors chosen: Daniel Craig, of Scottsburg; Ed. Hancock, of Elkton; S. D. Evans, of Roseburg; W. F. Paek, of Gardiner; A. H. Church, of Camas Valley; T. R. Dunnivan, of Myrtle Creek; L. A. Ueland, of Roseburg. As there is considerable business to be transacted the jury went into immediate session.

## GARDINER AND REEDSPORT ROAD SUPERVISORS HERE

Arthur Walker, of Reedsport, and W. F. Paek and W. A. Smiley, of Gardiner, arrived in Roseburg this morning and will take up the matter of a road connecting Roseburg and Reedsport before the county court. The three men have served for some time as county road supervisors and have done a great deal to improve the roads of their section of the county. They believe a road to Reedsport a necessity and will petition the court to appropriate enough money to construct the small portion of road which will be required to connect that city with a highway leading to the county seat.

They report that the public dock, which was constructed by the court at Gardiner, has proved a great benefit to the shipping industry. The dock has been completed and is being used for public purposes.

## W. W. CARDWELL FOR CIRCUIT JUDGE

While no newspaper announcements have carried the news of W. W. Cardwell's candidacy for the circuit judgeship, it has been known for some time that he would make the race for this honor, and for the past several weeks his friends in the various counties in the district have been working in his behalf. W. W. Cardwell lays claim to being a native born Oregonian and the little town of Canyonville in this county as his home town.

At the age of 23 he graduated from the University of Oregon, prior to which time he had studied law



in the office of C. W. Kahler, in Jacksonville. In 1884 and 1885 he taught school in Roseburg at which time there were only four school rooms in the city. In 1892 he commenced the active practice of law in this city and from the outset specialized on criminal law in which line he has handled some of the most important cases ever tried in this county and state.

Mr. Cardwell has always prided himself upon the fact that he has been on the side of the weak and oppressed in the practice of his profession and has tried hundreds of cases in which he never received compensation. His campaign slogan is "Impartial Justice; My Own Boss."

Mrs. Geo. Stearns spent several hours in this city today visiting with friends and shopping. She returned to her home at Oakland this afternoon.

## ADMIT GRAVITY OF SITUATION

News From German Capital Adds to Uneasiness.

TIME FOR OFFICIAL ACTION DRAWS NEAR

Personal Antagonism Hinted at As Existing Between Secretary of State Lansing and von Bernstorff.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The state department admitted the possibility of a crisis developing in the German-American controversies, which are now graver than before Germany made any concessions. The death of any Americans through the sinking of armed merchantmen, or the indefinite postponement of the settlement of the Lusitania question, might precipitate a crisis. The officials declined to discuss the personal antagonism between Lansing and von Bernstorff.

Tension is increasing in the situation between the United States and the central powers as a response is awaited from Berlin to the latest request of the American government for a definite assurance regarding the conduct of submarine warfare. There were no new developments today, but, in view of intimations from Teutonic departments and apparently significant news dispatches, officials are awaiting word from Berlin with unconcealed concern. It is possible that official indication of the attitude of the Berlin foreign office may be received tomorrow in confidential reports from Ambassador Gerard. Officials still hope that the official advice will not conform to the indication in the press dispatches that the German government is unalterably opposed to modifying its declared intention to sink all armed merchant ships of the entente powers without warning after February 29.

Speedy Decision Essential.

Count von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador, who transmitted the views of the United States to his government late Thursday night probably will have received a reply

## KENDALL TO ARRIVE FIRST OF MARCH

According to a letter received today from S. A. Kendall, he expects to arrive in Roseburg about the first of March, at which time he will start active construction work on the proposed Roseburg & Eastern railroad and on the Kendall Bros. saw mill to be located east of town. He has fully recovered from his recent illness and is now in good health. He expressed his desire that the condemnation suits be settled as quickly as possible so that the way might be cleared for construction activities.

to his dispatch before the middle of the week.

As the position of the United States was explained to the representative of Austria, Baron Zweidnek, only yesterday, Vienna will hardly be heard from for at least a week.

It is realized in official Washington that whatever policy the United States decided to pursue will have to be formulated quickly. Only nine days remain before commanders of German and Austrian submarines will begin to put their new instructions into effect unless the central powers decide to postpone the order pending the outcome of the negotiations with the United States.

Future action will be decided on after official information concerning the attitude at the state department.

Lansing Denies Report.

Secretary Lansing denied reports that he contemplated calling high Teutonic officials to the state department to explain various recent newspaper dispatches from Washington. He said there was no change in his official or personal relations with Count von Bernstorff or Count Zweidnek.

It has been known for some time that administration officials objected to the fact that information regarding diplomatic negotiations, about which the state department was silent, reaches the public apparently through diplomatic sources. It is said at the state department that unless diplomats stop divulging information the department may take into consideration the question of having them withdrawn, although so far such action is not actually contemplated.

## STARTS SUIT FOR DAMAGES

Waters of Stream Diverted For Municipal Purposes.

H. A. RAZOR SUES THE CITY OF RIDDLE

Claims Loss of Running Water Through His Property Damages Far into Extent of \$2,000.

The action started by H. A. Razor against the City of Riddle to collect \$2,000 damages claimed to have been caused by the diverting of the waters of Wilson creek from his farm was started in the circuit court this morning. The proceedings are being heard by Judge Coke, who is occupying the judge's chair in place of Judge Hamilton, who is out of the city.

The case promises to be a long one and will probably take at least two days, as both sides have subpoenaed a large number of witnesses who will be examined. Almost the entire morning was taken up in the choosing of a jury, the taking of testimony beginning shortly after one o'clock.

It is claimed by Mr. Razor that his property was damaged to the extent of \$2,000 when the waters of the creek were diverted from running through his property and used for municipal purposes. He took the stand in his own behalf this afternoon and was given a careful examination. He is the owner of several hundred acres lying between Wilson and Cow creeks, most of the bottom land, however lying on the latter stream. Wilson creek ran near his property and its waters were used to irrigate his family garden land and pasture and fruit orchard. The land along the stream is especially productive according to his testimony and with proper irrigation brought excellent results.

For several years he raised alfalfa on the land irrigated by the waters of this stream the crop being raised on that particular spot consisting of about six acres bringing much better prices and producing larger crops than any other portion of his large farm.

A few years ago he put the land in potatoes and these, too, thrived well under irrigation. Since the stream has been turned away, however, he has been unable to grow as good crops or in as large quantities as before the damage to his property amounting in his estimation to about \$2,000.

The city is endeavoring to prove that the property was not as valuable as is claimed by Mr. Razor and that very little damage has resulted to him from the diverting of the stream. The effect of which has resulted in a great deal of good for the residents of the city.

The case of A. L. Atkins vs. the City of Riddle, which is similar in every detail to the one being tried today will be brought before the court as soon as this case is finished.

Attorneys B. L. Eddy and O. P. Coshaw represent the plaintiff in the action while Attorneys Rice & Orritt appear for the city.

## ACTIONS OF JAPAN OFFEND ENGLAND

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 21.—That Russia and Japan apparently want a separate peace, and intend to join Germany after the war to divide a generous slice of the Chinese territory, was the report that Newell Martin, an international lawyer, and T. G. McDonald, a Manila journalist, brought here on the Japanese liner Chiyo Maru. England and Japan are reported as being in acute disagreement over the movements of Japan in China. The Japanese are thought to be fostering the present Chinese revolution, so as to give Russia and Germany an excuse for in-

## ALLEGED SUNDAY CLOSING LAW VIOLATED.

Marshal T. J. Williams and Night Officer Wilcox yesterday made a quiet investigation of the pool halls and card rooms about the city with the result that an investigation will be made by the grand jury as to whether or not the Sunday closing law was violated. Card and pool games were found in progress at the Socialist cigar store, Ballard's cigar store, the Monogram cigar store and the Commercial club. The officers obtained the names of those playing and these will be called as witnesses before the grand jury.

interference after the war closes. England's anger over her gradual loss of control of the Chinese situation, is reflected in the bitter comments of the Japanese press against the English. Martin's father has been for many years in China, and is in close touch with the government officials. The officers of the Chiyo declared that 15,000 German prisoners who have been interned in China since the opening of the war, have been smuggled into Australia during the past week. The reason for this wholesale seizure of prisoners is a mystery. They were removed on British cruisers. It was rumored that plots to escape had been discovered, and a revolt against the English might follow.

## CHAMBERLAIN BILL GETS ENDORSEMENT

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The settlement of the Oregon-California land grant question in accordance with the Chamberlain bill, was endorsed by Constantine Smith, the special counsel for the government in the forfeiture suits against the railroads.

He said there was no limitation to the power or congress to take back the land, and paying \$2.50 per acre, nor were there any restrictions against the government disposition of the land.

## FAMOUS QUEBEC CATHEDRAL IS DESTROYED BY FIRE

QUEBEC, Feb. 21.—Fire destroyed the famous cathedral of St. Anne Debeaupre this morning. It was the shrine where many pilgrims flocked every year.

The church at Beauport, three miles away, caught fire today, and is believed to be doomed to destruction. The first reports said the cathedral of St. Anne Debeaupre was on fire.

## ENGLAND ASKS FOR BIG WAR CREDIT

LONDON, Feb. 21.—The government will ask the commons to vote a new war credit of two billion dollars, it is officially announced. This is the largest amount yet sought.

Asquith introduced the request in the commons this afternoon. This makes the war expenditures of England eight billion, six hundred and forty million dollars. It is unofficially estimated that the belligerents have spent forty billions since the beginning of the war. It is believed that Germany has spent eight and one-half billion; France seven and one-half billion. Russia and Austria have discouraged estimates of war expenses, and their amounts are doubtful.

## SECOND NOTE IS DISPATCHED TO ENGLAND

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Lansing has sent the second note to England, asking for a reply to the American mail seizure protest, and inquiring about the application of the British trading with the enemy act, to American firms.

## STARTS NATION-WIDE MOVEMENT FOR CHILDREN TO BUY U. S. BATTLESHIP



Marjorie Sterrett.

Marjorie Sterrett of Brooklyn, N. Y., started a nation-wide movement among children when she sent ten cents to a New York paper to help buy a battleship for Uncle Sam. Now children in every corner of the United States are contributing, and many hundreds of dollars have been raised.