



# The Evening News

Daily Weather Report

Rain Tonight and Thursday.  
Highest temp. yesterday ..... 42  
Lowest temp. last night ..... 34

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## COMPROMISE IS REACHED

### Case of State vs. Jennings is Dismissed.

### WILL PROVIDE FOR THE FAMILY

### Court Takes Recess While Husband and Wife Reach Agreement in Non-Support Case.

After two days of trial in which family quarrels were aired and family secrets laid bare, a compromise was reached in the case of R. H. Jennings, against whom a charge of non-support was made by his wife and the case was dismissed. By the terms of the compromise Jennings agrees to pay his wife \$20 each month for the support of her four girls.

The culmination of the trial occurred just before the case was ready for argument by the two attorneys. All testimony was in many witnesses had been examined by both sides and a review of the married life of the couple given. From start to finish the case had been proven one of misunderstanding and disagreement and the judge before turning the case into the hands of the attorneys for argument said that he did not understand why such cases should have to come into court and undergo a criminal prosecution. It was very easy to reach an agreement which under conditions would prove much better in every way than such methods. The suggestion was met by advances from the attorneys and in a few minutes a recess was called and both parties met to form a compromise.

It was decided that Jennings should pay \$20 each month for the support of the family and upon agreement to these terms prosecution would be dropped. Mr. Jennings stated that he would be glad to pay this amount and more if he could. The attorneys returned to the court and reported the agreement and the case was dismissed.

The trial has attracted a great deal of attention especially from the residents of the locality in which the principals in the case resided. Many witnesses have been called and a clean and hard legal fight has been staged. Both attorneys were working for their clients and putting up a strong case on each side and a decision would have been difficult for the jury.

The couple were married at Table Rock, in Josephine county, December 1904, and for 12 years they resided in that vicinity and then came to Yoncalla, where the past eight years have been spent. During his entire life Mr. Jennings has made his living by farming and the struggle for existence has been hard. Upon coming to Yoncalla, Jennings rented a farm belonging to B. R. Porter, father of Mrs. Jennings, and resided there for some time, later moving to another place, although in the same vicinity and has made his home there for some time.

Up till the last three years their domestic life has been peaceful and happy. Mr. Jennings, however, alleges that at that time his wife, who is of a jealous nature became suspicious of him and quarreled with him constantly. In his testimony he claimed that his home life at last became so disagreeable that he thought it best to leave, and taking two of his daughters, left for California where his mother resides.

Before leaving, however, he sold a part of the stock and goods on the ranch with which he paid off a number of the bills and purchased clothes for himself and daughters. After going to California, he endeavored to have the girls secured by the grandmother and probably would have succeeded but for the interference of the mother, who learned of the fact in time to appear before the county court and stop the issuance of the necessary papers. During his stay in California Mr.

Jennings worked at odd jobs and obtained very little money, \$10 of this he sent to his wife for the care of the remaining children, but five dollars was returned to him.

The state in its evidence brought out the fact that Mr. Jennings had been preparing to leave for some time. He had sold stock and products of the farm and had used the money for purposes of which he gave his wife no information. He also received many letters addressed to a fictitious name and address which led his wife to become suspicious of him. Upon leaving Yoncalla he sold nearly everything on the place including stock which belonged to Mrs. Jennings, leaving them provisions for only a short time.

Following disposition of the Jennings case the case of Radcliff vs. Mathews was taken up by the court.

## S. P. BRAKEMAN IS BADLY INJURED

While switching in the yards at Junction City, John Parks, a brakeman of the S. P. Company, suffered a very severe injury when a car ran over both of his feet, breaking two bones in the right foot and mashing the large toe on the left.

The accident occurred shortly after the freight on which Mr. Parks was working had pulled into the yards and was being switched about getting ready to continue on its way to Portland. Parks was walking between two cars which were moving slowly and was working with the coupling in order to release one of the cars, when his left foot was caught under a wheel. Acting instinctively he placed the other foot on the rail as if to spring away when this too was caught and crushed.

He was given medical attention at Junction City and then placed on train number 53, arriving in Roseburg at 8:15 and was taken to Mercy hospital where his injuries were given immediate attention. Although not extensive, the wounds are very painful. His right foot is badly bruised, two of the smaller bones being broken. The big toe on the left foot is badly mashed and it may be necessary to amputate it. There are several other bad bruises on this foot and ankle. It is not expected that the injuries will prove dangerous, but he will probably be confined to his bed for several weeks.

Parks is well known in this city, having resided here the greater part of his life. He has been employed by the S. P. Company for several years and this is his first accident of serious consequence. His many friends hope for a speedy recovery.

## GERMANY WILL NOT CHANGE HER PLANS

BERLIN, via wireless to Sayville, Meh. 1.—(By Ackerman, copyright.)—The memorandum of Germany declaring that all armed merchantmen in the future will be considered as warships, does not change the pledges von Bernstorff gave the United States, because when they were given, no such a thing as an armed merchantmen was thought of," declared Baron von Schwarzenstein, of the foreign office. When Germany made those plans, it was never dreamed that the British would instruct their liners to conduct an offensive warfare. Therefore the two German statements remain distinct and separate. The first applies to liners conforming to the international law, unarmed for offensive purposes, and the second memorandum applies to ships armed for offensive purposes contrary to law."

### INSURANCE RATES SOAR

NEW YORK, March 1.—Because of the campaign of the Germans against armed merchantmen, insurance rates on trans-Atlantic ships engaged in the Mediterranean trade rose sharply today.

## BUCHTEL FOR STATE OFFICE

### Is Candidate For Public Service Commissioner.

### COMPETENT AND WELL POSTED MAN

### Is Head of Weights and Measures Department, Author of Code Which Has Reduced Expenses and Given Honest Weight

With the slogan "My past official record is your guaranty that I will make good," Fred G. Buchtel, head of the state weights and measures department has filed his declaration of candidacy for the republican nomination for public service commissioner in the western district.

He is the father of weights and measures legislation in Oregon, and the comprehensive code drafted by



FRED G. BUCHTEL

him on this subject reduced the operating expenses of his department to the state at large, and sounded the death knell on fraudulent weighing apparatus.

Economy, efficiency and strict law enforcement constitute his record as head of the weights and measures department under State Treasurer Thomas B. Kay, and he promises if nominated and elected public service commissioner, to apply these principles to this office.

Mr. Buchtel is a native of Oregon, and a son of Joe Buchtel, the pioneer photographer and fire chief of Portland.

## S. A. KENDALL STARTS FOR ROSEBURG MARCH 5

According to a letter received today by Mr. C. L. Sealeman, S. A. Kendall will leave Pittsburg March 5 for Roseburg, to make further arrangements for the erection of a sawmill and the construction of the railroad east of town. Mr. Kendall will make one or two stops on his way to attend to other business matters and will probably arrive here about the middle of the month.

## WILL TEST WILSON'S STRENGTH IN HOUSE

WASHINGTON, March 1.—Congress will go on record as to the course of the administration toward Germany. The leaders have approved of the proposal of Wilson to representative Poon, that a test of strength be taken whether to warn Americans to avoid armed merchantmen. Even while taking steps for a showdown, some disbelievers that congress, especially the house, was willing to support the president wholeheartedly. Kitchin remarked caustically, "the faculty of obedience seems to have been very highly developed in the house."

Stone intimated that the resolution would be limited to an endorsement of the course of Wilson in the armed ship controversy, would not refer to other phases of the foreign policy. It is believed that congress will back the president this far.

## FRENCH LINER WAS SUBMARINE VICTIM

PARIS, March 1.—The auxiliary cruiser La Provence, was a victim of an attack by a German submarine, was officially announced today. The figures for today state that only 696 of the 1800 aboard were rescued, though it is possible that Greek fishing boats may have saved others. It was confirmed today that the La Provence was the former Atlantic liner.

Dr. C. E. Hagen and wife will return in the morning from Seattle, where Mrs. Hagen has been for some weeks, and the Dr. for the past ten days.

## LULL IN BATTLE NEAR VERDUN

### Germans Prepare For Another Gigantic Offensive.

### ARTILLERY IS BUSY ON ALL FRONTS

### Germans Show Great Skill In All Branches of Service—French Speak Highly of Enemy.

LONDON, March 1.—After days of furious struggle, the fighting around Verdun came almost to a complete stop last night, the official statement agreed. Paris uttered a warning that Germany was probably preparing further offensive on a colossal scale, and new drives against Pepper Heights, North Verdun, and against the forts at Devanne and Devaugh are believed prosaged. Berlin reported artillery fighting along the entire front, with no infantry attacks around Verdun. The German concentrations at Pontamousson have been repelled by artillery. Both sides have claimed minor aerial activities. Paris said there were intermittent bombardments in the northwest.

Offensive Not Abandoned. LONDON, March 1.—A wireless dispatch from Paris reported a lull in the battle around Verdun, however, there is no reason to believe that the offensive has been abandoned. An English biplane was shot down near Meini, and two French biplanes near Soissons.

Skill Shown in Offensive. All reports of the battle of Verdun show a more and more remarkable co-operation of all arms. A study of the progress during the week since the first attack was delivered shows that guns must have been steadily brought forward as fast as the infantry cleared any French position, there to resume the work of making the next position ripe for storming.

In view of the character of the ground fought over, the pioneers and other technical groups must have fulfilled their duties with the utmost precision and according to program. The fact that the French were unable to take any number of prisoners worth reporting is taken here to indicate that the German troops are splendidly in hand and are carrying out the work planned for each advance, but are not advancing far.

ther until the ground is prepared for them.

The Germans east of Verdun who reached the base of the Lorraine hills Sunday appear now to be in a position to bring their guns to bear on the Verdun forts at the most effective distance. The abandonment by the French of the so-called Meuse peninsula was expected after the taking of Champneville by the Germans.

### WOMEN TAKE ACTIVE INTEREST IN CHICAGO ELECTION

CHICAGO, March 1.—The results in yesterday's primary election showed that Mayor Thompson lost seven important wards in the city. Two anti-Thompson aldermen were nominated, while the mayor only won two out of nine contests. In the democratic fight the Sullivan candidates won 27 wards out of 35 from the Harrison-Dunn group. It is stated that 90,000 women voted at the election, the largest number ever having cast their vote since they were allowed the franchise.

### GERMANY IS NOW READY TO DECLARE WAR ON PORTUGAL

AMSTERDAM, March 1.—That Portugal will soon be plunged into the war which is now being waged in Europe, is the text of a dispatch which comes from the capital of the German empire. Germany, incensed over the seizure of a number of ships which were interned in Portuguese harbors demanded the release of the boats, which request was refused by the authorities, is said to be the cause of the break in diplomatic relations.

### NEW USE FOR AEROPLANES IS FOUND BY THE GERMANS

BERLIN, March 1.—An official statement issued by the German war office stated that a train on the Beñacoen-Jusey railroad was stopped by bombs being thrown on it from a military aeroplane. The air machine then successfully attacked it with machine guns, forcing the train crew to alight. This is the first instance of this kind in the history of air fighting.

### FIRE DESTROYS THE GRAND TRUNK DEPOT IN MONTREAL

MONTREAL, March 1.—The Grand Trunk depot, containing tons of freight and baggage, besides a number of trains, was reduced to ashes by a mysterious fire this morning. The cause is unknown, and no casualties are reported. The fire broke out at several points simultaneously.

### UNDER SEA WARFARE STARTS WITH A RUSH

STOCKHOLM, March 1.—The 1200 ton Swedish vessel Torborg, was submerged in the Mediterranean, and the crew landed at Leghorn.

LONDON, March 1.—The 800 ton British steamer Thornaby, was sunk and the crew perished, a Lloyds dispatch stated today.

### ITALIAN WAR PARTY WANTS WAR DECLARED ON GERMANY

ROME, March 1.—A strong party of statesmen are prepared to advocate the declaration of war upon Germany with the opening of parliament today. No action, however, is expected to be taken for several days pending the outcome of the foreign office conference.

Alex Nibley passed through this city today on his way to Grants Pass where he will spend several days attending to business matters. Mr. Nibley is a representative of the firm which is erecting the sugar factory at Grants Pass and is very much pleased with the results of the industry in this state. From remarks which he made it was understood that his company would consider the erection of a factory at this place providing 5000 acres of beets could be guaranteed. It would be necessary that this land be accessible to irrigation, as it is essential that at certain times during their growth the beets be flooded with water in order to produce the best results. The company considers Roseburg an ideal location and an effort may be made here at some time within the near future to establish a plant in this locality.

## TEN KILLED WHEN NEW HAVEN ENGINEER TRIES TO MAKE UP TIME



Coach and freight car in New Haven wreck at Milford, Conn.

In the effort of an engineer to make up lost time ten persons were killed and forty-three other persons were injured when two New York bound trains in rear collision were sidwiped by a freight on the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad. It is estimated that the wreck will cost \$500,000 at least in the settlement of damage claims.