



# The Evening News

**Daily Weather Report**  
Unsettled Tonight and Friday;  
Probably Showers.  
Highest temp. yesterday ....68  
Lowest temp last night ....50

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## MISS JESSIE PICKENS WINS QUEEN CONTEST

### Final Count Shows Slight Majority Over Mrs. Bargar.

### VERUS HOUSER WINS FOR SCHOOL QUEEN

#### Candidates Hold Back Votes Until Final Count and Result is in Doubt Until Last Vote is Counted.

All hail Queen Jessie! Long live the Queen! Let the proclamation go forth throughout the kingdom that our gracious queen reigns! The festival time is at hand and the hour for homage is approaching! Ye subjects of our beautiful ruler rejoice, and prepare for the time when thy cares shall be cast aside and let joy reign supreme. Prepare for the coming of your Queen and let praise and loud hosanna honor her appearance!

Old-timers at the political game were last night given a lesson in complicated politics when the counts of the votes for Carnival Queen were under way. Both candidates were working in the dark in regard to the strength of the other, but were playing a system which kept the outcome uncertain until the last vote had been counted. Since early morning the supporters of Miss Jessie Pickens had not cast a single ballot. It was easily seen that she was gathering her entire force for the final hour and it was impossible to determine the strength of the onslaught. The force supporting Mrs. Clark Bargar had made a slight advance during the day until the late evening count she had a plurality of 1500 votes.

With only one hour left in which to cast the ballots the polling places became crowded with those who were anxiously awaiting the outcome. Printed coupons were cast aside and money placed in envelopes bearing the candidate's name was used instead. The contest was not confined alone to the older queen. The school children were out en masse and were striving to their utmost for the victory of their candidates. As the hour for the final count approached the tension became more strained and when Secretary S. S. Josephson and the members of the carnival committee locked the boxes and went with them to the Commercial club rooms they were followed by a large crowd of men, women and children.

In the first box opened it appeared that Mrs. Bargar had won with a large majority. The box had been filled with votes bearing her name, while Miss Pickens was represented by only a very small vote. In the second box, however, conditions were reversed, one envelope bearing Miss Pickens' name containing \$65 in cash, representing 6500 votes, while another package contained almost as much in votes. The result of the contest, however, was not ascertained, until the last pile of slips had been counted, when it was found that Miss Pickens had 17,155 votes to her credit, while Mrs. Bargar had polled 12,435.

For children's queen, Miss Verus Houser won over Lois Brand with a total of 7405 against 5425. This contest was conducted along similar lines with that of the carnival queen contest. Both candidates had held back votes until the last moment and several hundred votes were cast within the last few minutes of time.

Miss Houser is a pupil of the Benson school and is a very attractive young lady.

From a monetary standpoint the contest was one of the best ever held in the city. The carnival expense budget has realized from the sale of votes over \$350.00, which is considerably more than has been raised by this means for several years. The carnival committee are elated over this result as they had been disappointed during the first part of the race and had been led to believe that they would not

reach their estimate. So strong did this belief become that at a meeting the first part of this week they revised the budget which they had prepared, changing the estimate of the amount to be raised by the queen contest from \$150 to \$50. Instead of this amount they now have almost thrice their original estimate.

The selection of Miss Pickens as queen is very appropriate on this occasion, as she is a member of the Rebekah lodge and consequently a member of the order of Odd Fellows. In electing her as the queen of the coming festival, the honor is not confined to her alone but extends to the organization which will hold its grand convention during the same week.

The high esteem in which Miss Pickens is held by her friends is also shown in the fact that during the entire campaign she has not solicited a single vote and has made no effort on her own behalf to win. She has in no way made an effort to obtain the position, the election coming through the united effort of her many friends.

A check for \$50 was turned over to her today to assist in defraying her personal expenses in preparing for the event. The velvet robe, crown and other royal accessories are furnished by the Commercial club.

## ITALIAN QUEEN NEAR DEATH FROM BOMB

### Austrian Aviators Attack the Royal Train.

### AUSTRIANS AND ITALIANS IN BIG BATTLE

#### Tremendous Offensive Being Developed By the Austrians in Hopes of Driving the Invaders Back.

ROME, May 18.—(Hearley, special U. P. dispatch.)—Queen Helena and the Princesses Jolanda and Mafalda, narrowly escaped death on Monday when the Austrian aviators attacked two trains near Venice. The Austrians learned that the queen and the princesses were traveling on the trains, and spent shrapnel bullets from anti-aircraft guns were showered on the royal train while the troops tried to drive the aviators away. An aerial bomb exploded near the express train. The queen and Jolanda were returning from the front where they had visited the king, and Mafalda was going to meet her mother in another train. The passengers were thrown into a panic, but the queen maintained her composure. Being unable to withstand the fire of the anti-aircraft guns, the hostile machines retreated. An immense crowd greeted the royal party on arriving at Padua, and the queen and princesses were enthusiastically cheered. It is believed that spies advised the Austrians of the whereabouts of the queen.

#### Battle Shifts to Italian Front.

AMSTERDAM, May 18.—Three hundred Austrians along a front of 35 miles in the Tyrolean Alps, are striking a terrific blow at the Italians. Berlin critics intimate that Austria is hurling this powerful offensive in the hopes of shattering the ranks of the defenders, by invading northern Italy. The losses in the three days of fighting run into the thousands. The battle is spreading eastward to the Adige river, across peaks and rocky plateaus where the soldiers cling to cliffs and fight hand to hand on narrow trails. The Italians have been driven southward on a five-mile front from Plazza to the upper Astico valley. Rome denies the Austrian claim that Zegnartora has been captured.

#### ENGLISH FISHING SMACK IS SUNK BY A MINE

LONDON, May 18.—One was killed and two injured when the fishing smack Research sunk.

## MAN SUSPECTED DUAL MURDER IS CAPTURED

### All Hopes That Jitney Driver is Alive Are Gone.

### BELIEVED BODY WAS THROWN IN RIVER

#### Thompson, Who is an ex-Convict and Believed Guilty Shows No Signs of Fear and is Confident He Can Prove an Alibi.

PORTLAND, May 18.—Arrest of the murder suspect, confirmation of the death of Fred Ristman, an unwarded but painstaking search for his body and the inquest over Mrs. Helen C. Jennings were developments yesterday in the dual slaying of Monday night which aroused officers of two counties in a man hunt.

Bennett Thompson, once known as "The Lone Highwayman" and a dangerous character, was arrested as he stood on a street corner in St. Johns by City Detectives Goltz, Coleman and Snow late yesterday. He made no show of resistance and went to the city jail quietly. Subsequently three jitney drivers who had identified him from pictures as the man who had hired the automobile from their co-worker, Ristman, Monday night, failed to fix upon the suspect positively as the man.

#### Jitney Driver's Hat Found.

Slight hope that Ristman might still be living was dispelled when Sheriff Reeves, of Washington county, and Deputy Sheriff Phillips, of Portland, found the jitney driver's panama hat, a fragment of his shirt-sleeves and cuff, and the green robe of his automobile, all matted with dried blood, human hair and flesh fragments, within 300 yards of the Gore ranch, near Tualatin, where Mrs. Jennings met death.

Search in which several score of deputies and friends of the dead man and woman participated failed to disclose another trace of the body. It is believed to have been thrown into the waters of the Tualatin or to have been well hidden in the brush somewhere along the route between Portland and the Gore ranch.

#### Suspect Shows No Sign.

The coroner's jury found death to have resulted from blows of a sledgehammer, wielded by a person unknown.

Thompson was taken into custody near the home of his father in St. Johns by the detectives who were in a police automobile. He did not seem greatly surprised, and was apparently unperturbed by the suspicion of double homicide. He refused to make any statement of his actions the night of the murder and asked to see his attorney, Roscoe P. Hurst.

"Keep this card. It's the one Ward gave me," he said to Detective Snow, handing him a crumpled card of Sheriff Hurlburt. This indicated he had read newspaper accounts of the finding of an election card, blood-spattered, among the articles near the Gore farm, and the recollection that a similar card had been given Thompson by Deputy Sheriff Ward.

#### Suspect Protests Innocence.

PORTLAND, May 18.—Protesting his innocence, and claiming to be able to prove an absolute alibi, Bennett Thompson was taken to Hillsboro today and jailed on suspicion of having murdered Mrs. Helen Jennings.

### LOOKING GLASS PRUNE ORCHARD CHANGES HANDS

Edward Mundt, one of the prosperous farmers of the Looking Glass valley today acquired possession of a ten-acre prune orchard adjoining his track.

The orchard was the property of J. L. Cramer, who is connected with the Prer Marquette railroad in Detroit, Mich., and who has owned the place for several years.

The orchard is in splendid condi-

tion and the prospects are good for a large crop. W. H. Dole, of this city, made the deal.

### KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS HOLD BUSY SESSION

Some forty loyal hearted and chivalric knights enjoyed their regular convention last night which lasted until a very late hour and there was something doing every minute.

Not only did they take in two new names, but Clarence Perkins was introduced into the mysteries of the second rank which he says he enjoyed very much, and to be sure the brothers enjoyed it also.

Owing to the fact that the knights have let the Odd Fellows have the hall next Wednesday for their convention, it was necessary for them to have nomination of officers last night as the nominations are to be placed the last two meetings in May and elected the first meeting night in June, and for the benefit of those who were so unfortunate as to miss the meeting, they are urged to be present the last meeting in May the 31st.

No sooner had the meeting adjourned than the knights were ushered into an adjoining room where the Pythian Sisters had a very sumptuous spread awaiting them. What was it but nice ripe delicious strawberries and cream with coffee and various kinds of cake, and the ladies are to be commended for the fine lunch they had and for the way in which they served it. After the much enjoyed feed, several of the knights and ladies spent an hour or so in playing 500 and it was at a very late hour that they departed for their homes and feeling much the better for the time they had spent.

## REPORT MAY CHANGE MEXICAN POLICY

WASHINGTON, May 18.—Consul Letcher and other consuls in Mexico have gathered at Chihuahua to compile at first hand information regarding the exact conditions in Mexico. Their report will be given to Funston. Some express the belief that the report from the conference of the consuls may result in a change in the Mexican policy. The state department said the meeting was called because the administration wanted the facts regarding the economic and political conditions. Letcher is coming to Washington after the conference. It is privately admitted that the monetary situation, the food scarcity and the epidemic of typhus, together with the activity of the Zapatistas are causing worry, although the military conditions are not alarming.

## DECORATIONS FOR CARNIVAL READY

J. F. Hutchason, chairman of the committee on decorations for the strawberry carnival, reported that the decorations were ready for the festival and would be placed Sunday. The decorations this year are in cooperation with The Odd Fellows lodge, the colors of this organization and the usual carnival colors, being beautifully blended in the gay festoons which will grace the city streets. At the intersections of the principal streets huge electrically lighted arches will be constructed which will add greatly to the beauty of streets especially at night.

A great number of the merchants are preparing for decorations and it is requested that they co-operate with the lodge in this matter. Signs of welcome have been prepared and these will be given a prominent place in nearly every business house in the city. All are preparing for attractive window displays which will add a great deal in the appearance of the city. The committee will commence work Sunday in stringing the decorations and will have them in place on Monday morning.

## LONE TRAVELER FOUND DEAD NEAR DRAIN

### Had \$100 in Pockets and Deposits in Salem Banks.

### TRAVELING WITH HORSE AND BUGGY

#### Had Prepared Morning Meal and Laid Down Again for Short Sleep When His Death Occurred.

Coroner Jewett returned today from Drain where he was called to investigate the death of E. Wanless, who was found dead at his camp north of Anlauf yesterday. The man has been traveling in a dilapidated outfit for several years and spent the first days of the week at Drain. He had evidently laid down after preparing his morning meal and had died suddenly from heart failure. He had \$101 in his pockets and several bank books which showed deposits which would total about five or six thousand dollars.

The only details regarding his life were given by a young couple who were traveling in a thoroughly equipped tourist outfit and who had followed the old man for several days. According to their statements they had met him at Grants Pass and they had traveled together since leaving that place. He had given his age as 79 years, but as he was very hard of hearing, they had not conversed with him to any great extent and had received no knowledge of his life. His only food consisted of a sort of dough bread which he baked over his camp fire and on the morning of his death they heard him rise and light his fire and mix the ingredients for the bread. As their camp was a short distance away they could not see him, but could hear easily. They heard him lie down again and in a few minutes they heard a noise which they thought at the time was his efforts to revive the fire by blowing on it. They now believe, however, that he was gasping for breath in the death agonies.

Upon going to his camp a little later they found him to be dead and without touching the body further than to learn that life was extinct, they went to Drain and phoned for the coroner.

According to papers which he had in his possession it was shown that he was the owner of considerable property in Salem where most of his money was deposited. His brother, who resides in that city, was notified and immediately wired in return to have the body embalmed and left at Drain until his arrival which would be as quickly as possible. An inquest was not deemed necessary, as death was plainly the result of natural causes.

The rig in which Mr. Wanless was traveling was dilapidated, ragged and sadly in need of repair. He has been up and down the coast for several years and is well known at the places where he has visited. The body will probably be taken to Salem today for burial.

### GRADUATION EXERCISES ARE HELD AT WILBUR

A very pleasing program was given at Wilbur last night, the occasion being the graduation exercises of the 8th grade class of Mrs. Inez Miller, the entire class of 12 pupils being successful in passing the examinations. The following program was rendered:

Male Quartette  
Vocal Solo.....Mrs. Corvalho  
Vocal Solo.....Mrs. Shori  
Address.....Hon. O. P. Coshaw  
Presentation of Diplomas—O. C. Brown.

During the short talk preliminary to the awarding of the diplomas, Mr. Brown paid a very high tribute to the ability of Mrs. Miller when he stated that the examination papers bore the highest grades of

any which had yet been examined and corrected at his office.

### LOSSES OF MEXICAN BANDITS ARE REDUCED

WASHINGTON, May 18.—Colonel Sibley, in reporting to the war department the victory of Langhorns over the raiders at Glenn Springs, failed to substantiate the reports which said that 75 Mexicans had been captured and six killed. The official statement said that two Mexicans had been wounded and captured.

## OAK CREEK TIMBER WOLF IS KILLED

The hunt for the timber wolf, which has been roaming the Oak creek vicinity for the past few days ended successfully this morning when the animal was found and killed by a posse of hunters. Early this morning they found the den which contained six pups all of which were taken from the nest with the exception of one left to lure the mother back. Starting from this place with the dogs the hunters followed several trails until the fresh one was struck after which the wolf was trailed to a deep canyon where it took refuge in some brush.

The dogs entered the canyon and after a brief fight the animal was chased out in the open and shot. A purse of \$30 was offered for the wolf by the farmers, who had lost sheep as a result of its ravages and this together with the bounties which will be realized from the larger animal and the pups will amount to considerable.

It has been proposed that the small wolves be sent to the Portland park and be placed in captivity, but as yet no action has been taken.

## GERMANS WARNED TO OBEY LAWS

WASHINGTON, May 18.—"In consequence of cases which have occurred lately, Ambassador Bernstorff has instructed all German consuls to strongly impress on all German citizens their duty to scrupulously obey the laws of the state," said an official statement issued from the German embassy. Bernstorff is also urging Berlin to take energetic steps to show America that Germany is not responsible for the law violations committed here. The statement of today is unquestionably authorized by Berlin. The Cymbria case is considered as a closed incident, unless it can be shown definitely that Germany violated her submarine pledge.

### SIMPSON-THOMPSON.

A very quiet wedding was held at the home of the bride in West Roseburg Tuesday evening when T. T. Simpson and Mrs. Annie Thompson were united in marriage, Rev. H. H. Doharide, of the Free Methodist church officiating.

Mr. Simpson served with distinction in the 4th Iowa cavalry during the latter part of the civil war and for some time has been a member of the Soldiers Home. Mrs. Simpson has been for a number of years a highly esteemed resident of West Roseburg.

At the conclusion of the ceremony the company retired to the dining room and partook of a delightful luncheon, after which with good wishes for the happy couple's welfare through their life journey the guests dispersed.



BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hatfield, at Edenbower, on May 17, 1916, a 9-lb. boy.