

Editorials on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
WHEAT prices rose nearly six cents on the Chicago market the other day because of huge purchases for future delivery. These purchases were inspired by reports indicating an even smaller world crop than had been previously expected.

Thus we see what it is, fundamentally, that causes prices to go up and down. It is supply and demand.

IF WE are reasonably clever, we can see how prices of wheat, for example, could be stabilized in this country.

We know, by means of carefully assembled and quite dependable figures about how much wheat will be consumed each year. If wheat growers, knowing this, could act in such close co-operation as to gauge their production somewhat according to the probable demand, the result would be a price level much more satisfactory to the producer.

THERE are two reasons why this would be difficult. One is the weather. Acreage alone does not determine the size of the crop finally harvested, as in good years a smaller acreage will produce more than is produced in bad years by a larger acreage.

The other reason is human nature. It is human nature for the individual farmer to say: "If other people are going to cut down acreage, thus increasing the price, I myself will put over every acre I can farm, and make a killing."

But, in spite of these difficulties, the time will come when farmers will co-operate effectively to gauge production somewhat according to demand. When that time comes, and probably not before, agriculture will be as uniformly prosperous as other industries.

THE total apple crop of Oregon is now estimated at 6,093,000 bushels—the department of agriculture insisting on expressing its estimates in terms of bushels instead of boxes, in spite of the fact that in the West apples are not sold by the bushel.

This estimate is interesting, but there is the significant feature of it: Of the total production, it is estimated that 1,401,000 bushels will make up the commercial apple crop of Oregon.

THAT is to say, a little less than one-fourth of all the apples we grow are of commercial grades. Is it any wonder that in the state of Oregon as a whole apple growing is not profitable?

How could it be profitable, when only one apple out of each four grown is of commercial quality?

A. C. MARSTERS, Douglas county banker, president of the Roseburg chamber of commerce, member of the state fair board and one of the best informed men in Oregon says:

"If we could dump all our small prunes, getting rid of them entirely and confining our market offerings to the larger sizes, we would be better off, because the increase in price that would be brought about would more than offset the loss of the small prunes."

IN OTHER words, market only quality fruit. A smaller crop of high quality fruit is worth more than a large crop of low quality fruit.

That is a lesson that we must learn in Oregon before our great fruit industry can be truly prosperous.

It isn't what we can grow that counts so much as what we can sell at a fair price. If we are to get a fair price, we must have quality.

4 DOUGLAS COUNTY MEN ON STATE RIFLE TEAM

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 19.—Thirteen crack shots, chosen by competition, as Oregon's civilian rifle team, will leave Wednesday for Camp Perry, Ohio, to represent the state in the national matches. The shoot is September 15.

Those making the trip are: M. M. Oylear, George E. Rooser, John McNurlin and Bert Peterson, Pendleton; James Wolford and Ben Shields, Roseburg; Wilbert Buxton and M. L. Sauer, Bend; Steve Pearson and Hugh Pearson, Winchester; L. W. Ellis, Multnomah; Harry Fraser, Molalla; and Chester E. McCarthy, Portland.

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The Weather

Highest temperature yesterday—74
Lowest temperature last night—50
Forecast for interior southwest Oregon: Generally fair tonight and Tuesday; warmer Tuesday.

GRAF ZEPPELIN ENDS LONGEST HOP OF CAREER

Flight of 6,432 Miles From Germany to Japan Takes 100 Hours—Two of Motors Not Used.

Next Scheduled Lap on Tour of World From Tokyo to Los Angeles; Thence to Lakehurst.

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
TOKYO, Aug. 19.—Showing its silvery sides to unnumbered Japanese thousands, the Graf Zeppelin, German air liner, circled this ancient eastern capital today, completing the longest and most dangerous flight of its career.

The dirigible, fresh from a jaunt of 6,432 miles across eastern Europe, Siberian tundra and Asiatic mountain land, arrived over this city at 4:35 p. m. (2:35 a. m. E. S. T.) just one minute more than 100 hours from the time it left Friedrichshafen, Germany, Thursday, 4:34 a. m. (10:30 p. m. Wednesday, E. S. T.).

After appearing over Tokyo and Yokohama the Graf hastened back to Kasumigaura, naval air port, and at 6:27 p. m. in the cool and setting sun, was grounded.

The appearance over Tokyo marked the end of the second lap of the Zeppelin's round the world tour which began at Lakehurst, N. J., 10:40 p. m. E. S. T., August 7, with the first lap completed August 10 at 7:02 a. m. with the landing at Friedrichshafen. The 4,200 miles were covered in 55 hours and 24 minutes.

Ahead of the Graf hastened lay two more laps before completion of its world tour, from Tokyo to Los Angeles—which as the Graf flies should be about 5,470 miles—and from Los Angeles to Lakehurst, about 2,500 miles, or 7,970 miles total.

The average speed of the Zeppelin from Friedrichshafen to Tokyo was just in excess of 64 miles an hour. This, when it is considered that but three of the dirigible's five motors were kept running during most of the trip, was exceptionally good and about 15 miles per hour in excess of what Dr. Hugo Eckener, the Zeppelin's master, had estimated it would make.

Aboard the Zeppelin were 60 persons, 40 crew and officers and 20 passengers of whom Lady Grace Drummond Hay was the only woman. With the exception of a knick-knack two, including a (Continued on page 6)

HOME OF CHICAGO POLITICIAN AGAIN WRECKED BY BOMB

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
CHICAGO, Aug. 19.—A powerful bomb was exploded early today in the front porch of the summer home of Lawrence T. King, county republican leader and sanitary district trustee. The bomb wrecked the front of the house and threw King and his five children from their beds. None was injured.

It was the second time in eight months that King's home had been the target of bombers. Another bomb wrought considerable damage last December at his home in Chicago. Today's bombing was in Justice Park, a suburb on the lake's west side, where the politician and his family are spending the summer.

King, who was one of 15 persons indicted last winter for alleged graft in the affairs of the Chicago sanitary district, told police this morning that he knew of no reason why the bomb was thrown at his house. He declared he would demand police protection from State Attorney John A. Swanson.

SUNGOD ON RETURN FLIGHT TO SPOKANE

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
CLEVELAND, Aug. 19.—Overcoming storms which made hazardous flying from Roosevelt Field, N. Y., to the Cleveland airport, the endurance plane Spangord refueled here this morning and flew on toward St. Paul, the next point where provisions and fuel are to be taken aboard, on its return flight to the Pacific coast.

The pilots, B. Mamer and Art Walker, reported all well aboard. The westward flight will include stops at St. Paul and Missoula, Mont.

Federal Money To Aid Cotton Cooperatives

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
WASHINGTON, Aug. 19.—The federal farm board announced today it had tentatively agreed to make "certain financial advances" to cotton cooperative associations to assist in the movement of this year's crop.

This decision was reached, the board said, as a result of a number of conferences with officials of the American Cotton Growers' exchange.

"These associations," the board announcement said, "are now able to obtain loans from the federal intermediate credit banks to the amount of 65 per cent of the value of the cotton."

"The federal farm board proposed to loan an additional 25 per cent—a total of 90 per cent for the two government agencies—on cotton on which a definite value has been fixed by hedging in the future market."

"The total volume of advances of this sort to be made by the federal farm board will be limited only by the actual requirements of the cotton cooperative associations. It is expected that the sum involved for this year's marketing operations will run some where between \$5,000,000 and \$10,000,000."

STRIKERS BATTLE AT TEXTILE MILL; TROOPS REQUESTED

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
MARION, N. C., Aug. 19.—One man was badly beaten and several others sustained bruises when 1,600 strikers at the Clinchfield cotton mill here early today prevented four hundred non-union men from returning to work in the mill.

Superintendent Henderson of the mill was badly beaten with blackjacks and clubs wielded by strikers and strike sympathizers on picket duty at the mill.

"Bring on your troops," they shouted almost in unison.

Albert Hoffman, organizer for the Union Textile Workers of America, who has been counseling peace, attempted to prevent trouble but he, too, was hoisted down.

The strike at Marion has been on about six weeks. At first a comparatively few workers went out. Then the plant was closed down. Two weeks ago an attempt was made to take a number of non-union workers into the mill and a fight occurred which resulted in the arrest and flogging of a dozen strikers.

Disorders this morning occurred when pickets are alleged to have attacked the advance guard of workers attempting to enter the mill which has been idle for several weeks.

Immediately afterward Nat A. Townsend, executive counselor to Governor O. Max Gardner, who was sent to Marion Saturday by the governor to watch the situation this morning, telephoned Major Eugene P. Coston of Asheville to mobilize the Asheville national guard forces and come at once.

BRITISH TEXTILE STRIKERS RETURN AT FORMER WAGES

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
MANCHESTER, Eng., Aug. 19.—Lancashire went to work today after three weeks of paralysis of the cotton industry. The drone of machinery as 500,000 mill hands resumed their tasks, and smoke pouring from tall chimneys all throughout the factory towns proclaimed the end of the stoppage that cost workers and employers many millions of pounds.

Only the card rooms, where workers are to return tomorrow, were silent. The wage dispute which caused the stoppage is in the hands of a board of arbitration whose deliberations begin Wednesday.

Meanwhile workers will be paid the old scale of wages until a settlement is reached. A proposed reduction of the present scale by 12 1/2 per cent caused the cotton workers to quit three weeks ago.

CANADIAN CITY SUFFERS HEAVILY FROM BLAZE

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
SASKATOON, Sask., Aug. 19.—A fire that destroyed 26 buildings at Lloydminster this morning and caused damage that will total several hundred thousand dollars, was extinguished about 11 a. m., according to a telephone message received here.

The plane was a Farman more plane of French construction, bearing on its fuselage near its 236 horsepower motor the name "Jung-schweizerland" or "Young Switzerland." It was similar to that used by the Frenchmen, Bally and Regnault, who recently flew from Paris to Saigon, French Indo-China.

PANTAGES' PLEA PUT OFF UNTIL NEXT THURSDAY

Theatre Owner's Counsel Given Additional Time for Preparation of Defense.

Accusations Increased as Ex-Usherettes Execute Affidavits Telling of Episodes.

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
LOS ANGELES, Aug. 19.—Alexander Pantages, 54-year-old theatrical magnate, was arraigned in superior court today and was granted a delay in his plea to charges of criminally attacking 17-year-old Eunice Pringle, a dancer, until August 22. The motion, made by Pantages' attorneys, said sufficient time had not been permitted in setting the date of arraignment to allow a study of the proceedings.

Other girls accuse the district attorney's office today had three new accusations, in the form of affidavits by young women, against Pantages. The affidavits, one a 136-page deposition, were offered voluntarily. District Attorney Thuron Fitts stated, by girls who formerly were usherettes in Pantages' theatre.

The principal deposition, which Fitts said named other girls as having received attentions similar to those assertedly forced upon Miss Pringle by Pantages, was made by an usherette who stated the attempted attack upon her occurred about a year ago. The deposition was dictated by the girl, whose name Fitts declined to disclose, in the presence of himself and two of his deputies, Harold Jones and Blaney Matthews.

"Insult and Attack" The usherette was quoted as relating that, while employed by Pantages, she was summoned to his "private office" for questioning. After asking her about her work, the girl quoted, the theatre magnate made a point blank proposal which "set her rage aflame."

The deposition continued that Pantages used insulting language to her and then attempted to employ force.

The usherette related that she escaped, fleeing from the office and the building. "I never went back there," she was quoted as saying. "I know I wouldn't have a job."

It was indicated that the district attorney would question other girls (Continued on page 6)

SLAYS FAMILY OF FIVE AND SUICIDES

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
ROYAL OAK, Mich., Aug. 19.—Hans Peter Nielsen, of Royal Oak, killed his wife and four children with gas fumes and took his own life with poison after setting fire to his house here early today.

Over the bodies of his wife and children, the father had thrown naphtha. Following this he apparently entered the bathroom, took poison, soaked his clothing in naphtha and then set fire to himself.

The house was only slightly damaged. The body of Mrs. Nielsen was burned but those of the children were untouched.

Neighbors said the killing climaxed a night of quarrelling.

Swiss Aviators Brave Atlantic Air Lane In Latest Effort To Hop From Shores Of Europe To North America

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
LISBON, Portugal, Aug. 19.—Two youthful Swiss aviators, Oscar Kaeser and Kurt Laeschner, took off from Juncal, near here, at 7:30 a. m. (1:30 a. m., E. S. T.) in an attempt to make a westward crossing of the Atlantic to New York.

They considered it doubtful if they could reach the American metropolis without refueling and planned to strike first for Halifax, Nova Scotia, probably stopping there for more petrol. It was their intention to fly by the Azores, not attempting to land but returning to Portugal if their fuel consumption was too heavy.

The plane was a Farman more plane of French construction, bearing on its fuselage near its 236 horsepower motor the name "Jung-schweizerland" or "Young Switzerland." It was similar to that used by the Frenchmen, Bally and Regnault, who recently flew from Paris to Saigon, French Indo-China.

Weather Outlook Good The aviators received what they considered a favorable weather re-

Regal Feline "Meows" Joy In New Home Here

A large Pickwick stage rolled in to the local Terminal yesterday and on it was "Prince Charming" of royal blood. Tired and weary from the long trip and his glossy hair slightly ruffled, the prince was slightly out of humor, for he had traveled from San Francisco since Friday night, alone and with no one to cheer him.

The prince is very exclusive and in an autocratic manner ignored all who made advances. That is the way with princes. Reaching Roseburg he brightened perceptibly and fairly threw himself into the arms of Mrs. Jack Morgan of the Terminal hotel. With a plaintive "meow" he voiced his joy at being in Roseburg.

For the prince is a large Persian cat, fourteen months old and with a pedigree that would do honor to the most princely of princes. Snuggling into his mistress' arm, he promptly registered at the hotel and now has taken up his residence in a room on the second floor.

Of course the prince is used to living in a large San Francisco hotel, but he quite approves of his present abode and, though wary of visitors who are strange, he thinks he will like Roseburg. At any rate he is not anxious to make the trip back by stage for princes are not used to riding steerage or on a baggage rack.

GROWERS OF LATE PEARS PLAN FOR SALE OF FRUIT

A meeting of late pear growers was held Saturday at the chamber of commerce office, resulting in the formation of an organization to handle the crop. R. W. Hinley was elected president and W. C. Harding was made secretary.

The growers are signing no contracts and have no paid memberships, but have agreed verbally to act co-operatively in the sale of their fruit.

Heretofore the growers have been disgruntled and as a result have received a much lower price for their pears than was paid in organized districts.

About forty of the men this year, however, responded to the call of W. C. Harding, secretary of the chamber of commerce, to work out a plan for cooperation, and have accepted a position at a considerable increase in salary at Fortuna, Cal. Her place will be taken by Miss May Moore, a resident of Drain. Miss Moore received her bachelor of science degree in physical education at the University of Oregon last year.

She has been teaching at the Edson and University high schools at Eugene. Miss Hazel Goodwin, music supervisor, has also tendered her resignation, but her successor has not yet been selected.

Miss Jean Halliday, teacher in the 5th grade at the Benson school, has resigned to take a place nearer her home in Portland. Miss Geraldine LaBarre, of Portland, a graduate of Monmouth Normal, has been selected to the position.

Miss Gladys Boegli, instructor in home economics at the junior high school, is to be married this fall. (Continued on page 6)

TRAIN WRECK KILLS THIRTEEN PERSONS

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
HENRYETTA, Okla., Aug. 19.—Thirteen persons were killed and seven others were injured, two dangerously, when a St. Louis San Francisco passenger train struck an open switch on the outskirts of Henryetta yesterday.

W. A. Wolfe, engineer, and H. A. Bryan, fireman, both of Serman, Texas, and eleven negroes riding in a chair car, were scalded to death when the boiler of the locomotive exploded as the train plunged down an embankment.

Approximately 500 feet of track was torn up. Officials began an investigation today to fix responsibility for the wreck. Harry Webb, a section hand, said he had closed and locked the switch Saturday afternoon.

SIX LODGERS DIE IN BURNING HOME

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Aug. 19.—Six persons were burned to death and several others injured or burned in a fire in a rooming house here today.

Explosion of gas cooking stove started the fire which trapped the victims in their upstairs rooms. The house was a fourteen-room frame structure and the blaze spread rapidly through it.

The dead are: Samuel J. Archer, 17; Hirman Evans; Martin Kapo; Frank Hart; Son Strang and Frank Matthews. The house consisted mostly of railroad shop employees.

ANNUAL SCHOOL YEAR OPENING HERE SEPT. 16

Heads of Teaching Groups Busy on Schedules and Preparations for Registration.

Buildings in Proper Shape and Large Enrollment Expected; Faculty Has 10 Changes.

The Roseburg schools will open Monday, September 16, all indications pointing to a large enrollment and a very satisfactory school year, according to W. M. Campbell, city superintendent. In anticipation of the school opening, H. E. Larson, principal at the senior high school, and D. E. Olsen, principal at the junior high school, started work this morning and will arrange the schedules for their respective schools and will also prepare for the registration of students, which will be held during the week of September 8. During that week the high school students will register, select their studies and will be advised regarding study material. By having a preliminary registration period, it has been found, work in the high schools can be started with much less confusion.

During the summer the several buildings have been repaired and put in complete readiness for the new year. The interior of the Rose school was retinted, the woodwork painted at the Benson school and the porch rebuilt at the Fullerton school. Minor repairs were made at all of the buildings.

Few Faculty Changes. Superintendent Campbell is particularly well pleased by the fact that there will be only ten changes this year in the faculty. The Roseburg schools employ 54 instructors, and a change of only 10 in the personnel indicates that there is a very efficient and well satisfied corps of teachers serving in the city schools.

In addition to the six changes announced at the close of the school year, four resignations have been received recently.

Miss Rowena Beach, instructor in girls' physical education, has accepted a position at a considerable increase in salary at Fortuna, Cal. Her place will be taken by Miss May Moore, a resident of Drain. Miss Moore received her bachelor of science degree in physical education at the University of Oregon last year.

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WOMAN MISSING WHO SOUGHT VICE PRESIDENT'S AID

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
NEW YORK, Aug. 19.—Police were dragging the East river today in search for a young Texas matron who disappeared shortly after she had appealed to Vice-President Curtis to help her enter a career as a song writer.

A woman, believed to be Mrs. W. C. Edwards, of Beaumont, Tex., on Saturday night walked up to a little girl near the Brooklyn bridge. Handed her a note and asked the way to the river.

"The note read: 'I'm leaving on a long journey. Will you please send this stuff to my mother?'"

In a valley which police located in the Pennsylvania station through a baggage check that was enclosed with the note, were found two letters of introduction for Miss Lela Enloe of Beaumont, Tex., to New York song publishers. The letters, referring to Miss Enloe as a song writer, were written on stationery of the office of Vice-President Curtis and were signed by a brother of the vice-president's secretary.

Vice-President Curtis recalled meeting a young woman, who asked him to help her start on a career of song writing in New York last Thursday. The vice-president referred her to his secretary's brother, Isaac E. Coleman, who wrote letters of introduction for the woman.

Local Business Stimulated By Crops Outlook

Business conditions in Roseburg since the first of the year have shown a very marked upward tendency. Following a rather prolonged period of depression, the various business establishments are now reporting a rapid growth in trade and a much larger volume of business. This is due, it is believed, to the improved condition in the farming sections and the prospect of bountiful crops and good prices this year, causing the farmers, who have been holding back their cash reserves, to make the purchases that they have been delaying because of the previous uncertain outlook.

There is no better barometer of conditions than the telegraph business, for it reflects directly the activity of the mercantile establishments and industries.

N. W. Rothacker, manager of the local Western Union office, reports that a comparison of records for 1928 and 1929, with the one exception of the month of March, shows a very decided business gain over the preceding year. The increase started in December, which was the first month of 1928 that showed a gain over 1927.

January registered a big increase over the same period of the preceding year, and each month thereafter has shown a gain over last year's business, while a steady increase month by month has been made. The fact that March alone was below the average was due to the delay of the broccoli harvest.

Nearly 50 per cent of the messages handled through the telegraph office relate to business or industry, thereby being an excellent standard by which to measure activity. The very satisfactory showing made by the local Western Union office is ample proof of the decidedly favorable business situation existing in Roseburg at this time.

LOCAL MINISTER IN TALK CONTEST FOR KIWANIS CUP

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
SALEM, Ore., Aug. 19.—One of the most interesting competitive events of the 12th annual convention of the Pacific northwest district of Kiwanis International will be staged Tuesday morning in the house of representatives when representatives of eight of the divisions of the district will give five minute talks on Kiwanis topics.

The best talker will be presented with a silver loving cup, the gift of Governor T. Harry Gowman of Seattle.

Those representing the various divisions include: division 2, Nelson J. Craigie, Everett; division 3, Warren Butler, Tacoma; division 4, George E. Cantfield, Cle Elum; division 5, Matt Thernes, Spokane; division 7, Wilford Belknap, Portland; division 8, Frank B. Bennett, Tillamook; and division 9, Rev. Charles Edwards, Roseburg.

Charles H. Walker, of Portland, president of the Northwest School of Commerce, is considered the likely choice of the convention, in session here Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, as the next district governor.

"Increase of quantity of quality membership," was sounded by O. Sam Cunningham, Dallas, Texas, at (Continued on page 3)

CHINA TO MASS ARMY UNITS TO RESIST SOVIET

Official Order Issued for Mobilization of Added Brigades, Totaling 100,000 Men.

Manchurian Frontier to Be Completely Patrolled; Communism Blamed for Outrages.

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
SHANGHAI, Aug. 19.—The Chinese nationalist government has ordered mobilization of ten additional brigades of Manchurian troops totaling 100,000 men and now views "the Sino-Russian crisis as increasingly serious."

General Ho Chen Chu, personal representative of President Chiang Kai Shek, was said to be enroute from Peiping to Mukden with orders from the nationalist government to assume full command of the entire military forces in Manchuria after conferring with Governor Chang Hsueh Liang.

G. T. Wang, nationalist prime minister, was quoted as saying Moscow was trying to alienate the loyalty of the three provinces of Manchuria to the nationalist government and charged that communizing proposals had been made to Chiang Hsueh Liang. Mr. Wang's statement ended, "the government is compelled to take a firm stand lest communism again plays havoc in China. We have had sufficient experience with communist outrages. The nationalist must either take a firm stand or again fall in to the clutches of the communists."

Taichung, semi-official nationalist news agency, issued a dispatch purporting to be from Harbin stating: "In view of the severity of Soviet gunfire at strategic points along the Manchurian border, the Manchurian authorities have decided to mobilize the entire provincial army for action along the Sino-Siberian frontier."

The dispatch said further: "The Chinese don't believe the Soviet will declare war against them but rather think it will continue border hostilities in increasing proportions hoping to frighten Chinese into negotiations in accordance with Soviet conditions."

The dispatch continued: "Moscow is unable to send an army capable of conquering the entire Manchurian army, totalling approximately 150,000 men, the majority of whom have been active service in the past few years."

COOS COUNTY IS SEEKING MONEY FROM EX-OFFICIAL

Motions and a demurrer in the case of Coos county against M. H. Kloekers and son, Hurton, and the county treasurer, were heard by Judge J. W. Hamilton today. The suit is one brought by Coos county against M. H. Kloekers, a former county commissioner, and his son, on the grounds that Kloekers, during a four-year term, costing the first of this year, presented claims amounting to from \$12,000 to \$15,000 and that the next two years the work was done in the name of his son, the total amount, which the county seeks to recover being approximately \$34,000.

It is claimed that it is unlawful for a county commissioner to allow contracts to himself while in office and to receive money for work done. It is also alleged that the work was done without contract or authority from the court and without competitive bidding and that there was no inspection other than that of the county roadmaster.

Judge J. T. Brand was disqualified from hearing the case by reason of an affidavit of prejudice filed by the defense, so the hearings were transferred to Roseburg. When the case comes to trial it will probably be heard at Coquille.

Attorney J. B. Beddingfield, former district attorney of Coos county, and Attorney Wm. E. Coleman appear for the plaintiff, and Attorney John Mullin for the defense.

BROTHER IS INJURED

Morris Bowker, county court clerk, left this morning for San Jose, California, in response to a message announcing the serious injury of his brother, P. Bowker. The accident happened at a railroad crossing near Lawrence, when a train collided with Bowker's car.