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SEVERE STORM WAS GENERAL

BARN CONSUMED BY LIGHTNING FIRE AT UNION.
One of the Most Severe Storms of a General Nature to Pass Over the Valley in Years, Experienced Last Night—Rains General, But Wind and Lightning Selected Specific Spots to Do Their Worst Damage—Telephone Wires Crinkled.

With reports from every city and town in the valley to corroborate the general and severe storm has not visited the Grande Ronde valley in many years, than that which last evening passed over this city, and visited every other community with a more or less degree of severity. Union and Cove fared the worst, for aside from burning up a barn on the Mickle ranch, five miles from Union, the lightning and winds laid low a goodly portion of the telephone system around Union and Cove.

Storms Beneficial.
As an ill wind that blows no good, and so it was last night. While wheat fields suffered slightly, fruit trees were thinned to some extent of their fruit, entire trees ruined by the wind and lightning in other instances, threshing retarded for a time, still the several hundred acres of sugar beets that needed rain badly, have assumed a different hue today. With .36 inches of rain in La Grande, where it was not as heavy as it was in Cove, Union and Summerville, there was sufficient moisture to give the beets revived life. As the rains visited every portion of the valley, practically all the beet fields have benefited by the rains. In La Grande the showers were severe but short-lived, and though there

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ROOSEVELT NEARLY DONE.

Wants to Get Away From Executive Affairs for Hunting Grounds.

New York, Aug. 21.—"I am about through now, for I have done my work and wanted to get away so the new administration will be unable to ask my advice."

These are the words of President Roosevelt to his friends, according to an article in the American magazine. He is quoted as saying that he is anxious to meet the kaiser without pomp. He is most interested over the invitations to hunt with the king of Italy and the emperor of Austria, but he has decided to go direct to Africa and forego the dazzle of European courts.

FIRST STATION IN BRYAN TOUR

COMMONER TO SPEAK AT DES MOINES ON TARIFF.

Though in the First Station of His Campaign Tour, He Has Refused to Talk Today, Devoting All Time to Preparation—Tonight's Speech the Opening Gun of the Campaign—Has Busy Hour Mapped Out—At Chicago for Three Days.

Des Moines, Iowa, Aug. 21.—Bryan arrived here this morning and was escorted by the democratic club to his hotel. He makes his tariff speech tonight.

The great commoner locked himself in his room and gave orders not to be disturbed until this afternoon. In tonight's speech will be fired the first gun of the democratic campaign. It will be the first speech made by Bryan since his speech of acceptance.

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EXPRESS LINES DEFY COMMISSION

HURL OPEN DEFIANCE AT EXISTING RULING.

Interstate Commerce Commission Has a Fight on Its Hands to Force Express Companies to Obey Small Shippers' Privilege From the East to the Pacific Coast—Say They Refuse to Adhere to the Ruling—To Fight the Case in Courts.

San Francisco, Aug. 21.—Open defiance was hurled into the face of the interstate commerce commission by the Express companies and the big trunk lines in connection with the recent ruling of the commission to the effect that small shippers may combine on consignments from the east in order to enjoy a carload rate.

The transportation companies have notified the commission that they would not accept the ruling. They will carry the fight into the courts.

The matter was brought to the attention of Commissioner Lane by the small dealers of this city several months ago and the decision giving the right to combine shipments followed.

Deaf Mutes in Session.

Providence, R. I., Aug. 21.—A novel convention, and one which affords an illustration of the capacity of human beings to triumph over the greatest difficulties, is the 25th biennial session of the New England Gallaudet Association of the Deaf, opened here today. The association was founded in 1854 to perpetuate the memory of Dr. Thomas H. Gallaudet, who founded the first school for the deaf in America at Hartford, and set an example for all the other states of the union.

HAINS PAINTED AS ARCH FIEND

WIFE OF NOTED MURDERER EXPLAINS HUSBAND'S POLICY.

Mrs. Hains, Wife of Army Officer Now in Jail Facing Trial for Murder, Grows Talkative and Comments on Husband's Deeds—Was Beaten and Starved Into Alleged Confession—Hopes to See Her Husband and His Brother Hanged Soon.

Boston, Aug. 21.—"My husband and his brother are rascals. I hope they will both hang. Thornton Hains is an arch-fiend."

This is the statement of Mrs. Claudia Hains, wife of Captain Hains, who killed William Annis, precipitating an army scandal. She continued:

"Those scoundrels are capable of anything. In my husband's absence Thornton tried to make love to me. I hate him. He poisoned my husband's mind. I was beaten, starved and crazed until I signed some papers referring to an alleged confession. My husband is a brute, and if he had shot me, what would have become of my children?"

Hains is a Wreck.

New York, Aug. 21.—Captain Hains is on the verge of collapse in his cell today. He refuses food, and mutters constantly over his wife's alleged downfall. He is under the constant care of physicians. Little can be done for him. His brother is in an adjoining cell, cool, eats and sleeps well.

It is not believed that there will be any suggestion of Mrs. Hains becoming a second Evelyn Thaw. She will contend that her relations with Annie were merely friendly. She will assert

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APPLY FOR NEW TRIAL.

Famous Standard Oil Case Makes Its Appearance in Court Again.

Chicago, Aug. 21.—Counsel for the government today filed a petition for a rehearing by the United States court of appeals in the case of the Standard Oil company of Indiana, in which Judge Landis assessed a \$29,000,000 fine. The decision was reversed by the higher court and action for a rehearing was recommended by Attorney General Bonaparte.

Yesterday's Baseball Scores. Portland, 6; Oakland, 3. Los Angeles, 3; San Francisco, 1.

FLEET MEANS PEACE, JUSTICE

BRILLIANCY OF SYDNEY WELCOME UNBOUNDED.

Pleasing Parade and Splendid Official Dinner Constitute Day's Program—Roosevelt Receives Word From British Official and Immediately Returns Thanks for Honors—Yankee Navy Not a Menace to Any Country, Says Roosevelt.

Sydney, Aug. 11.—The first days of the formal entertainment to the officers and sailors of the Atlantic fleet came to a brilliant close tonight with an official dinner by the state department. The tendency of the speeches made was to cement the ties between the whites for the defense of the Pacific islands. Lord Northcote, the governor general, and Premier Deakin, paid tributes to the United States and complimented the fleet officers and crew.

Admiral Sperry and other officers responded to the welcome.

The electrical effects of the decorations tonight are magnificent and unequalled in this part of the world. The parade today, in which the sailors marched, caused much enthusiasm.

Roosevelt Sends Thanks.

Oyster Bay, Aug. 21.—President Roosevelt today received through the British charge d'affaires, a cable message from Lord Northcote, describing the reception of the fleet at Sydney, and extending greetings. Roosevelt wired his reply of thanks. In closing, the president said:

"For the American navy is a menace to no power; on the contrary, as we believe no asset is of such high importance as that of securing peace and justice throughout the world."

A big forest fire, covering thousands of acres, was raging last week in the Rossland country in Lake county.

MANIAC CAUSES A DISTURBANCE

DEPOSITORS' ASSOCIATION IN A LAMELY TANGLE.

Failure of Market Street Bank in San Francisco Causes Formation of Several Protective Associations—Receiver Withdraws Sanction Because One Member Saw Opportunity to Make Money—Madman Starts Trouble in Restaurant.

San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 21.—

Charles Harris, restaurant keeper of Ocean Beach, narrowly escaped death at the hands of a maniac, Anderson Breaco. Harris found Breaco in his restaurant breaking up the furniture. He grabbed a knife and started for Harris. After a desperate fight Breaco was taken to the police station in ropes.

Depositors Clubs in Trouble.

The depositors' associations, resulting from the failure of the Market Street bank, are involved in a merry war for the privilege of aiding the depositors to regain their money. Receiver Mooser today withdrew his sanction from both associations and tore the notices from the bank windows.

The trouble was started when Frank Gift formed an association to rival the Market Street Bank Depositors' Protective association. He offered to undertake suits for the recovery of the money for one per cent as fee.

Arizona G. O. P.

Phoenix, Ariz., Aug. 21.—Delegates to the number of 177 will meet here tomorrow in a republican territorial convention to nominate a candidate for delegate to congress. Party leaders declare that the republicans have good prospects of success in Arizona this fall.

Wrestling Match Set.

Los Angeles, Aug. 21.—H. C. Bowden, formerly a member of the Olympic club of San Francisco, was today matched to wrestle G. W. Isaacs of the Los Angeles Athletic club on September 5, for the middleweight amateur championship of the Pacific coast.

Marriage Licenses.

Marriage licenses were granted by County Clerk Ed Wright today to the following: Ira McKinney to Bertha Lewis; T. M. Martin to Mrs. J. Morrison.

Get Tickets at Once.

O. R. & N. Agent J. H. Keeney requests all who are going to the beach this evening to procure their tickets as early as possible. The train leaves promptly at 8 o'clock.

GREAT UNDER-PRICE SELLING OF LADIES' DAINTY WAIST

\$3.00 Waists all white, made from the shierest of dainty materials, trimmed with lace, solid and open work embroidered front, with tucks and pleats, short and three-quarter length sleeves. This season's newest waists, sold regularly at \$2.75 and \$3.00 now

\$1.78

\$1.25 and \$1.50 White Lawn Waist
25.00 Waists, White and Colored

88c
\$1.38

White Shirt Waists at 1-2 Price
all Galatea Cloth Suits at a saving of from 25 to 50 per cent. NOTHING RESERVED.

Canvas Shoes at a Substantial Saving
\$2.25 ladies' Canvas Oxfords... \$1.49
\$1.50 misses' Canvas Oxfords... 98c
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All tailored Wash Suits, including

Attractive Dainty Wash Goods at Unusually Attractive Prices.

Dainty sheer material of all wanted kinds in white and many beautiful evening colors—Patterns in stripes, checks, plaids and dainty floral designs. 12 1-2 to 15c values at the yard 8c. 16c to 20c value the yd. 11c. 25c to 35c values the yd now 19c

All men's 65c medium and lightweight underwear 50c, all 75c. men's summer underwear 53c, all men's \$1.55 underwear 95c.

If you would keep posted on the newest of the new goods, and get first and choicest selections, you should visit our store several times a week, right now. New goods arriving daily.

All Men's Straw Hats 1-2 Price



TAFT INTIMATES BREAK IN SOUTH

PRINCIPLES CHANGE BUT PARTY NAME STANDS FIRM.

Before a Gathering of Taft Friends the Republican Candidate Discourses on Party Name and Party Principles—Knows South is Usually Solid, But Intimates Bryan May Not Carry His Favored Sections This Time—Many Attend Meeting.

Hot Springs, Aug. 21.—Several special trains arrived during the morning, bringing republicans from all sections of the state. The big republican meeting was held in the baseball park.

Taft made an appointment to meet a delegation of colored men from the National Baptist convention in Cincinnati on September 22.

Politically, Taft said: "I know the south is conservative. By tradition its attachment to democrats is firm, but a party represents principles which change, though the name of the party remains the same. It seems that after a while the traditional attachments rest lightly on an intelligent community. Where the republicans are in power it is not natural that they will summon to the executive positions leading men of the opposing ranks."

Taft pointed out the overwhelming majority given McKinley and Roosevelt in the maintenance of the gold standard and the protective tariff. He declared the conduct of the present administration is the expression of the will of the people. He devoted much time to Roosevelt's efforts to purge the country of corporation evils.

Take a Little Soda For Your Stomach's Sake

This Advice Certainly Holds Good with Everyone This Sort of Weather.

Soda served at our fountain is more than a tasty thirst-quenching beverage. It is tonic and refreshing and every glass a strengthener for the stomach.

Our Soda is absolutely pure, strengthening, reviving, refreshing and healthful. It "lands direct" on the "dry" spot and quenches thirst as nothing else will, because we serve it at just the right temperature.

HILL'S DRUG STORE
LA GRANDE, OREGON