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THE WEATHER
Rain tonight and Wednesday;
fresh southerly breeze.

THIRD YEAR.

MEDFORD, OR., TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 1908.

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RETURN OF PROSPERITY INDICATED BY INCREASED EARNINGS OF RAILROADS

Interstate Commerce Commissioner Franklin K. Lane States That Revenues of Railroads Have Not Fallen Off Materially--Only the East Affected--Country West of Chicago Shows No Effect of Financial Stringency--Pacific Coast Systems Show Increase in Freight and Passenger Traffic.

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Situation Improving Rapidly. Franklin K. Lane, Pacific coast member of the interstate commerce commission, has made a careful analysis of the figures submitted by the railroads themselves to the commission.

Optimistic Feeling Results. "There can be no question but that within the past three weeks there has been a strong upward tendency in freight revenues. A greater volume of traffic is moving today than has been moved at any time during the past two, and perhaps three months.

Total Traffic Receipts. During the three months, July, August and September, the total operating revenues of these roads amounted to \$290,000,000; for the same months of October, November and December the total revenue was \$274,000,000.

Many Republicans Seek Railroad Commissionerships. Seven republican candidates are scrambling for the \$4000 job of railroad commissioner for the Second district.

Hundred Thousand Germs on Legs of One Fly. NEW YORK, March 24.—That the woman who wishes to prevent typhoid fever and various infantile diseases in her family will do well to make a large investment in window and door screens for the coming summer was one of the lessons the women at the meeting of the food investigating committee of the "consumers' league" learned yesterday afternoon.

Steady Increase in Demand for More Cars. NEW YORK, March 24.—Further evidence of the gradual improvement in general business which has been going on for some weeks came to hand yesterday in the report of the American Railway Association, showing a decrease in the number of idle freight cars by seven February 19, the date of the previous report, and March 4. During those two weeks the number of idle cars decreased 5521, to 314,992.

Turpin Child Seriously Ill. The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Turpin of North Medford is very sick. Drs. Jones and Seely are in attendance.

Notice to Contractors. All bids for building my house must be in by noon, March 31. Plans and specifications at Perkins & Lyons.

Western Railroads Increased. A study of these figures shows that the panic, so far as it affected the railroads, extended but slightly beyond Chicago towards the west. If we take the trans-continental roads reaching to the Pacific coast, we find that every one of them increased its gross operating revenues during the last half of the year 1907.

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Railroad Economy in Saving Night Operator Results in Fatality on Green and Crescent—Freight Smashes Into Passenger—Engineer Without Orders.

LEXINGTON, Ky., March 24.—Four were killed and 20 injured in the wreck of a passenger train between the Burdick and the high bridge early today on the Queen & Crescent railroad, caused by a collision of a passenger and a freight. The freight is said to have proceeded without orders, the night operator having been laid off.

JACKSONVILLE TO SUPPORT PROPOSED TROLLEY SYSTEM

Captain F. L. Evans and Messrs. Page Nye and Watt, directors of the Oregon Rapid Transit Railroad company, speak to the Jacksonville Commercial club Monday evening with a view to interesting the people in Jacksonville in the proposed trolley line.

ADMITS TAKING FEES AND DESTROYING BOOKS

SALISBURY, March 24.—The hearing of the case against F. L. Dunbar, ex-secretary of state, for the recovery of over \$100,000 alleged to have been illegally collected in fees, came to an abrupt close with the placing of Dunbar on the stand. He admitted taking \$29,480 in insurance fees, but stated the books showing all fees taken had been destroyed at his order by a janitor at the termination of his term of office.

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TRUST ATTRACTIONS AT BAKER THEATER

PORTLAND, Or., March 24.—With the close of the present season the Baker theater will cease to be the home of the Baker Stock company. This company will not go out of existence, however, as its activities will be transferred to the Empire, which will be extensively re-equip for its use.

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SALISBURY, Or., March 24.—Governor Chamberlain offers a reward for the arrest and conviction of the murderer of Julius Wallede, who was slain at Silver Lake, Lake county, last December. The amount of the reward will be the same as offered in the Chester murder case in Marion county—\$4000.

Victor Metcalf Operated Upon.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 24.—Victor Metcalf, who recently resigned as midshipman from the navy on account of ill health, was operated upon this morning for appendicitis. He is a son of Secretary Metcalf.

MANKIN'S SLAYERS ON TRIAL

The Walsworths, Father and Son, to Plead Self-Defense as Justification of Crime--Trial Begins at Jacksonville Tomorrow.

Charles H. Walsworth and Norval Walsworth were arraigned in the circuit court at Jacksonville Monday, charged with murder in the first degree. Both entered pleas of not guilty and the case was set down for trial Wednesday morning.

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FAVORABLE REPORT ON FULTON RESOLUTION IS FILED BY COMMITTEE

Representative Mendell Paves Way for Consideration by House of Representatives of Measure Authorizing the Beginning of a Suit to Recover Lands.

WASHINGTON, March 24.—Representative Mendell, chairman of the public lands committee, today filed a favorable report upon Senator Fulton's land grant resolution. No arrangement has been made for its consideration in the house.

ASHLAND FRUIT GROWERS PREPARE FOR COMING YEAR

(Ashland Tidings.) The city hall was well filled Saturday afternoon with men and women interested in the fruit growing industry in this vicinity, who attended in response to a call of the new board of directors of the Ashland Fruit & Produce association for a conference over plans for the marketing of the fruit, berry and produce crops of this vicinity during the season of 1908.

President Gillette addressed the growers on the general plans of the association for the present season, which included first the enrolling of the growers under the association's banner, then the employment of a manager for the year round and a careful and fearless inspector during the shipping season.

Plans for extending the use of the association to the supplying of the members with spraying materials, fertilizers, etc., at wholesale prices, and to carrying on a commission business in hay, potatoes, etc., 12 months in the year, at the association warehouse were given.

Various growers stated their experiences and views for the benefit of all and the meeting was productive of no little interest, and suggests that the growers here might adopt with advantage the plans in vogue in other districts of holding stated meetings for the discussion of topics of interest and profit to the fruit and produce industry.

The work of securing contracts will be pushed. The contracts read as follows:

For and in consideration of the benefits to be derived by... and services to be performed by the Ashland Fruit & Produce association, I hereby agree to deliver all of my marketable crop of fruit and produce to said association for the year ending December 31, 1908.

And in consideration of the above agreement, the said Ashland Fruit & Produce association agrees to sell, dispose of and market said fruit and produce for said... to the best possible advantage, and to pay to said... all moneys received from the sale of said fruit and produce within 60 days after delivery of said fruit and produce to said association, less 8 1/2 per cent commission for its services, and the value of any materials which have been advanced by said association to said... for buying or raising said fruit or produce.

PORTLAND COUNCIL CAN'T FIND FURNITURE TRUST

PORTLAND, March 24.—At a meeting of the anti-trust committee of the Portland city council, which has been investigating the alleged furniture trust, Deputy City Attorney Frank Grant today announced that he did not believe that any evidence had been secured to warrant a prosecution and that there was nothing to show that a combination exists in restraint of trade.

KNIGHTS TEMPLARS TO HEAR EASTER SERMON IN MEDFORD

Through the efforts of Judge W. M. Colvig the Knights Templars from Ashland and other adjacent towns will attend services Easter Sunday at Medford. Rev. Williams will preach the annual sermon at the Medford opera house.

LOSSES ON RACE TRACK BLAMED FOR SUICIDE

LOS ANGELES, Cal., March 24.—A guest of the Hotel Lankensheim who registered last night at E. Pond of New York, committed suicide today by taking poison. Tickets found in his pockets indicate heavy losses on the race track.

PREACHER ACQUITTED OF SCANDALOUS CONDUCT

PHILADELPHIA, March 24.—Rev. W. R. Shaffer, until a few months ago presiding elder of the West district of Philadelphia conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, was today acquitted of conduct unbecoming a minister. The charge was made last December, based upon an anonymous letter alleged to have been written by a woman of his district. The woman denied the authorship and the paper was ruled out. There was a unanimous verdict of acquittal.

DETROIT, March 24.—An interurban car, traveling at great speed, left the track at Michigan avenue and Thirty-first street this afternoon. All occupants of the car were sustained. There were 24 passengers and it is believed all were more or less injured, none fatally.

NO MORE INVITATIONS FOR FLEET

Cabinet Decides to Accept China's Invitation and to Reject All Future Ones--Long Visit in Australian Ports Planned.

WASHINGTON, March 24.—It was decided at the cabinet meeting today to accept the invitation of China for the Atlantic fleet to visit a port in that country on its return voyage from the Pacific coast. It was also decided that no further invitations for the fleet will be accepted.

Invitations from foreign countries thus far accepted after the fleet leaves San Francisco include Australia, Japan and China. All other stops will be strictly for coaling purposes.

MELBOURNE, March 24.—The governmental circles anticipated that the American fleet will spend ten days here and an equal length of time at Sydney.

WASHINGTON, March 24.—The fourth torpedo boat flotilla was established today by placing in commission the Farragut, Fox and Davis torpedo boats, built on the Pacific coast. The flotilla will operate in those waters.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC NEEDS NEW CAPITAL

NEW YORK, March 24.—The Southern Pacific needs new capital. On June 29 last the Southern Pacific company showed a floating debt of \$32,710,846. Its only source of new capital since then has been a balance of \$19,153,207 on subscriptions to \$35,295,123 new preferred stock. Its need of new capital is accentuated by its improvements and extensions in the west.

On the Cannon, Yaqui river & Pacific line 111 miles are building, and on the Inter-California 33 miles. On the Oregon Western railway some \$2 million of expensive construction is contemplated, and for this a great deal of material had already been provided and tunneling and grading were progressing at the close of the last fiscal year.

It will be perhaps conservative to say that the Southern Pacific in the current fiscal year could easily use new capital \$20,000,000 and \$25,000,000 new capital.

CORONER TAKES INQUEST ON MURDERED ANARCHIST

CHICAGO, March 24.—Coroner Hoffmann today began taking evidence at the inquest of Lazarus Averbach, who was killed by Chief of Police Shippey three weeks ago.

BUILDING FORTIFICATIONS MANILA BAY ENTRANCE

MARIE ISLAND, Cal., March 24.—In formation has been received that the government is preparing to send 1000 workmen to the Philippines the first of the coming month to work on the fortifications on the island of Corregidor at the entrance to Manila bay. This makes 1500 to be sent within a month. The fortifications for the island were only recently determined upon, and work will be rushed. Workmen are offered \$150 per month.

AMERICAN CAR FIRST TO REACH SAN FRANCISCO

SAN FRANCISCO, March 24.—The American car is expected to arrive here this afternoon and it will be shipped by steamer to Ashland Friday or Saturday.

LA FOLLETTE OBJECTS TO VOTE UPON ALDRICH BILL

WASHINGTON, March 24.—Senator La Follette today refused to give his assent to an agreement to vote on the Aldrich bill Thursday next, saying that he did not want to be foreclosed from further presentation of his views. Aldrich then said he would ask the senate to take up the bill tomorrow and continue its consideration until a vote was reached.

HUGHES WILL NOT SIGN REPRIEVE FOR GILLETTE

ALBANY, N. Y., March 24.—There is no foundation for the persistent rumor that Governor Hughes will sign a reprieve for Chester Gillette, sentenced to the next week for the murder of Grace Brown, his sweetheart.

BROWNELL TO ESCAPE LAND TRIAL

Indictment of the Former President of State Senate Dismissed as First Official Act of New District Attorney for Oregon.

PORTLAND, March 24.—The dismissal of the indictment pending against former State Senator George C. Brownell in connection with the land fraud in Oregon was the first official act of the newly appointed United States district attorney, John W. McConr, today.

COAL MINE RAILROAD MAY GO TO ASHLAND

Unless Medford property owners wake up and cease asking extortionate rates for a right of way through their property for the road to the coal mine, the line will be built to Ashland instead of Medford. Owners of squarred ranches that would be crossed are demanding \$1000 for letting the road go through, a price out of all reason. The road would add to the value of their places, but they obstinately refuse any concession. Ashland people have offered a right of way, and will grade the road for several miles if that city be made the terminal, and the offer will probably be accepted by the coal mine owners.

MORE AFFIDAVITS FILED AGAINST ABE RUEF

SAN FRANCISCO, March 24.—A number of additional affidavits on behalf of the prosecution were filed with Superior Judge Lawlor this afternoon in the proceedings of the defense to vacate Abraham Ruef's arraignment upon the United Railroad's trolley franchise cases. Supplementary affidavits were filed by Daniel and James F. McCarthy, two of Special Agent Burns' men, who acted as guards under Elmer W. J. Biggy, in which they denied allegations made by E. A. Reiss, and averments of Bertha Weigle that she heard Burns try to intimidate Ruef.

Supervisor James Gallagher and ex-Railway Commissioner Andrew M. Wilson, who also was a member of the board, filed affidavits today, in which they denied that they called upon Ruef and endeavored to induce him to confess at the request of the prosecution. Wilson averred that Ruef sent for him, while Gallagher stated that he called upon the prisoner voluntarily.

The question of bail for Ruef will come up before the appellate court tomorrow morning upon a writ of habeas corpus returnable at 10 o'clock.

Governor Improves.

BOSTON, Mass., March 24.—Governor Guild's symptoms today were more favorable for recovery.

RAILROAD TO FIGHT NEW DEMURRAGE LAW

ST. PAUL, March 24.—W. B. Begg, general solicitor for the Great Northern, in a letter today to Attorney General Young, attacks the reciprocal demurrage law passed by the last Minnesota legislature and it is inferred the company will contest the law on constitutional grounds.

SHERIFF IS MURDERED BY DESPERATE HORSETHIEF

BELENA, March 24.—Sheriff Webb of Yellowstone county was shot and killed by William Byckford, a horse-thief, waded in Wyoming, about six miles from Billings today. Webb located Byckford last night and arrested him this morning. They were riding in a wagon when Byckford seized a rifle and killed Webb. Passes of cowboys are after the murderous horse-thief and if run down there will not be a court trial.

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