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The Weather

Cloudy; probable showers tonight and Friday.

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NATIONAL PROTEST AGAINST ECONOMIC WASTE OF RESOURCES

Conference of Governors in Washington Addressed by J. J. Hill Who Says it is a Director's Meeting of the Economic Corporation Known as the United States--87 Million Stockholders.

WASHINGTON, May 14.—The second day's conference between President Roosevelt and the governors of the various states and territories for the consideration of the conservation of the natural resources, was called to order by President Roosevelt, who invited Governor Johnson to preside.

The president introduced James J. Hill, chairman of the board of directors of the Great Northern, as the first speaker of the day, and he was given an ovation. Hill said that in some respects this conference was "a director's meeting of the great political and economic corporation known as the United States. The stockholders are the 87,000,000 people of this country; the directors are the state and officers whose position brings them in touch with the operations of the whole country."

SEVERE TORNADO SWEEPS OVER NEBRASKA—GREAT DAMAGE

OMAHA, Neb., May 14.—Twelve persons are known to have been killed and a score injured by a tornado which swept over the northern part of Sarpy county at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The storm, which gained in velocity on its way south, started in Omaha about 4:30.

At Bellevue, the college buildings were damaged to the extent of probably \$50,000, and several persons were injured, some fatally. The storm then moved on to Louisville, Litchfield and Springfield, where the principal damage and loss of life occurred.

The storm was the most severe that ever struck Eastern Nebraska. The damage to the college buildings at Bellevue was heavy. The tower was blown from Park Hall and the building was wrecked. Lowry hall and Rankin hall were unroofed. The panicle-stricken students ran to the basement, and in this way many fatalities were probably avoided.

FROST VERY DESTRUCTIVE IN WILLAMETTE VALLEY

PORTLAND, May 14.—That frosts and cold rains of the past week have done great damage is the opinion of many farmers and horticulturists in the different parts of the Willamette valley. The percentage of loss is at least 50 per cent. Cherries were reported damaged as well as prunes. Apples are said to be in good condition. Pears were dropping badly, but some expressed the opinion that owing to the severe thinning the remaining fruit might improve to the extent that the loss would not be very great in any variety except prunes. What is remarkable is that on the lowlands fruit, especially prunes, is seemingly escaping the effect of the bitter cold nights and the cold rains of a few days since. There is much discussion as to whether the rain or the frost produced the fatal results. Some say the cold rains prevented pollination and also stopped the circulation of the sap, thereby starving the already set fruit to death, for it is argued that the small prunes that have fallen are in perfect condition apparently, and have become detached from the spurs for want of nourishment, occasioned by a lax circulation.

CAPTAIN COLVIG, PITCHER. MAKES ANNOUNCEMENT

Editor Tribune: The ball game is "off" until further notice. I need the practice, anyway—my muscle is in poor condition. The Friday evening game meeting will also be postponed and will be called on the evening of ball game day. Medford is "going wet" today. In pitcher Colvig is pouring out a munificent libation. COLVIG, Pitcher for the Professionals. W. J. Alexander, who lives near Central Point, spent a few hours in Medford Thursday morning.

FOUR DARK CRIMES IN HEART OF PORTLAND

May 11—Nathan Wolff, pawnbroker, attacked in his place at 105 First street at about 6 p. m., shot in the neck, hacked to death with a hatchet and robbed of money, watch and stock worth about \$300. Edward H. Martin is now in jail accused of this brutal crime.

May 12—H. Newman, second-hand dealer, terribly beaten in the middle of the day at Second and Couch streets, sustaining fracture of skull which may result fatally. Is found unconscious in his store and says two men entered his place, one of them attacking him with a section of gaspipe wrapped in paper. The motive does not appear to be robbery, as nothing was taken from the place.

May 13—The gaspipe thief added another victim to his bloody list by assaulting John Chung, a Chinese merchant tailor, with a section of gaspipe in the latter's shop, No. 249 Ankeny street. He was pursued by his victim for a short distance and then captured in a saloon. The prisoner was only saved from lynching at the hands of the infuriated mob by the opportune arrival of the police. He gave his name as Jack La Rose.

MILLION AND HALF POUNDS OF MEAT TO FEED FLEET

SAN FRANCISCO, May 14.—Awards have just been made for supplies for the warships now in this harbor. The supplies will start the vessels of the Atlantic fleet on their voyage across the Pacific ocean next month. More than a million and a half pounds of meat are contracted for. This quantity will be made up of 800,000 pounds of frozen beef, 185,000 pounds of frozen veal and mutton, 180,000 pounds of pork loins, 40,000 pounds of young chickens, 5000 pounds of turkeys, about 90,000 pounds of frankfurters, pork sausages, bologna and compressed ham, and 250,000 pounds of smoked ham, 2,500,000 pounds of flour, 100,000 pounds of sugar. Of canned peaches, pears and tomatoes and evaporated apples there will be laid in about 300,000 pounds. Vegetables include potatoes, lima beans, 7500 pounds, and sauerkraut, 20,000 pounds.

TORNADO IN LOUISIANA DOES MUCH DAMAGE

SHREVEPORT, La., May 14.—A relief train went to Gilliam, La., last night returned today bearing five corpses and 31 injured victims of the tornado which passed over the northern portion of this parish yesterday. A train bringing physicians and supplies was dispatched to the scene today. The entire village of Gilliam was wiped out and great damage done in Oil City, Belcher and Black Bayou.

REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION MEET TAFT PARAMOUNT

Convention a Mere Formality and Will Undoubtedly Send Instructed Delegation to Chicago—Fulton-Taft Faction Supreme.

PORTLAND, May 14.—The republican state convention met in this city today with the Fulton-Taft faction in control. That the convention will be a mere formality was evident from the start. Nothing was accomplished at the morning session beyond naming A. J. Johnson of Benton county temporary chairman and the appointment of committees.

PORTLAND, May 14.—In the first congressional district today, R. E. Williams of Polk county and C. A. Schellbrede of Coos county, were chosen as delegates to the national convention.

REPUBLICANS IN SESSION AT OREGON METROPOLIS

PORTLAND, May 14.—The Taft managers say that Bourne will not have over 25 votes in the Republican state convention, which is being held today. There are 247 delegates, so that the Taft people have a large majority. There are so few Bourne delegates that it is believed there is practically no hope of Bourne being selected as one of the eight delegates to the national convention at Chicago. There is only one possible way for Bourne to be a delegate and that is with an instructed delegation, and as Bourne will not tolerate being instructed, and probably would not abide by the instructions, he may be considered as eliminated.

The convention is not all Taft, however. There is a large sprinkling of Hughes and La Follette men among the delegates, but, unlike the Taft workers, they have not organized.

HUGHES DECLINES TO ACCEPT NOMINATION

NEW YORK, May 14.—Governor Hughes will not accept the nomination for the vice-presidency. This announcement is made in a letter from the governor to General Stewart L. Woodford. In his letter the governor says:

BLACK HAND DEMANDS \$15,000 FROM HETTY GREEN

NEW YORK, May 14.—Reports which those responsible for their assets are authentic are to the effect that Mrs. Hetty Green, who is occupying apartments at the Plaza hotel, recently received a Black Hand letter threatening her with death unless she gave \$5000 to the writer. Since the receipt of the letter Mrs. Green, in leaving the hotel for her office in the Chemical National bank building, has been accompanied by a detective.

RAILROAD EXTORTION IS REMEDIED BY COMMISSION

SALEM, Or., May 14.—Acknowledgments of material assistance rendered by the state railroad commission are coming to Secretary George Goodall daily. The most recent instance is that of the Blue Mountain Fruit & Produce company of Coos, overcharged \$23 by the O. R. & N., and \$255 by the Astoria, Tappan & Santa Fe railroad, both of which overcharges were refunded by the railroad through the offices of the Oregon state railroad commission.

IDLE FREIGHT CARS INCREASE IN NUMBERS

NEW YORK, May 14.—There was a further increase of idle freight cars in the United States and Canada on April 30. According to the report of the American Railway association there were 413,338 idle cars, an increase of 37,714 over April 15. The total increase for April was 105,259. Last October there was a shortage of cars amounting to 86,811. Of the 413,338 cars, 147,826 were box cars, 24,308 were flat cars and 186,726 were coal cars. The report represents 152 railroads, with an aggregate freight equipment of about 2,200,000. This means that 19 per cent of the country's cars are now stationary.

CONTESTANTS IN THE RACE FOR CARNIVAL QUEEN

The contestants stand as follows: Miss Hazel Tien ..... 425 Miss Anna Danielson ..... 267 Miss Mand Allen ..... 186 The other contestants stand less than 100 votes, but we understand that some of them are saving their votes. Miss Pizmir, Miss Kent, Miss Eifort are still in the race to win.

NEW CASES

J. C. Hall vs. Geo. W. Dunn, Joshua Patterson and George Brown. E. G. Smith, attorney for plaintiff. The Commercial Club baseball game between the professional men and merchants has been postponed on account of the rain. The new date will be announced later.

RICH GOLD FOUND IN VALLEY

Lucky Minerson Willamette Creek Takes Out \$39,000 in Less than 90 Days from Own Property

GRANTS PASS, Or., May 14.—Three second-hand dealers of this city, who three months ago counted their assets in a few dollars, are now believed to be worth \$100,000. These men are Robert and Benjamin Harrison, brothers, and C. J. Jones, who, in less than 90 days, have taken \$39,000 in gold from a claim in the Williams creek mining district, 20 miles south of here. It is reliably reported that these men have sufficient of the yellow metal in sight to raise their fortunes to a round \$100,000.

Pan Out \$7000 Easter Sunday

It seems almost incredible that only last Thursday these mining men brought to the surface 6000 pounds of pure gold in one pan, but back of this comes their best day's yield which netted them an Easter Sunday in round numbers \$7000.

In an interview today, Robert Harrison, one of the owners of the mine, who came to town to transact business concerning the disposal of ore, verified the rumors that had leaked out, saying he had produced \$7000 on Easter Sunday.

Speculating \$200 to \$500 a Day

"Yes, it is true," said Harrison, "that we have a rich mine, and we have been taking out lots of gold every day since we have been out there in this district. For the last 30 days our mine has produced from \$200 to \$500 every day. We have just sunk a shaft 100 feet and from all indications I think a conservative estimate will fix the amount of ore in sight at not less than \$75,000. The opening shows up a nice thick vein and is rich beyond our most sanguine expectations."

"Will We Sell? No, Sir."

"Last Thursday our proceeds for the day amounted to 12 1/2 tons of pure gold, so you see why we wish to keep our mining business to ourselves. We have been operating in the Williams creek mining district since about the first of March. Our richest strike was made on Eastern Sunday, when the boys took out \$7000."

MEDFORD MAN REVIVES FISH CANNERY PROJECT

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., May 14.—Several years ago J. D. Whitman of Medford started a fish cannery on Lost River. He no more than had everything arranged to begin business when high water came and drowned him out. His entire plant was a loss. He has now returned here and will once more make an attempt to go into the fish-canning business on Lost River. The fish found in Lost river are commonly called the Lost river suckers, because they are found in no other stream in this entire section. They are a species of the mullet and are excellent for table purposes. These mullets get to weigh as much as 20 pounds and the river is full of them. Should the opening of these fish prove a success it will open up a new industry for this county. Lost river flows into Tule lake, which has no outlet except the hole in its bottom. The fish can come from no other stream and the entire supply is dependent upon the lake and the river.

SOLDIER ON TRIAL FOR ANARCHISTIC SENTIMENTS

SAN FRANCISCO, May 14.—With a penalty that may mean any sentence short of death hanging over him, Private William Bywaters, Company A, First Battalion of Engineers, U. S. A., is to go before a court martial on Friday at the Presidio. Bywaters is charged with participating while in uniform in a meeting held in this city by the anarchist leader, Emma Goldman, and with having applauded the attacks directed by the woman against the United States government, particularly against the army and navy. The court selected for the trial will include a lieutenant colonel, three majors and ten captains.

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BLOOD DRAWN BETWEEN FRENCH AND SPANISH

Troopers Fire on One Another at Casa Blanca and Several Are Wounded—Great Excitement in Madrid—May Lead to Complications.

CASA BLANCA, May 14.—In an encounter here May 12 between some French and Spanish troops, the Spaniards fired first, the French replying. One Spaniard was wounded and two of the Frenchmen were wounded.

MADRID, May 14.—The minister of foreign affairs has demanded the details and explanations of the Casa Blanca affair from Paris. The matter has created considerable excitement. Newspapers advise the withdrawal of the Spanish troops, saying that bad blood exists between them and the French.

BUTTE FALLS ITEMS

Mr. Jefferys and wife drove in from Central Point and took a large load of supplies to their homestead on the anniversary.

W. H. Moore, of Medford, brought Shorty Miles and wife of Medford to town Saturday and took them to the homestead of Mr. Miles.

Stock feed is plentiful in the mountains and cattle are looking well. Ice formed here May 9 and the weather is cool and frosty. One fruit crop has not been totally blighted. We have the "can" factories to draw from.

Speculation is rife as to whether it is the intention of the government to throw all homesteads into the reserve and deprive the homesteader of his home and then for Uncle Sam to sell the entire stumpage to the lumber syndicates and impose severe penalties upon American citizens for presuming to acquire a part of the public domain.

Mr. Cleavage, between the humble and poor and the dominant predatory classes—becomes more distinct each day, and yet the ruling powers cannot see the forces working nor the trend which the legislation of the country is taking, neither the intensity of feeling awakened in the scant, unjust treatment of settlers in the wilderness. In the agitation concerning the public lands it has been the unfortunate and poor man who has largely been the sufferer, while the bloated millionaire, the scoundrel, the criminal and the stall-fed land monopolist have escaped and their interests carefully considered.

Mr. Howland of Medford is being entertained by Mr. Entrop at his homestead near the Falls.

Bert Harris, with a party of gentlemen, came in his auto as far as Brownsboro and there had to stable his horse, as the roads would not permit further travel.

There is not a visitor to the Falls who does not express his admiration of the beautiful and splendid location of Butte Falls and cannot understand why a railroad has not long ago been built to this section whose untold wealth awaits transportation to the markets of the world.

Mr. Owens held Sunday services in the schoolhouse, which were well attended.

Colonel Briggs, father of our postmaster, is now and for some time has been on his homestead in the unimproved.

Mr. Delworth of Peyton bought a fine load of spuds to town on Saturday and readily sold the same to a merchant.

Messrs. Mahoney, Hudson and Pentz came in from the latter's homestead Saturday. Mr. Pentz has laid out extensive improvements which will be begun at once.

Postmaster Briggs has gone to Jackson on business.

Mr. Rathbun, as also Mr. Stowell and Mr. Bellows, have purchased several fine residence lots in the Falls.

Real winter weather has been the experience of this section for a week past. A petition is in circulation to establish a money-order office at Butte Falls. It is being largely signed.

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WASHINGTON, May 14.—The house adopted the rule for the consideration of the Freedland currency bill, 174 to 146. The democrats voted solidly against it and were supported by 15 republicans.

MURDERS AT DEATH FARM COUNTLESS

Ten Men's Watches Found by Searchers--Bodies of Nine Male So Far Unearthed by Party.

LA PORTE, Ind., May 14.—The Guinness "death farm" gave up two more watches today, making ten, usually worn by men, though but nine bodies of male victims have been unearthed so far. The search is to be resumed.

One of the many watches found in the ruins during the search of the Guinness house was shown to be a watch of Ole Hulsberg, one of the supposed victims of Mrs. Guinness, from Iowa. Wis. Prosecutor Smith said that the silver watch taken from Lamphere when he was arrested has been declared by Ash Helgelein to resemble the one which his brother Andrew owned. Lamphere's watch was a present to him from Mrs. Guinness.

R. J. Hunter, the miller, on whose route the Guinness farm is situated, said that Mrs. Guinness carried on her matrimonial business under three different names. He declared he had delivered scores of letters to Mrs. Guinness under the names of "Mrs. Belle Stevenson," "Mrs. Belle Guinness" and "Mrs. Jennie Hinkley."

LATE LOCAL NEWS

J. F. Gotchell of the Medford Realty & Rental company has purchased the jewelry store of M. Elwood and will take charge of the business within a few days.

E. Hutchins and E. Reinicke have gone to Ayer's Spur, accompanied by their families. They will operate the box factory there under contract with the Ashland Manufacturing company.

J. S. Vestal was over from Butte Creek one day this week.

J. W. Hobbs, the genial deputy interior revenue collector, is making this section an official visit.

Wes Kennedy has returned to Medford after an absence of a few months. A. C. Nicholson and W. H. Sears were among those who came to Medford Wednesday evening to hear W. J. Boosey's speech.

L. Berger and J. A. Wright of Phoenix did business in Medford Thursday morning.

District Attorney and Mrs. A. E. Reames were over from Jacksonville Wednesday evening.

E. J. Farlow, Fred Neil and J. Settles of Ashland, also James Garvin of Tule Falls, were among those who attended the meeting of the democratic county committee.

J. A. Perry, the well-known horticulturist, took Judge Whitney of Albany, candidate for congress, to Ashland Wednesday afternoon.

Captain W. Bawlings, who has been quite ill, is able to be about again.

Henry Humphrey has sold his 12-acre tract, located near Medford, to E. C. Howell, a prominent citizen of Cedar Rapids, Ia. J. C. Brown negotiated the sale.

JUDGE M'BRIDE DECLARES BANK HOLIDAYS ILLEGAL

ST. HELENS, Or., May 14.—In deciding the case of Webb vs. Shames, arising out of an attempt to foreclose a lien Judge McBride, in the circuit court today, held that the so-called bank holidays were not non-legal or non-judicial and denied the governor's authority to establish such days by proclamation. He held that the governor having stated that the object of declaring certain days holidays was to prevent with-drawals from banks and close the courts to litigants who might seek to enforce contracts, it amounted to the passage of a "statute law." He said that the courts had repeatedly held that the legislature could not legally pass such laws and, therefore, that the authority in the governor, it was, in fact, and as was intended by the governor, as shown by his proclamation, an attempt to prevent people from withdrawing their money from the banks or enforcing their demands through legal process.

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SALE OF HILL CREST ORCHARD CONFIRMED

Hill Crest Orchard Company of Seattle is the Purchaser of the Valuable Perkins' Orchard.

Parts are today known which confirm the story published yesterday of the sale of the Perkins orchard. The total consideration was \$75,000.

An option was taken some time ago by some Seattle capitalists, \$2500 being paid at that time. Within a few days \$10,000 has been paid, thus transferring the title.

The Medford Realty & Rental company claims to be the instrument of bringing the two parties together. Mr. Perkins bought the orchard about four years ago, paying \$21,500. Since that time he has spent many thousands of dollars in improvements, until at the present time the orchard is regarded as one of the finest in the valley and well worth the purchase price.

Mr. Martin, when seen today, stated that the purchaser was the Hillcrest Orchard company, an incorporation of Seattle men who intend to manage the orchard on a company basis and to finance their holdings here from time to time.

R. H. Parsons, president of the Bemis Bag company of Seattle, is president and one of the principal stockholders in the orchard company.

Mr. Martin will be the local representative of the company, which is opening offices in the Palm building. J. W. Perkins will have an office in the same rooms, but has no official connection with the orchard company and is not financially interested in it, so far as is known.

OLD OREGON TRAIL MAY BE RE-ESTABLISHED

WASHINGTON, May 14.—A favorable report was made to the house today on Representative Humphreys' bill appropriating \$50,000 for the erection of monuments along the old Oregon trail. The bill authorizes the employment of a commission to erect the monuments at an annual salary of not over \$2500.

PROHIBITION FORCED IN LAST ELECTIONS

CHICAGO, May 14.—The liquor forces generally were successful in 40 or more towns and villages of Illinois which voted on the local option question in the last elections. Definite figures are lacking in many cases, but it seems certain that not more than a hundred saloons were voted out of existence. The largest communities almost without exception voted to retain their drinkshops.

HART-MCKEE CASE SETTLED—JUDGE GRANTS DIVORCE

PARIS, May 14.—The court today, in granting the Hart-McKee divorce, finds that both Mr. and Mrs. McKee contributed to the unhappiness of their household. Mrs. McKee was given the custody of the child with the provision that Mrs. McKee was to have the child one month yearly and the privilege of seeing it twice a week. McKee was ordered to contribute 1000 francs monthly to the support of the child.

CHIEF JUSTICE BEAN REPRESENTS GOVERNOR

SALEM, Or., May 14.—The supreme court has returned from Pendleton, but without Chief Justice Bean. The chief justice has gone to Washington, where he will represent Governor Chamberlain at the conference of the governors to be held at the White House this week. He will also visit West Point and attend to other duties delegated to him by the governor while in the east.

BREWERYMEN ON STRIKE IN KANSAS CITY

KANSAS CITY, May 14.—Eight hundred brewery employes struck today for an increase averaging about \$1 per week per man. Every plant in the city is shut up.

An Unequal Investment

\$1000 invested now will secure three choice improved business lots, five years' time on easy payments on the balance. It is believed these lots will double in value within one year and the lucky purchaser will thus make \$2000 on an investment of only \$1000. This is an opportunity seldom offered and is only open for a short time. Gold Ray Realty Co., 206 West 7th street.