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The Weather
Showers tonight or Wednesday; cooler; south to west winds.

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DRINKS CARBOLIC ACID AND CUTS WRIST

DESPERATE ATTEMPT MADE BY FRANK J. NELKE TO END HIS LIFE

HAD BEEN IN TOWN FOR PAST TEN DAYS AND WAS TO LOCATE HERE

Found By His Wife in the Bath Room--The Deed Was Premeditated--Doctors agree That the Man Cannot Live--Brooded Over Business Affairs.

NELKE STILL ALIVE AT 2:30 O'CLOCK
Nelke was still alive at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon, but was sinking. His pulse was fluttering and while the end may be delayed for some hours or even for a few days, owing to his wonderful strength, it seems there is no doubt but that he will die.

Frank L. Nelke, of New York city, who has been in Medford for the past week, this morning made an attempt upon his life in the bathroom of the Moore hotel, which will probably prove successful. He followed an attempt to sever the arteries in his wrist by drinking two ounces of carbolic acid.

The Motive.
Mrs. Nelke states that for the past two or three days Nelke had been brooding over his business affairs and had repeatedly told her that he would never make a business man.

How the Deed Was Done.
This morning about 10 o'clock Nelke informed his wife that he was going to shave himself and take a bath.

Two Earthquakes Felt at Eureka
EUREKA, Cal., August 18.—Two distinct and heavy earthquake shocks were felt here this morning, the first at 3 o'clock and the second at 5:30 a. m.

Medical Aid Given.
As soon as Dr. Conroy arrived on the scene the stomach pump was used and the acid taken from the stomach of the stricken man.

Cannot Recover.
The doctors are of the opinion that the man cannot recover. The amount of acid taken by Nelke and the time that elapsed before the stomach pump could take the acid from his body were such as to make the hope of recovery very doubtful.

Mrs. Nelke Prostrated.
The wife of the stricken man is prostrated with grief. She repeatedly begged the doctors to save Nelke's life and at last was taken to her room.

Unconscious of Sorrow.
The saddest phase of the unfortunate affair is the fact that the little 5-year-old girl of Nelke is entirely unconscious of what it all means.

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TO INCREASE WATER IN FISH LAKE

Supply Will Be Sufficient to Place Entire Valley Under Irrigation

Active work has been undertaken by the Fish Lake Ditch company to direct the water of Four-Mile lake into Fish lake so that a head of water will at all times be available in an amount sufficient to place the entire valley under irrigation.

Superintendent McCray has for some time been building trails and roads and doing other preliminary work so that the water could be diverted. A 30-foot dam will be put in at Four-Mile lake so that the water can be brought around the mountain and turned into Fish lake.

Of late the fruit growers in the valley are beginning to use the water more and more, and it will be only a matter of a few more seasons before most of the orchards will be under irrigation during the dry months.

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SHOULD USE MORE WATER IN VALLEY

A Fruit Man of Lewiston, Says Irrigation Would Enhance Local Values

That the fruit lands of the valley would be greatly enhanced in value by the use of more water for irrigation purposes is the opinion of H. L. Powers, a prominent fruitgrower of Lewiston, Idaho.

Your valley is wonderful, wonderful," said Mr. Powers, "and there is only one thing which the growers should do—and that is irrigate. While fruit can be successfully raised in this valley without irrigation, still water would greatly enhance the value of your property.

Land stores a considerable amount of water here in the winter time, but it is not enough. I am not interested in any way in the valley, either in a fruit ranch or in an irrigation project, but your growers will find that water judiciously used will prove of great benefit.

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RACE RIOT IS QUELLED BY POLICE

Quick Action Prevents a Riot Similar to That of Springfield in Chicago--Whites Geer Negroes

CHICAGO, August 18.—The police by quick action here today prevented a riot by quelling a battle between white teamsters and negroes. The trouble started when the teamsters jeered at the negroes about the Springfield riots.

Business Men Denounce Riots.
SPRINGFIELD, Ill., August 18.—At a joint meeting today of the chamber of commerce and business men, resolutions were adopted denouncing the rioting and assuring the officials of sympathy and support in prosecution of the offenders.

Not From Lower Classes.
At the meeting there was no indication of sympathy or inclination to condone the acts of the rioters looking toward the deportation of the negroes. From unanimity of sentiment among the business men, it is apparent that the mobs were made up of the more irresponsible class.

Oregon Adapted to Wild Mushrooms
Oregon is naturally well adapted to the growth of wild mushrooms, owing to the warm rains and balmy air of early autumn.

There are many edible varieties, but in this instance only the common pink gilled field mushroom will be dealt with. The value of this highly nutritious and natural food product has been somewhat neglected because many people fear the poisonous varieties, others have not acquired a taste for them, and because those who use them do so only during the growing season, yet they may be easily preserved with all their delicacy of flavor and deliciousness for future use.

The variety may readily be recognized by a child without fear of obtaining a poisonous one. It first appears in the form of a white ball, or button, connected by a stem which extends into the earth. As it increases in size the cap expands from the lower side and a veil which connects it with the stem is torn, leaving a ragged membrane adhering to the stem; the cap is covered with a rather tough skin, which may be peeled off quite readily.

WASHINGTON, August 18.—The forest service has just announced the following appointments on national forests: California—Charles W. Fellos, forest guard on the Mustang national forest. Oregon—Sherman A. Brown, forest guard on the Cascade national forest. Oscar W. Pierce, forest guard on the Columbia national forest. Idaho—Nels Peterson, forest guard on the Pend d'Oreille national forest.

SHERMAN FORMALLY NOTIFIED

Declares His Support of All Statements in Taft's Speech of Acceptance--Loyal to Platform

UTICA, N. Y., August 18.—James Sherman was formally notified by Senator Burrows of Michigan at 12:30 o'clock today of his nomination as the republican candidate for the vice-presidency and in a ringing speech of acceptance declared his support of every statement made by William H. Taft, the presidential candidate, at Cincinnati.

Weather Ideal.
The weather was ideal. At 9:30 o'clock the parade of the policemen and fire departments, gaily decorated, began. At 11 o'clock the notification committee in automobiles, escorted by 400 members of political clubs, started from Bagg's square for the residence.

When the residence of Sherman was reached, his appearance was the signal for prolonged applause, and it was several minutes before Senator Burrows could make his brief address of notification. Sherman's speech was received with great enthusiasm. Short addresses were made by Secretary Root and President Striker.

Mr. Sherman's Speech.
In accepting the vice-presidential nomination, Representative James S. Sherman said in part:

Senator Burrows and Gentlemen of the Notification Committee: Your chairman, speaking for the committee, has notified me of my nomination for vice-president. As I chanced to be in Chicago in June, I had an inkling of the convention's action, which was confirmed by a warm-hearted reception tendered me by my neighbors on the occasion of my home coming July 2. This official notification, however, is welcome, and the nomination you tender me is accepted—accepted with a full appreciation of the obligations which accompany that honor.

Where Democrats Stand.
Our democratic brethren, whose memories are as short as their promises are frail, and who have always exhibited a lack of capacity to profit by experience, unmindful of the distress and destruction that arrived and departed with the last democratic administration, declare in their platform that they favor such "immediate revision of tariff

WILL MEET HARRIMAN THURSDAY

Railroad Magnate will be at Crater Lake on Thursday--Number to Meet Him

Word has been received in this city that Edward H. Harriman, Governor George E. Chamberlain and Superintendent J. E. O'Brien will be at Crater Lake Thursday evening and will probably arrive in Medford after a day or two spent in sightseeing at the lake.

NEW YORK, August 18.—Annual statements showing a total decrease of \$10,000,000 in the profits of the Southern Pacific and Union Pacific railroads created a flurry of excitement in financial circles here today.

The depreciation in the earnings of the Harriman roads, although it was known to be heavy, was scarcely expected to reach such a large figure. The gross revenue for the Southern Pacific for the year ending June 30 were \$123,274,421, a decrease of \$2,894,298. The operating expenses were \$84,659,905, an increase of \$4,415,598. The revenue over operating expenses and taxes was \$34,662,517, a decrease of \$8,365,289.

Schedules as may be necessary to restore the tariff to a revenue basis, a tariff for revenue only, ultimate free trade"—all have an identical meaning; that meaning being an assault upon American industries, an attack upon the American wage scale, a lessening demand for the products of American soil and American toil; less work, less pay, less of the necessities of and comforts of life.

I have helped to make my party's record in the enactment of the eight-hour law, the employers' liability act, the statutes to minimize the hazard of railroad employes, the child labor law for the District of Columbia, and other enactments designed especially to improve the conditions of labor. I cannot hope to better state my position on injunctions than by a specific endorsement of Mr. Taft's Cincinnati declaration on that subject. That endorsement I make.

I believe in the maintenance of such an army, the upbuilding of such navy as will be the guarantee of protection of American citizens and an omen of peace; that at every exposed point we may be so fortified that no power on earth may be tempted to molest us. I believe in the restoration of the American merchant marine and in rendering what financial aid may be necessary to accomplish this purpose.