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The Weather Occasional rain tonight and Tuesday. Easterly winds.

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MAY WRITE OREGON NOVEL

Ople Reed Charmed With Medford and Rogue River Valley--May Return to Sketch Oregon Life

"I never saw a prettier place nor a more beautiful valley than that of the Rogue river," said Ople Reed, the famous humorist, author and writer, after a three days' stay in Medford.

"Did you ever play golf? If not, you don't know what you miss. I used to laugh at it myself, but don't any longer," continued the humorist in his pleasant southern drawl.

Mr. Reed gave a most enjoyable lecture Saturday evening--perhaps the most enjoyable lecture ever heard here.

"I am in love with the west," said Mr. Reed. "The east seems so cramped and small. Why, you people don't realize what you have here in comparison with the east--in scenery, climate--everything that makes life worth while."

Mr. Reed, who is a native Tennessean, stands considerably over six feet in height, is broad shouldered and built in proportion. He is much better looking than the lithographs make him out to be, 50 odd years of age, and wears his wavy grizzled hair long.

ENJOYABLE DINNER GIVEN FRIENDS BY GRANT STONE

A most enjoyable dinner was given by Grant Stone, superintendent of the Burrell orchard, to a dozen of his friends Saturday evening at the Burrell ranch house.

HAS OFFERED A PRIZE FOR AN AEROPLANE THAT WILL FLY



OCTAVE CHANUTE, PROMOTER OF THE AEROPLANE.

Octave Chanute of Chicago is an engineer who has been interested in aerial navigation for many years and has recently offered a prize for an aeroplane that will fly.

NUMBER OF DEAD UNKNOWN

Estimates Vary as to the Number Perishing in a Great Mine Disaster

MARIANNA, Pa., Nov. 30.--Estimates of the number of dead as the result of the great disaster of Saturday in the mine of the Pittsburg Buffalo Coal company vary today from 120 to 230.

Several bodies which are in sight of the rescuers this morning undoubtedly will be recovered today.

Within three minutes after a state inspector and the mine superintendent had returned from an inspection of the district, the model Marianna mine of the Pittsburg Buffalo Coal company was blown up by a tremendous explosion Saturday.

Two hundred and twenty-five men were reported entombed beneath the thousands of tons of coal saving in upon them, at a depth of 540 feet.

The Marianna mine, which has been in operation less than three months, was considered the model mine of the world. Every device known to modern invention had been installed to prevent just such a tragedy as occurred.

The explosion came just before the noon hour, in the Rachel shaft. It was so terrific that the blast, blowing up the whole length of the deep shaft, tore loose the giant elevator cage at the surface of the mine and hurled it 300 feet away.

FOUND PAPERS OF FANCHER

Business Cards and Papers of Missing Man Found Above Talent

L. W. Fancher of this city, who disappeared from his home in this city last week, has not as yet been located, although his friends and relatives have been searching constantly for him for some days.

The uncle of the missing man, I. B. Goodpasture of Talent, walked from that place to Ashland hoping to find some trace of the man, and succeeded in finding, about two miles above Talent, a blank order book, a price list and some business cards belonging to Fancher.

Fancher was last seen near Phoenix by A. L. Rose and others. Since then no friend has seen him. John Gore and Mr. Shiveley saw him the day he disappeared and to them the man appeared natural.

Mr. Goodpasture says that all accounts left by the man were straight and that there is no other reason for his going but that he was demented.

FLOODS IN OKLAHOMA RENDER THOUSANDS HOMELESS

GUTHRIE, Okla., Nov. 30.--Seven persons are dead and many are missing and thousands are reported to be homeless today as the result of floods in Oklahoma and Texas, southwestern Missouri and southern Kansas.

Rivers throughout this whole section are rising rapidly and the worst floods in years are expected. A constant rain of 20 hours is responsible for the high water.

CUT FREIGHT RATE IN TWO

Result of Reddy and Olwell's Trip to Portland Means Great Saving to the City in Freight

PORTLAND, Or., Nov. 29, 1908.--W. W. Elfert, Medford: Have cut freight rate in two. Will save city about \$7000.

Such was the result of the trip to Portland of Mayor Reddy and Councilman Olwell, made in the interests of the city, to secure a cheaper rate on the materials for the construction of the gravity water supply.

Reddy and Olwell left Saturday night to discuss the matter of a reduced rate with R. B. Miller, traffic manager of the Harriman lines in Oregon, as the interstate commerce commission has ruled that allowances can be made by the railroads for material to be used for municipal purposes.

The reduction of the freight and the recent action of Nucson & Company, bond buyers, who are handling the gravity water bonds, resulting in a large saving to the city, both argue well for the building of the line at as low a price as possible.

LACK OF WORK DRIVES MEN TO HOLD UP

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Nov. 30.--Masked robbers, who held up the arrival of Sahlerene Brothers at 2838 Mission street yesterday are in the hands of the police today, admitting their crime and explaining that it was their first offense and one to which they were driven on account of lack of work.

The two things gave their names as James Parishi, a dishwasher, and Louis Gianni, a laborer. With the order, "hands up," the robbers entered the saloon yesterday morning, holding up one of the proprietors and a customer. Only \$6 was taken from the cash register and \$1 and a gold watch from the customer, John Lavette.

Then the thugs ran out of the place and were scamping down the Southern Pacific tracks when they were stopped and arrested by Patrolman John J. Casey, who took his prisoners to the city prison and found the masks and loaded revolvers on their persons. Their victims later identified them.

TWO ROYAL AMERICANS GO TO COURT AND WIN

TAUNTON, Mass., Nov. 30.--Teeweelma and her sister, Charlotte, princesses of the royal blood of Massachusetts, the Indian chief who welcomed the Puritans to Plymouth, have won a fight with the white man in the Massachusetts courts to secure title to land which they claim is theirs by right of heredity. Henry A. Wynnan held title to the land, which is in Lakeville.

The princesses are to have a life tenancy, the title to remain with Wynnan. They also are to have the use of a strip of land for the right of way which Joseph Demoranville claimed in another suit.

Princess Eeweelma lives with her sister on the shores of Lake Assowampsett. She always wears her royal costume and head dress and sells herbs in Boston.

PRINCIPALS IN THE RECENT CHANGES IN CHINESE EMPIRE



CHINA'S LATE EMPEROR, DOWAGER EMPRESS AND NEW REGENT

Before the outside world had been apprised of the particulars of the deaths of the Chinese emperor and the aged dowager empress Prince Chun had assumed the regency and his three-year-old son, Prince Pu Yi, had been elevated to the throne.

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POLLINATION THEME OF O'GARA

Scientist Defines Reasons As to Why Fruit Trees Vary in Variety of Fruit Produced on Same Trees

(By Charles Meserve.)

The fruitgrowers' meeting held Saturday afternoon at the Angle opera house under the auspices of the Rogue River Horticultural society was one of the best ever held in this valley, both in attendance and instructive features of the program.

Every seat in the opera house was filled and some late comers were compelled to stand, and so close was the attention given that not a person left the room during the two hours that Professor P. J. O'Gara spoke. A noticeable feature of the meeting was the number of ladies present. As women all over the United States are taking an active interest in horticulture, among them being some of the most successful fruitgrowers in the country, the ladies of Rogue River valley are expected and will be made welcome at all meetings of the Horticultural society.

A feature that pleased those who live at a distance from Medford and had to travel a long distance after the meeting to get home was that the meeting began on time, for Vice-President Tom Velle called it to order promptly at 2 p. m.

The subject for consideration was pollination of pomeaceous fruits and it was presented by Professor P. J. O'Gara from the department of agriculture, at Washington, D. C. Professor O'Gara is detailed by the department of agriculture to supervise the fight that is being made on the Pacific coast against the pear blight and is making his headquarters for this winter in Medford, to be in the center of his work, which extends from Spokane to Los Angeles. Finding that the professor is a veritable fountain of knowledge on every phase of the intricate problem of handling the modern orchard the fruitgrowers of Rogue River valley are availing themselves of his willingness to aid them, and he gets more invitations to speak at fruitgrowers' meetings than he can possibly fill aside from his regular pathological work.

In his address Professor O'Gara quoted deductions from the many experiments that had been made by the department of agriculture and by individual orchardists that prove that there are fixed races of nature in the breeding of fruit as well as in the breeding of animals. And that one of the principal causes of failure to bear or decrease in yield in many apple and pear orchards is due to no provision having been made at the time of planting for the proper pollination of the blossoms. Mating, as it were, the right varieties was one of the essentials in the planting of apple or pear trees to get fruit and prolific, and if the beginner lacks this knowledge it is but chance that he will succeed in his orchard venture.

Must Be Similar Types. In the cross-pollination of apples it is necessary that the varieties bloom at the same time and that the fruit be of similar type. The color is not so essential, but it is best to have like colors. The color, though, is not affected in crossing most varieties of apples to any extent. A Spitzenberg will take on its fine red if the tree is healthy and the soil and climatic conditions are favorable. But the shape and type of the apple will be radically affected, and a dozen Spitzenberg trees scattered about in a mixed orchard may have as many different types of apples. This same rule applies to pears quite as much as to apples.

Professor O'Gara gave a long list of both apples and pears that in combinations of two would cross-pollinate and enable both to produce a good yield of first-class fruit, and he gave those that were failures in cross-pollination or that produced small yields of inferior fruit. He will give another address on pollination under the auspices of the Horticultural society in Medford the last of March. At this meeting he wants to arrange with a large number of fruitgrowers to carry on this season to ascertain to what extent local conditions affect the crossing of the pollen

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