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The Weather The weather man says: At last spring has come and we may expect fair weather for tonight and tomorrow, with easterly winds.

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ELECT A NEW MAYOR ON MONDAY

Central Point Politics at Fever Heat--Clear Cut Contest Between the Two Factions

Politics are at fever heat in Central Point. A new mayor is to be elected Monday, and the city charter to be amended to permit the city to build a water system.

The Candidates. At a caucus of citizens held Friday evening W. C. Lever was nominated for mayor.

Progressive say that Central Point has reached a point where there must be a water system if the city is to continue to grow.

TO WAGE FIGHT FOR STATE-WIDE PROHIBITION

PORTLAND, Or., March 2.—That the Anti-Saloon league of the state will wage a campaign in 1910 for absolute prohibition in Oregon is extremely possible.

In general the ministers seemed to favor launching the campaign at the given time, and a motion was made in the enthusiasm of the moment.

PITTSBURGH GETS CINCH ON THE CHICAGO WHEAT PIT

CHICAGO, Ill., March 2.—James A. Patten, manipulating the "lever" of the wheat market of the world Saturday sent May wheat gliding up until it reached \$1.19 a bushel.

But the Wall street coterie were not the only ones bitten, as the bears in the Chicago pit, who have been selling "short," for weeks if he hopes that a "flaw" would be found in the Patten armor.

GRANTS PASS COMPLAINS OF OVERCHARGE IN HAY

A formal complaint against the Southern Pacific company has been filed with the railroad commission this morning by the Grants Pass Feed company.

NEW VEIN OF COAL IS FOUND

Cascade Coal Company Find New Vein on Property Northeast of This City

A new vein of coal has been struck on the Broadwont property three miles northeast of this city, which is being worked by the Cascade Coal company.

This is the second large vein uncovered on this property. They will both of them be worked. At present 14 men are employed and the tunnel has been dug some 200 feet in depth.

NEW POSTAL RATES WITH NEWFOUNDLAND IN EFFECT

WASHINGTON, March 2.—Two-cent letter postage between the United States and Newfoundland has become effective.

The postage has hitherto been five cents. The announcement of the change gives general satisfaction.

PROJECT WELL UNDER WAY

Grants Pass Irrigation Scheme Will Not be Allowed to Drag Along

GRANTS PASS, Or., March 2.—Work upon the irrigation project is progressing nicely. Two engineering corps are in the field getting levels for the gravity and highland ditches.

As soon as the work of surveying highland ditches has been gone over, the surveyors will be put to work upon finishing the route for the gravity ditch on the north side of the river.

In some instances the communities benefited have been so eager to have the first work done that it was necessary to give allotments to those who first subscribed to the full amount of their land.

GAS EXPLOSION INJURES LARGE NUMBER OF MEN

PITTSBURGH, Pa., March 2.—Forty-two men were injured in a gas explosion in a shaft of the South Creek Slope colliery of the Pennsylvania Coal company at Fort Griffith today.

CARLOAD OF POLES ARE HERE

Telephone Supplies Begin to Arrive for the Pacific Company--Men Will Be Here in Day or Two

A carload of telephone poles arrived this morning for the Pacific Telephone company, and within a day or two men will be on the ground putting in the improvements to the local service.

The company has a number of men at work in Grants Pass at the present time installing improvements at that place.

EASTERN OREGON GETTING ONTO PUBLICITY BAND WAGON

A series of the most enterprising meetings ever held in eastern Oregon and Washington are being held under the auspices of the various commercial bodies.

STATE APPROPRIATIONS LESS THAN FIRST SUPPOSED

Appropriations made by the legislature of 1909, after deducting a few thousand dollars cut off by the governor's veto, stand at \$3,149,652.35.

These figures do not include two large contingencies that may be added, but do include \$300,000 to be raised by tax levy beginning in 1911 for the purchase of the locks at Oregon City.

The \$3,149,652 total does not include the provision for the eastern Oregon asylum. Two hundred thousand dollars authorized for that purpose will be used unless the people approve the project at the election in 1910.

CROSBUS OF ARMY HAS RESIGNED HIS COMMAND

WASHINGTON, March 2.—Captain Edward R. Cassatt of the Thirtieth United States cavalry, the wealthiest officer of Uncle Sam's army, the owner of the finest horses ever ridden by any cavalryman and the most accomplished fiddler in the service, yesterday resigned from the army.

Captain Cassatt is a son of the late A. J. Cassatt, for many years president of the Pennsylvania railroad, and it is an account of his extensive business relations, due to the large estate left by his father, that he has been compelled to resign from the army on the eve of the departure of his regiment for the Philippines.

DENNETT WILL PROBABLY BE LAND COMMISSIONER

WASHINGTON, March 2.—Fred Dennett of North Dakota will in all probability be retained under the Taft administration as commissioner general of the land office.

AVALANCHE IN TYROL KILLS MANY SOLDIERS

INNBRUCKEN, Austria Tyrol, March 2.—Thirty-one soldiers and six officers were buried beneath an avalanche in Tyrol today. Several were killed.

CAPITAL IS IN GALA ATTIRE

Is Cynosure for Eyes of Entire Globe--Inauguration Day Promises To Be One of Sunshine

WASHINGTON, March 2.—This city is the cynosure for the eyes of the entire globe. Realizing that at this time every four years that this fact obtains, the city has been decked in gala attire and the inauguration on Thursday promises to be the most stupendous and resplendent one of history.

Thousands of visitors are arriving daily and the inauguration crowd promises to be a record breaker.

TODDY TAKES CHAIR

Cherishing a fondness for the chair he has occupied for seven years at the head of the cabinet table, President Roosevelt today sent a duplicate to the office and ordered the old one sent to his home at Oyster Bay.

TRANSPORTATION LINES EXPECT HEAVY TRAVEL

Making Preparations to Handle People Who Are Expected to Visit Seattle Fair This Season.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 2.—Increasing activity is the noticeable feature among the shipping concerns of the Pacific coast, and all lines, local, coast, and foreign, are augmenting their tonnage in anticipation of the great increase of passenger travel during the summer months.

COTTAGE GROVE TIMBER BOUGHT BY SEATTLEITE

J. O. Storey of Portland and C. W. Stinson one of the proprietors of one of the largest lumbering companies of Seattle, with mills at Ballard and other points on the coast, have been in the neighborhood of Cottage Grove for the past week looking over timber interests owned by Mr. Storey.

The Canadian Pacific line recently added to its line of Princess steamers plying between Seattle, Victoria and Vancouver, the new vessel Princess Charlotte, and this addition will increase the passenger capacity about 2000 daily.

The International Navigation company has already in operation the magnificent steamer Empress, Chippewa and Indianapolis, and these swift vessels have a passenger capacity of more than 1000 passengers.

The Empress of the Pacific line has been preparing for the increased travel for the last year, and Puget sound waters today float a fleet considered ample for the accommodation of tens of thousands of expectant visitors.

NEW BUSINESS BLOCK FOR CITY OF GRANTS PASS

GRANTS PASS, March 2.—The first concrete building for this city will be erected opposite the postoffice on the site of the old Astble property on Sixth street. This building, a two-story structure, will be financed by Arthur Franklin, editor of the Outlook, who is already owner of a handsome business block.

QUARTER MILLION FOR HARBOR AT SAN PEDRO

WASHINGTON, March 2.—The port authority appropriation bill passed the senate today. The bill provides for the expenditure of \$250,000 for the purchase of 175 acres of land at San Pedro harbor, California, an amount in excess of the amount of \$100,000, which was passed last week, was not included in the bill passed today, the amount being \$250,000.

DEFENSE RESTS CASE IN COOPER TRIAL

NASHVILLE, Tenn., March 2.—The attorneys for Colonel Cooper and Robin, his son, being tried for the murder of Senator Carmack, renounced today after introducing three witnesses that the defense would rest its case.

FREIGHT RATE TO SPOKANE LOWER

Famous Case Completed--Means Much to Every Section Throughout the Northwestern States

CHICAGO, March 2.—According to the Record-Herald today, the famous Spokane rate case, which has been in the hands of the interstate commerce commission for two years, has been decided and is now in the hands of the printers.

The Record states that it is understood that the decision which will be given out within the next few days is favorable to the contentions of the Spokane shipping interests and that the commission holds that the transcontinental freight rates to Spokane will be reduced between 30 and 25 cents a hundred pounds, the first reduction on first-class articles and the second on fifth-class.

NEW GENERAL STAFF ARE APPOINTED BY ADJUTANT

Appointment of the new general staff which will cooperate with the adjutant general in controlling the military affairs of Oregon has been made by Adjutant General William K. Finzer.

The appointments were made in accordance with new military code amendments passed by the last legislature and signed Thursday by Governor Chamberlain.

OWNERS MUST PUT IN SCREENS

New Game Code Provides for Protection of Fish at Intake of Canals

Under the new game code owners of ditches must install screens at inlets to their canals to prevent the destruction of fish. This is one of the greatest sources of destruction to the trout in the Rogue river watershed.

Owners of dams must also build fish ways so that trout can ascend streams to spawn. Penalties are also provided for failure to obey this section.

The Rogue River Fish Protective association will at its next meeting formulate plans to assist wardens in the installing of ditches, so that there will not this year be the needless slaughter of fish that there was last year.

The new law on fish protection reads: "Wire screens required at inlets to canals and ditches--Any person or persons, firm or corporation, owning, holding or in part, or leasing, operating, or having in charge any millrace, irrigation ditch, or canal, taking or conveying its waters from any river, creek, or lake in which fish have been placed or may exist, shall place or cause to be placed and maintain, over the inlet of the ditch, canal, or millrace, when required by the master fish warden, a wire screen or grating of such other device of such construction, fitness, strength and quality as shall prevent any fish from entering such ditch, canal or millrace the same to be placed in such ditch, canal or millrace on a slant not exceeding forty-five (45) degrees, and in such a manner that the bottom thereof shall extend upstream against the flow of water; Provided, that if a grating device be used the space between the bars shall not exceed one-half (1/2) an inch. Any person or persons, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine not less than \$25 and not more than \$50, and the costs of the action, or by imprisonment in the county jail.

BOODLER IS GIVEN 7 YEARS

Michael Coofey, Former Supervisor of San Francisco Sentenced to Prison by Judge Dunne

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., March 2.—Seven years in the state prison at San Quentin is the sentence imposed on Michael W. Coofey today by Judge Frank P. Dunne.

Coofey was a member of the infamous grafting board of supervisors in San Francisco which was directed by Abraham Ruef. He was convicted of accepting a bribe for his vote favoring the overhead trolley franchise.

SHEPHERDS AND FEDERAL AUTHORITIES CEASE WAR

All differences between the sheepmen of Oregon and the national forest service were amicably settled at a conference held Saturday in Portland between representatives of the Oregon Wool Growers' association and the forest service.

The wool growers have been up in arms over the material reduction made in the number of sheep to be allowed to graze in the Deschutes national forest. The reduction came as a result of a report made to the federal officials by Supervisor Ireland and it was to consider the resulting protests that the conference was held.

TALENT TALES TERSELY TOLD

E. R. Outman of Talent was down to Phoenix Sunday attending church. Miss Annie Bonn of Wagoner Creek was visiting old friends in West Phoenix Sunday.

E. Effers of Phoenix was a Talent business caller last Saturday. A loose horse with a saddle on was seen running the street in North Talent Monday morning and some fears of an accident were entertained.

WHISKY AND CIGARETTES IN SCHOOL; GIRL EXPELLED

NEWBURYPORT, Mass., March 2.—Charges of liquor drinking and cigarette smoking by boys and girls in the high school resulted in the expulsion of a girl member of the junior class by Principal Walter A. Andrews. Other expulsions are expected.

The dismissal of this girl, whose name is not made public, came as the result of an investigation by the school committee. At a reception and dance in the high school auditorium last Friday night it is alleged that a pint of whisky was brought into the school by one of the boys and that four girls and some of the boys went into the basement, where they drank the whisky and smoked cigarettes.

COOLIES CAUGHT AT THE WHARF

NEW YORK, March 2.—The customs officials are taking extra precautions against the importation by "underground" routes of Chinese coolies following the discovery yesterday of an attempt to pass two coolies into the country by a purser of the steamship Prinz Sigismund of the Atlas line. The Chinese were arrested on the pier by an inspector of the customs service. They were dressed in American clothing and wore queues concealed beneath their hats. They will be deported. It is alleged that many attempts at smuggling have been made by steamship officers during the last year and a concerted effort will be made to stop the traffic.

JEFF DENIES ANY JOHNSON CHALLENGE

CHICAGO, March 2.—James J. Jeffries, who arrived here today, denied a reported interview with him in Omaha in which he was quoted as saying he would re-enter the ring to meet Jack Johnson, the colored heavyweight champion of the world, at the conclusion of his theatrical tour. Jeffries said: "I would be foolish to make such an assertion until I know my actual physical condition. I am trying now to see what shape I can train to. Until that is settled I will not make a statement regarding my boxing plans."

WASHINGTON WETS WIN FIGHT

Put Dry Ranks to Flight--Spring Surprise First Thing--Senate Goes to House to Watch Fight

OLYMPIA, Wash., March 2.—In the local option fight resumed in the house this morning, the "wets" gained a complete victory, wiping the "drys" off the board. The wets' victory was so complete that it is probable the whole fight will be taken up again, starting out with the county unit plan originally contemplated in McMassters' bill. The wets sprung a surprise the first thing, when Slayden moved the adoption of the dry majority report of the house public morals committee. The report made cities of the first, second and third class units by themselves.

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