WEATHER INDICATIONS.
Oregon City—Fair Friday, rain or snow; southerly winds.
Oregon—Fair Friday except rain or snow northwest portion.

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RATE REDUCTION IS WON BY COAST

INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION ORDERS 20 CENT CUT EAST.

NO SERIOUS LOSS IS THREATENED

Figures Of Railroads Are Basis Of Decision—Fight Is Made By Portland And Seattle.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.—Portland, Seattle and Tacoma jobbers won an important victory before the Interstate Commerce Commission today when that body ordered a twenty cent reduction of all interstate class rates from these cities to points in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana, and directed that the new rates be put into effect January 2, 1912.

The fight for this reduction was made by the Chambers of Commerce of Portland and Seattle. Today's order indorses the tentative decision of the Commission, announced some months ago, the railroads having utterly failed in their endeavor to show that a 20 per cent reduction would be ruinous or even unfair to them.

When the Commission first announced its belief that a twenty per cent cut should be made the railroads obtained six months in which to submit figures showing what losses they would sustain if such regulation should be made. The Commission, after studying those figures, lost no time in promulgating its order, for it discovered from the statistics compiled by the railroads themselves that a twenty per cent cut in class rates would deprive the railroads in question of less than one per cent of their operating revenue. In view of the financial condition of the four roads affected, the Commission holds that they will not be adversely affected by this reduction.

BANKER MORSE MAY BE GIVEN FREEDOM

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.—President Taft today directed the warden of the Atlanta Penitentiary to transfer Charles W. Morse, the New York banker, to the United States Army Hospital at Fort McPherson, near Atlanta, where he will be under medical observation.

The President's further action in the case it was said at the White House, would be determined by the observations of the Army physicians.

Information which has reached Washington is that Morse is suffering from an acute form of kidney disease. It was said here today that at times the banker doses for 17 to 18 hours at a stretch and evinces little interest in things around him.

Prison officials are convinced that his condition is serious. The Attorney-General caused a thorough investigation to be made before approving his removal.

BATTLESHIP OREGON MAY BE SENT TO CHINA

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.—The battleship Oregon, with the cruisers Pennsylvania, St. Louis and Raleigh and the monitor Cheyenne, now held in reserve on the Pacific Coast, will be sent to join the Asiatic fleet in the event that complications in China become so serious as to require the reinforcement of the American warships now in Chinese waters.

The State Department has not made a request for additional ships to protect American interests in the Orient, but the question of preparing these reserve ships for Asiatic duty has been taken up by the Navy Department and these vessels can be sent across the Pacific on short notice, if their presence becomes necessary.

COUNTY TO SELL REAL ESTATE FOR TAXES

Sheriff Mass Friday sold to the county all real estate on which taxes are due for 1906 and 1907. This action was necessary in order that foreclosure suits could be prosecuted. The foreclosures will eb made at once. Deputy Sheriff Staats announced that $1,631.18 was due for taxes in 1907 and only $36 for 1906. It is thought that the announcement of the intended legal action will cause many persons who are in arrears to pay.

GLADSTONE HAS 2 TICKETS IN FIELD

O. E. FREYTAG AND H. E. CROSS CANDIDATES FOR MAYOR OF NEW CITY.

EXCITING CONTEST IS PROMISED

William Hammond Declines To Offer Again For Recorder —J. N. Sievers Announces.

City Recorder William Hammond, of Gladstone, has all kinds of office hours, and he was routed from his bed after 11 o'clock Thursday night to receive the petitions of candidates for municipal office Thursday being the last day that candidates could file and get on the ballot for the annual election on December 4. It was the eleventh hour in more ways than one.

Two tickets are in the field for the coming election, which will be the first since the original election was held for the purpose of incorporating the town, when officers were chosen to serve until January, 1912. The ticket that was filed late Tuesday night is headed by O. E. Freytag, the present Mayor, who is a candidate for re-election. Along with Mr. Freytag are the following candidates for Aldermen: One year term—Frank A. Hammerle, James Wilkinson. Two year team—C. E. Forshner, C. W Parrish.

Opposed to Mayor Freytag is Harvey E. Cross, founder of the town of Gladstone. Mr. Cross was urged to run for Mayor when the town was incorporated, but he declined, but now he has entered the lists, and with him are the following candidates for Aldermen: One year term—William LaSalle, Frank P. Nelson. Two year term—Thomas E. Gault, Chambers Howell, C. A. Williams. Mr. Howell is the only member of the present council to go after a thankless job, the others being F. A. Burden, F. S. Baker, C. A. Baxter, Brenton Vedder and G. S. Williams. Mr. Baxter is moving to Oregon City, but the other Aldermen would have been eligible.

Recorder William Hammond has declined to run again, and the only candidate is John N. Sievers, a law

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F. J. Tooze Announces Candidacy For Council

PROF. F. J. TOOZE.

F. J. Tooze announced Friday evening his candidacy for councilman in the second ward, to succeed Dr. M. C. Strickland, who, it is said, will not be a candidate for re-election. Daniel Lyons, the retired contractor, was mentioned some time ago as a possible candidate, but it was rumored Friday that he had decided not to make the race. Professor Tooze, several days ago, announced that he would not make the race, but at the request of friends he reconsidered the matter, and decided to offer for the office. He is superintendent of the Oregon City schools and a member of the committee appointed by the Mayor and City Council to revise the charter.

OCCUPANTS NOT HURT IN AUTOMOBILE CRASH

An automobile, owned by Chester Ellen, of Molalla, and one driven by Joseph Sheahan, son of William Sheahan, collided in front of the Court House Friday afternoon. Both cars were badly damaged, but none of the occupants was hurt. Sheahan, who was going north, had the right-of-way, and the driver of the other car, in trying to avoid several wagons, made a sharp turn across the street. A large crowd was attracted by the collision, and it was thought at first that someone had been injured. A man, a woman and a boy were in the Ellen machine, and Arthur Farr was in the machine with Sheahan. The mud guards, fenders, lamps, etc., of both automobiles were smashed.

COMMONER LAUDS SAILORS.

NASSAU, New Providence, Nov. 24—The passengers from the stranded steamer Prinz Joachim, of the Atlas Line were transferred from the Ward Line steamer Segaranaca to the steamer Vigilancia, twenty miles from Nassau. William J. Bryan, in an interview impromptu, said that the energy, skill and discipline of the crew were perfect. He emphasized the opinion that there should be two wireless operators on every ship, so that no one could be on duty all the time.

RAILROAD HALTS WORK FOR WINTER

CLACKAMAS SOUTHERN HAS SOLD ENOUGH STOCK TO COMPLETE GRADE.

DEMAND FOR BONDS ENCOURAGING

Money Raised Through Issue To Be Used In Equipping Line—Success Of Enterprise Assured.

Very nearly all of the work on the Clackamas Southern Railway Company line has been closed for the winter and only a few men will be retained during the winter months for the purpose of keeping the grade in good repair and the culverts open, so that the work done during the summer will not deteriorate.

Since March 6, 1911, the company has sold approximately $80,000 worth of stock, and that is sufficient to complete the grade and bridges. The engineer reports that a little more than ten miles of the grade on the line has been completed and about sixty more working days in the spring will fully complete the grade from Oregon City to Molalla.

The directors will devote all their spare time during the winter months in disposing of sufficient bonds to purchase the steel, and lay the track as soon as the weather will permit of that work. The bonds are issued in denominations of $100, $500 and $1,000, and bear interest at the rate of six per cent per annum, interest payable semi-annually. The company is receiving subscriptions for the bonds from some of the most conservative investors in the county, and they expect to dispose of the required amount before the work opens in the spring.

Every citizen in the county who lives or owns land tributary to this road should come forward and assist the Board of Directors in finishing the work that has been started, and as soon as the road is in operation there will be no better paying proposition in Clackamas county than the Clackamas Southern Railway, as it will traverse a fertile territory and the large belts of timber will insure a heavy traffic from the first week of the operation of the road.

The company received a letter a few days ago from a resident of Portland, who owns land near the Clackamas Southern Railway Company line, and which is located about nine miles from Oregon City, and he states in his letter that the completion of the line will greatly increase the value of his land, and he felt that he should subscribe for a thousand dollar bond so as to encourage the early completion of the road that meant so much to him individually.

When the O. W. P. line was built to Estacada a large part of the bonds issued for its construction were sold to individual investors in Portland and other Willamette Valley towns, and

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OREGON CITY FREE LIBRARY PROSPERS

ASSOCIATION HAS BALANCE OF $445.98 WITH RECEIPTS $1,712.67.

SUBURB RESIDENTS ARE FAVORED

No Charge To Be Made To Persons Living Across River, Gladstone, Mount Pleasant And Other Towns.

The prosperous condition of the Oregon City Free Library was clearly shown Thursday night at the annual meeting of the Library Association when the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

J. E. Hedges, president; E. G. Caufield, vice-president; Mary B. U'Ren, secretary; The Bank of Oregon City, treasurer. The directors are B. T. McBain, C. H. Caufield, E. Kenneth Stanton, John Adams, A. J. Lewinwaite, John W. Loder, Miss Laura Beatie and Miss Myrtle Buchanan.

The association voted to place new books to the value of $250 on the shelves, and upon the recommendation of the librarian, it was decided to make the library free to persons living outside the city limits, but who are in the immediate vicinity of Oregon City and are a part of the business life of the city. Included in this territory will be Willamette, Sunset, West Oregon City, Gladstone, Bolton and Mount Pleasant. Heretofore a charge of 50 cents for three months has been made to all who did not live in the city limits.

During the year the association has spent $349.41 for new books and $72.75 for newspapers and magazines. The library was opened for the circulation of books last June, and the greater part of the work of classifying and cataloguing was done by volunteers under the direction of Miss Topping of the State Library Commission. The association has a cash balance of $445.98. The receipts for the year amounted to $1,712.67, including a balance of $190.95, and the disbursements totaled $1,266.69.

The receipts and disbursements to November 17, 1911, as shown in the report of Mrs. U'Ren, are as follows.

Receipts.

Balance in bank Nov. 12, 1910.	$190.95
Money collected from Nov. 12,	
Money from tax levy	1,036.29
1910, to Nov. 17, 1911	485.33
Total	$1,712.67

Disbursements.

Salary of librarians	$ 473.50
Rent	216.00
Books	349.41
Magazines and newspapers	72.75
Supplies for organizing library	62.68
Furniture for library	22.35
Typewriting of catalogue cards	17.00
Entertainment of commission organizer while in city	5.00
P. O. box rent to March, 1911	1.50
Newspaper filing shelf, cleaning windows, oiling floor, etc.	5.50
To librarians for purchases of sundries	15.00
Stamps	.75
Insurance	8.75
Election letters	16.50
Total	$1,266.69
Balance on hand Nov. 23, 1911	$445.98

Miss Myrtle Buchanan, librarian, made the following report:

The story of the library work since July 17, up to the present date, so far as figures can tell, is as follows:

Total number of volumes in catalogue	1,578
Total circulation	3,296
Total number of non-fiction circulated	472
Total number of fiction circulated	2,824
Total attendance	10,080
Total number of members	400
On July 17—Number of visitors	27
Number of books circulated	14
During the first week, number of visitors	325
Number of books circulated	112
On Sunday of that week, number of visitors in reading rooms	45

From the week beginning July 17, until the present time, there has been a steady and gratifying increase in attendance until we have the following record for the past week:

Total number of visitors	728
Total number of books circulated	246

Every Sunday, rain or shine, finds the library well patronized. During the week the men and boys make good use of the library during the evening.

Magazines on file	30
*Newspapers on file	12

*Not including county papers and those given at irregular intervals.

Reference department well used, although limited in its resources. So far all demands for reference have been met. School children make good use of the library for investigation and for supplimentary reading.

Mr. Brownell, who has already given a splendid history reference, has made the library another gift of a valuable work of reference "The Earth and Its Inhabitants," comprising eighteen volumes. These have not yet been catilogued.

Dr Carll made a gift of some eighty volumes o history and other good non-fiction. Many public spirited citizens are showing their appreciation of the library by gifts of good and useful books, a volume or two occasionally.

The children's corner is the most popular part of the library. The children show greater discrimination in

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BEATTIE ADMITS GUILT AND DIES

DASHING YOUNG VIRGINIAN SAYS HE IS SORRY FOR SLAYING WIFE.

RETAINS COMPOSURE TO LAST

Confession Made To Minister Just Before Condemned Man Goes To Electric Chair.

RICHMOND, Va., Nov. 24.—Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., before his death in the electric chair, at 7:23 a. m., today, confessed to the murder of his wife. The statement, which was given out in the rotunda of a down town hotel, follows:

"I, Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., desirous of standing right before God and man, do, on this, the 23d day of November, 1911, confess my guilt of the crime charged against me. Much that was published concerning the detail was not true, but the awful fact, without the harrowing circumstances, remains. For this action, I am truly sorry and, believing that I am at peace with God and am soon to pass into His presence, this statement is made."

RICHMOND, Va., Nov. 24.—With lips tightly closed, steady and silent, Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., was executed for killing his young wife in the electric chair here early today.

He refused to speak a word admitting his guilt, and it was generally supposed, until later the confession was made public, that he had died protesting his innocence.

The electrocution moved swiftly and smoothly, and the young Virginian died almost instantly when the heavy electric current was turned into his body.

In the death chamber the voice of the warden could be heard plainly reading to the doomed man the final summons. The warden's voice droned on, it seemed to the witnesses, interminably. In reality, the compliance with the law occupied only a brief moment. Then, with Beattie between them, the deputy wardens began their progress toward the chair, only a few feet away.

When the procession followed by Superintendent Woods started, a signal was given which plunged the death chamber in blackness, save for a single light immediately over the chair. This was so hooded that it outlined the chair in a circle of blazing radiance so intense that the remainder of the room seemed in utter darkness. The witnesses scarce could see each other. The prisoner saw nothing but the chair.

There was no delay in preparing for the end. Beattie took his place, the prison surgeon and the electricians adjusted the straps, half dozen clamps were quickly thrown into place and snapped.

The cap, resembling a leather football head harness, was adjusted and the men stepped back.

The warden raised his hand. Instantly Beattie's body stiffened with such violence that the straps creaked with the strain, and clamps rattled, and then that which once had been Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., relaxed.

It was 7:23 o'clock when the shock was applied. One minute later Beattie was dead.

The surgeon had gone forward and, with a stethoscope, had listened for another faint beating of the heart that less than sixty seconds before had lived. He stepped back.

"He is dead," he said.

CHARTER BOARD OUTLINES WORK

PLAN IS TO HAVE ONE COUNCILMAN FROM EACH WARD AND TWO-AT-LARGE.

MAYOR IS TO BE ELECTED BY THEM

Business Manager Suggested At Salary of Not More Than $2,500—Commission Opposed.

The charter committee appointed by Mayor Brownell and the city council Friday night agreed upon a preliminary plan of work, subject to change at future meetings. The tentative plan for revising the charter follows:

There shall be five members of the city council, one from each ward and two from the city-at-large. The councilmen from the wards shall serve three years and those from the city-at-large two years. By this arrangement there will always be three hold-over members. To start this arrangement after the first election the successful candidates from the wards shall draw lots for one, two and three year terms.

The councilmen are to elect a Mayor from one of their number, and he shall be subject to removal by the council. The Mayor, being a member of the council, shall have a vote in that body, and, if he likes, may vote upon his own removal or retention. The Recorder, prosecutor and Treasurer are to be elected by the city council. The city council is to appoint a business manager of the city at a salary not to exceed $2,500 a year. He is to be subject to removal at any time for cause. The details of his work were not discussed.

It was the unanimous sentiment that the business form of government would be better for Oregon City than the commission form of government, although the members reserved the right to make a change. Each member has said that he is not pledged to any theory.

The members in attendance were Messrs. Harding, Stipp, Holman, Tooze, Stevens and Schuebel. The committee will meet next Friday evening.

HAWLEY RECEPTION BEING ARRANGED

The Commercial Club is making elaborate arrangements for the entertainment of Congressman Hawley, who is expected to arrive here next Tuesday evening on the Steamer Oregona. Secretary Latourette Friday wrote to Mr. Hawley asking him the exact time he would arrive in this city so arrangements could be made for his reception. It is the intention for a delegation of Commercial Club members to meet the steamer in a launch and take Mr. Hawley ashore. He will be the guest of honor at the luncheon of the Live Wires Wednesday. Mr. Hawley, who is making a tour of his district, will inspect the old canal and locks on the West Side and will look over the routes suggested for the canal on the East Side.

Wife Seeks Divorce.

Margaret Barkshire Friday sued Alfred R. Barkshire for divorce, alleging cruelty. They were married December 19, 1910, in Oregon City.

Hardin is Indicted.

Thomas Hardin, accused of stabbing Fred Hoffman Labor Day, was indicted Friday. He was given until November 25 to plead. George C. Brownell represents Hardin.

Thanksgiving Warning

We warn our customers that now is the time to place their orders for fresh opened Olympia and Eastern Oysters. Also for dressed Chicken. We cannot guarantee with any certainty to fill orders handed in later than Tuesday the 28th. We will greatly appreciate orders given early this week. Our oysters come direct from the beds at Olympia, Wash., so we must have time to order and ship. Salmon, Halibut, Smelt, Tom Cod, Lobsters, etc., always on hand. Halibut extra fine this week. We also supply fresh cooked Crabs. No cold storage stock in fish or fowl.

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