

EQUINOX THEORY VOICED IN STORM

Biting Wind and Intermittent Snowfalls Make Portland Shiver.

FRUIT BENEFITS NOTICED

Continued Cold Retards Too Rapid Development and Snows Bring Needed Moisture--Eastern Oregon Shepherds Watchful.

COLD SNAP CONTINUES AND SNOW STILL FALLS IN NORTHWEST. Portland--Snow flurries frequent, with no immediate change in weather predicted.

Whether there be truth or not in the tradition that the coming of the equinox is always accompanied by a storm of unusual character, the weather conditions in Portland yesterday, with cold winds and intermittent falling of light snow, seemed to add the strength of at least one demonstration to the theory.

The United States weather forecaster does not predict an immediate change to warmer weather, and it is possible that enough snowfall to make the ground appear white at least may occur before the weather changes for the better.

Whatever may come from the weather in the next few days, the arrival of the equinox yesterday gave the official assurance of the almanac that "Spring has come," and for that reason little fear is felt that the chilly weather may continue for any length of time.

No Damage Done Fruit. News from all sections of the Pacific Northwest indicate that no damage has been done to fruit, as the buds have not advanced far enough to cause alarm.

In Eastern Oregon reports show a decided fall of snow, and only in the sheep country is there fear felt, owing to the lambing season now in progress.

The weather bureau announces that there are signs of the cold snap breaking, as warning signals along the coast have been lowered, except at Marshfield.

Storm Is Widespread. The storm has been widespread, the temperature in the Middle West dropping to 18 as a maximum and ranging from 20 to 40 along the North Pacific Slope.

At Eugene the snow fall was of half an inch, which quickly melted as a result of a drenching rain storm during the afternoon.

At Albany two inches of snow fell--the heaviest fall so late in the season for 15 years--but melted rapidly, doing no damage.

At Eugene the snow fall was of half an inch, which quickly melted as a result of a drenching rain storm during the afternoon.

At Albany two inches of snow fell--the heaviest fall so late in the season for 15 years--but melted rapidly, doing no damage.

At Eugene the snow fall was of half an inch, which quickly melted as a result of a drenching rain storm during the afternoon.

At Albany two inches of snow fell--the heaviest fall so late in the season for 15 years--but melted rapidly, doing no damage.

At Eugene the snow fall was of half an inch, which quickly melted as a result of a drenching rain storm during the afternoon.

At Albany two inches of snow fell--the heaviest fall so late in the season for 15 years--but melted rapidly, doing no damage.

At Eugene the snow fall was of half an inch, which quickly melted as a result of a drenching rain storm during the afternoon.

At Albany two inches of snow fell--the heaviest fall so late in the season for 15 years--but melted rapidly, doing no damage.

Practically no damage has been done, it is believed.

CONTINENTAL TRAINS MOVE

Great Northern Road Has Ten Push Through Montana Snows.

SPOKANE, Wash., March 21.--Ten Great Northern trains that were snowbound in Montana arrived here early today. The first train to arrive was the Oriental Limited, which was due Tuesday. The train was held at Glacier Park until the storm abated and the routes were able to clear the tracks.

Two young men, sons of Mrs. Martha J. Cope, of French Lick, Ind., who with her four children are en route to Oregon, developed measles while snowbound, and were isolated in a private compartment on the car which arrived here it was detached from the train. The young men will be kept in the car until the weather abates, when they will be removed to the local isolation hospital.

VALLEY FRUIT NOT DAMAGED

Eugene Gets Snow and Peach Trees Begin to Bud.

EUGENE, Or., March 21.--(Special.)--Half an inch of snow fell just before dawn today and the day has been raw and blustery, alternating rain and sunshine. Snow has been lying low on the hills for several days.

According to J. O. Holt, of the Fruit-growers' Association, fruit is not damaged in the least. Peach trees are beginning to bud, but are not far enough along to be injured except by a hard frost. Berries are all snug yet. The barometer is rising here.

SHEEPMEN ARE APPREHENSIVE

Flockmasters Prepare to Save Thousands of Baby Lambs.

PENDLETON, Or., March 21.--(Special.)--Much apprehension is felt among flockmasters in Eastern Oregon, owing to the continued cold weather, last night being a record breaker. Every precaution was exercised in various lambing camps throughout the county to shelter and save thousands of baby lambs.

So far losses reported are slight, but the total loss cannot be estimated for several days to come. The weather has moderated considerably tonight with a skiff of snow in the vicinity of Pendleton. All flocks will be fed for some days to come. Spring range being enveloped in a blanket of snow.

VANCOUVER SHIVERS IN COLD

Spell of Weather, However, Falls to Injure Fruit Trees.

VANCOUVER, Wash., March 21.--(Special.)--During the present cold snap the fruit trees and Spring crops have not been injured, according to A. A. Quanzberg, District Horticulture Inspector, who has returned from a trip throughout the district. While the weather is unpleasant and raw, it is so more on account of the wind, as the thermometer has not dropped below 27 degrees above zero during the past week.

Everyone was wearing his heavy overcoat today and complaining about the cold.

FRUIT BUDS NOT ADVANCED

Grants Pass Country Hit by Cold, but Not Damaging Weather.

GRANTS PASS, Or., March 21.--(Special.)--Yesterday was cool. Last night the temperature dropped and was followed by a heavy downpour of rain until noon today. Much snow fell in the mountains and down close to the valley, but none remained on the low land. The temperature is lower, but partial sunshine was welcomed this afternoon. Tonight was cloudy and warm.

Fruit buds are not sufficiently advanced to be injured by the weather so far, owing to a late season.

GRAYS HARBOR SNAP BROKEN

Cold Spell Started With Fall of Snow From 2 to 5 Inches.

HOQUIAM, Wash., March 21.--(Special.)--Grays Harbor has experienced one of the coldest snaps for this time of the year in its history. The entire week has been unusually cold. The cold spell really started Tuesday night with a fall of snow varying from two to five inches over this city and Aberdeen.

There has been no rain and comparatively little wind and it now appears the cold spell is broken.

15-YEAR RECORD IS BROKEN

Two Inches of Snow Falls at Albany, Heaviest for Long Time.

ALBANY, Or., March 21.--(Special.)--Two inches of snow fell at Albany today, the heaviest snow fall recorded here so late in the season for at least 15 years.

Most of the snow fell early this morning, but intermittent flurries continued until 3 o'clock this afternoon. The snow which covered the ground this morning had melted before noon and that which came later melted as fast as it fell. The storm has caused no damage whatever in this section of the state.

Hood River Gets Freezing Weather.

HOOD RIVER, Or., March 21.--(Special.)--The temperature dropped below freezing point here last night and according to U. A. Newman, observer for the United States Weather Bureau, registered at 25 degrees above zero this morning. The valley is covered by snow, which has been falling slowly throughout the day. The snow is from four to six inches deep in the upper valley.

Stock Suffer at Grangeville, Idaho.

GRANGEVILLE, Idaho, March 21.--(Special.)--The weather has turned exceedingly cold again, and owing to the heavy ice, increased suffering among cattle is expected if present weather conditions continue. Hay jumped last week to 115 a ton and another raise is expected. Some of the stockmen have moved their herds to lower altitudes, where hay is more plentiful.

Astoria Hit by Cold Rain.

ASTORIA, Or., March 21.--(Special.)--Last night was warmer by three degrees than the former one, the thermometer at the weather bureau registering 32 degrees above zero. The day was pleasant, with a light east wind blowing, but this evening a light cold rain set in and unless the temperature moderates it may turn to snow before morning.

Water Pipes Are Frozen.

SOUTH BEND, Wash., March 21.--Water pipes are still frozen, and there is little hope of a thaw. The thermometer is 25 degrees above this morning, as compared to 23 yesterday. An east wind prevents effective work of the sun.

Cold Weather Hits The Dalles.

THE DALLES, Or., March 21.--(Special.)--Minimum temperature last night was 27, with easterly winds, and the maximum today was 40, clear, with no indications of a storm. Easterly winds are blowing and it is growing colder.

BIG STATE BUSINESS FALLS UPON CLERKS

Burdens of Board of Control So Heavily Increased, Is Olcott's Explanation.

TIME FOR DETAIL SMALL

Trio of State Officials Will Have Little Opportunity to Handle Affairs of Their Own Offices, Is Declaration.

SALEM, Or., March 21.--(Special.)--

Asserting that the recent Legislature put up work on the members of the State Board to such an extent as to make it practically impossible to attend to all the details of the office work itself, Secretary of State Olcott declares it will be practically necessary to turn over the work of the office to clerks when the new laws go into effect and devote practically his entire time to board matters.

The Legislature, in creating a State Board of Control to include the Governor, Secretary of State and State Treasurer, placed under that board all of the state institutions, except educational institutions.

In addition it made the Governor, Secretary of State and State Treasurer a State Highway Commission, which will have new and large important duties on its hands in framing and shaping the state highway policy.

Other Duties Are Many.

At the same time it placed in the hands of the Desert Land Board, which those three officials are also members, the job of putting through the Columbia Southern project under state direction and the expenditure of \$2,000,000 for that purpose.

The Legislature also put into the hands of the Secretary of State the duty of carrying forward an extra special election in the shape of a special referendum election with the duty of getting out an extra pamphlet and the red tape in connection with a general election.

In addition there is a large number of new duties of more or less importance which come under the laws of the last session.

Secretary Olcott declared today that the time is coming when this state must assume an advanced stand in creating a State Board of Control which will have exclusive jurisdiction over the state institutions and remove them from the hands of the Governor, Secretary of State and State Treasurer, who have large duties in connection with their present offices.

Plan Already Tried.

"That plan has been adopted in many states. In a state which handles the vast amount of business as is transacted here and where such large sums of money are expended as here, a board of three business men, whose duties are devoted solely to the handling of the institutions of the state, will be able to plug up enough leaks to more than pay for whatever cost such a board might be to the state," said Secretary Olcott.

"With the multifarious duties which devolve upon us we can scarcely get 15 minutes a day to devote to any individual proposition in connection with the various institutions of the state."

"The Columbia Southern irrigation project in itself is a stupendous task. We are called upon to make a success out of a project that has been a failure under every condition that it has been through."

BAY CITY TO BE CLEANED

Commercial Club Offers Prizes to Boys for Collecting Rubbish.

BAY CITY, Or., March 21.--(Special.)--As the opening of a campaign to make Bay City a cleaner city, the Commercial Club has decided to offer three prizes to the boys collecting the greatest amount of rubbish between now and April 5. This is a preliminary step of the campaign and later Mayor Gilmore will declare a "clean-up" day to be observed by everyone in the city.

The city has been unfortunately situated in this regard during the protracted time while the suit to test its validity has been in the courts, but the Commercial Club and Women's Civic League have been busy arranging plans to carry out the work. The clubs will furnish a team on April 5 to collect the rubbish along with the boys and dispose of it. This system is expected to effect the removal of every tin can and objectionable article.

GRANTS PASS Cannery May Open.

GRANTS PASS, Or., March 21.--(Special.)--At a meeting of the Commercial Club and representatives of growers of the county a movement was started to open the local cannery, which has been closed. New by-laws were adopted and T. E. Hill, as temporary president, and H. T. Prichard, as secretary, were elected.

Foley Kidney Pills will reach your individual case if you have any form of kidney or bladder trouble, any backache, rheumatism, uric acid poisoning, or any kind of painful kidney ailment. They are strengthening, tonic and curative, and contain no habit forming drugs. For sale by Huntley Bros., Fourth and Washington streets.

For all the family

A Strong Tonic - Without Alcohol
A Blood Purifier - Without Alcohol
A Great Alternative - Without Alcohol
A Family Medicine - Without Alcohol

Ask your doctor if a family medicine, like Ayer's Sarsaparilla, is not vastly better without alcohol than with it.

J. C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy

IS UNEQUALLED FOR Coughs, Colds and Croup.

SUMMER FACULTY CHOSEN

Princeton and London Educators on List for Eugene Term.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Or., March 21.--(Special.)--Plans are being made for the annual Summer school session of the University of Oregon for this year. Dr. Joseph Schafer,

of the department of history, is director of the Summer school and he announces the addition of able Eastern talent to the coterie of local instructors who will compose the faculty. Professor Stockton Axson, professor of English in Princeton University, a brother-in-law of Woodrow Wilson, will be a member of the faculty. He will deliver the series of lectures on English literature which proved a popular feature of the University of California Summer school last year.

Dr. F. H. Hayward, of London, England, a recent disciple of the Herbartian school of education, will deliver lectures on various educational subjects. Professor Harold G. Merriam, of the department of English of Beloit University, is a third lecturer of National reputation. His course will be devoted to the teaching of English.

The Summer school is annually attended by a large number of students who have not sufficient time to devote to a regular course, many of whom are mature men and women who return to academic disciplines from business or professional life. Incidentally, many regular students of the university who are behind in their work find it a convenient time to make up their deficiencies. Dr. Schafer expects this year's enrollment to surpass that of any previous Summer.

CURREY'S GUN HALTS THIEF

Former Cook in Lumber Camp Shot in Baker Dragstore.

BAKER, Or., March 21.--(Special.)--What have robbers against the Live and Let Live Drug Store? That is the question that is bothering the police today, at a convenient time to make up their deficiencies. Dr. Schafer expects this year's enrollment to surpass that of any previous Summer.

This is at least the fourth attempt in the last 15 months either to rob or hold up the drug store while other places of business have not been touched. Young Currey, who is the store, has stopped three attempts to get into the store and an employe was beaten up by a traveler who demanded cocaine.

GRANTS PASS, Or., March 21.--(Special.)--Mrs. Edith Tonier Wethered addressed the Grants and Commercial Club yesterday on the subject of patronizing home industry. She said it was merely lack of understanding and education on the part of the people along the line of patronizing home industries and the benefit to be derived therefrom that often caused firms and factories to be placed in the hands of the receiver.

She asserted that people from other states who have moved to Oregon often become discouraged and return to the East because of lack of support from the community in which they attempt to settle and not because of the lack of possibilities of that particular community.

MINING MEN ARE ARRESTED

Idaho Trio Charged With Conspiring to Defraud.

BOISE, Idaho, March 21.--(Special.)--J. M. Morgan, D. W. Armstrong and Albert J. Armstrong, well-known South Idaho mining men, were arrested here today by United States Marshal Hodgins, charged in indictments returned by the last Federal grand jury, with conspiring to defraud H. H. Bonnell out of two mining claims he had filed on public land. They were taken before Judge Dietrich and the bonds of \$1000 were laid out years ago, but died of the Armstrongs was placed at \$2500.

The true bills charge that on August 20 of last year the three men conspired to deprive Bonnell of his civil rights by appearing in the land office in this city and filing a homestead on Bonnell's mining claims.

Fake Townsite Mapped Out. CENTRALIA, Wash., March 21.--(Special.)--C. R. Cook, a Centralia business man, has received from a friend in South Dakota a map of the fake townsite of Port Washington, supposed to be located in Pacific County and lots in which are being sold in the Middle West for from \$200 to \$250. The map shows factories, railroads, business and has every indication of being a plot of an enterprising and rapidly growing city. According to the South Bend Commercial Club the townsite was laid out years ago, but died were never filed with the Pacific County Auditor.

GRANTS PASS Cannery May Open.

GRANTS PASS, Or., March 21.--(Special.)--At a meeting of the Commercial Club and representatives of growers of the county a movement was started to open the local cannery, which has been closed. New by-laws were adopted and T. E. Hill, as temporary president, and H. T. Prichard, as secretary, were elected.

Foley Kidney Pills will reach your individual case if you have any form of kidney or bladder trouble, any backache, rheumatism, uric acid poisoning, or any kind of painful kidney ailment. They are strengthening, tonic and curative, and contain no habit forming drugs. For sale by Huntley Bros., Fourth and Washington streets.

For all the family
A Strong Tonic - Without Alcohol
A Blood Purifier - Without Alcohol
A Great Alternative - Without Alcohol
A Family Medicine - Without Alcohol

Ask your doctor if a family medicine, like Ayer's Sarsaparilla, is not vastly better without alcohol than with it.

J. C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy

IS UNEQUALLED FOR Coughs, Colds and Croup.

SUMMER FACULTY CHOSEN

Princeton and London Educators on List for Eugene Term.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Or., March 21.--(Special.)--Plans are being made for the annual Summer school session of the University of Oregon for this year. Dr. Joseph Schafer,

The Celebrated Cook Book "Royal Baker & Pastry Cook" FREE. Send your address. ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., NEW YORK.

BROTHERS TO HANG

Governor Will Not Intervene in Humphrys Case.

BRUTAL CRIME RECALLED

Mrs. Eliza Griffith, Aged 58, Living Alone in Isolated Place, Strangled and Thrown Into Lake. Other Murders Confessed.

SALEM, Or., March 21.--(Special.)--Two brothers will pay the penalty tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock at the State Penitentiary for the murder of an aged woman in a lonely cabin in the mountains near Philomath. George and Charles Humphrys will hang for this crime, Governor West reiterating again today that there will be no further reprieve or commutation.

The crime for which they have been convicted was committed June 5, 1911. Eliza Griffith, a woman 58 years of age, was strangled to death at her home in the mountains southwest of Philomath in Benton County, and her body thrown into a pond a quarter of a mile distant. Unmistakable marks of violence were found upon her body. She was completely dressed and her hair was hanging down partly braided.

Signs of Struggle Seen. The house where she was murdered showed unmistakable signs of a struggle and the upstairs room had been ransacked. In the sitting-room downstairs one of the stove fixtures had been knocked off, chairs overturned, a lamp chimney partly knocked off and other evidence of disorder.

Mrs. Griffith lived alone in the house where she was murdered, which is located in an isolated spot. The country about is thickly timbered and sparsely settled. The nearest neighbors lived half a mile distant. George and Charles Humphrys lived alone with their mother less than a mile distant. She had expressed her fear of George Humphrys and said she wished he would never come to her home again.

Just following the murder George Humphrys had a severe scratch on his face which he endeavored to conceal. Just following the murder he sold his place at a sacrifice and moved to a remote part of Washington County.

On March 13, 1912, George Humphrys, arrested for cruelty to animals in Washington County, confessed in jail to the killing of Eliza Griffith, and a few days later his brother, Charles,

confessed to the officials of Washington County. Many Crimes Charged. Shortly after his confession of the murder of Eliza Griffith Charles Humphrys began to implicate George in other murders. He said that George strangled William King, near Dayton and George Damrose, near Yoncalla, about five years ago. He declared that George slew and burned George Selly in Polk County in 1908, and murdered N. I. Patterson near Dalles in 1903 and robbed him of a pension of \$2000 secured from the Government.

Attorneys for the Humphrys after considerable investigation made the assertion that all of these confessions by Charles Humphry are untrue and the result of a weak mind.

SMALL SORE BRINGS DEATH

Blood Poisoning Spreads to Meningitis and Arthur McPherson Dies.

BAKER, Or., March 21.--(Special.)--Blood poisoning, which started from a small sore on the finger of Arthur McPherson, caused his death today. The poisoning started six weeks ago and spread into meningitis. He was 40 years old and a resident of Malheur, but has been living here this winter to give his two children school advantages. His widow also survived. The body will be taken to Malheur tomorrow for burial.

A Good Reason Why YOU SHOULD USE

The Northern Pacific Service

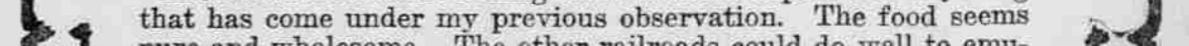
Dr. Harvey W. Wiley Says:

"The Northern Pacific Dining Car Service is superior to anything that has come under my previous observation. The food seems pure and wholesome. The other railroads could do well to emulate the methods of the Northern Pacific. I am told that nearly everything used on their dining cars is grown on their own farms and that it is carefully selected and ably prepared in the company's kitchens. It was a pleasure for me to eat while traveling on this road."

"I ate some of the GREAT BIG BAKED POTATOES, and they are all that has been claimed for them."

After That Don't You Want Northern Pacific Service?

TWICE DAILY A 72-HOUR TRAIN TO CHICAGO From Portland. None Better.



CITY TICKET OFFICE 255 Morrison St., Cor. Third St., Portland. A. D. Charlton, A. G. P. A., Portland, Or.