SOUTHERN OREGON SWELTERS AT 103

Grants Pass, Medford, Roseburg and Other Cities Try to Keep Cool at 100.

CROPS ARE BENEFITED

Cantaloupes and Watermelons Are Reaching Market and Other Varieties of Fruit and Sugar Beets Are Maturing.

GRANTS PASS, Or., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—The climax of the heat wave which has been blistering the whole of Southern Oregon for the past three days was reached at 4 o'clock today, when the mercury registered 103 degrees in the shade at the Government station.

The excessive heat has driven the citizens of this town to the parks and nearby places of recreation by the hundreds, and yesterday and today from 100 to 200 persons have each day taken advantage of a plunge in the Rogue at Riverside Park and adjoining camps.

The heat is rapidly maturing the cantaloupe and watermelon crops, both of which local products are in the market this week for the first time. They are of unusually fine size and flavor and are commanding high prices.

Home-grown tomatoes of large size are now in the market, and the Summer crop of strawberries is in its prime and unusually fine. Sugar beets are making a fine showing where irrigation has been applied and are making sugar at a heavy rate of increase over the past month.

Spitzenburg apples and d'Anjou pears are taking on a blush as a result of the heat, and the growers are happy.

The first crop of Bartlett pears and early Crawford peaches is about over and the d'Anjou and Alberta peaches are expected to be ready for picking within the next two weeks. The price still continues high and the market strong for both pears and peaches, the former bringing $2 f. o. b. to the grower and the latter 65 to 85 cents a box, according to size and variety.

HEAT IS 101.3 AT ROSEBURG

Crops Are Benefited and Citizens Rush to Bathing Resorts.

ROSEBURG, Or., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—With the Government thermometer registering 101.3 at 4 o'clock this afternoon, Roseburg today experienced its warmest weather of the Summer.

While the high temperature had a demoralizing effect on business in the city, it will prove beneficial to corn, watermelons and many fruits. This is especially true of watermelons, which have been held back as a result of the cool weather.

Threshing is in progress in all sections of the country and reports indicate that the yields surpass all previous years. As a result of today's warm weather, bathing resorts were thronged with people.

EUGENE SUFFERS AT 91

Record for Summer Is Equaled and Minimum for Day Is 57.

EUGENE, Or., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—Eugene sweltered today with 91 degrees of heat, the temperature equaling the record for the Summer. It was the warmest day since June 16, when the mercury touched the same maximum.

The lowest temperature recorded for the 24-hour period ending at 6 o'clock tonight was 57 degrees at dawn this morning, according to H. M. Mayo, observer.

Frank Bailey, 1168 West Fifth street, was prostrated by the heat and removed to the Mercy Hospital tonight. The patient was delirious with a fever of 104.

95 REGISTERED AT HOOD RIVER

Warm Weather Welcomed by Fruit and Truck Growers.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—Accompanied by an east wind, the temperature rose today to 95 degrees in portions of Hood River Valley. The warm weather has again brought to popularity the half-moon swimming beach east of the city. Scores of men, women and children visited the beach today. Large numbers have also sought the comfortably cool water of the municipal swimming pool in a city park.

The hot weather is welcomed by ranchers. It will mature cantaloupes, tomatoes and garden truck.

MEDFORD TEMPERATURE 105

Hottest Day for Five Years Is Record Shown.

MEDFORD, Or., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—Thursday was the hottest day of the year in Medford, with a maximum temperature of 105 degrees. The next warmest day this year was June 16, when the mercury touched the 101 mark. It was also the hottest day since July, 1911, when a high mark of 109.5 was set. In 1912 the high mark was 103, in 1913 100 degrees, in 1914 105 degrees and last year 104 was reached.

The air was extremely sultry.

PENDLETON HAS TROPIC DAY

Thermometer Reaches 100 as Harvest Goes Merrily On.

PENDLETON, Or., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—Yesterday was the hottest day of the month, when the Government thermometer registered 100 degrees. The record yesterday is second this season to the 101 record on June 16 and July 30.

Harvesting is progressing nicely with a number of farmers finishing up daily.

Seattle Sees Season Record.

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 24.—Today was Seattle's hottest day of the season, the thermometer registering 86 degrees at 4 o'clock this afternoon. This was three degrees warmer than the previous high record, made July 30.

Mercury at Albany 95.

ALBANY, Or., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—Ninety-five degrees was the maximum temperature at Albany yesterday, it being the hottest day thus far this month.

Year's Record Equaled at Bend.

BEND, Or., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—The heat record for the Summer, 95 degrees, which was reached in June, was equaled here today.

From Tchita, Siberia, the chamber of commerce has written to the United States Government that there is a chance there for American business men to develop business relations.

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ALLIANCE IS GAINING

Hughes Non-Partisan Organization Spreads in Oregon.

1500 ARE ON CHARTER ROLL

Number Represents Only One Week's Work in Forming Voters of All Parties in Body to Aid in Election of Republican.

The formation of branches of the Oregon Hughes Alliance, a non-partisan organization composed of men and women of all parties who desire to work for the election of Mr. Hughes as President, is progressing rapidly through the state.

Already more than 1500 persons have signed the charter rolls of various of these branches. These results have been obtained after only a week's work.

In Portland T. B. Neuhausen, ex-state chairman of the Progressive party in Oregon, who is in charge of the work of the Hughes Alliance, is planning the formation of 22 branches. It is his idea to have a branch alliance in each community center of the city and organizers have begun the formation of these community alliances.

Among the 22 community centers where Alliances will be formed are the Alberta district, Albina, Brooklyn, Fulton, Irvington, Kenton, Laurelhurst, Lents, Montavilla, Mount Scott, North Portland on the East Side, Portland Heights, Portsmouth and University Park, Rose City Park, Sellwood, South Portland, St. Johns, Sunnyside, West Side business district, Willamette Heights, Woodlawn and Woodstock.

J. K. Gill, of Portland, is temporary president of the State Hughes Alliance; Mrs. E. B. Hanley, of Medford, is first vice-president; Frank B. Mitchell, of Baker, is second vice-president; L. N. Allmack, of Portland, is secretary, and Mrs. Joseph F. Kelly, of Portland, is treasurer.

ROADS INCLINE TO YIELD

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etc., which might make it less expensive to the railroads.

There were reports tonight that some of the executives still are unalterably opposed to granting the eight-hour day under any circumstances and might attempt tomorrow to force a decision which will bring the negotiations to an end, one way or another.

It has become known that in their conferences with President Wilson the executives pointed out that since it was his view that the eight-hour day is approved by society, apparently it eventually must be extended to other railroad employes and to those in other lines of endeavor. An estimate of the ultimate cost was given the President.

Wilson Favors Added Revenues.

President Wilson is said to have taken the position that the freight rate increase will be forthcoming because the weight of public opinion will back the eight-hour day and will also back any plan to give the railroads revenue to provide for the added expense.

Statements were issued tonight by President Pennington, of the Minneapolis, St. Paul & Saulte Ste Marie, and P. R. Albright, general manager of the Atlantic Coast Line, emphasizing the railroad view of the additional cost to them of an eight-hour day. Mr. Pennington said for the railroads to accept something which would cause them to spend $52,000,000 annually would seriously affect their credit. He pointed out that in 1907 the railroads earned only 5.85 per cent on their investment; in 1913 the rate was 4.83; in 1914, 3.94, and in 1915, 4.04 per cent. Despite a large increase in earnings the past year, he added, incomplete returns show a probable rate for 1916 of about 5.50 per cent.

Hope was high among brotherhood men tonight that a satisfactory settlement would be reached tomorrow. The leaders declined to comment, but all of them wore broad smiles and said they believed that negotiations soon would end satisfactorily.

Employes Oppose Federal Inquiry.

Brotherhood leaders maintained tonight that the full plan of settlement to be suggested by the railroad heads, which is said to contain some amendment to the President's proposal already accepted by the men, had not been outlined to them officially.

"We have our ears to the ground listening," was the way A. B. Garretson summed up the situation.

It is known, however, that if the railroad heads insist on the formation of a Federal Commission for an investigation of the labor differences before a strike is called, as reports have it they will, vigorous opposition will be made by many members of the brotherhood.

Fear of embarrassing the President, as well as injuring their own cause, today quieted the "insurgent" brotherhood element who yesterday for a time threatened to disrupt the calm daily meetings of the employes with their demands for action. As a result the gathering today was penceful and adjournment was taken until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock without a sign of protest.

Men Counseled to Be Calm.

The leaders had pointed out to the insurgents that thus far in the negotiations the weight of the President's support had been with them, and that to make any move which would embarrass him in his negotiations would be extremely unwise at least. Furthermore, word came from the railroad headquarters that the managers and presidents hear with unconcealed satisfaction that some of the employes were clamoring for an immediate strike. Only by remaining calm, the men were told, could the support of that share of the public now in sympathy with them be maintained.

There were no Capitol conferences regarding the threatened strike today. At the Capitol it was said that while no specific legislation had been agreed on, yet in the event of failure of the negotiations to avert the strike both sides would be surprised at steps that would be proposed in Congress.

EFFICIENCY TO BE TEST

PRISON CONDUCT PLACED ENTIRELY UP TO MR. MINTO.

Board Makes It Plain Results Must Be Obtained—Changes in Rules Are Suggested.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—The placing of prison administration strictly in the hands of Superintendent Minto, the suggestion that certain restrictions be modified by the warden and the improbability that any officers of the Penitentiary will be discharged in the near future, are the recent developments in the prison investigation being conducted by Secretary of State Olcott and State Treasurer Kay.

Both Mr. Olcott and Mr. Kay have made it plain to Mr. Minto that it is up to him to produce results in the way of an efficiently managed institution and that failure to do so must culminate in the superintendent's resignation. It has been suggested that the rule which forbids cigarette smoking among the convicts be abolished. This rule has been unpopular among the prisoners ever since it was made.

The removal of restrictions on the prison chaplains is assured. Chaplains have complained to the Board of Control that they were not allowed to mingle as freely with the men as was deemed necessary. As a result the Governor recently appealed to the Board for a modification of these rules.

Any controversy Deputy Warden Sherwood and Parole Officer Keller may have had in the past, it is said, will be adjusted as a result of suggestions by the Board. Co-operation with Warden Minto is demanded.

If the Governor insists that a commission investigate prison matters no opposition is expected from the other two members of the Board. Mr. Olcott and Mr. Kay will take the question up with Governor Withycombe upon the latter's return from Marshfield.

MAYOR OF TURNER IN ROW

Railroad Foreman Arrested for Alleged Assault on Official.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—A warrant was issued here Thursday for the arrest of J. C. Cochrane, foreman of a railway section crew, on a charge of assaulting Mayor R. O. Thomas, of Turner.

Cochrane, it is said, believed the Mayor was trying to secure his discharge as foreman. An exchange of words resulted in Thomas' being knocked down.

Horse Deal Swindle Charged.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—James Berridge was brought from Eugene yesterday by Sheriff Esch and lodged in jail pending a hearing on a charge of swindling C. M. Brusch, of Gervais, in a horse deal. Berridge, it is reported, got into similar trouble in Lane County after his deal at Gervais.

MOOSE STANDS PAT

Murdock Will Vote Neither for Hughes Nor Wilson.

VOYAGE TO ORIENT BEGUN

Kansan Goes to Study Awakening Civilization That He Predicts Will One Day Outstrip That of Western Hemisphere.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—Victor H. Murdock declared today that he could not honestly cast his vote for either Hughes or Wilson. Mr. Murdock left for the Far East tonight and before going aboard the steamer said:

"The Progressive party is not dead, but sleeping. In spite of the fact that Colonel Roosevelt has given up, much to the sorrow of Progressives all over the United States, the American people have grown tired of the old political parties and there must arise another movement more progressive even than that which was fathered by Roosevelt. I cannot honestly cast my vote for either Wilson or Hughes. Never was there a time when a man like Roosevelt was more needed."

Mr. Murdock predicted the collapse of the war.

"I have just returned from the trenches on the west front," he said. "Daily the German lines are growing shorter. There will be a collapse one of these days. It is my belief that Germany will give in, and that peace negotiations will be carried through without any—what shall I say—volcanic upheaval?

"My opinion is that the end is not far distant; that it will be announced some day when the German chancellor of the exchequer finds that there is no money. He will press a button, a message will be sent, and the greatest war the world has ever known will pass into history.

"It will end like that"—and the Kansan snapped his finger—"and the world will be better for its having taken place. Better? Why, Britain will have advanced 2000 years because of this war. She has already made more progress in every department of her national life in two years than she has made in the past 100 years."

Mr. Murdock will study economic conditions in China.

"After 5000 years of a monarchy surely there will be some difficulty in putting China on a democratic basis," he said, "and I am going over there to see the thing done. It seems to me that there is an awakening in the Far Eastern civilization which in the years to come is going to put our civilization much in the same relative position as they are in now."

DEMOCRATS ON PLATFORM

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friends on the other side had had a proper sense of the obligations of this government, they never would have proposed that we scuttle out of the Philippines and leave them to take care of themselves.

"Fundamentally, the question is one of National honor. We took the Philippines under a sacred obligation. It is our duty to discharge that obligation and I propose that we hold the flag of the United States before the world as a flag which never betrays a trust."

Of preparedness, Mr. Hughes said:

"We are not militaristic. Why, you couldn't get up a militaristic spirit in this country if you sent out a team of organizers to do so. We propose, however, to be ready for any emergency and have our words taken at their full value."

Adequate Army Demanded.

The nominee repeated his assertion that the regular Army should be large and efficient enough to do border duty such as is now being done by the National Guard, and the Navy adequate to protect both coasts.

The nominee repeated his condemnation of "pork-barrel" legislation.

"The other day I pointed the finger of scorn at the pork-barrel bills passed under this Administration," he said, "and immediately there was a flutter of the hit birds in the Congress."

Mr. Hughes spoke from the pulpit of the Mormon Tabernacle, directly in front of the great pipe organ, famed as one of the largest in the world. Where usually sit the apostles of the church, just below the pulpit, there sat tonight invited guests of local citizens, regardless of political faith.

Republicans who arranged the meeting sent invitations to several leading Democrats. Simon Bamberger, Democratic candidate for Governor, sat on the platform next to Francis M. Lyman, president of the apostles of the Mormon Church. Near by sat Anthon H. Lund, first counsellor of the presidency of the church. W. H. King, Democratic candidate for United States Senator; Mathonihah Thomas, Democratic state chairman, and other Democratic leaders were present.

The big tabernacle was crowded and the men at the doors were turning belated ones away when the strains of the great organ announced that Mr. Hughes had reached the meeting.

Governor Spry, of Utah, was chairman of the meeting.

Crowds were standing six deep in the aisles, and many others were seeking to enter the tabernacle when Governor Spry started to speak. The audience yelled at the mention of the nominee's name.

When Mr. Hughes began to speak the audience stood up and cheered for two minutes.

"Salt Lake City, I believe, is the most pleasantly situated city in the world," were his opening words. This met with another demonstration from the crowd.

Mr. Hughes left at midnight for Cheyenne, Wyo., where he will speak tomorrow night.

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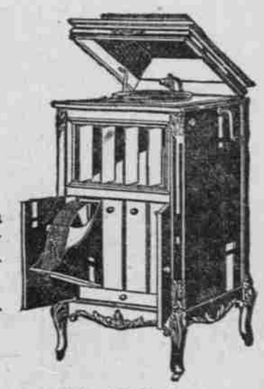

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