STORMS HURT GRAIN Chafin and Watkins Will Carry Banner

Many Sections of Northwest Feel Effect of Hall.

CROP DAMAGES REACH \$300,000

Nex Perce and Camas Prairie Districts Are Affected Most-Man Struck by Lightning,

and electrical storms throughout the past days, causing considerable damage, especially to grain fields. The storms, which began Monday with a heavy downpour in Morrow, Wasco, tive of Waukesha, Wis., and for some Gilliam and other eastern counties, years practiced law there. He was were followed by severe hail and electrical disturbances in several sections.

Perhaps the most serious damage occurred in the Nez Perce and Camas by Prohibitionists of that state, prairie districts. In this section a hail storm began Tuesday and conhail storm began Tuesday and con-tinued yesterday. The ripening grain which is possibly the shortest on recpractically ruined. The yield in this section would have been very heavy, and the damage is estimated at \$300,-

In the vicinity of North Yakima, Wash, yesterday, there was a violent electrical storm. The damage was small, but one man, C. M. Harrington, was struck by lightning and perhaps fatally injured.

A heavy hail storm in the Des Chutes district has ruined some of the best grain fields in that vicinity. Crops on five of the best Tygh ridge farms are a complete loss.

In all the counties south of the Columbia rain has been falling. In some cases it has been of benefit, but in most instances the grain is too far along to be greatly helped, and the yield will be considerably below nor-

RUEF BONDSMEN PROTEST.

Assessor Takes Them at Their Word on Property Valuation.

San Francisco, July 16 .- Abe Ruef is again in trouble. The latest woes of the fallen boss make Job look like a rank beginner. Ruef says he feels like an automobilist who has just been stranded in the middle of a pro-

hibition state and not a horse in sight.

Abraham's troubles began afresh
when the men on his bail bonds discovered that the luxury of writing their signatures upon the documents was going to be expensive work. They find they will not be allowed to pay just once for the joy of helping their old friend. Abe, but that every inquisitive deputy assessor would enbeen making or losing money.

Announcement made at the assesce that the sworn statements made by the persons on Ruef's bond their tax this year is the bombshell drive out the pest it will utterly dethat has created such widespread con- stroy orange and fig crops in the sternation. Of course, no one ever state. tells the assessor how much money The Argentine ant is a small insect he really has, but ordinarily there is only an eighth of an inch long, but is no harm in letting the court know of a fighting nature, and has driven all your financial standing. As a result other ants from East Oakland. of the latter course increases of from 50 to 100 per cent will be made in the pests that has ever been brought to eral election was practically unaniassessments of nearly every person the United States from a foreign mous that the institution be located who signed the Ruef bonds. instance the amount will be raised the Louisiana crop pest commission. from \$600 unsecured personal prop- the ant has destroyed millions of dol- fall, though there will be no funds erty to \$15,000 cash in the bank which lars' worth of property in that state. the bondsman told the court of, but forgot to mention to the assessor.

TRAIN WRECKS OVER.

Railway President Invents Device That Stops Them in Danger Zone.

Chicago, July 16.-Preparations are being made by the members of the rushed to the scene on a special train. interstate commerce commission for next Friday's tests of devices which, is believed, will prevent the collision of railroad trains. A joint committee of the American railroad commission will see the tests that are to

George Wristine, president of the condition. Tennessee Central, who invented the device, believes it will prove effective, so that by its use collisions will be

made impossible.

The device is placed at each end of a railroad "block." While a train is in the block this device serves as a lookout, and should another engineer disregard the stop signal at the block, the device catches and sets the air brakes, bringing the encroaching train to a standstill.

Laughs at Old Durkee Suit.

San Francisco, July 16 .- Attorneys for the Southern Pacific railroad here funds. yesterday said they are not worried over a suit filed in the federal courts Tuesday by John A. Kuykendall, administraator of the estate of former H. E. O'Grady, a priest of St. Cath-Governor Charles Durkee, of the ter-erine's Catholic church, is heading a ritory of Utah, against the Harriman lines for \$38,220,000. The suit is filed as the result of an old claim against the Harriman lines, growing out of a sale of stock made in 1865, when the Union Pacific and Central Pacific lines were constructed.

Twelve Die in Colliery Fire. Pottsville. Pa., July 16. - Twelve men were killed yesterday in an ex-plosion in shaft No. 1 of the Williamsburg colliery, operated by the Susquehanna Canal company. Eight others have been rescued, suffering from horrible burns. More men remain in the mine, where they were trapped by the explosion, and it is feared the death list will grow. Every effort is being made to reach the imprisoned men, but the flames make it ten days, and pastures are strewn with ber.

for Prohibition Party.

Columbus, O., July 17.—For president, Eugene W. Chafin, of Chicago. For vice-president-Aaron S. Wat-kins, of Ada, Ohio.

The above ticket was nominated yesterday by the Prohibition national convention, both men being chosen unanimously. The full indorsement of the convention was not, however, given to Mr. Chafin until after three ballots had been taken.

Chafin, who was a delegate to the convention, was escorted to the platform. He was formally declared by Chairman Scanlon to be the presidential nominee, and in a speech returned his thanks for the honor which had been thrust upon him, declaring generally. The tax on foreign insur- sufficient water to do the work that that he would rather be the nominee Portland, July 16 .- Various sections of the Prohibition party than the sucof Oregon and Washington have been cessful candidate of any other party visited by unusually heavy rain, hail idential nominees are candidates for governor in their respective states on the Prohibition ticket.

Eugene W. Chafin, who leads the Prohibition party this year is an attorney residing in Chicago. He is a naat one time candidate for governor of Wisconsin on the Prohibition ticket, and was this year placed in the running for the same position in Illinois

The forenoon session of the convention was devoted to the discussion in a belt 15 miles wide is reported as ord, containing not more than 350

TRIES NEW EXPERIMENT.

Fleet Maneuvers Controlled on Land by Use of Wireless.

London, July 17.-England tried yesterday a new experiment in naval warfare, the conducting of a battle from land by wireless. Over 300 vessels are now maneuvering in the North sea, engaged in a sham battle, the movement of every vessel being

controlled by wireless by experts in the admiralty office in this city. As each ship changed her position or fired on the "enemy" the move was reported to the naval experts here. They sat before a map showing the situation at every m'nute. Markers were moved about on the map, much as pieces would be moved on a chess board, the moves being flashed to the vessels by wireless.

It is claimed that this system would be better in the controlling of vessels than by an admiral in action, as the men on land can receive reports from the front and work out the problems while removed from the exciting scenes of battle,

The experts who conducted the battle from the admiralty office would not comment on the result. They simply said it was satisfactory.

DREADED ARGENTINE ANT.

Will Destroy Orange and Fig Crops of California if Not Killed.

partment of entomology of the Uni- reports from those portions of the deavor to learn whether they had versity of California, has reported to county in which threshing has been Governor Gillett that the dreaded Ar-gentine ant has made its appearance that the yield is going to be much in East Oakland. California,

would be accepted as the basis for unless measures are taken at once to vesting just as large crops as they

The Argentine ant is a small insect

Express Train Goes Into Ditch. East Stamford, Conn., July 17 .-

One person was killed and several others injured when the fast White Mountain express was ditched a few miles east of here yesterday. Physicians and a wrecking crew were Dashing along at a rapid rate of speed the engine struck a defective rail. The injured passengers will be brought to this city, and it is believed that prompt medical attention will prevent men to make a record in this departmore deaths, although some of those ment. injured are said to be in a precarious

Millions to Lower Grade.

New York, July 17 .- According to statement made yesterday by an official of the Chicago, Milkaukee & Paul railroad, the cost of the Pacific coast extension of that system be about \$5,000,000 more than the original plans called for. This increase in the cost of work is due, it is said, to a decision to run the road at a lower grade over the mountain division than the officials first figured on. The whole work now calls for the expenditure of \$77,000 .-000, but there will be no shortage of

Striking Miners Buy Guns.

Birmingham, Ala., July 17.-Father committee which will make an effort to bring about a settlement of the coal miners' strike.

It is reported that every hardware store and gun store in Birmingham has depleted its stock of firearms, and that buckshot shells are being ordered by telegraph. Last night sevral strikebreakers were brought to the district from adjoining states.

Mosquitoes Kill Cattle. High Island, Tex., July 17 .- Mosquitoes are killing cattle by droves on ranches around the Gulf coast region. Great clouds of the insects hover over pastures where cattle feed, and literally drain the animals of their life blood, causing them to die from weakness, step toward preparations for the an-One ranchman has lost 200 head in the carcasses of deal cattle.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

OREGON HAS SURPLUS.

State Treasurer's Report Shows Almost \$375,000 on Hand.

Salem.-State Treasurer Steele has ssued his semi-annual report for the period ending June 30. It shows that J. Patterson, one of Baker City's prom-\$642,726.02, or over half the state taxes, had been paid in up to the close of the report, which remonstrates the their net premiums during the period are putting in their time preparing for so ose of, and the state income for there will be more snow and possibly inheritance taxes totaled \$17,162.88, a heavier rainfall. There are a numthe largest amount ever collected in ix months before.

as against \$116,377.08 at the close of previous semi-annual term, January 1, 1908, and shows a gradual and healthy increase of the state funds in

of a year ago. The total amount of the income from the loan of the irreducible school fund during the year closing June 30, from all sources, was \$227,792.07, of which amount \$6,169.94 was paid out in warrants, and \$119,100 was apportioned among the several counties in April of this year, leaving a balance of \$102 522.13 on hand, to be apportioned August 1. The cash on hand in the irreducible school fund January 1, 1908, was \$293,281.60, and this has been increased to \$373,995.85 up to

July 1.

The total amount of the irreducible school fund, including outstanding first mortgage loans, school district bonds and certificates of sale of state lands, is \$4,953,204.92, and this will be increased to the \$5,000,000 mark before the close of the present year.

REGENTS PLAN EXTENSIONS.

Important Announcements Expected From University of Oregon.

University of Oregon, Eugene.-The board of regents of the University of Oregon will meet in annual session here. The meeting will be one of the most important ever held. Plans for the future are extensive and when the board has adjourned it is expected that some very definite and gratifying news will be made public in the way of improvements to the state university. The conditions demand the addition of instructors in some departments. President Campbell will go east shortly in the in farm lead in this vicinity. terests of the institution. Improve ments and enlargements will be made in several departments.

Heavy Yield of Good Wheat.

Pendleton.-Every bushel of wheat hreshed in Umatilla county so far this season, according to reports Oakland, Cal., July 17.—Professor which have reached this city, has W. Woodworth, head of the de-made grade one when tested, and the than he most sanguine had Professor Woodworth states that hoped for. Many farmers are har-

High School for Gilliam.

four years, Gilliam county is to have a high school, and it is to be located and other streams in that district. It is one of the most dangerous at Condon. The vote at the last gen-In one country. According to a report by at the county seat. It appears now that the school will be opened in the available to carry on the work until the county court meets for the January term and makes a special levy.

Laying Rails on Northwestern.

Baker City.-Following the statement given out by officials a few weeks ago, the Northwestern railroad, which is building from Huntington north to Copperfield, on the Snake river, has begun laying steel One mile in four hours is the record made by one steel gang, and there is considerable rivalry among the work-

Fight High Insurance.

Astoria.-On account of the exorbitant rates for fire insurance that are being charged by the companies, a resolution has been adopted by the Astoria city council directing that an amendment to the city charter be submitted to the vote of the people in December, authorizing the city to crate; blackcaps, \$1.25@2. make contracts with citizens to carry insurance on their property at cost.

Cement Industry in Sight.

Klamath Falls .- Abel Ady, owner of thousands of acres of tule lands in this county, reports the finding of a large ledge of gypsum on his property, and states he has all the ingredients neces sary for making cement. He claims that a few feet below the surface of the marsh there is a layer of mineral sand, which when washed is better building sand than is found in this section.

Silverton Mill to Resume.

Silverton.-After having been shut down about four weeks, the Silverton fancy 24c; choice, 20c; store, 17c. Lumber company's mill, in this city is expected to start up this month The company has received eastern orders for more than 60 cars of lumber. which will clean out the yards. The mill was shut down owing to temporarily unfavorable conditions of the market.

First Step for Fair.

Salem.-Frank A. Welch, secretary of the state board of agriculture, has taken up his office and headquarters at the fair grounds. It is the first nual state fair to be held in Septem-The grand stand and exhibition buildings are to be enlarged at once.

LIGHT OUTPUT OF PLACERS.

Baker County Miners Handicapped by Scarcity of Water.

Baker City-Coming in from large placer holdings on Cow creek, W. inent business men, says that this year the crop of gold dust in Baker county will be light owing to the scarcity of water. According to his observations ber of Baker City people interested in Cash on hand in the several funds of the state, June 30, was \$374,203.62, yielded a steady and certain income.

Reclaim Hundreds of Acres.

Klamath Faffs .- Specifications have been issued by the reclamation service all departments over the same period for five additional schedules on the south branch canal, composing seven miles. It will connect the government canal and the old Adams ditch. Scaled bids will be received until July 28 at the local reclamation office. The work means the excavation of 112,000 cubic feet of dirt, within 30 days after signing the contract. Hundreds of acres of land extending far into the Merrill watch is to be kept on the treasury. country below Klamath Falls will be reclaimed by the project.

This new policy is in response to a general demand from the people of reclaimed by the project.

Creamery Trebles Business.

Klamath Falls.-The stockholders f the Bonanza creamery are well cleased with the first year's showing. The enterprise represents an invest-ment of \$5000. While no dividends have been paid, the business is well established. Since its organization in 1907, Fred McKendree has been in charge. The average price received or the butter has been about 195 cents net. There was paid out last month for butter fat \$1524, as compared to \$545 a year ago.

Fancy Price for Benton Land.

Albany.-William Peacock, of this city, who owns an 18-acre garden tract across the river in Benton county, has been offered \$15,000 for the land. It is said the garden lands are the best on the Pacific coast, Mr. of with Peacock is one of the veteran gardeners of Oregon. He is not anxious to sell. The price offered, almost \$1000 B. F. Clark, who resides about 15 miles an acre, is the highest ever offered for north of Heppner. Two horses were an acre, is the highest ever offered for

More Time to Finish Road.

Eugene-The city council has extended the time limit in which the Eugene & Eastern railway is to complete the Eugene-Springfield line to November 1. The line will be completed before that time if there are no mishaps. Piles are driven over half way to Springfield and the trestle is completed for a good portion of this distance.

Selects Hatchery Sites.

fish warden for the state of Oregon, has returned from an official inspection trip to Tillamook bay and the streams Condon.—After a fight of more than hatchery on Trask river, as well as stocked up largely last summer, but union miners attempted to induce the

Salmon for Propagation.

Astoria-Deputy Fish Commissioner for Bapers bay, where he will drive a trap to be used in catching salmon for propagating purposes at the chinook hatchery. He was granted permission to place the trap outside the regular

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat-Club, 8tc per bushel; red Russian, 82c; bluestem, 86c; valley,

Barley-Feed, \$24.50 per ton; rolled, \$27.50@28.50; brewing, \$26. Oats-No. 1 white, \$26.50 per ton;

gray, \$26. Hay-Timothy, Willamette valley, \$15 per ton; Willamette valley, ordi-nary, \$12; Eastern Oregon, \$17.50; mixed, \$15; alfalfa, \$12; alfalfa meal,

Fruits-Cherries, 2@5c per lb ; apricots \$1.25 per crate; peaches, 75c@ \$1 per box; plums, 50@90c per crate; currents, \$2@2.25 per crate; black-\$1 per crate; loganberries, \$1 per

Melons-Cantaloupes, \$2@2.25 per crate; watermelons, 2@21c per pound. Potatoes-New Oregon, 1@11c per pound; old Oregon, 60@65c per hun-

Vegetables-Turnips, \$1.50 per sack; carrots, \$1.75; parsnips, \$1.75; beets, \$1.50; beans, 6c per pound; cab-1@11c per pound; cucumbage, plants, 17½c per pound; lettuce, head, 15c per dozen; parsley, 15c per dozen; peas, 2@3c per pound; peppers, 10c rhubarb. 1@2c per pound; spinach, 2c per pound; tomatoes, Oregon, \$2.50 and Charles A. Walsh, of Iowa.

Reaching & Timber company was in-

Butter-Extras, 25c per pound;

Eggs-Oregon, 23@24c per dozen. Poultry-Mixed chickens, 12@124c pound; fancy hens, 13@13c; roosters, 7@9c; springs, 18@19c; ducks, old, 10c; spring, 121@15c; geese, old. 8@ young 20@21c. Veal-Extra, 8@9c per lb.; ordi-

nary, 6@7c; heavy, 5c. Pork—Fancy, 61@7c per lb; ordinary, 6c; large, 5c. Mutton-Fancy, 71@9c.

Hops-1907 prime and choice, 5@6c

JAPAN CHANGES TUNE.

New Cabinet Bases on Army and Nave Retrenchments and Economies.

leader of the progressive party, who was ordered by the emperor to reor ganize the cabinet, has announced his appointments. Marquis Katsura will be both premier and minister of finance. Minister of War General M. Terauchi and Minister of the Navy Vice-Admiral M. Saito are to retain their seats in the new cabinet. Count Komura, now ambussador to England, is to be minister All Concerned Incur Penalty Under from England General Terauchi will good financial condition of the state there are few properties that have act as head of the foreign ministry in connection with his duties as minister ance companies, being 2 per cent of will pay and most of the placer miners of war. Baron T. Hirata, formerly minister of agriculture and commerce, is named as minister of home affairs. M. Goto, president of the South Manchurian railway, is to be minister of communications. E. Komatsuhara, formerly vice-minister of home affairs, is to be minister of education. Viscount Okabe is minister of justice and K. Oura, formerly minister of communica-

> and sommerce. Baron Katsura has gathered most of the members of his former cabinet about him. The new cabinet is expected to inaugurate a policy of retrenchment in expenditures for the army and navy.

The fact that Katsura is to be the head of the ministry of finance as well as premier indicates that a careful

STORM DAMAGE SLIGHT.

Heavy Rains at Heppner Cause No Serious Losses.

Heppner, Or., July 15 .- Monday's heavy rain storm was not so serious as at first reported. Other than the destruction of four small bridges and the covering of lawns with sand and debris, the actual loss is very slight.

A foot of water covered the floor of the electric power plant at the mouth illegal combinations. of Donaldson Canyon, wetting the belting so as to stop operation of the machinery, and the city was in darkness for the one night.

In Sand Hollow the hay crop was considerably damaged by the overflow of water, which covered the alfalfa mnd and laid it flat on the Lightning struck a barn belonging to

killed in the barn. The O. R. & N. train was unable to go out yesterday morning, owing to drift which lodged on the track at Valentine, a small station near Lexing-

COAL SHORTAGE ALREADY.

Serious Situation Expected in British Columbia This Winter.

Vancouver, B. C., July 15 .- According to a dispatch received here reports gathered from various parts of the result of an attack on a train bearing prairie west outline a rather serious strike-breakers to take the places prospect in regard to the fuel supply striking union miners at Jefferson for next winter. Following a serious near here, yesterday. The train was leading into it. As a result of his vis- shortage in the winter of 1906-7 coal in charge of 13 deputies, and was or it, he has decided to establish a salmon dealers and the consuming public eyeing stations on the Nehalem river the winter turned out so unusually strike-breakers to leave the train, and mild that the need for these precautions threatened to kill them if they went was not apparent.

Railways last winter had abundant rolling stock owing to the light erop, company of cavalry from Montgot L. G. Burton, of Washington, has left and there was never anything approachery to the scene, and troops already for Bapers bay, where he will drive a ing a famine in any district. This sum on the ground are under arms, and mer, however, the financial conditions will patrol the district tonight, of forbid the dealers to carry large stocks venting further disorders. Deput and prevent consumers from laying in Gardner, mortally wounded, wi even an average supply ahead. At the brought to Birmingham last night same time it is already clear the rail- Deputy George Smith, accompanying ways will likely be blocked in an effort him, estimates that no less than 100 to handle the immense erop, and in a shots were fired on both sides in the month or two a large coal movement attack at Jefferson. therefore, a severe winter follows, the was opened when a train bearing & be physically impossible. If, situation may become serious.

Escaped Convict Returns. Michigan City, Ind., July 15 .-

Thomas McCarthy, aged 40 years, for whose capture the warden of Indiana state prison here has had a reward standing for three years, returned to prison last evening voluntarily and gave himself up with the prospect of serving 12 years more. He went to the Pacific Coast and after leading a precarious existence he joined the Salva-tion Army at North Yakima, Wash. berries, \$1.25 per crate; raspberries, His conscience troubled him and after he had earned enough money he started tertainment of the American fleet is back to prison, paying all his own ex-

Would be Candidates

New York, July 15 .- Local leaders of the Independence party announce that the national convention of the been no criticism of the world voyparty, which has been called to meet bers, Oregon, 50@75c per dozen; egg its business in two days. The Indein Chicago on July 27, will complete pendence party leaders state there are four candidates in the field for president. They are: Howard S. Taylor, of per pound; radishes, 121c per dozen; Illinois; N. W. Howard, of Alabama;

Heney Anxious to Let Go.

San Diego, Cal., July 15 .- Francis J. Heney, who has been making a brief visit in this city, addressed a large gathering here last night. In the course of his speech, referring to the San 9c; young, 12tc; turkeys, old, 18@19c; Francisco graft prosecutions, no said, on a bear's tail. If anyone will help me let go 1 will never take hold of it

Per pound: olds, 2@2\frac{1}{2}c per pound.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, average best, 10@16\frac{1}{2}c per pound, according to shrinkage; valley, 14@15c.

Mohair—Choice, 18@18\frac{1}{2}c per lb. few visitors.

INCREASE IS ILLEGA

Tokio, July 15 .- Marquis Katsura, Rallroad Rates Cannot Be Raised Says Commissioner.

POINT WAS DECIDED IN GEORGIA

Sherman Law As It_Would Be Violated.

Chicago, July 18.-A special to the Tribune from Washington says: In the opinion of John Clements,

member of the interstate commerce commission, the proposed general increase in freight rates discussed in New York yesterday by the presdents of many eastern railways in tions, is to be minister of agriculture the Trunk Line association wou constitute a violation of the Sherner anti-trust law and would render a the railroads concerned liable to w vere penalties. Mr. Clements of plained that the interstate commerce commission as a commission is not a all interested in the Sherman and trust law, the execution of which is entrusted to the department of justice, but he expressed his opinion a lawyer and cited a recent instance where the supreme court had so de

cided. "As a lawyer," he said, "I am will, ling to hazard the opinion that such an increase in rates as was conten plated by the eastern railways their meeting in New York would be in direct violation of the antitre law. When practically all of the eastern roads, and, for that matter, all of the roads in the country by a mutual agreement raise rates, it to my mind a procedure which bring them under that clause of the an trust law which prevents 'pooling' and

"Whether or not there is any necessity now for an increase of rates, I am not prepared to say. If the increase should come, the commission would have ample time to decide the point. I am convinced, however, the the railways will give the anti-trus laws careful consideration before the consider a general increase in rates.

'A similar case came up in George hearings. Federal Judge Speer of cided that the railroads had forme an illegal combination in incressi the rates, and the supreme court af firmed the decision.

FIRE ON STRIKEBREAKERS.

Alabama Miners Kill Deputy Sheriff and Wound Dozen Men.

Birmingham, Ala., July 18.-Robert Gardner, a deputy sheriff, was fatally wounded and at least a dozen miners more or less seriously hurt as the route to Adamsville. It is said the

to work. Governor Comer has ordered a

strike-breakers attempted to leave Jefferson for Adamsville Prior to this a number of union miners has made overtures to the strike-breakers to join their ranks, threatening at the same time to kill them in case they attempted to work the mines of the

Doesn't Mind the Fleet,

London, July 18.—Criticism by the British press of Australia and New Zealand for the expenditure of enormous sums in preparation for the conot finding favor with the general public here. Sentiment of the people generally is with the colonies in their stand on the question, and editoral utterances on the subject are much milder today than they have been in the past. On the continent there has age of the United States men-of-war.

Marshall is Indicted.

New York, July 18 .- A. G. Marshall, manager of the Standard Protective society, who, with Heary G Ranching & Timber company was indefraud the United States by violating the law in relation to sale of time ber land in Oregon, surrendered him self to United States Marshal Henkel yesterday. He was later arraigned in the United Sattes circuit court.

Will Use Great Northern Track. Billings, Mont, July 18.-It is an nounced that with the completion of the line of the Billings Northern rall road from Billings to Great Falls New York, July 16.—Senator Thos. Mont., about September 1, the Bur-Platt was 75 years old vesterday.