

THE WEATHER.  
Tonight and Saturday,  
occasional rain, brisk  
southwesterly winds.

## THE JOURNAL WILL PREFER CHARGES AGAINST W. F. MATTHEWS

Recognizing that W. F. Matthews, United States Marshal, was conducting himself in a manner highly offensive to many of the citizens of this community by his assumption of the functions of a dictator in matters which do not concern him in the least and in open defiance of the order of the President of the United States, The Journal yesterday sent the following dispatch to its Washington correspondent:

**"PORTLAND—W. F. Matthews, United States Marshal, who is also chairman of the Republican state central committee for Oregon, is making himself prominently offensive in local postoffice matters. Wire expression from department or President if this will be tolerated.**

**In answer thereto The Journal received the following dispatch, which fully explains itself:**

**"WASHINGTON, Nov. 28, 1902.—If Marshal Matthews holds the position of Chairman of the Republican Committee he does so in direct violation of the rules of the Department of Justice and is liable to censure or dismissal if charges are preferred. Attorney-General Knox issued a circular before the campaign expressly forbidding department employes actively participating in politics, which still holds good and refers to local politics as well as national."**

### United States Marshal and Political Boss Must Cease to Be an Offensive Partisan.

#### His Domineering Methods in Local Matters Will Be Endured No Longer—Must Resign Marshalship or Drop Out of Politics.

The Journal will tomorrow prefer charges against United States Marshal Matthews. The complaint will state that Matthews is chairman of the Republican state central committee and that he is holding the position of United States Marshal.

The Journal will also state to the authorities at Washington, as an aggravating circumstance, that Matthews is conducting himself as an offensive partisan in direct violation of the recent order of Attorney-General Knox upon this subject, and also in opposition to the well-known policy of President Roosevelt.

As long as Matthews kept his personal and political spites in the background The Journal did not desire to expose his flagrant disregard of the orders of the Department of Justice, but when this political boss attempts to dictate the policy under which Portland's Postmaster shall conduct his office, and further announces that he wishes this man appointed as Assistant Postmaster, and that one removed as Superintendent of Delivery, The Journal believes that it is time to call a halt.

If the public service is to be at all properly performed, petty politicians must keep their interfering fingers off it. The various departments at Washington have recognized this fact and have emphasized it in numerous orders.

In the personal fight between Mr. Crossman and Matthews The Journal is not interested, except that it believes that Mr. Crossman has made a very competent public official. But it does take a vigorous exception to the United States Marshal interfering with the Postoffice.

When Matthews, in an ill-advised moment of exuberance, announced to Miss Smith, a Postoffice employe whom the Postmaster had fined, that he would take up her case, The Journal telegraphed to Washington asking if the Department of Justice had changed its policy as promulgated in a recent circular signed by Attorney-General Knox.

This morning the following reply was received:

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**BANCROFT'S PETITION.**  
F. A. Bancroft, the local freight agent of the Southern Pacific Company, whom Matthews is endeavoring to have appointed in place of Mr. Crossman, the present incumbent, is circulating a petition asking the business men to endorse him for the position. About this matter little information can be obtained. Mr. Bancroft has wrapped his petition in a veil of mystery and no details as to its signers are obtainable. It is presumed, however, that some people in addition to Mr. Matthews have signed it.

**CROSSMAN'S PETITION.**  
The petition asking for Mr. Crossman's retention in office is being extensively circulated and signed. Among the prominent firms whose signatures appear beneath it, up to date, are: Olds, Wurtman & King, Lipman, Wolfe & Co., A. B. Steinback & Co., Ben Selling, Meter & Frank Company, Neustadter Bros., McAllen & McDonnell, and a large number of others.

### CASTRO MUST PAY OR BE TROUNCED

#### England and Germany Will Seize the Customs House and Collect Their Claims in That Manner.

**BIRMINGHAM, Eng., Nov. 28.—**The Post today says that Count Maternich, immediately after his conference with Lord Lansdowne yesterday, despatched a long telegram to Berlin regarding Venezuelan affairs. A special messenger followed by boat to the Continent last night. This paper says that Britain and Germany will act jointly in collecting their claims against Venezuela. The Post adds that there appears to be hope on the part of Castro that he can successfully appeal to America against the actions of the two countries on the ground that they are violating the Monroe doctrine. But it is believed that the Washington government, though very tenacious, is not likely prepared, under present circumstances, to support Venezuela through thick and thin.

**WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—**The capital is alive with gossip regarding the reported concerted action by Britain and Germany against Venezuela.

Advices received here say Germany is preparing to rush two more warships south, thus making seven powerful engines of war in Venezuelan waters with a landing force of 2,000 men. England hastens strong cruisers there now, and the Charlyss sailed hurriedly from Halifax last night under secret orders. Her destination is believed to be La Guayra.

Venezuela, it is claimed, has been persistently violating the rights of the two countries, imposing indignities upon their subjects, seizing property and ransoming and imprisoning foreigners on trivial charges.

The state department has given out no statement, but it is believed that it will not interfere, as the announcement is received from a semi-official source that neither country desires permanent acquisition of territory, but will simply seize the customs house and collect taxes to reimburse claims.

Officials admit the character of complications in the event of Germany and Britain landing forces in Venezuela will be manifold. It is certain that when official reports of the landing of forces are received here several of Dewey's ships, now at Culebra, will be despatched to the scene of action. A prominent official this morning said that as long as the Monroe doctrine is respected by Germany and Britain they can resort to extreme measures and even to actual war to collect their claims.

**HA ANA IN TERROR.**  
Havana, Nov. 28.—Indications are that a general strike will be resumed tomorrow. Many industries will be affected and trouble is expected. Rural guardsmen are being rushed to Havana from all over the island.

**BERESFORD MOVED.**  
LONDON, Nov. 28.—Rear Admiral Beresford will be relieved of the command of the Mediterranean squadron shortly and assigned to another command. He is said to be very unpopular with the Admiralty Board and this is given as reason for the transfer.

**TO RISE AGAIN.**  
Filipinos Said to Be Planning Another Insurrection.

**SEATTLE, Nov. 28.—**It is announced here by seafaring men recently returned from the Philippines that the natives are preparing for another uprising against the Americans. The claim is made that arms and ammunition are being shipped into the islands despite the strongest efforts of the government to prevent it, and that native priests are exciting the natives to revolt. It is claimed the American authorities are well aware of this condition, but are suppressing the facts from the general public.

### BIG BOODLER BRAVING LAW

#### Charles Kelly Returns From Europe. He Will Return to St. Louis and Will Be Arrested There—His Son Dead.

**ST. LOUIS, Mo., Nov. 28.—**There is no longer doubt that Joseph G. Cannon of Illinois will be the next speaker of the House of Representatives. He controls a sufficient number of votes at the present time to hand him in the desired place, which has been alluded to as "carrying with it more power than falls to the lot of the Czar of Russia." He will take the place left vacant by the retirement of former Speaker Henderson.

**PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 28.—**Boodler Kelly was arrested here this afternoon. He claimed to be on his way to St. Louis to confess all.

**NEW YORK, Nov. 28.—**On the very day of the expiration of his liability for prosecution for boodling in St. Louis through the working of the statute of limitation, Charles Kelly, leader of the famous band of plunderers, stepped ashore from the steamer Celtic, having returned from an enforced sojourn in Europe. It was generally believed he had been in hiding in Mexico, but this belief proved unfounded. He declared himself tired of being hunted, and said he would go at once to St. Louis.

**KELLY'S STATEMENT.**  
NEW YORK, Nov. 28.—Charles E. Kelly, former Speaker of the House of Delegates of St. Louis, landed from the Celtic today. At the pier to meet him was Congressman-elect James Butler. Kelly's face was white and wrinkled and he started when a reporter greeted him by name.

Butler tried to shut the reporter off but Kelly recognized him as a St. Louis acquaintance and extended his hand. "For God's sake, let me alone for today," he said. "I have nothing to say. I have just received word that my son is dead, and am going right back to St. Louis."

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These defenseless people were expelled from Russia by order of the Czar and were hurried toward the Turkish lines by mounted Cossacks, who harassed them unmercifully. At the Turkish border the Cossacks paused and turned back. Then the Turkish soldiers came upon the scene and forced the return of the wanderers into Russia.

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**TO TRY YOUNG HUNTER.**  
WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—The state department has received a dispatch from Minister Hunter at Guatemala, saying he claims no immunity for his son but will turn him over to the Guatemalan authorities for trial.

**WHEAT MARKET.**  
CHICAGO, Nov. 28.—Wheat—74 1/2 @ 75.  
SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 28.—Wheat—\$1.25, \$1.25.

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### MAYOR VETOES THE OIL DISTRICT BILL

#### Protests of East Side Residents Have the Effect of Killing It—The Council Will Probably Sustain.

#### Jubilant Reigns Among the Big Manufacturing Concerns and the Residents Across the River—Mayor's Reasons.

As dead Mayor Williams did the killing, and a number of night riders that has troubled the slumbers of many good East Side citizens for weeks.

Mayor Williams vetoed the oil district ordinance this morning and said when he filed his message with Auditor Fleming: "I dislike to veto, but I believe in doing what will serve to benefit the majority."

A council meeting October 26, Councilman Flegel introduced a bill setting aside that part of East Portland for the creation of a fuel oil district, described as follows: From the center of East Madison and water streets to the center line of 1st avenue, north three blocks, then west four blocks to East Water street and south to place of beginning. Afterward block it was added to the district.

**NO OPPOSITION AT FIRST.**  
When introduced there was little opposition to the ordinance in the council, except from two members—Merrill and Shugart—and there were no protests from East Side citizens. The matter was referred to the street committee, which passed favorably upon it. Mayor Williams named a special meeting of the council for Monday evening, November 23, for final action on the ordinance. The measure passed at that session with Merrill and Shugart in the minority.

After the passage of the ordinance the Mayor was besieged with delegation after delegation of prominent East Side property holders and manufacturers, who asked him to carefully consider the evil effects of the ordinance, which is a widespread apprehension in this city. It seems to me that this ordinance makes an unnecessary amount of property subject to this apprehension. To say that there is no danger from oil tanks avails nothing so long as people generally believe otherwise, and besides this ordinance allows tanks for the storage of all kinds of inflammable or explosive oils to be located at any point in the said district.

**NO TANKS WITHIN THE CITY.**  
My opinion is that no tank for the storage of refined oils should be allowed anywhere in the residential or business parts of the city. It would be better if the tanks of the Standard Oil Company for the storage of such oils were not situated where they are. I am in favor of locating all reasonable inducements to fuel oil companies to establish their business in this city. I believe that the use of oil as a fuel is a progressive step in the development of commerce and business in this country, and that at no distant day it will largely become a substitute for and a cheaper fuel than wood or coal.

I am satisfied, and have tried to inform myself upon the subject, that there is little or nothing in the supposed danger to property in the neighborhood of a fuel oil tank, especially if it is properly equipped against the approach of fire, but the prevailing opinion in this city is otherwise and something is due to that opinion, and therefore it seems to me that an ordinance might be passed providing that if a company desires to locate an oil tank

**WHY IT WAS VETOED.**  
November 28, 1902.  
To the Honorable Common Council of the City of Portland, Oregon.  
Gentlemen: I herewith return Ordinance No. 1287, regarding the storage of oil in the Common Council, without my approval. This ordinance devotes what is equivalent to fourteen blocks of very valuable property in the heart of the city to the use of the Standard Oil Company and other companies and persons who may desire to locate oil tanks within said district. Assuming that oil tanks are located in the said district, it is a widespread apprehension in this city, it seems to me that this ordinance makes an unnecessary amount of property subject to this apprehension. To say that there is no danger from oil tanks avails nothing so long as people generally believe otherwise, and besides this ordinance allows tanks for the storage of all kinds of inflammable or explosive oils to be located at any point in the said district.

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**WOULD DEPRESS VALUES.**  
Representations which are entitled to much respect have been made by business men in and about the proposed district to the effect that if established it will depress the value of property in the vicinity, drive away investors and increase the rates of insurance. I have consulted the surveyor of the Board of Fire Underwriters in this city and he confirms the statement as to its effect upon insurance. If this ordinance designated some lot or block for the storage of fuel oil it would be likely to receive approval, but to put the property-holders in and about these 14 blocks in a state of uncertainty and fear for an indefinite period, in my opinion, is unreasonable and unjust.

It is unpleasant for me to differ from the Council, and ordinarily I would approve its decision, whatever my personal views might be, in a matter of this magnitude, in the interests of the city. I must follow the convictions of my own judgment. Respectfully submitted,  
GEORGE H. WILLIAMS,  
Mayor.

**IS A FOND FATHER STILL.**  
Councilman Flegel, the father of the ordinance, when asked his opinion this morning regarding the veto, said: "In my judgment, any objection that can be urged against the location of tanks at the place specified in the ordinance can be urged with equal reason against any other location in the city, which practically shuts out fuel oil, if such objections are to be approved. So far as I am concerned, individual erection of tanks might be made at any point that the oil can be profitably handled under reasonable fire restriction. I believe that fuel oil would revolutionize manufacturing interests in Portland, and should not be shut out."

**VETO WILL BE SUSTAINED.**  
Careful inquiry among the Councilmen today elicited the opinion that the mayor's veto would be sustained. No outspoken expression could be gained, but enough was said to give the impression that the East Side is rid of its bug-a-boo.

**LES MAJESTE**  
A Spanish Scientist Calls His King a Degenerate.

**MADRID, Nov. 28.—**Because he alluded in a magazine article analyzing the character of the King along physiological lines to the degeneracy of Alfonso, now reigning monarch of Spain, Senor Macho, one of the most distinguished anthropologists of Europe, is threatened with suit and suppression of the writings. He declared the King to be a perfect type of veritable degeneracy.

**IS THIS JUSTICE?**  
TRENTON, N. J., Nov. 28.—Charge of a most sensational nature are made in the annual report to the Governor of the State Charities Association. It says: "The widest condition of immorality exists in many county jails. Male attendants wait on females and there are no separate accommodations for sexes."

**CARNEGIE COMES HOME.**  
LONDON, Nov. 28.—Andrew Carnegie is progressing nicely and will sail Wednesday.