

THE WEATHER:
Tonight, partly cloudy;
Tuesday, occasional rain,
possibly partly sunny
Wednesday.

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PUBLIC OPINION AGAINST ANY CHANGE IN MANAGEMENT OF THE POSTOFFICE

Portland Citizens Object to Being Dictated to in a Matter Involving Public Service by "Jack" Matthews

Political Deals Must Be Set Aside and Men Backed by
Ambitious Politicians Only Will Not Receive
Support of the People.

When W. F. Matthews was about to be appointed to a local federal office some years ago, a protest, signed by some of the men who are now helping him to place F. A. Bancroft in office, was filed with the postoffice authorities at Washington. At the request of a Senator from one of the Middle Western states, an application was put to the department for a copy of this letter. The Senator in question received the following:

"Office of the Fourth Assistant Postmaster General, Washington, D. C.—Dear Sir: Your letter requesting a copy of the letter filed in this department four years ago last June protesting against the appointment of Mr. Matthews as assistant to Mr. Croasman at Portland, Ore., has been received and referred to the First Assistant Postmaster General for reply. Very truly yours,
J. F. BINTON,
Fourth Assistant Postmaster General.

The Postmaster General will be averse to making public the letter in question, but should he not do so, the matter will be brought to the attention of Congress, as it cannot be withheld by any official in the Postoffice Department, being a public document. A similar case was tested in the matter of the Army Transport reports of Inspectors Maun and Chamberlain.

Public opinion is fast coming to the support of Postmaster A. B. Croasman because of the political trade that has been made for the purpose of taking his official scalp. Chairman of the Republican State Central Committee Matthews, who has promised Hon. Harvey Scott the few votes he will control in the Legislature, has succeeded in silencing the attacks of Mr. Scott's newspaper and in furthering, through aid and abet, the cause of Mr. F. A. Bancroft for the position that Croasman now holds.

The argument in Bancroft's favor is that he is just as good a man for the place as Croasman. This is no argument, for Croasman would be out of a job if he were not re-appointed, and Bancroft would not be out of work if he did not succeed in upturning Croasman. Bancroft is at present freight agent of a railroad and has been a very good penman and fair politician.

In the meanwhile the United States Marshal's office, that Matthews holds in conjunction with the Republican chairmanship, is being turned over to those of the United States of Matthews, all that is left of them, "left of 60."

The latest argument that is put forward in behalf of Bancroft is that he has been an employer of men for many years in his capacity of freight agent. He has large numbers of freight handlers and office boys to deal with, and this probably eminently fits him for the position to which he aspires. He is a good friend of the corporation that employs him and they have been real kind to him. All of these things go to show that he could count postage stamps and wait on the general delivery window with an expertness that is seldom developed in ordinary men seeking lucrative political jobs.

His recommendation.
Being a "large employer of men," and a friend of Matthews, the newspapers that Mr. Scott controls are naturally out for Bancroft. Large numbers of men and the assistance of Matthews are necessary to put Bancroft on his feet as postmaster. Last June he was recommended for the job by large numbers of men and the ever-present "Jack." However, at that time Mr. Scott saw not the glitter of the Matthews Senatorial brick. There-

fore the evening supplement of the Morning Trust having no "instructions" butted into the Matthews-Bancroft fight with a vigor that jarred the dust off the records of the United States Marshal's office and even twanged the political wire to which is attached that dark and unknown ray that is dubbed not "X," but a resignation from the Republican chairmanship. The Journal's spectroscopic developed this mystery and now no one of a politically scientific turn of mind would be at all surprised if Matthews did not retaliate by squaring the circle of his enemies that have in the past looked for his head.

ALL IS NOW CHANGED.
But all is different now. The evening supplement of the Trust is silent and the morning title page is patting both Matthews and Bancroft on the back and kicking Croasman in the shins.

How long is Senator Mitchell, who owes his allegiance to the people of Oregon and not to a handful of brazen politicians, going to stand for such a man as Matthews? Portland has been held back long enough by political hucksters who have sapped her treasury and her life. It is time for the people to speak, and they are doing it now. The appointment of anyone that Matthews advocates will be regarded as an affront. Bancroft may get the job, but it will be a very costly victory as the appointment will only assist in the question as to whether Mr. A. B. Croasman is to be the "push" ruler of a small proportion of the "push" is diving to political oblivion on.

COMMISSION MEN WANT CROASMAN

A representative of The Daily Journal spent a few minutes this morning among the wholesale and commission men of Portland and propounded to a number of them the question as to whether Mr. A. B. Croasman had made a satisfactory postmaster. With but few exceptions the answer came promptly in the affirmative.

EVERY ONE OF WHOM INQUIRED

WAS MADE ADMITTED THAT HE HAD MADE A GOOD POSTMASTER AND SAID THAT HE OUGHT TO BE RETAINED, BUT ONE OR TWO DID NOT CARE TO BE QUOTED ON PERSONAL GROUNDS. THEY ARE FRIENDS OF MR. BANCROFT, BUT ADMIT THAT MR. CROASMAN SHOULD BE RETAINED IN OFFICE.

Maurice Goodman, president of Goodman Bros., Shoe Co.: "He is very satisfactory."

Jesse Walrath, manager Bishop & Co.: "Yes, he has been very satisfactory."

S. Rosenfeld, of Rosenfeld-Smith Co.: "Mr. Croasman has made a good postmaster."

Honory Everding: "Perfectly satisfactory."

A. F. Haradon: "You may say that he has made a very satisfactory postmaster."

A. P. Biles, manager of W. P. Fuller & Co.: "Has made a splendid postmaster."

M. Baruh, of Wadham & Co.: "He has made a good official."

H. Tanhauser, manager of Tanhauser Hat Co.: "Yes, you may say that we are well pleased with him as postmaster."

Charles L. Martick: "Yes, a good postmaster."

James E. Cormack, manager Dalama & Co.: "I have no complaint to make, but am perfectly satisfied with Mr. Croasman as postmaster."

W. B. Glafke: "Yes, he has been satisfactory."

W. T. Turner, of W. T. Turner & Co.: "One of the best we ever had."

A. H. Devers, of Devers & Devers: "He has made a good postmaster and we think it had policy to make a change in such offices when universal satisfaction has been given."

M. Sellers: "Yes, he has made a splendid official."

John C. Carson, Northrop & Storrs Co.: "He has made an excellent postmaster."

Mr. Henderson, of Portland Coffee & Spice Co.: "Yes, he has made us a very good postmaster."



A GOLD BRICK FOR THE TENDERFOOT.

NOTED SWINDLERS ARRIVE IN PARIS

The Humberts Are Now
Behind the Bars.

Police Succeed in Eluding Crowds
and Prisoners Are Hurried to
the Conciergerie.

PARIS, Dec. 28.—The Humberts arrived in Paris at 2:30 o'clock this morning. The train on which they came was stopped at a station outside the city and the prisoners, closely guarded, were taken at once to closed cells which were guarded by a large number of police. Only a few journalists and a detachment of police were at the railway station when they arrived, misleading reports having been circulated which drew the crowds to the Central Station.

The Humberts made dupes of the greatest money lenders of Paris and their greatest writers of fiction would hardly have believed a more intricate or clever plot with mislaid confidence as a basis.

It is nearly 20 years since Mme. Marie Therese Humbert, mother of the noted swindlers, died. She had been made the principal heir of the estate of Robert Henry Crawford, an American who had died in Brazil. No sooner did this woman appear than an attorney, who said he represented two nephews of the millionaire, turned up. He said they had a will that gave them two-thirds of the estate, which was valued at \$24,000,000. They wanted their share right away, and offered to compromise and not produce the will in case Mme. Humbert gave them \$1,000,000.

This Mme. Humbert refused to do, and suit was brought against her. She was ordered to produce in court the will she said she had. Then, as she told the story, the nephews agreed to withdraw their claim if she would give them a few million francs. After many squabbles she obtained possession of their will and locked it in a safe pending settlement of the litigation. The Humberts now, but was not known then, that the supposed nephews were entirely fictitious.

Mme. Humbert was of humble parentage and had no money. She made it plain that she must have some in order to defend her case and get the millions. So money lenders readily let her have it. The case was called and continued many times, sometimes because the defendant was not ready, but oftener because the counsel for the plaintiffs were not ready. Several times, too, the courts passed on the matter, but each time the side that lost appealed to a higher court.

All this time the Humbert family was getting money on the strength of their prospective fortune. Mme. Humbert's maiden name was D'Aurignac, and several persons of that name became involved. They borrowed and spent \$600,000 a year and might have been doing so yet had not a creditor become suspicious. He asked the courts for permission to open the safe in the Humbert home on Avenue de la Grande Arme, the safe wherein all the papers in the case were supposed to be. The court granted the request.

The strong box was opened, but all it contained were several old newspapers folded in envelopes. The Humberts had disappeared, and so had everybody connected with them.

Several months ago M. Paul Reyes, special detective for the Tribunal de Commerce, visited Chicago on a clue which indicated the presence of Mme. Humbert in that city, but the information proved without foundation.

The total amount secured by the Humberts through the swindling operations is placed at \$8,000,000.

Miss Eve D'Aurignac was conditionally released this afternoon and has gone to live with her grandmother.

CLARK WILL BUY OREGON SHORT LINE

This Purchase Will Form the Last
Connecting Link in New System
Between Salt Lake and Coast.

SALT LAKE, Dec. 28.—C. O. Whitmore, legal counsel for the San Pedro, Los Angeles and Salt Lake Railroad, left this morning for New York to attend an important meeting between Senator W. A. Clark, J. Ross Clark and T. E. Gibbons, vice-presidents of the road, and E. H. Harriman.

The purpose of the conference is to arrange for the purchase by Senator Clark and his associates of the 300 miles of the Oregon Short Line which is to complete the communication of the Clark system between Salt Lake and the Coast. The Clark people have held an option on this connecting link and they now propose to exercise it.

The consummation of this deal is of the

WELCOMED WITH BARBARIC POMP

Lord Curzon Received
With Royal Honors.

Marvellous Pageant at Delhi, India,
in Which 30,000 Native and
British Troops Take Part.

DELHI, India, Dec. 28.—The arrival of Lord Curzon in Delhi today to attend the Derby was the occasion for the most spectacular parade ever witnessed by the present generation. Lord Curzon, who was accompanied by Lady Curzon and their daughters, was greeted at the station by a brilliant array of Indian Princes, and was accorded full royal honors. He responded informally to the welcome, shaking hands with many of the princes.

The party then mounted elephants, gorgeously caparisoned. The howdahs were shaded by golden umbrellas, held by native servants, and others carried richly decorated fans.

The procession emerged from the station headed by six British and six Indian trumpeters, and by a large body of native cavalry. The royal elephants were formed in a long line outside the station, and as Lord Curzon and his party passed, on their elephants, the other animals knelt, at a signal, raised their trunks and trumpeted in unison. Thirty thousand native and British troops restrained the immense multitude that had gathered to witness the pageant. The English spectators displayed great enthusiasm and cheered wildly when Lord Curzon appeared, but the natives were undemonstrative.

The scene was a memorable one, and the splendor of the spectacle was wonderful. The Indian princes accompanying Lord Curzon vied with each other in the barbaric magnificence of their display. After arriving at the Vice-Royal Palace, outside of the city, Lord Curzon and Lord Kitchener gave a formal reception to the Indian princes.

GETS HIS JOB AGAIN

Jim Hill's Son, Who Was "Fired"
Just Before Christmas, Has
Been Reinstated.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 28.—Walter J. Hill, the son of President J. J. Hill of the Great Northern, has been reinstated in his position as clerk in the accounting department of the road. He was dismissed just before the holidays because of his failure to comply with the rules of the office, especially one requiring all employees to be in their places promptly every morning. Young Hill was rather remiss, apparently assuming that the son of his father would not be held to rigid observance of the rules, and it was a surprise when he was notified that his services were no longer required. He was reinstated today.

TRAFFIC RESUMED.

TACOMA, Dec. 28.—Traffic over the Great Northern tracks through the Cascades has been resumed after being suspended for nearly a week. Four hundred men have been working at work shoring the tracks clear. An avalanche carried away the bridge at Madison, but it has been rebuilt.

ROMANCE OF A FORMER CONVICT

Weds the Girl for Whom
He Committed Crime.

Robbed the Mails to Get Money to
Marry Her and a Year in Prison
Precedes Their Union.

MEDFORD, Ore., Dec. 28.—After serving a year in the state's prison for stage robbery, Robert Oglesby has returned to this place and has claimed as his bride Miss Mabel Robinson. They were wedded today.

Oglesby was the driver of the stage which runs between Paisley and Lakeview, and was convicted of robbing the mail pouch which he carried. The purpose of the robbery was to obtain money to enable him to marry the girl to whom he was wedded today. He was detected by means of a marked bill, which had been placed in the mail pouch and which Oglesby endeavored to pass. The parting between Oglesby and his sweetheart, when he was about to be taken to the penitentiary, was most affecting. He served his time, and upon his release he went first to his home at Ager, and then immediately set out in search of the girl. They were married today.

BROKE REVENUE LAW.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 28.—Millionaire Distiller Meredith has been arrested here charged with infractions of the internal revenue laws. He pleaded not guilty and was released on a \$5,000 bond.

A. F. OF L. WILL AID IN OREGON

(Journal Special Service.)
SEATTLE, Dec. 28.—Since the death of F. Stacy Whitney, who held the position of general state organizer for the American Federation of Labor, there has been considerable speculation as to what action would be taken by the federation relative to filling the vacancy caused by his death.

Although nothing official has been given out by the executive officers of the American Federation, regarding the matter, local labor leaders are authority for the statement that no one will be appointed to continue the work of organization left by Whitney. The reason for this is that the federation has spent a large amount of money in Washington within the past three years, and it is the general feeling that while this state is not so well organized as it should be, that some other Western state, namely Oregon, should have the benefit of the expenditures of the federation for some time to come.

The death of Whitney leaves but one organizer in the field here, he being S. W. Harmon, who has had long experience in the work, and who is especially interested in labor legislation at the present session of the Washington State Legislature.

PORTLAND PROPOSITION.

Secretary Frank A. Rust of the Western Central Labor Union, states that everything is in readiness for the convention of the Washington State Federation of Labor, which is to be held in Elks' hall January 5. Great interest is centered in the Portland delegation, which it is said are coming with a proposition to federate the entire Coast into a central body. Many of the local labor leaders state their approval of such a move.

IDOL AND STAR MARRY.

GREENWICH, Conn., Dec. 28.—Lionel Fayerham, for long known as the matinee girl's idol, was this afternoon married to Julia Opp in this city. The ceremony was a notable one, many friends of both the bride and groom, among them numbers of prominent theatrical people, being in attendance.

ANXIOUS ABOUT THE NEW CABLE

No News Received Since
Last Friday.

Fears That Some Accident Has De-
layed Completion of Shore
End at Honolulu.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28.—Officials of the new Trans-Pacific Cable Company are apprehensive that some accident has occurred to prevent the landing of the cable at Honolulu. No word has been received since Friday. At that time the ship Silvertown, which was carrying the cable, had arrived within sight of Honolulu, and it was expected that the shore end would be laid and connected on the following day. The signal announcing the completion of the work has been expected momentarily in San Francisco for three days.

While crossing the ocean, frequent messages were sent back by the Silvertown, over the cable which she was paying out, but no explanation of the unexpected delay of the past three days has been received. There is, in consequence, considerable anxiety here.

NEWSPAPER MAN APPOINTED

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 28.—Robert Armstrong, a newspaper man from Chicago, only 30 years of age, was appointed today by President Roosevelt to the position of Second Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, in place of General Spaulding, who will be transferred to another place.

ROOSEVELT BEARS SCARS

Has a Lively Match at Singiesticks
With General Wood, End-
ing in a Draw.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—A heavy sleet storm kept most people indoors this morning, but President Roosevelt and his wife sallied forth nothing daunted and went horseback riding for two hours. Both the President and General Wood are considerably scarred and bruised today as the result of an extremely strenuous though good-natured battle with singiesticks, which they had last night. Both men are adepts in the use of this weapon and they had a warm but, each wears the marks of the contest today. The result was declared a draw.

The President's fondness for athletic contests and for tests of strength and skill is sometimes hard to grasp, but in General Wood he has a congenial spirit and the two are frequently together.

CABLE TO BE COMPLETED

A dispatch has been received by Manager Annand, of the Postal Telegraph Company, stating that owing to severe storms off the coast of the Hawaiian Islands, the "Silvertown" has been unable up to this time to complete the cable connections with Honolulu. However, favorable weather is expected this afternoon, when the work will be completed.

Manager Annand expects to receive a message from Honolulu as soon as the cable is laid, which will probably be late this evening. The completion of the cable will revolutionize the business interests of the Hawaiian Islands, as it will bring them in closer commercial relation with the rest of the world.

Where formerly it took about a month to receive a reply to any letter, urgent or otherwise, an urgent matter will now be carried through within an hour or two. The business men of the Pacific Coast rejoice over this project, as it will enable them to be in closer touch with the merchants of the Hawaiian Islands, especially those of Honolulu.

CHALLENGED THE PANEL

Marriott, the San Francisco Editor,
Will Be Forced to Prosecute
His Assaultants.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—The trial of Truxton Beale and Tom Williams, who assaulted Fred Marriott, publisher of the News Letter, beating him severely and shooting him, began today before Judge Cook. Marriott was in the hospital for about two months. It has been freely asserted that he had been induced not to press the criminal prosecution against the two defendants, who are men of wealth and social prominence. When the case was called today, the prosecution objected to the panel. It is said that Marriott will be forced to prosecute, even though he may be reluctant to do so.

The occasion of the attack made upon Marriott was an article reflecting upon a young lady of San Francisco, and though her name was not mentioned it was generally understood that the reference was to a well known belle, whose engagement to Beale was subsequently announced. Beale and Williams called upon Marriott in his own home, beat him and then shot him. In the presence of his wife, who narrowly escaped the flying bullets, Marriott was unarmed and unprepared for any attack.

STUDENTS ASSEMBLE.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 28.—The Philological Association of the Pacific Coast began its fourth annual meeting today in the Mark Hopkins Institute of Art. The sessions are to continue three days, during which time papers of a profound nature will be read and discussed. The opening session this morning was taken up with the reports of officers and the appointment of committees. Prof. C. M. Gayley, president of the association, delivered his annual address this evening.

DYNAMITE EXPLODED.

SHAMOKIN, Pa., Dec. 28.—Five hundred pounds of dynamite exploded this morning in the Bayview powder house. Fortunately no one was injured, though the windows were shattered within a large radius and some walls were cracked.