

WEATHER BUREAU SAYS DROUGHTS BLIGHT OF WEST

Wrong Idea of Pacific Coast Conditions but Probably Right Regarding Balance of Country.

Washington, Aug. 6.—Reports to the weather bureau show that practically the entire western country, from eastern Wyoming and Colorado to the Pacific coast states, and from the Canadian boundary to Mexico, is experiencing one of the worst droughts of the last quarter century. The only other times in recent years when the lack of water has been felt as much were in the summers of 1894 and 1901.

Rain to amount to anything has not fallen for months throughout the Rocky mountain region, the great southwest, nor in parts of the far and central northwest, and as a result everything has reached the condition which the settlers call "burned up." The long siege of scorching weather is causing great losses of many natural resources, particularly in the forests, where conditions are favorable for the spread of fire, and water in the streams used for irrigation and for power development. In the distribution of rain this year, it looks to the westward as if the east received it all. In many states the rainfall has been less than 65 per cent of the normal amount, and in some places it has been as low as 25 and 15 per cent. This is serious in a country where the normal rainfall is always low, compared with the eastern and northwest coast states. While the eastern states have had in most cases from 10 to 24 inches of rain since March 10, the western states have been having only one and a half to six inches. As a general rule, the western states receive only about 45 per cent of the normal fall.

The forests are as dry as tinder, and flames are licking through valuable timber in a half dozen states. Many water holes in some regions are drying up, and cattle are compelled to walk many miles for water. The ranges are scorched, and the dry, dead grass and other forage plants offer less than half nourishment for stock. Both cattle and sheep, particularly sheep, are suffering as a result, bringing about a serious loss of food resources. Crops are suffering, especially in the dry farming region where there is no irrigation, although crop losses are reported not to be as heavy as might be expected under the unfavorable conditions.

Rains to relieve the situation are hoped for by all of the interests affected. There have been some fairly good rains in parts of Colorado and the far northwest and a little rainfall in northern Arizona and northern New Mexico during the past 10 days. It is now up to J. Pluvius to continue his good work and to visit the many other sections where he will find a hearty welcome.

NEITHER POEMS NOR STOCKS WOULD SELL

Chicago, Aug. 6.—Poetry, mining investments and a modest men's furnishing business wouldn't mix, so Anderson King Rex announces to the world through his will that he died a failure. And even here his plans are going wrong.

The poet-inventor had tried in vain to reach the ear of the world with numerous verses expressing his ideas of the philosophy of life. But they didn't seem to "go" any more than the mining stock did. So he conceived the idea of getting them before at least a portion of the public by means of his will. In this document, which was filed for probate yesterday, he set forth that there were six verses in a book prepared specially for the purpose and asked that they be read at his funeral.

The possessor of the romantic name concludes his unique will with the words, "With malice toward none, but confesses to a dislike for William Rex, a nephew, on the next page, and explicitly orders that the young man receive none of his property. In the entire document is no hint as to the extent of his property. J. M. Rex is given \$1 and the remainder is placed in trust for Mrs. Gertrude A. Rex, his widow.

Mr. Rex referred to his poetry and "failure" in life in this manner: "I am very sorry I am unable to do more for my family. I had hoped the mining property would make me something in my time, but it is God's will it is not to be sold. I say the will of God be done, not mine. I have worked hard and long and have been a failure. I have done my best and pray these mines may make all my relatives rich yet. In the red book in my desk, marked '21,' you will see six verses. You will have them read at my funeral. They are my companions, and they portray my feelings, and seem to me true to life.

"With malice toward none, and that God will take my three acres, hence and give me a niche inside the party gates, where trials come not and cares there are none, I sign.

"ANDERSON KING REX"

JUDGE HAS HAD NO REST IN 21 YEARS

New York, Aug. 6.—The application of the New York Electric Lines company for a writ of mandamus to compel the Empire City Subway company, controlling the electric conduits in this city, to grant space in the subway, was adjourned to the supreme court for argument at a later date.

"Your honor," said Edward J. Mooney, attorney for the defendant company, "I had to give up my vacation to study this matter. I have worked during the year as hard as any lawyer at the bar and I want a rest, and I assure you that your honor also wants a vacation."

"I have not taken a vacation in 21 years," answered Mr. Mooney. "Your honor is a strong man and I think the only man on the bench who could stand such a strain."

Slavin's Biplane Wrecked.
(United Press Leased Wire.)
Los Angeles, Aug. 6.—The biplane of J. J. Slavin, the Los Angeles aviator, was wrecked when it fell 15 feet to the ground while Slavin was attempting to win the Knabenhus cup at Del Rey late yesterday. It is believed that the machine will be repaired within a few days and that Slavin will make another attempt in the near future to win the prize. With wind conditions perfect, Slavin attempted to fly the required distance for the cup. After he had gone about 200 feet, the biplane dropped to the ground. Slavin was not injured.

\$50,000 FIRE NEAR COQUILLE

Lumber Mill, Electric Light Plant, 4 Residences and 5 Cars Lumber Burn.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Marshfield, Or., Aug. 6.—The Lumber mill of the Johnson Lumber company, near Coquille, was totally destroyed by fire last night and with it the electric light plant which furnished light for both Coquille and Myrtle Point, four residences and five loads of lumber on the track of Coos Bay, Roseburg & Eastern road were consumed, and over 200 feet of trestle of the railroad was burned, cutting off rail communication with Myrtle Point.

The total loss is about \$50,000. The loss of the Johnson company is about \$40,000 and there was no insurance. The fire started in the engine room where hot coals were being transferred from the boiler of the mill to the electric light boiler. A special locomotive went from this place in the hopes of saving the cars loaded with lumber, but within an hour everything was burned, with nothing saved but the office building. Members of the Johnson company were part owners of the plant of the Coquille Mill & Mercantile company which was destroyed a week ago by the explosion of a boiler. The mill has been in constant operation for 12 years. It cut about 50,000 feet of lumber a day and had a payroll of \$15,000 a month, which was one of the big features of the business of Coquille. The mill will probably be rebuilt, although the owners are unable now to state positively. The only chance Coquille and Myrtle Point have for having electric lights for some time to come is to string wires from this city 20 miles. It will be a week or more before the trains can run to Myrtle Point beyond Coquille. The Johnson company is composed of Alfred Johnson, his two sons Alfred Jr. and E. E. Johnson, and D. L. Albert of Oakland, Cal.

CODE AND STATUTES SOON OFF PRESSES

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.)
Salem, Or., Aug. 6.—The proofreading has been completed on 1818 pages of the codes and statutes of Oregon, being compiled under the direction of ex-Governor William P. Lord, under an act of the legislature of 1909. The first volume has been printed and the more than half of the second volume is off the presses. The present compilation, Bellinger & Cotton's statutes, contains altogether but 1860 pages. There will be 7500 sections in the new code, while there are but 6797 in the present compilation. The fifty-fourth volume of Oregon supreme court reports that will probably be printed before the legislature adjourns next spring, for the reason that the state printing office is congested with work caused by the new code, the initiative and referendum pamphlets, the candidates' pamphlets required by the corrupt practices act, and the biennial reports of the different state departments which are coming on rapidly.

SUICIDE THEORY IN CASE OF BOUSEMAN

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Roanoke, Va., Aug. 6.—Asserting that he killed himself by holding a stick of dynamite in his hands and lighting it with a cigar, detectives refuse to credit the story that former Mayor A. H. Bouseman of Ridgeway was assassinated. Added to the fact that Bouseman is said to have been deeply involved financially and that recently he had taken out life insurance policies totaling \$9000, the authorities point to his recent experiments with powerful explosives in support of the suicide theory.

Jap Officers Study Aeronautics.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Berlin, Aug. 6.—Seven Japanese army officers have arrived here under arrangements between the German government and the Mikado's war office by which instructions in aeronautics will be furnished to 25 oriental army representatives. The Japanese government is now arranging to purchase several aeroplanes for use in the army. Wright machines are favored.

UNSAFELY ERUPTION ON FACE AND HEAD

Afflicted for Months—Burned and Itched—Used Cuticura and He was Cured in Three Weeks— Not Even a Scar Left.

"As a grateful mother, I feel it my duty to thank you for the cure of my little son who was afflicted for about eight months with sores all over his head, back of his neck and nearly all his face. We tried all kinds of remedies without any relief. We even employed a good physician, and I am sure he tried his very best to cure my poor suffering little boy, but instead of getting better he went for the worse. His head was literally covered with scabs and ugly sores and he kept scratching his hands in gloves to prevent his scratching his head, as he was doing so he made a burning and itching sensation, and was constantly trying to put his hands where it hurt. At last when he was about three years old, we saw an advertisement of Cuticura and I decided to try the virtues of Cuticura Remedies. I bought one cake of Cuticura Soap, a box of Cuticura Ointment and a bottle of Cuticura Resolvent. I used them according to directions and I am happy to tell you the little sufferer was cured in less than three weeks. This was over a year ago and now his head is covered with a fine growth of luxuriant hair. To say, all those unsightly sores did not even leave a scar. Mrs. G. O. Covillion, Plaquemine, La., February 24, 1910.

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- Six 4-inch Fruit Dishes.
- Six Cups.
- Six Saucers.
- One Covered Dish, 2 pieces.
- One Butter Dish, 3 pieces.
- One Cream Pitcher.
- One Sugar Bowl, 2 pieces.
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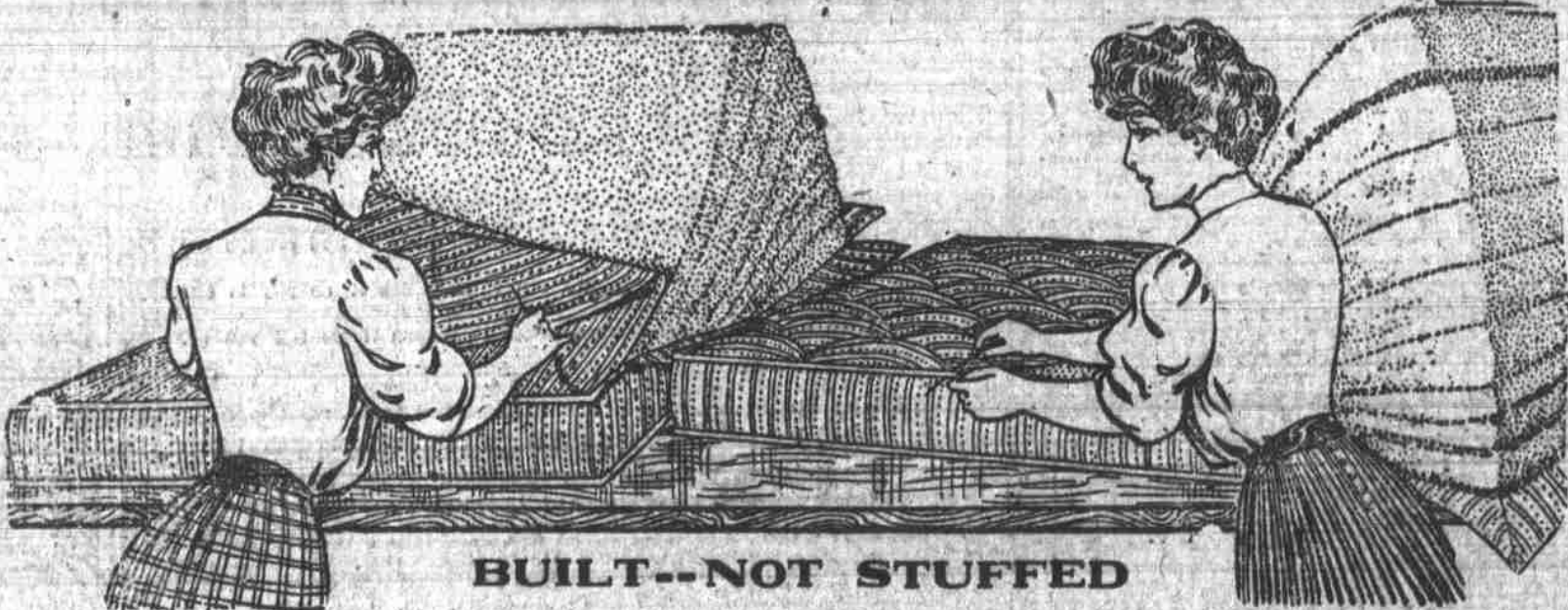
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