

THE WEATHER
Probably fair tonight and Thursday; cooler; easterly winds.

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Boston, 8 a. m.	66	Portland, 5 a. m.	62
New York	70	Boise	64
Washington	74	Seattle	60
Chicago	70	San Francisco	60
San Diego	70	Los Angeles	60
Kan. City	68	Minneapolis	62
St. Paul	68	Denver	62
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Postmaster Charles B. Merrick Is Dead End Comes at Lakeview Or., Springs While Swimming, Heart Fails Him

THREE PHYSICIANS ARE AT HAND BUT NONE CAN AID HIM

Portland Loses Hard-Working Citizen Whose Last Trip Was to Lake County in Interest of Development.

Lakeview, Or., Aug. 21.—Charles B. Merrick, postmaster of Portland, died of heart failure about 5 o'clock this morning while taking a swim with friends at the Hot Springs bathing pool. The pool is two miles south of Lakeview.

At the pool were three physicians but their combined efforts were useless to revive him.

Mr. Merrick was one of the Portland delegates to the Central Oregon Development congress.

Postmaster Merrick and Drs. Griffith of Bend, Everett of Lakeview and Morrison and Robinson of Reno, took an auto for Hot Springs about 3:30 a. m. to enjoy a plunge. Nothing happened to mar their pleasure until after all in the party had commenced to dress when one of them asked where the postmaster was. They glanced around the pool and someone happened to look in the clear water and could see the body lying at the bottom in about four and one half feet of water. Several immediately plunged in and grabbing him commenced a hard battle to revive respiration, working like Trojans for more than an hour, but not at any time having the slightest result to indicate their efforts were of avail.

The physicians have agreed that death was due to heart lesion, caused by the warm water. The verdict of the coroner's inquest was the same.

Mr. Merrick came to Lakeview several days ahead of the Portland Commercial club members on their visit to the Central Oregon Development league, being accompanied by N. A. Perry of the Oregon Retail Grocers' association, organizing the merchants here. They stopped at the home of Arthur W. Orton, register of the Lakeview government land office.

Sleeps Before Trip to Baths.
Last night Mr. Merrick complained at an early hour that he was tired and would go to bed, but asked Mr. Orton to call him about 11 o'clock if he was awake, as he and friends were going to

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CHIEF'S DEATH HARD BLOW TO HIS FRIENDS; WIDOW PROSTRATED

Assistant Postmaster William-son Gets News of Mr. Merrick's Death at 10 o'Clock.

Telegraphic information of the death of Postmaster C. B. Merrick from heart failure was received by Assistant Postmaster W. E. Williamson shortly before 10 o'clock this forenoon. The telegram was signed by N. A. Perry, formerly president of the Oregon Retail Grocers' association, whom Mr. Merrick had accompanied to Lakeview in an automobile from the Dalles.

Mr. Perry telegraphed that the body would be forwarded to Portland tomorrow morning via Reno and Sacramento. If proper train connections are made it should arrive in Portland at 8:15 a. m. Saturday morning on Southern Pacific passenger train No. 16. The body will be accompanied by A. W. Orton, according to the telegram.

News Broken to Widow.
When Mr. Williamson read the wire announcing the death of his chief, his first thought was of Mr. Merrick's widow. He immediately telephoned Mrs. H. J. Blasing, a neighbor and close friend of the family, and told her to break the news to the widow, which she did.

Mrs. Merrick collapsed when told of her husband's sudden death, and a physician was called to attend her. Almost beside herself with grief, she steadfastly declared that the news was not true.

At the postoffice the news was received with every indication of sorrow on the part of postoffice officials, and the rank and file of the service.

The news was received quietly, however, and the routine of the office continued without interruption.

Assistant Postmaster Williamson immediately took charge of the situation and wired the postoffice department at Washington of Mr. Merrick's demise.

Tonight all the postoffice accounts in Portland will be closed and new books

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POSTMASTER CHARLES B. MERRICK



City Mourns Loss of Popular Postmaster and One of Leading Citizens—Expressions of Regrets From Business Men—Demise Keenly Felt in All Circles.

The word that Postmaster Charles B. Merrick had suddenly died swept over Portland this morning as a great wave of sadness.

He had meant so much to so many people and causes and organizations that among rich and poor there was grieving because of the loss of the Big Brother of the City.

Almost anyone in Portland knew the postmaster. Thousands could testify that he had sacrificed personal convenience time and time again to help them. Thousands could say he had never refused a call to serve. Nearly the entire population could testify to his strongly formative influence as a leader in public spirit.

He was a supporting member of nearly every Portland and Oregon organization that had as a purpose the bettering of living conditions and the elevating of standards of citizenship. From men who knew the work of Charles B. Merrick came expressions that mingled sorrow for his passing and admiration for his work. The expressions might be epitomized in a sentence: "He was the finest type of man, doing always the best kind of work with the least amount of selfishness and the maximum of good."

Associates Extol Character.
Said William F. Woodward, president of the Retail Grocers' association and director in the Greater Portland Plans association: "I have known Charles Merrick ever since he was in Portland. As a man, a citizen and an official he lived up to the highest ideal. He was an important asset in the life of the city. He made the postoffice a model. We

can't afford to lose him. We need more like him."

Mayor Rushlight—Mr. Merrick was the big influence behind the scenes in the Retail Grocers' association of Portland and the state organization of retail merchants.

John Malley, president of the Retail Grocers' association—We feel that we have sustained a loss that cannot be repaired. I believe I speak for every member of our organization when I say that he was one of the noblest characters I have ever known.

Frank C. Riggs of the Rotary club—"He set us all an example. He made us love his personality. My, how we shall miss Charley Merrick!"

Ad Club Mourns Him.
President Albert G. Clark of the Ad club attributed to Mr. Merrick most of the club's vitality and wonderful growth. "He was the originator of many of the features that made the club popular," said Mr. Clark, "among them the roll call, the rotating chairmanships, the biographies. He was the second president of the club—He put into effect many of the things that have made us strong, and we were planning that he should be president again next year, if he would accept it."

Eugene Brookings, president of the Progressive Business Men's club, said: "His death is an untold loss to the community. He had his big place in every constructive good thing in city and state. He was one of our most active club members."

"The community will not quietly recover from the death of Mr. Merrick," said John C. Almsworth, president of the

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SON OF "I BET YOU A MILLION" GATES, HIS WIFE AND MOTHER, ARE SEEING PORTLAND

Young Multimillionaire Says He Is Here Only to See the Sights and Enjoy the Roses, but It's Hinted in Some Quarters That His Visit May Have Connection With Appearance of J. F. Harris, New York Banker; His Wife Is a Beautiful and Charming Woman.

Charles G. Gates, multimillionaire, son of the late John W. Gates, in his time one of the world's greatest plungers and speculators in finance, is in Portland today, accompanied by his wife and mother. They are seeing the city from an automobile and enjoying the charming weather of the coast.

When the elder Mr. Gates died a couple years ago, he left an estate estimated at about \$4,000,000 and the younger Mr. Gates, who is not many years over 30 is looking after the interests of this great wealth.

Young Mr. Gates was married just about a year ago—last September—and his wife, formerly Miss Hopwood, was one of the most prominent society girls of Minneapolis. Mrs. Gates is a beautiful and charming woman as is her mother-in-law, widow of the late financial leader.

The underlying purpose of Mr. Gates' trip to Portland, is a matter of conjecture. All that can be learned from the party is that they are here to enjoy the trip, admire the scenery and see the metropolis of Oregon, of which they are hearing so much, the world famous roses, Mt. Hood, and so forth.

Met in business and finance who have heard of Mr. Gates' arrival intimate that it is of vastly greater significance, that

he is probably here in the interest of some large financial proposition. And it is understood, too, that several millions of the enormous Gates wealth are already invested in Oregon securities. In fact, persons who claim to be closely in touch with affairs of finance, link his presence here to that of J. F. Harris, of Harris, Winthrop & Co., the big New York bankers, who arrived here Monday with President Howard Whitcomb of the Northern Pacific, and spent yesterday between Portland and Eugene viewing the Willamette valley from auto and electric car. Mr. Harris, it is understood, left the Elliott party last night and struck out for New York.

The private car "Superb," in which Mr. Gates' party is traveling, rolled into the North Bank line from Spokane, attached to No. 3, the regular morning train of the North Bank line from Spokane.

The elder Mr. Gates, often called "I-bet-you-a-million" Gates, because he once offered to bet \$1,000,000 on some proposition, was better known to the public as the man who tried to corner the wheat market in Chicago a few years ago.

The Gates party plan to leave for Seattle this evening.

PANAMA TROOPS PREPARE TO FALL UPON NICARAGUA

War Department Orders Tenth Infantry to Make Ready for Embarkation Upon Short Notice.

CRUISER DENVER DUE AT CORINTO SUNDAY

Marines Probably Will Be Put Ashore to Go Overland to Managua.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Washington, Aug. 21.—Seven hundred marines were ordered to Nicaragua this afternoon by the navy department. The Transport Prairie, now at Philadelphia, will sail at once with that number of marines direct to Colon, Panama. The cruiser California, now at San Diego, was also ordered to sail for Panama City. The 700 marines will be taken across the isthmus and placed on board the California, and rushed to Corinto, Nicaragua.

Washington, Aug. 21.—The war department, fearing that a clash in Nicaragua is inevitable, prepared today to send additional United States troops to the disturbed Central American republic. The Tenth regiment of infantry, now in Panama was ordered to hold itself in readiness for embarkation on short notice.

The United States cruiser Denver, which is due in Corinto next Sunday, carries 300 marines. It is expected the marines will be ordered to proceed overland to Managua, where the situation is regarded as extremely critical, to reinforce the American forces already landed there.

Dispatches received at the state department say that General Menzies, the insurgent leader, has evaded United States Minister Weitzel's demand that the rebel general withdraw his threats to burn and loot Managua. Weitzel has notified Menzies that the United States will not permit any further attacks upon the city.

Garrison Is Massacred.
Managua, Aug. 21.—Almost an entire detachment of 500 Nicaraguan government troops, comprising the garrison of the city of Leon, north of the capital, was massacred by a force of insurgents, according to reports received by officials at the capital here today.

BRAMWELL BOOTH IS SALVATION ARMY CHIEF

London, Aug. 21.—By the terms of the will of General William Booth, opened tonight, Bramwell Booth, his son, is named as the new commander-in-chief of the Salvation Army.

T. R. Speaks at Jubilee.
Oyster Bay, N. Y., Aug. 21.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt started for Wilkes-Barre, Pa., today to speak at the jubilee celebration of Brother Curran, which is scheduled for tomorrow.

PEOPLE RALLYING TO SUPPORT OF JOURNAL FUND FOR W. WILSON

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D. McE. Bennett, Portland..... 1.00
W. C. Thomasson, Jewell..... 1.00
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Mildred Green's Murderer Uncaught No Trace Left at Home of Victim

Mildred Green, aged 12, whose throat an unidentified person cut as she slept in her home at Eugene Monday night. The building is the one in which the atrocity happened, her room being upstairs and that of her father, Rev. H. A. Green, directly below.



Bloodhound Is as Greatly Bewildered as His Masters When Taken to Stricken Home of Eugene Minister; Suspected Soldier Proves Alibi.

(Special to The Journal.)
Eugene, Or., Aug. 21.—The coroner's inquest over little Mildred Green, daughter of Rev. H. A. Green, whose throat was cut as she lay sleeping at her home Monday night reveals that the crime was committed by a man, which still baffles the police of that city.

The murder left little clue. Not a single blood spot, finger mark or foot print outside the room where the crime was committed was found, not to say the instrument with which the girl's throat was cut. A bloodhound owned by the city marshal of Cottage Grove, which has been successful in tracking other criminals during the past year, was unable to strike any trail. The animal seemed as much at sea as the officers. It is true many people had tramped around in the yard before the dog reached there, but inside the house, where only the officers had been, it seemed unable to work successfully.

At the coroner's inquest the physicians who examined the girl's body, her father, Rev. H. A. Green, and Coroner Gordon were the only witnesses examined. Green told the same story he had told the officers and newspaper men during the forenoon. The jury returned a verdict to the effect that the girl

came to her death by a cut across the neck with some sharp instrument in the hands of a person unknown to the jury. A young man who left here on the morning after the murder for Fort Stevens, where he is encamped with the local militiamen, was under suspicion, but the officers telephoned the commanders of the fort and of the military organization with which he is connected, and satisfactory explanation of all of his alleged suspicious actions was made and not admitted. His land lady reported that she did not know at what time he came home that night nor at what time he left, and reported other circumstances to the officers.

The brakeman who saw a negro running at the Southern Pacific depot on the morning of the murder, trying to catch the train, has arrived to assist the officers in their search for the murderer, but as yet has not found the right man. A number of negroes working on the new railroad here have been closely questioned and their effects examined, but without results.

The two sisters and brother of the murdered girl have wired that they will start for home from McGregor, Iowa, this afternoon. They were apprised of the terrible crime by telegraph yesterday.

2 CALIFORNIANS WIN NATIONAL TENNIS PLAY

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Newport, R. I., Aug. 21.—The national tennis doubles championship was won by M. E. McLoughlin of San Francisco and Thomas C. Bundy of Los Angeles, who defeated Raymond D. Little and Gustave F. Touchard, both of New York, the little holders. The score was 3-6, 6-4, 6-2, 7-6.

The content was held on the Casino courts here.

HOUSE REPASSES BUDGET BILL OVER TAFT'S 2ND VETO

But in Senate Measure Abolishing the President's Commerce Court Loses by Vote of 34 to 27.

41 VOTES NECESSARY COULD NOT BE SWUNG

Executive in Short Message Calls Attention to His Action on First Resolution.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Washington, Aug. 21.—Both houses of congress late this afternoon were expected to re-pass the "budget" bill immediately, eliminating the provision abolishing the court of commerce, which was objected to by President Taft and was given as his reason for vetoing the measure. The president will then sign it.

Congressman Fitzgerald of New York said the new bill will provide only sufficient funds to carry the court until March 4 next, when President Taft's present term of office expires.

Later the house unanimously passed the budget bill, eliminating the provision for the abolishment of the commerce court.

Washington, Aug. 21.—The attempt to pass the "budget" bill in the senate over President Taft's veto failed. The vote stood 21 in favor of such action to 27 against. Forty-one votes were necessary to pass the bill over the veto.

Washington, Aug. 21.—By a vote of 151 for to 33 against, the house today passed the "budget" bill, which provides for the abolition of the commerce court, over President Taft's second veto. Twenty-two Republicans voted with the Democrats. Congressman Sulzer of New York was the only Democrat voting to sustain the veto.

It is believed that the senate also will pass the bill over the president's veto.

President Taft vetoed today for the second time within a week the "budget" bill because the measure provided for the abolishment of the court of commerce.

President Taft's veto was contained in a message of but ten lines in length. It called attention to his objection to

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DR. CALBREATH ALSO REFUSES TO BECOME NEW ASYLUM'S HEAD

State Board Again Seeks Competent Man for Job That Goes Begging Over State.

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.)
Salem, Or., Aug. 21.—Dr. J. E. Calbreath of Portland, has refused to accept the position of superintendent of the eastern Oregon asylum. He notified State Treasurer Key to this effect last night. This reopens the knotty problem the present state board has to solve in trying to launch that institution on a successful course.

Following the resignation of Dr. M. K. Hall of La Grande, and his sensational letter giving alleged reasons why the new asylum is doomed to failure, the position was offered to Dr. Calbreath, who practically accepted it last Friday, although he said he would not say positively until he had further considered it. As it is planned to open the institution about October 1, it is imperative that a superintendent be appointed immediately, but members of the state board say today the whole matter is so unsettled that they have no one competent to take charge of such an institution in sight.

It is not unlikely the position will be offered to Dr. Frank Griffith, first assistant at the asylum here, but doubt is expressed as to his accepting it should it be offered.

PRESIDENT WILL SIGN PANAMA CANAL BILL; DOES NOT APPROVE IT

Probably Will Later Send Message to Congress Outlining Objections.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Washington, Aug. 21.—President Taft, it was learned today, will not veto the Panama canal bill, although he does not approve the measure. He thinks, however, that congress should make it plain that the bill is not intended to repeal the Hay-Pauncefote treaty.

Owing to the lateness of the session and the need for immediate Panama legislation, the president will sign the bill, but probably will send a message to congress outlining his objections to it. President Taft decided to sign the bill when he learned that the house would not accept his proposal to send an amendment authorizing congressional action to free the Panama canal from the free tolls provision.