

THE WEATHER

Rain tonight and tomorrow; brisk to high southeasterly winds.

TEMPERATURES TODAY

Table with 2 columns: City and Temperature. Includes entries for Boston, New York, Chicago, etc.

ROSARIANS VISIT SITE FOR OREGON BUILDING AT FAIR

Beaver State's Exhibit Is to Have Commanding Position Overlooking Golden Gate; Rose Bushes Planted.

PORTLAND MEN MARCH IN WHITE UNIFORMS

Rain Does Not Interfere With Plans for Entertainment of Visitors by Frisco.

(By a Staff Correspondent.)

San Francisco, Dec. 31.—Rain in the exposition city today failed to dampen the spirits of the Rosarians or chill the welcome given them by the Flying Legion, the exposition management and the commercial organizations. On the wet streets the white uniforms were conspicuously sunny, but the program of the day was carried out as though there had been no storm.

Automobiles the Rosarians were taken to the exposition building, and there saw in miniature panorama the show that is to dazzle the world in 1913. It is to be the "buff city" the usual glaring white of exhibitions having been softened and harmonized.

OUR HEARTS ARE WARM FOR YOU, SAYS OAKLAND, PROVES IT

Oakland, Cal., Dec. 31.—With the most brilliant social event the city has ever witnessed, the citizens of Oakland celebrated last night the presence of the Royal Rosarians. In a sense, it was the dedication of the new Hotel Oakland, for it was the climax of a series of events rejoicing over the week-old completion of the \$2,000,000 hostelry.

"The Pacific coast for the Pacific coast, all the time everywhere," was the slogan invented.

"You will never forget, we will never forget, the unifying influence of this great occasion," said Toastmaster Captain Capell, when he stood before the 400 men assembled.

Reception Proceeds Dinner. Then Mayor Frank K. Mott, who had presented the key to the city at the union depot during the afternoon, said:

WILLIAM ROCKEFELLER, DODGING SUBPENAS, IS TO BE CAUGHT ANYWAY

Sergeant-at-Arms of House Determines to Show Magnate Power of Uncle Sam.

(United Press Leased Wire.) New York, Dec. 31.—"It is simply a question of whether William Rockefeller is bigger than the United States. We will show him that he is not, and I shall serve him with a subpoena within the next few days."

This was the declaration here today of House Sergeant at Arms Riddell, who, armed with a subpoena directing William Rockefeller to appear before the house "money trust" committee, has vainly sought the Standard Oil magnate for several weeks.

A dozen assistant sergeants-at-arms arrived today to help Riddell in his search. These men were immediately stationed about the millionaire's office, his home, and the homes of his son and physicians.

Riddell insists that Rockefeller is hiding in the Fifth Avenue home, and that he will be forced to surrender. "I have tried nice methods," said Riddell, "to serve this subpoena, but they have failed. I appealed to his physicians and relatives, but they have tricked and defied me. I am determined now that he shall be served with the subpoena regardless of consequences."

MONTH'S RECORDS PROVE HUGE GAINS IN 1912 BUSINESS

Bank Clearings Take \$40,000,000 Leap Skyward Over 1911 Mark, Postal Receipts Increase \$103,611.

LUMBER EXPORTS FOR MONTH ARE DOUBLED

December Breaks All Postoffice Records; Wheat and Flour Shipments Grow.

Great strides in business for Portland are proved by comparison of figures showing business done in December of 1911 and 1912.

Bank clearings for December are approximately \$5,000,000 over those of last December, while the clearings for all of the years 1912 and 1911 show an increase of almost \$40,000,000 for the year just closing.

Comparison of the postal receipts for 1911 and 1912, show that 10.32 per cent more business was done by the Portland postoffice this year than in 1911. The receipts for 1912 were \$1,108,125.42, an increase of \$103,611.71.

This month's business at the postoffice was the heaviest ever recorded in its history. Compared with business done in December of 1911 it shows an increase of 6 per cent. The figures are: December, 1911, \$111,817.97; December, 1912, \$118,527.06.

Compared with last December's figures, business this December shows double the lumber exports, a healthy increase in wheat exports, and smaller shipments of flour and general cargoes.

Really transfers are slightly smaller and building activity is less.

Increase in Exports. The total exports for December, 1911, were valued at \$1,518,254, and the total exports for the month ending today are \$1,640,177.

Comparisons follow: Dec. 1911, Dec. 1912. Realty trans., \$87,731.00, \$1,217,795.00. Bldg. permits, 1,288,476.00, 678,698.00.

Flour shipments for December, 1911, approximated 57,000 barrels. This December only 9000 barrels were exported. Exports of wheat increased, however.

Figures show 1,571,967 bushels shipped from this port during the month against 1,458,228 exported during the same period of 1911. In addition 246,746 bushels of barley valued at \$176,479 were exported during the month just closed, and none was sent out during last December.

RAILROAD HEADS ARE CHARGED WITH DEATHS INCURRED IN WRECKS

Officials of New Haven Held for Manslaughter; C. H. & D. Directors Are Indicted.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Bridgeport, Conn., Dec. 31.—Criminal prosecution of three officials of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad—Vice President Harry Horn, General Manager Benjamin Kollock and General Superintendent Charles Woodward, was assured here today when they were served with bench warrants charging manslaughter. The warrants are the result of the train wreck at Saugatuck October 13, when seven persons met death. The three officials were immediately released on bail.

CHAMBERLAIN OFFERS TEAL'S NAME TO COV. WILSON FOR CABINET

President-Elect Intimates a Middle West Man May Be Secretary of Interior.

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.) Washington, Dec. 31.—In fulfillment of a promise he made to the Portland Ad club, Senator Chamberlain submitted personally to Governor Wilson yesterday the name of J. N. Teal for appointment as secretary of the interior. He also referred to Will R. King's candidacy. Chamberlain said today he told the president-elect all he knew about Mr. Teal and his qualifications. He also discussed the political situation generally. Wilson expressed the opinion that it would be better to name a man from the middle west as being less likely to have a biased or sectional view of the problems coming before the interior department.

ADMIRAL CLARK PRAISES PAINTING

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.) Washington, Dec. 31.—Senator Chamberlain has a letter from Admiral Clark praising William Halsall's painting of the Oregon filling the last shot at Santiago and recommending its purchase by the state. The senator will recommend that Governor West or a commission visit the painting and pass on the desirability of its purchase.

CLAIM SPURIOUS MORTGAGE LISTED AMONG ASSETS

So-Called Securities, Some of Which Had Been Dated Forward One Year, Told About by Witness.

NEW DETAILS BARED IN ORCHARD LANDS CASE

Government Submits Additional Evidence in Prosecution of Biehl.

A forged water mortgage for \$16,000, and several other water mortgages in which the original due dates had been tampered with and set forward a year, were among the so-called securities of the defunct Columbia River Orchards company, according to testimony admitted this morning in the case of the government against A. J. Biehl.

Biehl is charged with misuse of the mails in connection with the exploitation of bonds of the Columbia River Orchards company.

Found in a Japanese tin "strong-box," which was taken from a deposit vault in the Chamber of Commerce building and given by Biehl to postal inspectors when the government put a restraining hand on the operations of the orchards company, was a mortgage for \$16,000 executed on a desert land claim taken up by G. A. Lindor of Seattle.

The mortgage was apparently made out in favor of the Columbia River Orchards company by Mr. Lindor. The instrument covered a desert entry near Wahlupe, Wash., within the boundaries of the orchards company project.

Claim Mortgages Were Changed. Mr. Lindor on the witness stand for the government this morning, testified that he had never executed nor authorized to be executed such a mortgage, and that he had never seen it until a few days ago when, in preparation for the Biehl trial, he examined it in the office of United States District Attorney McConr.

Emil Cordis, Wahlupe, Wash.; Mrs. Laura Mattin, Wahlupe; W. E. Stuckie, North Yakima, Wash.; and B. J. Montgomery, Tacoma, Wash., all testified that they had made mortgages, always accompanied by notes to cover the amount, in favor of the Columbia River company. The mortgages as exhibited in court, however, showed that each of the mortgages had been changed without the authorization of the owner of the entry under mortgage.

These instruments as originally made, witness said, fell due in 1911. When shown the mortgages, now held as part of the government's case against Biehl, the witnesses found that the due dates had been changed to 1912. According to the original mortgages, the witnesses maintained, it was provided that the promoters of the project would have water on the desert claims in 1910, and this date also, they said, had been set forward a year in each one of the papers.

The mortgages in general were for \$100 an acre, it being the understanding of the entrymen, according to their testimony, that this amount would cover the cost of getting water on the land.

Admitted in Evidence. The mortgages were admitted as evidence over the repeated objection of W. T. Hume, attorney for Biehl. Mr. Hume argued that the instruments, not being signed by Biehl, and moreover showing unexplained erasures and interlineations, were not competent, and in no way served to connect the defendant with the making of the mortgages.

The court held, however, that inasmuch as the mortgages were presumed a part of the securities of the Columbia River Orchards company, as Biehl had been connected with the company, and as the papers were found in his possession, they should be admitted.

On cross-examination, desert entrymen on the land included in the Wahlupe project, promoted by the Orchards company, admitted that they would again be willing to mortgage their claims if they had reasonable assurance that by so doing their lands would be irrigated.

That the entire property of the Columbia River Orchards company was sold to the government, (Continued on Page Two.)

ASK IMPEACHMENT OF JUDGE, HE DISALLOWED CUT IN COST OF GAS

Kansas City, Kan., Commissioners Bewail Fate of Restricting Ordinance.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Kansas City, Dec. 31.—Enthusiasm of his decision permitting the Kansas Natural Gas company to increase its price from 14 to 21 cents per cubic thousand feet, Kansas City (Kan.) commissioners adopted resolutions today demanding the impeachment of United States Judge John Pollock.

Judge Pollock's decision prevented the city from enforcing an ordinance compelling the company to furnish gas at 20 cents a thousand cubic feet. Kansas and Oklahoma cities to pay higher rates.

AS IT LOOKS TO SOME!



COUNCILMEN'S OBSTINACY MAY CAUSE CITY TO LOSE \$69,166 WATER RENTS

Action of Maguire, Daly and Jennings in Blocking Emergency Clause for Rates Ordinance in Attempt to Force a Flat Meter Charge for All Consumers, Places Department Face to Face With Deficit.

Obstinance on the part of Councilmen Maguire, Daly and Jennings in refusing to recede from a position they had previously taken resulted this morning in the failure of the 1913 water rate ordinance to pass the city council, with an emergency clause.

Although the ordinance received nine votes it will not become effective for 30 days, and meanwhile the water board will be powerless to collect for water.

It is even doubtful if the board will ever be able to collect for the month of January, and in that event the water department would face a deficit at the end of the year. The estimated receipts for the year are \$350,000. If the rates for January can not be collected, one twelfth of this sum, or \$29,166 would be lost.

Three members of the council were absent today, so that unanimous consent of the remaining 12 would have been necessary to carry the rate ordinance with an emergency clause.

The nine councilmen who voted for the ordinance are not all agreed that the present rates, as recommended by the water board for the ensuing year are as satisfactory as they might be, but these councilmen took the view that it would be better to proceed slowly, before making any radical changes. They declared that it would be folly for them to overrule on a moment's notice the conclusions of the water board members who have given the water situation thorough and detailed study.

"I believe that the rates can be revised to advantage," said Councilman Burgard, voicing the views of a majority of the councilmen, "but it is now too late for us to act arbitrarily. The matter is one for investigation and study, and I earnestly hope that the council will pass this ordinance now, and then determine on what changes are advisable in time to put these into effect in 1914."

The plea of Councilman Burgard failed to convince the three recalcitrant lawmakers that their course was wrong. Councilman Maguire moved to amend the ordinance to make the meter rate 16 2-3 cents per 1000 gallons, regardless of the quantity of water consumed. The measure provides for a sliding scale. Consumers who use 4500 gallons or less in a month are required to pay the maximum meter rate of 15 2-3 cents. Those who use more than 150,000 gallons enjoy a rate of 13 1-3 cents and the rate for consumers of more than 250,000 gallons a month is 10 2-3 cents.

"I believe the minimum meter rate should be 50 cents a month," said Mr. Maguire, "and I am also of the opinion that a flat meter rate of 16 2-3 cents per 1000 gallons should be established for all classes of consumers. We should not look at this matter from the viewpoint of taxpayers, but from the viewpoint of consumers."

Says Rates Discriminate. "A great majority of the small consumers do not own property. They are forced to pay the maximum rate per 1000 gallons while large factories get a reduced rate. The statistics of the water department show that these factories and other large consumers are now using 250,000 gallons of water a day, one eighth of the total amount supplied through meters. This water has been supplied for commercial purposes at rates a good deal lower than it would have cost the beneficiaries to pump the water from the river and had it not been supplied the city would not have had to spend \$3,000,000 in putting (Continued on Page Two.)

TWO HUMPHREYS LOSE APPEAL; TO GO TO SCAFFOLD

Murderers of Eliza Griffith Left No Peg to Stand on When Supreme Court Jurists Go Over Their Case.

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.) Salem, Or., Dec. 31.—The state supreme court today affirmed the decision of the circuit court for Benton county in the conviction of George Maguire and Charles Humphrey for the murder of Mrs. Eliza Griffith on June 2, 1911, and the defendants will be returned to the lower court to have the date fixed for their execution.

In the appeal the defendants contended that the lower court committed error in permitting John Slane to serve on the jury after the defendants had taken exception to him for cause. The supreme court pointed out that so far as the records show the defendants still had seven peremptory challenges when the jury was completed, and could have used one of them to rid the jury of Slane. Then the opinion shows why the lower court was justified in overruling the exception taken by the attorneys for the defendants.

On the ground that there was no allegation in the indictment that the hom-

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TEXTBOOK COMMISSION NAMED; FIVE MEMBERS

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.) Salem, Or., Dec. 31.—Governor West today announced the members of the state textbook commission, who will be appointed to succeed the present commission in January. For the last six or eight months these new members whose duty will be to select the next year school textbooks of the state to be used during the next six years, have been working quietly studying the needs of the schools.

The members to be appointed are: Miss Margaret Cosper of Salem, principal of the Garfield school here and one of the leading primary teachers in the state; E. E. Bragg of La Grande, county school superintendent of Union county, and a man with years of experience in school work; W. L. Browster of Portland, attorney and college man; T. M. Baldwin of Prineville, banker and one who is expected to keep an eye on the business end of handling the textbooks for the commission, and John P. O'Hara of Portland, experienced in newspaper and educational work.

Prison for Flag Desecrators. (United Press Leased Wire.) Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 31.—Ninety days each is the sentence faced today by Mike Mutch and George Zolnich, who desecrated the American flag during a riot Christmas day. Both are Austrians.

'REVELRY IS KING,' WATCHWORD FOR '12'S LAST HOURS

Burst of Song From 800 Voices to Greet New Year in Open Air as Fun Reaches Climax in Cafes and Clubs.

'BUT BEWARE DANGER LINE,' ADVISES CHIEF

No Limit to Merry-Making but No Rowdiness Is Police Order.

At clubs, cafes and on the thoroughfares, Portlanders tonight will make merry, awaiting the mystic hour of midnight when old Father Time will relieve 1913 of the world's burdens and place them on the shoulders of 1912.

Despite the fact that the weather man predicts rain, it is anticipated that thousands will mass the streets. The fun is expected to be on in earnest about 10 o'clock, when the big open air concert is scheduled to begin at Tenth and Washington streets. This will continue until midnight, when a chorus of 800 voices, under the direction of William J. Miller, will welcome the new year by song.

Indoors other thousands will celebrate the arrival of a new year. The hotels and grills report that many reservations for tables have been made. In addition, several clubs and organizations will hold open house for the benefit of those who prefer to celebrate under the shelter of a roof.

Beware of "Danger Line." The police detail for the principal streets will be doubled tonight, according to Chief of Police Slower, who declared today that "everyone can have as much fun as they want, but no one will be allowed to pass the danger line."

The grills and saloons, he said, would be closed promptly at 1 o'clock tomorrow morning, and he intended to have officers especially detailed to see that orders in this respect are obeyed.

Among the places where open house will be held are the Press club and Y. M. C. A. The Concordia club will hold a dance, beginning after midnight, and a dance and reception will be held by the Benson City Park club for the double purpose of celebrating New Year's and the completion of the new clubhouse at East Fifty-seventh and Sandy boulevards.

The Arlington, Multnomah Commercial and University clubs have made no preparations for a celebration of any sort.

Clubs to Entertain. At the Press club, open house will be held for members and their men and women friends. The entertainment committee promises plenty of fun, but announces that no set program has been arranged.

The Y. M. C. A. is preparing a "stagnant" evening for men, women and children, members and non-members. An elaborate program has been arranged, which starts with a reception beginning at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Open house at the Old People's home, on Sandy boulevard and Thirty-second street, began this afternoon. The guests were received by Mrs. Mary E. Norton, chaplain of the home, and Miss Isabelle Jeffcoat. Punch was served by Mrs. Gertrude and Mrs. E. M. Cray, and a musical program arranged by Mrs. S. G. Guy contributed materially to the entertainment.

WILL ASK CONGRESS TO INVESTIGATE BERLIN TUBERCULOSIS SERUM

Sen. Gore to Urge Friedmann Cure Be Tried in U. S. if Report is Favorable.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, Dec. 31.—Official investigation by the United States government of the reported cure for tuberculosis, discovered by Dr. Friedrich Franz Friedmann of Berlin, is to be asked in a resolution to be introduced in the senate on Thursday by Senator Gore of Oklahoma.

Senator Gore has already requested Consul General Thiacker of Berlin to make a preliminary report on the matter to the state department. He proposes also that congress shall authorize the public health and marine hospital service to investigate Friedmann's claims, and will urge on congress that if the cure is found to be as represented, steps be at once taken to bring the serum to the United States.

CASTRO NOT ALLOWED TO LAND IN NEW YORK

(United Press Leased Wire.) New York, Dec. 31.—Cipriano Castro, former president of Venezuela, arrived here from Havana on the steamer Touraine today, but he probably will have to go right back again.

When the vessel docked, Castro was taken to Ellis Island and confined to a room before a special board of inquiry. The American people should not throw the Statue of Liberty in the water when they realize that Castro is a danger to the United States.