

**TEMPERATURES TODAY**

Boston, 5 a. m.	58	Portland, 3 a. m.	53
Washington	62	Marshallfield	40
Charleston	66	Seattle	40
New York	56	Boise	40
Chicago, 7 a. m.	52	San Fran.	50
St. Paul	40	Roseburg	40
Kan. City	40	Spokane	40
Portland humidity, 6 a. m.	97		

## CHRISTIAN SCIENCE PRACTITIONER IS BRUTALLY KILLED

Mrs. Rebecca P. Gay, Leading Healer of Los Angeles, Is Found in Her Office, Head Beaten In With Gaspipe.

## WAS DIVORCED WIFE OF SAN DIEGO MILLIONAIRE

Robbery Not Believed to Have Been the Motive of the Murder.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Los Angeles, Sept. 27.—Mrs. Rebecca P. Gay, a Christian Science practitioner, was found murdered in her office in a downtown office building early today. She had been beaten over the head until her brains exuded, with a piece of three quarter inch gas pipe wrapped in brown paper. The pipe lay beside her body.

The murderer evidently had tried to drag the body to a window opening into an air shaft, to throw it to the court below. Failing, he had covered it with books and Christian Science literature pulled from a table.

The body was found by a charwoman, who screamed and then fainted. Janitors hearing her outcry, notified the police.

Walls Spattered With Blood.

The floor and walls of the office were spattered with blood. Tables and chairs were overturned.

According to police detectives, no apparent search of the office was made by the murderer. They do not believe robbery was the motive.

Coroner Hartwell examined the body and said life had been extinct at least 10 hours. Night watchmen at the building declared no one had entered or left the building since 7 o'clock last night, to the best of their knowledge.

Woman Was Well Known.

Mrs. Gay was about 55 years of age. She was among the best known Christian Science practitioners of Los Angeles. According to her friends, Mrs. Gay came here some time ago after a divorce from John Gay, a wealthy citizen of San Diego, who since has remarried.

Mrs. Gay was last seen alive by her friends when she left her rooms at the Magalia apartments early yesterday to go to her office. She said she would return before night.

About to Leave Office.

Her hat and coat were found today on a table in the office, lying beside her handbag. Police believe she was about to leave her office when the murder was committed.

On the door had been pasted a card which read: "Office closed Saturday. Mrs. Gay will return Monday."

The practitioner's desk calendar showed that she had eight appointments in her office Friday. Another was scheduled for her home today. Officers are trying to locate the eight persons who are believed to have consulted her yesterday.

Patient May Have Killed Her.

Detectives who went carefully over Mrs. Gay's office are of the opinion that she was struck down while she sat in a little wicker chair at her desk, talking with a person she believed to be a patient.

Because the woman's eyes, in spite of the awful beating she received, remained closed, they even believe she may have had her eyes closed in prayer for the patient when the first blow was struck.

All of the woman's wounds were on the left side of her head and face. An overturned chair stood beside the one she always used, indicating that the slayer in leaping to his feet, overturned his chair, to complete his work.

Church Headquarters Near.

The fifth floor of the building where the murder was committed is given over almost entirely to Christian Science practitioners. The southern California headquarters of the church are also located there. Another practitioner must

## COUNTING 60,000 BAGS OF COIN TO FIND MINT THEFT

Substitution of Iron Washers for Silver Coin in Frisco Mint Makes Checking of Vaults' Contents Necessary.

## ESTIMATED SHORTAGE IS \$30,000 TO \$75,000

Weighing of Coin Shows Discrepancy in Weight, Revealing Robbery.

(United Press Leased Wire.) San Francisco, Sept. 27.—That it will be weeks probably before the exact extent of the shortage which has been discovered in the mint here is known was admitted today by officials engaged in the investigation. There are 60,000 bags of gold and silver coin stored in the mint vaults and they all will have to be gone through to determine how thoroughly the thief did his work.

More than this, it was practically impossible to learn from the local mint officials, who replied to nearly every question that all information concerning the case must come from Washington.

It is known, however, that the shortage is estimated at all the way from \$30,000 to \$75,000 and that it may run still higher than the latter figure.

It was also clear that the government's loss might have come undetected for a long time but for a slight miscalculation as to weight, on the thief's part, in the substitution of the iron washers for gold coin in the money bags he rifled.

The moment it was noticed that one of the bags did not tip the scales at exactly the correct figure, the bag was opened and the theft discovered. The opening of more bags followed, but while it is certain that others had been tampered with, the exact number discovered thus far was not known outside the mint.

To the thief's identity, it was said, there was not yet the slightest clue. Even the time of the theft was uncertain beyond the fact that there was a count of the coin something over a year ago, and that there was no shortage then.

"This year's count was to have been begun in July, but was delayed awaiting the appointment of Mint Superintendent T. W. H. Shanahan, a Wilson selection, who took office August 16. The count had, however, been started before that date under the administration of former Superintendent Frank A. Leach.

Responsibility for the shortage would consequently, persons familiar with the mint said, fall upon the past administration.

The count is being made by 30 clerks, under the supervision of Superintendent Shanahan, ex-Superintendent Leach, Assayer Frederick P. Dewey and Charles S. A. rms, W. H. Kelly and J. J. O'Conner of the treasury department.

Seven Washers Found.

Washington, Sept. 27.—At whatever figure the San Francisco mint officials may estimate the shortage in the institution's treasury, all that they absolutely know, it was said at the treasury department today, is that seven iron washers have been found scattered through four sacks of coin in place of as many silver dollars.

It was admitted, however, that Director of the Washington Mint Roberts has ordered a piece-by-piece count of the government's entire reserve supply on the coast, a total of \$61,000,000. The task will take weeks.

Inasmuch as the seals were unbroken on the sacks in which the washers were found, Roberts believed some slight-of-hand artist among the workmen who did the sacking was responsible for the thefts. He added that he did not believe the loss would prove very large.

Assayer Dewey has telegraphed that the gold coin is safe.

## ROAD MEETING AT ST. HELENS DRAWS PORTLAND PEOPLE

Large Delegation Goes From This City by Automobile to Aid Movement for Highway to the Coast.

## IMPORTANCE OF ISSUE IS FULLY EXPLAINED

Speakers Tell Columbia Men That Easy Means of Travel Is Essential to All.

"Good Roads Day" was observed yesterday at the Columbia county fair and the annuals of St. Helens were made memorable by the attendance of a large delegation of good roads boosters from Portland.

One hundred or more enthusiasts left this city in automobiles at 1:30 p. m. and arrived at St. Helens at 2:30 p. m. without serious accident.

Strict accuracy requires, however, the statement that most of them arrived. There were a few that were delayed en route, as is indicated by the following telegram addressed to the "Coast Highway Convention Assembling at St. Helens," and received after the meeting was all over.

"Gentlemen—We are on our way but delayed by short circuits and cleaning our carburetor. We are with you in spirit and wish you success. Dorr E. Keasey, William H. Mall, Carl E. Jones, Charles Hegeler, Henry W. Fries."

A large number of residents of Columbia county had gathered on the fair grounds when the Portland party arrived. There was a great disappointment when it was announced that the convention hall was not large enough to permit the exhibition by Samuel Hill

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## EMERGENCY BOARD ALLOWS \$500 FOR FRANCHISE PROBE

Governor's Request for Funds to Carry on Law Enforcement Campaign Is Delayed Business.

## PETITION FOR PRISON PATROL OFFICER DENIED

Money Is Allowed for New Building at University of Oregon.

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.) Salem, Or., Sept. 27.—The emergency board, called together today to pass on Governor West's request for funds for carrying on his law enforcement activities, spent the entire morning session in disposing of minor requests for deficiency appropriations, putting off the main issue until the last. It is predicted, however, that this afternoon the board will authorize a deficiency appropriation for the governor's use in his crusade work.

As soon as the meeting was called to order, with all members present, the governor presented a resolution citing the provisions of the constitution and laws imposing upon his office the duty of seeing that the laws are faithfully enforced, and asking for an appropriation of not to exceed \$500, not to exceed, one half of which is to be used in the employment of special agents, the balance to be used for the payment of rewards offered by the state.

State Treasurer Kay immediately suggested that he preferred to take up the smaller matters first. A prolonged silence followed—a regular "quakers' session"—then Senator Dan Malarkey said he also favored taking up the smaller matters. This met with a number of murmured approvals, and it was the order.

"I want to call up the gas franchise investigation matter first," said Senator Malarkey. Three of the Portland members of the board were particularly interested in that, and desired to get an appropriation authorized for that before any serious controversy arose in the board.

"The legislature instructed the governor to make this investigation, and it doesn't concern me how it is made or how it ends, he ought to be provided

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## 'OPEN RIVERS' IS 'OPEN SESAME' TO GREAT PROSPERITY

Speakers at Columbia and Snake River Waterways Association Convention Explain Possibilities of Harnessing Streams for Power.

## PORTLAND CHOSEN AS NEXT MEETING PLACE

Teal and Lewis Explain Possibilities of Harnessing Streams for Power.

By Fred Lockley.

Kennelwick, Wash., Sept. 27.—Portland is to have the next annual convention of the Columbia and Snake River Waterways association.

The most successful meeting ever held by the waterways association was brought to a close by an illustrated lecture by the secretary of the association, W. R. Struble, showing the prospective traffic and commerce of the Columbia river basin.

One of the addresses that was constantly referred to by the other speakers was that of J. N. Teal. In introducing his subject Mr. Teal referred to the prophetic vision of Robert Mills, an engineer who, in 1819, nine years before the first rail for a railroad was laid in the United States, said:

"Would it be too extravagant to look forward to the period when our East India trade shall take this course and the Mouth of the Columbia river as the head of its ship navigation to the grand depot of articles coming and going?"

"This idea was to have a road constructed from the head of navigation of the Missouri to the head of navigation of the Columbia," said Mr. Teal. "Would

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## MAY BE APPOINTED LORD LIEUTENANT OF IRELAND



James Bryce, former British ambassador to the United States.

## NOTED DIPLOMAT SAID TO BE ABOUT TO TAKE LORD ABERDEEN'S JOB

Former Ambassador Arrives in Dublin on Tour of the Island.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Dublin, Sept. 27.—That James Bryce, former British ambassador to the United States, shortly will become lord lieutenant of Ireland was rumored here today. He had just arrived from Belfast on a tour of the island. Lord Aberdeen, the present lord lieutenant, is about to resign, it is said.

## ULSTER VOLUNTEERS PARADE

Belfast, Ireland, Sept. 27.—The Ulster "Volunteers" formed with the avowed purpose of resisting home rule forcibly, paraded the streets today. Thousands were in line, carrying rifles shipped to them by anti-home rulers in London. "Ulster day" will be celebrated tomorrow.

St. George Richardson, an army officer on the active list, led the volunteers, who were divided into 14 battalions, seven of them commanded by retired army officers. Sir Edward Carson addressed the parade before the march. It was estimated that 250,000 persons watched them.

## AVALANCHE OF GOODS WHEN TARIFF IS SIGNED

Washington, Sept. 27.—Customs officials estimated today that \$150,000,000 worth of goods are in bonded warehouses at the country's ports of entry at present, waiting for the lower duties provided in the tariff bill. Elaborate preparations have been made to handle this rush of business as soon as the bill has been signed.

## FED 300,000 TRAMPS SINCE HUSBAND DIED

San Francisco, Cal., Sept. 27.—The number of tramps fed since 1884 by Mrs. John Parrott, widow of the millionaire who made his wife promise on his death bed never to turn a wayfarer from her door hungry, has passed the 300,000 mark.

## HUNTER KILLS COUGAR IN WOODLAND HILLS

Woodland, Wash., Sept. 27.—A small building occupied as a feed and hitching stable in the rear of the postoffice burned down yesterday. The fire department saved surrounding buildings. The loss was small. The building belonged to Mrs. Thornton.

Henry Powell, who killed a bear at his home last week, shot an eight foot cougar Sunday. The bounty on the animal was \$20.

## \$200,000 HAUL MADE BY Q. & C. ROBBERS

New Orleans, La., Sept. 27.—That the three bags of money stolen in the hold-up of an Alabama Great Southern passenger train near Tuscaloosa early yesterday probably contained more than \$200,000 was the declaration here this afternoon of John Wogan, assistant chief of the treasury. The money, he said, was consigned to Louisiana and Alabama banks.

## CITY TO CONTEST RIGHT OF APPEAL IN MINOR CASES

Contention Is Municipal Court Decision Is Final, Except Where Fine Over \$500 or Sentence Exceeds 90 Days.

## VOTERS MAY BE ASKED TO CHANGE PROVISION

Proposed Amendment Compromise Between Old Law and Present Section.

Whether or not the city charter now in force gives to litigants the right to appeal from decisions of the judge of the municipal court is to be determined Monday in a hearing before Circuit Judge Cleston.

City Attorney La Roche and his deputy, Stanley Myers, have filed petitions in which they resist the right of these defendants to appeal from Judge Stevenson's decisions on the ground that the charter does not provide for the appeal, except under certain conditions. Should the city's contention be sustained, then the municipal judge will be vested with a power that in minor cases will be almost supreme. The right of appeal, asking for a review of the case before a jury in the circuit court, is not granted by the new charter, unless a fine of more than \$500 is imposed or a sentence of more than 90 days in jail is inflicted.

Altogether, since Judge Stevenson took office and the new charter went into effect, more than 50 defendants who have been convicted in the municipal court have applied to have their cases tried again in the circuit courts.

City Asks Dismissal.

To each of these appeals the city attorney has filed a cross petition asking that they be dismissed on the grounds that the charter does not give these defendants the right to ask for review of their cases by a higher court.

The first one of these cases to be argued will come before Judge Cleston Monday. It is the case of the city against J. "Hat" Hitchins, a local attorney, who was convicted of disorderly conduct in connection with an accusation of being a "peeping Tom."

"The city attorney's office is not advocating," said Deputy Stanley Myers today, "that the right of appeal be denied. We are rather taking the stand that the charter is lacking in that it does not provide an adequate appeal specification."

## APPEAL RIGHT WAS ABUSED

"Under the old charter, the right of appeal from decisions of the municipal judge was greatly abused. Especially was this true in the cases from the underworld, and much trouble was had in securing convictions in the upper courts. In these cases, the defendants would ask for a jury trial in the municipal court, and on being convicted, they would appeal to the circuit court. It is the intent that elapsed before the hearing in the upper courts, the defendants, or their representatives, would buy off the prosecuting witnesses and when the case would finally come to trial, the prosecution's case would fail. Not only was this the case, but these people were given the advantage of two jury trials, a right that not even a murderer is accorded.

While the present charter apparently does not allow the right of appeal in minor cases, all such defendants have the right, under common law, to have the legal points of their cases reviewed.

Legal Errors Only Construed.

This, however, affects only the legal errors that the judge in the lower court might have made. The right of appeal in minor cases, as all such defendants have the right, under common law, to have the legal points of their cases reviewed.

## BANK OF NAMPA IS CLOSED ON ORDERS

(Special to The Journal.) Caldwell, Idaho, Sept. 27.—The Bank of Nampa, the oldest bank in Nampa, capitalized at \$100,000, closed its doors today by order of the state bank examiner, J. W. Givens, superintendent of the insane asylum at Oro Fino, is president of the closed bank; J. A. Givens, vice president, in charge of the institution, and C. E. Lore, cashier. No statement is available today.

## Mrs. Wiborg Pleads Not Guilty

New York, Sept. 27.—"Not guilty" was the plea entered here today by Mrs. Frank Wiborg, wife of a Cincinnati capitalist, indicted by a federal grand jury on a charge of smuggling. Mrs. Wiborg, accompanied by her husband, entered her plea before Judge Hough.

Mrs. Wiborg arrived here September 5 with 29 trunks. She declared they contained only \$500 worth of dutiable goods. The trunks were seized and the indictment declared they contained \$5000 worth of goods. Mrs. Wiborg was given an until October 12 to withdraw her plea of not guilty.

Mrs. Wiborg is a sister-in-law of General Nelson A. Miles. If convicted she may be given a sentence of two years' imprisonment, \$5000 fine, or both.

## Portland Man Will Teach

The Dalles, Sept. 27.—The local school board has engaged W. J. Leater of Portland to take charge of the manual training department of the public schools, and classes therein will be organized next week. This is the first year that there has been a manual training department in The Dalles schools.

## Spain to Send Exhibits

Madrid, Spain, Sept. 27.—The Spanish government decided finally today to participate in the Panama-Pacific exposition in San Francisco in 1915. Spain, it was announced, will be represented by private as well as official exhibits.

## VEDRINES SECOND TO PROVOST IN TRYOUTS

Only American in Rheims Race Will Fly in a French Machine.

Rheims, France, Sept. 27.—Aviator Provost was declared winner today in the French elimination contests preparatory to the race Monday for the James Gordon Bennett trophy. The judges placed his average speed at 118 1/2 miles an hour. Aviators Vedrines and Gilbert were respectively second and third.

The only American pilot who will fly in the race Monday is Charles Weymann, who, much to the French contestants' amusement, the aviator's art being an American invention, has entered a French machine. He has made considerably better than 100 miles an hour in it, however, and his chances were today considered even with Provost's. The best judges expressed the opinion that one of these two would win.

The present holder of the trophy is Vedrines, who won it last year at a speed of 113 1/2 miles an hour, and will try Monday to win it again.

English, Belgian, Italian and German aviators also will compete. Altitude contests, slow races, short speed races, passenger carrying competitions and other events are scheduled for tomorrow. Some 25 aviators will participate.

## TARIFF SIGNING AGAIN DELAYED FOR A WEEK

Democrats Plan to Complete Their Report Monday, After Conference.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, Sept. 27.—Democratic tariff conferees plan to complete their report today and hold a final conference Monday with Republicans before introducing the report in the house. It is not believed, however, that the measure will be ready for President Wilson's signature before the end of next week.

Democratic senators claimed victory in two thirds of the items over which there were controversies, asserting that most of the lower rates were accepted. The conferees, however, are expected to disagree on the cotton futures tax.

## A SURE SIGN OF FALL!



## P. R. L. & P. CO. FILES FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR PAST FISCAL YEAR

Valuation of Physical Properties Now In; Work of Checking Schedules Begins.

The valuation of the property of the Portland Railway, Light and Power company, by the state railroad commission took a forward step today with the submission by the public service corporation of its financial statement for the year ending June 30, 1912.

The company's valuation of its physical properties is now all in and the work of checking over the schedules will be begun by the commission's experts.

While this is going on the Portland Railway, Light and Power company will prepare and submit to the commission its valuation of intangible properties, such as water rights, expenses of organization and development of business, original cost data and the division of earnings and expenses, as between different classes of properties and utility services.

Formal proceedings in the investigation will be resumed by the commission in the near future upon five days notice to interested parties.

In the statement of earnings filed today the revenue for the year ending June 30 from utility operations was given at \$3,998,252.26.

The number of customers served was 37,461.

## SOUTH SEA PIRATES TAKEN BY U. S. CUTTER AFTER FIERCE BATTLE

Gang Ruled by Beautiful Spanish Captive, Is on Way to San Francisco for Hanging.

(Special to The Journal.) San Francisco, Sept. 27.—The chase for a pirate crew that has been terrorizing the smaller islands of the South Seas, has ended, according to a wireless message received today at Honolulu from Captain Tapham of the United States revenue cutter Keokuk.

Every man of the band of 25 was captured, Captain Tapham said, after a hard fight. The prisoners will be brought direct to San Francisco, where the captain will recommend that every one of the men be hanged.

Among the pirates, Captain Tapham found a beautiful young Spanish girl, Estelita D'Orfez. She, the reports said, is adored by the freebooters. Estelita was five years old when she fell into their hands. Her father was the captain of the trading schooner Santa Maria, which sailed from Manila 10 years ago. Nothing was ever heard of the craft. The chief of the gang confessed to Captain Tapham that his band sank the boat and saved only the beautiful child.