BALLOON 'UNCLE SAM' WAS IN GRIP OF STORM SOON AFTER STARTING

Dr. Stewart Relates Sensational Experience in Battle With Elements.

LIGHTNING PLAYED NEAR

Gas Bag Narrowly Escaped Destruction Shortly Before Dark Last Wight and Forced to Land.

Torn and bruised, singed thrice by lightning, hurled skywards hundreds of feet then dashed to ground, the balloon "Uncle Sam" was landed last evening seven miles south of Oregon City after it had been the plaything of the storm gods for an hour or so, In the basket were Captain H. E. Honeywell, of St. Louis, pilot, and his aide, Dr. W. E. Stewart, of this city. It was Captain Honeywell's 195th ascension and Stewart's first and after the big vessel, with its side ripped wide open, had flattened on the ground in the field of the Hal Lindsey farm near the Beaver Creek postoffice, the veteran aeronaut exclaimed, worst experience."

He stayed by the balloon and was scheduled to arrive with it and its equipment in Portland today. Stewart arrived in the city late last night. Had Bad Luck From Start.

"We had bad luck from the start," he said today, "but I'd make the trip again if I had the chance." Just after the balloonists had sent off their first carrier pigeon at 6 o'clock they ran into a thunder storm,

The cool air that preceded the storm proper caused the gas to contract and the vessel dropped from almost 6000 feet to about 500 feet above earth. At the time the Uncle Sam was at least three miles in the lead of the other three balloons and was near Oregon

The next hour and a half was filled with thrills and freak weather. The aeronauts first got snowed on, then it rained and the thunder storm, descended upon them. To the west several miles, and apparently clear of the storm, could be seen the Kansas City III and the Springfield, riding high. Three miles back was the "Million Population Club" bag with Berry pilot-

Berry Sees Predicament.

Berry saw the predicament the Uncle Sam was getting into and began to shed sand by entire sackfuls. The last seen of him was when the big ship shot into the clouds and put him clear of the storm raging beneath. Meanwhile another storm arose and

caught the Uncle Sam in a swirling mixture of violent air currents created by the two. Three times lightning enveloped the balloon, making the hair of the aeronauts stand out and crinkle as the flashes passed, and once state finished its case against Charles

upward 1500 feet by the force of the the body of Mrs. Potts.

Compelled to Land. After the second crash it was de- her death. cided that the only thing to do was danger of lightning igniting the es-tired the night before her death and caping gas at any moment they be-said that Mrs. Potts was in good gan to look for a place to light, and health. The next morning when she finaly a clearing on the Lindsey farm helped prepare the body for burial she was seen and Honeywell pulled the said she saw prominent discolorations rip cord, tearing the bag wide open. on her neck and black and blue blotches They struck the ground at 7:30 p. m. on her back. She said Potts looked at

heartbroken," said Stewart today. "In reveal the cause of death. Then, she Five bags of sand had just been re-moved and our clothing was in a sack promised her he would not have her on the ground when those holding it embalmed. let go altogether. Captain Honeywell

Light Air Currents.

A light current carried us south- Potts was continually approaching east, and in an effort to find a bet- other women. ter one we settled down to 1000 feet, clouds and expanded our gas and car-ried us up 6000 feet, where we remained stationary for a time until the

We were planning to cross the mountains by the gap near Mount Jef- The board, owing to complications arisferson and were going in that direc- ing in connection with various offers, tion when the thunderstorm ended our recently turned down an offer of \$2. hopes and compelled us to land. The 000,000 for the lakes. The governor last we saw of Berry was when he said when he put the matter up to the was shooting up to clear the storm that even then was gripping us. He must have risen 10,000 feet and I would not be surprised to learn that he cleared the Cascades and got into the central Oregon country. The other balloons, I believe, must have traveled on down

West Asks Report on Salt Lakes

Would Do Nothing and He Wants In-

formation for Many Who Seek It. Salem, Or., June 12. - Governor West announced today that he has requested the state bureau of mines and geology to make an investigation of the properties in Summer and Albert lakes, which are reported to contain millions of dollars' worth of valuable salt and soda products. The bureau has been requested to report as early as pos-

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STRIKING BLONDE IS INTERESTING WITNESS IN THE POTTS CASE

Miss Shive Testifies Mrs. Quartermaster General Given Asia Minor Coast Town With Large Potts Gave Her to Understand They Blackmailed.

Canyon, City, Or., June 12 .- The

C. L. Yokum testified last n their hooks and the basket was badly to show that Potts told numerous per- partments of the government, sons that his wife was going to die, and then told conflicting stories about

Realizing that there was talked with Mrs. Potts before she re- pension of \$12. In landing, the balloon was par- his dead wife and said he had nothing tially wrecked by striking a tree, but to regret "as he had kept a maid for the passengers escaped with a few her and given her everything she debruises as mementoes of the experiat first wanted the remains embalmed "Captain Honeywell was almost until Coroner Glaze told him it might the first place we had a bad start. said. Potts said he had talked to his

The sensation of the day came when had asked them to merely loosen up a Miss Shive, a striking blonde, under little to see if we were ballasted prop- cross examination, leaned forward with erly. As a result we shot up into the emotion and said Mrs. Potts had given air with much less ballast than we her to understand that they made their should have had. living by blackmail, and that Potts was a blackmailer of women. She told "The Uncle Sam rose to an altitude Mrs. Potts, she said, the evening be-of about 2500 feet and there we found fore her death of the insistant prothat there was practically no air mo- posals Potts had made her, and that

There is considerable evidence showwhere we struck a 15 mile breeze ing that Potts and his wife were in a which carried us to Oregon City, up continual state of turmoil and that the Willamette. We were near Oregon he told numerous persons that his wife

clouds of the storm obscured the sun sible, the governor said, for the benefit and we dropped to 500 feet and re-sumed the southward course. of the state land board, which has been besieged with offers of promoters to buy or lease the lakes from the state. land board to have an investigation of the lakes made, the board did not consider the matter favorably, and that now he had asked the bureau to make the investigation himself ...

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Senator Chamberlain.

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.) ring of fire circled Honeywell's hat. E. Potts last night, with the exception Senator Chamberlain that in accord- the Greeks would be massacred. downward, back and forth at the will of the testimony of Coroner Glaze and ance with his request, instructions of the winds. Twice it was carried the doctors who held the autopsy on have been issued to the quartermasters to Constantinople a strong protest Oregon lumbermen to bid on all lumber terrific velocity to the earth. In each Potts told him he brought his wife required by the war department on the those already alleged to have suffered instance the basket struck ground so here to die, and that he spoke of her Pacific coast. Senator Chamberlain at the Turks' hands. hard that sand sacks were jarred off in disrespectful terms. Evidence went expects similar action by other de-

Pension for Lydia Thompson. ner death. Washington, June 12. — Lydia A. Daisy Skinner testified that she Thompson of Junction was granted a

> Petition for Mail Route. Washington, June 12 .- Senator Lane has submitted to the postoffice department a petition of patrons of the mail route between Rural and Myrtle Creek for the continuation of two weekly round trips. The department is planning to reduce service to one trip a week.

> Portland Man Honored. Washington, June 12 .- E. G. Hopson, supervising engineer of the reclamaon service at Portland has been appointed a member of the committee to recommend the award of medals and rizes to members of the American

Society of Civil Engineers. To Improve Columbia River. Washington, June 12 .- Senator Poindexter has introduced an amendment to the rivers and harbors bill appropriating \$35,000 to improve the Columbia river at Rock Rapids.

Homestead on the Siuslaw. Washington, June 12 .- The application of Addie A. Day of Corvallis to enter a homestead in the Siuslaw forest has been allowed.

To Deliver Address. Washington, June 12.—Senator Chamberlain left today for Port Deposit, Md., to deliver the commence-

Money Order Offices. Washington, June 12 .- Greenleaf, lubert, Imperial, Liberal, Reedsport

TO PRESENT BIDS Turkish Troops Attack Aivalik

Instructions at Request of Greek Population Attacked-Massacre of Greeks by Turks Peared.

day were attacking Aivalik, an Asia Minor coast town with a Greek popula-Washington, June 12 .- The quarter- tion of about 25,000, according to dismaster general of the army informs patch from Mitylene, and it was feared

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BENSON FOR FOURTH PLACE FOR JUDGE

Is Advised From Prineville That He Was Counted Out of Ten Votes.

PROPOSED

Errors Pound in Multnomah, Wasco. Harney and Other Counties-Positions Have Again Shifted.

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.) Salem, Or., June 12 .- Positions have shifted again in the exciting race for the fourth place on the Republican ticket for supreme court judge, and Justice Charles L. McNary now leads Judge Henry L. Benson by seven votes, according to apparently authentic advices received last night and today by Justice McNary from persons who have rechecked the tally sheets in a number of the counties. Yesterday morning, owing to an error of 20 votes found in Multnomah county, Benson was credited with being seven in the lead. A telegram from Prineville today advised Justice McNary that "a plain error had been found in East Prineville, which counted you out of 10 Another error was found in Wasco county, which gave McNary five votes. In Baker Benson is reported to have lost one vote. In Harney county discovered errors reduce Mc-Nary's vote by three, and Benson gains one, making a total loss of four for McNary. In Yamhill county McNary is reported to have gained two. These errors apparently give McNary a lead over Benson of seven votes. But Justice McNary said today that the vote was too close to let the matter drop. He made the following statement: "From advices at hand, several coun

ties in the state, where a recheck of the tally sheets have been made, I am apparently seven votes ahead of Judge

"On account of the closeness of the contest, and discrepancies that have

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Last night McNary wired Judge Benon in Portland as follows: "Am in-

formed by the press that experts employed by you have discovered an error n the votes in Multnomah county. If I

supposed to be the official count, I feel test involving the recount of the bal-I would not be justified in making a lots in Multnomah county, and such cialm of the nomination until Judge other counties as you desire, with a Benson and I should cause a joint re- recount of the tally sheets of each county in the state."

Up to noon today McNary had ceived no reply from Benson

"Yes," replied the judge, "I was afraid at one time that you would bring about the conviction of your

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