

WEATHER REPORT.

Fair tonight with light frost; Sunday fair and warmer.



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SHEEPMEN ASK FOR BOUNTY LAW

Report of Commission to State Contains Plea For Protection.

AMPHLET WAR ON PRE-DATORY ANIMALS' FAULTS.

Report Says Sheepmen Lost Between \$1,000,000 and \$1,500,000 Through Depredations of Coyotes During Past Year—Also Says 'Colts, Pigs and Calves Suffer as Well as Sheep—Scab Has Been Eradicated—Past Year Banner Year for Growers.

Salem, April 4.—Declaring the sheepmen of Oregon lost between \$1,000,000 and \$1,500,000 from the ravages of coyotes last year the board of sheep commissioners asked the state to put up a bounty on animals in a report filed today.

The board declares that war against the scourge has been conducted by means of pamphlets to sheepmen showing how the coyotes can be killed, but believes that nothing effective can be done until the state puts a price on the heads. It declares the loss is not only among the sheep, but colts, pigs and calves suffer as well.

The request for the bounty law is embodied in the report of Dan P. Smythe, secretary of the sheep commission which has just been filed with Governor Chamberlain. Aside from the question of coyote bounty, the report also tells of the fight waged by the commission against scab, their difficulties with the sheepmen of Washington and other things of interest.

According to the report there were 250,000 scabby sheep when the sheep law went into effect. Now there are but 176 scabby bucks in eastern Oregon, while there are a few isolated cases of scab in the valley.

Sheepmen Have Prospered.

Regarding the general status of the sheep business the report says: "The season of 1907 has been a banner year for the woolgrowers. The highest prices ever known in the state during the past 30 years prevailed for wool and mutton. Range conditions were exceptionally good, consequently the year was a happy and prosperous one for the sheep owner."

Oregon had in 1907, 1,800,000 sheep of shearing age and about 1,000,000 lambs, with an approximate total value of \$9,500,000. The wool clip aggregated 15,300,000 pounds valued at \$3,121,200, the average weight of the Oregon fleece being 8 1/2 pounds—the highest average of any state in the Union. The shrinkage was 70 per cent.

BANKERS SCORE FIRST.

Ross and Associates Get Change of Venue in Fight for Liberty.

Portland, April 4.—J. J. Thoburn, Ross, T. T. Burkhardt, J. E. Atchinson and G. C. Hill of the Title Guarantee and Trust company, charged with fraudulently handling the funds of the suspended Title Guarantee and Trust company, won the first round in their fight for liberty today when Judge Cleland granted the bank officials a change of venue.

The case will be heard in Marion county probably either by Judge Barnett or Judge Galloway.

NELSON TO MEET GANS.

Will Try Negro in 20-Round Go at San Francisco.

San Francisco, April 4.—Articles for a boxing match have been signed by Battling Nelson and Joe Gans for a 20-round match in this city. The fight will take place next month. Nelson appeared as his own manager and Ben Selig for Gans.

Cambridge Wins Boat Race.

London, April 4.—The Cambridge eight defeated Oxford in the annual boat race today by three lengths.

LAUNDRY DAMAGED BY EARLY FIRE

A loss of between \$200 and \$400 was caused to J. F. Robinson's Domestic laundry by a fire that broke out in the rear of the laundry about 2:30 this morning. That the damage was light is due to the prompt and efficient work of the fire department. The blaze occurred in the sorting room of the laundry, which is the wooden lean-to directly in rear of the main building. How the fire became started is a mystery but it is attributed to a heating stove in the room. Though the sorter in the laundry says the fire was allowed to go out during the day yesterday, the fact that the worst of the fire was in the corner

TO REBUILD CLIFF HOUSE AT COST OF \$57,000.

San Francisco, April 4.—The famous cliff house will be rebuilt at a cost of \$57,000. This was made possible today by a court order allowing that amount to be taken from the Sutro estate for that purpose.

"SLICK YANKEE TRICK."

Hackenschmidt Says Gotch Massaged Body and Was Too Slippery.

Chicago, April 4.—Hackenschmidt, the "Russian Lion," who lost the championship world wrestling match with Frank Gotch last night, by surrendering after over an hour's attempt to throw the Iowa man, today declared he lost because of a "slick Yankee trick."

He declares that Gotch took a body massage just before the bout and that when Gotch's body became heated the massage cream poured out of the pores and made his body so slippery that he could not get a hold.

Chicago sports who saw the bout laugh at this and say the Russian merely met his match.

FEAR FRANCO'S POWER.

Exiled Dictator Directing Campaign in Portuguese Capital.

Lisbon, April 4.—Both conservatives and radicals are alarmed at the ill-concealed danger of the return of Premier Franco to Portugal. There is no doubt but that he is directing the campaign from Genoa and that his followers will be a powerful factor in the election.

If he meets with moderate success he will probably return and upon his arrival he will almost undoubtedly precipitate a struggle among the factions for control.

MORGAN MUST REMAIN IN HOTEL

ROMAN POLICE NOTIFY HIM OF DANGER.

Trouble With Anarchists and Workmen Such That American Financier Who Is Visiting in Rome Must Not Venture Out—Many Dead and Injured on Account of Attack on Thursday—Police Suffer Injuries.

Rome, April 4.—J. P. Morgan, who is visiting here, was warned by the police today that they could not guarantee his protection if he ventured out on the streets, due to the excitement caused by the general strike.

Troops have been rushed into the city, but serious trouble may come at any moment if the people and soldiers should clash.

The anarchistic element, that is swaying the mob, might attack Morgan and he is staying close to his hotel today.

As a result of the attack troops Thursday on workmen, three are dead, four dying and eight seriously injured. Thirty-one police were injured.

REFORM ARMY ORGANIZATION.

President Appoints Special Commission to Bring Up Efficiency.

Washington, April 4.—Roosevelt started a campaign to reform the army organization today when he appointed a special commission to draw up complete plans of reorganization. The commission was appointed at the suggestion of General Bell. The president's wish is to bring the efficiency of the army up to the German standard.

May Indict Boston Man.

Boston, April 4.—Creditors of C. F. King, the Boston financier and broker who recently disappeared, will appear before the Suffolk grand jury on Monday and prefer charges of irregularity in stock transactions. It is alleged that the missing broker has misappropriated thousands of dollars worth of stock placed in his care.

RAILROADS WILL FIGHT FOR RIGHTS

Action of Oregon State Commission Arouses Corporations to Action.

WILL LOCK HORNS IN LEGAL BATTLES IN MANY STATES.

Vigorous Fights Will Be Started Against Attempts of the State Commissions to Reduce Either Freight or Passenger Rate—To Start War on Illinois Two-Cent Fare Law—Say Roads Will Be Bankrupt by Commissions.

Chicago, April 4.—What may be the forerunner of an early attack by the railroads upon the Oregon state railway commission was the outcome of a meeting of leading men of western railroads today when it was decided that for their own protection a vigorous fight must be made against all attempts on the part of the state commissions to reduce the rates either of freight or passenger.

A fight on the Illinois 2-cent rate was decided upon at once and other legal battles will be joined with the state commission in other states.

H. L. Winchell, of the Rock Island road, was chairman of the meeting. The roads declared they would be bankrupt if the rates were allowed to stand as scheduled by the commission.

HORSE THIEVES MAKE HAUL.

Number of Valuable Horses Stolen From Walla Walla.

Walla Walla, April 4.—Returning from town about 9 o'clock Thursday R. A. Stockdale saw a horse with reins thrown over his head, wandering loose in the street. He did not recognize the animal at the time, but tried to catch him. As the horse sidled away and was not easily caught he thought perhaps it was the property of some one who had left it there for a few minutes. A minute later he saw a man coming down the street with face averted and hat pulled down, going after the horse. The horse seen answers fully the description of the one taken from the Morse barn.

Raid Stockdale's Barn.

When Mr. Stockdale went out to his corral his four mules were gone. The two old ones were found near the enclosure in Lennon's addition, but the young pair was nowhere to be found. It is thought that there are three thieves, one probably taking the bunch away while the others remained in the city.

The mules were young, one black, the other bay and both were valuable young animals. The sheriff's office and the police force are working on the case and it is hoped to land the thieves and stolen animals.

Stool Policeman's Nag.

While watching over the city's safety at police headquarters, Sergeant Morse was relieved of a horse, saddle and harness, taken from his barn during his absence. The total value of the property missing is \$200.

The horse is a dark brown animal with four white feet and a white star on his nose, branded on the left flank with the number 15. The horse was evidently taken by someone well acquainted with the habits of the family for the theft was timed when no one was at home. Descriptions of the animal have been sent to all neighboring places and an effort will be made to capture the thief.

MARKET DAY A SUCCESS.

Large Amount of Property Sold—Ideal Weather—Big Crowd.

With beautiful weather and an excellent attendance the fourth market day resulted successfully today and a large amount of property was sold. While the number of stock offered was somewhat under that offered on previous days, yet the auctioneer was kept busy until late this afternoon and the sales were satisfactory in every way.

A large number of visitors came in from different parts of the county and trade has been excellent in all lines. Spring work is progressing satisfactorily in all parts of the county and farmers are optimistic and an excellent spirit prevails everywhere.

All those who expressed themselves on the market days to the East Oregonian were loud in their praises for the plan and hope that the events will continue without interruption.

A number of prominent stock buyers were in the city today and bidding was active throughout the day. Manager Blitner is well pleased with the result of the sale and hopes to secure even a larger list of property for the next event, which will take place on the first Saturday in May.

EVANS HAD RIGHT TO SPEAK HIS MIND

No Danger of Court Martial for His Remark Concerning Commission.

NAVAL OFFICERS CAN CRITICISE CONGRESS.

Admiral in No Danger of Trouble Because of His Remark—General Opinion Prevails at Washington That Evans Will Not Get the Commission of Vice Admiral—Philadelphia Public Printer Gets Place Vacated by Stilling—Germany Is Worried.

Washington, April 4.—Contrary to the hint that Admiral Evans might be court-martialed for his remark in regard to the vice admiral commission, that congress could "bury it in the stove hole of hell," as reported in an exclusive interview with the United Press yesterday, it is suggested by morning papers that Evans is in no danger of such action.

Naval officers have a perfect right to express an opinion of congress when they see fit to do so. The general opinion here is that Evans will not get the commission.

Leech Appointed Public Printer.

Washington, April 4.—John Leech, public printer of Philadelphia, was today appointed public printer at Washington. He succeeds Stilling, who engaged in a controversy with the typographical union over the question of closed shop.

Germany Wants U. S. to Help.

Washington, April 4.—German irritation at the continued misuse of Hayti is finding expression in a frank wish that the United States would take advantage of the situation to step in and apply the "big stick."

Complications growing out of the Reibold claim against the Haytian government has excited the interest of the nation and the prospects of more trouble are held to make the situation intolerable.

Operator Let News "Leak Out."

San Diego, April 4.—Wireless Operator Jackson of the tender Yankton, has been confined to the brig for five days on orders of Lieutenant Gherardi because the naval officer believed him to be responsible for the "leak" which gave the newspapermen the tip as to the time of arrival of the flagship Connecticut at this harbor.

One of the newspapermen here, who understands telegraphy states that he secured the information by overhearing a message being sent to Jackson and that the operator was not to blame.

Jackson was given no opportunity to defend himself. Gherardi's action has caused great comment here.

Itinerary of the Fleet.

Washington, April 4.—The bureau of navigation today announced the itinerary of the fleet between Magdalena bay and San Francisco. The fleet will leave Magdalena bay April 11 and will reach San Diego on the 14th.

They will reach San Pedro bay on the 15th and Santa Barbara, the 25th, and Santa Cruz, May 1. Will reach San Francisco May 6, entering the Golden Gate at 2 p. m. The grand review will be held May 7.

SAY FARMERS HINDERED.

Italian Car Drivers Found No Sympathy in American Farmers.

San Francisco, April 4.—Members of the Italian car en route in the New York to Paris race, complain bitterly of the treatment sustained by them from farmers and others along the route.

They declare that whenever the car was caught in a mud hole or otherwise, the Americans would not only refuse to give help, but would attempt to detain them as much as possible. The car is in good condition after the long hard run across the continent.

French Car Breaks Down.

Bakersfield, Calif., April 4.—Deion, the French car, left here early this morning for San Francisco, but broke down at Tipton, and will be delayed there until Sunday morning, when the trip will be resumed.

Returns to Crook County.

J. N. B. Gerking, the former pioneer of Athena, who now resides at Laidlaw, Crook county, passed through the city this morning on his way home from Athena, where he attended the funeral of his brother-in-law, W. H. H. Scott, the pioneer of that place, who died in California two weeks ago.

TROUBLE EXPECTED IN PORTUGUESE CITIES.

Lisbon, April 4.—Due to the expectation of trouble here tomorrow, election day, troops are being concentrated in Lisbon and all large cities in the kingdom. The rural districts are left to care for themselves, as the trouble is looked for where the voters are thickest.

RUEF HOPING AGAINST HOPE.

Wants Supreme Court to Rescue Him From Trial Next Week.

San Francisco, April 4.—Today Abe Ruef is looking to the state supreme court to come to his rescue with all the fervency of a dying man, grasping at the proverbial straw.

Unless this court grants him a writ of prohibition asked for, he will have to go to trial Tuesday on a charge of offering to bribe Supervisor Jennings Phillips, in the Parkside trolley franchise case.

Judge Dooling made the ruling late yesterday afternoon in spite of a flood of affidavits, objections and technicalities put in his way to the defense. The decision of the court of appeals is not expected before Tuesday. The examination of jurors will begin on that day.

BANKER KILLED IN HOLY LAND.

Kansas Traveler Victim of Accidental Shooting by Young Siberian.

Washington, April 4.—Ambassador Leushmann at Constantinople, has cabled that B. Warkentin of Newton, Kansas, was shot and killed on a train from Damascus and that he is making an investigation. The shot was fired by a young Syrian who says it was accidental. Warkentin is a banker at Newton.

RHORN CAUGHT AT TILLAMOOK

ALLEGED BIGAMIST TAKEN YESTERDAY EVENING

Former Pendleton Real Estate Dealer in Hands of Officers on Charge Preferred by Third Mrs. Rhorn for Non-Support—Alleged to Have Been Married to Three Different Women Without Proper Observance of Marriage Laws.

Tillamook, April 4.—W. P. Rhorn, well known Portland real estate dealer, and at one time a prominent real estate man of eastern Oregon, was arrested late yesterday and is being held for Portland officers on a charge of non-support.

The authorities are seeking to hold him on the grounds of bigamy. The complaint is sworn to by Mrs. Pearl R. Williams or Rhorn. She married Rhorn under the name of Williams, at Tacoma, last January and he brought her to Portland. Rhorn shortly dropped out of sight. Upon investigating Mrs. Rhorn found her husband had been married twice before and in one instance she asserted he did not get a legal divorce. On the advice of the district attorney she filed a non-support complaint.

Mrs. J. B. Smith Dead.

The East Oregonian received a wire from Conductor J. B. Smith of the Pendleton-Huntington passenger run on the O. R. & N., stating that Mrs. Smith died at Phoenix, Ariz., this morning. She was taken to that place two months ago for her health, but was too weak to be benefited by the change of climate. The remains will be brought to La Grande, their former home, for interment.

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It is charged that to dishonor the plaintiff and his family the defendant did "wickedly, wrongfully and maliciously entice and persuade the said Annie Bergevin to leave her home and to have sexual intercourse with him, the said defendant, and that he did then and there before having sexual intercourse with her, promise to marry her and that by means of hypocrisy and artifice accomplish his wicked purpose and in so doing did then and there debauch and carnally know her and seduce her under said promise of marriage."

It is further charged by the father that the defendant persuaded the girl to take up her abode with him in the St. Nicholas hotel at Athena. That he unlawfully associated with her there, corrupting, debauching and criminally knowing her to the plaintiff's great damage and to the discredit of his family and against his protest.

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Richard P. Hobson, April 13.

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