

WEATHER REPORT. and Saturday; cooler Occasional rain tonight tonight.



TO SHOPPERS. After you have read the ads in today's East Oregonian, you are ready to go shopping.

NIGHT IN JAIL CHANGES SCRIBER

Bank Looter Loses Debonaire Air and Nerve After Sleeping in Cell.

DENIES SUMPTER BANK CAUSED LA GRANDE CRASH

Believed That Scriber Spent Much of Institution's Funds Keeping His Nephew Out of Trouble—Held From Has Vanished and He Presents Embodiment of Discouragement as He Sits in Jail—Says He Was Not Spirited Away to Avoid a Lynching.

Portland, Oct. 30.—J. W. Scriber, former cashier of the Farmers and Traders National bank of La Grande, and recently wrecked, is now confined in the Multnomah county jail. He today declared he had not made up his mind whether to plead guilty to embezzlement or fight the case.

"I have not engaged an attorney yet," he said. One night in jail has completely changed his appearance. His debonaire air and nerve are gone. He denies that the wreck of the Sumpter bank had anything to do with the La Grande crash. He said: "I was interested in another bank in Sumpter which did not fail."

It is the theory of those investigating that Scriber spent a great deal of the bank's funds keeping his nephew from trouble. Scriber declines to say what he did with the missing funds of the Farmers bank. His face is sallow and lines have been etched on his countenance over night. Coats and collarless in his cell with his hair disheveled, he appeared the embodiment of discouragement. He seems to realize at last that his game is played out and that he has lost.

He denied the story that was printed in Portland today that he was spirited away from La Grande Wednesday to escape angry depositors who were determined to lynch him. He said: "I was on the street much of the time Wednesday and saw nothing indicating that the people would lynch me. The story is rot."

DISEASE IS DECREASING IN PANAMA CANAL ZONE.

Washington, Oct. 28.—Dr. W. C. Gorgas, chief sanitary officer on the Isthmian canal zone, reports that cases of malaria among employes are showing a material decrease. During September of last year there were admitted to the hospitals 1811 cases, while this year there were in September only 1410 cases. Within the past two years, he states, there has been no case of yellow fever or bubonic plague in the canal zone.

HALLOWEEN WINDOW ATTRACTS ATTENTION

The Peoples Warehouse now has a Halloween window that is attracting much attention. Several large sized jack-o-lanterns are displayed, while the ladies of the cloak and suit window are attired for the Halloween masquerade to be given at the Eagles hall this evening by the Women of Woodcraft.

Shot Down from Ambush.

Norfolk, Va., Oct. 30.—T. G. Jones, aged 50 years, a prominent merchant at Holland, Va., was shot from ambush in his own yard late last night and died today. He was to have given testimony in a contested will case.

SHERIFF'S POSSE BATTLES WITH BANDIT

Bellingham, Wash., Oct. 30.—A sheriff's posse of 20 men is hot on the trail of the kidnapper of Edward English, the wealthy Skagit county logger, who was attacked on a lonely road Monday and compelled to sign a paper ordering his wife to give the kidnapper \$5000. English broke away and notified his wife. The posse encountered the kidnapper near Mount Vernon yesterday and engaged in a pistol fight. Deputy Branstad of Sylvania was shot in the hip, but the kidnapper escaped. Companions removed Branstad to a hospital in Everett. It is believed the posse is closing in on him and a battle is expected before the end of the day. Excitement is prevailing in every town where the posse is expected. The people are awaiting the latest news

COMMERCE COMMISSION MAKING RULING ON PASSES

Washington.—Free passes may be issued to bona fide ex-employees of a railroad who are traveling to re-enter the service. Passes cannot be extended to the families of employes who died a natural death while in the service of a common carrier, though that privilege is accorded to the families of employes killed in the service. These are among the rules announced by the interstate commerce commission. The commission holds that a railroad may provide in its tariffs that whenever, because of washouts or other accidents, passengers are delayed beyond their ticket limit or so as to curtail their stop-over privileges, the conductor or other agent may by indorsement on the ticket extend the time to cover such detention. This is to be honored by succeeding conductors on the company's line, but no carrier can provide such extension over lines other than its own, except when provided in a proper joint tariff.

NO TIME TO TRANSACT COUNTRY'S BUSINESS

Washington, Oct. 30.—It was announced yesterday that owing to the absence of most of the members of the president's official family, who are campaigning for Judge Taft, there will be no meeting of the cabinet today. The next cabinet day falling on election day, no session will be held.

STANDARD OIL IS FOR TAFT

ROCKEFELLER MAKES A PUBLIC DECLARATION.

John D. Declares Campaign Is One of Personalities and That in Comparing two Candidates He Finds Balance to Be in Favor of Taft—Says a Citizen Should Be Manly Enough to Answer a Direct Question.

New York, Oct. 30.—Friends of Taft and Bryan are today discussing the statement of Rockefeller, declaring for Taft, in which he terms it a "campaign of personalities."

Things Get \$30 from Enos.

Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, Oct. 30.—Alonzo Enos reported to the police today that he was robbed of \$30 last night near Harrison street and the Northern Pacific tracks by two men. He claims he visited a saloon after arriving in the city and then proceeded toward his brother's home. He was met by the two men, who ordered him to hold up his hands, which he refused to do, but struck one of them. They grabbed him and held him while his pockets were searched.

Murray Man Fined \$100.

Murray, Idaho, Oct. 30.—Michael Foster, after one jury had disagreed, entered a plea of guilty to the charge of peddling whisky without a license. Justice Leisher fined him \$100 and costs, in default of which he will be taken to Wallace to serve out the fine in the county jail.

Martyr to Football.

Logan, Utah, Oct. 30.—Thomas Evans, the right guard of the football eleven of the Utah Agricultural college, whose neck was dislocated last Saturday during the game with the Colorado School of Mines, died without regaining consciousness. Evans was 24 years of age and lived at Bingham City.

as it is known that the kidnapper is heavily armed and will show fight instantly. He will be killed on sight if he resists when overtaken again. The man was in Sylvania as late as 6 o'clock last night. An hour later Deputies Mason, Stephenson, Dunham and Branstad started in pursuit, armed. They overtook the kidnapper on the railroad track and commanded him to halt, whereupon he turned and fired at his pursuers, who returned the fire. Branstad fell with a bullet wound, but it is unknown whether he was shot by a kidnapper or accidentally by his companions. The search was abandoned temporarily, while taking care of Branstad. Early today new information concerning the whereabouts of the kidnapper was secured and a fresh start taken, with Sheriff Harmon leading.

TAFT MAY WIN IN NEW YORK

So Says Walter Wellman in the Chicago Record-Herald This Morning.

WARNS PEOPLE OF AN ELECTION SURPRISE

Famous Political Authority Says Surface Indications Look Favorable to Taft and Chanler in New York, But Declares That Under Surface Features Make Result in Doubt—Compares Conditions With Those of 1888, When National Ticket Won and State Ticket Lost.

Chicago, Oct. 30.—Surface indications are that Taft will win New York and with New York the presidency, says Walter Wellman in the Chicago Record-Herald this morning.

"By the same indications it appears that Chanler will defeat Hughes though there are features under the surface which cannot be measured and in view of these I feel it my duty to warn the people of the possibility of an election surprise."

"It is possible, though improbable that Bryan will carry New York. It is more probable that Taft and Hughes will both win New York, the latter by a slender majority."

"The conditions are like those in 1888 when the republicans won New York for the presidency by 13,000 and lost the governorship by 19,000."

WITNESS TELLS HOW POWDER TRUST CRUSHED COMPETITOR.

New York, Oct. 28.—How the Dupont Powder company cut prices in the south to put the Chattanooga Powder company out of business was brought out today at the resumption of hearings in the suit of the government against the so-called powder trust. F. G. Waddell, district sales agent for the Slinnahan Powder company, of Huntington, W. Va., testified that he had instructions from Eugene Dupont to go down and "oust" the Chattanooga company, regardless of prices.

FOUND DEAD IN BED.

Prospector Suddenly Expires in Baker City Hotel.

When Lee Baker went into the room of R. Mosier between 4 and 5 o'clock this morning to see how he was resting, he found the man dead and his body cold, says the Baker City Herald. He notified the proper authorities and a jury consisting of A. J. F. Sh, J. W. Wisdom, R. P. Allen, Lon Davis, C. Y. Kellogg and N. G. Wathles was empaneled and they found that Mr. Mosier came to his death from heart disease.

Mr. Mosier was a prospector about 45 years of age and is quite well known here, although he has spent the last two years around La Grande. He has been sick only a short time and did not think there was anything serious the matter with him. It was brought out at the inquest that he has \$1600 in the Baker Loan & Trust bank here and it is understood that he has about \$4500 in a bank in Portland, besides property in Switzerland. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

Fire at Kendall, Mont.

Fire, causing a loss of about \$10,000, occurred at Kendall, Mont., a few days ago. It originated in the Weaver building, which, with the Stevens hotel and the Dennis rooming house, were destroyed. The loss is only partly covered by insurance.

Three Miners Hurt.

Three miners employed in shaft No. 7 at Cle Elum, Wash., are confined to their homes by serious burns, the result of an explosion of gas.

One of the interesting features of the United States government exhibit at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition in 1909 will be made by the department of commerce and labor. For the first time the people of the nation will have an opportunity to see what this department does.

Two famous collections will be displayed by the United States at Seattle next year during the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition. They are the government's collection of coins and postage stamps, whose value is estimated at over a million dollars.

NEW YORK IS ALL EXCITEMENT

Strenuous Campaign of Candidates Awakens People From Their Apathy.

RESULT IS AS MUCH IN DOUBT AS EVER

Believed Now That Annually Large Vote Will Be Polled—Never Before in the history of Politics in New York Have Such Enthusiastic Crowds Greeted the Party Candidates—Both Sides Are More Hopeful Today Than Ever—Bryan Speeding Westward.

New York, Oct. 30.—This state, always the battlefield in politics, has been worked up to an unprecedented pitch of excitement by the heavy campaigning of the two presidential candidates during the last few days. The result is as doubtful as before.

The small vote which the leaders feared would result from apathy has given way to an expectation of an unusually large showing at the polls. Never in the history of politics in this state have candidates been greeted by such enthusiastic crowds.

Bryan is speeding westward today and leaves behind an encouraged group of politicians to complete the final work. The leaders of the democratic party are delighted with the results of a meeting at Syracuse last night where Bryan spoke four times.

Taft is also smiling today over his reception at Syracuse, where he also spoke to large crowds. His lieutenants declare the triumphal march through the state assured victory.

GOMPERS MAKES FINAL APPEAL FOR BRYAN

Washington, Oct. 30.—Gompers today issued a final appeal to laboring men to vote for Bryan, in a special edition of the Federationist. The paper has been sent to the central labor unions for distribution to every part of the United States.

In telegrams addressed to the central bodies Gompers says: "Every laboring man and liberty loving citizen is urged to redouble his activity and alertness to stand true to the great cause of human freedom in this campaign."

This article is headed "Roosevelt's Inconsistency" and is an answer to Roosevelt's attack on Gompers' criticism of the courts. The article says Roosevelt attacked the courts himself.

To Boost Price of Cotton.

New Orleans, Oct. 30.—Enthusiastic response has been received to the announcement of the Farmers' Union, calling a great mass meeting of cotton planters on November 11 to discuss ways and means of raising the price of the south's great staple. Growers of cotton all over Dixie have signified their intention of taking part in the meeting, and it is likely to be the biggest ever held by men interested in a special agricultural interest.

Lumberman Hurt.

Henry Taft, a lumberman of Chehalis, is at the county hospital in Tacoma, in a precarious condition from internal injuries. While crossing the Northern Pacific bridge, spanning the Tacoma waterway, he fell 30 feet into the icy waters and was fished out more dead than alive by fishermen near by who witnessed the accident.

Check Seattle Gamblers.

Mayor Miller and Chief Ward of Seattle, are investigating charges that gambling is carried on in the city and will rigidly apply the law in all cases.

Boy Drowned.

Ray Spear, the 15-year-old son of James Spear, who lives in Helena Flats at Kallispell, Mont., was drowned in Flathead river Monday afternoon. At last account the body had not been recovered.

Montana Miner Killed.

John P. Burns, a miner employed in the Anacanda mine at Anaconda, Mont., was killed a few days ago by the falling of earth in the mine. He was 54 years of age and leaves a wife and five children.

A bold robbery was committed some time after 11 o'clock Monday night when the Pioneer drug store, on the corner of Hewitt avenue and on the corner of Hewitt avenue and 13rd fountain pens and other items of value. The burglars effected an entrance by cutting a hole through the rear door.

RANGER TELLS OF DEEP SNOW IN WENAHU RESERVE

Walla Walla, Wash., Oct. 30.—August Baker, forest ranger of the central portion of the Wenaha national forest, was in the city yesterday conferring with Supervisor J. M. Schmitz regarding various matters relative to his work as ranger. Mr. Baker reported there has been two and one-half feet of snow in the mountains, and that at present there are at least two feet. He also reported a heavy wind storm of two weeks ago blew down a great deal of timber, and about 200 trees having fallen across the Looking Glass trail, makes it impassable. Mr. Baker has asked for a lay-off during the winter months, but has returned to complete the building of some pasture fence which will keep him busy a while longer.

LOVED HUSBAND'S BROTHER.

Writes Letter Before Shooting Herself, Confessing Affection.

Newark, N. J.—Mrs. Charles N. Stebbins, wife of the manager of the Pure Oil company, who shot herself last night in the head, in her apartments in the Continental Hotel, died today. In a letter addressed to Benjamin E. Stebbins, brother of her husband and manager of the Atlantic Refining company in Erie, Pa., the woman expressed her love for him and asked him to care for her small daughter, now with his mother.

The husband saw her shoot herself. He attributes her act to the excessive use of drugs.

INSPECT OREGON AND IDAHO SHEEP

BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY BEGINS WORK.

Arrangements Completed by Dr. S. W. McClure and Work Will Be Started Next Monday—Every Band in Two States Will Be Examined—Flocks Now Believed to Be Free From Disease, But Inspection Will Make Sure.

With the first of November the bureau of animal industry will commence the annual inspection of the sheep of Oregon and Idaho, arrangements for which have just been completed by Dr. S. W. McClure, in charge of the bureau's work in the northwest.

During the coming two months government inspectors will look over every band of sheep in the two states, inspecting carefully in a search for scabies. Eleven men will be employed in the work in this state.

By January 1 their task will be practically completed. November and December are chosen for inspection as during these months the sheep are in their winter feed lots and several bands can often be examined in the course of a day.

There is practically no scab in Oregon, according to the local officials, unless a few isolated cases show up down in the valley, but for the most part the sheep are in very satisfactory condition. Also the Idaho flocks are practically free from the disease, but the inspection soon to be undertaken will make matters doubly sure.

HALLOWEEN CELEBRATORS MUST BE CAREFUL

Pendleton folks who want to celebrate Halloween will be given all the liberty of action consistent with the rights of others, and it is only when the fun becomes destructive that the police are to interfere. Mayor Murphy today declared that the celebration as usual in Pendleton was safe enough, and that further than directing the police to protect property he had no instructions regarding it.

SEATTLE BOYS MUST STAY HOME AFTER DARK.

Seattle, Oct. 30.—The curfew ordinance will be enforced strictly by the police. Suspensions in the police force will result if reports of juvenile offenders and truants are not made more regularly. Minors under 16 must be home by not later than 9 o'clock.

MOTHER DISPUTES DAUGHTER'S RIGHT

Tacoma, Wash., Oct. 30.—Does money earned by daughter, Harriet, a small child, Miss Speckart today says her estate is nearly \$300,000. On the contrary, her mother says the girl is entitled to only \$100,000, willed to her by her father. The contest was taken into several courts until it reached the federal court. Referee in Bankruptcy Worden, appointed as special examiner by Judge Hanford, is taking the testimony. Mrs. Speckart and the Olympia and Bellingham Bay breweries are defendants.

CHINA AFRAID OF A REVOLUTION

Officials Fear Rebels Will Take Advantage of American Fleet Festivities.

IGNORANT BELIEVE FLEET WILL BOMBARD FORMOSA

Soldiers Are Stationed Everywhere to Guard Against Demonstration Against Viceroy's Government—Common People Will Not Be Admitted to the Various Receptions—Chinese Officials With Pomp and Splendor Prepare for the Visit.

Amoy, China, Oct. 30.—Afraid that revolutionists will avail themselves of the opportunity granted by the festivities attending the visit of the fleet here to engage in another outbreak against the viceroy's government, soldiers have been stationed everywhere to guard against a possible outbreak. The common people will not be admitted to the various receptions.

A rumor is current among the ignorant people that the fleet is going to bombard Formosa after its visit here. Chinese officials are here with all pomp and are prepared for a most elaborate series of festivities.

LIGHTSHIP AT SANDY HOOK TO SOON BECOME MEMORY

New York, Oct. 30.—On December 1 the old Sandy Hook lightship, which for half a century has marked the western end of the Transatlantic travel, will go out of existence and the name will never appear on the logs of the ships crossing the ocean. In place of the old ship will be an entirely new one, and on its side will be painted the words, "Ambrose Channel." The old landmark, or rather searoom, will disappear, and the name that has for half a century been one of the most prominent in the annals of navigation will disappear forever. The original lightship was anchored in its place more than 50 years ago, and the present vessel was put into commission in 1892. When it was decided two years ago that the present ship would not last much longer a new one was ordered and has now been completed. With the opening of the new Ambrose channel, ships will not approach within three miles of Sandy Hook, and for that reason an unsentimental lighthouse board has decided to substitute its name for the old and honored one of Sandy Hook.

EUGENE REALTY MAN LIKES LOCAL OUTLOOK

C. H. Sellers, a real estate and insurance man, formerly of Eugene, is now here and is intending opening an office in this city. He has great faith in the future of this section and is confident that within a short time there will be "things doing" in the realty line.

LA GRANDE TO HAVE LIGHT.

Poles Set and Wires Will Soon Be Strung for New Power Line.

With 10 days of good weather the power line from the Rock creek plant of the Baker Light & Power company will be completed and La Grande and the Grande Ronde valley will no longer be in darkness, says the Observer. The last pole was set Tuesday evening and a force of men is now at work stringing the wires to carry the current. The line extends over a distance of 30 miles and as part of the way is very rough it will take about 10 days to get the wires in place. La Grande will not suffer again as it did last winter when the lights were out for several weeks. Many shops were handicapped by the lack of current as they were depending on electricity to run their machinery. With the Olive Lake plant and the Rock creek plant to depend upon Baker and La Grande should have plenty of power for all purposes.