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OREGON WEATHER

Tonight fair, except rain + southwest portion; Tuesday fair + east, rain west portion; variable + winds, becoming southerly.

ANOTHER "EXCEPTIONAL" SEASON.

Some of the weather-wise have said that every season is an exceptional season. About everyone is agreed, however, that the summer of 1915 in the Rogue River valley has been an exceptional season. There has been almost an entire absence of rainfall since early spring, and November 1st finds J. Pluvius forgetting that southern Oregon is on the map. But as he has never yet failed to make good on the job, he will probably pull the string one of these days and make up for past shortcomings. For the farmer who has water for irrigation the summer has been an ideal one. For the other farmer, the fact that water is one of the necessities of the agriculturist has been made patent. But from now on give us the rain. The harvest of the yellow nuggets depends upon it just as much as the harvest of the yellow grain depended upon irrigation.

WAR AND COPPER.

Those who have made a study of the world's supply of minerals are confident that copper will continue to command a high price for a long time to come. It is therefore freely predicted that southern Oregon and northern California will see a wonderful development of the copper districts, and it is notable that some of the leaders in the industry upon this continent have been making expert investigation of the supply in the district.

With the stimulus given to the copper mining industry by the strengthening of the price it would be a natural assumption that the output of the principal copper-producing districts would be much increased, but report shows that the Butte mines have produced during the first seven-month period of 1915 more than 30,000,000 pounds less copper than during the corresponding period of 1914. To make up for this shortage in some of the leading camps, operators are now seeking other fields for development, and southern Oregon is most certain to be one of them.

After going into the conditions surrounding the copper market, a writer in the Boston Commercial sums up the effect of the war upon the demand for and price of copper as follows: "It is impossible to estimate just what the condition of the copper market will be when peace treaties are finally signed in Europe; but if they were concluded tomorrow and followed by an attempt to purchase 200,000,000 pounds of copper for immediate delivery that amount could not possibly be supplied by the mining companies. The cancellation of war orders undoubtedly would release considerable copper which has been purchased for future delivery; but the owners of this are American brass and copper manufacturers who for the most part would be obliged to retain it to keep their own operations going.

"When all these factors are taken into consideration it becomes clearly apparent that a stronger demand for copper will develop after the war than existed preceding it. If the war

continues another year the re-establishment of peace will find the world's supplies of copper entirely exhausted and the rapidly growing industrial demand will have to be supplied from the current output of the mining companies. Such a condition as this could hardly fail to cause an abnormal advance in the price of the metal. In view of this outlook it does not seem bad business policy for producing companies to go on operating their properties to full capacity, even though it should become necessary for them to accumulate a moderate surplus of copper. They should, if possible, be prepared to supply the world's demand at a price not higher than 20 cents a pound"

THE PRESIDENT IS TO WED NEAR THE CLOSE OF DECEMBER

Washington, Nov. 1.—President Wilson will be married "near the close of December," it was officially announced at the White House today.

From the White House this afternoon the following announcement was issued:

"In order to quiet speculation, President Wilson and Mrs. Galt authorized the announcement that their marriage will occur near the close of December. Their plans are for a very simple ceremony. It will be quietly performed at Mrs. Galt's residence. No invitations will be issued and it is expected the only guests will be members of the families."

Limitation of the number of guests to 50 was due to the fact that the Galt home will not accommodate more than that number.

The honeymoon may be spent at Pass Christian, Miss., where Wilson passed a vacation during the holiday season of 1913 and where he met John Lind at a time when the Mexican crisis was serious. The president's intimate friends are strongly urging him to choose this spot again.

Colonel House and wife and Dr. Cary Grayson, the president's physician—one of the links in the chain whereby the president became acquainted with Mrs. Galt—will probably be exceptions to the decision to have the wedding a family affair.

The president and his fiancée took a long walk this morning and the president, as usual, had his pockets full of crumbs to feed the birds. The decision to issue the statement was reached during this meeting. Saturday some newspapers gave November 15 as the date of the wedding.

Mrs. Galt and Miss Helen Bones, the president's cousin, left for New York during the day. They will be in the metropolises when the president arrives to speak Thursday, and, it is believed, they will take a yachting trip Saturday.

LADY ABERDEEN DISCOURSES UPON THE GOLDEN RULE

San Francisco, Nov. 1.—"Do unto others—"

Lady Aberdeen, leader of international counsel of women which opened its philanthropic session here today, hesitated in the midst of the golden rule and then added:

In her golden rule, every man, woman and child would have the right to be fed, to have good treatment in illness and to have healthy surroundings.

Her dream of things as they ought to be was full of playgrounds, kindly people, hospitals and nurses for those too poor to pay for their ministrations—and a whole lot more of charitable things.

The world, she held, is thoughtless more or less, but not uncharitable. Ten cents from every one who could afford it would do much to weave her dream into a reality.

Though both Lady and Lord Aberdeen steered clear of war discussion, Lady Aberdeen took occasion to deny that there is any "epidemic of war babies" in England, while Lord Aberdeen, former viceroy of Ireland, said of Ireland's men and women:

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ENGLAND AGREES TO ABROGATE TRADE TREATY

(By United Press Leased Wire.)

Washington, Nov. 1.—Great Britain has consented to the abrogation of the trade treaty with the United States which would have prevented operation of the LaFollette seamen's act as far as the Britishers were concerned.

A new treaty will be negotiated unless the seamen's law is repealed in the coming session of congress. The state department recently advised countries affected by the measure that it would go into effect November 5.

Great Britain is the only nation which has assented to abrogation of the treaty and to negotiations for a new one. Provisions of the law affecting foreign shipping are not effective until later, hence the department is moving slowly in the matter of abrogating treaties.

PLAN GREAT RECEPTION FOR VICTORIOUS AGGIES

Portland, Nov. 1.—One of the greatest receptions a northwestern football team ever received is being planned today for the Oregon Aggies when they arrive here Wednesday from East Lansing, where they so decisively defeated the Michigan Agricultural college Saturday. The boys will be met at the station, escorted like conquering heroes to their hotel and later dined and felicitated at a chamber of commerce luncheon.

The victory of the Aggies has the alibi club working overtime. Practically every one predicted that they would be soundly drubbed. Now all are loudly explaining how they came to do it.

O.A.C. VICTORY OVER MICHIGAN PROVES METTLE OF WEST

(By United Press Leased Wire.)
Seattle, Nov. 1.—"It means that we have been beating teams that are as good as Harvard and Yale and getting no credit for it," was the comment today of Coach Gilmour Doble of the University of Washington football team, who has won seven consecutive conference championships, with regard to the astonishing 20 to 0 victory of the Oregon Aggies over the famous Michigan Aggies Saturday.

"That victory should establish beyond a doubt the fact that the brand of football in the northwest is just as good as that of the middle west or the east.

"The Oregon Aggies already have been defeated 29 to 0 by Washington State, and yet were able to completely outclass a team that is without doubt equal to any in the middle west. Do you know how it was possible? Because they have been defeated so badly before they went east. "Syracuse comes out here early in December, and it would not surprise me to see them defeated also."

It is doubtful if Washington State will be substituted on the schedule of the U. of W. for the Colorado university Thanksgiving day game, as a contract has been signed with Colorado. Sentiment in Seattle favors strongly the cancellation of the Colorado contest in view of the two decisive defeats suffered by the Rocky Mountain team. The University of Washington team, while a little slow, has as much power as any team Doble has developed here, and critics who have watched both teams in action recently predict an easy victory for the U. of W. over California. The Californians simply do not know enough about football and Doble's men are veterans.

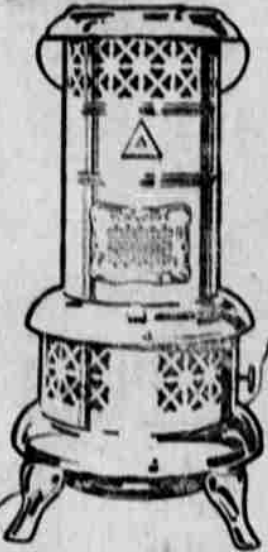
Announcement that the Michigan Aggies will meet O. A. C. on the coast next October was well received here.

"There is absolutely no chance of Washington State being substituted for the Colorado university game here Thanksgiving day," said Doble today. "We have been beating Washington State for seven years. Let them go and get a reputation. Colorado may have slipped up once or twice, but they will bring a high class team here, and we will have all the trouble in the world beating them. Colorado has a big, fast team."

This statement knocks in the head the proposition to abrogate the contract for a Turkey day game here between Washington and Colorado and substitute Washington State.

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MEXICAN SHELLS.

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started their 25-mile march to Agua Prieta early today.

Villa, who is personally in command, says he now has 13,000 men. American arrivals from his camp believe he has 15,000, and that the arrival of the Naco garrison will bring his total strength to 18,000.

That Villa must attack without delay, if his army is to be held together, was the opinion freely expressed today. Preliminary skirmishing early today indicated that the battle was about to commence, but it ceased without result. The Villistas have no food or water. The United States military authorities have placed an embargo on rations to the Villa army and its situation is desperate.

General Funston wired from San Antonio today that he would reach Douglas Tuesday. Six thousand Americans are now under arms and all officers' furloughs have been cancelled.

Douglas, Ariz., Nov. 1.—Preliminary skirmishing for the battle between Villistas and Carranzistas for

possession of Agua Prieta commenced shortly after dawn today. United States troops along the border unlimbered three batteries of machine guns and went into their entrenchments close to the international boundary.

General Villa's threat that he would fight the entire United States army if necessary to obtain possession of Agua Prieta caused the gravest anxiety here. It is believed the Villistas might actually invade United States soil in their desperate efforts to take the city. Several hundred refugees crossed the border during the early morning hours and were placed in a concentration camp in the outskirts of Douglas. Most of the refugees were women and babies. Even the very old men and boys, anybody capable of bearing arms, had been impressed into service by the Carranzistas.

General Calles' men spent the night in their trenches, awaiting the attack. Their main artillery support consists of three light field guns, but they are well equipped with ammunition and are expected to do considerable damage to the Villistas when the time comes for them to open up.

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