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OREGON WEATHER

Tonight and Friday fair, except rain northwest portion; cooler tonight southwest portion, except near the coast; southerly winds.

GETTING A CITY MANAGER.

When the managerial form of government is considered we are apt to think of a complicated and cumbersome machinery for putting the process into operation. Other cities have spent months, and even years, in considering a new charter with its manifold provisions; then come elections for the ratification of the charter and for election of commissioners who will name the city manager and in a measure direct him. At least one city has found an easier way of providing itself with the new-fangled government, a way that has some advantages over the more orthodox one, and which leaves an easier method of escape if the city later wants to get from under.

Down in Arizona two of the chief cities of the state tried the new way of running municipal affairs. Phoenix built a new charter, elected a commission under it, the commission named its manager, then trouble commenced. The charter gave the manager multifarious duties and authorities, and when the commission failed to agree with him there was no way out except by a special election at which the voters authorized the commission to dispense with the obnoxious manager.

Tucson, not to be distanced by the capital city, also wanted a municipal manager, but no new charter was adopted. How it went about the job is told by the Sunset Magazine in the following words:

"When candidates for the city council started to shake hands, they were asked to pledge themselves to appoint a city manager. There was no law authorizing such an official, but Tucson reasoned that it could try out the system with or without a law. Supporters of the city-manager idea won at the polls and the new council at once proceeded to turn the technical part of the city's administration over to a competent engineer. He is running Tucson now under the city council's supervision, and he is making a good job of it, even though Tucson's charter does not mention a city manager."

Grants Pass could get into the city manager class in a short time if it so desired. A city election is to be held December 6, and councilmen could then be elected pledged to the new order. There is no doubt about the modern plan being the efficient plan, and a cursory examination of the city charter points to no insurmountable obstacles in the way of the council hiring a general superintendent of municipal affairs if it so desired. This would take the burden of detail off the shoulders of the individual councilmen, and would make for efficiency and economy. Business men might then yield to the importunities of the public and become candidates for the council with less reluctance than they do now. Anyway, Tucson made it win, and it might do to think about.

PEACH CROP THAT ROTTED.

Collier's had a picture of a mighty heap of peaches. The heap looked 50 feet long and was as high as a woman who is standing before it, as if for the purpose of comparison. They were four thousand bushels of peaches in that pile. Yet it was allowed to rot "because

Coffee

If we could send your coffee to you every morning by express, it wouldn't be any fresher than it is when you open the airtight tin.

Don't hesitate with ifs and buts; try Schilling's Best. It's moneyback; we take the risk,—there is none.

Schilling's Best

the owner could not get enough for it to pay marketing expenses." According to Collier's "similar losses occurred throughout Oklahoma, which grew 3,000 carloads of peaches this year, and in many other states as well, notably Oregon. In the cities peaches have been retailing all summer and fall at from two to five cents apiece."

It may seem an exaggeration to pronounce such a waste a crime against civilization, so accustomed are we to our clumsy and inadequate system of distributing farm products. But it is a crime. People in the poverty-stricken quarters of the big cities go hungry while all the time the finest kind of food is rotting on the ground in sections that in these days of rapid transportation are not far away. Men go without employment while during their busy season farmers find the utmost difficulty in getting labor.

Americans have been proud of their ability as organizers. But they have neglected organizing marketing facilities for the distribution of food, a task that should come before all other ventures in organization.—Toledo (O.) Blade.

COMMEND VILLA'S ARMY FOR ITS DARING BRAVERY

Washington, Nov. 4.—Tribute to the bravery and tenacity of the threadbare, thirsting and suffering Villista forces repulsed before Agua Prieta was paid in General Funston's official report to the war department today, dated last night. The report follows:

"The whereabouts of General Villa and his main force tonight is unknown. There are persistent rumors that he has fled to Cabullena, 18 miles south of here, where there is ample water, and that he is recuperating his men in order to return to the attack, but a small detachment of his force with some wagons reached Naco and is purchasing food, while an officer east of Naco reports seeing about 4,000 encamped across the boundary from Osborne. "Villa's force consists of about 12,000 men, 36 guns and an unknown number of machine guns. His men suffered terribly during operations here from thirst and hunger, but their spirit is shown by the fact that less than a dozen deserted to our side. Women, children and camp followers usually found with a Mexican force were left at Casas Grandes. He has nothing but fighting men with him."

Explaining his failure to fire across the border, in keeping with his instructions from Washington to do so, if bullets from the warring Mexicans injured any on the American side, Funston said:

"It may not be understood at the war department why, in view of existing orders, I have not fired upon contending parties, considering the fact that some bullets and shells struck on the American side and three men of the 7th infantry were wounded.

"I did not fire because it was evident that both commanders were doing their utmost to prevent injuring Americans. General Calles' men (Carranzistas) committed the principal faults, and I could not in fairness open on Villa without treating Calles the same."

Old newspapers, five and ten cent bundles, at the Courier Office.

Hello People,

I AM HERE

I came because I was sent for, and I'm here to take full charge of the R. L. Bartlett Shoe Store and to turn HALF of this stock into cash in the next 13 days, even if goods don't bring 25c on the dollar.

BARTLETT'S

Entire Stock Turned over to Lewis Bros. & Co. For 13 days in a rousing and stupendous

ADJUSTMENT SALE

Losses won't stand in the way. Orders have gone forth to close out half this stock and at once and at any price to do it quickest.

Lewis Bros. & Co. Make the Prices

and every price will be cut to a point that will bring a regular pandemonium of buyers. Watch for Friday's big ad and get a copy of the large circular to be distributed tomorrow. It's a shoe sensation in earnest. Watch, Wait



I AM THE MAN

Who's going to tear things loose and cut and slash shoe prices as they were never cut before. Tomorrow's big ad tells the story. All Grants Pass is coming. Watch.

GEORGE MUNRO, Merchant Adjuster.

BARTLETT'S

only orders are SELL, SELL, SELL MAKE PRICES

DO THE BUSINESS

Half the stock to go in 13 days, no matter what losses are entailed.

BARTLETT DOESN'T WANT THE STOCK

HE WANTS THE MONEY

and Munro, the Lewis Bros.' adjuster, will cut prices to a point that will simply make the goods sell themselves.

WATCH WAIT

Tomorrow's big ad tells the story of the bargains. Get ready to come.

Store Closed All Day Tomorrow

Invoicing Stock and Cutting Prices.

SALE OPENS SATURDAY AT 9 A. M.

Get the money, is the order. Half this stock Bartlett don't want, and cut it goes regardless of cost, loss and consequences. Every single pair of Men's, Women's and Children's Shoes marked at prices to sell them at sight. Tomorrow we'll be closed, cutting and

slashing prices and preparing for this the greatest out and out shoe sacrifice that ever startled the people of Grants Pass. It's up to you to get posted quick. See the windows tomorrow and watch for the big ads and circular.

WANTED TEN EXTRA SALESMEN Apply at Once to Manager

SALE OPENS SATURDAY Nov. 6th 9A.M.

PEOPLE There'll be Bargains for all SHOES 25c and Up Get here early. Come

Grants Pass

R. L. BARTLETT

LEWIS BROS. & CO., Merchant Adjusters, in full charge

THE SHOE MAN

PLEASANT GROVE

We are having quite a nice rain, which is very much appreciated, as the farmers can now get their plowing and fall sowing done.

C. W. Smith had the misfortune to lose a valuable cow one day last week.

Grover Dunn and J. S. Linton and family have returned from California.

A. J. Strohecker and wife, of Gar-

field, Washington, visited at the home of W. H. Jordan one day last week.

Grandma Jordan and son Roy and Mrs. Edwin Smith were callers in the Pleasant Grove neighborhood on last Thursday.

Several new pupils were enrolled in our school last week.

The Sunday school is still flourishing under the management of the people of the Church of God. There was quite a large attendance on last Sunday.

Miss Katherine Smith visited home folks on Sunday.

GRIFFIN FERRY

Mrs. H. H. Master and little daughter, Elizabeth, of Los Angeles, are visiting with Mrs. Master's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Black.

The Halloween party given by the Mapleton school Saturday night was a success. All present expressed

themselves as having a very enjoyable evening.

J. W. Everton, of Grants Pass, spent the latter part of the week with his brother, P. J. Everton.

L. L. Patterson and Stanley Ogden, who are digging the well for the West Side school, now have the work nicely started and all seems to be going well. Mrs. Gus Lind located water.

Steve Smith is now running the M. L. Griffin farm.

PEACE NOT YET SOUGHT BY ITALIAN GOVERNMENT

Washington, Nov. 4.—"The Italian embassy has been instructed to deny most emphatically the reported attempts of the Italian government to discuss peace," said a brief formal statement given out by the embassy here today.

This was in reply to reports that Italian diplomats had gone to Lucerne, Switzerland, to meet German peace agents.