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OREGON WEATHER

Tonight and Tuesday probably fair; winds mostly northerly.

SUGAR BEETS AND WATER.

The present season has demonstrated certain facts regarding the culture of sugar beets in the Rogue valley that must be given due consideration in the taking of contracts for acreage next season. The first, and undoubtedly the vital fact is that it is practically useless to plant beets unless there is water for irrigation. There may be a few isolated pieces of ground where good crops are produced without the artificial application of water. These pieces are sub-irrigated. As a general rule, irrigation is a requisite. Good soil is another condition, and while the Rogue valley loams are primarily all good and fertile soils, some pieces have been robbed of plant-growing elements by continuous cropping without being builded up with fertilizer or protected through crop rotation. The beet will respond just as readily to fertile soil as will any other plant. Climate and sunshine will not grow a beet unless the best seed is planted under proper conditions of soil.

The wonderful crops of beets now about ready for the harvest grown by the Hoods, by Flanagan & Cornell, and by scores of others who used their best soils and gave proper care, proves that the Rogue valley has no superior for their growth. Experts state that better fields or choicer beets have not been grown in the country. The tests now being made by the factory chemists prove the quality. The beets upon the ground prove the quantity. What more do you want?

The farmer who has the soil but not the water should begin at once to interest himself in the question of irrigation. Many farms are so situated that they can obtain water at reasonable expense through pumping. Data should be obtained upon irrigation plants that can be put in later should the efforts now being directed toward general irrigation not materialize. Water is the salvation of the country, and as the first step in sugar beet growing, as in any other farming operation here, the irrigation question must come first.

A TOURIST'S TESTIMONIAL.

A writer in the Sunday Oregonian, in describing an automobile trip through the northwestern states, has the following comment to make of the Grants Pass-Crescent City highway:

"In my judgment, the trip from Grants Pass across to the coast road at Crescent City, Cal., has no equal for mountain scenery. The road starts in the valley and ascends gradually to an altitude of 3,000 feet through the mountains and rocky mining districts. The boundary line separating Oregon from California is at a height of 2,800 feet.

"This road has a hard rocky surface and is narrow, with plenty of sharp turns, where travel must be slow. The greatest danger is the other fellow who has no respect for himself or others.

"The moment you reach the summit of the highway the sensation of sea breezes comes and there is always a cool wind, with fog, in the

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evening. In dropping down to sea level the road pierces the densest manner of redwood forests. It is a case of ascending and descending the hills of the Coast range, being at sea level part of the time. The roads are for the most good, although in the thickest timber there are stretches of corduroy or 'punchem,' as they call it down there."

COMMISSION TO LISTEN TO PROTEST

Atlantic City, N. J., Oct. 2.—Protest against Carranzista treatment of American mining interests was slated to be made to the American-Mexican peace commission today by representatives of \$100,000,000 worth of American investment in Mexico.

William Loeb, formerly secretary to President Roosevelt, now spokesman for the Guggenheim interests, was chairman of the delegation.

The commission resumed its session after a week-end adjournment from New London, Conn.

The Mexican group had a new member—Mrs. Estrada Berg, bride of Commissioner Bonilla's secretary. The couple wedded last week in Brooklyn.

American commissioners felt encouraged by the meetings and believed two weeks or more would be required to terminate the conferences.

AUTOIST LOSES CONTROL OF MACHINE AND IS KILLED

Astoria, Oct. 2.—Losing control of his automobile, Turle Nordstrom, son of a city councilman, was instantly killed today when his machine plunged from Exchange street to a sand fill 20 feet below. Nordstrom's neck was broken.

LOP OFF TWO WEEKS OF PHEASANT SEASON

Portland, Oct. 2.—State Game Warden Carl D. Shoemaker announced today that the open season on Chinese pheasants in Oregon would close at sundown, October 15. The season is cut short on account of the scarcity of birds.

Job printing of every description at the Courier office.

MISS ANNE MARTIN. Leader of Woman's Party at Colorado Springs.



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DEO FOR BURNS, CUTS AND WOUNDS. Dennis Eucalyptus Ointment AT ALL DRUG STORES TUBES 25C JARS 50C

RAISE BILLINGS' DEFENSE FUND

San Francisco, Oct. 2.—Plans for the nation-wide defense fund in behalf of Warren K. Billings and the four others awaiting trial on the charge of perpetrating the preparedness bomb outrage are being perfected today by the International Workers' Defense league. Speakers will be sent throughout the country to address labor organizations in a campaign for a defense fund.

In addition, a series of meetings protesting the alleged system of "professionalism" in juries chosen to decide cases is to be held in different parts of San Francisco during the next few weeks. A meeting of similar character will be held at Hamilton hall, Oakland, Sunday evening.

ORDER REVOKED BY MAYOR FISKE

New York, Oct. 2.—After a Sabbath of rioting, in which he personally led the police against mobs, Mayor Fiske of Mount Vernon today called a special aldermanic meeting to revoke orders against use of strike-breakers on the Westchester subsidiary lines of the Third Avenue railway. Fiske's Sunday was the most thrilling he ever passed. Crowds, angered at the company's attempt to break the strike after several weeks of inactivity, attacked cars, spiked switches and gave the two hundred policemen an all-night fight.

Motorcycle police, like cavalry, charged the strikers. Union heads failed when they counseled order.

In the city proper cars ran normally, but the expected formal calling off of the strike was halted by the non-arrival of President Mahon, of the International body, from Europe.

RED MEN AND RED LIQUOR MAKE POOR COMBINATION

Fresno, Cal., Oct. 2.—Federal officers today began investigating the fatal combination of red liquor and red men, which yesterday resulted in the death of one Indian and the injuring of two. The Indians had just been paid for vineyard work. A brawl started. Wielding a fence post, Jim Lewis felled two of his tribesmen. Henry Bob drew a knife. Lewis broke Bob's neck with a blow of his huge war club. In jail today, Lewis said liquor was responsible.

TWELVE GIRLS WANT TITLE OF HOMELIEST

New York, Oct. 2.—Twelve girls want the title of the homeliest girl in New York and have entered in a contest. The winner will dance with the handsomest man at a coming ball.

8,000 GUARDSMEN OFF ON 56-MILE HIKE

El Paso, Oct. 2.—Eight thousand national guardsmen from Michigan, Ohio, Massachusetts, Kentucky and South Carolina got their first taste of real campaigning when they pushed out into the desert under the hot October sun on the second day of their 56-mile hike, with the abandoned Indian post at Fort Selden, N. M., as their objective. Upon their arrival at the fort about a week will be spent in military maneuvers.

REV. M. T. WIRE WILL RETURN TO GRANTS PASS

Albany, Ore., Oct. 2.—Rev. M. T. Wire was named by Bishop Hughes today to fill the position of Methodist minister at Grants Pass, Ore.

WILSON PLANS TO SMOKE OUT HUGHES

Aubury Park, N. J., Oct. 2.—President Wilson is determined to "smoke out" Charles Evans Hughes on what the democrats have now defined as the real issues of the campaign.

When he starts west tomorrow night to speak in Omaha Thursday evening, the president will have completed his plans to force Hughes, if possible, into a thorough discussion of what changes will be made in the foreign and business policies of the government if there is a change of administration March 4.

Wilson will continue to use the taunting sarcasm employed in his address to young democrats Saturday, challenging his opponent to divulge how far the policy of peace of the present administration will be followed in case of a republican victory.

There may be no direct questions, no indulgence in personalities, but the questions and challenges will be found in Wilson's speeches, even as they abounded in his last one, when he indicated war would be the republican method of its foreign policy.

A new optimistic atmosphere was apparent in democratic circles here with the knowledge that the president has let down the bars and is "going after" Hughes. The big issue, he believes, rests in his foreign policy and he will continue his attempts to show that any change in this must endanger the future peace of the country.

Plans for the Omaha trip call for the president's departure Tuesday evening, with brief stops Wednesday at Pittsburgh, Rochester, Ohio, Salem, Alliance, Canton, Massillon, Orville, Wooster, Mansfield (five minutes), Crestline, Upper Sandusky, Forest and Lima, Ohio; Fort Wayne, Ind. (five minutes), Warsaw, Plymouth and Valparaiso, Ind.

He will be in Chicago one and one-half hours Wednesday evening, but will not leave his car, according to present plans.

Leaving Chicago for Omaha, his train will stop at Council Bluffs, Thursday morning, while on the Friday morning return trip he will stop at Clinton, Iowa.

He will reach Omaha at 11:40 a. m. Thursday, and at noon will attend a luncheon at the commercial club. At 2 o'clock he will ride at the head of a historical pageant and then review it. His address will be at 8 p. m., at the Auditorium.

No arrangements have been made for addresses from the train platform at any of the stops, this question being left entirely to the president's discretion.

COTTON PRICES TAKE BIG JUMP

Washington, Oct. 2.—Into an almost unprecedented bad agricultural year the boll weevil has wormed his disastrous way and the 1916 cotton crop is practically a failure.

The crop, reports of the bureau of crop estimates today revealed, has been hit harder by the weevil than in any season for many years. It is now estimated at practically the same as last year—which was about four million bales, or 25 per cent under that of the year before. This in spite of the fact that the acreage planted this year was 12 per cent larger than last year.

Texas, Arkansas, Alabama, Louisiana and Florida are this year's worst sufferers from the pest with which the government has been battling vainly for years. The government has spent about \$6,000,000 in the fight.

New York, Oct. 2.—Cotton jumped sixty to eighty points on the New York cotton exchange today, following publication of the agricultural department bulletin showing damage to the middle states' crop. December cotton sold up 67 points to 16.75 cents a pound, while January was up 80 points at 16.86.

Washington, Oct. 2.—A heavy deterioration in cotton throughout the central cotton states, together with unprecedented destruction by boll weevil in Texas, Arkansas, Florida and Louisiana, and destruction by caterpillars in southern Texas and Florida, have caused a 4.9 per cent decrease in the condition of cotton since August 25. This statement was made by the bureau of crop estimates today.

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BRITISH ADVANCE TOWARD BAPAUME

London, Oct. 2.—General Haig's men continued throughout last night the smashing advance begun yesterday toward Bapaume, it was officially announced today.

After beating off German counter-attacks against the newly won positions east of Eaucourt-L'Abbaye, the British established the front in that region and cleared surrounding buildings of the enemy.

The British losses in yesterday's victory at Eaucourt-L'Abbaye, when the Germans were driven back on a 3,000-yard front, were unusually small, it was learned today. The new "tanks" played an important role in the advance and helped make it possible for Haig's soldiers to win German trenches with slight losses.

The "tanks" lumbered forward and weeded out German machine gunners. The British infantry, advancing behind the new armed monsters, found enemy trenches cleaned by fire from the "tanks" and suffered slight casualties.

At several places the British have reached the LeSars-Guedecourt high-

way, running through Eaucourt-L'Abbaye and crossing the two highways leading to Bapaume.

West of Eaucourt-L'Abbaye the British established their line last night from a point 1,200 yards north of Courcellette in the direction of Heslian trench.

An enemy counter-attack forced the British to relinquish part of the Regina trench, where stubborn fighting has been going on for twenty-four hours.

TWO SUBMARINES BORE NAME OF BREMEN

Galveston, Oct. 2.—Naval forces of the entente powers have captured two German submarine marchantmen named Bremen, according to Captain Van Schoonbek, of the Belgian steamer Elizabeth Van Belgie, which arrived here today. Van Schoonbek said the first submarine was captured by the British and the second by the French.

KENNETH WILLIAMS WINS BEAVERS GAME SUNDAY

Portland, Oct. 2.—Kenneth Williams homed with two on bases and Portland beat Vernon 4 to 3 yesterday.

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