# DEATH LIST GROWS

Hurricane in South Worse Than At First Reported.

#### SHIPPING AND CROPS DESTROYED

Forty-Eight Known Dead and Other Reported to Have Perisheb-All Wires Are Down.

New Orleans, Sept. 23.—At least 48 lives were lost in the tropical hurricane that swept this part of the coun try Monday and Monday night. reported 50 others perished in Lower Terre Bonne parish, but this report has not been confirmed.

The property loss is far heavier than was first believed and will run well into the millions.

Miles of territory have been laid waste and crops have been practically

Shipping of all kinds in the bayou inlets was destroyed. Storehouses, sugar mills and dwellings at Houms and other villages were badly damaged.

The damage at Grand island and

Chaniere Caminada was heavy, but no lives were lost. The crops on that island were totally destroyed, for the water swept across two or three feet deep. The orange groves were whip-ped clean of fruit and foliage, hundreds of trees being uprooted.

The first message from the islands was received today when the mail steamer Grand Island reached this city. It was feared before the arrival the boat that hundreds had lost their lives. In the tropical storm of 1963 no less than 1,500 people were drowned on Chaniere Caminada.

#### PLOT AGAINST PRESIDENTS.

Bomb Is Found at Meeting Place of Taft and Diaz.

El Paso, Tex., Sept. 23.—The discovery tonight of a bomb in a residence in course of erection in Juarez, across the border in Mexico, caused a

The authorities were notified and 12 workmen were placed in incommuni-cado. It was first reported the bomb was found in the rear of the customs house, where President Taft and President Diaz are to meet October 16, but this was later denied by the authori-

The residence of Camillo Arguelles, where the bomb was found, is a block from the customs house, where the meeting of the presidents is to take place. A visit by President Diaz to Arguelles, who is a close personal friend of Diaz, was thought probable. Colonel Corella, commanding the regu-lar army in Juarez, says the object was a small piece of dynamite.

"It was not more than a quarter of a stick," he said. "It probably was thrown there by a revolutionist some months ago, when arrests were being made of these people."

# ROBBERS SLAY SIX.

Thieves Murder Whole Family in West Virginia for Loot, Bluefield, W. Va., Sept. 23.-An en-

tire family of six persons was murdered and the bodies of all but one of the victims were burned with their home at Hurley, Va., early today. The motive evidently was robbery,

as the owner of the house, an aged woman known as "Aunt Betty" Justice, was generally supposed to keep a large sum of money in the place. Mrs. Justice, her son-in-law, George

Meadows, his wife and their three children were the victims. Meadows' body, badly mutilated, was found in

The half "burned bodies of the two beneath the debris of the house, each body bearing evidences of murder be-

fore the house was burned. The thieves are supposed to have secured the \$600 which "Aunt Betty always carried on her person.

# Squadron Tests Speed.

Honololu, Sept. 23.-Wireless reports from the armored cruiser soundron of Admiral Sebree received here toaight state that seven of the cruisers took part in the full power ron off the Island of Maui. The warships were under forced draught for four hours noon, but which has not been officially confirmed, the West Virginia led in the speed tests and made an average of almost 22 knots an hour.

Strikers Stone Trolleys.

Omaha, Neb., Sept. 23.-Riots re sulting from the streetcar strikefresulted in serious injury to nine men last night. Two of the injured are who were struck with THE CENSUS POSITIONS.

Appointment Clerk Pindell Explains Method of Application.

Washington, Sept. 24. - Appointment Clerk Pindell, of the U. S. Census bureau, states on the subject of the census examination, October 23d, that the distinction between the permanent census force and the additional temporary employes provided by the Thirteenth Census act is quite important and should be remembered. As vacancies occur on the permanent census they will be filled, as heretofore, by transfers from elsewhere in the service, or by selections from the existing registers of the civil service

Persons now on the registers of the commission are, therefore, eligible for appointment to vacancies on the perment census roll, but there is no greater opportunity during the decennial period for such appointments than there has been heretofore. The additional temporary positions, authorized by the Thirteenth Census act, except those above \$1.200 per annum which will be filled largely by transfers from the permanent census roll, will be given to those persons who pass the test examination on October 23rd. Those now on the registers of the civil service commission, who desire appointment to these additional census places, should take the test examination as their present eligibility avails them nothing in respect to appointments to these posi-tions. The fact that a person is on the civil service register does not pre-vent him from taking this test examination.

Blank application forms and the circular of instructions were ready for distribution by September 10th. As distribution by September 10th. soon as the applicant completes his application in every respect, it should be addressed and forwarded to the U. S. Civil Service commission, Washington, D. C., and not to the census bureau. Care should be taken that the enveiope containing the application is prop-erly addressed and sufficient postage stamps are affixed. If the application is satisfactory a card will be mailed the applicant and it will admit him to the examination. An application must be filed in sufficient time to arrange for the examination at the place selected. No request will be granted for an examination otherwise than as scheduled for the cities and states on October

#### TAFT STARTS WATER.

Opens Gates to Famous Gunnison Tunnel in Colorado.

Montrose, Colo., Sept. 24.-President Taft spent yesterday on the west-ern slope of the Rocky mountains amid a succession of magnificent scenes. In many respects his day was one of the most interesting he has had since leav ing Boston. Late in the afternoon Mr. Taft stood

on the brink of the deepest irrigation ditch in the West and far out in the foo hill of the mountains, with not a settlement in sight, made the electrical connection that started a flow of water through the Gunnison tunnel that will reclaim 140,000 acres of arid land. The greatest irrigation project the United States government ever has undertaken was thus put in operation

es of country where as far as the eye could reach the only vegetation in sight consisted of a few greasewood railroad for shipment. bushes or sagebrush. Then out of a rocky canyon the train would suddenly come upon a veritable casis, where fields of alfalfa and miles of orchards told of the miracle wrought by the

touch of water. The tunnel has been hewn through when the project is completed next Gunnison river, now flowing to the Gulf of California, to the valley on women and three children were found this side of the mountains, where miner private projects of irrigation already have told the wonders of the soil.

# Big Timber Deal.

Vancouver, B. C., Sept. 24 .- A large timber deal whereby A. B. Kurtz, of New York, president of the American Financial Securities company, acquires 54,000 acres of timber land in the Cowichan lake country, was practically consummated today. The purchase price was in the neighborhood of \$1,-500,000, and the new owners are to spend \$500,000 more in the developand the dispatches say no breakdowns ment of the property by the erection of any kind occurred. According to a of a sawmill and the laying of spor wireless report received this after-tracks. The Canadian Pacific railroad will build a branch line to tidewater.

> Frederick Grant for President Chicago, Sept. 24.-Major General Frederick Dent Grant, son of the famous leader of the Union forces during the Civil war, is being boomed as the presidential candidate of the Prohibition party in 1912, by members of the organization who are assembling in acres of oats the yield was 10,370 bush-this city to celebrate the fortieth anni-cis. This is close to 83 bushels to the fair to versary of the birth of the party.

# OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

WILD FRUIT GOOD.

Old Orchards in Coast Range Without Eastern Capitalists Purchase 1,260 Care Give Fine Results.

Cottage Grove-Lincoln Taylor, who recently returned from an outing in the coast mountains, says he found a great many vacated homes throughout the section visited by him and the orchards, planted years ago by the homesteaders, have gone wild and the fruit county, and is supplied with 2000 is to be found in great abundance. inches or more of water from the Application of scientific Bears, coons and other fruit eating plegate river. Its former owners found riculture. animals have infested the orchards in

found on any of the trees, and the cod-

upon a splendid orchard that had been entirely taken by the fir timber. He brought out fair samples of the apples, which surpass anything to be found on the lower levels in size, color and aromatic excellence. The fruit resembles the Gravenstein quite strongly, but is more highly colored and measures more than 10 inches in circumference.

On the William Landess ranch, just east of town, there is a fine Crawford peach orchard in the fir timber which is heavily laden with beautiful fruit.

#### BIG ORCHARDS PLANTED.

Benton County Farmers Going in for Apple Culture.

Corvallis - The Western Oregon Fruit company, of which Judge Borth and J. W. Polk, of Grants Pass, are the principal stockholders, will begin planting 1,000 acres to apples and pears October 1. This company has purchased 1,700 acres near Monroe, Benton county, comes into possession October 1 and expects to plant fully 1,000 acres this fall.

The Oregon Apple company will also begin planting at the earliest date pos-This company owns 800 acres south of Corvallis and has ordered trees to plant 600 acres to apples and pears at once. This company owns some of the sightliest land in Benton county.

The Willamette Orchard company,

which recently purchased the famous Samuel Wyatt farm, two miles west of Corvallis, is preparing to plant 125 acres this fall.

Mayor Virgil E. Wattes, who put 40 acres of the Pleasant View fruit farm to apples this spring, will add 20 acres this falt.

There have been many small acre ages set to fruit this year and it is expected that fully 2,000 acres of new orchard will be set out in Benton county by January 1.

La Grande.-Over 15,000 bushels of grain are already stored in the farmers' warehouse at Island City, al though the roof on the building is not and the opening was the occasion of yet completed. The union is yet in its a joyous celebration throughout the infancy in Union county, but the farm-valley of the Uncompangre. valley of the Uncompander.

Ouring his travels yesterday the President had ample opportunity to resident had ample opportunity to resident had ample opportunity to wheat will be in this warehouse. The regular butter prices. study the effect of irrigation. For a wheat is pooled and held in the ware long time his train ran through stretch- house for sale, and when the buyers purchase the grain it will be conveniently near the main line of the

# Send Display East.

Hood River-Hood River is preparing a display of fruit at the National Irrigation congress to be held in Chicago in November. The Hood River Apple Growers' union expects to send six miles of a mountain range and a car of the finest apples to the great when the project is completed next show. Thomas Persons is in Hood spring it will divert the waters of the River taking scenes of the apple industry with a moving picture camera. These will be used in connection with the display of fruit.

Hophouse and Crop Burns.

Woodburn-The Kendall hophouse, east of Woodburn, burned last week together with 14,000 pounds of this year's hope, which had been contracted at 9 cents. The building was owned by Frank Kendall and rented by Lee Kendall. The cause of the fire is unknown. The building and contents were insured in the Hopgrowers' Fire Insurance company.

# Cove Fruit Goes East.

Cove-Stackland Bros., probably the pound; valley, 23@25c; mohair, largest fruitraisers in the Grand choice, 23@25c. Ronde valley, are shipping mixed fruits to the Eastern markets. Plums, 4.50; fair to good, \$4; common, \$3.50 ity." pears, crabapples and apples are in @3.75; cows, top, \$3.50; fair to good, forwarded this week.

# Record Yield of Oats.

La Grande.—The largest yield of oats reported in the valley is reported by W. D. Sawyer, of the Pierce-Sawyer ranch, close to Hot lake. Off of 120

BIG FRUIT TRACT BOUGHT.

Acres in Rogue Valley.

Grants Pass.-One of the largest deals to take place in Rogne river fruit lands occurred a few days ago, when purchased the S. H. Riggs property, consisting of 1260 acres. This is one consisting of 1260 acres. This is one of the finest bodies of land in the county, and is supplied with 2000 h profit in raising three crops of many places and the limbs have been alfalfa each year, and selling it at from badly broken, but that has not affected the bearing quality of the trees.

Mr. Taylor says there is rarely a case of scale or other disease to be found on any of the trees and the code.

The buyer and his associates raiser. The buyer and his associates found on any of the trees, and the coulin moth is not in evidence. This is
splendid evidence in favor of the entire
coast range as fruit producing sections.

Henry H. Veatch too, while on a
hunting trip on Cedar creek, about
hunting from Cottage Grove, came voted to fruit alone in Rogue river valley. The entire premises will planted as rapidly as possible peaches, pears and commercial apples. This place formerly belonged to Conol H. B. Miller, but last year it was sold to S. H. Riggs, who kept it nine months, raised several hundred tons of alfalfa hay, and sold out at a price up into six figures.

#### Irrigation Near Vale.

Vale-D. M. Brogan, the Seattle capitalist, who is constructing a large irrigation project on Willow creek about 24 miles from Vale, is meeting with great success and encouragement in the reclamation of 30,000 acres of land just north of the project recently rejected by the government because of lack of funds. Several ranches have been purchased from settlers and three reservoirs will be constructed, the water to be taken from Willow creek and its tributaries. A railroad is being built from Vale to Brogan, the townsite of the project.

Forest Ranger Examination.

Bend-The examination for the position of forest ranger in the Deschutes national forest will be held at Prineville October 16 and 17. At these examinations applicants are put through a severe test of their abilities in the various branches of forest work, from cruising to road and bridge making. One of the most important features of the work of foresters in this region is the supervision of cattle and sheep ranging in the reserve, where the herds and bands are pastured in the summer months.

# PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat-Bluestem, 96c; club, 87c; red Russian, 85 kc; valley, 90c; fife, 87c; Turkey red, 87c; 40 fold, 89 kc. Barley—Feed, \$25.50@26; brewing, \$26.50@27 per ton.

Oats-No. 1 white, \$276227.25 per

Hay-Timothy, Willamette valley, \$15016 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$17,50018.50; alfalfa, \$14; clover, \$14; cheat, \$130214.50; grain bay,

Butter-City creamery, extras, 36c; fancy outside creamery, 33@36c; store, 21@22c per pound. Butter fat

Eggs-Oregon ranch, candled, 32 %c

Poultry-Hens, 166217c per p springs, 16@17e; roosters, 9@10c; ducks, young, 14@15c; gerse, young, 10@11c; turkeys, 20c; squabs, \$1.75@

Pork-Fancy, 9%@10c per pound Veal-Extra, 106:10 %c per pound. Fruits-Apples, \$1@2.25 per box; pears, 50c@\$1.25; peaches, 75c@\$1.25 per crate; cantaloupes, \$50e@\$1.25; plams, 25@50c per box; watermelons, le per pound; grapes, 40c@\$1.25 per crate; Concords, 25c per basket; casa-

bas, \$1.5062 per crate; quinces, \$1.50 Potatoes - 75c@\$1 per sack; sweet potatoes, 2c per pound.

Onions \$1.25 per sack Vegetables-Beans, 4625c per pound; cabbage, 1621 4c; cauliflower, 75cer \$1.25 per dozen; celery, 50@75c; corn, 15@20e; cucumbers, 10@25e; onions, 1256@15c; peas, 7c per pound; pep-4@5c; pumpkins, 3/@1c; squash, 5e; tomatoes, 50c per box.

Hops-1909 Fuggles, 20@21c per pound; clusters, nominal; 1908 crop, 17c; 1907 crop, 12c; 1906 crop, 8c. Wool-Eastern Oregon, 16@23c per

Cattle-Steers, top quality, \$4.25@

season and a full crew is at work in \$3@3,25; common to medium, \$2.50@ theo rchard. Two cars were shipped 2.75; calves, top, \$5@5.50; heavy, last week and two more have been \$3.50@4; bulls, \$2@2.25; stags, \$2.50 @3.50.

Hogs-Best, \$8; fair to good, \$7.75 @7.85; stockers, \$6@7; China fats, \$7.50@8.

PREPARING FOR CONGRESS.

Display of Dry Farming Products Ar riving at Billings.

Billings, Mont., Sept. 22,-While farmers throughout the West are pre- Labor Troubles Tie Up All Butte paring samples of their products for display at the International Dey Farming exposition which will be held here October 25-29 in connection with the Fourth Dry Farming congress, the Montana board of control is rushing work on the exhibit hall where the resuits of dry farming operations will be exhibited in ocular demonstration of the success of intelligent application of scientific principles in practical ag-

For the main division of the exposition, the local committee has secured the wool warehouse, one of the largest buildings in Billings. The building is 60 by 160 feet and is located along the railroad tracks in the center of the city. Its barn like interior is being trans formed from the unsesthetic crudities of warehouse architecture into an attractive exposition hall by a force of carpenters and decorators. Two high partitions will divide the room into three compartments, or large aisles, with a total of 92,000 square feet of wall space. At the base of each partition and around the walls of the entire building, shelves are being built, which will give nearly 4,000 square feet of space, making a total of approximately 96,000 square feet of available exhibit

The grains and grasses and other products which are to be displayed on the walls and threshed grains, roots, fruits and vegetables will be shown on the shelves. A false ceiling is being put in 14 feet from the floor and decorated with bunting and flags. walls will have a background of black cloth. When the exhibits are in place, the gold and green of grains and grasses outlined against the black back ground and the red, white and blue of the national colors upon the ceiling and about the walls, will make a picture of striking artistic effectiveness.

The floor space will be divided into

20 foot squares and above the center of each square will pe as are light.

Exhibits are already beginning to arrive and are being placed in the exposition hall,

#### FAVORS CORPORATION TAX.

President Taft Says It is Better Than Income Tax.

Denver, Sept. 22.-Making his way still further to the West, President but it is believed that none of the in-Taft arrived in this city yesterday af. jured will die. Frank Hull, of Tacoternoon, and last night, in the Denver auditorium, where a year ago William J. Bryan was nominated as his oppon- hour after being taken from the wreck. ent in the presidential race, he faced a crowd of thousands that in its noisy welcome and continuous enthusiasm recalled some of the scenes of convention week. President Taft, switching from his

purpose to discuss the conservation of natural resources, last night took up the corporation tax and defended against the proposition to impose a direct ioncome tax, which he said seemed likely to pass the senate when the corporation tax was devised as a compromise. The president strongly urged, however, that the states ratify the proposed income tax amendment to the constitution in order to make such a tax available in time of necessity. The president declared that the cor-

poration tax was in itself the best form of income tax that could be levied, and pointed out that it contained many of of England. The president declared it poration tax as to include within its cope every desired feature of an income tax except the levy upon incomes erived from actual salary and professional services.

The president said he opposed direct ncome tax except in cases of emergency and he believed it to be a prime fault in the Federal constitution that no provision is made for a direct levy to meet wartime or other extraordinary expenses. ,

#### Hill Says Leader Is Lost. St. Paul, Sept. 22.-James J. Hill,

chairman of the board of directors of the Great Northern Railway company, said today of Governor Johnson: possessed many of the qualities of a leader combined with kindly disposition and a pleasant appearance. His ability was illustrated by his career, comng, as he did, from the lowest stratum of the social structure to the highest. were due to his perseverance and abil-

Big Land Deal Recorded.

Merced, Cal., Sept. 22. One of the largest land deals recorded in this as tion of California was completed to-day, when the C. W. Wooster company, of San Francisco, took a bond on 7.50@8.

Sheep—Top wethers, \$4@4.25; fair of Merced. The ranch contains 108,or good, \$3.50@3.75; ewes, %c less on the Chowchilla ranch, 14 miles south to good, \$3.50@3.75; ewes, %c less on all grades; yearlings, best, \$4@4.25; involved more than \$1,000,000. The fair to good, \$3.50@3.75; spring Wooster company plans to irrigate the lambs, \$5.25@5.50.

# TEN THOUSAND IDLE

Mines in Strike.

#### SMELTERS MAY BE THE NEXT HIT

Officers Protect Men Who Attempt to Work-Sheriff Warns Strikers He Will Shoot.

Butte, Mont., Sept. 25, -- Every mine Butte is shut down tonight and 10,-0 men are idle, with the prospect of ,000 more being thrown out of work, If the suspension continues for five days the smelters and other allied industries will be forced to suspend.

The trouble was caused by a majority of Engineers' Union No. 83 having eded from the Western Federation of Miners and organized a new union, The Butte Miners' union ordered its members not to go to work in mines employing members of the new engine eers' union.

The evening was ushered in with great excitement, when nearly 2,000 miners surrounded the shaft of the Gagnon mine, apparently for the purpose of mobbing 28 miners who defied the command of the union to stop work. A detail of 15 policemen with Captain Thomas Norton in command hurried to the scene, and reinforced by Sheriff John K. O'Rourke, with every deputy of his office at his back, succeeded in reaching the shaft mouth.

Mounting a pile of timbers, the sheriff in plain language told the crowd that the officers proposed to protect the Gagnon miners and intimated that any attempt at violence oupon the part of the strikers would result in shooting.

It is hardly likely that work will be resumed before a week, and the various smelters throughout the state may be compelled to suspend operations.

#### WRECK AT SEATTLE.

Trolley Car Jumps Track and Crashes Into Corner Cafe.

Seattle, Sept. 25 .- Of the 80 passesgers on a big Wallingford avenue car that was wrecked at the curve near the main gate of the World's fair, shortly before noon yesterday, not one escaped being cut or brused or sharply shakes, ma, aged 46, an Oddfellow attending the festivities accompanying the Sovereign Grand lodge meeting, died an

The car got beyond control of the motorman, attained a speed of 30 miles an hour at the corner of Fourteenth avenue, Northeast, and East Fortieth street, careened, left the track and crashed into a one-story building at the southeast corner of the crossing, demolishing the flimey building, splitting and wrecking the car and hurling the passengers forward with frightful force

Every pane of glass in the car was broken and the jagged pieces showered upon the passengers, who were tossed one upon another in indescribable confusion.

# WRECKAGE LINES GULF.

Southern Coast Strewn With Broken by Ships and Launches-

New Orleans, Sept. 25 .- With the list of dead from Monday's tropical the best features of the income tax law hurricane well above 100 tonight, every indication points to a much larger numwould be possible so to amend the cor- ber of victims. Many small sloops and launches are lying wrecked on the Gulf shore of Louisiana and Mississipp), and there is little doubt that some of their occupants are lost.

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Anxiety for the safety of steamers bound for New Orleans during the hurricane period on the gulf, has been relieved. Nearly all of these vessels were many hours late, but finally arthe Utstein, which is four days overdue from Puerto Cortez. She was reported today to have gone aground off Seashore light near the mouth of the Mississippi, with no loss of life.

# Juarez Bomb Harmiess

El Paso, Tex., Sept. 25.-It developed today that there was no plot connected with the finding of a supposed bomb in Juarez, Mexico. The "bomb" proved to be a small pepper box, three inches long, an inch and a half in di-ameter, and containing a substance And his life's work with its results like paraffine poured over the top-were not matters of accident. They Even had it been exploded it would have done no harm. The police have arrested an American tramp who had been sleeping on the premises of Senor Arguelles and had been ordered away. He had made threats against Arguelles.

Hundreds Flee in Skiffs.

Biloxi, Miss., Sept. 25.-About 500 storm sufferers are homeless at Bayou la Manre, near the mouth of the Mississippi river, and two lives were lost there. The water rose eight feet in the houses and the people saved their lives by taking skiffs and rowing up the Mississippi river.