

THE WEATHER
Tonight and Saturday, unsettled; rain in west, rain or snow in east. Cooler, west winds.

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DISTRICT LAW IS VERY WORST

CUPPER URGES NEED-
ED IMPROVEMENT.

Assistant State Engineer Goes Into
Details of Irrigation Problems
and Believes Sound District
Law Will Solve Them.

(Special to The Daily Bulletin)

PORTLAND, Or., Jan. 5.—One of the most important papers delivered before the Irrigation Congress is that of Percy A. Cupper, assistant state engineer, who takes up the needs of a better irrigation district law in detail.

Mr. Cupper's address follows:
Oregon has the distinction of having the best system of water titles based on the best water code in the United States and the worst irrigation district law in the United States. I feel sure of the first statement because the Oregon Water Code is the only one upon which the supreme court has placed the stamp of approval. I also feel reasonably sure of the second statement for the reason that if any irrigation district law were any worse than ours it would cease to be an irrigation district law.

I believe that during 1916 we have seen efforts made to solve every class of irrigation problems through irrigation district organization.

The district law was passed in 1895 but it seems to have had little effect as no districts were organized until 1905. Since that time 17 districts have been organized, and at least three others have taken the preliminary steps toward organization. Of these districts seven are in Malheur county, two in Hood River county, two in Umatilla county, two in Jefferson and one each in Klamath, Jackson, Crook and Grant counties. At least three of the districts are now attempting to dissolve without accomplishing the purpose for which they were organized.

The 17 districts in Oregon cover approximately 416,375 acres, bonds aggregating \$7,511,000 have been issued, while approximately \$689,600 have been sold. There is now irrigated within the boundaries of irrigation districts approximately 32,200 acres of which 23,000 acres were irrigated prior to the organization of the respective districts in which they are located.

Whatever else may be needed, it is certain that irrigation development under the irrigation district plan needs a little encouragement, a little cooperation, a little financial aid and a little better irrigation district law. The state should lend its encouragement even if it cannot see fit to lend its credit. The district should organize a cooperative association for the good of all. The passage of the State and National Rural Credits act will release considerable money from its present investment in farm mortgages, and this, coupled with the ever increasing popular demands for bonds, should render money for irrigation development more plentiful.

To attempt to remedy the defects in our excessively amended district law by further amendments would be to invite disaster. The enactment of the statute is also objectionable in some particulars, but of the two evils the better is the lesser and it is to be hoped that the coming legislature will enact a complete irrigation district law. This statute should be logically arranged and consistent throughout. It should provide a simple procedure for the organization of districts. With 50 per cent of the land owners signing the petition and ample opportunity for the filing and hearing of objections by the county court, there seems no reason why the court should not be authorized to organize the district without an election, as is done in the case of a drainage district. The petition itself is more representative of the desires of the land owners than the vote at election for the reason that many of the land owners live at a distance

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Percy A. Cupper



Assistant State Engineer Scores Dis-
trict Law.

IRRIGATIONISTS WANT NEW LAW

STRAHORN PROJECT RECEIVES
ENDORSEMENT—H. W. GARD
IS LIKELY CANDIDATE FOR
PRESIDENT OF CONGRESS.

(Special to The Bulletin)

PORTLAND, Or., Jan. 5.—With 220 delegates registered, the Oregon Irrigation Congress is in full swing here today. Better methods of financing irrigation districts, a request to the legislature to revise the water code, and an improved practical district law recommendation, will probably be the high lights in the results of the gathering.

In the opening address of President Brewer, he recommended a revision of the present district law, or an entire new statute, an extension of the time of payments on contracts, with perhaps no payment on the principal for five years, and urged that all projects come under the district law, if a good one is enacted. He unqualifiedly endorsed the Strahorn project.

Present indications point to the election of H. W. Gard as president of the Congress. The desire has been expressed by some that the next annual session of the irrigationists be held in irrigated territory.

TWO ARE GOVERNORS

Hiram Johnson to Start California
Legislature, Stephens to End It.

(By United Press to The Daily Bulletin)

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Jan. 5.—Although Governor Hiram Johnson will supervise the introduction of principal matters to come before the state legislature starting here next Monday, the business of the final approval or rejection will rest with William D. Stephens, former United States congressman, who from present indications will advance from the place of lieutenant governor to that of governor on or about March 4, when Johnson becomes United States senator.

During the first month of the session bills will be introduced. The lawmakers will have a vacation during February, and in March and April the bills will be voted on and put up to the new governor. Just how far Stephens will go toward concurring in the Johnson principles remains to be seen.

HOLD-UP MAN SLAIN

Robs Seattle Store, Flees and Falls
Dead Near Police Station.

(By United Press to The Daily Bulletin)

SEATTLE, Jan. 5.—Three bullets were found in the body of Ernest Whitfield, identified as a hold-up man, who died here this morning. He fell to the ground a few feet from the police station while trying to escape pursuing officers.

A cigar store proprietor identified him as the man who robbed his store at 1:30 o'clock this morning.

MOONBOW SOURCE OF WONDER TO MANY

Concentric Halos, Presenting All
Colors of Spectrum, Surround
Satellite for Almost Hour.

The phenomenon commonly known as "a ring around the moon," is often seen, and is usually taken to be a forerunner of bad weather, but Bend had the rare privilege last night of observing a moonbow, not one, but several rings concentrically arranged about the earth's satellite. It was discernable for nearly an hour, being first seen at about 6 o'clock.

Five distinct halos could easily be made out, representing, and shading into every color of the spectrum. The innermost circle was of pure white light.

To many who were on the streets at the time, the spectacle was entirely new, and numerous guesses as to what it could be, and its cause, were hazarded. Finally the moonbow began to fade, the outer circles disappearing first, until only a dim suggestion of the inner halo was left.

The explanation commonly given for the moonbow, is that minutely divided ice particles, suspended in the higher air currents, break up the light rays reflected by the moon into the primary colors. The phenomenon of last night is considered all the more remarkable because of the decided thaw of the past two days. It was the first seen here in several years.

CALL ISSUED FOR BAS- KETBALL MATERIAL

As Soon as Organization is Effected,
Practice Nights Will Begin and
Games Scheduled.

For the purpose of effecting the organization of a local town basketball team, a meeting has been called for Sunday afternoon to be held in the council chambers in the O'Kane building, at which time preliminary steps will be taken to commence practice and arrange for games during the season.

Manager L. W. Doudiah has offered the Hippodrome to the team, when organized, on a very favorable basis and will cooperate with it in making the season a financial success. Equipment will be ordered at once so that practice will begin early next week. The high school has also arranged with Mr. Doudiah for the use of the building for practice and games.

Those who have already signified their intention to join the squad are M. H. Horton, N. F. Reed, L. H. Boland, Hans Nelson, Roy Kizer, and Herman Drack. There are other basketball men in town, it is understood, who will make likely material. Teams are being organized at Redmond and Prineville, who have already signified their desire for a series of games.

PEACE MOVE PUSHED

Viennese Paper Asks Evacuation of
Western Front as Inducement.

(By United Press to The Daily Bulletin)

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 5.—Great significance is attached to the passage by the Austro-German censors today of a quotation in the Viennese newspaper, the Arbeiter Zeitung, asking the government to ascertain if the Entente Powers would be willing to discuss peace after a Teutonic evacuation of the west front.

The paper also asks that if this is to be the case, the evacuation be made immediately.

BOARD SESSION OVER

Dr. U. C. Coe Returns From Exam-
ining Candidates in Portland.

After attending the session of the State Board of Medical examiners, of which he is a member, Dr. U. C. Coe returned to Bend this morning. Dr. H. M. Robins, of Sisters, the only physician from this section to take the state tests, accompanied Dr. Coe on his return trip as far as Redmond.

Thirty candidates for state licenses to practice medicine took the examinations, Dr. Coe stated.

REMOVAL IS ASKED

U. S. May Relieve Bucharest Minis-
ter on Request From Berlin.

(United Press Staff Correspondent)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 5.—Berlin has received the request of the United States to remove Minister Vopicka from Bucharest. The request will probably be granted, it is understood.

The State Department received word denying that the Villistas killed French Consul Bernardine, at Torreon. The previous report to the department said he was slain.

WORK IS PUSHED ON HIGH SCHOOL

FEBRUARY SET FOR
COMPLETION.

School Board Already Considers
Adding Unit to Relieve Cramped
Quarters—Fire Wall to Separate,
Says Architect Lee Thomas.

Work is being pushed on the new high school building and the structure will be ready for occupancy by the middle of February, Lee A. Thomas, architect, announced today. The building is now under cover, the metal roofing is well advanced toward completion, lathers are busily at work, and plastering will be started next week. Twenty-five men are now employed on the building.

T. V. Moffett, who has the contract for electrical work, reported this morning that wiring for lights and a call system is complete. A fire alarm system has not been decided on.

Flooring and finishing the interior, woodwork, and the like, will be the last portions of the school to be finished, but the heating plant will be ready next week, so that the plastering may be dried as rapidly as possible.

Members of the school board are already considering the advisability of adding another unit to the building, as the rapid increase of registration indicates that even when the high school is added to the present educational equipment, quarters will still be badly cramped. It is not thought that any definite action will be taken on this phase of the development of the city school system until spring, however.

EUROPE HAS VAGUE CONCEPTION OF U. S.

Italian Writer Believes America is
Still Largely Populated by
Indian Tribesmen.

(By John E. Harley)

United Press Staff Correspondent

ROME, Jan. 5.—Buffalo Bill's Wild West has "advertised" America throughout Europe. His circus, playing frequently to European spectators, has left a trail of false impressions behind it. The American "movies" shown here only emphasize them.

The case of Madame Montre interviewed in a Roman boarding house, is by no means uncommon. She is a well known writer and literary woman.

"O, you are an American," she began. "I am so glad to meet you. For I am making a scientific study of America."

"I was recently presented to some people from a state called Indiana. Really they didn't look so much like Indians. Of course, their manners were a little off."

"It must be very difficult for one to live in the states. The constant clash of the American and the Indian civilizations is undoubtedly a nerve-racking annoyance."

"Of course, the poor Indians really did not give a civilization to the entire world. They were a simple and natural people, having a real art and a real literature."

"The Indian, at least, has blood, and not machine oil, in his veins. Naturally, there are some savages, the good being always mixed with the bad."

The Americans are frequently called "the Germans of the New World." New York City is regarded as the beginning and end of the United States. It is allegedly a riot of skyscraping buildings, cocktails, loving women, spoiled wives and fresh children.

COUNCIL BLOCKS POLICE CHANGE

LEAK IN SYSTEM IS
MAYOR'S CHARGE.

Caldwell Will Not Re-appoint Kulp,
Even After Endorsement is Re-
fused Lamberson—Gould is
Again Engineer.

Declaring that there is a leak in the city police force, and that there is a lack of sympathy with him in his policies, Mayor S. C. Caldwell, while making no specific accusations, last night appointed R. G. Lamberson, his son-in-law, as night officer, to take the place of Frank Kulp, the present incumbent. The action was taken at a special meeting of the city council, and after nearly half an hour of debate, was turned down. Councilmen Steidl, Silvia, Brostehous and Bennett voting against the appointment, while Councilman Edwards sided with the mayor.

According to the city law, Mr. Kulp will remain in office until replaced by an appointee receiving the confirmation of the council. Mayor Caldwell asserts that another appointment will be made, but was unwilling to state today whom he would name.

"I have no charges to bring, but something is wrong," he declared. "While I would not say that the leak which is impairing efficiency is in the department itself, I am confident that information is getting out which should be secret. One thing is certain, I will not appoint Kulp to the office."

Mr. Caldwell stated that he would not allow the friction between himself and the council members to go beyond this one question, and that on other points he would expect the same harmony to exist as prevailed before last night's disagreement.

Councilmen voting to retain the present night officer, did so on the grounds that he had given satisfaction, and had proved competent in his position. Councilman Edwards' only criticism of the police was that meals for prisoners in the city jail are being procured at a Chinese restaurant.

City Engineer Robert Gould was reappointed by the mayor, and the appointment endorsed by the council.

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GERMANS GAIN ON WEST FRONT

ALTENBURG INFANTRY PENE-
TRATES FOURTH LINE OF
BRITISH TRENCHES—ROMAN-
IAN TOWNS CAPTURED.

(By United Press to The Daily Bulletin)

BERLIN, via Sayville, Jan. 5.—Reports of an unusually sanguinary encounter between German and British forces on the western front were made today in the official war announcement. Heavy losses were inflicted on the British troops at the east edge of Loix by the Altenburg infantry, which capture and the manna fantry, which penetrated the fourth line of trenches of the enemy, the report stated.

The Germans cleaned out and blasted several galleries, returning with 51 prisoners. The capture of Slobozia and Fotesti, in Roumania, was announced by the war office. Curgasti and Romanul were captured after hand to hand fighting. Fourteen hundred prisoners and six machine guns were taken.

South of Banaul, a Russian bridgehead position was pierced by a German division aided by Hungarian forces.

LEAK PROBE TOUCHES IN HIGH SPOTS

TUMULTY MENTIONED
BY WOOD.

HEARSAY THE BASIS

President's Brother-in-Law Also Im-
plicated by Representative's Re-
marks—Apology Due, Says
Secretary Tumulty.

(By United Press to The Daily Bulletin)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 5.—Prefacing his remarks by a statement that he makes no charges against anyone, and that his information is based only on hearsay, and rumor, Representative Wood mentioned the names of Secretary Tumulty, Mr. Bolling, the president's brother-in-law, Otto Kuhn, of the Kuhn-Loeb Company, and Paul M. Wardug, of the Federal Reserve board, when he appeared as the first witness today in the investigation of the alleged advance leak of information as to President Wilson's peace note.

Representative Wood wished to testify behind closed doors, but was unsuccessful in his endeavor.

Scathingly denouncing Wood for mentioning his name, Secretary Tumulty prepared a statement in which he said that Wood should apologize for bringing his name into the proceedings merely on hearsay information. He said that he will gladly appear before the committee without the formality of a subpoena.

Every indication pointed this afternoon to a delay in the Senate of a day or two in the taking of a vote on the Hitchcock resolution endorsing the President's note. This means that the Senate will not act in the matter until the Allied reply reaches Washington.

Immediately following the introduction of two amendments by the republican wing, a minority meeting was called, and a committee appointed to draw resolutions to be submitted to the Senate. They will report later.

Foreign nations see American money madness in the Senate's opposition to the Hitchcock resolution endorsement, Senator Lewis declared in his passionate plea for the passage of the measure. "I agree with Lansing, or anyone else who says war cannot continue without America being involved," he said.

The administration won a victory when the Senate voted to continue consideration.

MAJOR OF CIVIL WAR PASSES IN GERMANY

Peter Osterhaus, Last Surviving Ma-
jor General, Dies While Waiting
for War to Reach End.

(By United Press to The Daily Bulletin)

BERLIN, Jan. 5.—Peter Osterhaus, last surviving major general of the United States forces during the Civil War, died at Duisburg, it was announced here today. General Osterhaus was the father of Rear Admiral Osterhaus, of the United States navy.

He had been in Germany for practically the entire duration of the present war, and had been waiting for peace before returning to America. In spite of his advanced age, he had been hale and vigorous until very recently.

INFORMATION BLANK

The Bend Bulletin (Campaign Department)—
I would like information in regard to the Dodge
Campaign, which you are inaugurating. This does
not demand my participating.

M.....

Oregon.

NOMINATION COUPON

Good for 5000 Votes toward Dodge Car.

The Bend Bulletin, Bend, Oregon,

I hereby nominate M.....
in the campaign for the Dodge Touring Car and
pledge my support to her.

Nominator.