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THE WEATHER.
Tonight and Friday —
Cloudy. Wednesday—High
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STORMS HURL DISASTER OVER EUROPE

CAR OF TREES ORDERED AWAY

Inspectors Condemn One Car of Nursery Stock and Will Probably Order Second One Deported—Trees Are Affected With Crown Gall—Commissioner Carsons Acts.

Commissioner A. H. Carsons of the state board of horticulture on Wednesday condemned a carload of nursery stock consigned to N. S. Bennett from Silva & Bergthold of Newcastle, Cal., and served notice on the Southern Pacific company to remove it from the state within three days. If not removed the stock will be taken from the car and burned. The trees are infested with crown gall, a cancerous growth which prevents the trees from properly maturing.

Today the county inspectors are busy with a second car, which is consigned to C. F. Cook by the same nursery company. A number of trees have been found in it already, but some are said to be in good condition.

The nurserymen state that they ordered the cars in good faith and that they are glad to have them inspected, as they were imposed upon as much as any one concerned.

As soon as Chief Inspector J. W. Meyers began to go through the car his suspicions were aroused and he immediately consulted Professor P. J. O'Gara, who told him what the matter was. Commissioner Carsons was called, who at once condemned the car.

DESPERATE BATTLE IS NOW ON

Insurgents and Government Forces Engage in Bloody Battle—Wild Scenes Approaching Mob Violence Is Condition Daily Occurring on Streets of Capital.

BLUEFIELDS, Nicaragua, Jan. 27 (by wireless to Colon).—Dispatches from Rama today say that Estrada's insurgent army today began another attack upon the government troops under General Vasquez. A desperate battle is in progress, and according to the reports, upon its results the fate of Managua depends.

The rebel general, Chamorro, precipitated the engagement at dawn, sending his division against the left of the loyalists' line. Within an hour the fighting was general.

Chamorro failed to time his attack before the arrival of the reinforcements dispatched to the aid of the government forces from Managua. The opposing armies today are about equal in size. More than 4000 men are under arms on each side.

Following the defeat of the government forces in Sunday's battle and Monday's engagement, Vasquez fell back to a level plateau, where the engagement today is taking place. The battle ground is but three days' march from Managua, and should the rebels be triumphant it is believed certain that Estrada will hurry his men to the city.

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TREMENDOUS LOSS OF LIFE AND PROPERTY IS REPORTED

DISEASE ADDS TO TERROR IN PARIS

Damage Already Done Will Require Two Years to Repair—Police Forces to Seize Stores of Provisions and Dole Them Out.

PARIS, Jan. 27.—Thousands of flood refugees are in actual danger of starvation today because of government red tape. Hundreds of half-starved victims are standing in line tonight at public dispensaries after waiting all day vainly for food. Private charities are the only hope of many of the refugees.

It is estimated this evening that the damage done by the floods will reach \$500,000,000. Almost one-half of the terrible devastation is in Paris alone. The palace of President Fallieres is surrounded with water.

Buildings Flooded.

The palace of fine arts is flooded and the water in the basement of the city hall has almost doubled in volume since this morning. The building in which the chamber of deputies is located, the world-famous Eiffel tower and the beautiful Trocadero Park as islands in a murky lake.

Ile de St. Louis is almost entirely submerged by the flood.

Halle aux Vins, the largest wine warehouse in the world, is surrounded by a swirling pool.

Pitiful scenes were enacted at all the relief stations tonight. Thousands of hungry Parisians are begging and fighting for enough food to keep body and soul together.

PARIS, Jan. 27.—With the thermometer below the freezing point and the relentless Seine continuing its fearful progress toward the top mark, all Paris is ashiver with cold and grim with terror. The habitual freedom from care which made it possible for the people to look on the rising waters as a spectacle of entertainment, has passed entirely away, and "gav Paris" is today the most desolate and grief-stricken of all the large cities of the world.

Suffering Intense.

The suffering among the poor is intense. Women and children, driven from their cheap lodgings by the waters and bitten by the wind, seek shelter in doorways and congregate in great waiting groups about all the public buildings that remain comparatively safe.

The members of the chamber of deputies, who remained on duty nearly all night, were in session still today, using every means within their power to alleviate the situation. The soldiers, gendarmes and firemen, fatigued almost to the point of fainting, worked today with the vigor of desperation in their struggle with the flood.

Building Up Walls.

Masons labored through the night building concrete walls about some of the most threatened structures. About the famous Louvre a small army of men labored unceasingly in their efforts to save the galleries and their inestimable treasures of art.

Miles of the boulevards are like running streams and the water rushing through the cavernous underground work threatens hourly to undermine the foundations of scores of the most notable structures in the city.

With more than 100,000 homeless and the destitution and distress in-

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NEW SERIAL WILL BEGIN TOMORROW

"The Guest of Quesney" begins tomorrow in this paper. You should not fail to read it.

It abounds in epigrams and phrases such as the best authors of past generations might have produced.

It is a story which answers the question whether one can fall in love twice with the same person.

Tarkington has few peers in the description of scenes, customs and manners, either American or European.

200 SHIPS ARE LOST; MANY PERISH

All of Europe Suffers at Hands of Recent Gale—Believed When Definite News Arrives That Stories of Death Will Shock Entire World.

LONDON, Jan. 27.—Two hundred vessels have been wrecked, with the probable loss of at least half of their crews, in the great storms that are raging along the western seaboard of Europe, according to dispatches received here today.

The vessels, mostly fishing craft, lie scattered along the coasts of Spain, France, Germany and the Scandinavian peninsula. Even the Mediterranean has felt the force of the great atmospheric disturbances and wrecks are reported from Italy and the Turkish and Grecian peninsula.

The loss of life cannot be stated at this time, but it is probable that in many instances the entire crews of vessels were drowned, while in other cases at least half of them perished when their vessels foundered.

Great Gales Sweep Coast.

Great gales have been sweeping the coasts for the last 48 hours. Tremendous loss of life and property on shore is reported. These reports cover a period of two days or more, as wire communication has been interrupted by storms. Details of the general disaster are lacking and it is feared that when definite news arrives the stories of death and destruction will shock the whole world.

Inland Suffers.

Inland Europe is suffering almost as much as is the sea coast. Interior Spain is isolated, while the Swiss Alps have been thrashed by blizzards and covered in blankets of snow, in which already twelve Alpine tourists are reported to have been lost.

Banks of snow have blocked trains on the Danish railroads in isolated sections and reports from the nearest telegraph stations say that the prospect of aiding the weather-besieged passengers is slight. In many instances passengers in the stalled trains are without food or fuel.

Although reports of a tidal wave at Venice were false, the ancient city of the dogs is badly damaged by stern. Other Italian cities, including Rome and Naples, report extensive damage. The waterfront streets at Naples are flooded and many quays wrecked. At Rome the Tiber river is rising and threatens to inundate portions of the city.

MEDFORD NAT'L BANK INCREASES CAPITAL STOCK

Will Also Erect a Three-Story Brick Addition to Present Bank Building—Annual Report Shows Flourishing Condition.

The Medford National bank at its annual stockholders and directors' meetings Wednesday authorized an increase in capital to \$100,000, the building of a three-story brick addition, costing \$20,000, to the present bank building, making the building 25 feet by 140, re-elected the present officers and declared the usual dividend.

The annual report showed a most flourishing condition, deposits having nearly doubled during the year, now being over half a million. The increase in the capital will be effected as soon as the necessary papers are received from Washington and will make three banks for Medford with a capital of over \$100,000, all three having doubled their capital within a year.

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BY STUDYING THE ADS YOU INCREASE GREATLY YOUR CHANCES OF "LIVING HAPPILY EVER AFTER!"

Present-day conditions of living comes pretty nearly making ad-reading an ad-answering imperative.

Householders find that the ads. really help to make the income STRETCH OVER THE NECESSITIES—when it seems sometimes like too big a task.

Buying economies—a little here and a little there—really grow to worth-while proportions in the course of a year; and amount to an increase of income.

Home-makers who are really earnest happiness-hunters are coming, quite generally, to be intelligent readers of the ads.

ASK PAVING OF MORE STREETS

Latest to Clamor for Hard-Surface Streets Are Property Owners on Jackson and South Orange—Looks Like the Whole City Would Get Into the Game.

And still the clamor for hard surface streets is heard in the land. In addition to the long list of petitions asking for the laying of pavement on streets of the city, which were recently published in these columns, Jackson street and North Orange have joined in the game. It is now proposed to pave Jackson street from Riverside avenue to the west city limits, which will make of this street one of the most ideal boulevards in the city. The street is a long straight one for nearly a mile, and will be a favorite with automobilists. With shade trees planted its entire length it will be ideal for residences.

North Orange asks for a hard surface from Main south to Tenth. Several other streets are considering the matter.

THAT CASE OF SORE HEAD GROWS

W. W. Sawyer, Whose Apples Were Topped by Those from Rogue River Valley, Follows Car to Washington in Effort to Discredit Car—Weird Story Is Sent Out.

PORTLAND, Jan. 27.—A dispatch to the Oregon Journal today from North Yakima says:

The division of pomology at Washington has given an opinion that the Rogue River Spitzenbergs which won the sweepstakes prize at the national apple show at Spokane were diseased. The opinion was secured by W. W. Sawyer, who took second prize.

Sawyer says that he noticed dark spots on the Rogue River apples and followed the car to a commission house at Washington, D. C., where he selected a box and took 20 apples at random, eight of which were found diseased by the department pomologist.

Evidently Mr. Sawyer is continuing his policy of venting his spite on Rogue River valley, which has been his since his apples were found inferior to those from Rogue River. "I do not believe it," stated Professor P. J. O'Gara today when shown the foregoing dispatch. "The apples from this orchard were clean and I believe there is a mistake somewhere."

Rogue River valley growers will have to be furnished proof positive that the apples submitted by Mr. Sawyer to the department were from the

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CHILDREN TOLD NOT TO WED; COMMITS SUICIDE

NEWTON, Ia., Jan. 27.—The Jasper county coroner today received word from Monroe, a village nine miles from this city, that Vernon Barr, aged 15, and Lina Ammer, aged 14, were found sitting side by side, their arms clasping about each other's lifeless bodies, in a buggy by a

\$300,000 FIRE IN BAKER CITY

Threatened for a Time Destruction of Entire Business Section of City—Valiant Efforts of Fire Department Only Thing That Has Averted Worse Disaster—Men Will Rebuild.

BAKER CITY, Or., Jan. 27.—A fire which for a time threatened the destruction of the entire business district of the city broke out here at midnight last night, and before it was gotten under control four hours later, several of the town's most substantial buildings were in ruins. The entire loss is estimated at \$300,000, partially covered by insurance.

The heaviest losers are Well and company, \$100,000; Baer & Co., \$100,000; Superior Bakery, \$10,000; Dr. McDaniel, \$5000; Grose Robinson Drug company, \$1000.

The fire started in the basement of the Baer company building and before discovered the building was a mass of flames. Fanned by the high wind, the blaze spread rapidly to adjoining buildings. Several people sleeping in upper floors were awakened barely in time to escape in their night clothing.

Thousands of persons gathered to watch the conflagration, and many narrow escapes were reported from falling walls.

Despite the fact that the fire department responded promptly at the first alarm, the flames had gained such headway when they arrived that they were practically helpless. Eight streams of water were played continually on the business structures and only strenuous work on the part of the firemen prevented the flames from jumping across the street to the business blocks on North Center street.

Last night's fire was the most disastrous in the history of the city. Several of the merchants have expressed their determination to replace the burned buildings with costlier structures.

WON'T WORK AND LAYS OUT FINE

Jim Way was arrested Wednesday night by Policeman Brophy for disorderly conduct on the streets.

Way was arraigned before Judge Eifert this morning and was fined \$20, with the alternative of working the fine out by labor on the streets. The prisoner had no money and was too strong to work on the streets, so he will "lay out" his fine on a menu in which the fluids which were the primal cause of his incarceration will be conspicuous by their absence. In other words, he will subsist upon Bear creek water and bread straight for the next fortnight.

PORTLAND FANS EAGER TO SEE JIM JEFFRIES

PORTLAND, Or., Jan. 27.—Jas. J. Jeffries, who, when he retired as undefeated heavyweight champion five years ago, was conceded by ring experts to be the greatest fighter the world ever produced, is scheduled to appear in Portland tomorrow night with his galaxy of athletic stars. The advance sale of seats has been the greatest for any athletic event in the history of the city, and the exposition rink is sure to be packed from pit to dome when the big alfalfa farmer steps upon the stage to go through his stunts with Sam Berger.

HENEY THROUGH THIS AFTERNOON

Worthington Has Already Begun His Efforts to Tear Holes in Case Built Up by Prosecution—Hermann to Go on Stand Soon—No One Has Idea of Time to Be Used by Defense.

PORTLAND, Or., Jan. 27.—Prosecutor Filbert Roth, former chief of the forestry division of the general land office, will close the case of the government in the Finger Hermann trial this afternoon. Prosecutor Heney, it is expected, will conclude the direct examination of Professor Roth during the afternoon, and with the direct examination and the recall of some witnesses who have already been on the stand the prosecution will come to a close tomorrow noon.

Colonel Worthington, even before the close of Heney's case, has begun his effort to tear holes in the net of circumstances which Heney has been weaving about the defendant during the past two weeks of testimony. Yesterday during the cross-examination of M. J. McVean, Colonel Worthington attempted to remove the force of the witness' direct testimony, which was in part to the effect that Hermann had at once taken up the Blue Mountain case and made the temporary withdrawals as soon as he had received two letters from F. P. Mays, in May, 1902, urging that such action be taken by the land office. McVean had testified that he had those letters from Mays before him when he wrote the order of withdrawal.

On cross-examination Colonel Worthington drew from the witness that he wrote the order before the Mays letters had reached the land office, which took away part of the sting intended by Heney to the effect that the Mays letters had influenced Hermann in making the withdrawals.

This was to combat the contention of Heney, founded on the testimony introduced by him during the dif-

ferent stages of the trial that the fact that Hermann marked the letters of Mitchell to Hermann concerning the Blue Mountain case "special" meant that he had done so because of his argument with Mays and because he was in the conspiracy with Mays to push the Blue Mountain reserve through the land office to final creation.

No one has much idea how long it will require to put in the case of the defense. The documents which have been brought into court by Hermann and his attorneys fill a big trunk, which is guarded carefully by the defense. It is brought to the court-room every morning and at the close of the session is locked up and taken to a place of safe-keeping for the night. How much of this material is to be used as evidence in the case is problematic.

Binger Hermann is to go on the witness stand when the defense begins its inking, and it is probable that he will be the chief point of the defense and will take up most of the time employed in presenting the count's evidence intended to break up the attacks of the prosecution.

GLAVIS ORDERED TO PAY WIFE ALIMONY

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 27.—By an order of Superior Court Judge Gilham, Louis R. Glavis, former chief of the local field division of the United States land office, who is now giving evidence in the Ballinger-Pinchot investigation at Washington, is ordered to pay \$50 per month temporary alimony