

A Slight Frost is Predicted for This Evening. Call Central After 7 O'clock P. M. for Further Warnings.

THE WEATHER.

Tonight and Saturday—Light frost, clear. Thursday's temperatures—High 47, low 27, range 40.

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PEOPLE FLEE IN TERROR FROM VOLCANO

SEVEN TOWNS OVERWHELMED BY LAVA FLOW

No Dead Yet Reported, But It Is Feared That Disaster May Prove Most Destructive of Modern Times—Whole Villages Are on Move—Hard Time Providing for Homeless

ROCKS AND ASHES RAIN DOWN UPON POPULACE

Sun Obscured by Clouds of Smoke—Great Eruption Grows in Intensity Each Hour—Six New Craters Opened Today—Resemble Messina.

CATANIA, Sicily, March 25.—The great eruption of Mount Aetna is growing in intensity with every passing hour. Six new craters opened today and shot forth streams of lava which have joined the boiling torrent that is despoiling cities, towns and farms in its path.

The towns of Borelio, Belpasso, San Leo, Rinazzi, Copello, Albanello and Nicolosi have been wholly or partially destroyed.

Thousands of persons are fleeing toward this city from the mountain towns.

Scores of inhabitants of villages on Aetna's slopes are reported missing. Although no dead have been reported, it is feared that the disaster may prove one of the most destructive of modern times.

Scenes following the destruction of the mountain towns resemble those of the town of Messina earthquake. Whole villages are on the move and streams of refugees composed of terror-stricken men, women and children are coming into Catania. Already the authorities are facing a serious problem in caring for the homeless.

Engineers at Work.

Government engineers are vainly endeavoring to avert the destruction of towns in the path of the lava torrent by hastily erecting dykes and digging trenches to divert the stream.

The irresistible flow of hot mud and boiling lava swept away all obstructions. The lava is traveling at the rate of 1300 feet an hour.

Stream Half Mile Wide.

The main stream which is causing the great destruction is 50 feet deep and half a mile wide.

The great lake of lava which has formed at the southern base of the mountain covers nine miles. This overflow wrought the destruction of the greater number of the towns.

Soldiers in Action.

Detachments of soldiers were ordered to drive out inhabitants of the threatened towns, and in many cases the people, although terror-stricken by the thunderous reverberations and recurrent earth shocks, refused to leave their homes. The soldiers were compelled to use bayonets to force them to leave places where they were exposed to certain death.

Word came to Catania that scores of refugees had been cut off by diverging lava streams and volunteers left for the scene. Many thrilling rescues were made.

Showers of Rock.

In addition to the lava, the inhabitants of the mountain towns were threatened with death by the outpouring of rocks and showers of hot ashes from the main crater.

With the outbreak of six craters today there are now 18 active craters pouring forth sulphurous vapors, stones and ashes, while each is an overflowing well of molten lava. Streams from these craters combine at a point half way down the south-

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COMMITTEE IS NAMED TO TAKE CHARGE RULES

Thick Coating of Harmony Reigns Over House Today and Talk of Further Fights on the Floor Has Ceased—Troubles Are Over for the Present.

DALZELL, PENNSYLVANIA, STILL ON RULES COMMITTEE

Democrats Keep Clark and Fitzgerald on Committee—Caucus of Each Party Is Attended by Great-est of Harmony.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 25.

The new rules committee of the house of representatives was formulated by the house today. The new committee is the result of the spectacular fight that occurred last week in the house and which ended in the ousting of Cannon from the rules committee and gave the naming of the committee to the house instead of the speaker.

The members of the new committee were selected by caucuses of the Republicans and Democrats, the Republicans naming six members of the new committee and the Democrats four.

The new committee is made up as follows:

Republicans—John Dalzell, Pennsylvania; Walter I. Smith, Iowa; J. Sloat Fassett, New York; Henry S. Boutell, Illinois; Sylvester C. Smith, California; George P. Lawrence, Massachusetts.

Democrats—Champ Clark, Missouri; Oscar Underwood, Alabama; John J. Fitzgerald, New York; Lincoln Dixon, Indiana.

Dalzell and Smith were the Republican members of the old committee and Clark and Fitzgerald, the Democratic members.

Although the insurgents were responsible for the fight which resulted in the new rules committee, they were given no representation. Dalzell is the oldest member of the committee in point of service. He will probably be selected as chairman. He is a staunch friend of Cannon and has served on the committee ever since Cannon has been speaker. Dalzell was originally appointed by Speaker Reed. He is considered one of the best parliamentarians in the house.

Champ Clark and John J. Fitzgerald will continue to serve on the rules committee of the house. Following the precedent of the Republican caucus, the Democrats nominated for the new committee the members who had served on the old. The new Democratic members will be Oscar Underwood of Alabama and Lincoln Dixon of Indiana.

There is a thick coating of harmony over the house today. The harmony leaked out of the two party conferences and holds all the members.

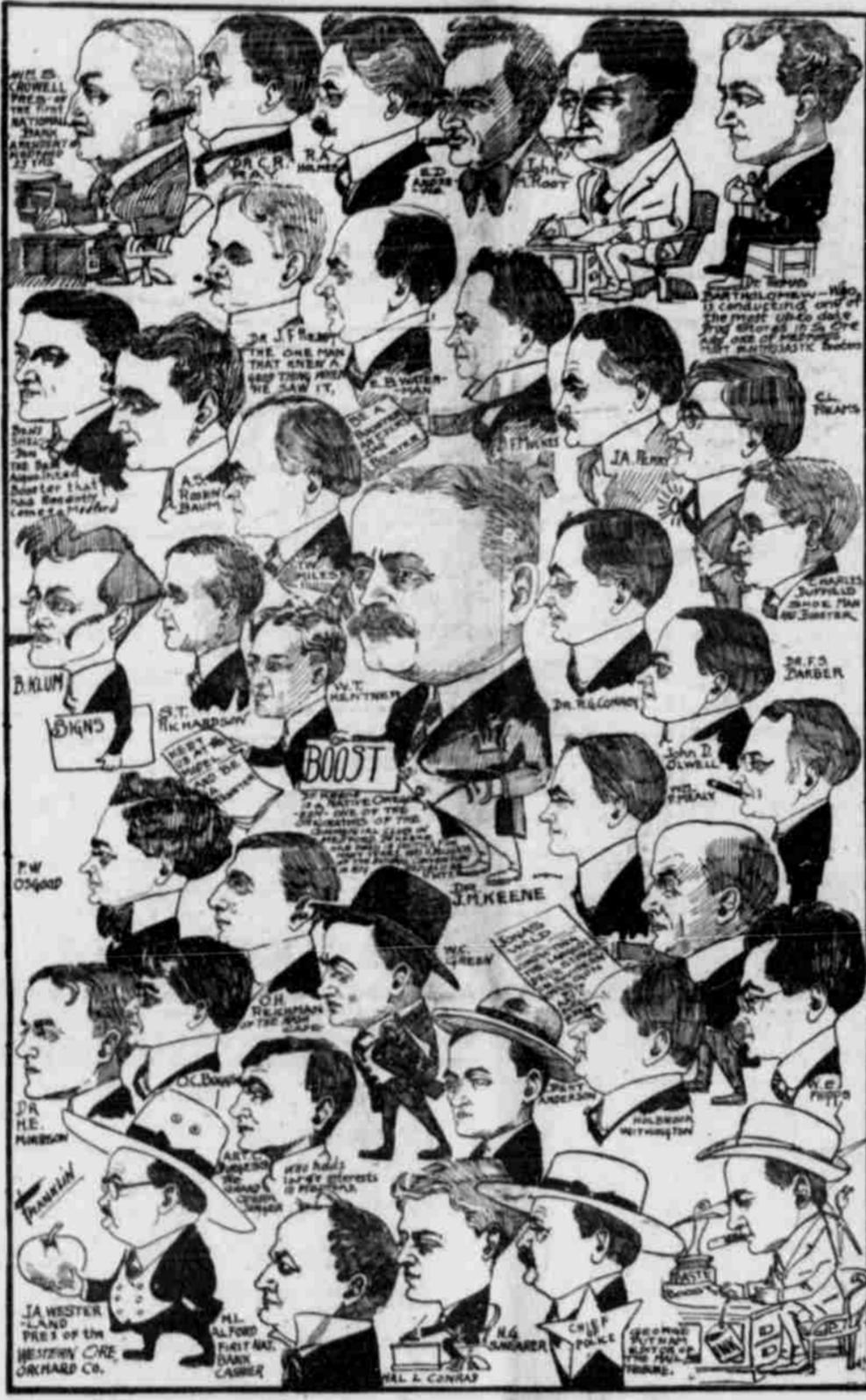
TALK OF FURTHER FIGHTS ON THE FLOOR OF THE HOUSE HAS CEASED, AND FOR THE PRESENT IT IS PREDICTED THAT THE TROUBLES ARE OVER.

Neither insurgents nor regulars are in a belligerent mood today.

PREPARING A NEW DIGEST OF ALL OREGON CASES

SALEM, Or., March 25.—Within a few weeks a new digest, to supplement Montague's digest of Oregon cases, will be ready for distribution among the lawyers of the state. It is being compiled jointly by Arthur S. Benson, deputy clerk of the supreme court, and Miss Effie May King, a clerk to Associate Justice McBride.

MEDFORD'S TEMPLE OF FAME



CHARTER MEMBERS OF MEDFORD STUNG CLUB—COURTESY "AMERICAN PROGRESS MAGAZINE."

THE BALLAD OF THE STUNG.

Join the Stung Club, then you can shout, Strut like a turkey, chest all puffed out. Buy a high niche in the temple of fame—Only costs five to get in the game.

Join the Stung Club, hit the swift pace, With prominent men get into the race, Doctors and lawyers, and editors, too, All are admitted—ten plunks for two.

Join the Stung Club, 'tis the last call, Buy ma a cut to hang on the wall. Chance of your life, any one can see —To become famous costs only a V.

Join the Stung Club and lead the van; Get out of the class of the "also an." Bargains we offer, cut rates in fame —Fame in small chunks at five plunks a name.

TO INCORPORATE TOWN WOODVILLE

A petition has been filed with the county court in which the Town of Woodville seeks to be incorporated. It is signed by 57 leading citizens of the thriving little town. The population of the city is given as 200. The county court has set May 4, 1910, as the day on which to hear protests in regard to the petition.

JOHN BROWN PLACE SELLS FOR \$21,000

J. J. Brown has sold his fine orchard just north of Central Point to E. Wyatt and D. T. Johnson, recent arrivals from the state of Washington. The consideration was \$21,000. Messrs. Wyatt and Johnson are fruit men of experience, but before buying they had the property thoroughly inspected and passed upon by the state fruit inspector of Washington who pronounced it one of the finest orchards he had ever looked over. Possession is to be given within 30 days. Mr. Brown sold this property just before the panic of 1907 and when the financial stringency came the purchaser was unable to make good. Mr. Brown is winner, however, to the tune of several thousand dollars in the enhanced value since that time.

LOWER RATE ON SMUDGING OIL

SALEM, Or., March 25.—A reduction in the rates charged by the Southern Pacific company for transporting crude oil to Southern Oregon for smudging peach orchards as a prevention against frost, amounting to 16 cents per hundred pounds, went into effect today. A special dispensation was granted the railroad company by the railroad commission yesterday at the request of W. E. Comans, general freight agent for the Harriman lines in Oregon. According to Mr. Comans, the use of crude petroleum has been found to be very successful in making smudges and that the demand by the peach orchardists in Southern Oregon for oil to save their crops made it necessary to reduce the rate. The new rate to Oakland, Or., will be 30 cents per 100 pounds. Mr. Comans expressed a willingness to extend the favor to other districts, if they found it desirable to try the experiment. The law of this state makes it unlawful for a railroad to change its rates within ten days after giving notice to the railroad commission, but permission was granted the railroad company in this instance by the commission to make the change at once.

NO DAMAGE IS DONE TO FRUIT

Apples and pears were not injured by the frost of Thursday night, according to Professor P. J. O'Gara, although the temperature dropped in spots to 25 degrees. The range was about 29 degrees. Tonight, according to the weather man, will be warmer, a slight frost being anticipated. Professor O'Gara is keeping a close tab on the weather and any orchardist may know how cold it is growing by calling the Medford telephone central. LYNN PURDIN PURCHASES RECORD PRINTING OFFICE A deal was closed recently whereby Lynn Purdin, foreman in the Central Point Herald office, became the owner of the Record printing plant in the Whiteside building. The plant was installed last summer by Mrs. Maple, who with her husband, engaged in the printing business. The town proving to small however to support two newspapers, Mrs. Maple decided to dispose of the plant, which is very complete. Mr. Purdin has not decided just what he will do with the plant, but that he has a good outfit is unquestioned.

GAS FRANCHISE IS GRANTED TO J. R. ANDERSON

Is for Term of 36 Years and Work Must Start in Near Future—City Gets Five Per Cent of the Light Receipts—Work to Start Soon and Will Be Rushed.

MUST BE IN ACTIVE OPERATION IN 8 MONTHS

Mr. Anderson Promises to Build a Plant Which Will Be Credit to the City—Rates as Cheap as Those in Oil Fields.

At a special session of the city council held Friday morning a franchise was granted J. R. Anderson of Pasadena for the erection of a gas plant in the city of Medford. The franchise is for a period of 35 years.

By the terms of the franchise the gas plant must be in operation, furnishing gas to the residents of the city, within eight months from the date of granting the franchise. The city is to receive 5 per cent of the net receipts of the company for all income derived from lights.

Mr. Anderson stated today that his company was ready to begin active construction at once. They plan to spend \$100,000 on the plant, which, when completed, will own over 20 miles of mains in the city. The location of the plant has not yet been decided upon.

VALUABLE DOG HAS DISAPPEARED FROM HOME

Walter McCallum is looking for his registered collie, which disappeared from its kennel three days ago. The collie is a very fine one and is registered, so that should it be stolen it can never be exhibited without detection. The collie is sable with white collar.

LATE LOCAL NEWS.

Charles Lindsay of Lilyglen brought in the skins of two bobcats and three coyotes, for the killing of which he collected the bounty at the county clerk's office recently.

Hot-Cross buns for sale at Rardon's Bakery.

The sale of tickets for the Greater Medford club entertainment opens Saturday morning at Haskins' drug store. Price of tickets—general admission, 25 cents, reserved seats 35 cents, children under 12 years, 15 cents.

Rardon's Bakery is serving delicious drinks and ice cream at their new fountain.

W. G. Smith of Wolf Creek was in Medford Friday on business.

Rardon's Bakery is selling fancy large oranges, 50c size for 35c and 40c size for 25c per dozen.

H. S. Radcliff of Salem is in this city on a business trip.

Rardon's Bakery is selling fancy large Newtown apples.

F. A. Griseoz, county surveyor, is in Medford from Ashland on official business.

Easter lilies. Phone 374, Medford Greenhouse.

D. A. Lofgren of Portland is in Medford on a visit to J. A. Westlund of the Western Orchards company.

Good results obtained from Cream of Wheat—to be seen at the Medford theater, Monday. Be sure and go. W. E. Catterlin, deputy food and dairy inspector, is in Ashland today on official business.

Watch the Gold Dust Twins do their work Monday night at the Medford theater.

EIGHT WOMEN AND FOUR MEN DIE IN FLAMES

Big Structure Burns in Chicago—Escape of Women Is Cut Off When the Automatic Fire Doors Close Soon After the Fire Was Discovered.

ONE GIRL LEAPS SIX STORIES IN EFFORT TO LIVE

Vast Crowd Gathers and Watches Vain Attempts of Girls to Cheat Death—Firemen Fail to Go Higher Than Fourth Floor.

CHICAGO, Ill., March 25.—Twelve persons were killed today in a fire that destroyed a building occupied by Fish & Co., furniture dealers. The list of dead may reach fifteen.

Eleven persons, it is known, burned to death, and one, a girl, was killed when she jumped from the sixth story in a desperate effort to save her life.

Four men and eight women were killed.

The women were on the sixth floor. Their escape was cut off by the automatic fire doors, which closed when the fire broke out. Flames barred the way to the stairways and the women were forced to the windows.

The girls clustered on the narrow ledges and watched the firemen below endeavoring to reach them by scaling ladders. The fire in the corridors of the building grew near and it became a race between the firemen and the flames.

A vast crowd watched the attempts of the girls to cheat death by running to the windows farthest from the fire. Every effort of the firemen that brought them nearer to the sixth-floor windows was greeted with cheers, but for the most part the vast crowd that watched the fight was silent. Finally it was seen that the girls were doomed.

The firemen reached the fourth story, but beyond that point their efforts were futile.

The Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company are now rebuilding the Jacksonville plant, a new switchboard has been installed in the new quarters, new cable and material is now on the ground for the outside plant, and with the completion of this work continuous day and night service will be inaugurated. Arrangements are being also made to supply additional trunk line facilities to handle the increased business between Medford and Ashland.

Mrs. Elizabeth Kenney of Jacksonville left for San Francisco Wednesday morning, where she will visit her granddaughter, Miss Bessie Kenney, for several weeks.

Leon Hanna left for San Francisco recently to join his mother, who had preceded him, and to complete his musical education on the violin.

Mrs. Josephine Russell of Jacksonville and son Donald returned from San Francisco Wednesday night.

Tickets for the entertainments to be given at the Medford theater Tuesday evening will be on sale at Haskins' drug store Saturday morning.

A new boarding house may be necessary if you are to remain an optimist—so read and answer some of the ads.

W. G. Estep will return Friday evening from Los Angeles, where he has been for the past several months.

Harry McClelland of Roseburg is in Medford on a visit.