

THE WEATHER.

Tonight and Thursday—Warmer and clear. No low temperature tonight. Cold snap is broken for the present.

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BLIZZARD IS AN AID TO CROPS

Although Railroad Traffic and Wire Service is Badly Crippled by Severe Storm Which Sweeps Rocky Mountain Belt, Crops are Benefited and Loss More Than Offset.

COLORADO FRUIT CROP SAID TO BE UNINJURED

Storm is Over, But Several Days Will Elope Before Communication is Restored to Normal Conditions—Heavy Wind Followed by Snow.

DENVER, Colo., March 30.—Although railroad traffic and wire service is badly crippled today on account of the blizzard which swept over the region between Denver and Kansas City and extended into New Mexico, however, the damage done by the storm is more than offset by the financial benefit which will accrue to farmers whose crops were threatened with failure, due to the extended period of clear skies in the last month.

Indications today are that the storm is over, but it is expected that several days will elapse before the telegraph companies will be able to resume normal service.

Reports today from various sections of the intermountain country indicate that the blizzard raged as furiously at one point as it did at others.

High winds, rain and snow tore down the wires and poles around Julesburg, Colo., and a like condition prevails in the central routes via Pueblo and Kansas. From Santa Fe, N. M., a heavy snow storm was recorded and a big drop in temperature was noted. All mountain cities of Colorado are covered by snow today.

The snow stopped falling at most points in the Rockies late last night. In the Colorado fruit districts rising temperatures are being recorded. The fruit suffered no damage from the storm.

In the vicinity of Cheyenne, Wyo., the 50-mile-an-hour gale which blew yesterday abated today. Wires are down in many places and traffic is delayed by high snow drifts. A heavy snow storm accompanied the high wind.

Prices that a merchant is anxious to advertise are sure to be right, for he knows the hurt to his store's reputation if most ad-readers should say, "that's too high!"

SUPREME COURT WILL NOT ACCOMPANY THE REMAINS OF BREWER

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 30.—The justices of the supreme court today decided not to accompany the body of Justice Brewer to his old home in Leavenworth, Kan., for burial. The members of the court planned at first to take the trip, but decided that it would require too long an absence from the bench.

There will be brief funeral services at the Brewer residence in Washington Thursday afternoon. The other justices will act as pallbearers and will escort the body to the station, where, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, the start will be made for Leavenworth.

50 SOLDIERS PERISH IN WRECK

Special Troop Train Collides With Express—Light Wooden Cars Used to Convey Troops Crushed Like Eggshells Under Heavy Coaches of Express—Buried Under Wreckage.

SOLDIERS SHOW GREAT PRESENCE OF MIND

Attack Wreckage With Their Guns, Using Them as Levers to Pry Apart Broken Framework in Order to Rescue Others.

BERLIN, March 30.—Between 50 and 75 soldiers were killed in a railroad collision near Muehlheim today.

Twenty bodies have been recovered. Others can be seen under the wreckage.

A special troop train collided with the North German-Lloyd express. No passengers on the express were killed. The troop train was made up of light wooden cars. The express consisted of heavy steel coaches. The cars of the troop train were shattered up by the impact of the heavy coaches of the express.

The soldiers were buried under a mass of wreckage. The few soldiers who escaped death or injury were set to work under the direction of their officers to clear away the wreckage.

The injured were carried to an improvised hospital and the bodies of the dead laid out in rows along the track.

The soldiers who escaped injury showed remarkable presence of mind and discipline under adverse circumstances was maintained. The survivors attacked the wreckage with their guns, using them as levers to pry apart the broken framework of the cars.

SOCIETY FORMED TO PREVENT KILLING OF ELEPHANTS

PARIS, March 30.—"The elephant's friends," is the name of a new formed society here today for the purpose of checking wanton slaughter of the pachyderms in Africa and Asia.

The formation of the society just on the eve of Roosevelt's entry into Paris from his triumphant African hunt is causing considerable comment.

The society believes that the elephant is threatened with extinction unless some action is taken to prevent it. Secretary Tournier declares that the elephant species is on the road to disappearance. The Roosevelts, great and small, take pleasure in exterminating them. They slaughter on an average of 40,000 of these beasts a year. In all of Africa there are not more than 325,000 elephants living, so at the present rate of slaughter the African elephant will not last many years.

FRISCO SUFFERS \$35,000 FIRE ON MISSION STREET

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., March 30.—It is estimated today that \$35,000 damage was caused by fire last night which destroyed a row of frame buildings in Mission street, between Nineteenth and Twentieth. Five stores were burned with most of their contents.

Mrs. Sally Pratt, who resided above one of the stores, nearly lost her life during the fire. She ran into the structure to rescue a pet canary. Later firemen found her unconscious in the smoke-filled stairway, where she had been overcome. The bird cage was clasped tightly in her hand.

The origin of the fire is unknown. It broke out in the rear of a men's furnishing store owned by M. Sternberger.

SURVEYORS LAYING OUT STATE ROAD ARE BLOCKED BY WOMEN

WALLA WALLA, Wash., March 30.—Surveyors laying out the route for the state highway are idle in Walla Walla today, fearing the wrath of the farmers if they continue their work.

Mrs. Lewis Windust and Mrs. Peter Swanson, near Dayton, drove the surveying gang off their farms at the muzzle of shotguns Monday night. Yesterday the men secured an injunction restraining the women from further interference, but feeling among the farmers is so intense and their objections against the state highway running through their property is so strong the men fear to return to their work.

500,000 ARE AFFECTED BY FLOW

Mount Aetna Spews Ashes and Cinders Over Immense Area, Reducing Thousands of Farmers to Poverty—Vineyards and Orchards Killed—Soldiers Ordered Back.

STREETS OF CATANIA, 20 MILES AWAY, DEEP IN ASHES

Thirty-Five Craters Now Active—Thousands of Peasants Rush Through Streets Praying to Virgin to Save Them From Destruction.

CATANIA, March 30.—Local authorities have appealed to the government for aid in caring for thousands of refugees from the stricken territory surrounding Mount Aetna.

Relief depots here are being overcrowded with men and women who hitherto have been independent, but are now in need of food, clothing and medicines.

The extent of the destruction is so great that an appeal for financial aid is asked as well as for supplies. It is considered here that the government will note an appropriation to carry out relief work. A rumor spread here today that King Victor Emanuel is planning to visit Catania to personally supervise relief. The report caused joy, which quickly changed to sorrow when the rumor was denied.

CATANIA, March 30.—A violent eruption of Mount Aetna throughout the night filled Catania's streets with ashes and cinders to the depth of half a foot. The volcano, 20 miles away, is spewing volcanic dust over a great area to the southward, is raising vineyards and orchards and is showing every indication of an approaching crisis. A population of 500,000 has been affected by the flow.

A huge stream of molten lava is moving slowly toward this city and the people are becoming hysterical with fright. Frequent earth tremors add to the alarm of the populace and the increasing detonations from the mountain are causing widespread fear.

Fresh craters appeared in the night and today. Professor Rice estimates that 35 craters in the volcano, old and new, are now active.

The prefect and other civil authorities are doing everything in their power to allay alarm. They have assured the people, through proclamations, that the lava cannot despoil Catania, owing to the conformation of the lava between here and the mountain.

The assurances of the authorities that the lavatic stream probably will be diverted calmed the more intelligent of the people, but thousands of peasants pass through the ash-strewn streets, praying to the Virgin to save them from death.

The heavy coat of ashes has choked all vegetation for miles and the country has taken on a desolate appearance. The impalpable dust from the craters fills the air to such an extent that breathing is unpleasant. During the day the sun's rays caused the floating particles to become illuminated with beautiful colors, while at night the fires of the volcano present an awe-inspiring but terrifying sight.

An indication of the increasing violence of the eruption was the issuance of orders today withdrawing troops from their stations nearest the mountain. The former danger zone is deserted by every living creature.

The greatest damage that has been wrought so far is not from lava, but from the showers of lapilli that are falling over an area of many miles. Nearly the whole country between Catania and the mountain is covered with ashes. This has killed vineyards and orchards and reduced to poverty hundreds of farmers.

ENUMERATORS QUIT BEFORE THEY START IN

Four Men Recommended by Commercial Club and Appointed to Take Census in Medford Send Back Their Commissions in Disgust—Pay is Not Enough.

Because Uncle Sam only comes through with 3 cents for each person counted, Census Enumerators McCown, Sammerville, Eisenhart and Miller have fired their commissions back at the old boy and decline to have anything to do with the matter.

The boys state that they were promised \$6 a day and instead found they would only get 3 cents for each person counted. Hence their disgust.

2000 WOMEN CRY "GIVE US BREAD"

Inmates of Pittsburg "Red-Light District" to March in Body to City Hall and Demand Rescinding of Mayor's Order Abolishing District.

PITTSBURG, Pa., March 30.—Word was carried to Mayor Magee today that unless the order wiping out the Pittsburg "red light district" is countermanded within the next 24 hours, 2000 women from that section of the city will invade the city hall and demand that the council furnish them other ways of securing their living.

It was hinted today that politicians and others interested in maintenance of the crib district have been organizing the women for the demonstration. They will march through the business streets of the city carrying banners and placards. "Give us bread," one of these placards will read.

The order for the closing of the red-light district was the result of crusades of a body of Pittsburg reformers. They were led by Robert Wilson. Mayor Magee stated today that he will meet the women through a representative if they carry out their threat and march to the city hall. It was further asserted that he would advise them to continue their march to the Pitt hotel, where Robert Wilson makes his headquarters, and lay their cases before him. A similar crusade was inaugurated in Pittsburg in 1892. On that occasion 700 women invaded the city hall and laid their cases before the mayor.

For three days delegations of the down-trodden stormed the executive offices

WILL START PAVING SOON

New \$30,000 Plant Will Be Erected in This City by Clark-Henry Co.—Graders Will Be at Work Upon Streets of City Within Next Two Weeks, According to Clark.

COMPANY MAY ALSO BID ON SEWER MAIN

Work Has Started Upon Paving West Main Street—Will Be Completed and Open to Public in About Three Weeks if Weather is Good.

Within the next two weeks the Clark-Henry Construction company of Sacramento, which was the successful bidder for the work of paving nearly ten miles of the streets of the city, will have their graders and rollers here and will have started work upon their contract. By the time a few blocks are ready for the "hot stuff" a new \$30,000 plant will be in readiness to turn out the mixture.

Arthur Clark, manager of the Sacramento branch of the company, states that he is desirous of getting at the work as soon as possible, and every means will be employed to get the work under way.

It is probable that the Clark-Henry company will also bid on the laying of water and sewer mains in the city and will carry this work along ahead of the laying of pavement on those streets which are to be paved, but which have as yet no water or sewer mains. Mr. Clark is considering this matter at present.

On Tuesday Mr. Clark, Mayor Canon, Engineer Foster, Councilmen Eifer, Demmer and Welsh and City Recorder Telfer visited the city's rock quarry above Jacksonville on an inspection tour. Mr. Clark was very much pleased with the quality of the rock.

The Warren Construction company has undertaken the completion of paving West Main and are spending much time in rolling and grading the street. They expect to have this street paved to the city limits within three weeks, if the present weather holds.

most surely welcomes Mrs. Ray and are glad to claim her as their own. William Vawter made his debut last evening and received praise and

EACH FEATURE OF SHOW WAS DECIDED HIT

Ladies of Greater Medford Club Give Best Show for the Money We Have Had—From a Financial Standpoint, Show Was Also Great Success.

The entertainment given last night by the Greater Medford club was a success. The word on the street this morning is, the best show for the money we have had. The admission was very reasonable and it is the wish of the public that entertainments of this sort be repeated quite frequently, as it is a good way of raising funds for the library.

The program was varied, each feature being thoroughly enjoyed and differing materially from the others. The program opened with some very pretty tableaux, or magazine illustrations, as they were called, and following was a quartet, "The Sea Hath Its Pearls," which was beautifully rendered by Miss McMillian, Mrs. Andrews, Mr. Whetsel and Mr. Andrews. These four voices blended well and the singers were rewarded with a hearty encore.

The next musical number was "Elizabeth's Prayer," from the opera, "Tannhauser," rendered by Mrs. F. H. Ray. This was Mrs. Ray's first appearance musically before a Medford audience. The selection is a pretentious one and music-lovers were expecting a treat, and to say that they were agreeably surprised is only putting it mildly. Medford has some really good musical talent, and for a new singer to break into the circle and take the audience by storm, as Mrs. Ray did last evening, is indeed a triumph. The lady possesses a full, rich, dramatic soprano voice, and her phrasing shows years of careful culture. Medford

Such a Rumor is Started Among Politicians and Much Excitement is Stirred Up—Friends of President Admit That Hughes Has Been Considered a Possibility—Rumor of Appointment Emanates From Washington—Hughes Says He Will Not Be a Candidate.

JUSTICESHIP FOR HUGHES?

NEW YORK, March 30.—That Governor Charles E. Hughes of New York may be proffered a justiceship on the supreme court of the United States is a rumor which caused a buzz of comment in political circles here today.

The rumor, which emanates from Washington, declares that President Taft previously considered the advisability of naming Governor Hughes to the supreme bench, and that the matter had been discussed in a meeting of New York politicians attended by the president.

The death of Justice Brewer, which leaves a vacancy just at the time when Governor Hughes' term has almost expired and when he could properly consider such a position, has caused the rumor that such an offer is to be made to gain circulation.

Friends of President Taft in Washington are reported to have admitted that the president has considered Hughes the most available candidate for any vacancy that might arise.

Hughes recently announced that he will not again be a candidate for governor. This announcement, which puts him out of state politics, at least so far as state offices is concerned, therefore his friends think he will accept an offer of justiceship. An angle of the matter that is of interest is the effect that such an appointment would have on state politics.

TEDDY IS OFF TO NAPLES

No Reminder at Sailing of Nationalist Disturbances of Yesterday—England Mightily Relieved to Have Him With His Big Stiek Out of Egypt—Colonel Thanks Khedive for Entertaining Him—Hopes for No Unpleasant Aftermath.

ALEXANDRIA, Egypt, March 30.—Ex-President Roosevelt bade farewell to Egypt this afternoon, sailing at 2 o'clock on the liner Prinz Heinrich for Naples.

Before his departure he sent a telegraph message to the khedive, thanking him for courtesies enjoyed in Egypt.

Former President Roosevelt and his party left at 4:45 o'clock this morning for Alexandria. He will sail today from Alexandria for Naples, where he will arrive Saturday.

When the party left today there was no reminder of yesterday's Nationalist demonstration. The station was crowded with the former president's friend, who gave him a hearty sendoff.

The khediviah sent Mrs. Roosevelt a bouquet as a mark of special honor.

A number of high officials assured the colonel that yesterday's demonstration was headed by irresponsible agitators. Roosevelt laughed at the affair and said he considered it an "interesting incident of a most interesting visit."

"I only hope," he said, "that there will be no unpleasant aftermath."

"I have been told that the Nationalists are likely to wage their fight now with redoubled energy. If they do, it will be a case of hunting for provocation, as there was nothing in my remarks to which true Nationalists could take exception."

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