

THE WEATHER.

Tonight and Thursday—  
Clear and warmer (if the  
comet don't hit us.)

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## REAMES SPRINGS NEW STUNT TO DELAY TRIAL OF CITY'S CONDEMNATION SUIT

### ASKS THAT SUIT ON CONTRACT BE TRIED OUT FIRST

Attorneys Neff and Smith Appear  
for City and Are Arguing Matter  
This Afternoon—City Urges Early  
Trial of Suit.

A. E. Reames, attorney for M. F. Hanley, today sprung a new stunt in his efforts to delay the hearing of the suit brought against Hanley by the city for a right of way across the Hanley premises on Little Butte creek. He now demands that the contract which Hanley claims to have with the city be tried out before the condemnation proceedings are put under way. This afternoon the attorneys in the case are arguing the matter before Judge Calkins. The city hoped to have the drawing of the jury under way today, but have so far failed, owing to the blocking tactics of Mr. Reames.

## AMENT DAM IS TO BE REBUILT IN NEAR FUTURE

Representative of Eastern Stock-  
holders in Golden Drift Mining  
Company Trying to Bring Con-  
tending Factions Together.

That the Ament dam will be re-  
built in a solid and substantial man-  
ner in the near future is the state-  
ment made by P. Phillip, representa-  
tive of the eastern stockholders of  
the Golden Drift Mining Company,  
who spent Wednesday in Medford.  
He has for a week been trying to  
bring about an agreement between  
conflicting interests, and leaves with-  
in a day or so for Chicago. He will  
be represented by George Sanders,  
receiver of the company, during his  
absence, and expects to return shortly  
to conclude negotiations and com-  
mence reconstruction.

"We have made Mr. Ament a propo-  
sition to take over his interest,"  
said Mr. Phillip, "and are prepared  
to begin work within twenty-four  
hours on the dam, and be ready to  
furnish irrigation water within 60  
days. I represent the people whose  
money built the dams and am work-  
ing in harmony with the bondhold-  
ers. There is little doubt but that  
some kind of a compromise will be  
speedily reached, terminating the  
present litigation, and enabling us to  
go on with the work. An im-  
mense district can be irrigated. The  
dam is in a favorable site, and we  
hope soon to announce the beginning  
of construction work.

"We plan a cement dam, and a  
permanent fishway over it. The  
cost of the structure will approxi-  
mate \$25,000."

Receiver Sanders states that there  
is no danger of the present dam  
being injured by flood, as \$6,000  
worth of repair work has been done  
in the past few months, enabling the  
structure to successfully resist all  
floods.

## WILL BE HERE TONIGHT

Louis W. Hill and party  
will arrive in Medford tonight  
by auto from Klamath Falls,  
according to a telegram re-  
ceived this afternoon by  
Judge Colvig.

## TWO COMPANIES OF MILITIA HOLD 2100 STRIKERS IN CHECK

ILASO, Mo., May 18.—Weary soldiers were hurt from their 24 hours' vigil, the two companies of the Missouri state militia trying to hold in check 2100 striking employes of the Atlas Portland Cement company must be reinforced today or further trouble may result.

Since their arrival yesterday morning the guardsmen have been unable to sleep. One of the companies was fired upon by men hidden in a dense patch of brush. The guardsmen returned the fire and charged into the brush. None of the

## METEORITE HITS TOPEKA

### CAUSES PANIC AMONG CLERKS

Stone Was Not When It Stopped  
That It Could Not Be Handled—  
Falls Near Desk After Plunging  
Through Building's Roof.

TOPEKA, Kan., May 18.—A small meteorite fell through the roof of the Shawnee building at 10 o'clock this morning. The aerial projectile struck within a few feet of the desk of J. W. Going, manager of the Shawnee Fire Insurance company.

The fall of the meteorite caused a panic among the four or five clerks in the office. The stone was so hot that it could not be handled.

## CONNECTION OF BALLINGER WITH MORGAN SHOWN

George W. Perkins, Head of Morgan  
Company, Will Probably Be Called  
to Stand in Ballinger Investigation  
—City Engineer Drawn in Case.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 18.—The prediction that George W. Perkins, of the J. P. Morgan company, would be called as a witness was a feature of the Ballinger investigation today.

Letters marked "personal" and "confidential" on record before the committee show that Ballinger, soon after he became secretary of the interior, was in communication with Perkins concerning the plans Perkins and Reginald H. Thomson, city engineer of Seattle, had made for a trip to Alaska last summer.

That Thomson also will be called to the stand is considered probable.

The correspondence which was brought out by Frederick M. Kerby, former stenographer for the interior department, shows that Ballinger wrote a personal letter to Thomson May 9, 1909, telling of a visit of the secretary to Perkins.

The letter.

"I was a guest of Perkins at Yonkers last Sunday," Ballinger wrote. "Perkins is the head of the Morgan company.

"Perkins told me he had arranged for a special boat to take himself and his party, including his family, to Alaska to investigate the feasi-

## AMERICAN GUNBOAT READY TO RUSH TO AID OF BLUEFIELDS AND PREVENT ITS PILLAGE

BLUEFIELDS, Nicaragua, May 18.—Three American gunboats are lying within wireless call of Bluefields today, waiting a message that may come to them at any moment to rush to the Nicaraguan city and prevent its pillage by the forces of President Madriz. The situation here is critical today. With fighting going on at Rama, and with the port blockaded by the Madriz gunboat Venus, it is believed that the final chapter of the Nicaraguan revolution

## LICENSE TO SELL LIQUOR \$1000 YEAR

Council by Vote of Four to Two Or-  
ders City Attorney to Prepare an  
Ordinance Fixing the Annual Sa-  
loon License at \$1000 a Year, a  
Raise of \$200.

Hereafter the saloonmen in Medford must pay \$1000 a year liquor license instead of \$800, which has heretofore been paid. This action was taken by the city council Tuesday evening, when, by a vote of four to two the city attorney was instructed to draw an ordinance fixing the license at \$1000 a year.

The council has been contemplating raising the license for some time, owing to the fact that the city is growing rapidly and that the saloons are restricted.

The Moore hotel license was renewed last evening. There was some friction over it, but the license was granted.

## ASHLAND TO VOTE ON TROLLEY LINE JUNE ELEVENTH

Council Orders Election on Allen's  
Application for Trolley Franchise  
and an Application of Anderson  
for Gas Plant Rights.

The city council of Ashland Tuesday evening ordered a special election on the application of John R. Allen for a trolley franchise in that city, the election to be held June 11. The council further ordered that the application of J. R. Anderson for a gas franchise be submitted to the people on the same day.

The council by resolution rescinded a recent adoption of asphalt pavement in order that the city might entertain bitulithic.

## RABIES RAGING ON IDAHO RANGES

LEWISTON, Idaho, May 18.—Despite the efforts of veterinaries scores of range cattle are going mad in the Salmon river district. It is suspected that the rabies are epidemic in the district.

A valuable span of horses was gored to death yesterday by a mad-dened cow near Whitebird, and when corralled she battered her brains out against the stockade rails.

## William Lorimer of Illinois, Accused of Buying Senatorship



SENATOR WILLIAM LORIMER

## "BEAST" IS SLAIN IN DENVER

LINDSEY WINS  
GREAT VICTORY

DENVER, Colo., May 18.—A sweeping victory for the "reform element" is indicated today in returns from yesterday's municipal election. Although the official count has not been completed and the result of the vote on municipal ownership of the water plant is in doubt, it is believed that initiative and referendum and recall have been adopted, while the 20-year water franchise was defeated.

The victory is characterized on all sides as a vote of confidence in Judge Ben Lindsey, whose story of the "Beast and the Jungle," appearing in an eastern magazine, has described what he characterized as municipal rottenness in Denver.

The Democrats were victorious in the election, today's returns indicate, and carried a majority of the 16 aldermen.

The fight before the election was spectacular, with Lindsey, the famous judge of the Denver juvenile court, playing a star part. He has been one of the hardest workers for the reformers.

The Republican organization was swamped. Seven citizen leaguers are the only officers they elected.

## SHERMAN COMES TO AID OF HIS RUNNING MATE

Vice-President Has Much Praise for  
Taft and His Methods—Take Slap  
at Roosevelt, But by Inference  
Only.

KALAMAZOO, Mich., May 18.—Praising the administration of President Taft and defending the Payne-Aldrich tariff bill, Vice-President James S. Sherman today opened the congressional campaign here. The vice-president referred to Taft as a president who "doesn't try to deceive the people." The feeling against the tariff bill, Sherman attributed to "false statements."

By inference, Sherman compared Taft and Roosevelt, indicating his belief that the present president is an improvement over predecessor.

## EARTH HITS COMET TAIL 5 O'CLOCK

Illumination of Western Sky is Pre-  
dicted, With Possible Meteoric  
Display—We Will Emerge (if at  
All) at 11 o'Clock—Negroes Are  
Praying for Respite.

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+ The earth enters the com- +  
+ et's tail at 5 o'clock tonight, +  
+ western time, and emerges at +  
+ 11 p. m. +  
+ The estimated thickness of +  
+ the tail at the point of inter- +  
+ ception by the earth is one +  
+ million miles. +  
+ The length of the tail is es- +  
+ timated at 20,000,000 miles. +  
+ The distance between the +  
+ earth and the head of the +  
+ comet is computed to be +  
+ 14,000,000 miles. +  
+ An illumination of the +  
+ western sky is predicted, with +  
+ a possible meteoric display. +  
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## BERKELEY, CAL., MAY 18.—Hal- ley's comet will begin its transit across the face of the sun at 7:39 tonight, Pacific standard time. This is the latest and most authentic computation, and was made by Professor A. C. Lueschner, astronomer at the University of California, at the re- quest of the Astronomical and Astro- physical Society of Washington, D. C.

Because observatories located  
farthest west are nearest the sun and  
the comet at the latest moment that  
the comet was visible in America, the  
photographs and observations taken  
along the Pacific Coast are regarded  
by scientists as the most accurate  
data for final computations of the  
comet's passage. For this reason,  
Professor Lueschner was asked to  
compute the time of the passage of  
the comet across the face of the sun  
and the passage of the earth through  
the comet's tail.

Professor's Statement.  
Professor A. E. Lueschner said to-  
day that the comet will be in transit  
across the face of the sun tonight.  
The time of the ingress will be  
7:39:10 p. m. The middle of transit  
will be 8:08:48 p. m., and the time  
of egress 8:37:46 p. m. These fig-  
ures are Pacific standard time.

The transit, theoretically, may be  
observable from points only in the  
Pacific ocean, although it is doubt-  
ful if astronomers of the Orient will  
be able to discern the transit.

The earth will enter the tail of the  
comet tonight at 5 p. m. and will  
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## WELLS FARGO IS TURNED DOWN CITY COUNCIL

Specifications for New Building Did  
Not Conform to Building Require-  
ments and Council Refuses to  
Grant Permit.

The city council Tuesday evening refused to grant the Wells Fargo Express company permission to erect a building near the new Southern Pacific depot, unless new specifications are prepared and the exact location of the building be given.

The plans and specifications of the building were not satisfactory, inasmuch as they did not provide a fireproof structure. It was a consensus of opinion that Wells-Fargo could erect a much better building and that they should, so the permit was denied.