

THE WEATHER.

Tonight and Wednesday—Partly cloudy. Possible showers.  
Wednesday—Clear, warmer.

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## ROOSEVELT LEADER OF INSURGENTS

Former President Heart and Soul With Opponents of Administration, Declares Report of Committee Now Made Public for First Time—Tried to Induce Taft to Favor Them.

WASHINGTON, D. S. May 24.—That Theodore Roosevelt is with the insurgents, heart and soul, is the gist of a hitherto unpublished report made by a committee of insurgents to a caucus of the house progressives in March, 1909. The endorsement was given the insurgents in the strenuous closing days of Roosevelt's administration.

With this support behind them, the house progressives, with "Roosevelt and insurgency" as the battle cry, are planning a terrific campaign next fall that will sweep the former president into the whirlpool of politics.

The endorsement, which forms the ground work of the campaign plan, was given to Representative Nelson of Wisconsin, Representative Gardner of Massachusetts and Representative Madison of Kansas. The three representatives were sent as a committee by the insurgents to Roosevelt to obtain endorsement of the insurgent policies. They appeared before the caucus and made a report of the result of their mission. The report is here made public for the first time: Cannon an Obstacle.

On March 3, 1909, the report declares, Roosevelt proposed to give Representative Nelson as chairman of the insurgent committee a letter endorsing the fight made by the progressives on Speaker Cannon, and the house rules. He expressed thorough sympathy with the progressives and said: "Cannon has been the greatest obstacle to my efforts to secure good legislation throughout my administration."

On March 4, after having spent an evening with Taft, Roosevelt asked the insurgents to excuse him from writing a formal letter incorporating these views on the ground that such a letter might embarrass the new administration.

Asked Taft's Help. Standing in the president's room in (Continued on Page Five.)

## ELECTION TODAY IS VERY QUIET

At 2 This Afternoon Less Than 100 Votes Had Been Cast—Indications Are Territory Will Be Admitted.

The election being held in Medford today for the purpose of voting in additional territory to the city of Medford is one of the most quiet ever held in the city. At 2 o'clock less than 100 votes had been cast. The territory which is applying for admission is that west of Oakdale avenue and south of the Jacksonville road. From all indications, the matter will be carried and the territory admitted.

## PORTLAND CROWDS SEE COMET AND ECLIPSE

PORTLAND, Or., May 24.—It is estimated that 60,000 persons climbed the heights surrounding Portland last night to get a view of Halley's comet during the total eclipse of the moon.

Streetscars to Mount Tabor, Council Crest and Portland Heights were jammed with expectant, humanity, while the roads leading to higher altitudes were alive with speeding automobiles, loaded down with cometeers.

There was a circus in town, but it could not compete with the sky vaudeville offered by mother nature.

## Brooklyn Man Who Claims To Be Heir to English Throne.



John G. E. W. Gueiph towers over six feet four inches, is a good judge of Kentucky bourbon, looks like an Indiana circuit rider of the old school, has a Yankee twang in talking and heaps of nerve. Gueiph, or Prince John, as he insists on being called, is, according to his story, the son of the late King Edward of England. He has a lawyer and a mass of papers which, he claims, will prove his right to be the ruler of Great Britain. He is going to London within the next two weeks to lay his claim "before my brother, now King George." Gueiph has a long history in and around New York and for months lived at the Plaza hotel. He has two servants, who address him as "your highness." Where Gueiph secures his money has been a mystery, but he gives the impression that it comes from England. "This point will go to prove my right to the throne when I make public my letters and where I secure my money," said Prince John. In the meantime Prince John has given up twenty dollar a day hotel rooms for a more modest room at 106 Montague street, Brooklyn. "You see," he explains, "my father had been ill for some time."

## WATER RATES FIXED TONIGHT

Council to Determine How Much Citizens Will Pay for Aqua Pura—Rates Operative Throughout Year.

After two months of consideration the water committee of the city council will in all probability this evening make their report to the city council. However, their report is not complete and their action tonight will simply put the matter up to the council as a whole.

The water rates are proving one of the biggest problems the council has as yet tackled. An equitable adjustment is most difficult. No monthly rate has as yet been determined upon.

The committee believes that the best course to pursue is to fix a rate for each house and business block and charge it against the property. Then there will be no loss through removal of tenants.

The rate fixed will be operative the entire year. This will keep up the revenue, which the city needs, in the winter months and prevent property owners from shutting off the water.

## MOVING PICTURES IN SCHOOLS FOR MILWAUKEE

MILWAUKEE, Wis., May 24.—That moving pictures installed in the public schools will offset the evils of the nickel theater is one of the suggestions made by Mayor Emil Seidel that has given the ministers of Milwaukee something to reflect upon. The Socialist mayor attended a meeting of the ministers yesterday and talked about reform.

One minister suggested that it was to try to give good, wholesome amusement to the boys of Milwaukee as long as the nickel theaters were allowed to operate. The picture shows, it was charged, had an evil influence.

Find today's best advertised bargain—from your viewpoint, and then answer the ad!

## MISTAKE KITE FOR AIR SHIP

Crowds Watch Supposed Aeroplane, Which Turns Out to Be a Device for Photographing City.

Medford suddenly became wildly excited Monday afternoon upon the approach of a huge aeroplane from the north. The news spread like wildfire and it was only a few moments until traffic on Main street near the depot was blocked, while scores of faces were turned heavenward.

The aeroplane approached the city rapidly. It resembled the famous machine of Wright brothers and a man could plainly be seen seated astride the lower plane. A few of the more enthusiastic ones vowed that they could hear the staccato barking of the engine. A number claimed that it was Paul Ely on his way down from Sutherland.

However, the machine soon developed into a huge box kite, which a number of photographers were flying in order to obtain a bird's eye view of the city. The black object was a camera which was so arranged that the shutter could be snapped from the earth.

## ASHLAND TO VOTE BONDS FOR SCHOOL

The Ashland city board of education has called a special election of the legal voters of school district No. 5, to be held on June 14, to vote on the question of the authorization of a bond issue of \$75,000 to provide grounds and a new high school building to meet the growing needs of the district, and relieve the present congestion in the public schools of the city. This is the first preliminary toward the carrying out of a project which the board has had under consideration for some time past. The bonds must be authorized before the board can take any action whatever toward the securing of a site or reaching a determination in the matter of a building.

## SHIP SINKS IN COLLISION 18 PERISH

Lake Steamer Is Rammed During a Dense Fog and All But Five of Crew Lose Lives—Jumped Overboard and Are Drawn Down by Rush of Water When Vessel Sinks.

CLEVELAND, May 24.—Eighteen of the 23 members of the crew of the steamer Frank H. Goodyear were drowned today when the vessel sank after a collision with the steamer James B. Wood. The Wood rammed the Goodyear, tearing a big hole in her hull. The water rushed in like a torrent and the Goodyear sank almost instantly.

The collision occurred off Port Barrenes, Lake Huron, in a fog. The Wood was severely damaged, two oles having been knocked in her bow. The Wood arrived at Port Huron today. The members of the crew refused to discuss the accident further than to say that the collision occurred during a heavy fog.

Most of the victims of the disaster lived at Algona, Mich.

The crew of the Goodyear jumped overboard when the accident occurred and the crew of the Wood threw lifelines to them. It is believed that most of the drowned were drawn down by the rush of water when the big vessel sank. The heavy fog made the work of attempted rescue difficult.

Among the known dead are Mrs. T. H. Bassett and her daughter of Marine City, Mich.

Captain Heminger of the Goodyear was rescued and was brought to Port Huron on the Wood. He refused to discuss the accident.

The Wood remained near the scene of the accident for several hours in an attempt to save the crew of the Goodyear, but the fog prevented successful rescue work.

## ILLINOIS LEGISLATOR TRIED FOR BRIBERY

CHICAGO, Ill., May 24.—The trial of Lee O'Neil Browne, Democratic house leader of the Illinois legislature, charged with bribery in connection with the election of William Lorimer to the United States senate, was begun here today. Attorneys for the defense moved to quash the indictment and a long argument was begun.

## 3 NEGROES 1 WHITE KILLED IN RACE WAR

Uprising Quelled After Fatalities Which Started in Quarrel—Both Sides Arming.

BOGALUSA, La., May 24.—The death of three negroes and one white man, together with the wounding of a score of negroes and whites at a picnic at Sun, La., yesterday, was reported here today in a message asking aid in suppressing a race riot.

Whites and blacks were said to be arming and a serious race war impending. Later advices indicated that the uprising had been quelled. A quarrel between a white and a negro is said to have started the trouble.

## LUMBERMEN PURCHASE GRAY'S HARBOR PRODUCT

HOQUIAM, Wash., May 24.—That San Francisco and San Pedro lumber buyers are endeavoring to purchase lumber in Gray's Harbor, despite their announcement last year to the effect that they would not pay the price demanded by local millmen, is indicated today by the presence of a number of California buyers.

## A Twenty-two Story Building Grown Old Fashioned In Ten Years



The Gillenger building, Wall and Nassau streets, New York city, was built some ten years ago and was considered a model twenty-two story office structure. But the owners of the ground decided the building was old fashioned—grown old in ten years—and now an army of workmen are busy tearing it down to make room for a building forty-two stories high. The new skyscraper will be the tallest in the country.

## OLD SOLDIERS TO KEEP DAY

Memorial Services and Program Prepared—Graves to Be Decorated—Parade Is Arranged.

Decoration day on next Monday will be fittingly observed in Medford, and once again the thin blue line, a little thinner perhaps than it was last year, will be honored as well as those who have answered the last great roll call. An appropriate program has been arranged and all Medford will pay a tribute to those who fought that a great nation might remain intact to take its place among the powers of the earth.

The events of the day will open early in the morning, when the veterans, together with their wives and children, will gather at the Grand Army hall and from there visit the cemetery to decorate the graves of the comrades who have gone before. The Women's Relief Corps will furnish luncheon, which will be partaken of in the hall at noon.

The events of the day in which the public is requested to take part, will commence at 2:30 p. m., when the veterans will march from the hall to the city park, where a program has been arranged. The Medford band will furnish music, while the speakers will be Hon. F. H. D'Arcy of Salem and Rev. Bender. Upon arrival at the park a grave will be decorated, he grave being symbolical of all those who laid down their lives in the cause of liberty and a united country.

The Grand Army men wish especially to invite all old soldiers and sailors to meet with them and take part in the ceremonies of the day. An invitation has also been issued to all of the fraternal bodies of the city and all social organizations to assist in the memorial programs. The firemen and city officials will march with the veterans.

The memorial sermon will be delivered by Rev. Holmes at the Baptist church on next Sunday. All are invited to attend.

## LADIES PROFITS \$1150 BY ISSUE

Woman's Edition of Mail Tribune Nets Fine Sum, Which Will Be Used on Parks and Library.

At a meeting of the Greater Medford club, held Monday afternoon, the ladies voted to expend one-half of the money made by their issue of the Medford Mail Tribune for city parks and the other half for the public library. The ladies cleared over \$1150 on the edition, which, with the money they had, gives them a fund of \$1350, so that \$675 will be expended on city parks and an equal amount on the library. A vote of thanks to the Mail Tribune management was unanimously carried.

Two additional park sites were considered by the ladies, one offered by Conroy & Clancy and the other being a portion of the Barneburg place, east of the city. No definite action was taken.

A stock company which is soon to play for several weeks in Medford has offered to give the women the proceeds of three nights' performances and the offer was accepted.

## SIX BICYCLE RACERS POISONED BY RIVALS

TEREMO, Italy, May 24.—Six Italian bicycle racers are said to be dying from poison placed in their food by a rival in a race across Italy. The men who were stricken were well in the lead of the field and were bunched, and suspicion has fallen on several of the racers just to the rear of the leaders. The suspected racers have been arrested.

## LOS ANGELES CHURCHES DENOUNCE BIG FIGHT

LOS ANGELES, Cal., May 24.—Officers of the Church Federation of Los Angeles today are preparing copies of resolutions denouncing the proposed Jeffries-Johnson fight to be forwarded to Governor Gillett and District Attorney Fickert and Chief of Police Martin of San Francisco.

## ECLIPSE; LIGHTNING AND COMET

Spectacular Events in the Heavens Watched by Thousands in Rogue River Valley—Lightning Bolt Shuts Off Lights and Adds to Beauty of Celestial Performance.

For nearly two hours last evening the residents of Southern Oregon were offered a vaudeville performance in the heavens, which is rarely, if ever, duplicated. The star performer of the evening was Halley's comet, which made good all of the things its press agents have been saying of it during the past two months, and it was ably supported by the moon, which appeared in total eclipse. The property man was on the job and the curtain went up with a great blare of trumpets. The electrician gave a demonstration which added to the beauty of the show, and, as if nature resented any work of man which might interfere with the beauty of the performance, a bolt of lightning shut off the electric supply from Gold Bay and the audience, at least that portion of it in Medford, was plunged into total darkness.

Began at Sunset. The evening's performance really opened with the sunset. The western sky at that time was colored far beyond the descriptive power of man. Orange was the color scheme, which approached at times a brilliant gold. Then as the sun sank further from view Stygian darkness settled over the sky. But not for long. Soon flashes of lightning began to play about the heavens and peal after peal of distant thunder furnished the overture for what was to come.

Slowly the curtain went up. The great black clouds which had veiled the heavens rolled back slowly and there was disclosed to view myriads of twinkling little stars. Then there appeared on the scene the celestial hobo who makes his rounds once every 78 years. When the comet first appeared the moon was still hidden from view behind the heavy clouds.

Comet High in Heavens. The comet appeared high in the western heavens. A fiery ball like a (Continued on Page 8.)

## ROOSEVELT THANKED BY ENGLAND'S QUEEN

Teddy Decides Not to Reply to Letter Claiming His African Hunt Was Big Game Butchery.

LONDON, May 24.—Dowager Queen Alexander today received Col. Roosevelt in the throne room at Buckingham Palace and thanked him for the sympathy expressed by Americans following the death of King Edward. The queen mother received Lord Strathcona and Ambassador Reid at the same time.

Roosevelt today decided to not reply to the letter of the English Humanitarian society, charging that his African hunt was a big game butchery.

Roosevelt and Kermit were together a greater part of the day. After a motor trip they overhauled specimens of their hunt that are being mounted by London taxidermists.

## SELECTING A JURY IN DOXEY MURDER TRIAL

ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 24.—The work of securing a jury in the case of Mrs. Dora E. Doxey, accused of the murder of William J. Erder, will take the entire day today and probably most of tomorrow, attorneys connected with the trial predicted. Twenty-one of the necessary 47 veniremen have been selected. The venire may not be completed before late tomorrow, it is declared.