

WEATHER—Fair tonight. The Message of the Flags. White—Fair weather. Blue—Rain or snow. White and blue—Local showers. Black triangular—Above white, warmer, below white, colder. White with black center—Cold wave.

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BRIDGE APPROACHES CRUMBLE; EXPLOSION ON CAR HILL CREST COMICE PEARS SHOWS PATTERSON'S ABILITY GUN-BOAT AVERAGE \$10 BOX IN LONDON

COMMISSIONER TRYING TO PATCH UP POOR WORK

Bridge Across Bear Creek Near Central Point Fails to Stand Even Until Job is Completed—Loam Used Instead of Sand for Mixing.

The Central Point bridge is a standing, or rather threatens to become a crumbling monument to County Commissioner Joshua Patterson's ability as a bridge builder.

Instead of contracting the repairs and giving the work to the lowest bidder with a time limit, Commissioner Patterson followed his usual method of having the county do the work by day labor—and has taken all summer and most of autumn for it.

Residents who watched the construction say that, instead of selected sharp sand and gravel being used for the concrete, sandy loam was used, which accounts for the cracking walls.

Central Point people are wondering whether the walls will continue to stand after pressure is put upon them, if they crumble without any, and whether the first time Bear Creek gets on a rampage, there will be any bridge left.

EMBRYO RANGERS RUN THE GANTLET

Thirteen Applicants for Position of Ranger Take Examinations Conducted by W. O. Warner, Civil Service Examiner.

Thirteen applicants for the position of forest ranger ran the gauntlet before the examiners of the forest service Monday and Tuesday of this week.

The written examination was conducted by W. O. Warner, civil service examiner, at the high school building, Monday, and the field tests were held under the supervision of M. L. Erickson, S. S. Swenning and J. E. Gribble of the forest office in Medford.

The tests consisted of bridling, saddling and riding a horse (no bronchos), packing a horse, any regulation hitch being allowed; handling a compass and measuring a tract of ground by pacing and other stunts.

While the candidates as a rule came through the tests in good shape, as one grizzly-bearded old miner remarked, when he turned away from the scene, "I'd hate like hell to trust my grubstake on a pack animal packed like some of those were."

The following is a list of the applicants: F. L. Carlton, A. L. Penney, A. S. Kerby, D. L. Rummel, L. B. Neil, A. L. Eisenhart, J. M. Rock, B. A. Nason, E. A. Thompson, Frank Allen, Tom C. White, H. E. Koontz, W. S. Campbell.

To write a property-selling ad is simply to write the truth about the property—and print it more than once, if necessary.

ROGERS REACHES LOS ANGELES; HAS FIFTY SUBPOENAS

Has Himself Sworn in as Deputy Sheriff in Order That He Might Serve Warrants in Person—Refuses to Give Out Names.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 26.—Armed with 50 or more subpoenas, which it is understood will be served on residents of this city, Attorney Earl Rogers, special investigator of the Times dynamiting cases, arrived from Los Angeles today.

The subpoenas were issued in Los Angeles and Rogers had himself sworn in as a deputy sheriff in order that he may serve the warrants in person and thus keep his movements more secret than he has been able so far to do.

Rogers refused to name the persons for whom the subpoenas were intended until after he had served them, but it is understood that several men prominent in the labor world are included.

BUTCHERS ALL DIG UP 25 BUCKS

Proprietors of Every Market in Town Fined for Use of Freezine, Which is Misdemeanor Under Oregon Pure Food Law.

The proprietors of every meat market but one in town were taken into court Tuesday to answer to a charge of having violated the Oregon pure food laws by the use of a preparation called Freezine, intended to preserve the color on the surface of chopped meats and Bologna, and the use of which was admitted by the state food inspector to be approved by the United States government.

"We won't use anything of that nature from now on," say the butchers. "We thought we were within the law in using a harmless coloring which increased the attractiveness of our goods of certain grades, but as it is against the law, which we did not know, we cut it out from now on."

ATTACHMENT IS PUT ON RAILROAD

Gold Hill Railroad & Lumber Company Hits the Bumps—John A. Baxter Says He Will See That the Creditors Are Protected.

W. T. O'Brien of the Railway Equipment company of Portland has attached the property of the Gold Hill Railroad & Lumber company for a bill of \$1204.21, \$600 of the amount being for the rental of a locomotive.

John A. Baxter of the company states that inside of ten days a demurrer will be filed and that he will do his best to protect the interest of every creditor.

This evening the company is planning to give an option to a Portland man who says he will let them know soon whether he will take the railroad, together with other property not the company's.

STEEL IS NOW WITHIN FOUR MILES OF FALLS

Work Progressing Rapidly on Pacific & Eastern—Remodeling of Brick House to Serve as Temporary Depot in City Under Way.

Steel on the Pacific & Eastern railroad has been laid to a point within four miles of Butte Falls, where it is again halted by bridge-work. Two more trestles are to be erected and then the progress into the city of the hills will be most rapid.

Work is progressing rapidly on the remodeling of the brick house just across Bear creek, which will serve as a temporary depot until the line over the Cascades has been completed. The general offices of the Pacific & Eastern will also be moved across the creek. Work is also being rushed on the depot at Eagle Point.

A building is also to be erected at Butte Falls at once, plans for which are now being prepared.

EXPLOSION ON GUN-BOAT KILLS 50

Haytian Ship La Liberté Sinks Following Explosion—Great Hole Torn in Side—Vessel Shrouded in Steam—Cause of Explosion Is Not Given—Officers Killed.

PORT AU PRINCE, Hayti, Oct. 26.—Fifty men, including the ranking officers and part of the crew of the Haytian gunboat La Liberté, are believed to have been drowned when the La Liberté sank early today off Port de Paix.

The sinking followed an explosion in the boiler room. Twenty men were reported rescued.

The La Liberté sailed Monday, taking the officers northward.

According to the advices, the explosion tore a great hole in one side of the gunboat, which sank in a few minutes. The vessel was shrouded in steam and wild confusion reigned on board.

The greater number of those missing leaped into the water without attempting to launch the lifeboats. They were swept away by the waves and drowned within sight of their less hasty companions.

The cause of the explosion was not given in the first dispatches that reached here.

LOCAL UNIONS TO FORM CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL

Delegates From Every Labor Union in City Meet to Form Central Body—Will Work for Harmony of Laborers and Employers.

Delegates from every organized labor union in the city met Tuesday evening and organized a central labor council for this city. Temporary organization was effected and officers named and committees appointed, and at the next regular meeting bylaws will be adopted and permanent organization completed.

The new council, when fully organized, will apply to the American Federation of Labor for a charter and it is expected to bring every trade in the city into the council. At present the local unions represented are the carpenters and joiners, printers, painters, electricians and granite cutters.

It will be the object of the council to protect the laboring classes, furnish employers with skilled labor and work for harmony.

GENERAL STRIKE IN PENNSYLVANIA ON ELECTION DAY

State Federation of Labor Calls Out All Union Workmen for Twelve-Hour Strike—To Make It Possible for All to Vote.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Oct. 26.—Pennsylvania will have a general strike on election day. The state federation of labor has called out all union workmen for November 8. The strike will last from 7 a. m. to 7 o'clock at night. The purpose of the strike is to make it possible for every working man to go to the polls.

Non-union men will be asked to join the strikers and if the plans now formed are carried out and non-union co-operation is secured the industries of Pennsylvania will be tied up completely election day.

"The working men of Pennsylvania, being true believers in democratic principles and popular government, have resolved to inaugurate a state-wide strike on November 8. The call for the walk-out says:

"The purpose of the strike is to restore to the people of Pennsylvania the government of the state.

"From a political standpoint the affairs of the grand old commonwealth are a disgrace to a twentieth century civilization. The black flag has been hoisted over the ramparts of the money lords and the only star of hope to check their plundering career is the true awakening of that force of united independence in political action. Further triumph of the black flag means the destruction of popular liberty."

"Our duty, therefore, is plain," the call continues. "All workmen are hereby called on to make election day a holiday in fact as well as in name, to gather at the polls in an orderly manner to work for the election of trade unionists to the senate and house of representatives of the state legislature, for representatives in congress and to all candidates for state offices friendly to the cause of clean politics and honest government, to the end that men and not dollars shall rule in Pennsylvania."

The call was signed by E. E. Greenwall, president; C. F. Quinn, secretary-treasurer and seven vice-presidents of the state federation of labor.

TROOPS ASKED TO QUELL STRIKE

Turbulence and Rioting Occurs in Jersey City, Owing to Trouble Between Union and Non-Union Express Wagon Drivers.

JERSEY CITY, N. J., Oct. 26.—Following turbulence and riot during the last 24 hours in connection with the strike of express wagon drivers, the United States Express company today called upon Governor Fort to order out state troops to protect its nonunion drivers.

The strike resulted from the demands of the wagon helpers for an increase in wages of \$5 per month. The company imported strikebreakers, but were unable to move the wagons. When an attempt was made the nonunionists were attacked with stones and clubs and in some instances revolvers were fired at them.

LIFEBOAT FOUND IN THE NICK OF TIME

LONDON, Oct. 26.—Tossed about in a lifeboat in midocean, the captain and four of the crew of the American schooner Florence Leland were rescued, according to a wireless dispatch received by Lloyds today, and taken aboard the British steamer Commodore.

The Leland, it is believed, will be a total loss.

ORCHARD NEARS WORLD'S RECORD WHICH IT MADE

Car Contained 428 Boxes of Choice Fruit—Both High Marks in London Market Are Held by Hillcrest—Made World's Record in 1908.

The Hillcrest orchard, which holds the world's record for prices paid for fancy fruit, its pears having been sold in the London market for \$10.05 a box two years ago, has again nearly equalled its former high mark. Returns have just been received from London on a car of Comice pears, containing 428 boxes, which averaged an even \$10 a box—only 8 cents lower than its previous record, which has never been touched by deciduous fruit from any section of the globe.

The Hillcrest orchard is one of the finest properties in the Rogue River valley, as well as being one of the best-cared-for orchards in the local district. Its product has consistently been sold for top prices throughout the markets of the world and the latest triumph comes without surprise to those who know the orchard and the way in which it is managed.

CHILD-WIFE TO ATTEND SCHOOL

Man Marries Girl Twelve Years of Age and Now Is Informed That He Must Send Her to School in Accordance With Law.

DENVER, Colo., Oct. 26.—Although a girl may be married in Colorado at the age of 12, the laws do not exempt her from attending school, according to Truancy Officer Smith, who today sent the following notice to James H. Taylor, 35:

"As the records of the Maria Mitchell school show that your wife (aged 12) is not attending school, as required by the compulsory school law, you are hereby notified that unless she is enrolled within five days proceedings will be started against you in the county court as contributing to juvenile delinquency. You will be held liable to fine and imprisonment and the child may be sent to an industrial school for girls."

Taylor's girl-wife was formerly Jennie Trammell. She was married to Taylor, who is a brother of the child's stepfather, several weeks ago by a justice of the peace. The marriage caused great indignation at the time.

Commenting on the child's non-attendance, Superintendent of Schools Chadsey said:

"Not even marriage can excuse a child under school age limit from attending school. In Colorado the law does not provide for the husband's supremacy in cases of this character."

"OLD KING" COLE GETS THREE YEAR CONTRACT

CHICAGO, Oct. 26.—"Old King Cole," the young pitcher of the Chicago Cubs, who, with the assistance of Mordecai Brown, was the only man able to stay the victorious advance of the Philadelphia Athletics in the world's series just closed, today was given a three year contract. The long term document calls for a salary twice that which Cole received in 1910. The pitcher will also receive a bonus of \$1,000 for his good work this season.

It is fortunate for a real merchant if his competitor is a live advertiser—who, now and then, even tries to "set the pace for him." It makes storemaking a task for men.

WEST BRANDS OREGONIAN'S STATEMENT ON MILEAGE A LYING BIT OF LIBELOUS SLANDER

WATSON SAYS WEST IS CHOICE

Correspondent Who Has Accompanied Candidate Throughout Campaign Sanguine as to Anti-Assembly Candidates' Chances.

Ralph Watson, special correspondent of the Portland Journal, who accompanied Oswald West through eastern Oregon, joined Mr. West in Medford Tuesday. He stated that he thought, without doubt, that Mr. West would be elected by a large majority.

"Everywhere in eastern Oregon flattering receptions were tendered Mr. West. In some of the towns, like Weston, Umatilla and Condon, the entire community turned out to cheer him," said Mr. Watson. "I was with Chamberlain in his campaign for senator, and at this time of the campaign his prospects were not nearly so bright as West's are today."

"The support West is receiving comes from all quarters, from the state garage, from organized labor, from merchants and shippers, and from farmers. The entire anti-assembly strength, regardless of party, is for West."

"The Southern Pacific and the O. R. & N. are actively fighting West. All along the O. R. & N. flaring posters adorn the railroad yards, telling employes that reduction in rates means reduced wages. Every employe is receiving a personal letter from the railroad officials telling them to vote for the railroad interests by voting for Bowerman. I expect the Southern Pacific will do the same. Yet West will get their votes."

Crippen Appeals.

LONDON, Oct. 26.—Dr. Hawley H. Crippen, convicted of the murder of his wife, Belle Elmore Crippen, and sentenced to hang November 8, announced today his decision to take an appeal from Lord Alverstone's judgment to the criminal court of appeals. The announcement was made following a conference with Arthur Newton, Crippen's attorney.

Work-seekers read every help wanted ad. Your ad will get you applications from the best of the "eligibles."

MAKES STRONG SPEECH HERE

Tells Facts in Regard to Mileage in Connection With Trip to Washington—Will Make Oregonian Retract When Campaign Is Over, He Says.

"As mean and contemptible a lying bit of libelous slander as was ever published about any one is the Portland Oregonian's statement concerning the mileage which I collected from the government and turned over to the state," stated Oswald West, anti-assembly candidate for governor in his speech at Medford Tuesday afternoon.

"The facts of the matter are these: I was sent to Washington by the state railroad commission to secure data on file in the office of the interstate commerce commission for use in our effort to reduce express rates in Southern Oregon. As I was taking the train, I was subpoenaed as a witness in the Binger Hermsman trial at Portland. I could only stay one day in Washington and had to employ clerical labor to secure the statistics.

"I was sent to Washington at the expense of the state and I demanded that the government reimburse the state for the money my trip cost. The government said they could not do it, and could only pay me the mileage. This I took, and deducting my expenses while stopping in Portland as a witness, I immediately turned the balance over to the state, for the state was entitled to it.

"If the transaction was wrong, the federal officials should not have permitted it. If it was wrong, I should have been prosecuted. But the only thing they couldn't comprehend was why I didn't keep the money myself. I ask you, was this grafting?"

"As soon as the campaign is over I shall force the Oregonian to retract its lying accusations or go after them for libel. My record is clean. No one can call me a grafter. I may not be the best man for governor, but I am not a grafter."

Mr. West's remarks, which were made from an automobile on Main street near Front, were greeted with applause and he made a most favorable impression upon his auditors. Continuing, he explained the railroad rate situation and requested all

DEATH LIST IN ITALY 400

Government Attempts to Belittle Extent of Volcanic and Elemental Disturbances on the Shores of the Gulf of Salerno.

NAPLES, Oct. 26.—In spite of attempts of the government to belittle the extent of the volcanic and elemental disturbances in the vicinity of the Neapolitan bay and the Gulf of Salerno, it was learned today that the minister of marine notified King Victor Emmanuel that the death list from temblor, flood and eruption would exceed 400.

The minister of marine also is authority for the statement that the loss caused by the combined storm and earth disturbances at present is incalculable. He added that the government officials had been instructed to make their official reports of the loss of life and property purposely small, so that foreign tourist traffic would not be deflected from the region and further loss thereby accrue to the people of Naples and Salerno.

The worst damage was done at Ischia, where the minister of marine personally is supervising the work of relief. Every coast town in the provinces of Salerno and Naples has been damaged. The water fronts and lower portions of the towns are filled with the flotsam of the sea, the bodies of many persons and the carcasses of animals. Inhabitants of several smaller towns are homeless and the survivors, fearing famine and pestilence, the spread of cholera and the lack of supplies, rush to the aid in the work of rescue.

Word was received here this afternoon that King Victor Emmanuel is already on his way here from Rome aboard a torpedo boat. He will personally inspect the devastated area and direct measures for relief.

Pope Pius has authorized the clergy of the government in the work of nursing the sick and wounded, feeding the hungry and sheltering the homeless.

Derby Run.

LONDON, Oct. 26.—The Cambridge-derby was run today before a large crowd. Christmas Daisy was the winner, Mustapha second and Halevon third.

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