

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

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## WARREN BODGE IS DEAD AS RESULT OF ACCIDENT SATURDAY EVENING

### BLOOD CLOT ON BRAIN KILLS

At First Was Believed That He Was Not Seriously Injured—But Was Hurled to Ground When Chemical Wagon Struck Telegraph Pole Saturday Evening.

Warren Bodge died this afternoon at shortly after 2 o'clock.

All hope for the recovery of Warren Bodge, who was injured Saturday evening, when chemical No. 1 of the local fire department plunged into a telegraph pole at the corner of Main and Front streets, was abandoned today. The young man lies unconscious at his home in this city and is said to be gradually sinking. He has been unconscious for 48 hours.

The earlier reports of the accident contained no mention of Mr. Bodge being injured, owing to the fact that, while he was stunned, he apparently recovered rapidly. He was carried to the Nash hotel immediately after the accident, where he soon regained his strength, joked with friends and left to find his hat, remarking that he was only jolted a bit. After finding his hat he walked over to the tailor shop of his father-in-law, W. W. Eifert, where he stood and chatted some moments, telling of the accident. He then, accompanied by Mrs. Bodge, started to walk home.

About a block this side of his home the young man complained of blindness. He was assisted home the remaining block by Mrs. Bodge. A physician was summoned, as he grew rapidly worse.

It was found upon examination that Mr. Bodge had suffered a blow at the base of the brain. A clot of blood formed against the brain and this is responsible for his unconsciousness and serious condition.

It is impossible to operate upon the wound, and it is believed that he cannot recover.

Mr. Bodge is very well known in this city. Mrs. Bodge being the daughter of W. W. Eifert, president of the city council. The young couple formerly resided in Roseburg, coming here to reside about a year ago, since which time Mr. Bodge has been associated with Mr. Eifert in the tailoring business.

Further light upon Saturday night's accident to the chemical wagon cannot be had. It is thought that a rein was snapped to the halter instead of bridle on one of the horses in the rush that preceded the response to the fire alarm. When the time came to turn the corner the team could not be fully controlled.

### RAIN STEADILY FALLS IN FRANCE

Repetition of Last Year's Floods Is Feared—Poor in Eastern Suburbs Flee From Their Homes—Fears for Safety of People Increase.

PARIS, Nov. 14.—Rain which set in last night continues to fall today and fears for the safety of the inhabitants of villages along the Seine are increased. Already the water in the river has reached high water mark and unless the downpour ceases soon it will be over the banks in a dozen places.

The poor in the eastern suburbs of Paris, who suffered greatly in last year's floods, are beginning to be free from what they believe will be a repetition of last January's overflow. It is feared that a number of factories will be closed down, throwing thousands out of employment.

### INTERSTATE RATE HEARING IS UNDER WAY IN THIS CITY

That the Southern Pacific railroad has a considerably higher range of rates in Oregon than in California, while the percentage of cost of operation to earnings in Oregon is less than on the entire system, and the percentage of profit greater; that Medford jobbers can ship by wagon throughout the valley cheaper than by rail and that better railroad grades existed out of Medford to its distributing territory than existed from Sacramento into the same territory, were some of the facts brought out at the hearing of the case of the Medford Traffic bureau against the Southern Pacific to secure distributing rates into California, before Special Examiner Pugh of the interstate commerce committee in the Commercial club rooms Monday. The fact that Medford jobbers have to pay more than jobbers in similar territory elsewhere was also brought out.

The Southern Pacific was represented by Attorney W. D. Penton, District Freight Agent Lounsbury, and other officials, the Medford Traffic bureau by its rate expert, Attorney Frank M. McCune of Spokane, President H. C. Garnett, Secretary E. A. Welch and other members.

Very complete data was filed by Attorney McCune, giving the cost of operating railroads, the comparative charges in similar territory elsewhere and irrefutable facts and figures showing the railroad discrimination against this city as a jobbing center.

compared with Portland, Seattle, Spokane and other cities. It was shown that a three-mile haul just over the California side of the boundary cost five cents, while a two-mile haul this side cost 14 cents.

A. E. Welch of the Medford Grocery company testified that in selling groceries at Hornbrook, in competition with San Francisco houses, the margin in favor of the latter due to freight rates was 3 cents, while in order to sell at Dunsuir he had to meet a 14-cent margin; that is, the San Francisco jobber could lay goods in these towns that much cheaper than he could from Medford. Mr. Welch also stated that he shipped by team to Ashland for 12 cents as against 15 cents by railroad, plus cartage at both ends, making a 20-cent rate.

Mr. Garnett stated that he also sent hardware by team as it was cheaper than by freight, and stated that he could not continue in wholesale business or invade other territory unless the asked reductions were granted.

Dr. J. F. Reddy testified regarding mining operations and stated that for lack of favorable rates and railroad facilities, it was impossible to develop the mining industry. G. Putnam testified regarding the growth and development of Medford and its territory.

The case will be concluded this afternoon.

### PROGRESS IS RAPID ON ROAD

Contractor Making Dirt Fly Now That He Has Undertaken It in Earnest—Pumice Hill Will Be a Thing of Past When Travel to Lake Is Again Resumed.

Much progress is being made by Contractor Natwick on the section of the Crater Lake boulevard which will do away with the worst section of the road to the lake, according to reports received in this city. The contractor now has 75 men and many teams at work and the dirt is being moved rapidly.

The right of way has been entirely cleared and much of the road work is under way. By the time travel to the lake is resumed next year the pumice hill will be a thing of the past.

The forestry officials are also making much progress on the road in the national forest, where \$5000 is being expended.

### REWARD OFFERED FOR FIRE BUGS

M. L. Erickson in Receipt of Information That Hereafter Department of Agriculture Will Pay Reward For Men Setting Fires in Forests.

The local forestry officials have been notified that hereafter the department of agriculture will pay a reward for the apprehension of firebugs operating in the national forests. Supervisor M. L. Erickson is in receipt of the following notice of reward:

Hereafter, during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1911, unless otherwise ordered, and thereafter, provided congress shall make the necessary appropriation or authorize the payment thereof, the department of agriculture will pay the following rewards:

First—Not exceeding \$250 and not less than \$50 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any person in any United States court on the charge of wilfully and maliciously setting on fire or causing to be set on fire any timber, underbrush or grass upon the lands of the United States within a national forest.

Second—Not exceeding \$100 and not less than \$25 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any person in any United States court on the charge of building a fire on lands of the United States within a national forest in or near any forest timber or other inflammable material, and leaving said fire before the same has been totally extinguished.

These rewards will be paid to the person or persons giving the information leading to such arrests and convictions upon presentation to the department of agriculture of satisfactory documentary evidence thereof, subject to the necessary appropriation.

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ART EXHIBIT IS POSTPONED  
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The art exhibit by the ladies of the Greater Medford club has been postponed until November 17, 18 and 22. The exhibit will be held at the Natatorium and will also be open on the evening of the 18th.  
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### National Apple Show Opens Will Crown Queen Tonight



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### INFURIATED MOB WOULD LYNCH FIEND

Negro Charged With Murder of Nine-Year-Old Girl Is Heavily Guarded—Girl's Father Kept From Courtroom.

ASHBURY PARK, N. J., Nov. 14.—Threatening mobs, clamoring for the life of Thomas Williams, a negro charged with the murder and mutilation of the body of little Marie Smith, aged 9, today prevented the preliminary hearing of the accused man and resulted in taking extraordinary precautions to prevent a lynching. Williams, under a triple guard, is held at the Ashbury jail. Outside the jail walls crowds of men, openly talking of "merkle parties," "hang-bees" and "stake roasts," have kept the negro's fallers on edge all day.

The entire police force has been on duty since early today, but in spite of rough handling, the crowds refuse to disperse.

Williams' preliminary hearing was to have taken place this morning, and court had convened. Owing to the threatening mood of the people it was deemed inadvisable to take the negro out of the jail. The courtroom was guarded to prevent violence during the arraignment.

ASHBURY PARK, N. J., Nov. 14.—Heavily guarded to prevent a lynching, Thomas Williams, alias "Black Diamond," a negro, was arrested and arraigned in police court here today on the charge of murdering and maltreating Marie Smith, 9-year-old daughter of Peter Smith.

### MACHINE GUNS USED ON MOBS

Trouble Begins When Estrada Neglects to Institute Promised Reforms—Mass Meeting Called to Protest Is Ordered to Disperse and When Order is Disobeyed Soldiers Started to Use Rapid Fire Guns.

COLON, Nov. 14.—Many persons were killed and scores wounded when the troops acting under the direction of representatives of the Nicaraguan government used machine guns to disperse mobs at Corinto and Leon that had gathered to protest against President Estrada for not instituting promised reforms.

A revolution in the insurrection-ridden little republic is imminent and clashes between mobs and the military in several cities are reported in dispatches received here.

### COAST AT MERCY OF FOREIGNERS

Such a Condition is Revealed in Report Soon to be Filed by Gen. Leonard Wood, Chief of Staff—Report Will Declare Present Coast Defenses of no Avail Against Foe.

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It is probable that General Wood will attribute the military deficiency to several causes. The report will assert that the army is divided into small military units in order that a number of "political posts" might be garrisoned. It will deny that the officers and men lack proper training and will recommend an entire re-organization of the army.

Among the recommendations contained in the re-organization urged will be the abandonment of unnecessary military posts; the addition of 25 regiments of infantry line and seven regiments to the field artillery line and the concentration of troops in large garrisons on the two ocean frontiers.

The vulnerability of the Atlantic coast as well as the Pacific coast will be pointed out.

The report will declare that the present coast defenses can be readily taken in land attack. It will also criticize the coast batteries and recommend an increase in batteries before troops can be provided to guard them on the landside.

General Wood will demand the immediate and adequate garrisoning of Hawaii, the Panama canal zone and the Pacific coast. The report will assert that the labor necessary to keep the present numerous posts in repair has demanded all the time and work the soldiers could give, and that as a consequence the troops are deficient in military training. Many officers, as a result of this policy, the report will say, are made administrative officers instead of tactical commanders.

The military authorities now assert that the army actually is unable to place a single division of trained troops in the field in case of war.

### SEATTLE MEN TO DREDGE ROGUE

Capitalists Form Company to Take Gold From River in Josephine County—New Machinery is Now Being Installed.

SEATTLE, Nov. 14.—For the purpose of retrieving the gold from the auriferous sands of the Rogue river valley in Oregon, a number of Seattle capitalists have banded themselves together into an organization known as Scandinavian-American Dredging company and they plan to commence operations on a fairly large scale immediately. P. H. Holdsworth, W. L. Hunter, Joe Slumpf, William Martin, a Seattle attorney, and several other local business and professional men are interested in the proposition.

Holdsworth is now at Grants Pass superintending the installation of the new machinery, which has a capacity of treating 30 cubic yards of gravel per hour. It is expected that the machine will be operated

### PLAYER IS DEAD; MURDER CHARGE FOLLOWS GAME

Ball Player Killed and Right End of Opposing Team Held Responsible—Says He Will Face Charge, as He Has Committed no Crime.

CANTON, O., Nov. 14.—Thomas McCoy, right end of the Bethany college football team, charged with the murder of Rudolph Munk, right halfback of the University of West Virginia team, was located here today.

"I am going back to Bethany to face the charge," said McCoy this morning. "I have nothing to conceal and have committed no crime."

Munk was taken from the field during Saturday's game between Bethany and West Virginia after he had been injured in a scrimmage. He died four hours later as the result of blood clot on his brain, caused, the autopsy surgeon said, by a blow on the head.

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### ALDRICH MAY AGAIN RETURN TO U. S. SENATE

Reported That He Will Reconsider Announcement That He Would Not Again Be Candidate—If He Does Not Legislature May Lock.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Nov. 14.—That Senator Nelson W. Aldrich may reconsider his previous announcement that he would not be a candidate for re-election to the United States senate became known today, when it was predicted that unless Aldrich should enter the race the Rhode Island legislature would deadlock over the choice of his successor.

Circuit Judge Lehanof Cole recently announced his candidacy as the representative of the young republicans, or "insurgent" wing of the party in Rhode Island. Provided Aldrich does not enter the contest, Cole stands a fair chance of winning, although many predict that the legislature would be unable to reach an agreement on the senatorship.

### MUZZLING PRESS IN THE ORIENT

Newspapers Objecting to Draft of Press Law Which Provides That Nothing Unfavorable of a Man Even If It Is True—Would be Step Backward for the Celestial Empire.

TOKIO, Nov. 14.—Chinese newspapers continue to object to the recent draft of a press law submitted to the senate at Peking, providing that no newspaper may publish anything injurious to the reputation of an individual, whether the facts be true or untrue.

The enactment of such a law would put an end to journalistic criticism in China and the newspapers are vigorously opposing it. They allege it is directly opposed to the edict issued by the late emperor, who assured his subjects that all administrative affairs would be conducted in accord with popular sentiment.

It is pointed out that the passage of such a law will do more than any one other thing in blocking the progress which China has been making toward enlightenment lately.