

WEATHER—Rain tonight. The Message of the Flagg. 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.

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MAY REDUCE MEMBERSHIP OF HOUSE

LOWER BODY OF CONGRESS TOO UNWIELDY TO DO GOOD WORK

CENSUS RETURNS GIVE TOO GREAT REPRESENTATION

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.—In spite of the increased population of the United States, it is probable that one of the subjects of legislation before the short session of congress will be a decrease in the membership of the lower body. The lower body already is regarded as too unwieldy and to increase the representation based on census returns would place the house beyond the power of transacting the government's business. The population required of each congressional district probably will be raised and it is not likely that the representation will be increased except in the far west, where the percentage of growth in population has been enormous.

Plans for the short session of congress were discussed informally today by Senators Hale of Maine, Burton of Ohio, Borah of Idaho, Flint of California, Cullom of Illinois, Miles of Washington, Bailey of Texas, Money of Mississippi, Culberson of Texas and Overman of Indiana. Offices have been opened by the foregoing senators for the approaching session. The senators named expected to have a further conference with President Taft upon his return from Panama. Other subjects that will be considered are: Ship subsidy, reapportionment of congressional districts, licensing corporations by the United States, and pensioning superannuated employes of the government.

\$2.50 EACH FOR VOTES IN OREGON

The state of Oregon has paid out an average of \$2.50 for each vote cast at the last general election, or will have paid out that sum by the time the bills are all in, according to the figures in the secretary of state's office. This includes the expenses of the primary, the pamphlets issued by the state in which the candidates set forth the reasons why they should be elected, the printing of the ballots and other incidental expenses.

BURGLAR TURNS ON LIGHT; IS FRIGHTENED

Ustamitarily with the electric contrivances at the W. T. Beveridge home at 202 South Oakdale caused a bold, but frightened burglar to have a getaway without any swag last night.

He had made the entrance all right by the usual route of taking off a screen from the porch and using the "skeleton" on the kitchen door. Instead of having provided himself with one of those electric searchlights which feature so much in the magazine detective stories, he depended upon the house lights to lead him to his booty. There is where he made the mistake. The burglarious person turned the wrong switch and immediately the whole house was lighted. A collic dooz, which had been peacefully sleeping at the head of the stairs, got busy about that time and raised an alarm which brought Leland Beveridge and a big "Gat" to the fore. All the young man saw, however, was a shadowy form violating the speed record along the alley, bound west. Policeman Mensie was called, but all that he could find was an excited family and the broken screen door.

FIRST EXHIBIT OF ART IN CITY SPLENDID SHOW

Medford is having her first art exhibit and a very creditable one it is. The pictures are a part of the Elson educational art exhibit of Boston and comprises copies of all the masters. A great variety of subjects are represented and a good idea of the different schools of the different periods is given. The exhibit is shown in the Greater Medford club rooms at the Natatorium. The exhibit comprises the Egyptian art, showing the Sphinx, the Pyramids and some of the temples. In the Greek and Roman architecture are found the Acropolis, the Forum, the Parthenon and others. Among the Greek and Roman sculpture are copies of Aphrodite, Apollo, the Victory of Samothrace.

In the Italian school are found the Gothic and some of the high Renaissance, including several of Fra Angelico, Botticelli, Andrea del Sarto, Michael Angelo, Raphael and Leonardo da Vinci. In the Dutch and Flemish school are found some of Rembrandt, Rubens and Van Dyck. The French school is represented by Rosa Bonheur, Corot, Dapre, Le Brun and Millet.

In the English school are Landseer, Reynolds, Turner, Walker and Watts, and others. Murillo represents the Spanish school. The American school is comprised chiefly of portraits and subjects relating to American history. Many additional subjects are given from artists of all nationalities, and a good collection of miscellaneous architecture. A collection of the work done by

COUNT TOLSTOI WEAKENING END IS NOT FAR OFF

ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 18.—The condition of Count Leo Tolstoi is regarded as hopeless today, and efforts are being made to reconcile him to the Greek church from which he was excommunicated, following the publication of his work, "The Resurrection," to obviate his refusing a Christian burial.

The church itself is making the first advances. Bishop Tamboff, empowered to act with authority, started today for Astapova, where Tolstoi has been since his collapse in the railway station at that place early this week. Bishop Tamboff was vested with power to rescind the excommunication at a meeting of the holy synod yesterday. He is the bearer of a solicitation message to Tolstoi from Antonious, Metropolitan of St. Petersburg, president of the synod.

Count Tolstoi passed a sleepless night, and his heart beats were scarcely perceptible today. His fever had subsided to 98 degrees. It was predicted by his physicians that he could not long remain alive, and that he would pass out quietly while sleeping.

the students of the public schools is also shown. The art department was introduced only this year in the schools, under the direction of Miss Smedicor, and considering that the collection represents only about two months' work, the showing is most creditable. All of the schools are represented, from the primary to the high school, and the work is in charge.

EFFORTS TO COMPROMISE FAILS; SOON TO DISSOLVE PARLIAMENT

LONDON, Nov. 18.—Premier Asquith announced today that parliament will be dissolved November 28, insuring a general election before Christmas.

The announcement of Asquith was a surprise, as many on both sides would be hopeful that a compromise would be reached.

The premier was defiant when he addressed the house of commons this afternoon.

"It is useless to continue the tarrying danger," he said. "To return the house of lords and simultaneously to permit them to retain the right of veto simply makes the government a farce. The suggested compromise has not been in the interests of the people. The government has a distinct program which must be carried out."

The subject, it was learned, discussed all the suggested compromises and decided that none was feasible. Therefore, it recommended that the king dissolve parliament on November 28.

The liberal benches cheered the announcement as the premier concluded. Lord Crewe, liberal leader in the upper chamber, announced the decision in the house of lords.

The hereditary members believe that the announcement is the forerunner of the end of their political activities and their view of the situation is most gloomy.

MEXICAN REVOLUTIONISTS BUSY

Heavily Armed Band Is Seen on Mexican Side of Rio Grande, Which Leads to Belief That Raid on Mexican Town and Not United States Town Is Being Contemplated by the Mob.

EL PASO, Tex., Nov. 18.—Inability to learn the whereabouts of a band of 60 heavily armed Mexicans seen yesterday on the Mexican side of the Rio Grande, opposite to the town of Marathon, 200 miles from here, has led to the belief that a raid on Mexican and not on United States towns is being contemplated by the revolutionists. Scouts who were hastily sent out at midnight patrolled the Rio Grande for miles without sighting a single

NO REPORT ON FEDERAL BUILDING

Word Awaited From Washington With Greatest Interest—Report of Special Agent Roberts Not Yet in Washington—Until It Does, Local People Must Wait.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.—(Special)—The treasury department has not as yet received the report of Special Agent Roberts, who recently passed on the federal building sites offered in Medford. Until the report is received no action can be taken.

The above dispatch was received today by the Mail Tribune from its Washington correspondent, and sets at rest a rumor that has been going the rounds that the person tendering the location favored by Mr. Roberts had been notified that their offer had been accepted.

Interest is keen in Medford regarding the location of the new building and according to street reports no less than \$500 has been wagered on the choice of location.

LANDIS GRANTS CHANGE OF VENUE

CHICAGO, Ill., Nov. 18.—United States Judge K. M. Landis today granted a petition for a change of venue to the indicted meat packers, who faced trial in his court. Judge Landis held as well taken the contention of the packers' attorneys that he was disqualified from hearing the causes because of his active participation in the beef trust prosecutions of 1905.

Landis refused to certify the cases to the United States circuit court and instead said he would transfer them to the United States district court, presided over by Judge Carpenter. The attorneys for the packers said that such action was unwarranted and protested to the court.

CROWD CLAMORS FOR JAP'S BLOOD

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Nov. 18.—John Ishiwata, a diminutive Japanese, is held at the city jail today pending an investigation of an attack upon him which occurred after Mrs. F. H. Case of Santa Ana had been struck and knocked down by a stone he threw at one of a gang of youths he declared had abused him. Ishiwata told the police that he was set upon late last night by three men who knocked him to the pavement and struck him, he alleges, without provocation. He seized a stone and hurled it at the nearest of his assailants. The man struck by the missile struck Mrs. Case, who was walking on the opposite side of the street, inflicting a painful wound on her chest.

A crowd quickly surrounded the woman. Someone shouted that she had been struck by a Japanese. Ishiwata fled and was pursued by scores of men and boys with cries of "Get a rope!" and "Lynch him!" The Japanese was saved by Harry Handon, a vaudeville actor, who pushed him into the offices of the Home Telephone company, where he hid until the police arrived.

Deputy Sheriff R. B. Dow returned from Portland Friday morning, whether he had been to secure William Mullin, accused of issuing checks against banks when he had no funds.

TWELVE ACRES BEARING TREES SOLD; \$2000 AN ACRE IS PRICE

OREGON APPLES WINS SWEEPSTAKES AT SPOKANE SHOW

SPOKANE, Nov. 18.—For the second successive time Oregon apples have carried off the sweepstake prize at the national apple show. This year first place went to a car of Spitzenbergs exhibited by C. H. Sprout of Hood river, and last year the sweepstakes were awarded to Tronson & Guthrie of the Rogue river valley.

Second sweepstakes were awarded Hinman & Grady of Wenatchee, who exhibited a car of Spitzenbergs.

A carload of Newtown apples exhibited by A. R. Helms of Ashland took second prize for Newtowns. Very Bros. of Hood river were first. Thousands of visitors have daily thronged the show since it opened. As soon as the show here closes the prize winners will be shipped to Chicago for exhibition there.

NO END IN SIGHT PRESENT STORM TURNING COLDER

Two inches and a quarter of rain have fallen during the present rain storm throughout the valley, and according to the weather reports the end is not yet in sight. With the coming of night today colder weather is predicted and it may be that snow will fall.

Reports received today indicate that a snow storm is coming down from the north. Whether it will reach Southern Oregon is doubtful, although several flurries were experienced last year before this time.

There is no doubt but that the present rain is the genuine winter moisture, although Southern Oregon's renowned fall sun is expected to break through the clouds most any day and remain out for days at a time.

CHICAGO BANK OFFICIAL BUYS BURRELL TRACT

Douglas Smith, vice-president of a Chicago banking institution, has purchased 12 acres of bearing orchard in the Burrell tract, paying \$24,000, or \$2000 an acre. J. E. Bardsall and Phil Hamill made the sale.

One-half of the tract is in 20-year-old d'Anjou pears and the other half in 20-year-old Howells. These trees have been steady producers and records they have made in the past more than warrant the price paid for the tract. For several years past they have more than paid interest on a larger sum.

The price is nearly a record for bearing orchard. However, one tract in the Burrell grove was sold at \$2300 an acre.

Mr. Smith will make the tract a country home, where he may retire from the cares of the business world.

NO ONE BLAMED FOR ACCIDENT

As there seems to have been some uncertainty as to the cause of the accident which resulted in the death of Warren E. Bodge, I desire to state that my daughter, Mrs. Bodge, and my family and myself are convinced beyond a doubt that it was an unavoidable accident and was not the result of the fault or carelessness of anyone, and we take this means of fully exonerating the members of the fire department from responsibility and of thanking them, one and all, for their thoughtfulness and consideration for us in our bereavement.

ELLA WHEELER WILCOX COMING

Ella Wheeler Wilcox will arrive in Medford next Wednesday for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Hauptmann of Table Rock. She is accompanied by her husband. They are making a tour of the world.

Should the talented author become enamored of the valley the chances are that she will advertise it extensively with her pen.

PLANNED A DRUNK WAS SUCCESSFUL

Edward Robinson appeared before Police Judge Canon Friday morning to answer a charge of being drunk. "I live in Ashland, your honor," he said, "and I came to Medford yesterday afternoon with the intention of getting drunk, and from the circumstances, as nearly as I can remember, and my feelings this morning, I surely must have succeeded." In which statement Edward was corroborated by the police.

"An honest confession is good for the soul," quoth the judge, "so it will only cost you \$5 on account of your successful effort."

W. Thompson left a southbound train yesterday in order to relieve the drought produced by a journey through the arid regions north. He hoisted in one too many and the Southern Pacific, like the tide, waits not. Thompson's hat and other paraphernalia went on without him. After giving him a little fatherly advice and adding \$3 to the city treasury, Judge Canon allowed him to continue his journey to Lakeview.

WILL CONSIDER MANY ORDINANCES TONIGHT

The city council will meet this evening in adjourned session to consider a number of ordinances. Among them will be ordinances levying sewer assessments on five streets on the east side, notice of which assessment have been duly published. The provision for \$14,500 improvement bonds will also come up for consideration.

The light committee has had under consideration for some time the proposition of the installation of cluster lights along Main street, in the business section. The proposition is that the property owners install the lights in front of their several holdings and the city will take care of them thereafter, paying for electricity, repairs, etc.

Other matters will probably come up for discussion. The city recorder says he never knows what will be sprung on him at any one council meeting.

The remains of Clay Charley, who died at Portland Wednesday, were taken to Brownsboro Friday morning, where the interment was made in the afternoon.

300 MILITANT SUFFRAGETTES ATTACK POLICE; SCORE HURT

LONDON, Nov. 18.—Three hundred militant suffragettes attacked the police stationed around the parliament buildings today when they were refused admittance, and a riot in which a score of women were hurt and half a dozen more arrested followed.

The riots continued throughout the day until mounted police charged the crowds and cleared an opening about the buildings.

The trouble began when a delegation of suffragettes attempted to enter the house of lords. Uniformed men barred the way and held back the leaders. The women withdrew for a consultation, lined up for a "flying wedge" in front of the wide entrance and charged. Umbrellas became rapiers and policemen's helmets were rolled in the dust.

The charge was repulsed, then repeated again and again. Six of the leaders, women prominent in the London suffragette movement, were arrested.

When the afternoon session of parliament was opened the women again demanded admission. News of the rioting had spread and scores of hoodlums were on hand. These joined in the rush of the militants, hustling women about and tearing their clothing from their backs. The police sternly repressed such actions, arresting 200 men. Finally the mounted police arrived and effectively ended all disturbances by breaking up each group before it had time to assume the proportions of a mob.

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FRENCH AND AMERICANS CLASH

Bloody Riots Occur Between Uncle Sam's Bluejackets and Those of France Following Discovery of Body of American in Waters of Bay—Patrols Carry Rifles to Head Off Trouble.

PARIS, Nov. 18.—Bloody riots between sailors of the second division of the American fleet at Cherbourg and French sailors in that port occurred today, according to a dispatch received by L'intranzégaunt here. The dispatch says that the body of an American sailor later was found floating in the waters of the inner port. All patrols at Cher-

bourg are carrying loaded rifles with fixed bayonets to prevent another attack by the Americans, who, the dispatch alleges were the aggressors in the conflict.

The dead sailor is H. G. Weldlich of the battleship Louisiana. There are conflicting stories of his death. Some say he was drowned accidentally, while others contend that he was a victim of the rioting.