

THE WEATHER

Rain tonight and tomorrow.

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.

The Rain of Today Assures the Red Cheeked Apple of Tomorrow

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SUGAR TRUST DESIGNATED A 'RUTHLESS MONSTER' IN COURT

DISSOLUTION OF COMBINATION IS SOUGHT BY U.S.

Suit Is Instituted Against American Refining Company and 27 Companies Which Have Been Absorbed—Trust Is Alleged

NEW YORK, Nov. 28.—Designating the sugar trust as a "ruthless monster," the department of justice today asked the United States circuit court to outlaw the alleged combination. The government calls upon the court to dissolve the trust by means of a "receiver or otherwise." The complaint alleges that the trust agreement is a fraud and constitutes a monopoly.

United States Attorney Wise instituted the suit, which is directed against the American Sugar Refining company and twenty-seven companies that, according to the complaint, "either through force or persuasion," were absorbed by the combination. The government brief says that "they" (the Havemeyers) and their associates managed and directed the affairs of former competing concerns whose shares they held, destroyed competition, fixed prices that prevent others from entering the trade and forced the retirement of many plants already engaged in the business.

The petition says that the American Sugar Refining company was incorporated in New Jersey in 1891 and that it has a capital stock of a par value of \$90,000,000. The companies comprising the trust, it is said, are refiners of both beet and cane sugar.

One chapter of the petition details the operations of the Havemeyers and their associates since 1887. It declares that in 1887 there were 23 independent refineries in the country. These had a total producing capacity of 23,000,400 pounds daily. "Under the leadership of Havemeyers, Donner, Atkins, Thomas and others," the petition continues, "the owners and directors of 17 competing refineries, carrying 90 per cent of the American sugar trade and jointly capable of dominating and controlling, decided to combine and destroy competition, exclude others and monopolize the trade."

The first combination operated under a trust deed, it is alleged, which gave the control of the various properties to eleven trustees.

The petition continues: "In pursuance of a general conspiracy and in order to maintain, secure and retain a complete domination of the trade and to obtain unconscionable profits to those interested, the trustees and their co-conspirators and others did and caused to be done many things, some of which are specified."

It is charged that the trust "smothered competition, acquired and held a monopoly for themselves, eliminating many refiners."

FOURTEEN ARE DEAD IN MINE

Cause of Explosion Unknown—Mine Operated by Asphalt Company—Dead Miners Are All Said to Be Americans

MEALISTER, Okla., Nov. 28.—Fourteen miners were killed by an explosion in the Jumbo asphalt mine near Antlers, according to a message that reached here today. The cause of the explosion is unknown. The dead miners were all Americans, it is said. The mine is operated by the Choctaw Asphalt company. News of the accident has been received by R. W. Church, state inspector of mines.

BENSON AGAIN FORCED TO CALIFORNIA FOR HIS HEALTH

SALEM, Nov. 28.—Governor Frank Benson of Oregon is preparing to return to San Francisco to spend the winter months and perhaps to remain until he is entirely cured of the lupus that has disfigured his face. Jay Bowerman, president of the senate, who is now at his home, at Condon, will arrive in Salem about the first of December to take over the reins

of government until the inauguration of Governor-Elect Oswald West in January. Previous to the recent election Governor Benson was in California and it is understood that he will return on advice of his physicians. Benson was re-elected secretary of state at the last election.

GEORGE V AND CHURCHILL ROW

Never Again Will Home Secretary Be Allowed to Enter Palace While George V Is on the Job—Scrap Over Papers

LONDON, Nov. 28.—The political agitation attending the prerogative of parliament brought to light today the cause of a split between King George and Winston Churchill, secretary for home affairs. His majesty is understood to have told Premier Asquith that positively never again will he meet Churchill, either officially or socially.

According to those who vouch for the truth of the story, Churchill aroused the royal wrath somewhat in this way:

The king is in the habit of reading carefully every state paper submitted to him. This irked Churchill owing to the delay involved, so one day, it is said, the home secretary entered the palace and placed a batch of documents on the king's desk, remarking significantly that they were merely routine and need not be read.

George made a few remarks on his own account, which contained a solemn rebuke for the secretary's unbusinesslike methods.

Churchill, whose worst enemy never accused him of lack of confidence in the infallibility of his own judgment, responded tartly that the king's

BRIDGE TAKEN OUT BY FLOOD

Impossible Now to Reach Eagle Point by Hill Road Owing to Washout Near Home of F. W. Cowles—Country Is Flooded

It is now impossible to reach Eagle Point by what is known as the hill road, owing to the floods which prevail, and which have washed away the bridge near Westaway, F. W. Cowles' orchard home.

Water prevails on many of the roads throughout the county and in many places the roads are impassible.

William Cameron Dead

William Cameron, who has resided in Medford for a number of years, died suddenly at his home in this city Monday morning. He leaves a wife.

business was to sign what his ministers asked him to sign, and that it really made no particular difference whether he ever read anything.

The king is said to have bounced from his chair and in language acquired during his early training in the royal navy ordered the home secretary from the palace and directed him to stay out as long as George V remains on the job.

EXPERIMENT STATION FOR VALLEY

President Kerr of O. A. C. returns From East With Word That Uncle Sam Will Assist State in Establishment of Experimental Stations in Various Sections of Oregon—One for Rogue River Valley

PORTLAND, Or., Nov. 28.—A scheme for the extension of the experimental work of the Oregon agricultural college by the establishment of new farming stations in various parts of the state is being considered by President W. J. Kerr of the college and the department of agriculture.

President Kerr, who has just returned from Washington, D. C., said that the department is contemplating the proposition of co-operating with the college in this connection. According to President Kerr, one of the proposed experimental stations probably will be established in the Rogue River valley, another in Harney county and one in the Willamette valley.

Should the plans now being considered materialize, the government will pay one-half of maintaining the stations and the state the other half.

The proposition will be placed before the board of regents of the college at its annual meeting in December. If they report favorably the state legislature will be asked to appropriate funds for the undertaking.

For some time the matter of establishing a branch of the Oregon experimental station in the Rogue River valley has been agitated. With government aid the station would become of great value to this section.

HOME RULE CAMPAIGN COST OREGON \$39,786.72

It cost Oregon \$39,786.72 to get home rule. In his statement of campaign expenses filed with the secretary of state by General Manager Harry C. McAllister of the Greater Oregon Home Rule association, Saturday, the total amount of money contributed to the fund from all sources was \$40,019.25. Disbursements were: Office rent, \$456.91; literature and stamps, \$8177.34; expenses, \$915.99; salaries, \$6103.38; printing and electrotypes, \$1550.05; newspaper advertising, \$7700.49; newspaper subscriptions, \$67.84; collecting funds, \$9114.25; secretary

Test Case Settled

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 28.—The United States supreme court today sustained the California inheritance tax law in so far as it affects an inheritance by a widow from her husband. The point was decided in the case of Mrs. James Moffitt, the widow of an Alameda millionaire, who died October 26, 1906, leaving an estate valued at \$2,000,000. The case was made a test case.

NO END OF STORM IS IN SIGHT

Rogue River Has Risen Over Ten Feet and Is Still Coming Up—Weather Man Says Rain Tonight and Tomorrow—No Damage, Only Good, Comes From Downpour

Rogue river is rapidly rising, the 13-foot mark having been reached. Before this storm the gauge on the bridge registered 2.6 feet. Last year one, of high floods, the 20-foot mark was reached. If the present rain continues the river will doubtless approach the high water record. The weather man predicts rain for tonight and tomorrow. To date nearly six inches of rain has fallen and four inches of snow.

The general rainstorm over the entire Rogue River valley, which started with a snowstorm last Wednesday night and was continued by a heavy rainfall for 36 hours, will probably result in a greater amount of good than harm, although in Medford some slight discomforts were experienced in nearly every part of the city owing to slight floods, but no great amount of damage was done.

The most serious looking of these small relics of Brother Noah, started at the junction of Laurel and West Seventh streets, crossed West Seventh at the alley line, went as far as Scott Davis' residence, where it turned down the sewer line and continued to Holly street, where it was turned into the sewer and was thus checked from doing further mischief.

There was plenty of water all over town; not that Medford is particularly low, but because of her miles of pavements and the unfinished condition of new improvements which prevent the water from escaping.

From the outside districts the same heavy rain is reported, Jacksonville, Central Point, Phoenix, Talent and Ashland fairly floated and Medford, being the metropolis, was naturally treated to the largest amount of rain.

About the only damage done the town were the filling up of basements and the flooding of a few lawns. One small church has water enough for baptismal purposes for four years. As a whole the rain is a blessing to the city, to the valley and to southern Oregon. That high water may prevail in Bear creek is quite probable because of the great amount of snowfall in the Siskiyou, the stream is rising slightly and will doubtless reach a stage far above the ordinary, but will do no damage.

In the country districts the farmers and fruitgrowers are jubilant and the men who own irrigation projects are happy in the knowledge that plenty of water is in the reservoirs—but, however—there has been plenty of rain for a week or two, but there is no reason to complain.

24 DEAD, 3 MISSING IN FACTORY FIRE

NEWARK, N. J., Nov. 28.—The charred fragments of a human body were found in the ruins of the building occupied by the Newark Box company and two other firms, which was destroyed by fire Saturday. Searchers working in the ashes today discovered bits of burned clothing. A careful investigation of the cause of the fire and the condition of the building has been begun.

The finding of the body today brings the total number of dead up to twenty-four. Three persons are missing today. The police believe that the body found is one of these.

The store that pays a lot of money for space in which to say something to you must believe that what it says is important to you.

Discussing Oregon's Future Development League Meets



THEODORE B. WILCOX, President of the Oregon Development League, Which Is Meeting Today.

SALEM, Nov. 28.—The Oregon development league, comprising the greatest gathering of representative men ever held in Oregon, assembled in this city today in annual convention. The convention will run three days and among the speakers will be a number of more than local prominence. All of them will advance ideas for the development of the state and its commercial position.

These men, prominent in the various walks of life, will interchange ideas and discuss suggestions that will be made by which it is hoped the state as a whole will profit and before it is all over an understanding will have been reached whereby all will put their shoulder to the wheel and aid in the development of every community of the entire state, from the big metropolis to the remotest rural district.

Theodore B. Wilcox, one of the Oregon's foremost business men, and

head of the league, will preside over the convention. Mr. Wilcox is a forcible speaker and his address is being looked forward to with deep interest. He will suggest among other things that never before was there a time more opportune than the present to advertise Oregon and induce immigration.

Oregon needs people and the people of the eastern and middle states need Oregon, for back there, it is argued, the lands in many places are overpopulated and the cities leave no opportunities for the rising generation.

Until now Oregon's growth was retarded by lack of transportation facilities, but with railroads stretching out in every direction, new fields are opened, giving the settlers of limited means opportunity to quickly

Such matters as these will be discussed before the convention and plans will also be laid for how to best obtain results.

ENGLISH POLITICS WARMING UP

Next General Election Will Decide Fate of House of Lords or Power of King George Himself Say Liberals—King Must Create New Peers If He Wants to Keep His Job

LONDON, Nov. 28.—George V today prerogated parliament, thereby precipitating a battle between the lords and the liberals.

The next general election probably will decide the fate of the house of lords, or the power of King George himself, according to leaders of the liberal party. It is assumed that King George already has assured Premier Asquith that he will create enough liberal peers to outvote the present conservative majority in the house of lords, provided that the liberals win at the polls. Should

George refuse to create the peers, it would mean, practically, the liberal leaders say, a royal defiance of the popular verdict in the event of a liberal victory.

Politicians believe that the liberal will make every effort to pile a good plurality to secure the king into creating the extra peers. Just what would happen if the king should refuse to do so, none of the political leaders say very definitely, but it is strongly intimated that it might bring about a great and decided change in the form of government.

CALIFORNIA MAN IS HERE AFTER LAND

That California man are after Rogue river land is shown by the fact of land near Medford. The rain storm has somewhat discouraged him and he is now talking Puget Sound, but certainly there is eloquence and beauty enough in Medford to attract the attention of Mr. White from a land of perpetual rain to a land where the climate is as sweet as the song of a Siren mother. Mr. White admits that the Rogue river valley is superior to any part of California and he likes it, but thinks the price of land too high. It is up to Medford to land a good citi-

large tract of land, as he does not wish to buy for speculation, but for permanent location.

OVER 800 CARS OF APPLES FROM WALLA WALLA VALLEY

WALLA WALLA, Nov. 28.—With only 15 cars of apples yet to be shipped Walla Walla valley orchardists today are more than pleased with the showing made this year. According to figures just compiled 800 standard box cars were required to move the apples, which is fully one-third greater than any season's yield which has gone from this vicinity heretofore. Some trees in Walla Walla and Umatilla yielded 40 boxes,

HEARING ON RATES HERE TOMORROW

State Railroad Commission Will Take Testimony in Regard to Two Complaints Filed With Them by the Medford Traffic Bureau—Commissioner Aitchison Here Now

The state railroad commission will meet in this city tomorrow for the purpose of hearing evidence on two complaints filed with the commission by the Medford traffic bureau, one on commodity rates into Medford and the other on class rates out of this city.

Commissioner C. B. Aitchison is now in the city and Commissioner Oswald West will arrive on the morning train Tuesday. The hearing will begin in the commercial club rooms at 11 o'clock.

This is the second step taken by Medford to secure more equitable rates on the Southern Pacific railroad to and out of Medford. The present rates are said to be prohibitive, when the making of Medford a jobbing center is considered. The first step was taken a short time ago when Examiner Pugh of the interstate commerce commission held a hearing on a complaint filed by the Medford traffic bureau regarding rates to and from California.

Commissioner Aitchison arrived last evening from California. He is returning from attending a session of the railroad commissioners' association in Washington, D. C., where railroad commissioners from nearly every state gathered with the interstate commission to discuss matters in connection with their work.

TRIAL OF GIRL FOR MURDER UNDER WAY

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Nov. 28.—The trial of Hattie LeBlanc, 17, charged with the murder of Clarence Glover of Waltham was begun here today. No testimony was taken, the session being occupied with the examination of prospective jurors.

Glover, in a dying statement, accused the girl defendant of firing the shot that killed him. Arrested in Glover's home three days after the shooting, Miss LeBlanc admitted she had been with Glover on the night he was killed. She said someone, unknown to her had found them together and fired the fatal shot.

Glover's widow, it was announced today, would be an important witness when the taking of testimony was begun.

Extensive plans for the girl's defense have been made. For counsel she has George Kyle, a member of the Canadian parliament, and Melvin Johnson.

Judge Daniel Bend is presiding at the trial. One hundred and ninety-four talliesmen, mostly farmers, have been summoned, and if possible the jury will be selected from them.

WENDLING TRIAL NOW UNDER WAY

Janitor of Louisville School Charged With Murder of 3-Year-Old Girl, Faces Court—Defense Is That Body Is Not That of Girl

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Nov. 28.—The trial of Joseph Wendling, charged with the murder of Alma Keilner, aged 3, whose body was found in the basement of St. John's church, began today. Wendling, formerly janitor of the parochial school and church, who was captured in San Francisco after a search that lasted for months, will make a hard fight for his life. The defense will contend that the bones discovered in the basement were not those of the little girl who mysteriously disappeared and who for months was supposed to have been kidnapped.