

THE WEATHER

Fair today and Wednesday.

The Meaning of the Signs. 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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NORTHWEST ROADS READY FOR STRIKE

TARIFF IS BITTERLY ASSAILED

Cummins Says Many of Its Provisions Are Indefensible—Defends His Resolution Providing for a Schedule by Schedule Revision of the Tariff.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 13.—Defending the resolution he introduced yesterday for a modification of the rules to permit a schedule-by-schedule revision of the tariff from charges that it was "revolutionary and drastic," Senator Albert B. Cummins of Iowa spoke in favor of the plan today.

"It is not my purpose to precipitate a tariff debate," said Cummins. "I have no desire to discuss the merits of the tariff law of 1909. I believe, however, that some of its provisions are indefensible. I gave close attention to the recent political contest and I found the sentiment prevailing throughout the country that some of the schedules are too high under present business conditions and with the existing rules it is impossible to amend the tariff law. Unless the rules are modified the present tariff will continue until those believing in high protection think a new act is necessary, or those opposing the high protectionists wage a successful war."

Cummins explained the effect of the proposed change, saying the amendments would limit the items of schedules the bill carried. He admitted it would bar the house from presenting any bill revising the entire tariff.

"I am heartily in favor of any plan of satisfying the demands of the people," said Cummins. He referred to the charge by Senator Hale that the rule he proposed was drastic and revolutionary as entirely groundless. Senator Aldrich took part in the discussion, suggesting a plan for considering the tariff subject by subject.

"I think the tariff ought to be considered subject by subject," said Aldrich. "That would give a chance to consider the substance of the bill. I doubt if the rule now proposed would permit of this plan."

JACK O'CONNOR IN THE TOILS

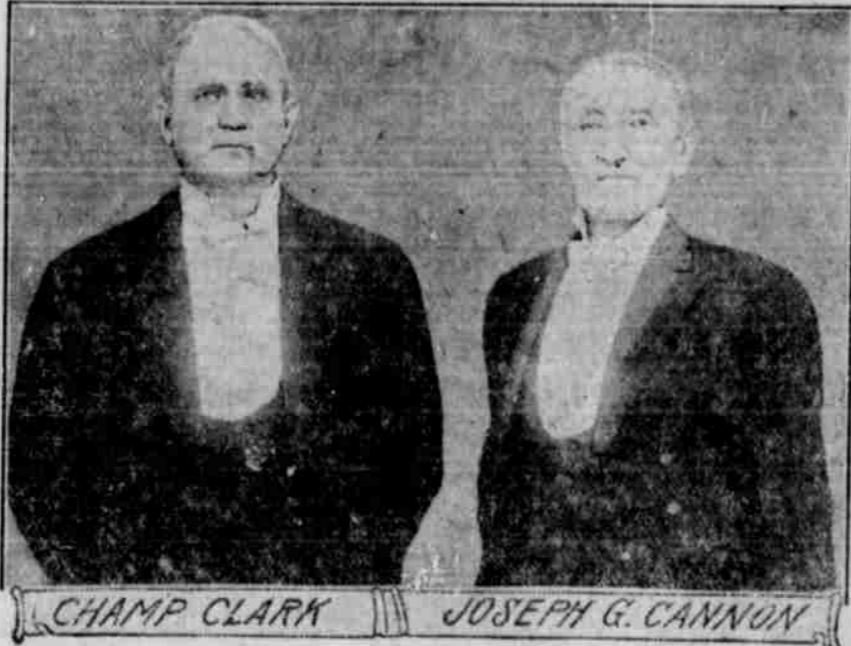
Man Wanted at Butte Falls on a Charge of Hog Stealing Is Nabbed in the South—Relatives Live at the Falls.

Constable Singler has gone to Villa, Cal., to bring back Jack O'Connor, who has caused the police so much trouble and who is wanted near Butte Falls for hog stealing.

O'Connor was married about a year ago to Miss Cecil Edsall of Butte Falls and lived with his father-in-law, John Edsall, and it was during this time that neighbors nearby began to miss their hogs, but O'Connor was not suspected for many months. He was furnishing meat to the P. & E. railroad camp, but not being satisfied began the wholesale theft of hogs and while hauling them to Medford was discovered as the real hog thief of Butte Falls. O'Connor made a hasty get-away, and would probably never have been caught had the young wife not have followed him. O'Connor will be returned to Jackson county in a few days where he will be forced to stand trial for grand larceny.

J. W. Myers was transacting business in Jacksonville Tuesday morning.

Unique Snapshot Posed For by Champ Clark and Speaker Cannon



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While bitter political rivals, Congressman Champ Clark of Missouri and Speaker Cannon are good personal friends. Congressman Cannon refers to Clark as "Mr. Speaker" on all occasions and enjoys telling the Missourians what he may expect if he becomes Democratic speaker of congress. Clark grows restive under the banter of the Illinois statesman and says he has a long row to hoe before he reaches the speakership.

COLD WAVE IS SWEEPING O'ER MIDDLE WEST

Much Suffering Reported Among the Poor—Thousands Spend Day in Bed in Order to Keep Warm—Mercury Drops to Zero.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 13.—The cold wave which yesterday continued today and the weather bureau predicted that several days would elapse before the temperature, which is near the zero mark, will rise again.

There is much suffering among the poor, chiefly among the families of the striking garment workers who are on the verge of actual starvation and are without means of purchasing fuel. Thousands of persons in the tenement house district spent yesterday in bed. The mercury was seven above zero in the heart of the city and below zero in the suburbs, the coldest day recorded so far this winter.

The cold wave seems to be general throughout the country. Dispatches from Mississippi report schools suffering from cold and entire communities are stricken with grip and similar complaints.

Moorhead, Minn., reported the coldest mark, 16 below zero; Winnipeg, Canada, announced 20 below zero. Northfield, Vt., was the coldest place in the east, 8 below.

ACCIDENTAL SHOT RESULTS IN DEATH

Roseburg Child, Wounded by Brother While at Play, Succumbs to Injury—Was Shot With .22-Caliber Revolver.

ROSEBURG, Ore., Dec. 13.—Homer Endicott, aged 8 years, died at the hospital yesterday morning from a bullet wound in the stomach, inflicted accidentally by his 13-year-old brother, with a .22-caliber pistol at their home last Friday at 9:30 a. m.

The boys were playing in the home with the pistol when the older lad, placing a parlor match under the hammer of the weapon, which he supposed to be unloaded, snapped it at the little fellow to explode the match. The chamber of the pistol was loaded and the cartridge was discharged, the bullet lodging in the small boy's stomach. Every effort was made to save his life and the physicians probed for the ball but the injury, despite the best of care, proved fatal.

SENATOR ELKINS SURROUNDED BY LUXURY, STARVES

Reported to Be Near Death—Chief Trouble Is Inability to Digest His Food—Has Lost Considerable Weight—No One Sees Him.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 13.—Surrounded by luxury, yet staying to death because of inability to assimilate food, United States Senator Stephen B. Elkins of West Virginia is near death, according to a report current here today.

It is said that the senator's chief trouble is inability to digest his food and that as a result his blood has become impoverished. It is asserted that he has lost considerable weight and that his friends would not know him, so greatly has he changed. No one is permitted to see the senator, although it was announced at the Elkins residence last night that his condition was good and that there was no cause for alarm.

FRED CUMMINGS IS A BENEDICT

Weds and Keeps Matter a Secret Until He Lets News Leak Out—Is the Manager of the Rogue River Canal Company.

That Fred N. Cummings has "borrowed the wings of Cupid and flown to Gretta Green," is now an admitted fact among his hundreds of friends, but his game of secrecy was a most profound success until he was asked to join some of his bachelor friends in some out-of-town field sport, and he remarked: "Very sorry, but I can't go, as Mrs. Cummings will be here on that date." That settled it. His old companions in single blessedness knew that something secret and serious had happened and said no more.

It seems that some two weeks ago, while in his capacity as general manager of the Rogue River Valley Canal company, Mr. Cummings made a business trip to Portland, a trip which had been carefully planned for some time, and while there was united in marriage to Miss Hutchinson of that city, a young lady whom he has known for years. Returning, he left the bride in Portland, and holding his own wise counsel, kept his friends in ignorance, but in his preparation for the reception of the bride

ENGINEERS ARE HELD IN RESERVE

Work of Placing Reserve Engineers at All Division Points Has Been Under Way for Some Time—Vote to Strike Was Ninety-Seven Per Cent in Favor.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 13.—From sources considered as well informed concerning railroad activities, it was reported today that the various railroads in the northwest have been quietly preparing for a struggle if the railway engineers go on strike. Through their president, Warren Stone, members of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers have delivered their ultimatum of "higher wages or strike" to the railroad managers at a conference in Chicago yesterday, and some sort of a reply was expected before tonight. At a secret ballot, 97 per cent of the 37,000 engineers voted to strike if the demand for an increase was turned down.

In railroad circles it is common gossip that the railroads have enough reserve engineers on hand at the division points to operate the mail and passenger trains without the least trouble. It is said that the work of placing the reserves at the points where they would be needed in case of emergency has been under way for the last two weeks in anticipation of a general strike.

It is said that the lines have reserve engineers at Portland, Spokane, Seattle, Tacoma, Umatilla, Or.; Pocatello, Idaho; Huntington, Or.; and other division points in the northwest.

According to the stories circulating here the Northern Pacific, Canadian Pacific, Milwaukee, Union Pacific and Great Northern have been particularly active in this connection.

WINNIPEG, Man., Dec. 13.—Leading engine drivers on the railways running out of Winnipeg are preparing for a strike. Local engineers stated today a great engineers' strike, affecting all American railways, would be called on December 19, if the companies did not grant an increase in pay. Six days' elapse between the call and the actual strike, which period brings the strike date to December 23, on which day all locomotives will be inert, it is asserted. All engineers from here to Vancouver are included, and transcontinental traffic would be altogether tied up should a strike be declared.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 13.—Engineers employed on railroads entering Tacoma today expressed the opinion that there will be no general strike of Brotherhood men. They appear confident that the questions in dispute will be arbitrated. There are no surface indications of preparations on the part of the railroads for a tie-up.

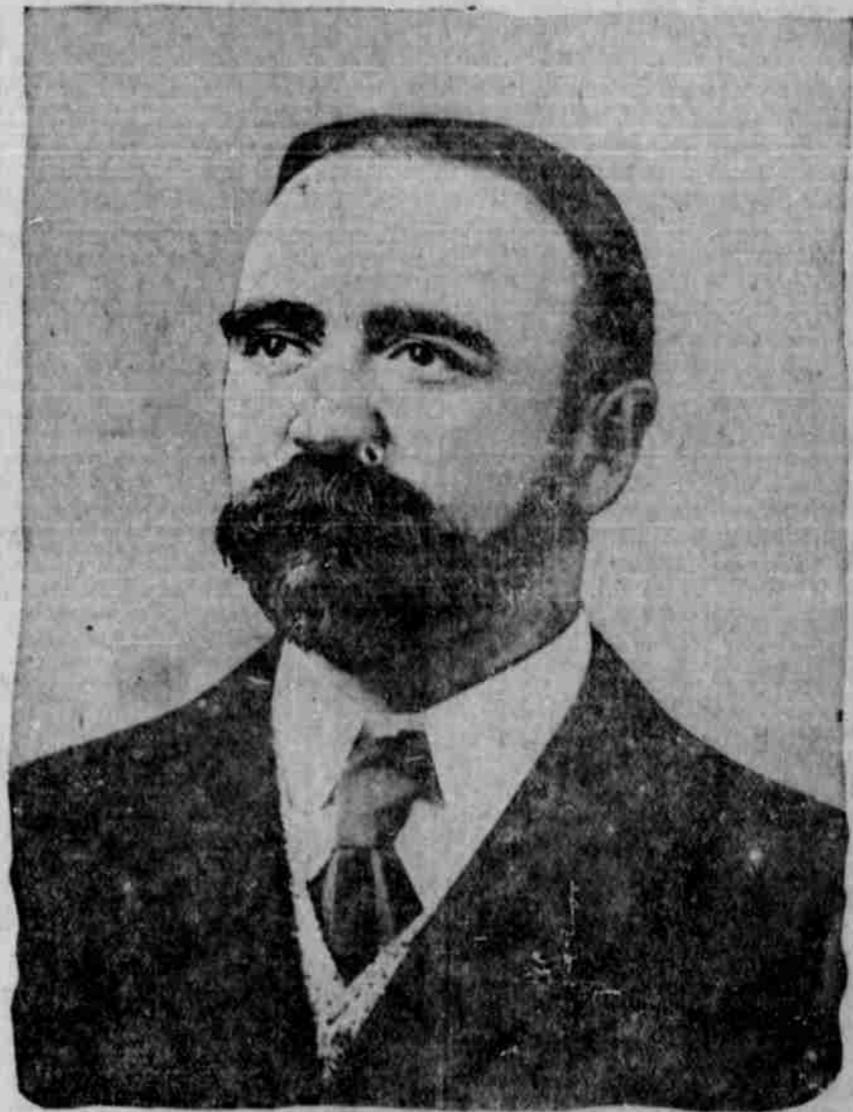
WANT AN EARLY VOTE ON FAIR APPROPRIATION

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 13.—Confident that they have sufficient pledges of votes for San Francisco for the Panama exposition, members of the California delegation today concentrated their efforts toward getting an early vote on the question of federal designation of the fair site. They hope for an agreement in the house which will permit of a bill being voted upon either Thursday or Friday of this week.

He made the fatal slip of the tongue which gave the whole affair away.

Mrs. Cummings will arrive in Medford in a few days, when she will be gladly received in the leading social circles of the city.

Francisco I. Madero, Who Is To Be Executed if Captured.



MEXICANS AND REBELS CLASH IN CHIHUAHUA

Trains Moving Northward Filled With Women and Children, Refugees From Fighting Zone—Heavy Loss of Life Reported.

EL PASO, Texas, Dec. 13.—A battle between federal troops and insurgents 20 miles from Pedernales, in the state of Chihuahua which began Sunday is reported to have resulted in heavy loss of life. Dispatches to-day indicate that the fight is still in progress but do not say which side has the advantage.

One message states that the insurgents seized two machine guns at San Andreas.

Trains are moving northward on the Mexico Northwestern railroad filled with women and children, refugees from the fighting zone.

R. P. LITTLE FOR CITY COUNCIL

Resident of Medford for Seventeen Years—Says He Will Devote the Greater Portion of His Time to the Office if He Is Elected.

R. P. Little has announced his candidacy for the office of commissioner from the First ward and will enter the lists against J. E. Watt.

Mr. Little for a considerable time hesitated about entering the race, but finally gave in to the urging of his friends.

Mr. Little has been a resident of Medford for the past seventeen years. During that time he has ever stood for progress and municipal improvements on a solid foundation. He states that if he is elected, he will devote the greater portion of his time to the city's business. Mr. Little resides at 723 Taylor street.

Born to the wife of H. C. Bonney, of 238 West Front street, on Sunday morning, December 12, an eight-pound girl.

WALL STREET IS SATISFIED WITH SUPREME COURT

Wall Street Organ Says That Majority of Court, as Rounded Out by Recent Appointments, is Extremely Conservative.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Wall street believes that the new supreme court, as rounded out by the appointments of President Taft, is conservative. The New York News Bureau, a recognized Wall street organ, commenting on the court appointments, today says:

"Members of the bar who have been endeavoring to classify the probable attitude of the United States supreme court under the new membership have concluded that it is more conservative than it was when the Standard Oil case and the American Tobacco case were heard last term. Lawyers align the membership in about the following fashion:

"Conservatives—Chief Justice White and Justices Day, Holmes, Lurton and Hughes.

"Radicals—Justices Harlan and Van Devanter.

"Uncertain—Justices Lamar and McKenna.

"Some are inclined to put Hughes in the uncertain list because he is regarded as a politician, but Hughes' friends say he will decide according to the facts in the case, and that his mental make-up in matters pertaining to the law is extremely conservative."

CIVIL WAR VETERAN BURIED THIS AFTERNOON

William H. Cook, an aged soldier of the civil war, died at the farm of H. E. Bowman at 2:45 Sunday afternoon. Mr. Cook was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, being a member of the post at Central Point. The funeral took place at 9:15 p. m., Tuesday, from the Bowman residence and was largely attended by comrades and friends. Interment in I. O. O. F. cemetery.

George Blaisdell, who owns a large farm near Roseburg, Wash., is taking in the Rogue river valley.

QUARRELED OVER DRESS HUSBY SHOT

Wife of Millionaire Clubman Confesses That She Shot Her Husband When He Struck Her—Quarrel Followed Her Appearance in a Tea Gown.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 13.—Mrs. Marie Clapp, wife of Herbert Clapp, a millionaire clubman, mysteriously wounded at his home last night, today confessed that she shot her husband to protect her own life. "But I did not want to kill him," she moaned. "I shot him before I thought; I did not want to kill him."

When she became a little more quiet she told the circumstances leading up to the shooting.

"I only wanted to fix him so he couldn't hurt me," said Mrs. Clapp as a preface to the story. "He attacked me first and I wanted to protect myself. I didn't want to kill him."

The trouble, she said, started Sunday night.

"Last night," Mrs. Clapp continued, "I went to the Majestic hotel to buy a newspaper. I was dressed in a loose tea gown. When I returned my husband chided me for appearing in such a dress. I left him and went to my room and retired. Mr. Clapp drank four big glasses of whiskey and took 12 grains of morphia. Later he walked up to the side of my bed and without speaking struck me in the face. When I attempted to rise he seized my throat with his hands and choked me. He held me until my breath was nearly gone, then he released me, but heaped insulting names upon me. He leaned over me and struck me again. Then I struck back.

"He walked slowly to his side of the bed and took his revolver from its holster.

"I ran to the other side of the bed and he followed. I dodged him and ran back. He climbed over the bed and we met in the center of the room between the bed and the bureau. He pointed the revolver and I grabbed his hands, tugging at his fingers with all my strength. The gun went off, the bullet entering the ceiling. Then he broke away from me and stepped backward.

"I'll get you this time," he screamed, and I'll get you right!"

"I was certain he would kill me, and I wanted to protect myself. I lunged forward and seized the revolver. I managed to wrench it from my husband's hand. I stepped back, aimed the weapon at him and pulled the trigger. The bullet passed clear through his neck and he dropped.

"I was frantic. I cleaned the floor, wiping up the little pool of blood. I pasted a postal card over the hole the bullet made in a mirror when it left the back of his head."

Mrs. Clapp then hid herself, she said, but finally answered the summons of the police.

Clapp probably will recover. He is very bitter against his wife, saying that he intends to press the charge of "atrocious intent to kill" which has been lodged against her.

DEATH THREAT SENT TO SEATTLE PASTOR

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 13.—The United States postal authorities today began a search for the unknown person who sent a death threat through the mails last Sunday to Dr. Adna Wright Leonard, pastor of the First Methodist church of Seattle. Sunday morning the minister preached a powerful sermon attacking the administration of Mayor Gill and Police Chief Wapenstein, and blaming them for the vice conditions existing in the city.