

THE WEATHER
Cloudy 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.

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FRESNO AND I.W.W. WAR

FRESNO, Cal., Dec. 23.—Eighty-five members of the Industrial Workers of the World locked in the county jail here on charges of vagrancy or for having violated the anti-street speaking ordinances were placed on a diet of bread and water today. The change of fare followed a demonstration in the jail last night when the workers cursed and abused Sheriff Chittenden and the other officers. The jail is located in the residence district and the officers were forced to close the windows to prevent the vile language of the prisoners being heard in nearby homes. For half an hour the outbreak continued. The prisoners, clinging to the bars of the jail cells like monkeys, and defying the guards who sought to quiet them, cursed and abused the sheriff, applying the most foul language imaginable to them. The demonstration followed what the Industrial Workers alleged was the sheriff's abuse of a drunken prisoner who had to be subdued after fighting with the guards who took him to his cell. The sheriff's threat to turn the fire hose on them and flood the cellroom finally quieted the prisoners. Reports that a wholesale jail delivery has been planned have reached the sheriff and armed guards have been placed around the jail. Last night's demonstration has aroused the resentment of the residents of Fresno and it is feared that the Industrialists may be attacked. The jail is so crowded that the officers do not know what to do with the prisoners. A stockade may be built outside the city limits to accommodate prisoners if other arrests are made.

RAILROAD MEN STILL TALK

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 23.—Commissioner of Labor Charles H. Nell, today presented the representatives of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers with a supplementary peace proposition and a new conference is under way to prevent a strike of the engineers on 61 western railroads.

PADLOCK BILL PASSED SPAIN

MADRID, Dec. 23.—Despite Carlism and clerical attempts to impede the passage of the measure, the cortes today passed the famous "padlock bill," virtually providing for the separation of church and state in Spain, and restricting the establishment of religious orders. Premier Canalejas did not notify the opposition that the bill would be considered, but quietly directed the anti-clerical and members of the government party to be in their seats. When enough members were on hand the measure was presented and passed. Perfectly aware that the passage of the bill will cause the church to appeal to the people to overthrow the government, the premier has announced that he will proceed with further anti-clerical legislation. Friends of the premier declare that politics as well as humanitarian interests demand this action.

MRS. NELLIE WILKINSON CROSSES LAST DIVIDE

Mrs. Nellie Wilkinson, who is well known in this city, passed away in Portland on Monday. She was interred at Hoquiam beside a sister, who died about a year ago. Mrs. Wilkinson was the wife of W. O. Wilkinson of this city.

STATE TAX IS LESS THAN 2 MILLS

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 23.—Although it probably will be the first of the coming year before the final state tax levy is made up, it is safe to state the levy will not exceed two mills and may be a shade under that amount. Basing this on an estimated valuation of \$830,000,000, the two-mill tax will raise \$1,660,000 for state purposes. This is a decrease in the state levy from last year of two-tenths of a mill, but will increase the amount of taxes by nearly \$132,000. State Tax Commissioner Galloway says the odd years have been productive of a greater amount from taxation than the even years, according to the reports of the state board of equalization. The levy of two mills for 1911 will be less than for any year of the past five years, save in 1908, when it was a trifle less than two mills, and there is a possibility that it will go even lower for 1911 than for 1908.

TURKEY'S GIVEN BY PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23.—Each married employe of the white house received a turkey today as a gift from President Taft. Single men were not included in the list given by the president to his commissary clerk. One hundred and two fowls were distributed.

GIVES BOND NOT TO WED FOR 6 MONTHS

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 23.—When Miss Margaret Perkins went to work as telephone operator in a local hotel today the management required her to give a bond not to marry within six months. This instrument, duly signed and sealed, holds Miss Perkins' bondsmen liable to the extent of \$500 in the event she becomes a bride on or before June 23, 1911. The sureties are prominent business men. The reason for this unusual requirement by the hotel management is that a half dozen telephone operators have married within as many months, the last two being Miss Florence Joyce, who recently married a rancher, and Miss Olive Bourne, who has gone to Rockland, Mich., to join her intended husband.

TWENTY FIVE BODIES ARE RECOVERED FROM RUINS OF THE CHICAGO FIRE

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 23.—At 9 o'clock 25 bodies had been taken from the ruins of the Nelson Morris Packing company plants. The warehouse and the tallow house are still burning, but it is now believed that with no change in the wind there is little danger of the fire spreading to other parts of the yards. A roll call of the entire fire department probably will be taken some time during the day. At first it was planned to call the roll this morning, but Acting Marshal Zeyerich decided that firefighting was the first duty, and the men are all on duty.

Flags on the public schools and other public buildings are at half-mast today out of respect to the dead firemen. A dozen movements to raise funds for the widows and orphans of the firemen are under way. Chief Fire Marshal James Horan, head of the Chicago fire department, killed yesterday in the falling walls of the beef warehouse of Nelson Morris & Co.'s plant, will be buried by the city with military honors. Though the time of the funeral has not yet been set, arrangements have been partially completed and the

dead chief will be given the honors usually paid to the fallen leaders of armies. The city will make a demonstration in his honor, and the First regiment, Illinois National guard, the crack regiment in the city, will act as special escort when the body is carried through the streets to its burial place. The city will also take a hand in the funerals of the other fire-fighters who were killed when their chief was crushed under the falling masonry. Two hundred dollars, to defray the expenses of burial, will be given to the family of each of the dead firemen.

SIXTEEN YEAR OLD GIRL ATTACKED BY THUG

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 22.—Bruised and suffering from the beating she received when she was attacked in the yard of her home by an unidentified man, Rosa Arnold, 16 years old, daughter of A. S. Pepper, is under the care of a doctor today.

GOV. WILSON CHARGES BAD FAITH

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 23.—Governor-elect Woodrow Wilson today issued a statement charging James Smith, Jr., with bad faith to the democratic party in becoming a candidate for election to the United States

ELKS RAISE \$250 CHARITY

The local lodge of Elks raised \$250 at their Christmas meeting last evening, which will be devoted to bringing Christmas cheer to many a poor and needy family in the city. While it is a well-known fact that there are few really needy families in Medford, the few that do exist will be remembered by the Elks, as it was for this purpose that the benefit meeting was held. All persons knowing of needy families to whom the generosity of the Elks would be acceptable are requested to leave the names and addresses of such with any of the following committee before tonight. The committee is composed of the following: W. W. Eiffert, exalted ruler; J. R. Wright and W. E. Quisenberry at the Medford Hardware company; Martin J. Reddy, Jesse Honek, A. C. Burgess at Louvre cafe; T. E. Daniels and John J. Wilkinson at the Medford National bank.

DISEASED FRUITS TO BE PLACED UNDER A BAN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The placing of a ban on importations of citrus fruits, potatoes, fruit shrubs, etc., through legislation imposing restrictions on such articles, will be reported to the house by the committee on agriculture, soon after the holiday recess, according to present plans. The committee has already authorized a favorable report on the pending bill for that purpose. The idea is to safeguard the country against the extension of the ravages of little brown moths and the Egyptian mites, which so far are understood to be confined to parts of New England.

SEATTLE WASH. DEC 23

Alexander L. Sherman, an attorney of Kansas City, has been awarded a judgment of \$50,000, damages against J. C. Silverstone of Seattle, whom he sued for the alienation of the affections of his wife Silverstone is manager of two Seattle drug establishments. He formerly lived in Kansas City. Some time ago Sherman secured a verdict of \$50,000 against Silverstone in the Missouri courts. The allegation was made that Silverstone had drawn Mrs. Sherman's affections away in January, 1907.

COOK WILL TALK SOON

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Dr. Cook who arrived last night from Europe declined to be seen, at the home of his brother, William Cook where he will spend the holidays. Over the telephone Dr. Cook said that he would give out a long statement Monday. "I expect to remain under the American flag," said the explorer. "I am not going to lecture but intend devoting myself to scientific matters that have engrossed my attention for 20 years. I will also convince the American people that I really believe that I did reach the north pole."

BUBONIC PLAGUE KILLING SCORES

HONG KONG, Dec. 23.—Unchecked by modern methods of sanitation or medical skill, the bubonic plague is raging in Mongolia and scores are dying each day, according to advices reaching here today. Corpses frequently are found where the nomads have camped, according to the dispatches. In Manchuria the plague situation is reported to be grave. The German consul has demanded that radical measures be taken to end the epidemic. He declares that unless the authorities act on his demand that the German government will interfere. From the latter part of October to December 16, 543 Chinese were stricken by the plague, 27 Russians within the precincts of the eastern railroad, practically all of them died.

GETS \$5000 FOR HIS WIFE

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BANK TELLER TAKES \$20,000

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 23.—Joseph F. Fuhrman, paying teller of the National Bank of Commerce of Tacoma, was arrested today by United States deputy Marshal Davison. The warrant charged him with defalcation of \$20,000 of the bank's funds. President Chester Thorne admitted, however, that the total amount of the alleged embezzlement would reach \$75,000. Fuhrman, who is 35 years of age, had been connected with the bank for the past ten years and had worked up to the position of "runner" to that of paying teller. His salary recently had been \$1800 a year. "I feel sorry for Fuhrman," said President Thorne today. "We had trusted him and had brought him along in the bank because of his ability. He simply lost his head. I feel no animosity toward him, specially because of his widowed mother. The bank, so far as the public is concerned, will absolutely feel no ill effects."

HERE'S CHANCE TO GET RID OF THAT CAT

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 23.—Albert J. Randall, a rancher in Okanogan county, Washington, who recently placed an order for 1000 cats with S. S. Gilbert of Sharon, Pa., is receiving his mail in barrels at Conconully these days. The writers, who represent practically every state and province in America, say they will supply all the cats needed if Randall will pay the express and cartage charges. Randall has taken up the work on behalf of orchardists and farmers in north central Washington, who believe they can rid the county of gophers and other ground pests by turning the cats loose on the land. He will visit various districts in Pennsylvania early in 1911, making headquarters at Sharon, whence a consignment of 7000 felines will start across the continent in April.

HER SOUL MATE IS RANGER

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Dec. 23.—In response to a letter asking him for the name of a "true western forest ranger," such as she had read about in magazine stories, State Forester Homans has found a soul-mate for Beulah Hamilton, stenographer employed by a clay product company at room 68, No. 26 Court street, Brooklyn, N. Y. The luckl ranger is Joe Mentzer of Oroville, Cal., whom she says is the man she has been looking for. The forester did not fancy the idea of making his office a matrimonial bureau, so he turned her picture and letter over to a local newspaper, which brought her several hundred proposals.

AVIATOR FLIES OVER ENGLISH CHANNEL

DOVER, England, Dec. 22.—A flight across the English channel in an aeroplane was made today by Cecil Grace, a Wright aviator.

LOOKING FOR A FIRE BUG

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 23.—A rigid investigation into the reports that the Friedlander Leather company fire, which cost the lives of 24 firemen and police early yesterday, is being made today by the city authorities. The testimony of watchmen who escaped from the building, it is predicted, will show that fire was seen simultaneously at different points, and hence was of incendiary origin.

631 INDICTED; ELECTION FRAUDS

WEST UNION, Ohio, Dec. 23.—Two hundred and seventy-two indictments were returned today by the grand jury in connection with the Adam's county alleged election frauds, bringing the total number of true bills returned in the case up to 631. One hundred of these indictments contained counts against voters. The remainder charged boodling and affected those who would be benefited by the alleged fraudulent ballots. Judge Blair, who has been prominent in the investigation, asserted that 1500 Adam's county citizens would be disfranchised before the prosecutions had been completed.

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES ARE LEGION

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 23.—The democratic woods are full of presidential timber, according to Champ Clark of Missouri, who stopped here on his way home to spend the holidays long enough to talk of possibilities. Governor John F. Shaffroth of Colorado, Governor-Elect Eugene N. Foss of Massachusetts,

WOULD ABOLISH DEATH PENALTY

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 23.—"It does not appear that the increasing number of executions in this state has operated as a deterrent of the crime of homicide," says Superintendent C. W. James of the Oregon state penitentiary in his annual report to the governor, "and as a result of my investigation, observation and experience during the past seven or eight years, I am fully convinced that capital punishment should be abolished. Life imprisonment," continues Mr. James in his report, "with restricted powers of pardon, would prove equally, if not more effective in protecting society against those who commit the crime for which capital punishment is the penalty and would not only be more in accord with the spirit of our constitution but more in harmony with the progressive spirit and advanced conditions of the present century. Eighteen Hangings in Seven Years. Since the adoption of the law in 1903 requiring all executions to take place at the penitentiary 15 men have been executed here and three others have been hanged in various counties of the state, making in all 18 cases of capital punishment in the state within the last seven and one-half years, the greatest number ever executed in any similar period in this state."

WILL BAG A DUCK FROM HIS AEROPLANE

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 23.—Hubert Latham announced today that before night he will bag a duck from his seat in his Antoinette monoplane. Latham started for the Dominguez aviation field shortly before noon to tune up his machine for his novel hunt. Armed with a shotgun, the French aviator planned to fly to the preserve of the Bolsa-Chico gun club near Long Beach.

TWO UNDER ARREST FOR DYNAMITING TIMES

OAKLAND, Cal., Dec. 23.—A new and entirely unexpected angle of the Times dynamiting October 1 was developed today when it became known that two men are under arrest in the Oakland jail in connection with the Los Angeles explosion. The men are held incommunicado and Captain of Detectives Peterson, who caused their arrest, will not discuss their case.

THREE NEGROES BURN TO DEATH

NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 23.—In a fire that caused \$200,000 damage in Baronne street business district and heavily damaged the new Shubert theater, three negroes were fatally burned today.

NEW CHAPEL FOR CHICAGO "U."

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 23.—President Harry P. Judson of Chicago university, announced this afternoon that at least \$1,500,000 of the \$10,000,000 gift of John D. Rockefeller made yesterday to the university was to be used in the construction of a new chapel. In a letter to President Judson, dated December 13, Rockefeller stipulated that the remainder of the gift shall be invested in land and buildings and that the endowment shall not be used for current expenses.

VOLUME OF BUSINESS AT LOCAL POSTOFFICE UNPRECEDENTED IN MEDFORD'S HISTORY

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