

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

During the last two days .16 of an inch of rain has fallen according to the local weather bureau. Wednesday evening a heavy fall occurred around Talent and Phoenix, and the sky was black with clouds. Though the downpour was heavy in that district, only a sprinkle fell in this city.

Miss Miriam Gregg of Ashland is visiting friends and relatives in this city this week.

Holmes insures homes. Champ Price of Ashland is attending to business interests and visiting in the city today.

Bowman Jackson of Eagle Point was a business visitor in the city for a few hours Wednesday afternoon.

Carkin & Taylor, lawyers. (John H. Carkin, Glenn O. Taylor), Haskins-Bowden Bldg., Main street.

Bill Stewart and wife will leave about the first of the month on a two month's auto trip to the mountain districts of Wyoming and Idaho. They will go with Councilman Emerick and family.

Miss Mabel Jones leaves this evening to spend the summer with friends and relatives in Aberdeen, Wash. She will return about September 1, and resume her position with the F. K. Deuel company.

For sale, Packard automobile in first class shape. See Edgar Hafer, 426 Sixth street.

Dillon Hill was in from his orchard for a few hours Wednesday afternoon.

Attorney Gus Newbury transacted legal business in Jacksonville Wednesday afternoon.

For sale, five room house, corner Eleventh and Hamilton street, lot 50x160, price \$700, worth \$1200. See Edgar Hafer, 426 Sixth street.

Boyd Keizer, who has been in Portland for the last six weeks returned home Wednesday night with the Seventh company, and participating in the encampment at Fort Stevens.

The school board has transferred Prof. Leland Beveridge from the Roosevelt to the Jackson school for the next term.

A "King Spitz" cigar is home made. Try one, 5c.

D. H. Bradshaw of the Antelope district was in the city Wednesday attending to business matters.

The water committee of the city council is planning to make a trip of inspection to the city intake in a few days to investigate reported conditions there.

Try a "Spitz" cigar, best 5c cigar on the market.

Much local interest is being manifested in the showing of Chandler Egan at the golf tourney of the Pacific Northwest Association at Seattle this week.

Fresh lime. Medford Lbr. Co. According to advance notices, practically the entire population of Talent will come to this city next Sunday to see the ball game. Collie Druhot, former big league star will pitch for the visitors, and for a wonder considerable local interest is being manifested.

Royal Bakery goods at DeVoes. James Sloner of Grants Pass was a business visitor in the city the first of the week.

A severe thunder and lightning storm raged in the Siskiyou the first of the week, and seemed to center over the Blue Ledge district, according to word received from that district. The rainfall was very heavy, assuring plenty of water for mining operations, and precluding the possibility of any danger from forest fires for a month or six weeks. Though it is early in the year a number of people are camping in the district.

Milk and cream at DeVoes. Attorney R. G. Smith of Grants Pass is in the city today for a few hours.

H. B. Patterson and H. F. Meador are spending the week in Northern California attending to business matters and fishing. They made the trip by auto.

Screen doors at Medford Lbr. Co. F. E. Merrick and C. M. Kidd leave soon on an auto trip through Northern California.

Jack Johnson and Frank Moran fight in Paris Saturday for the championship of the world, and it is the consensus of opinion among local fight fans that Johnson will win, while hoping he loses.

Mme. Dreyfus gives advice on all affairs of life, no mistakes when her advice is followed. 50 cents \$1.00 charts written. Colonial Plats, apartment 2.

A. E. Cross of Eugene spent the first of the week in the city attending to business matters.

Call Mitchell for lawn mower troubles. Phone 26.

The Southern Oregon Presbytery met Wednesday at Grants Pass in Bethany Presbyterian church. Among those present were: Rev. Weston F. Shields of Medford, Rev. Dr. H. Bailie of Phoenix, Rev. H. A. Carnahan, D. D. of Ashland, Rev. J. Manley Spencer of Grants Pass and Rev. David Oestler, pastor evangelist.

Hay for sale. W. H. Everhard. Mrs. W. E. Cloney has returned from a three months visit in Michigan.

Mrs. M. W. Prouty of Chicago is here visiting her niece, Mrs. Robert Farquhar, for the summer.

J. O. Gerking, the best all around photographer in southern Oregon. Always reliable. Negatives made anywhere, time or place. Studio 228 Main St. Phone 320-J.

Bruce Wilson has returned from a hike to the mouth of Rogue river. Leaving the train at Westfork, he walked to the mouth of the Illinois, where passage was taken on a gasoline launch to Wedderburn. The return hike was made via Port Orford and Bandon, thence by stage to Roseburg. Speaking of roads, it took a four horse team four hours to make eight miles on the Bandon road.

For sale or trade, 160 acres undeveloped ranch 1 1/2 miles from Derby on Pacific & Eastern railroad, price \$4800. See Edgar Hafer, 426 Sixth street.

Leland L. Steiwer, assistant cashier of the Stewer & Carpenter bank of Fossil, Or., and manager of the Butte Creek Land & Livestock company of Wheeler county, and Miss Mabelle La Verne Armpriest, a Medford girl, were married June 16 by Rev. Henry Marcotte of the Westminster Presbyterian church, at the home of Mr. Steiwer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Steiwer, 693 Halsey street. Only members of the families were present. This morning Mr. and Mrs. Steiwer left for Fossil, which will be their future home.—Portland Journal.

Fred Roper of Grants Pass and a party of automobilists are in the city this afternoon boosting for the celebration at Grants Pass July 4th. Their machines fly the banner "Celebrate in Grants Pass." Competition is keen between Grants Pass and Talent to draw the Ashland and Medford crowds on the national holiday.

S. B. Holmes of Eagle Point is spending the day in the city attending to business matters.

Joe Launsbach of Jacksonville is in the city this afternoon for a few hours visiting friends and attending to business matters.

J. C. Pendleton of Table Rock spent Wednesday afternoon in Medford attending to business matters.

Twenty carloads of cattle passed through Medford Wednesday afternoon en route to the Portland markets from the Klamath country. In the evening a dozen carloads of hogs, some from Ashland and this city went north, which the people will ultimately get back in the shape of lard and bacon at fancy prices.

A carload of apple box material for the Hillcrest orchard is being unloaded today, and hauled to the orchard.

T. R. DEFENDS PERKINS; FLAYS WILSON'S POLICY

NEW YORK, June 25.—Theodore Roosevelt, who returned to America on the Imperator last night, vigorously defended G. W. Perkins, chairman of the progressive national executive committee, whose resignation as chairman was demanded recently by Amos Pinchot, who asserted that Mr. Perkins' affiliation with certain big business interests made him unfit to hold his positions.

"When they read Perkins out," said Col. Roosevelt, "they will have to read me out too."

The colonel reiterated that he would not be a candidate for the governorship of New York this fall.

In discussing his health the colonel said that when he boarded the Imperator he had a slight touch of fever and that forty-eight hours later he had another attack which was more severe. The last time he had a fever of 105 and was forced to remain in his rooms all day.

"But I'm all right now," he continued, "and I shall speak at Pittsburgh on June 30. I shall not be able to speak in the open air or make continuous speaking trips. However I shall be able to deliver a certain number of speeches indoors."

FREEDOM OF BUSINESS

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legislation will be postponed," said the president, as he advanced a step. "Well, it will not be postponed." His jaws snapped. "It will not be postponed because we are the real friends of business and are ready to give business its new institution of freedom."

To End Agitation "If we stop now there would be another long period of agitation with its resulting dangers to business. But we are not going to face that danger, we are going ahead with our program now and if the reports I received, are correct, it will not take us very long to finish our work."

"MOTHER" JONES SAYS GOVERNMENT WILL TAKE OVER THE COLORADO MINES



"MOTHER" MARY JONES.

"Mother" Mary Jones, the militant woman strike leader, claims to have some "inside" information to the effect that President Wilson will soon take vigorous action in the Colorado mine strike situation. "Mother" Jones declares that within the next two or three days the United States government will take over and administer the strike-bound Colorado mines.

VAST CLAFLIN DRY GOODS HOUSE CLOSES DOORS

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re-organization for the H. B. Claflin company will soon be presented which we hope will prove acceptable both to creditors and stockholders.

"The Associated Merchants company and the United Drygoods companies are not themselves borrowers of money. They are in exceedingly strong financial position and the success of their retail stores is assured."

Committee of Creditors

A noteholders protective committee has been formed to look after the interests of the creditors. Most of the banks concerned will be represented on this committee, of which J. S. Alexander, president of the National Bank of Commerce will be chairman. New York banks are said to have made large advances to the Claflin company recently, with the hope of averting financial embarrassment.

New York banking interests, it is understood, have agreed to offer such assistance as may be necessary to some of the independent retail stores affected.

Interested merchants were closeted with J. Pierpont Morgan and other prominent bankers day and night for the last week, in an attempt to avert the failure. It is understood that \$30,000,000 was necessary.

Morgan Most Generous

"Mr. Morgan and others were most generous," said one who participated in the conference, "but it was a question of raising the whole amount or none at all."

Joseph B. Martindale, president of the Chemical National Bank, and Frederick Juillard, a wholesale drygoods merchant, were the receivers appointed. They were named as friendly proceedings, two suits in equity, one brought by John C. Perez, vice-president of the H. B. Claflin company, the other by William F. Kiel.

There were also involuntary proceedings which sought the appointment of different receivers and alleged that the company was insolvent. These proceedings were instituted by small creditors.

Receivers Martindale and Juillard said that the failure was of such tremendous proportions that it would be several weeks before it would be possible to know where they stand.

Dry Goods Trade Demoralized

Though the failure is probably the most important in the history of the drygoods trade in this country, New York bankers predict that the chief and perhaps only portent general effect will be temporary demoralization in the drygoods trade.

Announcement of the failure caused a general decline in the opening of the stock market, but losses were not heavy, and succeeding transactions caused a reaction to some extent.

John Claflin has been associated with the drygoods business for more than 40 years. He is regarded as the A. T. Stewart of his time. At the age of 20 he entered the employ of his father's firm, then known as H. B. Claflin and company. Three years later he became a member of

"No definite figures are available, but the committee is informed that the total liabilities are upwards of \$30,000,000. As figures become available the creditors will be duly advised."

So far as is known, bankers and dealers in commercial paper, other than those having direct connection with the Claflin company, were in absolute ignorance of the company's financial embarrassment up to a day or two ago.

Good Sized Surplus

The last annual report of the company, as of December 31, 1913, showed a surplus over and above all liabilities of \$1,088,789, a greater part of which constituted a reserve for the common stock after payments of dividends on the first and second preferred shares. Since its organization in 1890, a total dividend disbursements of \$13,259,564 have been made.

Altogether there are 90,000 shares of the Claflin company outstanding, divided into 26,003 first preferred, 5 per cent cumulative stocks; 28,704 second preferred, 6 per cent cumulative, and 35,291 common shares, which have never paid less than 6 per cent and in 1892-93 as much as 9 per cent.

Claflin company shares were not listed on the stock exchange, but were a popular investment with many conservative investors. It is believed that the several classes of stock are widely scattered throughout the country.

H. B. Claflin died in 1885. Under the terms of his will the business was continued by his estate until 1888, when his son John Claflin, formed the present corporation.

Why Not Get the best smoke, Gov. Johnson, and also patronize home.

Advertisement for Meritol Tonic Digestive, featuring a woman's portrait and text describing its benefits for health and digestion.

Large advertisement for Bananas, featuring the text 'Special Sale ON Bananas ASK YOUR GROCER' and an illustration of a person sitting at a desk.

Advertisement for Hotel Medford, Hotel Holland, and Hotel Moore, listing amenities, rates, and contact information.

Advertisement for Ford Motor Cars, featuring the Ford logo and text: 'I wouldn't sell it for twice its price... C. E. GATES'.

Advertisement for Motor Valvoline Oils, featuring the text 'Valvoline Motor Oils are now refined in six distinct grades...' and the M.F. & H. Co. logo.

Advertisement for Weeks & McGowan Co. Undertakers, listing services and contact information.

Advertisement for Dr. Rickert, featuring the text 'DR. RICKERT HE KNOWS HOW' and 'Sulte 1-2 Over Druet's Green Trading Stamps Given'.