

### NO DAMAGE TO ORCHARDS FROM WINTER WEATHER

Despite unfavorable conditions, the lowest temperature registered Thursday night was 34 degrees. Orchard heating was not necessary and no damage was done to fruit or vegetation. It is the prediction of the weather bureau that the backbone of the present weather conditions will be broken within the next twelve hours, and with it will pass the frost danger for the year. This afternoon the air grew warmer by degrees and rain is a possibility within the next twenty-four hours. Orchardists are prepared for orchard heating tonight, but a continuation of the present cloudiness will forestall this action.

Between 5 and 6 o'clock Thursday afternoon the mercury dropped to 34 degrees, with intermittent hail, snow and rain showers. No damage was occasioned by the hail, the heaviest fall being in the Central Point district. The higher foothills are covered with a light flurry of snow from the Siskiyou a heavy fall of snow is reported.

Press and commercial telegraph wires between this city and San Francisco were out of commission last night, and today by reason of the storm. But one wire between this city and the south was in operation last night, and this was down the greater part of today, messages being routed via Denver.

### OREGON EXHIBITS FINE, SAYS CLARENCE

(Portland Telegram.)

Clarence L. Reames, United States district attorney, returned this morning from San Francisco, where he was called last week on business of the department of justice. Mr. Reames made the trip in company with Clay Allen, district attorney for the western district of Washington. Mr. Allen continued on to Seattle this morning. Reames would not state the purpose of the mission.

"These people who are kicking about the exhibits in the Oregon building don't know what they're talking about," he said this morning. "Everything is splendid; in fact the building is attracting more attention than any other on the grounds. The exhibits were such that I was moved to write in the register under the head of remarks that as a citizen of Oregon I was proud of it. Business conditions are good in San Francisco, with no talk at all of hard times."

### BRITISH ADMIRALTY DENY DUNKIRK FIRING

LONDON, April 30, 6:20 p. m.—A British official statement given out this evening says it is not true that German warships have bombarded Dunkirk, on the coast of France.

### FROST AND WIND PREDICTED

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highlands were damaged, icicles covered all the trees. A storm of this character at this time of the year is without precedent.

### Fruit Trees Suffer

OAKLAND, Cal., April 30.—More than \$50,000 damage, it is estimated has been done throughout Alameda county by the heavy wind of the last twenty-four hours. Fruit trees have been stripped by the gale and many of them have been uprooted. Shipping in the estuary suffered during the night, many small craft being driven ashore or damaged.

### In Orange Belt

LOS ANGELES, Cal., April 30.—The thermometer dropped to 44 degrees in Los Angeles at six a. m., the coldest April temperature recorded since 1901, when the temperature touched 36 degrees during the night. The Redlands temperature was 38.

### Blizzard in Nevada

GOLDFIELD, Nev., April 30.—One of the worst blizzards ever experienced in April swept over southern Nevada early today. Snow began falling late last night. All forms of transportation have been delayed.

### 15,000 Sheep Killed

PENDLTON, Or., April 30.—Fifteen thousand sheep in Umatilla county alone, have been killed in the storm of yesterday and today, according to the estimates of sheepmen here. A report received at noon from Echo said that Stanfield brothers had lost 5000 head and that Joe Menesse has lost an entire band of several thousand.

### STEP-MOTHER SLAYS CHILD; JEALOUS OF HUSBAND'S LOVE

MUSKEGON, Mich., April 30.—Can a wife become so jealous of a daughter—a stepdaughter—as a rival for the affections of the husband and father that she will murder?

That is the question that arises in the most coolly executed slaying that this part of Michigan ever experienced.

The stepdaughter, who was 11 years of age, was the image of her divorced mother. She kissed her father and sat on his lap—until forced to abandon it by threats from his second wife.

Then she did it secretly—and the stepmother found it out.

The next act was the finding of the body of little Evelina Steele in an alley back of her home, and the stepmother's confession, but not satisfactory explanation of the murder.

#### Horrifying Details

Mrs. Albert Steele, on arrest, admitted the killing and revealed the horrifying details. She told of stripping the little girl of every bit of clothing in a woodshed in the rear of her home. She told of binding her arms tightly at her sides, of blindfolding her and then, having the little girl helpless, pulled out her tongue and forced a spoonful of muriatic acid down her throat. She described how the child gulped down the poison and her death struggles.

Acid burns over the body of the girl testify that she knew what was happening to her and in her fight for life spilled several spoonfuls of the poison before the fatal dose was administered.

#### Threw Body in Alley

The stepmother then decided to bury the child and dug a hole in the yard, but on later thought decided to throw the body into the alley, where it was found.

After her confession the stepmother declared her motive for the killing was to save the girl and relatives from shame, but physicians who examined the body say this statement is preposterous.

Albert Steele, the girl's father, is on the verge of madness. He curses the woman—his wife—who killed his daughter that none other might share his affections.

He walks out in the yard frequently to view the hole the stepmother had dug for burial.

"Why didn't they fill that hole?" he cries. "It will be in front of me for the rest of my life."

#### Father Tells Story

"It had always been my custom," said Steele, in a calmer moment, "to kiss my wife and Evelina when leaving for work and when returning. In the evenings the child would sit on my lap and tell me the little incidents of her day at school. Before retiring I would go into her room and kiss her. "Then suddenly this all changed. When the three of us would be together in the evenings the girl would remain by herself and refuse to sit on my lap. She would say nothing

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### WIFE MURDERS CHILD OF 11 YEARS BECAUSE SHE KISSED FATHER TOO MUCH



and as I recall it now, seemed to be in fear of her stepmother.

"Whenever the latter left the room she would dash over to me and kiss and hug me—but never in the presence of her stepmother. Perhaps I did display more affection for the child than for my wife, but that is common in any home, and does not mean that a man loves his wife the less."

#### Jealousy Motive

The authorities are convinced that Mrs. Steel killed the girl through jealousy—perhaps as much because the child looked like her mother, and constantly reminded the stepmother of her predecessor, as for the attention her father gave her.

Evelina, some time before her death, confided to a school chum that her mother struck her with a broom, told her it was not ladylike for her to kiss her father and sit on his lap and ordered her to do so no longer.

The stepmother is being held for murder in the first degree.



The murdered girl, Evelina Steele, at right, and her step-mother, Mrs. Albert Steele, who poisoned her, and a pen picture of how the little girl was poisoned.

#### Palmer Piano Place Opening

Palmer's Piano Place will be opened to the public tomorrow at their new location, No. 17 North Central, opposite Mann's store. Valuable souvenirs will be given all ladies attending.

### BRITAIN SEIZES ALL MEAT-CARRYING SHIPS

LONDON, April 30, 3:10 p. m.—The British government by an order in council today commandeered the whole meat-carrying capacity of all British steamers trading between Europe and the Argentine and Uruguayan republics. The action was taken under the defense of the realm act.

### NAUTICAL KNOT AT PAGE THEATRE TONIGHT

"A Nautical Knot" will be given at the Page theater tonight under the direction of Miss Inez Coffin, by the students of the Medford school. Fifty people are in the cast, which contains a slight plot, singing and dancing. A full orchestra will assist. The play has been approved by the drama league. Ed Andrews has been drilling the players for the last ten days and a pleasing performance is promised.



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- 100 new Silk Waists, values up to \$2.50, May Day sale price, each, **\$1.39**
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- 27-inch Swiss Embroidery Flouncings, values up to \$2, May Day sale price, yd., **69c**
- 42-inch Swiss Embroidery Flouncings, values up to \$3.00, May Day sale price, per yard, **89c**
- 100 pieces Lace Flouncings, All-over Shadow Laces and Bindings, up to \$3.00 values, May Day sale price, per yard, **48c**
- Shadow Laces, up to 25c values, May Day sale price, yard, **7c**
- 5000 yards fine Val. and Linen Laces, wide widths, values up to 15c, May day sale price, **5c**
- 1000 yds. fine Plat., Val. and Torehon Laces, 25c values, sale price, **10c**
- Corset Cover Embroidery, fine quality, up to 75c quality, May Day sale price, per yard, **29c**
- 5000 yards fine Val. and Linen Laces, wide widths, values up to 15c, May day sale price, **5c**
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- Women's Sleeveless Vests, all sizes, special, each, **10c**
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- Women's fine Fast Black Hose, 25c values, sale price, pair, **15c**
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Don't forget that Community Day is Saturday May 8. You are invited. Free Dinner, Free Movies, Free Band Concert.