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Welcome Portland's Business Men

AVIATION MEET FOR ROOSEVELT

First Time Since Arrival That Papers Have Failed to Feature Visit of the Former President.

IS BANQUETED BY COUNCIL

"Paris Would Be Proud to Have a Theodore Roosevelt Among Her Citizens," Says Carron—Also He Is a Friend of France, as Shown by Remarks on the Question of Race Suicide.

(From a Staff Correspondent of the United Press.)

Paris, April 25.—A special aviation meet in honor of Theodore Roosevelt has been arranged for today, and will be held at the Icy Les Moulineux, a short distance from Paris. The Academic Des Sports, which made the African hunter a vice-president, is holding the meet. Tonight Roosevelt will dine with General Brugier. Later he will go to the opera, where a special production of Saint Senas' famous oratorio,

"Sampson and Delila," will be produced. The bill was to have been "Salome," but was changed at Roosevelt's request.

The papers today, for the first time since his arrival, have not featured the visit of the former president. The election returns have crowded his name out of the papers.

"I am deeply touched by the many kind things you have said about me," declared Roosevelt, in answering an address made by M. Carron, president of the municipal council, which gave a reception and luncheon at the city hall today in the American's honor.

"If I have failed to live up to them in the past, I will make special effort to fulfill them in the future. I have learned that there is something besides sightseeing for an American in Paris."

Roosevelt made his reply to M. Carron in French.

"You are a man, and are France's faithful friend," declared Carron in his address. "You proved this by your remarks on race suicide, for certainly France needs to follow your advice on this subject."

"Paris would be proud to have a Theodore Roosevelt among her citizens," was another of Carron's tributes.

Albans in Revolt.

Ofia, Bulgaria, April 25.—Reports from the province of Albania today state that 30,000 revolting Albans are fighting against 40 regiments of Turkish troops in a narrow defile in the Chernoliva mountains, between Ferizovitch and Pristrend.

The outcome of the battle is uncertain, say the dispatches.

All trains are being held up by the rebels and most of the telegraph wires have been cut.

More troops are being hurried from the Southern provinces to cope with the revolutionists.

DAMAGES AGGREGATE 50,000,000

Saturday's Mid-Spring Blizzard Continues Today, and It Is Predicted Will Last Another Day Before the Mercury Climbs.

DAMAGE IN FRUIT BELT

Storm Extends From Minnesota Into Tennessee, Kentucky and Arkansas—The Crop Loss Is Particularly Severe in Illinois, Iowa, Indiana and Kansas, But Michigan is the Heaviest Loser.

Chicago, April 25.—The cold which came with Saturday's mid-spring blizzard continues today. Dispatches from various places in the middle West indicate that the damage to crops of all kinds will reach a total of \$50,000,000.

The weather bureau predicts the cold will continue for another day before the mercury begins to climb.

The damage in the fruit belt has been particularly severe, according to reports received today.

The big passenger steamer Iowa, which went aground off Racine, Wis., during Saturday's gale, is still fast, despite the efforts of a half dozen of the big tugs to float her. Michigan suffered the heaviest loss from the blizzard. The peach district was heavily damaged, it being estimated in some portions that the crop is a total loss. The whole damage in Michigan is estimated at \$10,000,000.

The storm extended from Minnesota into Tennessee, Kentucky and Arkansas. Thirteen states were affected. The crops loss was particularly severe in Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, and Minnesota. Wisconsin also suffered heavily, while further south, where the wind did more damage than the cold, the loss will be heavy.

Illinois growers, it is estimated, lost \$6,000,000; Indiana suffered \$5,000,000 loss; Minnesota and adjoining northwestern states lost \$7,000,000, and Iowa, where the crops had been planted early, lost \$8,000,000.

Wisconsin's loss today is estimated at \$3,000,000; Nebraska's at \$2,000,000; Kansas' \$5,000,000; Missouri, Kentucky and Arkansas, \$2,000,000.

Ohio and Tennessee suffered a loss of \$1,000,000 each.

In the southwest the heaviest loss was in orchards and in corn. The corn which had already come up was almost a total loss.

Further south it is declared today that the peach crop and cotton were not severely damaged.

The loss in various states is estimated today as follows: Michigan, \$10,000,000. Illinois, \$6,000,000. Indiana, \$5,000,000. Iowa, \$8,000,000. Ohio, \$1,000,000. Tennessee, \$1,000,000. Minnesota, and northwest, \$7,000,000.

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COMET'S TAIL IS GROWING

Pasadena, Calif., April 25.—That the head of Halley's comet is much larger than was at first believed, and that its tail has grown to a length of approximately 15,000,000 miles, is the theory of the scientists who are observing the wanderer from the Carnegie observatory on Mount Wilson.

While not advancing the theory that the comet's head, which is surrounded by cyanogen gas, is growing larger steadily, the observers are of the opinion that such is the case. They suggest that the expanding gas may be responsible for this, although they believe the gas will be compressed as the comet nears the earth.

The comet is visible from the observatory for 40 minutes each morning, shortly before sunrise. Its color now appears to be a pale yellow, blending into green in the tail.

SETTLE NATIONAL FORESTS

Pacific Northwest to Be Scene of Activity in Secretary Wilson's Campaign for Settlers for National Forests.

OREGON IS IDEAL LOCATION

Campaign Inaugurated to Induce Homeseekers to Settle in National Forests, Instead of Going Across the Border to Canada—Chief Forester Graves is on His Way to the West.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]

Denver, Colo., April 25.—The Pacific Northwest will be the scene of the greatest activity in the campaign inaugurated by Secretary Wilson, through the forest service, to induce American homeseekers to take up homesteads within the national forests instead of rushing across the border into Canada. This was the opinion expressed today by Paul G. Redington, assistant district forester, who makes his headquarters here.

Colorado and the Rocky mountain district will not be greatly affected by the campaign, Redington believes, because the supply of timber here is limited and the precipitation is not great enough to admit of reduction of the forest area, which might seriously endanger protections of the water supply.

Under an act of congress, passed June 1, 1906, the secretary of agriculture is given authority to list for homesteader entry such lands within national forests as are valuable for agricultural purposes providing the deforestation of them does not interfere with protection of the water supply. When such lands are listed the government sells the timber on them at public auction and then turns them over to the homesteaders. The commutation clause of the regular homestead act, which permits settlers to secure title at the end of 14 months of residence by the payment of a small sum in cash, does not apply to forest lands, however.

According to advices from Washington, Secretary Wilson has undertaken to promote settlement in the West by calling attention to these forest reserve homesteads and with that end in view Chief Forester Graves has started on a trip throughout the West. The heavy precipitation in Western Montana, Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Northern California makes those states the ideal location for working out

the homestead plan and it will be in that territory that most of the effort to secure settlers will be applied. In the Rocky mountain region, Arizona, New Mexico, Utah, Nevada, Eastern Montana and South Dakota some land in the forests is open for homestead entry but not nearly so much as in the states first named, according to Mr. Redington.

"One impression I would like to correct," said the assistant forester today, "is that the forest service has retarded settlement in the West. This impression has no foundation in fact. Since the act of June 11, 1906, more than 85,000 acres in Colorado forests alone have been homesteaded, which means that 800 families have been brought here and given homes in the last three years. "Naturally the settlers claims are investigated before title is given them, but there is no such mass of red tape connected with proving up on the land as seems to be the general belief. This is proven, I think, by the fact that a vast majority of the claimants in this state have secured their titles without the slightest trouble."

"While the secretary's present campaign does not affect this district as much as it does a great many others we will continue to pursue the course we have always followed here—that of giving every bona fide homeseeker all the assistance within our power."

RECOVERING FROM THRILLING BALLOON RIDE

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]

Sacramento, Calif., April 25.—Miss Grace Flower, of Oak Park, is recovering today from a nervous collapse caused by her terrifying ride in a captive balloon yesterday evening, while others who were passengers are receiving congratulations on their escape.

The captive balloon, 100 feet in the air, was caught by the wind and the wire cable came in contact with an electric light wire. Afraid to raise or lower the balloon, the man in charge tried to hold it stationary. The wind ripped the gas bag, and it collapsed. The big bag formed a parachute as it came down.

In the car were Miss Flower, Miss Norma Riddle, Karl Wayne, the aeronaut, and two other persons whose names were not made public. Miss Flower collapsed from fright. "I am ready to go again," said Miss Riddle today. "I like the risk. It makes one feel so queer. It beats the scenic railway."

HERMANN NOW BEYOND DANGER

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]

Roseburg, Ore., April 25.—Former Congressman Binger Herman, who has been seriously ill here for several days, is showing improvement today, being able to lie in bed comfortably for the first time since his illness began. Hermann's physician said today that the ailment has now passed the stage where there need be alarm as to the outcome.

Payson at Utica.

Utica, N. Y., April 25.—Edward Payson Weston, the aged pedestrian, passed here today, bound for New York. He expected to reach Little Falls, 22 miles east of here, in time for dinner.

PORTLAND'S BUSINESS MEN HERE

Arrangements Completed for the Entertainment of Delegation This Evening—Program to Be Held at Illihee Club Tonight—All Invited.

SALEM EXTENDS WELCOME

Delegation Will Be Met by Salem Business Men and Citizens at Train and Salem Military Band, and Escorted About the City and Shown the Many Places of Interest of Which We Are So Proud.

Full arrangements have been made for the entertainment of the Portland business men this evening, and the program will be about as follows: The Southern Pacific train will be stopped at the head of State street, where the party will be met by Electric cars and the Salem Military band, and taken for a ride about the city, and to South Salem Heights. This will give them a good view of Salem both by daylight and evening. The cars will then pull down to the Illihee club, where a program will be had. After the calling of the meeting to order by President T. B. Kay, of the Salem Board of Trade, Mayor Rodgers will give a short address of welcome. This will be responded to by Tom Richardson and others of the Portland party. Music will be had in a variety of forms, but of such a formal character as not to tire the visitors. The Illihee club will be thrown open for the visiting members and all business people of Salem, as well as the members of the club. After a couple of hours of informal good fellowship at the club rooms, the entire party will be returned to their train, and proceed on their journey southward.

Make Generous Welcome.

Now, Salem business men, get busy—turn out tonight and meet these men at the Illihee club—show them that we have a city here worth investing money in—make them feel that if they come here with money to spend on an enterprise they will meet with support—show them that we are alive and willing to help any good business enterprise they want to bring to Salem. Don't put this off till tomorrow, for they will be gone. Come out tonight and meet them at the Illihee club.

Business Men in Party.

Following will be aboard the special: Averill, A. H., president A. H. Averill Machinery Co. Blackford, A. F., vice-president Hazelwood Cream Co. Brann, C. D., president Blake, McFall Co. Butterfield, H. S., Butterfield Bros. Beach, F. E., president Pioneer Paint Co. Hall, J. S., secretary Kilham Stationery and Printing Co.

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A WAR ON PRICES

And while it lasts we are going to be in the front ranks with our big 12-inch cannon riddling prices to pieces.

Owing to the Financial

Condition of our competitors and their 20 per cent sales, we want to be foremost in this price-cutting war.

This 20% Is Only a Bait

To try and make trade for these slow institutions, and retard the wonderful growth of the Chicago Store.

Figure Out the 20% You

Get elsewhere, then come here and see how much more you can get for your dollar. Prices talk.

- Best Standard Calicoes, yd . . . 4c
- 85c and \$1, Fine Dress Silks, yd . . 39c
- 75c Wool Dress Goods, yd . . . 35c
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