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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1915.

OREGON WEATHER
+ Rain tonight and Saturday;
+ strong southerly winds interior;
+ strong southerly gale along the coast.

LAND GRANT JUSTICE.

A recent forecast of the action of the departments of justice and of the interior concerning the recommendations which they would make as to the disposition of the O. & C. granted lands, states that the former concedes the railroad its \$2.50 money equity in the acreage, and also maintains that in justice to the railroad company the lands should be given over to settlers and to development. A part of the value of the grant to the railroad company was the assurance that the tracts would be developed and would maintain a population and produce a traffic for the company. Should the contention of the forestry department, that large portions of the grant now be included within the forest reserves, and held in perpetual reserve, hold, the railroad would be losing one of the chief assets of the grant. It would therefore seem the part of exact justice to both the railroad company and the public that no part of the grant go into reserves. In the end, the \$2.50 of money value which the railroad has in the lands will be the least of the benefits it will derive from the grant. With the lands developed and producing, the timber being cut and the mines worked, the railroad will find a wonderful increase in its revenues.

ABOUT THE SUGAR FACTORY.

In the Portland Journal of Thursday, F. S. Bramwell, of the Oregon-Utah Sugar company, is quoted as follows:
"We hope to start work on our factory within 30 days," said F. S. Bramwell, of Grants Pass, at the Imperial this morning, speaking of the proposed beet sugar plant. "We have been experimenting over a year now in the growing of sugar beets and we have long-term contracts signed up for a large acreage so that a constant supply of beets is assured. If plans do not miscarry, we should have a capacity of 600 tons of sugar a day." Mr. Bramwell was formerly connected with the Oregon hotel as assistant manager, and is accompanied by Frank C. Bramwell, of LaGrande, register of the United States land office in that city.
While the Journal's reference to the location of the factory is premature, we hope it is nevertheless prophetic.

PEACE VOYAGE OF 'LITTLE MOMENT' TO OIL KING'S PASTOR

New York, Dec. 3.—The Rev. C. F. Aked's dignity and feelings were badly ruffled today. In fact, the San Francisco divine was so upset when a frock-coated doorman refused him admittance to the Ford peace headquarters that he told a reporter he would positively cancel his passage and not sail with the Ford peace ship.
This announcement followed a wordy bout with the doorman. "You can't come in here," the frock-coated person firmly told the gentleman of the cloth. "But I'm Rev. Charles F. Aked,"

the pastor protested. "I want to see Mr. Ford and convince myself that everything is all right concerning my arrangements."
The doorman did not seem impressed. Apparently he never heard that Aked was known as "Rockefeller's pastor."
"Can't help it," he answered brusquely. "You can't come in."
Thereupon the divine appeared peevish. Turning away, he commented: "The peace voyage is a matter of little moment to me."
Secretary Lochner afterward corralled Aked, poured oil on the troubled waters, admitted him for a conference with Ford, and apologized profusely for the doorman's conduct. Aked's bouncer friend not only made matters unpleasant for Aked but likewise threatened to spoil the cruise by frightening other delegates. The Ford headquarters are confident that all passports required for the journey will be ready tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock, when the Oscar II is slated to get under way. One hundred and sixty have been arranged already, providing for safe passage as Americans to neutral countries. To guard against accident, Ford made his will today, leaving his business to his son.
A wedding will mark the departure of the peace ship, for it was announced that Berton Braley and Miss Marian Rubincam, of Philadelphia, had moved up the date of their proposed nuptials and would wed just before the ship sails. Braley is a poet and writer, who covered the world's baseball series in verse for the United Press.
Former Secretary Bryan arrived this afternoon and conferred with Ford. He announced he does not intend to sail tomorrow, but that he may join the party later.

MASON TELLS WHAT WAR MOVES MEAN

New York, Dec. 3.—Sir Edward Carson, former English cabinet member, is organizing a non-partisan national party to act as a patriotic spur to greater activity on England's part. If his plans are successful, they are certain to result in improvement in the conduct of the war, while parliament will recover the spirit of democracy, thrust aside because of supposed military requirements.
Many mistakes in the war are attributed to the breakdown of parliamentary criticism. The conservatives have failed to play a critical part because they feared the charge that this course would be considered unpatriotic.
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FOLLOW TRAIL

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be unable absolutely to get at alleged "higher ups" without assistance from Crowley. To this end, it is hinted, he may be offered immunity for revealing all details of his admitted work for the German consul. Crowley insists, however, that this work was legitimate and does not involve "higher ups."
Officials here were reticent on the subject of whether further arrests are slated.
Witnesses from Detroit, Seattle, Tacoma, and the east, not including New York, are slated to come here before next week to strengthen the government's case.
San Francisco, Dec. 3.—Indictments, startling in their scope, will be returned next week by the federal grand jury in the alleged anti-ally bomb conspiracies for which C. C. Crowley, detective, and Louis J. Smith are under arrest.
Such was the broad intimation today in federal circles following three hours of cross-examination of Smith before the grand jury. Crowley's hearing, slated for today, went over indefinitely.
Smith is reported to have made a clean breast of his connection with the alleged bomb plots. Everything the authorities wanted to know, except who was the "higher up" behind the scheme, and who destroyed the Seattle munitions barge, Smith is said to have revealed under a three-hour grilling before the grand jury.
The "higher up," however, is known to the officials, they hinted today. His prominence in diplomatic circles is such that revelation of his name would create a sensation. While officials do not name this party, they hint he was here in September under an assumed name, and that since he has quit the country, fearful, perhaps, of consequences.
Crowley's alleged connection with bomb conspiracies is said to be definitely saddled upon him by Smith. With the grand jury adjourned to Monday, special agents of the justice department and secret service men will complete gathering of evidence, though the leaders feel that, even now, they have a connected chain of damaging information.
That they will make a "haul" more important and startling than was made in the Robert Fay bomb conspiracy in New York is the open hint in federal circles.
Meantime, authorities say they have obtained information tending to show that the Providence Journal's allegation that Crowley desired to ship "dried fruits" aboard munitions steamers from the northwest was started here. The Russian consul said he had been approached with the proposal before Crowley wrote his alleged letter to the Russian ambassador's wife at Washington, seek-

ing to have the "dried fruits" shipments expedited.
Smith is said to have confessed that Crowley furnished him with money, but that he did not actually accomplish the destruction of the munitions barge at Seattle, which it is sought to trace to Crowley and Smith. Consul Bopp, of the German consulate, is reported to have been named by Smith as Crowley's employer.
Both Smith and Crowley, it is claimed, conferred in various parts of the country. In Tacoma, Smith is said to have admitted, he was arrested for having a quantity of explosives in his possession.
Crowley stands pat and insists he is innocent of any wrong doing.

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FRUITDALE

John Kinkle and son, of Savage Rapids, were in Fruitdale Tuesday. Joe Pardee and Douglas Pinkerton were guests of Allen Underwood Wednesday night.
P. C. Bosma, who has been spending the past two months on his Fruitdale ranch, left Tuesday evening for Kalamazoo, Michigan.
The Bosma and Underwood families were guests of D. C. Hefley, at Red Acres, Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. Franks and four children, of Medford, came to spend Thanksgiving and remained for the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Bates.
Road work on the Pacific highway, which was postponed several days on account of the rainy weather, has been resumed and great progress is being made in widening the road.
Mrs. Fred Carpenter arrived last week from Portland. Fred Carpenter is hauling lumber and will build a small house adjoining his father's, which he and his family will occupy.
Mr. and Mrs. Florenz Breitmayer were host and hostess to a few families who have made it a custom to meet at this hospitable home and enjoy Thanksgiving dinner and the day together. The Hefley, Slatery, Weber and Underwood families and Dr. B. R. Elliott, of Grants Pass, were the guests.
The Fruitdale club gave a dance at the hall Wednesday evening for

GRANTS PASS WEATHER

Following is a summary of the weather observation at Grants Pass for the month of November, 1915.

TEMPERATURE				
Date	Max.	Min.	Range	Pre.
1	65	40	25	
2	62	41	21	.26
3	58	47	11	.21
4	64	42	22	.06
5	58	34	24	.01
6	56	37	19	
7	49	34	15	.09
8	46	39	7	.65
9	50	35	15	.06
10	49	33	16	.01
11	51	33	18	.02
12	51	35	16	.11
13	40	26	20	.03
14	45	28	17	.34
15	54	41	13	
16	51	39	12	.42
17	56	40	16	.08
18	58	38	20	
19	56	42	14	
20	54	45	9	.11
21	62	38	24	.01
22	64	34	30	
23	60	40	20	1.01
24	42	34	8	.30
25	56	39	17	.91
26	50	31	19	.02
27	46	31	15	.09
28	46	30	16	.05
29	54	42	12	.38
30	54	35	19	.01

Summary: Mean temperature, 45 degrees. Maximum temperature, 65 degrees; date, 1. Minimum temperature, 24 degrees; date, 7. Total precipitation, 5.24. Number of days clear, 2; partly cloudy, 1; cloudy, 27. Dates of killing frost, 7, 13, and 14. Direction prevailing wind, southwest.
JOHN B. PADDOCK,
Co-operative Observer.

the members and a few invited guests. Splendid music for dancing was furnished by Mrs. Stanbrough, Gail Hamilton and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Carpenter. Refreshments, consisting of individual pumpkin pies, coffee and cake, were served.
A number of families of our valley enjoyed Thanksgiving day at the grange hall. A most bountiful dinner at noon and music and conversation for the afternoon hours made a memorable day for all present.
Grange meets Saturday, December 4. Dinner will be served at noon and the election of officers for the year 1916 will be held at the afternoon session.
Fruitdale, Dec. 1, 1915.

MERLIN

Miss Editha Vincent, who is attending high school in Grants Pass, returned to that place Sunday after spending the Thanksgiving vacation at her home here.
Bert Massie spent the week end at the home of his father down the river.
A son was born to the wife of Jack Carter on Tuesday morning, November 23.
The Thanksgiving services held the afternoon of Thanksgiving day were well attended and enjoyed by all.
A number of the young people of Merlin went to Hugo Thursday evening for the Thanksgiving dance.
We are enjoying just now very pleasant weather for this time of year, although last week there was abundant rainfall.
Merlin, Dec. 1, 1915.

KERBY

Kerby is very quiet. The rains have called a number from town to attend to their mining claims, which have not been worked since the late rains of spring.
The rains are welcomed by the miners and they are improving the water supply.
Dr. Dixon made a night ride a few nights since down the Illinois river and over the mountain to the headwaters of the Chetco to attend a miner who met with the misfortune



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of having a hip dislocated. It required nearly twenty-four hours to get word to the doctor and get the doctor to the patient. The unfortunate miner was a Mr. Huestus, whom the doctor left in as comfortable condition as the nature of the circumstances would permit.
A son was born to the wife of Charles Johnson on last Saturday at the residence of Mrs. Finch, Mrs. Johnson's mother.
Grandma Weatherby, who was reported sick last week, is still on the sick list.
Grandma Whorton is still bedfast, although at present writing she seems somewhat improved. Her grandson, George L. Whorton, a printer, formerly from Lakeview, but at present from Reno, Nev., is expected by Thursday's auto. He heard of her sickness and immediately started to see her. He will probably remain until about holiday time.
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Coulter, who have been visiting with Mr. Coulter's uncle, J. F. Stith, for some time, left Kerby on Sunday for Portland. They are jolly good people and Kerby will miss them.
Joe Powell, who is doing some trapping in the hills and along the streams, was brought home today on horse back, sick.
Dr. Dixon and family, with Mrs. Hunt and Mrs. Coleman, spent Thanksgiving day at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Reed at the creamery.
The Thanksgiving dance at Kerby passed off quite pleasantly considering the inclement weather. The attendance was small.

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