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THE WEATHER
Cloudy; probable showers tonight
and Wednesday.

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RAILROADS GETTING LIBERAL

Fine Proposition for Pensioning Railroad Veterans By Big Railroads.

PORTLAND, Me., Dec. 24.—The Grand Trunk railway has devised a system of pensions to go into effect on January 1. It is believed to be the most comprehensive in existence. A fund of \$200,000 has been set aside and \$75,000 a year additional if necessary. Employees are not to be required to contribute to the fund. The compulsory retiring age is 55 years, while any employee who has served the company for 15 years or more will be entitled to a pension on a graduated scale. The minimum pension is \$200, while there is no maximum. There is a provision for employees disabled while in the service, and also for those dismissed without cause under 65 but who have not served for over 15 years.

SALVATION ARMY MAKES CHRISTMAS JOYFUL FOR POOR

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—More than 120,000 people will eat a Christmas dinner in New York to be given by the Salvation Army. The dinner is being put up in baskets for families of from five to six, and will be distributed early tomorrow morning.

FOND HUSBAND GETS SUBSTANTIAL PRESENT

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 24.—The Christmas present of Mrs. William Lusk of Roanoke to her husband today, says a special to the News Leader, was two boys and two girls. All reported as doing well.

EPIDEMIC OF CRIME RAMPANT

Many Crimes Unreported, Yet An Awful Chapter for A Single Day.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 24.—Five men were killed by pistol or knife in Louisiana and Mississippi during the past 24 hours. At Covington, La., Henry Route, a negro, invited a man named Bradley, a white, to settle a debt or shoot it out. Bradley killed Route. At New Albany, Miss., Edward Millhouse, a section foreman, killed a section hand named Martin Arnold. At Varden, Miss., Maurice Davis, a white, and William Spix, colored, killed each other. A love affair at Greenville, Miss., caused the death of Smith, a negro, who tried to kill Jim English, a negro.

JACKSONVILLE ITEMS.

Almond Wilcox, who has been attending St. Mary's college at Oakland, arrived Saturday and will spend his vacation at home.

Mrs. Hattie Bilsinger and Mrs. P. Harbough spent the day in Medford Saturday.

Mrs. James Buckley and Miss Kate Buckley of Ruth spent Saturday and Sunday in town.

C. L. Reames left for Berkeley, Cal., Sunday morning to spend the holidays with his mother.

Clara Elmer came down from Phoenix Saturday. She will spend her vacation which lasts two weeks, at home.

Hotel Moore, December 25.

Jan. 12 to 21 dinner 5 to 8. Turkey, goose or chicken. Meals, only 50c. We will please you at Hotel Moore dining room.

LAWSON TO FORM NEW PARTY

Author of Frenzied Finance Visits The President and Big Explosion Follows

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Thomas W. Lawson of Boston, who on last Tuesday called on President Roosevelt at the White House and who subsequently said he probably "would make a statement to the public within a few days," will, according to an interview, be published by the World tomorrow, soon launch a new political party. Its candidates for president and vice-president, according to the plan as announced, will be Theodore Roosevelt and Governor John A. Johnson of Minnesota. In his formal announcement, Mr. Lawson avoids any direct statement that his chosen candidates have acquiesced in his political program.

RAILROAD COMPANW WILL IMPROVE SERVICE

Beginning Monday, December 29, train No. 13 will leave Portland at 12:30 a. m., one hour later than at present. This will bring it into Medford the next afternoon at 1:45.

As this train will hereafter stop at all points between Roseburg and Ashland, the service will be correspondingly improved and much more popular than now.

The Southern Pacific freight house will not be opened tomorrow, Christmas day. Perishable articles will be delivered until 10 o'clock a. m., however.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—The government has formally rested the case in the prosecution of John R. Walsh, accused of misappropriating the funds of the Chicago National bank, and the court adjourned Tuesday.

MAMMOTH FRUIT EDITION

The Tribune's Big Horticultural Paper to Be Ready Early in January.

Early in January the mammoth horticultural edition of The Tribune will be off the press and ready for distribution over the world. The advertising managers of many transcontinental railroads and of the big trans-Atlantic and Pacific steamship lines will have leather binders made for this paper and will place it aboard the various steamships and observation cars. This means of distribution will carry the paper all over the globe and will show the entire world what the Rogue River valley produces. It will encourage homeseekers to purchase lands and will do more to advertise southern Oregon than anything that has ever been attempted.

Half-tone cuts from photographs showing the various orchards, the towns and points of interest, will be made.

The cost of publishing this mammoth edition will be derived from the advertisements, and as a very low rate will be charged, the merchants should all secure space and do all in their power to help make this medium of publicity a success.

The various departments will be edited by the most prominent horticulturists, mining men and practical farmers in southern Oregon. There will be articles by state and government mining, forest and horticultural officials and by experts from the United States department of agriculture, Hall and Goodpasture, the local photographers, Hicks-Claxton of Portland will do the engraving.

Order copies now to send to your friends and to prospective future residents.

LATE LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

J. B. Throckmorton of Applegate was a Medford business caller Monday morning. Mr. Throckmorton reports that they experienced one of the heaviest rains Sunday on the Applegate river that he ever saw.

Five to 20-acre tracts near Medford, \$75 to \$150 an acre. Good land and good water. Easy terms. Inquire of C. H. Pierce & Son.

Christmas decorations, laurel, mistletoe, fir, Oregon grape and Xmas trees delivered. Leave orders at The Toggery, care O. T. Whitman.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Olwell returned Tuesday morning from Portland, where they have been the past few days.

King's for Lowney's, Abdon's and Gunther's chocolates.

Miss E. Mae Elwood, daughter of M. Elwood, returned to Medford to spend the holidays with her parents. Miss Elwood has been attending the Laurel wood academy near Portland, and after the holiday vacation she together with her brother, will take up school work again after January 1.

Miss Jeannette Butler, teacher of piano, theory and harmony. Residence in West Medford. Telephone 791.

John Hammer, the mining man from Willow creek mining district, is in Medford to spend the holidays.

B. M. Collins and A. W. Stulker, who have been in Portland on business, returned to Medford on the 10:30 train Tuesday morning.

W. E. Kurtz of Salem, Or., is visiting at the home of Frank E. Martin in Southwest Medford.

A large assortment of post card albums just arrived at Hull's Postal Shop, 10c to \$2.50. Come and see them, Hubbard building, near bridge.

CITY NOTICE.

The city council at its meeting held on December 13, 1907, instructed the recorder to purchase house numbers and to furnish the same to all property owners at as near cost as it was possible. The numbers can be had from the city recorder about December 26. The recorder will also furnish the correct number for each lot.

BENJ. M. COLLINS, Recorder.

Coal for Sale.

We are now prepared to furnish hand picked coal at the mine, five mile east of town, in any amount desired \$7.50 per ton.

PACIFIC COAL CO.

ROBE, Dec. 24.—Fire has broken out on the American steamship Minnesota in this harbor. The vessel and cargo are badly damaged. The Minnesota was bound from Seattle for Hongkong via Yokohama.

THE STATE'S EVIDENCE COMPLETE

Prosecution in The Pettibone Case Has Close--Darrow Will Soon Begin.

BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 24.—The state rested in the Pettibone trial today after the examination of W. H. Gabbert, justice of the supreme court of Colorado, who testified to an attempt to kill him, a bomb being placed in the path he usually took in going from his residence to the capital. A man named Walley was killed in consequence of Gabbert having taken a different route that day.

MEAT CROP OF INDIA WILL BE VERY SHORT

LAHORE, India, Dec. 24.—Remarkable diminution of wheat planting is reported in the Punjab because of the prolonged drought. The area shrunk from 9,000,000 to 5,000,000 acres. Many permanent canals are running short of water, while many irrigation canals are quite dry.

"THE HOLY CITY" TONIGHT.

Conspicuous for sagacious management of their companies, presenting Luella Morry, Le Conte and Fletcher, have with this season's production, excelled in theatrical endeavor. "The Holy City," there is combined such wealth of acting, allegory, music and spectacle as has rarely if ever been seen. The possibilities for dramatic effect with which the thrilling narrative of John the Baptist, abundant have been utilized with great skill and apparently unlimited cost. The acting company is noted for its integral brilliancy; the scenes present history in radiant splendor; the stage paraphernalia, all of which is created by the company, being of impressive beauty. The integrity of its management first called public attention to the play; its matchless performances are carrying those endorsements which honesty of purpose and skillful design command. The presentation of "The Holy City" here will be eagerly anticipated, thus much as the well known and intensely artistic Luella Morry heads the company and will be seen as Salome, the beautiful daughter of King Herod.

MARKSMAN MAKES NEW RECORD AT TARGET

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 24.—A Toepperwein has completed a ten days' shooting series during which he shot at 72,500 targets and missed nine. This breaks the world's record in several different ways, both as to the number of targets shot at and the number missed. Mr. Toepperwein closed the exhibition in whirlwind fashion, shooting at the final 6500 targets and missing only one. Toepperwein used a .22-caliber rifle and the blocks were two and a half inches thick and were thrown into the air at a distance of 20 feet from the point where the marksman stood.

Annual Christmas Festival.

Tonight at the Methodist church on B street the program will consist of class drills, songs, recitations, solos and anthems. There will be a tree loaded with presents. The church has been tastefully decorated. All are invited.

GOV. TAYLOR TESTIFIES AT LAST

Former Governor of Kentucky Makes Deposition. Marshal Gives New Evidence

GEORGETOWN, Dec. 24.—The reading of Governor Taylor's deposition in the Powers case was concluded today. General denial of any knowledge or participation in the plot to murder Goebel as alleged by Yontsey, Golden and Noakes was made.

I. P. McGloves testified that Yontsey, while in Frankfort jail, admitted to him he had filed off the key to Powers' private office on the day Goebel was killed, and Powers and Captain John Davis ought not to have accepted pardon and left Frankfort, as that tended to cause them to be suspected of being guilty of the crime.

J. M. Hardgrove stated that he saw Yontsey emerge from Powers' private office directly after the shooting, hatless, coatless and with a pistol in his hand, much excited. He testified that he informed the prosecutor of these facts, but that he was not called to testify.

Captain Stephen Sharp, United States marshal, testified that directly after the shooting he tendered his services to Governor Taylor, who directed him to take charge of the defense of the building, which he did, not allowing anyone to enter. Sharp started the court and spectators by stating that three days before Goebel was shot he (Sharp) was given reliable information that democrats had ordered 2000 guns and ammunition and that Taylor and other republicans were to be ejected from the executive building. This, he said, explained the presence of armed republicans around the building and why the state troops had been put in readiness to move.

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MEMPHIS, Dec. 24.—One of the oldest banking institutions in the city has closed its doors. President Read of the Memphis Clearing House association said he felt certain that the depositors will be paid in full.

OUR FLEET HAS HEARTY RECEPTION

Battleships Causing Much Attention and Getting Royal Welcome Everywhere

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad, Dec. 24.—The American fleet of battleships was welcomed here with considerable enthusiasm. Admiral Evans called on Sir Henry Moore Jackson, governor Trinidad, and this afternoon a party of officers from the fleet are coming ashore. Also a large number of men from the ships.

RAILROAD RETRENCHMENT AN ACCEPTED FACT

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 24.—Orders from the general Southern Pacific of fees in San Francisco have been posted in the local railroad shops to the effect that the shops will close, with the exception of enough men to handle roundhouse work, next Tuesday and remain closed until January 1. It is stated unofficially that after the first of the year the force in each of the shops will be reduced or the men will be given from three to four days a week. It is also said that a similar reduction will be made all over the Harriman system in the west. Two thousand men in this city will be affected.

In this city there are indications that the Southern Pacific will not sign an agreement with the blacksmiths, machinists or other departments of the railroad's shops, and that it is preparing for a prospective strike. A stockade eight feet high, topped with barbed wire, is being built and in the enclosure a bunkhouse 90 feet long and 40 feet wide is finished, with the exception of the roof and a dining room, kitchen and outbuildings are going up. It is believed that, if a strike is declared, non-union men will be cared for inside the stockade.

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The Lid Is Off

'Tis Time To Build

In fact, the lid has never been on to any appreciable extent in Medford, but it's off for good now, and you can commence building at once.

It's cheaper to build now than it is to wait till summer, when everybody will be busy and you can't get men or materials.

Building has increased 30 per cent in Portland in the past month. They appreciate the situation there. You ought to, also.

Don't delay. We have all kinds of lumber in stock, both native and Booth-Kelly lumber. You may have to wait later on.

All signs point to big building boom. Get in early.

Iowa Box and Lumber Co.

HOTEL NASH GRILL

Christmas Dinner, \$1.00

MENU

- A Martini Cocktail
- Take Point Oysters on Deep-Shell
- Santa Ana Celery
- Green Turtle, Amontillado
- California Ripe Olives
- Filet of English Sole a la Jolivoille
- Pommes a la Rose
- Cucumbers
- Braised Calf's Sweetbreads on Toast with Mushrooms
- Frozen Egg Nog
- Roast Young Turkey, Chestnut Dressing
- Cranberry Sauce
- Browned Sweet Potatoes
- Asparagus Tips
- Chilled Tomatoes, Surprise
- Hot Mine Pie
- Pumpkin Pie
- Christmas Plum Pudding, Hard and Brandy Sauce
- Neapolitane Tea Cream
- Assorted Cakes
- Nuts and Raisins
- Assorted Fruit
- Coffee
- Siskiyou Sparkling Water

F. G. ODELL, Steward.