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THE WEATHER  
Partly cloudy; fair weather indicated for tonight and Saturday

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## ALL BRIDGES ENDANGERED BY FLOODS

### Butte Creek Trestle Wash- out Blocks P. and E. Line--High Water Now Subsiding.

This is the rainiest December on record for Medford, and the Rogue River valley. Up to the morning of December 27 there had fallen a total of six inches at Medford as against an average of less than four inches for the month for the past 20 years. The total for the present storm is over two inches.

All rivers and creeks in Oregon are on a rampage, and those in the Rogue River valley no exception. The crest of the flood was reached yesterday afternoon, and the waters are now subsiding rapidly.

Approaches to bridges have been weakened and in some instances the structures themselves were threatened, but little real damage has so far resulted.

The Pacific & Eastern railroad bridge at Butte creek was practically washed out, blocking transportation. Six of the piles were carried away and trains will not be able to reach Eagle Point for some time.

The flood in the Rogue river did not reach as high as the flood a year ago by six inches at the Gold Ray dam. It was feared that the Gold Ray bridge would go out, and use of the structure was forbidden. Wagons were also barred from the Gold Hill wagon bridge. It is reported that the north approach to the Rebec bridge has been partially washed away.

Butte creek reached a higher point than at any time a year. Bear creek also was up to last year's record. The flood switched the current against the west bank and the property owned by F. Osenbrugg was endangered, some of it washed away.

## TO EXTEND RAILROAD NORTH OF KLAMATH

Information comes through Chief Engineer Hoey of the California North-eastern, the branch of the Southern Pacific railway now under construction to Klamath Falls from Weed, Cal., that work will begin within a few days to straighten the main reclamation canal where the railroad is to cross it between this city and Upper Klamath lake. The plan is to straighten the canal so that the railroad will cross it nearly at right angles.

This news suggests the early continuation of railroad work north of Klamath Falls on the route of the projected road to Natron. Whether or not construction will be continued without delay towards Natron after the road is completed to this place from the south is problematical, but it probably will. The news that work is to begin so soon north of town in preparation for crossing the canal indicates that no time will be lost in building to the south end of Upper Klamath, where connection can be made with steamboat transportation on the lake and to Mr. Harriman's splendid summer lodge on Pelenn bay, about 30 miles by boat from where the railroad will touch the lake.

## CHICAGO WILL HAVE WORLD'S BIGGEST HOTEL

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—The permit for the new La Salle hotel, to be erected at La Salle and Madison streets, was taken out yesterday. With the furnishings the hotel will represent an investment of approximately \$3,500,000, and with the land which was leased on the basis of a value of \$2,500,000, the total will run up to \$6,000,000.

A feature of interest, as showing the sharp decline in the price of building material, is the statement that the present cost is placed at nearly \$500,000 less than would have been the case five or six months ago.

It is expected the work of construction will be begun some time between March 1 and May 1, and that 15 months will be required to complete it. The building will be 22 stories high, with two basements, and, it is said, will be the largest hotel building in the world. It will contain 1172 rooms.

## NO LACK OF CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE

### Newbury and Hough Out For District Attorney- ship--Lee Jacobs For Sheriff.

There promises to be no lack of candidates both for city and county offices at the coming elections. Several candidates for county positions already have announced their candidacy.

**For County Offices.**  
Attorney Gus Newbury of Jacksonville will again seek the republican nomination as district attorney. Attorney A. C. Hough of Grants Pass will also be a candidate for the same honor. On the democratic side, Deputy District Attorney Clarence L. Reames will be a candidate.

A number of candidates are being groomed to make the race for the sheriff's office. The present incumbent, D. H. Jackson, is confident of re-nomination; but a fight will probably be made against him in his own party. A number of prominent politicians are spoken of as dark horse candidates. On the democratic side, friends are urging Lee Jacobs to make the race.

**For City Election.**  
In the city campaign, in addition to the socialist ticket, F. Osenbrugg, president of the city council, is circulating a petition for nomination as mayor. His candidacy will force a settlement of the question of whether the present mayor's term expires in January or whether he holds over for a year. The city recorder will probably be mandated, which will bring the question to an issue. If Mr. Osenbrugg is successful, other candidates will also get into the campaign.

Many candidates for the council are circulating petitions. Councilman Bark-dull is a candidate, as is J. H. Fitzgerald.  
For city recorder it is said that J. S. Orth may contest the election with Benjamin M. Collins, the incumbent. All signs point to a lively election.

## FEARS SANTA CLAUS CROWDS OUT CHRIST

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 27.—"Santa Claus is overshadowing Christ in Christmas celebrations, and the idea of a mythical gift-giver is made too prominent in the church in the land," was the remarkable utterance of Rev. C. E. Todd, pastor of St. Paul's church, Tacoma. The reverend gentleman was addressing the Methodist Ministers' association at Puget Sound university. Considerable discussion followed, and the ministers present agreed that Christ was overshadowed by the mythical friend of youth, and that the church should endeavor to relegate Santa Claus to the background in future celebrations of Christmas day.

## DEFENSE RESTS IN CALEB POWERS' TRIAL

GEORGETOWN, Ky., Dec. 27.—The defense rested in the Caleb Powers trial and the prosecution began the rebuttal testimony today. The defense called several witnesses for the purpose of breaking down the testimony of Noakes and Golden. Attorney W. R. Jewell of Danville, Ill., testified that Noakes had made his Danville statement in the presence of himself and Attorney Max Lewis, but refused to sign it unless paid to do so. R. L. McClure, a newspaper correspondent, testified that Wharton Golden said to him: "That damn fool," meaning Yontsey, "is talking too much. He won't get a cent. I had that checked."

## HIGHER PRICE PAID FOR BEEF CATTLE

There is a very favorable change now in the beef market in Medford county. The first buyers of the season are now here, and are offering 7 cents. There are about 5000 cattle in Surprise valley, and in the neighborhood of 2000 on this side of the mountains.

A great many of the farmers think the higher prices are sure to come, and intend to feed and wait for the price to come up. Farmers in Medford think they can afford to do that for a longer supply of hay was raised last year. The price of hay in Medford county averages about \$6 a ton.

## TOGGERY BILL SMASHING PRICES.



THE FIRST OF A SERIES OF CARTOONS OF MEDFORD'S POPULAR BUSINESS MEN, DRAWN BY B. KLUM.

## DARROW OUT OF THE TRIAL LANE AFTER WELLS FARGO

### Attorney Forced to Quit Pettibone on Account of His Poor Health.

### Complaints Made Against Express Company Be- ing Investigated.

BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 27.—Clarence Darrow, chief counsel for the defense in the Pettibone trial, has been forced to retire from the case for the present on account of poor health and will go to Los Angeles this afternoon to submit to an operation for Mastoids. Physicians informed him that if he continued the case his life was endangered.

Former Congressman Wilson will be in charge of the case, but today, on account of illness, he was unable to be in court. Pettibone's interests were looked after today by John F. Nugent. Depositions in the Bradley explosion case were read in court today.

## PREPARING TO ENLARGE OUTLET TO TULE LAKE

Frank Adams of Merrill is making arrangements to put a small crew of men at work on the outlet recently claimed to have been discovered to Tule lake. If the results warrant it, a larger crew will put at work. Mr. Adams will work on the theory that the lake can be drained into the lava beds. His experiments will be watched with interest.

## STRAIGHTENING OUT OPP MINE AFFAIRS

Howard J. Rogers, commissioner of education for New York state, president of the Opp Consolidated Mining company, is here straightening out the affairs of the company, for which a receiver was recently appointed. It is expected that matters will be adjusted satisfactorily, the receiver discharged and operations resumed on an extensive scale.

## CITY TREASURER'S NOTICE

Office of City Treasurer, Medford, Oregon, December 27th, 1907.  
Notice is hereby given that there are funds in the city treasury for the redemption of all light and water bonds maturing on or before August 7th, 1907.  
Interest will cease on the same after the above date.  
L. L. JACOBS,  
City Treasurer.

## JAP SPIES MAKE MAPS OF PORTLAND

### Mayor Lane Creates Sen- sation in Address before National Guard Regarding Little Brown Men.

PORTLAND, Dec. 27.—Mayor Harry K. Lane created a sensation today in his address before the National Guard association. He declared that agents of the Japanese government had secured maps of Portland, maps and specifications of every roadway leading into the city, and various pipelines from which the city obtains its water supply.

According to Mayor Lane, the plans and maps prepared by the alleged spies are superior in every way to anything possessed by the city officials. Mayor Lane did not discover the presence of the maps until their work was completed, whereupon he transmitted the information to Washington and was asked to furnish all details of the operations of the alleged spies.

## GREEKS GOING HOME TO FIGHT AGAINST TURKS

PORTLAND, Dec. 27.—The Evening Telegram prints an article in which it attributes the unusual exodus of Greeks from the northwest during the past few months to a desire to return home to take up arms against the Turks. The railroads report that never in the past years have so many Greeks gone home as this winter, and it was learned from occasional homeward bound Greeks that something more sinister than a desire to return home for the holidays has impelled the movement to Athens and other provinces. For a long time letters from Greece have contained news of an alleged alarming condition of the relations between the two countries.

## THREE DROWNED IN VERMONT SKATING POND

RUTLAND, Vt., Dec. 27.—Three were drowned and six barely escaped the same fate by the breaking of thin ice at the skating pond at Castleton yesterday. Kate, Mary and George Clark, under 10 years of age, ventured on the unsafe ice and went into the river. Six young people went to the rescue and were thrown into the water by the further breaking of the ice. Many hundreds heard their cries and succeeded in saving all but Ida Putnam, George Hunter and Ida Franklin. The Clark children were unconscious when taken from the water.

## MUST COMPLY WITH LAND LAWS STRICTLY

The numerous decisions rendered by the commissioner of the general land office no longer leave any doubt in the minds of homesteaders as to what they must do if they expect to hold the lands in the southern Oregon pine belt. In every case of contest where it was shown that the homesteader had failed to comply with the law in any particular, no matter how trivial, the decision has gone to the contestant and the homestead entry has been ordered canceled.

## MISSING SECURITIES FOUND IN VAULT

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27.—The missing Colton securities, long been found in the vaults of the California Safe Deposit & Trust company. They have never left California and never been out of the custody of the California Safe Deposit & Trust company. It was an account of these missing securities that J. Daboll Brown and Attorney Walter Barrett were indicted.

## ROBBERS LOOT BANK, BUT ARE CAPTURED

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Dec. 27.—At Camden Point robbers blew open the safe of the bank of Camden Point and secured \$2500 in currency. A fierce fight with the citizens followed. Shots were exchanged. The robbers were captured in the woods on the Platt river and taken to Platt City and placed in jail.

## WHITE GIRL MARRIED TO INDIAN CHIEF

### Love Finds a Way to End Five Years Romance Which Has a Touch of Tragedy.

DENVER, Dec. 27.—News comes from Santa Fe, N. M., of the marriage of Miss Cora Marie Arnold to Alberta Chavarría, a full-blooded Indian. This ends a romance which began five years ago, when the couple met during the mountain and plains festival in this city, when a number of Indians were brought here as exhibits. The witnesses were the bride's sisters, Misses Lillian and Geneva Arnold, of this city.

Chavarría is the chief of the Santa Clara Indians, a tribe of the Pueblos, in New Mexico. The bride's attachment for the Indian resulted in her estrangement from her family; her step-father, George Wilder, later committed suicide by jumping from a steamer in the Gulf of Mexico. He disinherited the present Mrs. Chavarría. Several ministers refused to perform the ceremony.

Chavarría is fully civilized, religious, fairly well educated and well-to-do. Only after five years have the bride's sisters consented to the marriage.

## BEGIN SUIT TO STOP MARION LAND SALE

James P. Walker and wife have begun suit against Dorothea V. Ranzau and her husband, John P. Ranzau, formerly of Grants Pass, the First National bank of Portland and the Bank of Woodburn to stop the payment of money in a \$10,000 land deal in Marion county. It is stated that \$3500 was deposited in the First National in this city to be paid to the Ranzaus as soon as they paid interest, which they agreed to assume.

Another \$1500 of the purchase price was represented by a note placed in the Bank of Woodburn, and the remaining \$5000 by the mortgage, which the purchasers agreed to assume. It is alleged that the Ranzaus have repudiated the agreement, but are attempting to get the money from the banks, and an injunction is asked to hold matters as they stand until the court can annul the agreement and order the return of the money to the plaintiffs.

## GAME LAWS TO PROTECT WHALES AND GREEN TURTLES

NEW HAVEN, Dec. 27.—Congress will be asked to establish game laws for the protection of whales and green turtles during the breeding season. Resolutions to this effect were adopted at the meeting of the Vertebrate Paleontologists of America, it being claimed that the whale is almost extinct and the turtle fast disappearing.

## FIVE BURN TO DEATH IN FIRE AT BOSTON

BOSTON, Dec. 27.—Five were burned to death in a fire which destroyed the house of John Clark at Watertown, a suburb, early today. Every member of the Clark family met death in the flames, which caught the sleepers unaware.

## PRESIDENT FORWARDS YOUNG GIFT-GIVER

WORCESTER, Mass., Dec. 27.—President Roosevelt has sent a letter and \$10 bill to Jacob C. Reifeld, the 14-year-old boy in return for a Christmas gift consisting of a calendar decorated with the picture of an American eagle, from the back of which issues a scroll in which is the name of the president.

W. J. Freeman, one of the prominent citizens of Central Point, died business in Medford Thursday.  
F. Zana of Sams Valley, the former miner, was among those in Medford lately.

J. L. Wilson and W. M. Cox of Phenix precinct have been in Medford several times lately.

Frank Knight, who recently returned from the state of Washington, is engaged in prospecting near Jacksonville. James Knight, who lives near Jacksonville, has made 113 feet several feet from a single prospect.