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THE WEATHER.  
Rain tonight and Friday;  
Fresh southerly breeze.

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## PROSECUTION. REBUKED BY CHAMBERLAIN

### Governor Says Putnam Should Never Have Been Fined--Committed No Crime.

The Portland Journal of January 15 contains the following:

"Salem, Or., Jan. 15.—George Putnam, editor of the Medford Tribune, who was fined \$150 for alleged libel on the grand jury of Jacksonville county, refuses to avail himself of the efforts of his friends to procure from Governor Chamberlain a remission of the fine, and proposes to carry his case to the supreme court.

"Numerous friends of Putnam wrote or wired to Governor Chamberlain urging the exercise of executive clemency. And now there is no doubt that the governor would have complied with these requests, but today Railroad Commissioner Oswald West received a letter from Putnam saying, 'I can neither ask nor accept a remission of the fine imposed on me. I have done no wrong, I am guilty of no crime, and a fair trial will prove my cause to be a just one.'

In view of Putnam's attitude the governor cannot intervene, but he said today:

"Assuming the facts to be as stated in the press reports, Mr. Putnam is certainly entitled to remission of the fine imposed by the Jacksonville court if he wants it. My knowledge of the facts has been derived from the newspapers and from the information thus received. I am certainly of the opinion that the fine should not have been imposed. But since Mr. Putnam is determined to carry his case to the supreme court, there is no occasion for me to intervene."

"Putnam's alleged offense consisted in criticizing the grand jury of Jacksonville county for its failure to indict W. S. Barnum, who made a murderous assault with an ax on J. F. Reddy, mayor of Medford. The grand jury retaliated by indicting Putnam for libel and on his trial the judge refused to allow the admission of evidence offered by Putnam to prove the truth of his charge against the grand jury.

## ENGINE IS DITCHED. DELAYING TRAFFIC

While bowling along at full speed yesterday morning near Bloody Run, Or., Southern Pacific train No. 15 suffered a peculiar accident, delaying traffic ten hours.

The front truck and wheels of the huge engine tender left the track, swerving to an angle of 45 degrees, badly damaging the track for 300 feet.

All that saved the Southern Pacific company from a disastrous wreck was a side chain attached to the truck, which held in spite of the strain. Had it given way, trainmen state nothing could have saved the train and loss of life would have been inevitable.

## PROHIBIT IMPORTATION OF OPIUM TO ISLANDS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—Within a little over a month the law prohibiting the importation of opium into the Philippines will become effective. A large quantity of opium is consumed in the islands by the Chinese, but the habit is rapidly extending to the natives and Americans.

## Wise Talks By The Togger's Office Boy

The other day a fellow came rushing into the store and wanted to buy a suit of our swell underwear. He was in an awful fix. He said he had bought a combination union suit early in the winter and was having trouble galore. The boss says: "What's the matter; doesn't the suit seem to suit?" The man said: "Yes, the suit suits all right and the seams seem all right, and the wool tickles me to death. But, boss, it is one of these combination suits, and I have just the combination suit I want to get off."

When are you coming in?  
WILLIE.  
Togger's, Medford.

## THAW SENT 84 LBS. BEEF TO EVELYN

### Evidence of Irrational Conduct on the Part of the Defendant Offered in Trial.

NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—More evidence of alleged irrational conduct on the part of the defendant was offered in the trial of Harry K. Thaw today, the most impressive witness being Abraham R. Beck, who taught a select school for 15 boys in Pennsylvania in 1881 and 1882, young Thaw among the number. Beck described Thaw's ungovernable temper and produced a letter from the mother of the defendant, who said she feared Harry's mind was unbalanced, he was so different from the other four children.

One of Thaw's recent eccentricities which it was said will soon be testified to, was the sending of 84 pounds of beef to Evelyn Nesbit one morning when she was ill. Attorneys have receipts for the meat.

Mrs. William Thaw, mother of the defendant, has arrived in New York and may be called as a witness this afternoon or tomorrow.

## LENDALE BANK CASHIER IS PLACED UNDER ARREST

ROSEBURG, Or., Jan. 16.—Harry N. Pratt, cashier of the Lendalet State bank, of this county, has been placed under arrest by D. J. Jarvis, constable of this city. The charge is embezzlement of the bank funds and the amount alleged to be short is \$3570. E. E. Redfield, one of the directors of the bank, filed the information.

When the bank holidays were declared at an end by Governor Chamberlain on December 16 the bank failed to open, Pratt being sick at home. A few days previous a fire in the bank office left the books and papers of the bank in a bad condition, and it was to this reason the closing of the bank was attributed. There are intimations now that the fire may have been for the purpose of covering up evidence of wrong.

Mr. Pratt has heretofore been in the confidence of the bank officers and the people at large, and the present action is a shock to his many friends.

## SHOULD NAME DELEGATE TO DRY FARMING CONGRESS

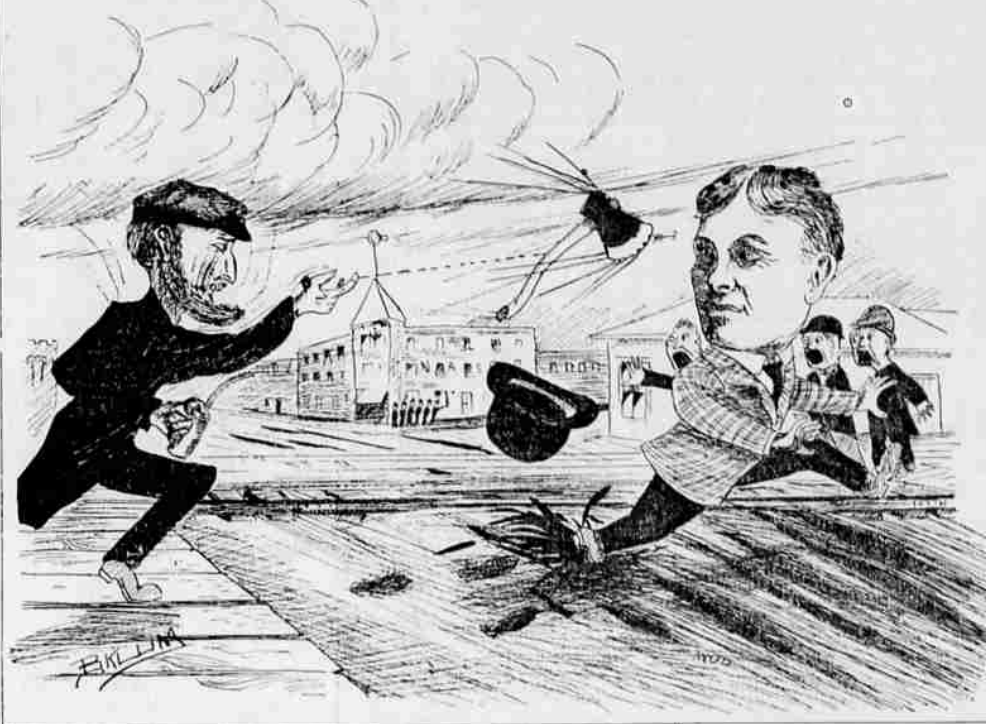
PORTLAND, Or., Jan. 16.—The second session of the Trans-Missouri Dry Farming congress is to be held in Salt Lake City, Utah, January 22 to 26. The proceedings of this congress are of especial importance to a vast area of Oregon and Washington, and every commercial body in the two states is asked to appoint at least one delegate. Their whole territory east of the Cascades should be represented, and both Governor Chamberlain and Governor Mead are anxious that large delegations should be present at the convention. The executive committee from the Pacific Northwest are Hon. W. J. Kerr of the Oregon Agricultural College and Hon. R. G. McCroskey of Washington. President Fisher Harris of the organization requests that delegates be appointed and names sent to him at once at Salt Lake City.

## MERLIN SAFE CRACKED; HUNDRED LOOT SECURED

The safe in the Merlin Mercantile company's store, at Merlin, Or., was blown open Sunday and \$100 secured. Entrance to the store was effected by taking out a large window pane in front of the building. The cash drawer was broken, emptied of its contents and hidden away. About \$170 in checks was left undisturbed. Besides taking the money, the robbers supplied themselves with three watches, tobacco and several other articles of value. A deputy sheriff left on the train this morning to investigate the matter, as parties locally are suspected of the crime.

Ladies Aid Society.  
Come for your Sunday dinner at the Ladies Aid market Saturday afternoon, in the Ladies Aid Second Hand store, Hubbard Building. All members of the society are requested to bring something to the market.

## A Friendly Salute in Medford.



## TAFT FAVORS HIGH WAGES UPON CANAL

### Secretary Appears Before Senate Committee to Discuss Panama Ditch.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—Secretary W. H. Taft appeared before the senate committee on inter-oceanic canals today and gave the committee information concerning the Panama canal project and suggestions for legislation. Taft expressed the opinion that the canal should be completed within six years from next July, at an ultimate cost of approximately \$390,000,000, including the purchase price.

Taft gave considerable information regarding prices paid for labor on the canal and urged that there be no reduction in wages paid skilled laborers, in spite of the fact, according to his estimate, they are receiving from 50 to 60 per cent higher wages than they earn in the United States.

## NEW WITNESSES IN HARRY THAW'S TRIAL

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—Many witnesses entirely new to the case testified in the Thaw trial today and told stories of his eccentricities during the years preceding the killing of Stanford White. All declared that he impressed them with being irrational. The most interesting was that of Christopher Baggan, steward of the New York Whist club, who told of Thaw's doings the day of the tragedy, and who, when under cross-examination by Jerome, gave amusing details of whist games in which Thaw and several men of prominence participated.

## CHINAMAN IS KILLED IN WAR OF TONGS

OAKLAND, Cal., Jan. 16.—The Chinese tong war is responsible for another murder today. An unidentified Chinaman was shot six times and instantly killed at the corner of Fourth and Washington streets. The murderer, Wong Tip, made no attempt to escape. The dead man was an official of the Hop Sing faction. The patrol of Chinatown has been doubled and further trouble is feared.

## BURNS SAWDUST FOR FUEL AT GRANTS PASS

Though located in the midst of a heavily timbered region, Grants Pass is suffering from a fuel famine this winter. Wood can hardly be bought at any price, and as a last resort many residents are burning sawdust, one of the local factories disposing of the dust at a nominal figure.

## ENTHUSIASM KEYNOTE OF GATHERING

### Commercial Club Smoker a Success--All to Work for Upbuilding of City.

The Commercial club smoker was largely attended last night and a long list of newcomers filed applications for membership. Enthusiastic speeches for Medford's growth and upbuilding were made and the work of the club indorsed in short talks by all in attendance.

A committee was appointed on membership, which will conduct an active campaign for new members. Every present member is requested to bring in at least one candidate for membership at the next meeting, early in February, when the annual election of officers takes place.

A committee was appointed authorized to collect contributions and subscriptions for another edition of the club's famous pamphlet on Medford and the Rogue River valley, the present edition being exhausted. An edition of at least 20,000 copies is contemplated. Other committees were named to work along various lines for the benefit of the club.

Visitors told how Medford impressed them and what they thought of the country. New settlers told how they happened to come here, and in all their narratives the Medford Commercial club pamphlet played an important part. People not only in the east, but in Southern California, are planning to come here as soon as they can get away.

Manager Hutchinson, of the Baker Hutchison Co., and Shurtz Garnett each paid a glowing tribute to the press and the part it played, not only in building up their own business, but in building up the community, which was judged largely by non residents by the newspapers published in it. A paper well patronized by local merchants meant more than anything else—a progressive and enterprising class of merchants and an appreciative community.

## TREASURY MAKES DRAFT FOR GOVERNMENT DEPOSITS

The treasury department is making another draft on the banks for a part of the government deposits. Ten days ago, the treasury got about \$50,000,000. It was hoped at that time that internal receipts and receipts from customers of the department would make up the balance. But the treasury statement showed that there is no likelihood of this. The treasury must have \$10,000,000 at once. The working balance is again down to \$5,000,000.

## HARRIMAN TO ANSWER ALL QUERIES

### Court Rules That Railroad Magnate Must Reply to Commission's Questions.

NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—E. H. Harriman was directed, in a decision given by Judge Hough, in the United States circuit court today, to answer all questions propounded by the interstate commerce commission, except those relating to the purchase of the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific railroad stock in connection with the dividend of August, 1906.

Judge Hough also directed Otto H. Kuhn of Kuhn, Loeb & Co., to answer all questions asked him by the interstate commerce commission.

## GOVERNMENT IS AFTER NATIONAL AIRSHIP CO.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 16.—The Examiner says that federal authorities have started an investigation of the officers of the National Airship company. Sales of stock amounting to \$250,000 are alleged to have been made. The company offices are in Portland and on Saturday J. A. Morrell, president of the corporation, was subpoenaed to appear in Portland to explain the status of his company to the authorities. It is asserted that he has disappeared. Federal authorities, it is alleged, have secured much information of the company's affairs from Miss Alma Smith, who formerly acted as secretary.

PORTLAND, Jan. 16.—The National Airship company has been doing business in this city for several months. It extensively advertised its stock and made glowing promises of dividends and the future of the company. Stock was sold here at 25 cents a share, whereas it is asserted similar stock was sold in San Francisco at 75 cents. It promised a line of airships between San Francisco and Portland, the first trip to be made April 1.

## SWEDISH KING OPENS HIS FIRST PARLIAMENT

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 16.—Formal opening of the first parliament under the reign of King Gustave took place today amid simple ceremonies. King Gustave in his speech said: "It is my hope, to both good and evil days, to be supported by my Swedish people in the common work for the true welfare of the fatherland."

## English Discount Reduced.

LONDON, Jan. 16.—The rate of discount was reduced from 5 to 4 per cent today.

## TO CUT OFF NEWSPAPER DEADHEADS

### Postal Authorities Enforce New Rules Requiring Paid in Advance Subscriptions.

The newspapers of Jackson county, at a meeting held in Ashland on Sunday, organized the Jackson County Press association, and for the first time in history, harmony reigns among the representatives of the press. All papers were represented or telephoned their membership.

The primary object of the organization is to agree upon uniform methods of conforming to new regulations of the postoffice department, which require that newspaper subscribers must pay in advance in order that publishers may secure second-class rates. The radical changes in the postal laws compel a revolution in the business methods of all Southern Oregon papers.

The new postal regulations, in effect the first of the year, require that subscriptions entitled to second-class postage rate shall not be delinquent longer than the following periods of time: Dailies, three months; tri-weeklies, six months; semi-weeklies, nine months; weeklies, one year; semi-monthlies, three months; monthlies, four months; bi-monthlies, six months; quarterlies, six months.

The mails are not forbidden subscribers who are in arrears longer than the time provided by the new ruling, but these subscribers are placed in a separate classification, the postage rate being so high that publishers could not afford to send papers at the price of subscription now in vogue.

S. A. Pattison of the Central Point Herald was elected president of the County Press association, and Lynn Purdin of the Gold Hill News, secretary. Messrs. Kaiser and Wagner of Ashland were appointed a committee to draft a constitution and bylaws for permanent organization.

All publications are requested to be represented at the State Press Association meeting at Portland Friday and Saturday.

## GERMAN CRUISER TEARS HOLE IN HER BOTTOM

KIEL, Jan. 16.—The German armored cruiser Scharnhorst ran aground near Buelt last night, while engaged in evolutions. It is reported that a hole 100 feet long was torn in her double bottom, requiring the closing of the collision bulkheads to prevent her from sinking. She docked under her own steam. There were no casualties.

## THIRTY LIVES LOST. ON WRECKED VESSEL

SEATTLE, Jan. 14.—The British ship Hartfield, from Liverpool for Seattle, is believed to have been wrecked with 30 souls aboard off the west coast of Vancouver Island. A wireless reports that the vessel's deckhouse and several boats were washed ashore this morning.

## DAY OF FUNERALS IN PENNSYLVANIA HAMLET

BOYERTOWN, Jan. 16.—This little borough today engaged in burying its dead. All night long the work of preparing bodies for interment proceeded and today scores of funerals were held. It is believed that 50 bodies will never be identified.

Boston Church Destroyed.  
BOSTON, Jan. 15.—Fire early today nearly destroyed the Second Congregational church in Dorchester. The loss was \$50,000. It is believed the blaze was of an incendiary origin.

Prussian Statesman Dead.  
BERLIN, Jan. 16.—The death is announced of Prince Edward P. L. Zu Castellane and Kurlhausen, president of the Prussian house of lords. He was born in 1827.

In a recent dispatch it was stated that Dr. J. C. Lee, formerly well known in this county, was dead. This, however, is a mistake and he is still hale and hearty and in his 70th year. His wife and daughter both died recently within the days of each other.