Rain tonight and Saturday; variable winds, mostly westerly.

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ARE JAPS PLANNING TO FIGHT?

Little Brown Said to be Platting and Surveying Country About Medford.

Is the Mikado planning to attack Medford! Is the city about to become famous as the scene of the long-threat ened Japanese invasion? Are the little brown men figuring on attacking us, and must we call out the troops at Fort Mossback, Colonel Eddie Root com

manding, to defend us?

Startling stories are brought from
Rory Ann and the adjacent country regarding a systematic survey of the re-gion by the busy little Japs who are ostensibly employed on adjacent fruit orchards. Perhaps they are surveying to find the city waterworks and map them, like Mayor Lane discovered them doing at Portland. If so, the city counoil will be glad to buy the plans when they are complete.

they are complete.

The discovery of the Japanese plan of attack was first made this week by two prominent Medford ladies, who watched the proceeding closely and reported the matter at once to Ed Andrews, who employs several of the spics at his orchard. Mr. Andrews says he is ready to discharge his Japs in or-der to save the country, but wants the city conneil to act first, as he thinks the survey will be of value to Greater Medford.

Medford.

Stories are reported of similar platings in other sections about Medford, and there is no doubt in the minds of many that Medford is destined to be the scene of a great battle. The Mikado is said to be fond of apples, and knowling that the Regge river valley proing that the Rogue river valley pro-duces the finest on earth, despite Port-land commission men, has planned to capture this section, having abandoned his threatened invasion of Hood river for a more desirable region.

DISMISSES CHARGE OF INDICTMENT FOR BANKERS

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 17 .- Upor the motion of Assistant District Attor ney Cook, Superior Judge Dunne today dismissed the charge of embezzlement against David F. Walker, president of the wrecked California Safe Deposit & Trust company, in connection with the disappearance from the bank of the Colton estate securities, valued at

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—George S. they are suffering from broken limbs securities for their good behavior and Loftus of St. Paul, accompanied by and internal injuries. Loftus of St. Paul, accompanied by and internal injuries.

Senator La Follette, has filed with the interstate commerce commission a petition asking for a reduction of 25 per cent in the lower-berth rates of the Pullman company, and the fixing of rates for upper berths at one-half the lower-berth rate. The reduction is asked \$75,000 lower berth rate. The reduction is asked \$75,000. on all interstate business throughout the

United States. Mr. Loftus represents the Minnesota Shippers' association, which started the private-car investigation two years ago, cot," which is billed for Wednesday, private car investigation two years ago, and he had had the advice and the support of Mr. La Follette. The petition avers that the Pullman company has be taxed to its utmost capacity on the invested \$28,000,000, while it is capitalized at \$125,000,000 and its net earn plete cast: ings are approximately 20 per cent pe annum on capitalization is addition t · surplus, and that each car, seceptis the company's estimate of its com-pays for itself every two years.

Arthur Goode and Dave Gibson, but former residents of Medford, but re cently of Portland, arrived on the couthbound train Priday to visit with relatives for a few days.

Wise Talks By The Toggery's Office Box

The other day a fellow came rushing into the source and wanted to buy a suit of our swell underweat Ho. was suit of our swell underwear. He was in an awful fix. He said be had bought a combination union sait early in the who has proven hims winter and was having trouble galore. in this line of work. 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 just tickles me to death. suits, and I have lost the combination and can't get it off."

When Ore Ore coming in! WILLIE.

At the Toggery, Medford.

A Whiz and a Whir at a Mile a Minute and that's Going Some For

othe Tribune's Automobile Prize.



LOSE LIVES IN FACTORY FIRE

Panic Among Work- Demonstration By Wealthy Boston Wo- Edward Putnam, of Dr. Page Plans Erecers When Big Establishment Burns== Leap to Death.

SCRANTON, Ja., Jan. 17.-Two girls were killed and seven seriously hurt in a fire today at the Imperial underwear

Seats are now on sale for Charles D. January 22, and judging by the demand for seats the Medford Opera House will occasion. The following is the e-

	Prince Lorenzo Ed Andrews
0	Rocco, a farmer H. Withington
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....Mrs. R. T. BurnettMrs. Ett# Bates Franceson Princes Physicia. Miss Edna Eifert Bettina, the Mascot. Mrs. Hazelrigg Ensemble: Mascot Hamilton, Enyart. Hoyt, Porter, Ray, Gollaf, Farlow Kent, Wood, Hertzel, Mrs. Barmon

personal direction of Mr. Hazelrigg, who has proven himself a past master

Oregon Land Officers Confirmed. right The senate has confirmed the follow-ing Oregon land officers: F. C. Bram-But, well, register, La Grande; J. N. Watson, it is one of these combination register, Lakeview; Frank Davey,

ceiver, Burns; A. A. Roberts, receiver, La Grande; Fred P. Cronemiller, receiver, Lakeview. It also confirmed Colonel Medorem Crawford of Oregon as brigadier-general.

SUFFRAGISTS GO TO PRISON FOR RIOTING

English Women Who Force Entrance to British Premiers.

LONDON, Jan. 17 .- The arrival of the ministers at Downing street today to attend the first meeting of the cabfactory. Two hundred girls employed inct before the assembling of partia in the building became panic-stricken ment was made the occasion for a pub when the alarm sounded. Florence when the alarm sounded. Florence when the alarm sounded. Florence when the burning building and burned to death. Mary hand to quell the riot. Some women managed to get inside the residence of Premier Campbell-Bannerman. Five are were made before order was re-SEEK LOWER RATES ON
PULLMAN SLEEPERS | jumped from the fire-escape and drope the injured were burned on the fire-escapes before jumping, and stored. The suffragists refused to give securities for their good behavior and securities for their good behavior and securities.

STAGE KISS LASTS TWENTY-FIVE SECONDS | ngo.

Charles Dalmores.

the opening of act III of "Louise." dition. She left a letter to her hus Dalmores is seated "down stage" read-land. Its contents are not known, She ling. Enter Miss Garden. She steals was aged 37 years. upon the unsuspecting tener and before knows it the lucky man is incased EZRA MEEKER'S BILL n a dreamy half Nelson. Down the book (what chance has literature anyhow?) and the half Nelson is cour tered by an ardent strangle-hold.

Then the kiss begins. There is noth ing platonic, nothing fraternal, nothing perfunctory about it. The audience begins to grow interested. Pulses trained to sedate, operatic tempo get clear out of time and scamper off at a furio erratic pace, and fussy young girls Humphrey has introduced into the hou glance speculatively at their staring es-corts. The matrons eye their interested brightends with an apstrology rehales.

rs one railbird sadly. At the end of 25 1-5 seconds the stage lips part and the agony of the audience is over-till the next time.

TROOPS TO REMAIN IN NEVADA FOR A TIME

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—President. osevelt today informed Governor sparks of Nevada that he would pertroops to remain in Nevada reasonable time to give the legislature opportunity to organize a force to per form the police functions of the state

Pope Pius Has Gout.

been obliged to suspend audiences.

STOCKMAN JUMPS TO DEATH FROM WINDOW SILL

man Leaps From Thirteenth Story of Hotel to Roof Below.

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.-Mrs. Herbert M. Sears, a member of a wealthy Boston family, a guest of the Hotel St. Regis, committed suicide today by jumping from a thirteenth story window to the roof of the four story building adjoining. She was a frequent guest of the ing. ful residence on Commonwealth avenue She had been in delicate health for sev eral years. Her husband is a financier, who retired from active business a year

Sears! body was terribly NEW YORK, Jan. 17 .- A stage kiss crushed. She was temporarily insane that lasts 25 seconds by the watch, al-most half a minute, is the latest nov-tal trouble which resulted in her suithe "Louise kiss," and was imported inence in Boston. She came from New from France by Mary Garden and York nine days ago for medical treat ment. Her physician left her last night harles Dalmores.

The kiss occurs for the first time in and she was apparently in normal corne opening of act III of "Louise." dition. She left a letter to her his

INTRODUCED IN CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17,-The work of Ezra Meeker, the pioneer who came all the way from Payallup, Wash., in a prairie schooner of the pattern in which he had crossed the plains 54 cars before, to mark the way of the old Oregon trail, seems to be about warded with success. Representative a bill providing for the appointment of commissioner to take charge of the work of marking this trail, and also for an appropriation of \$50,000 to enery on

Mr. Meeker has had printed for eroadcast distribution a circular giving the story of his trip across the cous One Oregon trail, tracing it from the starting point at Independence, on the Missouri river, till if ended at Port Vancouver. With his pamphlets and talks he succeeded in interesting many people in the preservation of the old

Commissioner G. W. Brown of Engle Point, who has been attending to his the county court, passed through Med ford on his way home Friday, stating port favorably upon the resolution call-that the county court had adjourned for ing on the president for full data re-the term. ROME, Jan. 17.—Owing to an at ford on his way home Friday, stating tack of goat, the pope reluctantly has that the county court had adjourned for

EXAMINED IN FRAUD TRIAL

Fossil Only Witness **Today in Hall Mays** Trial at Portland.

PORTLAND, Jan. 17.-Edward Put nam, stockman of Fossil, was the only witness at the morning session of the trial of John H. Hall and E. Mays, He identified the many letters which passed between him and Hall and othrs, to show that Hall was familiar with erratic and her maid kept a close watch that these letters should have been act upon her mistress. She lived with her ed upon by Hall and that he hashand and two children in a lived with her ed upon by Hall and that he

> letters of Hall and Mays show that they asked Putnam to keep them informed and to take the matter up with special agents of the land office.

GOVERNOR CHAMBERLAIN

The Portland Telegram of January 15 contains the following Salem dis

"Guided by the wishes of G. Putnam, editor of the Medford Tribune who was convicted of libel by a jur in the court of Judge H. K. Hanna o Jackson county, for his published critiiam of the deliberations of the grand jury and sentenced to pay a fine \$150, Governor Chamberlain will no take any action upon the petitions for remission of the fine imposed. The governor, however, deems the convic-tion unjust, and thinks Potnam acted purely within his province as a news paper man in writing the criticism upor which he was convicted.

Putnam says that he can Cheither ask or accept a remission of the fine, sine have done no wrong and am not guitly of erime, and a fair trial will prove my cause a just one." When asked his opinion of the case this accession Gov. "From newspaper accounts, I am of

the opinion that Putsam should not have been convicted. Public officials should not be so thin skinned as to object to a little necespaper criticism. think Putnam in writing and publishing the article complained of was aco ing within his legitimate province as a newspaper man

CONCRESS TO INVESTIGATE NEVADA LABOR TROUBLES

WASHINGTON, Jan. 160 The hous immittee on labor today voted to r

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tion of Palatial Play House at Seventh and A Streets.

joining the Medford Opera House, that will be modern and up to date in every way, and now Dr. F. C. Page is con-templating the erection of a palatial structure along the banks of Bear creek. He is in Portland for the pur-pose of having plans and estimates made and is expected to return within a few days, when definite announcement will be made.

BAPTISTS CELEBRATE BURNING

DEEMS PUTNAM IN RIGHT

There was a meeting of the Baptists at their church Thursday night to celebrate the borning of the mortgage that has been held upon their building for ome time. They are now free from debt and have a membership of 235, After the eeremony there was a programme followed by refreshments.
One hundred and twenty-seven mem sers answered to rolleall. After hearedness was paid off, short speeches were made by a large portion of the numbers present and a vote of thanks clear R. H. Whitehead for the courteies extended by him to the church i loaning them the money to rebuild their ediffice three years ago, Mr. Whitehead is not a member of the church, but was one of the largest con-

\$100 SECURED AT MERLIN from Portland, who

The safe in the Mercantile company's cured. Entrance to the store was ferer is but 2 years old. secured. Entrance to the store was ferer is but 2 years old.

offected by taking out a large window. Dennis Duggan of Sam's Valley pane in front of the building. The cash drawer was broken, emptied of its contents and hidden away. About \$170 in that the roads are in very bad equdition sheeks was left undisturbed. Besides taking the money, the robbers supplied themselves with three watches taking the money, the robbers supplied themselves with three watches taking the money the robbers supplied. themselves with three watches, tobacce and secretal other articles of value. A follows: Vivian L. Jones from Leeds, deputy sheriff left on the train next morning to investigate the matter, as parties locally are suspected of the Wash.; Carl Johnson, Portland.

William Bybee of Jacksonville, who has been suffering with a slight attack of la grippe, has recovered, and is ago to able to be out attending to business eng-

Defense Continues to Build Up Insanity Plea--Old Friends Testify on Case.

NEW RORK, Jan. 17.—The defense of Harry K. Thaw continued to build up their ever-tightening net of irra-tionality around the man accused of the murder of Stanford White. Two important witnesses at the morning ses-sion were Miss Alice Fletcher, for a leng time a friend of the Thaw family, and Miss Catherine O'Neill, who nursed Thaw during the six years of his child-hood. Both declared that he was so hood. Both declared that he was an irrational youth and told many incidents which led them to this conclusion. Mrs. Evelyn Nesbitt Thaw was called to the stand just before noon, but was withdrawn a moment later to make way

EDGAR HAFER HOME AFTER SEVERE ILLNESS

Edgar Hafer, accompanied by Mrs. Hafer and his father and mother, Mr. Hafer and his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. C. Hafer, of Council Bluffs, In., returned Friday morning from Portland, where he has been seriously ill for several weeks with typhoid fever. Mr. Hafer is rapidly regaining his health, but shows the effect of his illness. Mrs. Hafer also shows the strain she has undergone in caring for

her husband.

Mr. Hafer, Sr., is one of the best known lumbermen and bankers of lowa, and will visit in Medford for a week before returning. He is heavily interested financially in the county, being the principal owner of the Iowa Lumber & Box Co., and one of the Craor husband. ter Lake Lumber Co., owners of an immense tract of sugar pine on the headwaters of Butte Creek.

MEDFORD TO PUBLISS ROLLER SKATING &

Medford is to have a roller stating Medford is to have a roller stating rink at the corner of D and Tenth at the site of the present theater and one at the corner of Seventh and A treets. The floor will be 48x100 feet and there will be 10x20 feet annex. The rink is being constructed in upto date manner and will be operated by the owners, Messrs. Loosley, Wendle the corner of Eighth and C streets, adjoining the Medford Opera House, that have been ordered.

LATE LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

Fred Hamlin of Climax attended to business matters in Medford Friday. He is engaged in the stock business and reports that cattle are looking well.

George R. Lindley, the genial cash ier at the Jackson County bank, is in Klamath county, looking after business OF CHURCH MORTGAGE matters, and will return within a few

days.

W. G. Miller of Central Point passed through Medford on the southbound train Friday merning for Siskiyou county, California, where he will look after business matters. W. O. Wheeler, who has been ou

wood left Thursday evening for Port Mrs. A. E. Reames came over fro Jacksonville Thursday to meet her bus

band, who came in on the southbound train from Grants Pass, Mr. Reames has a severe attack of la grippe.

J. P. Roberts returned Thursday moraing from a business trip to Seattle Wash.

F. M. Scheuble and family of Wonatchee passed through Medford on their way to Southern California, where they will spend the remainder of the

H. F. Mender returned Thursday

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. store at Merlin, ten miles north of J. H. Toft in North Medford has an GrantsPass, was blown open and \$100 attack of pneumonia. The little suf-

Among newcomers in Medford are as

L. Neidermyer of ne was a business call

winter.