

ARE JAPS PLANNING TO FIGHT?

Little Brown Men 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-threatened Japanese invasion?

Stories are reported of similar plattings 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.

Dismisses Charge of Indictment for Bankers

San Francisco, Jan. 17.—Upon the motion of Assistant District Attorney Cook, Superior Judge Dunne today dismissed the charge of embezzlement against David F. Walker, president of the wrecked California Safe Deposit & Trust company.

Seek Lower Rates on Pullman Sleepers

Washington, Jan. 17.—George S. Loftus of St. Paul, accompanied by 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.

Arthur Goode and Dave Gibson, both former residents of Medford, but recently of Portland, arrived on the southbound train Friday to visit with relatives for a few days.

Wise Talks By The Toggery'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.

A Whiz and a Whir at a Mile a Minute and that's Going Some For the Tribune's Automobile Prize.



EVELYN WITNESS FOR THAW

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

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—The defense of Harry K. Thaw continued to build up their ever-tightening net of irrationality around the man accused of the murder of Stanford White.

Edgar Hafer Home After Severe Illness

Edgar Hafer, accompanied by Mrs. Hafer and his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. C. Hafer, of Council Bluffs, Ia., returned Friday morning from Portland, where he has been seriously ill for several weeks with typhoid fever.

Medford to Possess Roller Skating Rink

Medford is to have a roller skating rink at the corner of D and Tenth streets. The floor will be 48x100 feet and there will be 10x20 foot annex.

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 E. Lindley, the genial cashier at the Jackson County bank, is in Klamath county, looking after business matters, and will return within a few days.

W. G. Miller of Central Point passed through Medford on the southbound train Friday morning for Siskiyou county, California, where he will look after business matters.

W. O. Wheeler, who has been employed at the jewelry store of M. Wood left Thursday evening for Portland, his former home.

Mrs. A. E. Reames came over to Jacksonville Thursday to meet her husband, who came in on the southbound train from Grants Pass. Mr. Reames has a severe attack of la grippe.

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

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

H. F. Meader returned Thursday from Portland, where he had been on business.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Toft is North Medford has an attack of pneumonia. The little sufferer is but 2 years old.

Dennis Duggan of Sam's Valley transacted business in Medford Thursday afternoon. Mr. Duggan reports that the roads are in very bad condition where they are not graded and gravelled.

Among newcomers in Medford are as follows: Vivian L. Jones from Leeds, N. D.; W. E. Johnson, Wenatchee, Wash.; Henry Schubert, Wenatchee, Wash.; Carl Johnson, Portland.

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TWO GIRLS LOSE LIVES IN FACTORY FIRE

Panic Among Workers When Big Establishment Burns--Leap to Death.

SCRANTON, Pa., Jan. 17.—Two girls were killed and seven seriously hurt in a fire today at the Imperial underwear factory. Two hundred girls employed in the building became panic-stricken when the alarm sounded.

The fire is supposed to have been started by the upsetting of a gluepot in the warehouse of the Economy Furniture company, in the basement of the same building.

Seats are now on sale for Charles D. Hazelrigg's production of "The Mascot," which is billed for Wednesday, January 22, and judging by the demand for seats the Medford Opera House will be taxed to its utmost capacity on the occasion.

The entire production is under the personal direction of Mr. Hazelrigg, who has proven himself a past master in this line of work.

SUFFRAGISTS GO TO PRISON FOR RIOTING

Demonstration By 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 cabinet before the assembling of parliament was made the occasion for a public demonstration by woman suffragists.

STAGE KISS LASTS TWENTY-FIVE SECONDS

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—A stage kiss that lasts 25 seconds by the watch, almost half a minute, is the latest novelty to thrill New Yorkers.

The kiss occurs for the first time in the opening of act III of "Louise," Dalmores is seated "down stage" reading. Enter Miss Garden. She steals upon the unsuspecting tenor and before he knows it the lucky man is incased in a dreamy half Nelson.

Then the kiss begins. There is nothing platonic, nothing fraternal, nothing perfumery about it. The audience begins to grow interested. Puffs trained to sedate, operative tempo get clear out of time and scamper off at a furious, erratic pace.

TROOPS TO REMAIN IN NEVADA FOR A TIME

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—President Roosevelt today informed Governor Sparks of Nevada that he would permit the troops to remain in Nevada a reasonable time to give the legislature opportunity to organize a force to perform the police functions of the state.

Pope Pius Has Gout

ROME, Jan. 17.—Owing to an attack of gout, the pope reluctantly has been obliged to suspend audiences.

JUMPS TO DEATH FROM WINDOW SILL

Wealthy Boston Woman 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.

Mrs. Sears' body was terribly crushed. She was temporarily insane and prior to the beginning of the mental trouble which resulted in her suicide, occupied a position of social prominence in Boston.

EZRA MEEKER'S BILL 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 years before, to mark the way of the old Oregon trail, seems to be about rewarded with success.

Mr. Meeker has had printed for broadcast distribution a circular giving the story of his trip across the country and containing also the history of the Oregon trail, tracing it from the starting point at Independence, on the Missouri river, till it ended at Fort Vancouver.

Commissioner G. W. Brown of Eagle Point, who has been attending to his duties at Jacksonville as a member of the county court, passed through Medford on his way home Friday, stating that the county court had adjourned for the term.

STOCKMAN EXAMINED IN FRAUD TRIAL

Edward Putnam, of Fossil Only Witness Today in Hall Mays Trial at Portland.

PORTLAND, Jan. 17.—Edward Putnam, 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 others, to show that Hall was familiar with the operations of the Butte Creek Land company.

GOVERNOR CHAMBERLAIN DEEMS PUTNAM IN RIGHT

The Portland Telegram of January 15 contains the following Salem dispatch:

"Guided by the wishes of G. Putnam, editor of the Medford Tribune, who was convicted of libel by a jury in the court of Judge H. K. Hanna of Jackson county, for his published criticism of the deliberations of the grand jury and sentenced to pay a fine of \$150, Governor Chamberlain will not take any action upon the petitions for a remission of the fine imposed.

SAFE BLOWN OPEN AND \$100 SECURED AT MERLIN

The safe in the Mercantile company's store at Merlin, ten miles north of Grants Pass, was blown open and \$100 secured. Entrance to the store was effected by taking out a large window pane in front of the building.

CONGRESS TO INVESTIGATE NEVADA LABOR TROUBLES

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—The house committee on labor today voted to report favorably upon the resolution calling on the president for full data regarding the Goldfield labor troubles.

MEDFORD MAY BOAST 2 THEATRES

Dr. Page Plans Erection of Palatial Play House at Seventh and A Streets.

Medford may have two theaters—one at the site of the present theater and one at the corner of Seventh and A streets. Hamilton and Reddy have long planned to erect a structure at the corner of Eighth and C streets, adjoining the Medford Opera House, that will be modern and up-to-date in every way.

BAPTISTS CELEBRATE BURNING OF CHURCH MORTGAGE

There was a meeting of the Baptists at their church Thursday night to celebrate the burning of the mortgage that has been held upon their building for some time.

One hundred and twenty-seven members answered to rollcall. After hearing the report that all of the indebtedness was paid off, short speeches were made by a large portion of the members present and a vote of thanks given R. H. Whitehead for the courtesies extended by him to the church in loaning them the money to rebuild their edifice three years ago.

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