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THE WEATHER Occasional rain tonight and Saturday. Southerly winds.

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TWO CARS OF TOURISTS TAKE TRIP

All Aboard Next Sunday for Los Angeles Excursion Advertises the Valley.

All aboard for Los Angeles! On Sunday morning next two special cars laden with Medford and Rogue River valley residents will leave for Southern California to see the sights and enjoy a 30 days' vacation.

The excursion will be under the personal supervision of Agent A. S. Rosenbaum of the Southern Pacific, and nothing will be overlooked to give the tourists a good time.

Among those who are going are: John D. Oswald and wife; L. E. Hoover, wife and son; J. F. White, Mrs. Charles Palm, Mr. and Mrs. Wilkinson, Mr. and Mrs. Kahler, Mr. Orr, A. S. Rosenbaum and wife; H. L. White, wife and daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Amie, Mr. and Mrs. Wolff, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. and Mrs. Foss, Mr. and Mrs. Gadlove, Mrs. T. H. oore, Mr. Hall and quite a number of others whose names were not obtained.

JAPS MOUNT CANNON ON SANTA MONICA BLUFF

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Feb. 14.—An infrequent bluff, which marks the northern limit of Santa Monica bay, a party of seven Japanese, with a small cannon in their possession, have been for several days just engaged in experiments that have attracted the attention of the soldiers in the immediate vicinity, and the news of their operations, reaching here, has created some little excitement, particularly as it is known that the portion of the American battery there will remain several days in the waters enclosed by Point Dume, where the party of Japanese made its headquarters.

ALL EXCEPT JEFFS SAVED FROM GALAPAGOS WRECK

NORWALK, Conn., Feb. 14.—Mrs. J. H. Claridge, sister of Frederick Jeffs, who was wrecked on one of the Galapagos islands in July, has received word from Norway that all of the crew except Jeffs, who is ill, journeyed to another part of the island and were picked up by a ship. The rescuing ship was insufficiently provisioned and could not go after Jeffs. His sister fears that the attempt at rescue which is to be made by one of the ships of Evans' fleet will be too late.

DON'T FORGET THE CHICKEN PIE SUPPER TONIGHT, 5 TO 7:30

At Karnes' new building, west side, on G street, between Seventh and Eighth. Chicken pie, home made pies, bread, butter, salads, mashed potatoes, coffee, etc., all for 25 cents. Supper for all. Ladies' Aid of Christian church extends a cordial invitation to the public.

LABOR LEADERS INDICTED FOR FORMING A TRUST

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 14.—The United States grand jury has indicted representatives of practically every labor union in New Orleans, charging violation of the Sherman anti-trust law.

Big Fire in Buffalo.

BUFFALO, Feb. 14.—Fire in the Courier Lithographing company early today caused a loss of \$250,000. The press department of the Buffalo Evening Times, adjoining, was damaged to the extent of \$30,000.

WAITING TO BUILD ROAD FROM MINE

Commercial Club Meet Tonight Doan Ready To Build Road To Coal Pit.

There will be a special meeting of the Commercial club tonight to take up the question of securing a right of way into Medford from the proposed railroad from the Medford coal mine.

R. A. Doan, who represents Los Angeles capitalists, reports that the line has been financed and that his people, who are developing the mine, stand ready to construct the railroad at once. The building of this line will solve the fuel problem for Medford for all time and the opening up of the mine means more to the city than almost any one event.

The committee appointed to assist the Pacific & Eastern in securing a right of way in Medford is expected to report tonight also. J. W. Dodge, owner of one of the largest livestock ranches in the country, at Talent, has sent in money to join the club and paid six months' dues. His example is to be followed by other farmers, and it is hoped to secure as members all the wide-awake people in the county.

COMMERCIAL TRAVELERS BRING SUIT FOR MILEAGE

SALEM, Or., Feb. 14.—The Commercial Travelers' Protective association has brought suit before the railroad commission against the O. R. & N. company and the Southern Pacific company and the Corvallis & Eastern railroad company to secure regulation of the mileage tickets.

It is claimed by the association that they are only able to secure the mileage tickets at the full rate of 3 cents per mile; that the railroad companies keep the amount of rebate payable up on the return of the covers, for a great length of time and that the scrip becomes chargeable for sending the return.

They also claim that the companies fail to return the old covers also from the 5-cent coupon. In addition to the above, the complaint notes that much annoyance is caused by the rule which compels the showing of signed identification slips when paying fares.

PLANNING TO RECEIVE BIDS FOR ROGUE BRIDGE

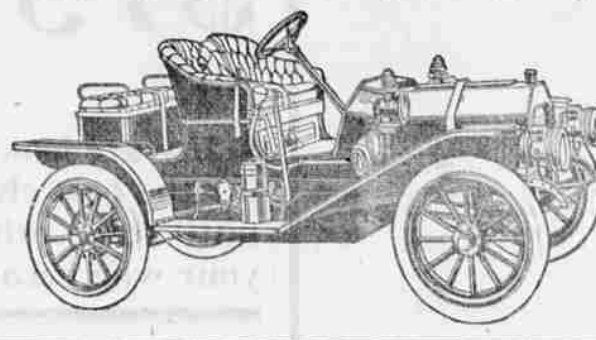
GRANTS PASS, Or., Feb. 14.—The Josephine county court is still receiving bids for a steel bridge across the Rogue river at this city. Bids have been received from all parts of the United States, and the greater number have come from Portland. The bids will not be opened till next month, though the court is holding regular sessions, meeting with contractors and giving out specifications.

The bridge will be more than twice the size of the present one. It will have a span of 400 feet, and will be 35 feet wide and capable of supporting electric cars as well as wagon traffic. It will be built this summer. The material in the present bridge will be used in building smaller bridges in the county.

MORE ACTIVITY IN PORTLAND ONION MARKET

There is more activity in the onion market in consequence of the improvement in conditions at San Francisco. A few cars were reported sold yesterday, and as the growers refused to give way in their ideas, says the Portland Oregonian, the buyers have to come up to the price asked, \$2.50 per hundred. No business below this quotation was possible. A San Francisco wire reported that market very firm with best grades quoted at 3 cents. As very little stock is rolling southward it is likely the strength of the market will be maintained.

1908 Reo Roadster Given Away



TRIBUNE'S PRIZE AUTOMOBILE PROVES TO BE A BEAUTY

Reo Roadster, 1908, Arrives in Medford and Is Viewed by Contestants—Vote for Your Lady Friend and Help Her Secure the Prize—Is Admired by Everyone.

Excitement among the candidates in the Tribune's voting contest was intense this morning when it was reported that the Reo Roadster automobile to be awarded to the winner in the contest had arrived.

The contestants and their friends were at the garage of Walker & Elmhurst bright and early this morning to see the beautiful machine which they are all intent upon winning.

And the Reo Roadster is certainly a beauty in every respect and fully up to expectations. Finished as it is in a dark wine color, it sets off to advantage the lamps and the other outside equipment. It is a 1908 model and is the first car of the kind ever seen in this city. It combines speed, style, endurance, strength and economy to a degree that makes it one of the foremost automobiles manufactured.

It is a two-cylinder, 22-horsepower, four-passenger machine and was purchased from the firm of Elmhurst & Walker of Medford.

The equipment, comprising five solid brass lamps, full and complete repair outfit, etc., is complete to the last detail.

Many were the favorable comments

heard on the streets after it had become generally known that the machine had arrived in town, in reference to the enterprise and progressiveness of the Tribune in carrying out a voting contest of this character. Never before in the history of newspapers has a popularity contest of this magnitude been attempted by a paper published in a city the size of Medford. Heretofore automobile contests have been confined to the large cities, and to inaugurate one in Medford is one more criterion of the faith the publishers of the Daily Tribune have in this city.

And the question is, Who will win the auto? The last evening of the contest, when the last vote has been turned in, will decide the all-absorbing question. There are numerous ladies in the different districts who are working early and late, and the one who has the most votes at the final count is indeed to be congratulated.

Will Medford keep the prize, or Jacksonville, Eagle Point or Ashland get it? Time is growing short. Get in and vote.

A number of automobiles was received this morning, assigned to Elmhurst & Walker, one of which becomes the property of John D. Oswald.

SHAW WANTS TO SEE MORGAN PRESIDENT

DETROIT, Mich., Feb. 14.—I would like to see J. Pierpont Morgan president of the United States," is a note sent to the Detroit Journal by an anonymous correspondent. The following interview with Shaw at Jackson, Mich., is printed: "Yes, sir, I'd like to see J. Pierpont Morgan president of the United States. Of course, I am well known with his name, but I am sure you will be interested in the public. So a Morgan presidency for the people. He is a big man morally and mentally bigger than the great majority of the people of the country. If he were in the white house he would sink his own interests entirely and devote himself to the permanent good of this confronting the United States, bringing to bear the strong, calm judgment that made him such a power in the recent financial disturbance."

GIVES GAMESTERS POWER TO CAUSE STRINGENCY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—A petition demanding that the Aldrich financial bill be defeated because it was drafted solely for the benefit of the Wall-street money kings and that it places in the hands of such men as Baileweller, Morgan and Ryan the power to create money and to expand the currency to the extent of hundreds of millions of dollars at their will, was yesterday presented to the senate by Alfred Cross of Wilmington, Del.

NATION ON HIGHWAY AGAIN TO PROSPERITY

CHICAGO, Feb. 14.—That the nation again is on the high road to prosperity was shown by reports from all sections of the country. On every hand it is

admitted that the depression following the financial flurry of last fall is a thing of the past, and that the outlook is for a steadily increasing volume of business until normal conditions have been reached. In some instances it has been reported in a full measure has been reached, and other times show an improvement that promises some satisfactory results at the close of the year.

ESTERLY APPOINTED MANNING'S ASSISTANT

PORTLAND, Feb. 14.—Henry M. Esterly, who has had holdings on Little creek, has been appointed by District Attorney Manning as one of his deputies, at a salary not to exceed \$100 a month. Mr. Esterly's special work will be to prosecute such cases as the state may have before the juvenile court. The appointment has been sanctioned by Justice Court Judge Gantenbein. The appointment has been filed with the county clerk. Mr. Esterly is president of the Juvvenile Improvement association. Deputy Robert Galloway still holds his position, notwithstanding Mr. Esterly's appointment. He is now in Southern California, and latest reports from there are to the effect that his health is very poor and that the physicians despair of curing his life.

FOR SHERIFF

The undersigned hereby announces himself as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the office of Sheriff of Jackson county, Oregon, at the primary election to be held next April.

WILBUR A. JONES.

RUSSIAN WAR VETERANS TO FIGHT FOR UNCLE SAM

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—The United States is gaining soldiers trained in the recent war between Japan and Russia. A large number of Russian who participated have applied for commissions in the United States army.

BEST PAVED SMALL CITY IN OREGON

Many Miles of Crushed Rock Pavement To Be Laid In Medford Soon.

The city council held a short special meeting Thursday night and passed an ordinance amending the fire ordinance so that it is possible to erect a structure not fireproof, in the railroad right of way when the majority of the whole council deems it to be the best interest of the community that such a structure shall be erected. Specifications and designs must first be submitted to the council.

C. A. Malboeuf, division freight agent of the Southern Pacific, reported that his company would make a rate of 20 cents a ton, or \$4 a car, on crushed rock from Gold Ray to Medford. This extremely low rate will enable the macadamizing of six or eight miles of city streets, and together with the bituminous or asphalt paving on Seventh street, will make Medford the best paved town in Oregon.

Mr. Malboeuf stated that the business of the Southern Pacific at Medford and the Rogue River valley showed no effects of hard times as reported east, but a constant gain all along the line, and he looks for the present year to be the most prosperous in the history of the railroad in Southern Oregon.

ASHLAND TO EXPLOIT MINERAL WATER SPRINGS

ASHLAND, Or., Feb. 14.—Considerable interest has recently been manifested by several persons in the exploitation of some of the mineral springs about Ashland. The city is surrounded on three sides by some of the finest natural soda water springs that exist in any part of the west.

The famous Wagner soda springs, whose waters have been in popular use since the earliest pioneers came into the country, have brought back the vigor of health to many people, and this may be said also of the Tolman mineral springs, six miles southeast of Ashland. The Wagner springs are eight miles southwest of Ashland. Knowledge of these springs and their medicinal qualities only five miles from the city.

The Ashland Mining spring is regarded as possessing therapeutic qualities in a high degree. This spring was recently discovered and a government analysis has lately made shows it to possess a greater amount of silica than any of the other springs. There are also numerous sulphur springs, all of which have great medicinal value.

ARID LAND BILL IS REPORTED FAVORABLY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—The arid land homestead bill of Senator Dixon of Montana was favorably reported to the senate. It provides that in Montana and Oregon homesteads may be entered on non-irrigable, non-timbered lands up to 160 acres for a single entry. To guard against land frauds, settlers must cultivate continuously at least one-fourth of the land entered and make improvements of the value of \$125 an acre before final proof.

Representative Ellis of Oregon said that who the bill goes to the house it is almost certain the majority would be cut to 22 yeas. Western men here will favor the advance limit, but the eastern members are so strongly opposed that there is not much hope that it will pass without a solution.

TO ASK RECEIVER FOR MUTUAL RESERVE LIFE

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—States Attorney General Williams Jackson announced today that he had decided to ask the appointment of a receiver for the Mutual Reserve Life Insurance company. The value of certain liens imposed on policies has been questioned by the authorities.

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RUEF SHEDS LIGHT UPON HIS CONTRACT

Immunity Bath Promised but Not Given—Family Helped to "Come Through."

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 14.—A lengthy affidavit by Abe Ruef, disclosing considerable history regarding the now famous "immunity contract," and the alleged pressure brought upon Ruef to induce him to tell "all he knew," was read by Henry Ash, counsel for Ruef, in Judge Lawlor's court.

It relates the pressure brought to bear upon Ruef through his mother, father, sister, Rev. Jacob Nieto and Rev. Bernard Kaplan, who with agents of the prosecution urged him to testify before the grand jury "for the good of the community," and how Ruef finally, on the most positive assurances and guarantee of immunity and permission to withdraw his plea of guilty, went before the grand jury and testified.

Affidavits of Ruef's father and sister were also read. They corroborated Ruef's statements that he was to be given immunity. The case went over until this afternoon.

Superior Judge Frank H. Dunne, when approached for an affidavit about what transpired at the alleged midnight meeting, when it is said that he gave his assurances that he would allow Ruef to withdraw his plea of guilty, today ordered Frank J. Murphy, associate counsel of Ruef, from his chambers. Murphy promises further developments.

ASHLAND COAL MINE SOON TO BE DEVELOPED

ASHLAND, Or., Feb. 14.—A meeting of stockholders and representative citizens of Ashland interested in the development of the Ashland coal mine was held recently at the rooms of the Ashland Commercial club to map out business for the new year. A favorable report by the officers resulted in liberal new subscriptions for a large block of the stock, and plans were made for immediate commencement of work. There is a good body of high grade coal in sight on the mine and every indication points to a very successful property.

Coal experts from the entire world pronounce this Ashland coal the best burning quality, best and best burning quality ever found, and substantially demonstrated. These new subscribers who are interested in the mine's development, say in all of which may develop into good sources of property in the near future.

SHOT BY POLICEMAN PLAYING PRACTICAL JOKE

PORTLAND, Feb. 14.—The tale of perpetrating a practical joke, John G. Wells, a married man with a wife and seven children, furnished his life Wednesday night. Wells was shot and killed about 7:15 o'clock while attempting to hold on to a pole on Fulton Park, near where he had been shot.

Wells' last words were, "I wish they had been business friends all their lives, and all the while in the affair, although there were no witnesses to it save the two principals, goes to show that Wells, who was an ex-policeman, wanted to try the method of Hepper, who is a young man of about 21, with only a little experience on the force, and afterwards give him the laugh about the affair.

RUSSIA AND BRITAIN TO ACT AGAINST TURKS

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 14.—It is expected that Russia and Great Britain will enter into an agreement for joint action in regard to the situation in Macedonia and that they may be supported by France, perhaps by Italy. If such a coalition is made, the reason undoubtedly via the latest developments at Constantinople, and the fact that Germany intends to abandon her allies and adopt the counter proposals of the Sultan, which, from a Russian point of view, are tantamount to an reform of all, and in regard to creating a coalition including the United States and Germany as international importance.