

MEDFORD'S RAPID GROWTH table with columns for Year Ending, Population, and other statistics.

Medford Daily Tribune.

THE WEATHER. Occasional rain tonight and Friday; southerly winds. Associated Press Dispatches.

SPECIAL ELECTION ORDERED

Council Asks Issue of \$25,000 Improvement Bonds to Complete New City Distributing System -- Election March 17.

At a meeting of the city council Wednesday afternoon a special election was called for St. Patrick's day, March 17, when citizens will be called upon to vote \$25,000 additional improvement bonds to finish the installation of a city distributing system.

BUILDING TWO MILLS ALONG P. & E. EXTENSION

Edgar Hafer, manager of the Iowa Lumber & Box company, and vice-president of the Pacific & Eastern railroad, states that the former company has begun the erection of two large sawmills in the timber about four miles this side of Battle Falls, along the route of the proposed railroad extension, which will saw 70,000 feet of lumber a day.

LUMBERMEN CROWD TO TACOMA CONVENTION

TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 27.—Incoming trains today were crowded with delegates to the Western Retail Lumbermen's association convention. Five hundred are in attendance, 200 from Oregon and western Washington, 200 from the east and a number from California.

NOTICE OF ELECTION.

Be It Resolved, by the City Council of the City of Medford, Oregon, the Mayor approving, That there be, and is hereby called a special election in said city for the purpose of submitting to the voters of said city for their approval or rejection, a proposed amendment to section 72 of the City Charter of said city, and such other matters as may lawfully be brought up at said election; that said election be held upon the 17th day of March, 1908, between the hours of 8 a. m. and 5 p. m. of said day.

CIVIL WAR HERO TOO PROUD TO BEG DIES OF STARVATION

Veteran Decorated by Congress for Valiant Services, Unable to Work, Perishes From Lack of Proper Food as Wife Seeks Vainly for Work.

(CLEVELAND, Feb. 27.—Dead from lack of proper food, Russel Page, a civil war veteran, decorated by congress for valiant service at Fort Donelson, was found dead yesterday at his home. While Page was dying his wife was vainly searching for work. Page was confined to his bed as a result of a wound received in the war and too proud to ask aid as was his wife.

LACK OF WATER IN STREAMS CRIPPLING PLACER MINING

Lack of water is crippling the placer miners of Jackson county and shortening the season for washing gold. The beautiful weather, welcomed by the rancher and horticulturist, is far from agreeable to the miner.

RESOLUTION.

Be It Resolved, by the City Council of the City of Medford, Oregon, the Mayor approving, That the following proposed amendment to the City Charter of the City of Medford be submitted to the legal voters of said city for their approval or rejection at a special election to be held in said city on the 17th day of March, 1908:

Proposed Amendment To Section 72 of the City Charter of the City of Medford.

The charter of the City of Medford do ordain as follows: That section 72 of an act of the legislature of the State of Oregon, entitled "An act to repeal an act entitled 'An act to incorporate the Town of Medford, in Jackson County, Oregon, and limiting its powers and defining the duties of its officers,'" and to repeal an act entitled "An act to incorporate the Town of Medford, in Jackson County, Oregon," approved February 24, 1885," filed in the office of the secretary of state February 21, 1889, and all amendments thereof, and to incorporate the City of Medford, in Jackson County, Oregon, and to define its powers and duties, and to repeal all acts and parts of acts in conflict herewith," filed in the office of the secretary of state February 7, 1905, as amended by the act amendatory thereof filed in the office of the secretary of state February 13, 1905, and as further amended by the vote of the people of Medford on the 4th day of June, 1905, be and the same is hereby amended by adding thereto the following:

"Subdivision C. In addition to the foregoing warrants and bonds, as authorized in the two preceding subdivisions of this section, the said council is further authorized to borrow money on the faith of the city, and for that purpose to issue warrants and bonds for the sole purpose of further improving the water distributing system of said city, provided that the mains installed in improving said system shall all be of cast iron of approved design and manufacture; but in the event that said council shall elect to install a system of cast iron mains as above mentioned, and shall issue warrants and bonds as provided in this subdivision for such purpose, the total amount of warrants and bonds so issued shall at no time exceed the sum of \$25,000 in addition to the warrants and bonds in the two preceding subdivisions authorized, and in the event that such warrants and bonds shall be issued, such issue shall be in all respects subject to the provisions and restrictions of subdivision B of this section, except as to the maximum amount of such issue.

UNITED RAILWAYS TO BUILD FURTHER SOUTH

PORTLAND, Feb. 27.—According to amended articles of the United Railways company filed in the office of the county clerk of Multnomah county, the promoters propose to build through Washington, Yamhill, Tillamook and Benton counties and tap the towns of Tillamook, Hillsboro, Forest Grove, McMinnville, Corvallis, Salem and Oregon City. From these main lines they say they will build feeders to various localities that will furnish freight and passenger business.

It is said the company will expend \$2,000,000 in construction of these lines. The plan is to build the Tillamook line over the Wilson river route surveyed by C. E. Lass. It will join the Mount Galvany cemetery extension at the head of Dale's gulch. A passenger station will be established in the Chamber of Commerce building and team tracks will be built on Water street between Front and Columbia streets.

LOOK OUT FOR FORGED POSTOFFICE ORDERS

PORTLAND, Feb. 27.—Postal authorities at Washington have sent out warning to look out for forged money orders. About 1000 orders have been stolen from various post-offices in the country, including 150 from Seattle and 377 from the office at Richmond, Wash. A large number of forged orders have been cashed.

Social by Queen Esther Club.

The Queen Esther club will give a Riley social at the Presbyterian church Friday evening, February 28. The program will consist of selections from Riley. Home-made candies for sale. Admission, 10c.

Cards received from Mr. and Mrs. George van der Helten, en route to Manila, stated that they had had a fine voyage up to January 20, at which time they were in Japan. Neither of the travelers had experienced any unpleasantness from seaickness on the voyage.

BULLETIN LIBEL CASE IS A FAKE

Prosecutor Alleges That Suit Brought Against Crothers and Older is for Purpose of Exploiting Merits of Water System.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 27.—The trial of R. A. Crothers and Fremont Older, proprietor and managing editor respectively of the San Francisco Bulletin, on a charge of criminally libeling William S. Tevis, one of the wealthiest men of the state, took a sensational turn today. Assistant District Attorney William Hoff Cook asked the court to send ten jurors and 25 takersmen out of the room, as he wished to make a statement. Cook expressed his belief that the case was instituted for the sole purpose of exploiting the merits of the Hotch Hotel and Bay Cities water system, and he wished an inquiry as to whether there was collusion between E. P. E. Troy, the attorney who swore to the complaint, and the defendants, as Troy had refused to divulge at whose instigation he had brought the complaint.

Troy was called to the witness chair and stated that he had sworn to the complaint at the request of Daniel Murphy, a member of the water supply committee of the board of supervisors, for the purpose of exploiting the water question and bringing it before the people. The witness declared that he acted solely at the request of Supervisor Murphy and that there had been no collusion with the defendant, or with the district attorney's office.

Cook declared that the case was not brought in good faith and moved its dismissal. Attorney for the defense protested, demanding a full hearing. Justice Dooley ordered the case to proceed.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO INSPECT NORMALS

SALEM, Or., Feb. 27.—In accordance with the provisions of the act creating the state board of normal school regents, Governor Chamberlain has appointed a special committee, composed of Superintendents J. M. Powers, of the Salem public school; J. A. Churchill of Baker City and R. R. Turner of Grants Pass, to visit the normal schools of the state for an inspection. This committee, under section 12 of the act, must be composed of competent business men and educators, but not members of the board of regents or in any way identified with the normal schools, and will be required to make a report to the governor upon the conditions and prospects of the normal schools, with recommendations, before the month of June of the school year in which it serves.

MULKEY IN CONFERENCE WITH SENATOR BOURNE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Fred Mulkey is still in close conference with Senator Bourne. He has not yet declared himself a candidate for Senator Fulton's seat, but little rumors that leak out of Mr. Bourne's sanctum tend to confirm suspicion that "Handsome Fred" is making overtures to "Foxy Jonathan" and that these overtures are at least partially satisfactory.

Mr. Mulkey, should he decide to re-enter the race, will go down the line for Statement No. 1, and in Mr. Bourne's eyes that is the first qualification of a senatorial candidate. While H. M. Calk is equally willing, Mr. Bourne does not regard Mr. Calk as a winner, and has never warmed up to his candidacy.

It can now be stated for the first time that Mr. Bourne has flatly refused to turn his hand over to aid Mr. Fulton, though he is not yet openly opposing his colleague. It is not believed that Mr. Bourne and Mr. Mulkey have yet reached a final understanding, and in any event Mr. Mulkey is not expected to make an announcement before he returns to Oregon.

Rev. W. P. Shields is assisting Rev. W. W. MacHenry of Ashland, chairman of the anti-slavery league of Jackson county, who is campaigning in the northern part of the county, Gold Hill, San's Valley and other Rogue River points.

RESCUED FROM SEA OF FLAME

Heroic Action of Firemen Saves Occupants of Tenement From Death in Incendiary Fires--People Flee in Night Garb.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—Two were burned so severely that they may die and a dozen severely hurt and scores rescued from perilous positions by firemen at two early fires today. Although in widely separated sections, it is believed that both fires were of incendiary origin. The most serious fire was in the tenement of 43 East First street, where the firemen rescued many scantily clad men, women and children on fire escapes, and a man and his daughter who had inhaled the flames. The latter are in a critical condition. The other fire was in an apartment house at 247 East 140th street, where 40 persons were removed from a burning building by policemen and firemen.

HAWLEY ARGUES IN FAVOR OF RAILROAD LAND SUIT

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Representative Hawley appeared before the house public lands committee and made a half-hour argument in support of Senator Fulton's resolution, passed by the senate last week, authorizing the attorney general to institute suit against the Oregon & California Railway company to adjust its grant. He explained the law under which the grant was made, and pointed out wherein the railroad company had failed to comply with the law. He told the committee that the department of justice does not feel justified in proceeding with the suit until it is specifically authorized to do so by congress. At the conclusion of Representative Hawley's talk the resolution was referred to the subcommittee for investigation.

DEMOCRATS OPEN QUARTERS FOR DENVER CONVENTION

DENVER, Col., Feb. 27.—Headquarters were opened in Denver yesterday at the Albany hotel by Sergeant at Arms John I. Martin, of the democratic national committee and the members of the subcommittees on arrangements which have charge of the plans for the democratic national convention to be held here on July 7. Former Governor John Osborne of Wyoming is in charge of the headquarters for the subcommittee on arrangements. The campaign headquarters of the national committee will be located in Chicago. The principal work of the subcommittee on arrangements has already been performed and the work of letting the contracts for engraving tickets, printing badges for delegates, alternates and members of the national committee is about all that remains to be attended to.

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SURPLUS COPPER IS ALL SOLD

Nearly Ninety Million Tons Marketed In Great Britain and Germany in the Past Four Months--Little Left In America.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—Thus far in February the United Metals Selling company has \$9,000,000 pounds of copper, the bulk of it to Great Britain and Germany. These sales have cleaned up the surplus of the concerns which dispose of their product through the United Metals Selling company. It is stated that there is now less refined copper unsold in the United States than at any time for many years. The copper brought prices averaging slightly under 13 cents.

WOMAN IS SHOT FOR REFUSING AN ELOPEMENT

PORTLAND, Feb. 27.—Mrs. O. H. Clumb was shot four times and mortally wounded by William Durelle, a horseman, yesterday afternoon in front of the new Nortonia hotel, Eleventh and Stark streets. After shooting the woman the man turned his weapon upon himself and fired a bullet into his abdomen. Durelle was endeavoring to have the woman leave her husband and elope with him, which she refused to do. Mrs. Clumb resides at 95 Eleventh street, and Durelle lives near Oregon City. Clumb is a butcher, and is employed on the East Side.

NEGRO SOLDIERS BLAMED FOR BROWNSVILLE RIOTS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—That the shooting affray at Brownsville, Tex., the night of August 12-13, 1906, was done by some negro soldiers of the Twenty-fifth United States infantry and that the testimony taken by the senate committee on military affairs fails to identify the guilty persons is the opinion of eight members of the committee. Four members of the committee voted against this decision and one member did not vote. The resolution declaring the guilt of the negroes was submitted by Senator Lodge and was adopted after five resolutions by Senator Foraker, one by Senator DuPont and one by Senator Scott, all of which were offered as substitutes, had been voted down.

The vote was reached after prolonged investigation extending over two sessions of congress and after evidence had been taken covering thousands of pages. Practically every negro of the three companies of infantry dishonorably discharged by President Roosevelt testified in his own behalf, while evidence in support of the president was given by many army officers and citizens of Brownsville.

NEW MOTOR CAR IS GREAT CONVENIENCE

YREKA, Cal., Feb. 27.—The Yreka Railroad company's motor car commenced its regular runs over the road Monday morning. It is run out to meet No. 14, northbound, which arrives at Montague at 5:30 a. m. and No. 13, southbound, which arrives at Montague at 6:30 p. m. This innovation is a great convenience to the traveling public, as passengers are immediately brought over from Montague, the motor making the run in about 18 minutes. It also brings over the morning papers, enabling the subscribers to get their papers about eight hours earlier than heretofore.

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YREKA, Cal., Feb. 27.—The funeral of Robert Nixon was held yesterday at 2 o'clock under the auspices of Yreka lodge, I. O. O. F., of which he was a charter member. Interment took place in Evergreen cemetery.

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CORAM, Feb. 27.—Thomas Turner, aged 10, died here yesterday afternoon after ten days' illness. His wife, from whom he was living apart, makes her home in Willows. Two small children are living in Coram and a third in Oakland, Cal. The body was shipped last night to Chico, where burial will be made by the graveside of the deceased's parents.



Advertisement for Square Deal & Guarantee Co. featuring a man in a suit and text: 'WE WENT ON A CLEARING-HOUSE BASIS AND CONVERTED OUR RESERVE STOCK INTO LEGAL TENDER. SO THAT NOW WE HAVE ONLY THIS SPRING'S LIST OF INVESTMENT OFFERINGS. THERE IS UNDENIABLE SECURITY IN A "TOGGERY" SUIT. THERE IS NO INFLATED WATER INSIDE A "TOGGERY" HAT ON THE DAMPEST DAY, AND THERE IS A GILT-EDGED BOND BETWEEN OUR MEDFORD DEPOSITORS AND THE PEOPLE'S'

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