

Medford Daily Tribune

THE WEATHER. Fair tonight and Sunday; light frost tonight; easterly winds. Associated Press Dispatches.

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JAPANESE THREATEN CHINESE WITH WAR OVER SHIP SEIZURE

Mikado Sends Ultimatum to China, Demanding Restoration of Ship and Payment of Damages and Apology for Hauling Down Flag.

PEKIN, March 7.—The Japanese ultimatum in the case of the Japanese steamer Tatsu Maru, which was seized by China, was presented to the head of the Chinese foreign board yesterday.

NO MORE COUPONS FOR PORTLAND CIGAR STORES

PORTLAND, March 7.—One of the big cigar and tobacco concerns with a store on nearly every corner has decided to eliminate the yellow, pink, mauve and green coupons, marked "Good till May 25, 1910."

It is understood that the scheme of giving coupons for every five-cent purchase, entailed so much bookkeeping that the profits were largely reduced.

BOURNE HAS TROUBLES WITH TEDDY PRESS BUREAU

WASHINGTON, March 7.—According to common report in Washington, Senator Bourne is experiencing considerable difficulty in getting his Roosevelt press bureau under way.

Mr. Bourne is therefore still looking for a guiding spirit to direct his latest enterprise.

HUGE TIMBER TRACT LEASED FOR PASTURE

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., March 7.—J. F. Kimball, timber cruiser for the Weyerhaeuser Lumber company in this region, has just closed a deal with J. D. Elder of Lake county for the leasing of 53,400 acres of timbered grazing lands.

BRUTE ATTACKS LITTLE SCHOOL GIRLS ON STREET

There is a brute running about the streets and alleys of Medford, Friday night, little girls and boys. Friday night this creature threatened a small boy that he would shoot him, and he has attacked small girls.

MAN AND WOMAN FOUND SHOT TO DEATH IN HOTEL

DENVER, March 7.—Harry Adler of Pueblo and a woman supposed to be his wife, were found dead today in a room in the Waldorf hotel in this city.

Accused of Larceny.

Chief of Police Thurston of Ashland passed through Medford Friday with a young man accused of larceny. He gave an assumed name.

NO PUBLIC NAPS IN STORE WINDOWS ALLOWED IN OREGON

Professor Fait Arrested for Letting Wife Have Hypnotic Sleep in Drug Store Window—Waives Examination and Is Bound Over for Trial.

Is it wicked for a woman to go to sleep in public? Evidently it is, under the laws of Oregon.

Attorney Robert G. Smith of Grants Pass is the father of a law designed to stop exhibitions of hypnotic slumber in windows and his visit to Medford Friday is responsible for the arrest of Professor Fait, the hypnotist and magician, now holding forth at the opera house.

The professor gave cash bail in the sum of \$125, after his arrest by Deputy Sheriff Tull, waived preliminary examination and was bound over to the circuit court for trial.

SPORTING NOTES.

Sam Berger has clinched a match between Jimmy Britt and Paaky McFarland, to take place in San Francisco March 31. McFarland said he was willing to fight Britt, and there was not the slightest difficulty in securing the signature of James Edward. Berger is of the opinion that Britt was entitled to the decision over Nelson, and although most of the Los Angeles papers lauded the honors to the Dane, Sam was willing to close negotiations with the Californian.

The greatest games of basketball ever played in Oregon were pulled off at Dallas, Polk county, between the home team and the Muscatines of Iowa, champions for 1908, on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Both were won by the latter. The score of the second game was 15 to 13. It was cyclonic in fierceness and both teams played as never seen before.

JACKSONVILLE ITEMS.

W. J. Freeman of Central Point made a business visit to the county seat on Thursday.

Mr. Copeland of Portland is in town this week in the interest of the R. W. Dunn agency.

S. S. Allen, one of Prospect's best-known farmers, was in town a few days ago.

Robert Hughes, who formerly worked in the assessor's office, was down from Ashland for a few hours Friday.

Will Griewe was up from Central Point Friday and filed his declaration to become a candidate for assessor on the republican ticket.

Manager O'Tell, of the Tribune contest, while passing through from San Francisco to Portland, stopped off at Medford. He drove over to Jacksonville in the Rio that was awarded to Laura Neuber some weeks ago.

SHOULD KILL EX-PRESIDENTS OR PENSION THEM OFF

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., March 7.—Dr. Joseph Johnson, head of the Latin department of Indiana university, staged up great excitement here with the remarkable statement that President Roosevelt, as soon as his term expires, and all ex-presidents should be shot unless the government provides pensions of \$100,000 per annum for them.

Professor Johnson is the leading scholar of physics in the west, a trustee of Illinois college at Jacksonville and a prominent lecturer before teachers' associations. He made his startling statement to his Latin class at the university. He contended that ex-presidents are as nearly physical and mental wrecks that nothing short of \$100,000 a year would justify them in remaining alive. He cited Grant's failure in financial ventures after his term expired as an example, as he contends himself with writing articles for the Ladies' Home Journal.

HENEY TRIED TO GET RUEF TO TESTIFY AGAINST HARRIMAN

Defense Tries to Withdraw Ruef's Plea of Guilty in French Restaurant Cases—Details of Alleged Corrupt Bargain with Gillett Mentioned.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 7.—Attorneys for Abe Ruef today filed with Superior Judge Dunne a written motion for a withdrawal of Ruef's plea of guilty to a charge of extortion in the French restaurant cases, and asking for permission to substitute the plea of "not guilty."

In support of the motion, attorneys filed affidavits of 89 typewritten pages of charges that the prosecution used the utmost endeavors to get Ruef to testify falsely against former Mayor Schmitt and other defendants, and also charges that the prosecution endeavored to get him to testify that Governor Gillett, William F. Herrin and E. H. Harriman entered into a corrupt bargain with him and paid him money in connection with the nomination of Gillett for governor, and that he refused to testify before the grand jury, "because there was no truth in it."

FIRST BASEBALL GAME OF SEASON SUNDAY

There will be a ball game here tomorrow and Medford will be represented by the classiest bunch of players in Southern Oregon. Both Merrill and Carter in the outfield and Parly Miles, Wilkinson and Ebert in the infield make a combination hard to beat.

Rippy, Boussan and Conly will do the battery work and can be depended on to keep up their end of the work. Isaacs and Miles have received good offers from semi-professional teams this season; "Slats" Parly is about to land a berth with the La Grande team in the Inland Empire league.

COOLNESS OF LONE FIREMAN SAVES COUNTY POORHOUSE

ST. LOUIS, March 7.—Coolness of a lone fireman stationed in the city poorhouse, prevented a panic of 1200 inmates last night. The fire broke out in a laundry. The night watchman hastened to turn in the alarm, when Fireman William Curran stopped him saying, "The engines will start a panic and somebody will get killed. I'll fight this fire myself." And he did it, twice being driven out by the dense smoke. After half an hour the flames were extinguished. The inmates were not disturbed.

PANAMA CANAL TO BE FINISHED IN EIGHT YEARS

WASHINGTON, March 7.—In an interview, Lieutenant Colonel Goethals, chief engineer of the Panama canal commission, declares: "The Panama canal will be completed and open for business on January 1, 1915."

This date is from 12 to 24 months earlier than previous estimates. It involved machinery and the settlement of the labor question are believed to be the basis of Colonel Goethals' figures.

ANNA GOULD DENIES WEDDING PRINCE SAGAN

PARIS, March 7.—Madame Anna Gould, recently divorced from Count Boni de Castellane, today authorized the Associated Press to give absolute denial to the report that she had married Prince Helle de Sagan. She announced her intention of leaving Paris shortly for the United States with her children, to spend three months with relatives.

GRAY TO BE ACTIVE CANDIDATE AT DENVER

DENVER, March 7.—That ex-Governor Gray of Delaware will be an active candidate for nomination for the presidency at the national democratic convention is believed by Democrats who are closely watching the developments. Large crowds have been on gaged for the Delaware delegation.

At the Christian Church.

Sunday, March 8, 10 a. m., bible school; 11 a. m., sermon, "The Three-Fold Growth in Christ"; 6:30 p. m., V. P. S. C. E. prayer meeting; 7:30 p. m., sermon, "What is the Good Confession? To Whom Should We Confess?" Short sermons, spiritual themes, good singing. Every one cordially invited to worship with us. Marlen P. Horn, minister.

FIND OLD VIRGINIA NOT IN THE CLASS OF ROGUE RIVER VALLEY

T. J. Neff and Wife, Who Sold Out and Returned to Old Home, Back Once More in the Land of Plenty—Well Satisfied to Stay This Time.

T. J. Neff and his wife, after a residence of a number of years in Jackson county, left for their former home in "Old Virginia." They had sold their possessions here, and it was their intention to live among the relatives and friends they had parted with in the long ago.

It did not take so many months to disillusionize Mr. and Mrs. Neff, however, and we find that they have returned to the valley and bought property, satisfied to spend their remaining years in the land of never-failing crops and incomparable climate.

Mr. Neff states that he found land he had farmed before, coming to Oregon perfectly worn out and not used for any purpose, which was the case with thousands upon thousands of acres in the southern and eastern states. Roanoke City, Va., which he left a small town, was now a bustling city as large as Sacramento, owing to the discovery of rich and extensive coal deposits in the mountains not far distant.

RAILROADS FORCED TO USE THE TELEPHONE

CLEVELAND, O., March 6.—The nine-hour law for railroad telegraphers, which became effective Wednesday, is hastening the use of the telephone in the operation of trains, according to A. S. Ingalls, assistant general superintendent of the Lake Shore road, in an interview. "I believe," said Mr. Ingalls, "that the new law regulating working hours will bring about in one year what it would have taken ten years to accomplish in the direction of new use of telephones on railroads. Since October tests have proved so satisfactory that railroads in many parts of the country have stirred themselves."

MISSOURI DERAILMENT TWENTY INJURED IN

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 7.—The Burlington passenger train which left Kansas City today for Chicago, was derailed at Korney, Mo. It went over a 15 foot embankment. Twenty were injured, four of them seriously, by the spreading of rails.

KAISER'S FIRST MAMMOTH WARSHIP IS CHRISTENED

WILHELM'S HAVEN, March 7.—Germany's first mammoth warship was successfully launched here today and christened Nautilus by the grand duchess of Baden, Emperor William and other notables were present.

ASSAULT ON FATHER COSTS SEVEN FIFTY

Fred Wolff was arrested and brought into court Friday on a charge of an assault and battery on the person of his father, John Wolff in Southwest Medford. He pleaded guilty and was fined \$7.50 by Recorder Collins, which was immediately paid.

FALLS OVER HOT STOVE IS FRIGHTFULLY BURNED

Mrs. Teresa Boardman, wife of Chas. Boardman of North Medford, was frightfully burned yesterday, falling upon the kitchen stove during a fainting spell. Friends are caring for her.

RAILROAD LABORERS OVERCOME BY GAS

BALTIMORE, March 7.—Twenty-six railroad laborers were overcome by gas in the Pennsylvania railroad tunnel here today. Four died and ten were taken to the hospital. The others survived.

FIRE DESTROYS DORMITORY NEW MEXICAN SCHOOL

EL PASO, March 7.—Fire last night destroyed the boys' dormitory and boarding house and the new Mexican school of agriculture at Mesilla Park. Many sleeping inmates had narrow escapes. Harvey Partridge, who gave the alarm and awakened the boys, was himself injured by part of the roof falling on him.

Crater Lake Write-Up.

The front page of a recent Sunday issue of the Chicago Inter-Ocean was taken up with an illustrated write-up of Crater Lake, as the latest national park, by C. B. Watson, of this city. No one is better equipped to handle the subject of Crater Lake than Mr. Watson and the article in question is a fine one, as are also the numerous illustrations accompanying it. Ashland Tidings.

LAST OF VICTIMS OF SCHOOL DISASTER DIES FROM INJURIES

Boy Who Jumped from Second Story Dead—Six Pupils Still Missing—Total of Dead Now Hundred and Seventy-four, Including Two Teachers.

CLEVELAND, March 7.—The last little victims of the Collingwood school fire to perish was Glen Barber, aged 8, who died of his injuries by jumping from the second story. In casting up the total of pupils who were at school the day of the fire, it has developed that six are still missing. The number of dead or missing is 174, including two teachers. Over 40 funerals were held today.

WRITES SIX THOUSAND WORDS UPON POSTAL

PENDLETON, Or., March 7.—James Washburn Bowers of this city has written 6431 words on a postal card and is out for the world's championship as a minute writer. Though it is believed that this is nearly twice as great a number of words as any other man has ever written within the same space, he is not satisfied and says he will try again and put on 8000 words. He was a part of four days in performing the task and it took him three hours and a half to count the words. The writing was done with a steel pen and every letter is distinct. It is possible to read the writing with the naked eye, though most people require a glass to make out anything more than a series of slightly curved lines across the card.

MERRIMAN AND ROBINSON DELEGATES TO STATE GRANGE

There was a meeting of the two local granges in Medford Saturday. The grange at Talent sent as delegates H. H. Goddard, W. J. Denn and E. L. O'Connell, and the delegates from Central Point were Ike Morrison, J. M. Upton and Mr. Marshall. The meeting was for the purpose of selecting a delegate to the state grange, which meets at Eugene, Or., on the second Tuesday in May, 1908. Ike Morrison was elected as the delegate to represent Jackson county at the state grange and Ed Robinson of Talent the alternate.

MOTHER CUTS OFF HER MOTHERLESS SON

Athor J. Vial and Paul J. Vial have asked for probate of the will of their mother, Louise P. Vial, who left an estate valued at \$24,415. The property is given to the two brothers, share and share alike, except that \$100 is bequeathed to a third brother, Leon L. Vial of Salem, well known here, and who is a reprobate, being now in the penitentiary for shooting his mother-in-law near Roseburg some time ago. Real estate in Multnomah, Clatsop, Clackamas, Washington and Jackson counties is included.

FRATERNAL ORDER REFUSES TO PAY POLICY

Marguerite Biddle of Grants Pass has begun suit in the circuit court for Multnomah county against the Order of Washington, alleging that \$750 is due on an insurance policy issued by the order on the life of Mary Simmons, her mother. The original policy was for \$2000, but it is stated that a compromise was reached whereby the plaintiff was to receive \$1600 in installments. Only \$850 of the sum agreed on has been paid, it is claimed.

NEW YORK TO INDORESE HUGHES FOR PRESIDENCY

NEW YORK, March 7.—A resolution endorsing Hughes for president has been prepared for introduction at today's meeting of the state republican committee by William H. Douglas, member of the committee of the 50th New York district.

MAUMEE RIVER FLOOD CAUSES GREAT DESTRUCTION

TOLEDO, March 7.—The Maumee river flood and the destruction of the Cherry street bridge deprived East Toledo, with a population of 50,000, of electric lights and fire protection. The streetcar service to the east side cannot be resumed for several weeks.

February Weather at Ashland.

Mean temperature, 41.5; maximum temperature, 62; date, 21, 25. Minimum temperature, 25; date 13. Total precipitation, 1.26 inch. Number of clear days, 7; partly cloudy, 16; cloudy, 12. Mean temperature of February for 27 years, 46.7 deg.; above normal, 8 deg. Average rainfall February, 27 years, 2.9 inches; below normal, 1.1 in.

Library Board to Meet.

The library board, composed of the following: Mayor Reddy, W. L. Vanter, J. W. Watt, Ed Andrews, Charles King, Mesdames Stoddard, Merrick, Thoms and Hollis, are requested to meet at the Commercial club rooms at 7:30 Monday evening, 299

SULLEN PAYING OF TAXES SHOWS ANGER OF PROPERTY OWNERS

Usual Alacrity to Pay Not Manifested This Year—Increase Resented by Taxpayers, Who Have Been Raised Tax-ily—City Council Levy a Mistake.

There is not the usual alacrity to pay taxes this year, although there is no tightness in the local money market. Taxpayers resent the increase in taxes, which is many instances is double that of last year. They say that the action of the board of equalization—consisting of the county judge, clerk and assessor—was entirely uncalled for, if not illegal. The assessment has been raised steadily during the past several years. Then it was boosted for 40 per cent and upwards along the whole line by the board.

LATE LOCAL NEWS.

J. C. Buchanan of Talent transacted business in Medford Friday. D. C. Wilson of Sam's Valley made Medford a business call Friday. George Neuber of Ackonville was a business caller in Medford Saturday. Judge J. B. Neff of Jacksonville was a Medford caller Saturday. Isaac J. Estes of Central Point was a business caller in Medford Friday. Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Norris of Jacksonville visited in Medford Friday. L. J. Hanson of Central Point was accompanied by Professor Albert Forbes.

The Little son of William Hammar of West Medford is ill with pleurisy.

Captain W. Rawlings contemplates a business trip to Sheridan, Wyo., in the near future.

S. L. Burton of Forest, foreman of the Valley Record, spent a few hours in our city Saturday.

B. F. Mulloy spent Saturday in Medford, but will spend the coming two weeks in Josephine county.

Wirt Channing and James Harter, both of Wenatchee, Wash., are recent arrivals in Medford and will locate.

J. C. Dunlap and family of Illinois are new arrivals in Medford and will locate permanently.

Dr. Seely has returned from a professional trip on the Rogue river, 35 miles from Medford. He reports the roads as being very rough.

Attorney C. L. Reames and wife and Peter Deisch left Saturday morning for San Francisco, where Mr. Reames will attend to matters of business which will detain him two weeks.

Mrs. Charles Boardman, in North Medford, who accidentally fell upon a hot stove and burned herself badly a few days ago, is recovering rapidly.

L. B. Brown is sporting a fine, new auto of the Auburn pattern, manufactured at Auburn, Ind., for which he is agent.

R. V. Holder, general agent of the C. & N. W. railway at Portland, is in Medford. He is interested in an rehab and near Central Point.

The Southern Pacific has sent the Commercial club 200 copies of last Sunday's Oregonian containing the full page ad of the Rogue River valley.

C. Wheeler's gristmill on a street will resume operations next week. The mill has been closed for several days on account of lack of material.

Professor P. Ritter of Ashland came to Medford Friday to attend to matters of business. Professor Ritter and his family formerly resided in Medford and conducted the Medford Commercial school.

Alex. Swack, chairman of the democratic state central committee, was in the valley this week, feeling the public pulse. He thinks Governor Chamberlain has an excellent chance to become United States senator.

Jacob Shotwell of Wenatchee, Wash., who has been looking over the country with a view to making some purchases, left Friday for his home to dispose of his holdings there and return to Medford, where he will locate permanently.

A. G. Lang, dealer in fire department equipment, has been in Medford interviewing the recorder and members of the fire department and may get an order from the city for additional fire apparatus for the new fire hall, which will be complete and turned over to the city by the contractor within a very few days.

A. H. Olin of Los Angeles, Cal., is the guest of David L. Day in West Medford. Mr. Olin and Mr. Day are old acquaintances. Mr. and Mrs. U. D. Patin are also visiting at the home of Mr. Day and will purchase property here and make Medford their future home.

J. J. Estes and A. Locke of Central Point were Medford business callers Thursday. Mr. Locke is enjoying a visit from his brother, Lewis Locke, who recently sold out his ranch at Eugene, Or. Lewis Locke is looking over the country for a location and may purchase a ranch in the Rogue River valley.

MORRIS AGREES TO FINANCE MEDFORD'S NEW WATER WORKS

Portland Capitalist Will Take Bonds Up to \$300,000 for Construction of Gravity System—Predicts Brilliant Future for City.

Fred S. Morris of Portland, capitalist, railroad builder, owner of city water works and bond-buyer, told the city council Friday evening that he would take \$300,000 of city water bonds, provided the money was spent in actual construction, and that the water bond issue was not preceded by a series of prior issues. The bonds can be delivered as the money is actually needed, saving interest charges.

Mr. Morris made one of the best possible booster talks for Medford. No resident could paint the future of the city rosier than the visiting financier. Medford, he thinks, is destined to be a large city, providing only the enterprise and hustle recently manifested continue.

"I will supply the money for waterworks. You can do the rest," said Mr. Morris. "It is up to Medford to lead the procession. People are headed this way. Treat them even half way decently and they will stay; some of them, anyway. You ought to double in population in two years and in five years to have 25,000 people. You can get them if you go after them."

"It would be a great mistake to let the ownership of your water slip out of the city's hands. You will find it your best investment. By the time the system is completed the income will pay the bond interest. This is the experience of every city in the west that owns its waterworks."

Mr. Morris, John C. Lewis, W. L. Vawter, W. H. Hamilton, H. C. Garnett and R. E. Doan visited the Medford coal mine Saturday. Friday Mr. Morris went over the Pacific & Eastern railroad.

ROBBERS ROUNDED UP BY POSSE OF FARMERS

CAMDEN, N. J., March 7.—Three robbers who had successfully robbed postoffices at Pedrickton and Bridgeport last night were surrounded by a farmers' posse near Woodbury today. In a pitched battle two robbers were shot, one perhaps fatally. The other escaped. The search continues.

TO PROBE MAIL-CARRYING SCANDAL FOR RAILROADS

WASHINGTON, March 7.—Whether the postmaster-general is paying the railroads millions of dollars annually to which the lines are not entitled will soon be determined by congress. Representative Wagner of Pennsylvania, chairman of the house committee on expenditures, promised today that a searching investigation will be inaugurated.

The investigation will be based on the statement of Congressman Lloyd of Missouri, in which he alleges that the railroads of the country have wrongfully obtained \$76,900,000 of the government's money since 1880. Lloyd declares that the weight of mails has been improperly computed by the railroads.

ICE PLANT RECEIVED; CARLOAD OF AUTOS

The ice manufacturing plant for the Medford Ice & Cold Storage company arrived this morning and will soon be installed.

Another carload of automobiles arrived, making over 80 automobiles in Medford and vicinity. The number will reach 100 before the season ends.

NEW CASES.

Emil Wolter to W. H. Taylor and Cora E. Taylor, suit to recover money; M. Purdin, attorney for plaintiff.

Application to Register Title.

William B. Ewbank of Medford has filed his application to register title to certain real estate in Medford.

Dr. W. S. Jones and Charles Strang spent Thursday at their ranch near Gold Hill, which they recently purchased. This is a 480-acre tract which they will put in alfalfa, with the exception of about 50 acres, which will be set out to the best varieties of winter apples.

Mrs. J. L. Williams, recently of Seattle, Wash., has been in Medford but a few days, but with her husband has purchased a small farm near Gold Hill. Mr. and Mrs. Williams are well pleased with the Rogue River valley and it only took them three days to make up their minds to settle.

Bishop Scadding and wife of Portland arrived in this city last Thursday and in the evening the bishop held services in St. Luke's church, assisted by Rev. F. C. Williams of Medford. The bishop was greatly pleased to see so many present and stated that by next fall he had great hopes of being able to supply a rector for the Episcopal church of this city—Grants Pass Observer.

PITTSBURG, March 7—Flood is expected on the lowlands tonight.