

MEDFORD'S RAPID GROWTH table with columns for Year, Ending Postoffice Receipts, Bank Deposits, and Population.

Medford Daily Tribune.

THE WEATHER. Main tonight and Wednesday; fresh southerly breeze. Associated Press Dispatches.

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REAL ESTATE DEALERS TEST LICENSE LAW

Agents Object to Being Regulated Like Saloon Keepers--Test Case--Smith Arrested for Not Procuring License as City Ordinance Requires.

Real estate dealers have determined to make a test case of the city ordinance requiring each to pay a license fee of \$50. They claim that the law is unconstitutional and illegal and object seriously to being classed along with the saloon keepers as requiring municipal regulation, control and licensing.

SPORTING NOTES. The judge has never liked the cognomen "Beaver." He thinks beavers are slow-gaited quadrupeds and not in harmony with the speed being displayed by the Portland bunch.

Tables were turned last Saturday at New Orleans, when Angelus, the stable mate of Burlew & O'Neill's Chapultepec, came home four lengths ahead of his stable companion, Meelick.

Within six weeks a match for the world's championship at 18.1 balkline, is likely to be played in New York, Jacob Schaefer, who holds the title, has covered the forfeit of \$250 deposited by George Sutton in support of his challenge to the winner of the Schaefer-Hoppe match.

Dallas college basketball team defeated Multnomah club Saturday by a 22-to-21 score. This gives Dallas the Oregon state championship.

Hans Wagner, considered by many to be the greatest ballplayer living, has proved that he will not play ball this year by refusing \$15,000 which Dreyfus offered him.

There seems no longer any question as to the best Brewer in California. Leo Ross demonstrated his supremacy in the Bell stakes at Emeryville Saturday. The heretofore invincible Billy Ross Queen, was made favorite for the four and one-half furlong race, but all her remarkable speed, but the young star stood a hard drive to get up to her and then beat her in the wire in the fast time of 53.14.

POGUE SULLIVAN'S BROTHERS SHOTS MAN IN SALOON ROW. CHICAGO, March 25.—Dorothy John S. Sullivan, a brother of the Democratic central committee, Robert C. Sullivan, shot and mortally wounded Harry Krenze of St. Louis last night in a saloon owned by J. J. Neuman.

PRISONERS GET AWAY IN NIGHT

Six of Them in Confinement at Chehalis Escape Through Carelessness of Carpenters Who Were Working on the Building--Left Ladder Near Window.

CHEHALIS, Wash., March 25.—Last evening six prisoners escaped from the county jail, and only the timely arrival of a deputy prevented a wholesale escape. Those who got away are Tom Brown, the patriote; George Wyatt, Walter Hazelgran, G. McDonald, Charles Anderson and Thomas Roberts, accused of robbing a railroad car.

RUEF WANTS TO PLACE HENRY ON STAND

SAN FRANCISCO, March 25.—Abraham Ruef today filed a 40,000-word affidavit in reply to the affidavit of Francis J. Heney. Ruef wishes his arraignment upon the trolley franchise indictments set aside. Ruef also filed several short affidavits in support of his motion to place Rudolph Spreckels, Heney, District Attorney Langdon, Detective Barnes and several others, including a number of newspaper men, on the witness stand to cross-examine them relative to the alleged immunity contract with Ruef.

TO LOCATE NEGRO COLONY ON IRRIGATED OREGON LANDS

PENDLETON, Or., March 25.—To bring a large colony of negro families from the southern states and locate them on the government anti-private irrigation projects in the western part of Umatilla county is the desire of Rev. John C. Coleman, presiding elder for the African Methodist church in the north-west.

ONLY SEVENTY MILLIONS FOR STEEL TRUST PROFITS

NEW YORK, March 25.—Some idea of the enormous receipts and profits of the United States Steel company, commonly referred to as the "steel trust," is given in the annual report of the corporation. The statement shows that during the year 1907 the gross receipts were approximately \$757,914,768, and the operating expenses amounted to \$565,194,777. The total surplus is \$192,719,991.

STATE BREWERS ASSIST IN ENFORCING STATUTES

The State Brewers' association has decided to regulate the saloon business of the state in such a way as to take off the curse of criminal conditions of the law. The association has adopted a plan of regulation which all saloon men in the state would be asked to cooperate in enforcing the standard of the business. Those places which had been and continued to be, solely places where to be put under the law by the brewers themselves, and forced out of business.

According to the plan it is now being submitted by the brewers' association that the organization will cooperate with the authorities in enforcing the law. The organization will institute a system in the retail trade. No person who attempts to violate the law will be allowed to hold a license. Saloons which are ordered not to sell liquor to minors or drunken persons. No gambling will be allowed in saloons. Dry districts will be protected by the brewers' association and all saloonmen who violate its conditions if the law will be enforced.

IN A SPECIAL MESSAGE ROOSEVELT ASSERTS NEED OF REVISION OF TARIFF

President Outlines Program of Legislation that Should be Enacted by Present Session--Labor and Capital Combinations Legal and Necessary--Strikes are Necessary but Boycotts Should be Done Away With--Employers Liability Law Advocated--Injunctions to be Taken Away from Courts.

WASHINGTON, March 25.—The special message from the president was read in both houses of congress soon after convening today and was closely followed. In the house the declaration that the time had come for a revision of the tariff was greeted with democratic applause. The republicans confined their applause to the message as a whole. In the senate the message was received without comment of any kind.

WASHINGTON, March 25.—In a special message to congress today the president urged prompt action by congress on various measures suggested by him affecting labor conditions and on matters pertaining to trusts and interstate commerce. The president asked that child labor be prohibited throughout the nation and at least a model child labor bill be passed for the District of Columbia.

The president urged legislation in the matter of injunctions, recommending that no temporary restraining order should be issued by any court without notice, and that a petition for a permanent injunction should be heard by the same court issuing the temporary injunction. The president called attention to the urgent need of amending the interstate commerce law and especially of an anti-trust law along lines indicated in his last message.

Amend Anti-Trust Law. The president recommends that when a public utility concern goes into the hands of a receiver the attorney general should have the right to nominate at least one of the receivers, who should operate the road so as to as speedily as possible pay debts and return the road to its proper owners. An amendment should be made to the anti-trust law, because of uncertainty as to how this law affects combinations among laboring men and farmers, if the combination has any tendency to restrict interstate commerce.

JAPAN'S NAVY TWICE AS BIG AS IN WARTIME

TOKYO, March 25.—Japan's navy today is almost twice as great in tonnage as at the time of the war with Russia. She has twice as many battleships as at any time before or during the conflict.

Reliable figures now at hand show the island power before the war had 157 vessels of a total tonnage of 278,742 and now has 294 vessels of 517,952 tons. Besides the enormous increase in battleships, she now has a third as many cruisers, three more other warships, nearly three times as many destroyers, but three fewer torpedo boats.

The net gain during the war, according to figures against captures from Russia, was \$5,924 tons. Critics of the expansion program ask why, in the face of those figures, which indicate an advance of fully 30 per cent, including new construction, the government should still persist in making appropriations for the army and navy more than 50 per cent of the total national expenditures for the year 1907.

Leading financiers point out that to long as the above program is maintained the country must remain in the foreign debt.

No Booty at Bawlike. BEND, News, March 25.—The bodies of three men were found in a large boat at Bawlike.

The president says that all these combinations if and while existing for and engaged in the promotion of innocent and proper purposes, should be recognized as legal, and declares that the anti-trust law is a most unwisely drawn statute, and that in the modern industrial world combinations are absolutely necessary. The are necessary among business men, they are necessary among laboring men, and they are very, very necessary among farmers.

Arbitration for Strikes. The president recommends arbitration as a substitute for strikes among laboring men, but believes that strikes are and should be recognized as legal, and declares that combinations among workingmen have a peculiar reason for their existence.

The very wealthy individual employer, or still more, the very wealthy corporations, stand at enormous advantage when compared to individual workingmen, and while there are many cases where it may not be necessary for laborers to form a union, in many other cases it is indispensable.

The president declares that the right of employers to combine and contract with one another and with their employees should be recognized, as should the right of employees to combine and contract with employers.

Of the tariff the president declares that the time has come for its revision, and points out that one of the provinces of the house of representatives is to originate a tariff bill and fix its terms, and he recommends that something be done at this session toward collecting full material and data so that the revision can be taken up immediately after congress convenes next fall.

To Conserve Resources.

The president urges that as protection to our forests pulp wood should be put on the free list with a corresponding reduction upon paper made from wood pulp, when they come from any country that does not put any export duty on them.

The president urges that ample provision be made for a permanent waterway commission, with whatever power is required to make it effective, and he points out the need of conservation of waters.

"I shall be obliged hereafter, in compliance with the policy stated in my recent message, to veto any water power bill which does not provide for a time limit."

LATE LOCAL NEWS.

B. T. Findley has returned from Portland, where he has been on business for several days.

Frank Bybee and Larkin Reynolds of Jacksonville were business callers in Medford Wednesday.

C. E. McDonald, who recently arrived in Medford from Rapert, Idaho, has formed a partnership with T. W. Daily in the real estate business. Their office is over the Model clothing store.

Ralph Eason, who has been employed in the copper mines in Shasta county, California, is visiting his mother, the late Eason school teacher. He has been suffering from a severe attack of influenza.

TWENTY MICHIGAN FAMILIES WILL MOVE TO MEDFORD

B. H. Harris has returned from Michigan, where he has been looking after business matters. Mrs. Frances Miller returned with Mr. Harris and will take care of Mr. Harris' family. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Miller, old acquaintances, will arrive in Medford next week to make their permanent home. Mr. Harris states that there will be 20 or 25 families more from his old home in Michigan during this spring.

DRURY LANE THEATER DAMAGED BY FLAMES

LONDON, March 25.—Fire, which only this morning was reported to have destroyed the Theatre Drury Lane, has now destroyed all the structures which surrounded it.

WILFLEY IS CLEARED BY CONGRESS

American Judge in China Found Innocent of Charge Brought Against Him--Evidence Insufficient to Prove Accusations Made by Enemies.

WASHINGTON, March 25.—Impeachment proceedings will not be instituted in the United States senate against Lebbens R. Wilfley, judge of the United States court for China, as a result of the charges of misbehavior in office brought against him by Lorin Andrews and other American lawyers resident in Shanghai. The report of the special committee, consisting of Representatives Moon of Pennsylvania, Webb of North Carolina and Diegema of Michigan, appointed by Speaker Cannon to determine whether the charges were based upon facts sufficient to warrant impeachment of Judge Wilfley, today submitted its report to the house committee on the judiciary.

Report Follows Inquiry.

The investigation by the special committee followed the introduction in the house by Mr. Webb of New York of a memorial comprising 25 distinct charges made by Mr. Andrews and his colleagues. In the report of the committee an exhaustive review written by Chairman Moon and concurred in by Mr. Webb and Mr. Diegema, each of those charges and the real facts relating thereto, as brought out by testimony taken, are judiciously discussed and disposed of and the conclusions reached are as follows:

"The conclusion of the committee advised from the memorial, from the examination of petitioner and from our construction of the precedents of impeachment trials in the United States, is that the actual facts charged in the said memorial, even though established by competent legal evidence, would not justify a conviction of Judge Wilfley upon charges of impeachment before the United States senate and would not therefore warrant a presentation by the house of representatives of such articles of impeachment. Notwithstanding this finding, the investigation of the case has made it clear to us that the anomalous character of this court, the extraordinary power given by law to the judge, the fact that it is separated several thousand miles from an appellate tribunal with a broad ocean intervening between, presenting obstacles that burden the constitutional right of review with expense, delay and hazard unknown to any other court, justify the people of the United States in demanding of this judge a temperate exercise of his great power.

May Develop Tyranny.

"It is obviously true that an aggregation of entirely legal acts may develop into a system of tyranny and oppression and that an incontestable exercise of judicial discretion may even give the minister of justice an exercise of despotic and autocratic power. This may be accomplished without the least individual extortion and with a laudable purpose of purifying a community and of inaugurating civil reform.

Charges as presented against the judge have a doubtful and dangerous significance. In this case there are disclosed as falling short of impeachable offenses what we believe to be sound principles of legal construction and Judge Wilfley is thereby afforded every opportunity for defense. He can file an answer and make so detailed an explanation to the house the legality or necessity for his action.

ATTEMPT TO WRECK BRIDGE WITH DYNAMITE

PURTH AMTROY, N. J., March 25.—An attempt to wreck the new Passaic rapid railroad bridge over the Passaic river between this city and South Amboy with dynamite was made early today. The attempt was foiled by the vigilance of the Passaic river bridge guard.

AMERICAN AMBASSADOR NOT WANTED

Kaiser Refuses to Accept Dr. David Jayne Hill as Successor to Charlemagne Tower Whose Resignation has been Accepted at Washington.

WASHINGTON, March 25.—The German government has declined to receive David Jayne Hill in the capacity of American ambassador to succeed Charlemagne Tower, whose resignation has been accepted to take effect upon the qualification of his successor. Hill is at present American minister to The Hague and formerly was first assistant secretary of state under the administration of Secretary Hay.

The objection to Hill is purely personal. Emperor William has caused it to be made known that the American diplomat was persona non grata to him. The reason for the emperor's objection is connected with the visit to America several years ago of his brother, Prince Henry. Dr. Hill at that time was first assistant secretary of state, and necessarily was brought into official contact with the distinguished foreign visitor. Just what he did, or did not do to give offense is not known here.

The perplexing feature is the fact that last November the German government let it be known that Hill would be cordially received at Berlin. Hill is exceptionally well versed in literature and diplomacy.

VANDERBILT FAMILY DESERT NEWPORT FOR LONDON

NEW YORK, March 25.—It became known today that Mrs. Alfred Vanderbilt has removed her personal effects from her Oakland farm at Newport to her husband's country home. Her home during the summer, it is understood, will be with her brother, Amos Tuck French, at Tuxedo. Vanderbilt recently arrived in New York from London and is now at the Hotel Plaza. He said that he will return to London to occupy the house he has rented for the season. The announcement that the couple will not make Newport their home this summer has caused much surprise in society circles.

FIRST DISASTER ON DUNN'S ELEVATED ROAD

The first disaster on the elevated road that Judge Dunn is building between Medford and Jacksonville occurred today, when a farmer's wagon jumped the track and turned turtle in front of the Allen place.

In the construction of the elevated, Judge Dunn and the commissioners are putting into effect a new system of their own devising. The roadbed is now five or six feet high and on top of this is being dumped a foot or more of gravel. It is said that it is being built up with the expectation of getting it high enough to escape the rain.

PUBLIC RECEPTION AT FRISCO FOR D. O. MILLS

SAN FRANCISCO, March 25.—A public reception was given this morning by the chamber of commerce as a token of appreciation for the business community of the efforts of D. O. Mills to promote the prosperity of the city and state. President Charles H. Moore of the chamber presided and spoke in behalf of the organization and other commercial interests. Mayor Taylor delivered a cordial address of welcome, to which Mr. Mills responded, in which he reviewed the wonderful work accomplished in the city in rebuilding since the great fire less than two years ago.

CIRCULATE PETITION FOR ORCHARD'S PARDON

BOISE, Idaho, March 25.—A petition asking the state board of pardons to commute the sentence of Harry St. Paul will be circulated at Caldwell, where the murder of ex-Governor Steunenberg was committed. It is understood that the whole of the former governor's significant heretofore sign the petition.

D. H. Wells today announced the withdrawal of the Democratic nomination for the Oregon legislature.