ASSOCIATED **PRESS** DISPATCHES

Medford Daily Cribune.

The Weather

Pair tonight and Thursday probably tair; westerly winds.

THIRD YEAR.

MEDFORD, OR., WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 1908

DUNN ORDERED ROAD BUILT BUT WILL NOT PAY FOR IT

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPUDIATE INDEBTEDNESS THAT THEY INCURRED

PETITION FOR COUNTY ROAD LOST MOST MYSTERIOUSLY

Futile Efforts Made by Residents to Secure Highway From Eagle Point to Brownsboro--Road Supervisor Vestal Deprived of Money-Commissioner Brown Systematically Ignored for Two Years

Acting under instructions of County loriginal petition. Judge George W. Dunn and the board of county commissioners, Road Supervisor J. S. Vestal of Eagle Point did the road, as it was over private prop-\$241 worth of work on a new road be-tween Brownsboro and Eagle Point two years ago, for which he has never re-threw down the barricades and the road agreed to pay.

Meanwhile the people of the vast district from Eagle Point to Brownsboro and beyond are without a county road, and seemingly cannot secure one, no matter how many petitions they sign, ment is refused for work already done, and petitions for a new road favorably reported upon are inveteriously lost, For years petitions have been piling in, but no county roud results.

Mr. Brown Ignored.

County Judge Dann and County Commissioner Patterson form a majority of the board of county commissioners and always act together. Mr. Brown has Joen allowed to attend the meetings, but that is about all, as the other two members of the board act as a unit against him. Consequently whatever Mr. Brown championed or desired was turned down regardless of its merits.

Mr. Brown championed or desired was turned down regardless of its merits. Brown might just as well have been a resident of some other county, so far as any voice in this county's affairs goes, during the last two years.

Several petitions for a road in the Brownsboro section have been turned in, but because it was in Mr. Brown's neighbrhood, favorable netion failed to follow. A petition, which was drawn up by A. J. Florey, postmaster at Eagle Point, and reported favorably upon by S. A. Cartton and Jack True as viewers, has inysteriously disappeared. When first presented list summer it was haid away until the next term, after examination. At the next term, after examination. At the next term it was again laid away, although the commissioners agreed that the road was badly needed. In the meaiting came the heart held no sessions, and when the board held no sessions, and when the board again met the petition could be found nowhere. the board again met the petition could be found nowhere.

History of Brownsboro Road,

Dayhack, who represented that the route selected ran over sticky flat, an white he has been endeavoring to serve undesirable location

Harry Carlton and Frank Brown then the county, secured 62 signers to a petition for a road between Eagle Point and Browns boro, which contained the names of OF J many of the signers of the former remonstrance. This was in the spring of when it was easiest to plow and cheap the coming June election. This came cat to construct, the county court and to him without any selicitation upon commissioners sanctioned the building his part.

site selected, claiming that a better duties of the office require competent place could have been chosen. He careful and bonest work and he feelthe time that he had expended on this the public, if elected. road, amounting to \$241, was deducted from his wages, although the work had sioners and done under their direction. "WASHINGTON, May 20:- The house

sioner Brown barriended both ends of ecived a cent. So that Mr. Vestal, who was traveled all winter. Notwithstand is a poor man, will be protected, County ing the action of the viewers, the site commissioner George Brown has agreed selected for this road is by far the pay the bill out of his own pocket, most practical, and the best natural the county commissioners continue location to avoid the sticky and is to to refuse to pay that which they day traveled to the exclusion of the for

Petition Mysteriously Disappears.

Mr. Florey then drew up another petition for a road, which Messrs. Carlton and True reported favorably upon the proposed location, but stated that ar how many visits they make to Jack-sonville to get something done. Pay-expensive, Judge Dunn and Commissioner Patterson viewed the proposed read themselves and then the petition was faid away. This is the petition which has mysteriously disappeared. Mr. Vestal is outilled to his wages

for work performed upon the road. County Judge Duon admits that Mr. Vestal did the work under the commissioners' individual instructions. There is little doubt that he can recover the amount by suing the county court. Mr. Vestal, however, is a poor man and can not afford the loss, hence Commissioner Brown has guaranteed him against loss, and if Vestal cannot get the money most sensational case of its kind ever from the county court Mr. Brown will brought to the attention of the court in that city.

Commissioner Patterson and Judge Dum have systematically ignored Com-There is no county road between Eagle Point and Brownsboro. Several petitions for such a road were received over two years ago. One was headed by Mr. Howlit, another one was gotten up through misrepresentation by Eli determined the county affairs for two years, although Mr. Brown is called by good judges a better roadbuilder than either Patterson or Dhan, as shown by his construction of the county highway in front of the county against the best road in the route selected ran over sticky flat, an deeply resent the slights piled upon him

OF JACKSON COUNTY

M. M. Taylor has received the demo 1906, and in order that the readwork cratic nomination for County Treasurer might be done in the spring of the year of Jackson county, to be voted for at

of the new road and ordered Road Su
pervisor Vestal to begin construction
before the road was viewed, to take ad
vantage of the senson.

Viewers Report Adversely.

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Commissioner Brown materially assets
ed. He drove his own team and never
charged the county a cent, and did
other work at his own expense.

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built W. C. Darity and Jack True, as
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the results of the Numan Taylor company.

If Mr. Taylor did not feel certain that
his business experience qualified film
for the position of country treasurer he
would not be willing to assume its respite adverse reported interestly upon the
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House Adopts Lilley Report.

JURY IN RUEF CASE STILL UNABLE TO AGREE

The jury in the Abraham Ruef graft case was unable to agree up to noon, when adjournment was taken for lunch. The jury will come into court again at t

CRATER LAKE TIMBER OWNERS SUED FOR \$50,000 BY WOMAN

W. B. Mersereau, Wealthy Lumberman, Accused by Swedish Woman-Says That It Is an Attempt at Blackmail her in 1901, and That Story Is Falsehood.

W. B. Mesereau of Portland, owne of a large tract of timber in the Crater Lake district and a brother in law of the Wheelers, also large timber own ers, has been sued for \$50,000 damages by Helga Farret, formerly an instructor of gymnustics and calisthenics in Buf-falo, N. Y., in the United States circuit court. She alleges that the defendant failed to keep a promise of marriage and her health has been irreparably im-

Merserean has caused her great mental auguish and blackened her reputation by the circulation of false reports re-fleeting on her good name. Into the case are dragged the names of persons high in the professional and social life of Portland and New York, including Mrs. Natalie Marie Everant, wife of the millionaire New York brewer, action gives promise of becoming the

attempt at blackmail and says the wom an's story is a tissue of lies and that be will fight the case at every step.

BIG MONEY MADE IN CALIFORNIA COPPER MINES

KESWICK, Cal., May 20.-Report published in English financial papers show that the profits of the Mountain Copper company, owning the smelter here and mine at Iron Mountain, were \$751,270 for 1907, against \$149,740 in 1906, \$700,840 in 1905, and \$1,004,470 in 1904. Sales of copper in 1907 were 3407 tons, against 2854 tons in 1905 and 4546 tons in 1904.

All this copper came from the Iron Mountain. It is only during the past few months that the Hornet mine, as well as the Iron Mountain, has become an ore-producer.

EXPLOSION ON GASOLINE LAUNC: SEVEN DROWNED

MEMPHIS, Tenn., May 20 .- An ex olosion in the gasoline tank of a lannel while on the river near Clarendon, Ark. ast night occurred, drowning seven per were prominent young people on a

Engineer Goes to Dorris KLAMATH FALLS, Or., May 20.

blef Engineer H. P. Hoey of the Cali his beadquarters to Dorris, and is not He will divide his time between this place and the new terminal. His family will reside in this city during the

Every part of the construction work with the exception of the mursh work is moving along aplendially.

Ten Per Cent Commission for Handlers With anyl one or two exceptions, all the Portland commission dealers have

Pailed Broker Indicted.

the failed brokerage firm of T. A. Mr. Daily, by the war, although appointed as a disinterested viewer, had mitter report, and its conclusions by a signed a remonstrance to this route, on rote of 157 to 82; absent, 35.

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PLATT DENIES MAE'S STORY

Senator Gives Testimony in His Own Behalf Against Miss Wood in Her Divorce Suit.

NEW YORK, May 20, Senator homas C. Platt went on the witness stand today to give testimony in his own behalf in the sensational suit brought against him by Mae C. Wood the Omaha woman who is sning him entered into a marriage contract with

The senator entered the courtroom, learning heavily on the arms of two at-tendants. Platt testified he was 65 years old. His first wife died in 1901. He said he first met Mae Wood in 1901. He stated that he never met her in the the Oriental hotel to become his wife, nor did he talk to the plaintiff in No-yember, 1901, about marriage. His story was a complete denial of these

A number of letters alleged to have been written by the senator to Miss Wood were read. He denied them, The intor declared he had not maintained any improper relations with the plain-

paid \$10,000 to his son Frank II. Platt to bring about a settlement of the suit brought against him by Miss Wood through the law firm of Howe & Hum

COPPER COMPANY NOW HAS ITS SIXTH LOCOMOTIVE

KENNETT, Cal., May: 20.-A no. ton engine has just been received by the Mammoth Copper company for use on its system in the Old Diggings It is a unrrow-gauge muchin and is the sixth now in use by the com-pany. The company has about 12 miles of trackage, not to mention the five

The ore from the Old Diggings district is used for flux, and is hauled in the narrow-gauge cars to the main line of the Southern Pacific and damped into a row of bunkers and then baded on to standard gauge cars to be loaded to the smelter in Kennett. The Main math company built a bridge across the Sacramento between Keswick and Cop-

GIRL'S "MERRY WIDOW"

ABLAZE ON HER HEAD officials are occupying temporary quarters in Oddfellows! Hall.

CORNING, N. V., May 20,-Leaning Miss Edna Market's "Morry Widow" hat today touched the flume of an shaded gas jet and in an instant was all It was intended to be Corning's big

gost and most duraling "Merry Wid-ow" and had just reached town from New York. Miss Market was getting ready to go shopping and astound the natives with her newest millinery ac-

She was almost prepared for this exand unable to quickly extract the latwith a rig. No greater piece of de The railroad has also ordered the construction in millinery could be image struction of 70 becomitives, which will

wept. She didn't go shopping

Nash Hotel Arrivals.

W. H. Barry, D. Godsell, Jr., Class. K. Archenl, S. A. Berk, A. A. Bear-don, W. Jackson, C. H. Champlin, G. Sam Parker, his son-in-law, Prince Da the Portland commission dealers have a problem of the greenent to charge 10 per J. D. Buell, C. E. Metcell, C. Ringler, passengers on the Sheria, which arrived sent commission on consignments of A. T. Kerr and wife, Portland; C. A. yesterday from Honolule. The distinct and wife, and wife, Portland; C. A. yesterday from Honolule. The distinct poultry and dressed meats. McAstinor and wife, Aberdeon; O. F. guished visitors have come to the states. The agreement will go into effect June Whiteonib and wife. Scattle; J. B. for the purpose of hunting bear in the Portland trade has Stevenson, Sen Prancisco; H. W. Aldis, Washington and Southern Oregon, and been working on a 5 per cent basis. New York: H. R. Rowland, R. P. Hurl. have brought with them enough guns though it is said that in every other bart, Chicago: S. A. Robio. Gents, and amountation to wipe out every brain

has bought a town for on A street for participate in the bear hant. church purposes from the Toftman. The consideration was \$6000. Thilly & M'GREGOR COLLECTOR OF NEW YORK, May 20.-An indict The consideration out was returned against a member of Metonic, agents.

BY RAYNER

Cause of American Dreyfus is Pleaded in Senate-Roosevelt Grilled for Arbitary Actions.

Rayner of Maryland, in the senate to day, called up his resolution requesting the president to appoint a court of in quiry to investigate the charges agains 'olonel William P. Stewart of the coast artillery, now stationed at Fort Grant, Ariz. Rayned said that he took this action because he was satisfied that there would be no report from the com-

sition and lonely surrounding and said:
...The president was delighted with the situation, therefore the chairman of the military committee ought also to be surfisfied:

body ought to be satisfied. Why not What right has anylody to be dissatisfied with anything that satisfies the president. Who would be guilty of such treasonable acts?"

THIRTY THOUSAND IN A FORTNIGHT AT GRANT

Continuing in this sarcastic vein, he spoke of the alleged refusal of the pres ident to receive communications from telent to reserve communications from t'olonel Stewart and to give him an op-portunity to present his side of the ease, he said: "The president prefers to try the ease without any witnesses for the defense," and appealed to the sounte for vote on his resolution.

LAKEVIEW RETAINS THE COUNTY SEAT

The fight for the removal of the county seat in Lake county was circuit court held that persons who had signed a petition asking that the measure be submitted at the June election could withdraw their names from the eand withdraw their mones from the petrion. Enough signers had been separed to entitle the question to a place on the halot, but enough were with any also being bested. Abandoned properties are also being index up. Miners are now on the ground from all sections of ep the county sent at Lakeview. For time it was feared that an injune tion sait would be brought to stop the arrive a few days ago and took out unthorities from building the courthouse at Lakeview, but the feet thinking the building the courthouse at Lakeview, but the feet thinking the courthouse are believed that moved the courthouse are believed that moved the courthouse are believed that moved the courthouse are considered that moved the courthouse are considered that are considered to the courthouse are considered to the c at Lakeview, but the fact that he measure canno even be submitted to a rote does away with the chance of a sait, and the courthouse is now being rushed. In the meantime, the county

RAILROAD TO COMPETE WITH WESTERN UNION

MILWAUKEE, May 20. The Chicago, Milwankoe & St. Paul railroad has organized a telegraph company to compete with the Western Union. The lines will be constructed to the Pacific and immediately, according to an unofficial announcement mosts today

hines are to cover the whole United States and rates will be ent to the lov est possible notels, according to the be made and as the new corporation has plus, she ran downstairs with her head all the financial backing it can use i point, see the developer with our near all the financial backing it can use it seemingly all allaise. Finally tearing will be a formidable competitor to the off the last, she smorthered the flames after companies in the field. ther companies in the field.

The railroad has also ordered the ec-

Then Miss Market sat down and he put to work in the local shops of the company.

HAWAIIAN PRINCE WILL HUNT BEAR IN SOUTHERN OREGON

Rev. Mr. Hlack, the Advent prencher. Kapiniani, a years of age. She will not

CUSTOMS AT ASTORIA

KEYSTONE DEMOCRATS TURN DOWN BRYAN

Committeeman Guffey, today dequestion of instructi at large for Bryun.

BRAIN STORM CURED MALDAY

Chester Thompson Testifies that His Mind Has Grown Clearer Since His Murder of Emory.

TACOMA, May 20.-Judge Smell department of the superior court today iw no onusual thing when Chester impoon, the slayer of Judge Emory. garding the defusions which he suffered and the sensations be underwent when his mind departed from normal. He mittee on military affairs during this was led over the entire field by Atter session of congress. He spoke sureus tically of Colonel Stewart's present permitted fulled to confuse him. unination failed to confuse him.

When soked if he thought be had

offered from a brain storm the witness niled and replied that the shooting of Judge Emory was the enimination of long period of weakness that terminated in an explosion. He said he began to get better right away.

FORTNIGHT AT GRANTS PASS

GRANTS PAS, Or., May 20:-An other bag of gold was brought in Sat urday from Williams Creek by Harrison Briss, the two prospectors who innersered a bonance in that district recently Tress men have elemned up \$30,000 in the past two weeks and have \$75,000 is sight. Most of this is pure gold no-is taken from shallow deposits. On on-day the two took out \$7000. Harrison mys that himself and brother have taken out from \$200 to \$5000 every day nce the strike was made.

dde near Williams postoffice and in amocked into a cocked hat when the district that has been mined for the irenit court held that persons who had past do years. Harrison Bros. are exert prospectors and have been in the

will develop out of the strikes.
The find is the richest made here since

FALLEN TIMBER BLOCKS TRAVEL ON COUNTY ROADS

W. W. Parker of Butto Fall ion spent Theoday evening in Medford He says: "The made in our section are in places impressible. Northean of flatte Palls (indeed has falled across the road and blocked of dravit) from ty Judge Dann was notified of sea ditions April I by letter; but me accortion has been paid to the notification Our school district, So: 70, pays take upon \$150,000 accessed voluntions he n spite of this no work was I or years in the district. I we were allowed a fifth bridge re-work, but that is all the return for

One cannut get a wagon Brough many sections, and teaming it imp-ble. And the county court pays no tention to complaints and requests. On appeals full on deaf ears. Our on-tions in a change the coming election-and we've all for it, regardless of pol-

JIM HILL S ENGINEER

IN SOUTHERN OREGON

PORTLAND, May 200-J; M. Gra on, sound vier president of the Eris alread, spent yesterday in Portland aying last night for Southern Oregon find was something of a mystory, but it is uniferstood that it was in the in erests of the Hill railtroad system, He thread of the Hill rational system, lie has taken a leave of absence from the Eric, supposedly because of the Higr riman domination in the system. Mr. Graham has been associated with the Hill interests for years, baying former ly been govern) superintendent of the Northern Pacific. Since then be be orded as chief engineer of the Bulli sare & Okio and later went to the Eric as head of the construction department.

AT ASTORIA

General Holiday and all Business Suspended in Honor of the Great Atlantic Battleships.

ASTORIA, Or., May 20.—Teday is a holiday to Astoria. All lines of busi-ness are suspended and practically the entire community and thousands of visvers off the Columbia river.

Thousands of people took up the vant age points on the braches and the fleet of necan going stramers and tugs and other craft crossed over the bar to escort the fleet from Tillamonk Head. The fleet arrived off the mouth of the river about noon, the vessels coming in single file, the Connecticut in the lead. Later they formed in squadrons and un-dor a stay bell passed along two miles off the shore in easy view from all the

cantage points.
As the fingship passed Fort Stevens salute of 17 gues was fired from the ort and answered by the flagship.

The fleet will remain off this pert shour three hours.

It is expected that Admiral Sperry will have hancheon on board the Roan oke with Mayor Wise of Astoria and Mayor Lane of Portland and other prominent citizens.

NEWPORT, Or., May 20.—The battle-ship fleet passed Yaquim Bay at 5, o'clock this morning, about 20 miles are shore. Nothing was viable but and shore. Acting was visite intermediate for people who came from the interior in the prospect of seeing the fleet on a premise that it would some close in to

BLACK HAND LETTER POLLOWED BY DYNAMITE

csician, to comply with the demands salted in the lawer portion of the ing shattered with dynamite foday.

The lives of 100 tenants were endangered. A number of persons were in gred, one perhaps fatally. The house at 316 Kast Eleventh street.

deeper accommodation on the train, buye word at the depot, as soon as pos-

ofther men or women, to solicit memother men or women, to solvet men-pers in Modford and vicinity for the less order in creth, paying \$15 per work for archives or sendent, with each division of surplus such 5 years Laun district manager, Ginats Pass,

HONORABLE STEPHEN A. LOWELL

thwest, will oddress the citizons of far know enemty on the lending political

Thursday Evening

IS WELL AND MEN'S HALL AN HER OPERA HOUSE.

Medford Oregon

Everyone cordially invited to attend.

program will be randered by the Med-