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The Weather

Fair weather is promised for tonight and Wednesday.

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AUTO FAILS IN MAKING SCHEDULE

White Steamer Arrives in Medford 8 Hours Late-- Got Lost on Wrong Road at Sisson During Night.

Worn out from lack of sleep, dusty and begrimed with dirt, Fernando Nelson and party arrived here at 7:40 Wednesday morning in their White steamer automobile in an effort to establish a low schedule between San Francisco and Portland.

The car left Vallejo at 4:15 a. m. Tuesday morning an hour and 15 minutes late. They lost an hour at Redding in replacing a tire which gave out, and approximately three hours were lost near Sisson, when by mistake in the darkness, the chauffeur took the wrong road and wandered 60 miles over lumber roads.

Worst Road in Oregon. Fernando Nelson, speaking of the trip, said: "The worst stretch of road we have encountered was the toll road two miles in length on the Oregon side of the Siskiyou summit. They charged \$1.50 for going down this 20 per cent grade, which was probably the worst strain the machine has yet encountered.

Next to this the worst road traveled was in the Pitt river country. There was about 40 miles of bare rock, which were our tires down and was very rough on the auto. At Sisson we got lost on a lumber road and wandered 60 miles out of the direct road. There were many crossroads and we could not tell the right one in the dark, although we knew the general direction.

Another thing that delayed us was the strong head wind we encountered the entire length of the Sacramento valley. Then, we wasted quite a while in each town waiting people up so as to secure directions. We reached Hornbrook about 3 o'clock and were there half an hour before we succeeded in walking the station agent.

Many Roads Muddy. "Many of the roads were deep with mud, and none of them were in very good shape. I am satisfied that we could make the trip a second time within the original schedule of time. This is the same car with the same tires that recently made the record run from San Francisco to Los Angeles of 500 miles in 17 hours and 17 minutes. The entire trip of a thousand miles from San Francisco to Los Angeles and return was made in 37 hours and 24 minutes."

GALLAGHER LOSES HOUSES

Former Frisco Supervisor Out Three More Places by Dynamite--Was a Star Witness.

OAKLAND, Calif., May 27.—Arrests are expected today as the result of the dynamiting of three unoccupied houses, belonging to former Supervisor James L. Gallagher, who turned state evidence in the graft trials here last night, and it is intimated that the police have information which may lead to the exposure of a plot of surprising character laid against Gallagher by his enemies.

The explosion last night was the second attack. Gallagher's residence having been wrecked by dynamite on April 22. It is the belief of the detectives that the combined efforts of the police of this city, Berkeley, Alameda and San Francisco count in being able to make this apprehension. The explosion last night was no surprise to Peter Gallagher, who today is making an attempt to protect himself against further attacks, which it is feared may be of a nature more dangerous to him personally.

The houses damaged last night were owned partly by George McRae, an architect, but the dynamiting unquestionably was directed against Gallagher. The investment in the buildings was \$25,000, and they are in the fashionable residence district of Oakland.

Frank McVaugh, a watchman, who took the place just two days ago, when his predecessor was taken ill, says that he was sitting in the oil shed when the explosion took place, and asserts that he had made a tour of inspection over all three houses within ten minutes of the explosion, which shook him off his seat. He says he saw nothing whatever to lead him to suspect anything was wrong. The heavy charge of dynamite was lighted in the best of the three houses in such a way that the explosion badly damaged the other two houses.

A part of the mystery that attracts attention today is the fact that Gallagher had a deal pending by which he expected to sell the three houses today for \$25,000, and it is believed that the dynamiters undoubtedly had information of the proposed transaction.

The explosion shook the city for blocks around last night, and there was much excitement. Captain Petersen heard the detonation and rushed to the scene as he said he knew immediately what had happened. The damage to the buildings is estimated at from \$5000 to \$7500. The building in which the dynamite was placed was valued at \$9000 and the other two \$8000 each.

Fleeing From the Storm of Popular Disapproval



County Judge Dunn and Sheriff Jackson running away from the storm of public indignation, high tax revolt, poor road rebellion and demand for exporting county books. They are nearing the jumping-off place, June 1, to land in Salt Creek.

THIEF CUTS HOLE IN ROOF TO ROB FARMER OF FOOD.

Pryor Eaton's Home Entered by Hungry Burglar During His Absence and Many Things Stolen--No Clue to the Robber.

The home of Pryor Eaton, three miles west of Jacksonville on the Blue Lodge road was entered by a hungry thief Tuesday, who cut a hole through the roof and stole all the portable things he could get his hands on, among them a frying pan, a pair of blankets, a quilt, a coffee pot, a jar of honey, a glass of jelly, a sack of flour, some potatoes and a side of bacon. He left no clue.

TO EXTEND SEWER SYSTEM TO NEW CATHOLIC SCHOOL

The mother provincial of the Sisters of the Holy Names, who are building the \$40,000 Catholic academy in Medford, accompanied by Sister Mary Stephen of St. Mary's academy, has been in Medford for the past two days arranging with city officials for an extension of the sewer system to the new building. The mother provincial stated the school could not be opened in the autumn until such connection was made, and city authorities have promised that it will be by this time.

EXPRESS COMPANIES IN OREGON OVERCHARGING

SALEM, Or., May 27.—Upon its own initiative the Oregon railroad commission has collected information disclosing excessive rates charged by express companies in this state, and it is practically certain that proceedings will be started soon to compel reductions.

Rate Clerk Miller, who has had the details of the work in charge, has produced a mass of evidence which will form the basis of the proceedings against both the Wells-Fargo and the Pacific Express companies. The Wells-Fargo company operates on the Southern Pacific and the Pacific Express company does business on the O. R. & N. As an instance of the character of rates charged, it is shown that Wells-Fargo charges \$2.75 a hundred for merchandise carried from Portland to Siskiyou, 258 miles. For the same distance in Missouri the same company charges \$2.95 a hundred, and in Texas \$2. Yet the Wells-Fargo rate over the Southern Pacific is low compared with the Pacific Express company's charge over the O. R. & N. The rate from Portland to Baker City, the same distance as to Siskiyou, is \$3.75. The rate on merchandise from Portland to Huntington, 404 miles, is \$4, while the rate in Missouri is \$2.10, and in Texas \$2.50.

CONTEST FOR QUEEN CLOSES

End of Balloting for Young Lady to Represent Rose Carnival at Commercial Club Tonight.

Three carnival queen contests will close tonight at the Commercial club rooms promptly at 9 p. m. Those interested in the outcome of the contest should see that as many votes as possible are deposited before the hour of 9 o'clock tonight.

BLUEJACKETS' PARADE GALA SEATTLE EVENT

SEATTLE, May 27.—Bluejackets and marines from the Atlantic fleet now lying in the harbor joined with a large force of soldiers representing the military posts in this vicinity and a great number of fraternal organizations in the most notable parade this city has ever known. The event was witnessed by immense crowds that lined the street and occupied doors, windows and house tops.

HARRIMAN SENDS FAST STEED INTO OREGON

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., May 28.—The thoroughbred running horse presented by E. H. Harriman to the people of Wood river valley was taken through this city last week on route to Fort Klamath. When Mr. Harriman was in Klamath county last year he became much interested in Wood river valley, as it is one of the finest stock countries on the coast. He said, however, that a better class of stock was needed, especially horses, and he promised E. C. Hoyt of Fort Klamath a thoroughbred driving horse for the people of that section if they would take care of it. Mr. Hoyt agreed to do this and Mr. Harriman has kept his promise.

Repeals Prohibition. SPOKANE, Wash., May 27.—Dr. P. S. Byrne, twice mayor of Spokane, now a prominent aspirant for the democratic nomination for governor, has repudiated the state convention's declaration in favor of prohibition and is planning a platform of his own which may declare openly for "personal liberty."

WOMAN'S FAULT IF SHE HAS TO WORK SAYS ROCKEFELLER

Can Become Housekeepers if They Make Up Their Minds Early Enough--Declares He Is a Hardy Son of the Soil--Carries Bricks to Top of Building.

POCANTICO HILLS, N. Y., May 27.—John D. Rockefeller, the oil king, was caught in a talkative mood today while he was playing his usual game of golf, and announced, besides other things, that he is a real son of the soil and does not care who knows it.

WAR IS BEGUN UPON OREGON WATER JETS

SALEM, May 27.—In response to the appeal of President Roosevelt made to the recent Washington conference for the conservation of natural resources, Governor Chandler has appointed a committee including a number of the leading citizens of the state to form an organization in Oregon. The purpose of the work started by the governor will be to initiate permanent improvement and organization for the conservation and higher utility of the state's resources.

MOORE AGAINST PROHIBITION

Owner of Moore Hotel and Builder of Business Blocks gives Reasons for Opposing Dry Town

To the Editor: Dear Sir: As one interested in the present and future welfare of Medford, I wish to submit my views upon the wet or dry proposition that is to be voted upon next Monday. The dry vote, in my opinion, based upon reason, does not mean prohibition and is the direct opposite to temperance.

OKLAHOMA IS AGAIN SWEEPED BY TORNAO

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., May 28.—Four persons were killed and many injured by a tornado which swept over Alva, Oklahoma, early today, doing heavy damage to property. Houses were twisted off their foundations and trees uprooted along the path of the "twister," which at some points appears to have been of more terrific velocity than that of any tornado in this section for years. Its course was mainly through country not thickly settled, and Alva is the only town reported to have been damaged.

PLEA FOR CLIENT IN LAND FRAUD CASE

WASHINGTON, May 27.—In the Hyde-Henson land fraud case today pleaded for one of the Idaho defendants counsel that their client should be freed on the ground that the statute of limitations runs against the offense alleged to have been committed by him. Arguments in behalf of the other defendants who are seeking to have the indictments against them quashed were made along authentic lines.

CHARTER PREVENTS DRY CITY

Medford Exempted from Operation of Local Option Law, Again Asserts Attorney R. G. Smith.

Robert G. Smith, of Grants Pass, the attorney whose opinion on the local option law's application to the city of Medford was published in The Tribune recently, was in Medford on business today. Mr. Smith held that Medford's charter expressly exempted it from the local option law.

Not a Matter of Sentiment. "The opinion was not a matter of sentiment with me, and is in no respect a bluff. If any believe it is, let them submit it to one of the attorneys of the anti-saloon league or any lawyer of ability. I gave the opinion in absolute good faith, and was employed for the purpose of giving an opinion of the law, as I honestly believed it to be. I am sure I am correct and would not have given an opinion I did not sincerely believe to be correct.

Can Find Out at Once. "If I am wrong, the question can be easily and quickly tested before election in this manner: In 1904 one of the Medford precincts voted dry, and the county court declared prohibition in effect in that precinct. That precinct included the Nash Hotel block in which are several saloons, licensed, because the amendments to the charter in 1905 are supposed to repeal the effect of the local option law as far as the city limit is extended. Now if this amendment to the charter does not have that effect, that precinct is still a dry precinct, and every liquor dealer is subject to arrest and prosecution.

Only One View of Question. "But in truth there is no other view to be taken by any attorney who will investigate the subject. "In affecting to believe the law is contrary to my conclusions, the prohibition people are standing in their own light. The result of their attitude will be the throwing out of the votes of the two Medford precincts.

Does Not Repeal Charter. "It does not purport to amend any charter, and if it could be construed to repeal any part of the charter, it would repeal the whole charter. You evidently do not think your charter is repealed because you are still governed under the charter, and are about to issue bonds for a large amount. "The matter of adjusting the election precincts should have been taken before the county court, before the petitions were filed, and the city of Medford divided into precincts exclusive of any outside territory. In fact, the law requires the county court to do this of its own motion.

MRS. VANDERBILT GIVEN DIVORCE FROM ALFRED NEW YORK, May 27.—Mrs. Eliza French Vanderbilt was granted an interlocutory decree of divorce from Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt by Justice O'Grady in the supreme court on the report of the referee. Justice O'Grady confirmed the report of the referee that Mr. Vanderbilt had been guilty of misconduct.