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Medford Daily Tribune.

The Weather
Fair weather is promised for tonight cooler east portion. Sunday, fair; north-west winds.

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LENGTH OF PIPE LINE IS 106,000 FT.

Engineers Finish Preliminary Survey to Wasson Canyon--No Decision as to Accepted Proposition

On next Tuesday morning George Loomis will commence the work of remodeling the opera house in this city and will improve it in all respects.

A rumor has been current about the streets for several days that the water committee had decided to abandon Wasson canyon in favor of the Slinger ranch, supplemented by Fish Lake Ditch company's water.

Relative Cost of Systems. The total cost of the Wasson canyon project supplemented by Slinger ranch water rights, approximates as follows: Water rights, \$25,000; ditch from north fork, \$20,000; right for fencing land around and above intake, \$10,000; total cost, \$25,000.

Rushing Survey Work. Engineer Roberts has returned from Wasson canyon and reports the flow still holds up to the former measurement of 180 inches.

Is Up to Committee. "I do not know whether it is the intention to use Wasson canyon water of the Slinger and Fish Lake water. I think that the committee has not finally determined."

Christian Science. Christian Science services are held every Sunday morning at 11 o'clock in the Commercial club room.

CONTRACT FOR OPERA HOUSE LET

C. D. Hazelrigg Announces Plans for Remodeling of Theatre--Inside of Present Building Torn out

The entire inside of the building is to be torn out and remodeled. The size of the stage will be increased a sloping floor will be put in, the balcony will be enlarged and provided with emergency exits in case of fire, the seats will be of the latest design, and several other improvements are contemplated.

The front of the building is to be remodeled, giving more room to the box office and making a larger lobby. When the building is completed the box office will be kept open during the necessary time before a play, and tickets will be on sale at no other place in the city.

Engineer Roberts has returned from Wasson canyon and reports the flow still holds up to the former measurement of 180 inches. Nine men are rushing preliminary survey of pipeline under Engineer Cummins and Mr. Roberts is busy completing specifications for bids for pipeline.

CARNIVAL COMPANY TO OPEN MONDAY

The American Amusement company will arrive in town Sunday on No. 14 and will pitch their tents on the Southern Pacific reservation next to the Exhibit building. The shows consist of Dixie Land, Australian wild girl, Venetian glass blowers, Crazy House, or Fun Factory and the Electric Theater.

S. O. Penderbaugh of Phoenix lost a finger in a saw on Friday.

CAME FROM GOTHAM TO FISH HERE

Mighty Angler Says Rogue Is Finest Trout Stream in Western Hemisphere--Will Fish Three Weeks

In order to fish in what he styles "the finest trout stream on the western hemisphere," P. E. Clendinning of New York recently arrived in this city for three weeks' angling in Rogue river. The tribute paid to the Rogue by Mr. Clendinning is a high one and means much coming from a man noted for his skill with the line and rod.

Mr. Clendinning spent much of the morning in conference with W. P. Isaacs, planning the route he will take this afternoon when he leaves for Trail for three weeks' outing.

SENATOR FULTON WILL RUN FOR SENATORSHIP

Senator Charles W. Fulton is positive in his belief that the legislature of this state, at its next session, should not elect a democrat to the United States senate. However, he refuses to say what action in his opinion will be taken by the legislature.

GRAND ARMY MEN TO MEET IN CENTRAL POINT

The annual encampment of the Southern Oregon Veteran's association, Grand Army of the Republic, will be held in Central Point September 9, 10 and 11. Arrangements have been completed for the gathering of the boys of '61-'65 to pitch their tents here and to enjoy for a few days the hospitality of the people of Central Point.

Bryan Will Answer

Bryan will defend the anti-injunction plank as incorporated in the democratic platform and will contradict the statement of Yana Cleave that the manufacturers are solidly against him.

BLOW DEALT OKLAHOMA BANK LAW

Bonaparte Decides It Is Illegal for the National Banks to Contribute to Guarantee Fund

WASHINGTON, August 1.—Attorney General Bonaparte today announced his decision that under the federal banking laws it is illegal for national banks in Oklahoma to contribute to the depositors' guarantee fund provided by the new banking law of that state.

LA FOLLETTE INVITED TO DEMOCRATIC FESTIVITIES

LINCOLN, Neb., August 1.—It was announced this morning by Mayor Brown, chairman of the local committee of arrangements of the Bryan notification ceremonies that Senator La Follette of Wisconsin has been invited to attend the festivities incident upon the notification of the Nebraska that he has been chosen by the democracy to make the run for president.

Bryan After Van Cleave

NEW YORK, August 1.—Norman E. Mack, manager of the democratic national campaign, today received word from W. J. Bryan that he will reply publicly to the circulars issued by J. C. Van Cleave, president of the National Association of Manufacturers asking the members of that organization to "take the hide off Bryan in the coming campaign and nail it to the fence for all time."

Reasons for the Attack

Van Cleave says that the onslaught upon Bryan was caused by the Commonwealth's support of the anti-injunction plank, which was incorporated in the democratic platform against the wishes and arguments of Van Cleave and his associates.

Bryan Confirms Report

LINCOLN, Neb., August 1.—William J. Bryan today confirmed the report that he will reply to J. C. Van Cleave, president of the National Association of Manufacturers, in an open letter. The reply will be published in the Commoner next Friday and will consist of more than 2000 words.

Coram Store Is Burned

SORAM, Cal., August 1.—Fire destroyed the clothing store of Gray & Boswell in the A. B. Carr building on Main street in the heart of the town.

GREAT GAIN SHOWN BY POSTOFFICE

July Shows This Year's Business will Surpass All Previous Years by \$3,000--Steady Increase

At the rate the Medford post-office business started off for the fiscal year 1908-9, the \$15,000 mark will be topped this year. During July the receipts of the office amounted to \$1281.44, an increase of \$262.27 over the corresponding month in 1907, when the receipts were \$1019.17.

WATER BONDS ON WAY TO MEDFORD

The bonds for the issue of \$65,000 voted to pay for the water distributing system in this city are on their way to this city. Such is the opinion of W. P. Bullock, consulting engineer of John Naveen & Co., who returned to this city Saturday morning after a week's absence during which time he visited Los Angeles in the interests of another business house of Chicago.

WILL ENTERTAIN PROMINENT RAILROAD MEN TOMORROW

President W. H. Macdoel of the Marion route, accompanied by a party of six and by William McMurray, general passenger agent of the Harriman lines in Oregon, will be met by a number of local parties Sunday morning at Gold Bay and will be taken on an automobile tour of the northern end of this valley.

Saying Goodbye to God

Do you know that many people who have become acquainted with God are saying in an emphatic way: "Good-bye? God's wife told him to 'Curse God and die.' Some are giving the same advice today. Come to the Christian church Sunday morning and hear the subject, 'Saying Goodbye to God' discussed.

MACHINERY FOR COAL MINE HERE

The Prospecting Work Will Commence Immediately on Coal Lands Recently Leased

A carload of machinery has arrived from southern California, which will be used by the syndicate which recently leased property in the neighborhood of Eagle Point to prospect for coal. The machinery has been sent out to the property and active operations will be commenced at once.

Lightning Starts Fires

BAKERSFIELD, Cal., August 1.—Forest fires started yesterday afternoon by an electrical storm are reported today to be beyond control. Lightning struck in several places in the mountains east of here and started the fires.

DEFECTIVE FISH LADDERS CAUSE OF FISH SHORTAGE

Sportsmen complain of the scarcity of fish in Rogue river this season and the general opinion is that inadequate fish ladders at the different dams is largely responsible for the shortness of the fish crop.

NO SHOW FOR HEARST, SAYS SAM GOMPERS

WASHINGTON, August 1.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, in an interview today said: "I have been asked why I did not wait until after the convention of the independence party before I urged the labor men to vote for a candidate for president."

NEW SUPERINTENDENT TAKES OFFICE MONDAY

The new county superintendent throughout the state will take office on Monday next. The change is not made in this office on July 1, as in other county offices, for the reason that the retiring officer is required to make a report during the month of July, covering the last year of his incumbency.

RAGING FIRE THREATENS COOS BAY

Sky Obscured by Smoke--Ashes and Cinders Falling in the Streets of Marshfield

MARSHFIELD, Or., Aug. 1.—Marshfield appears to be threatened with total or partial destruction, as ash and cinder from the great forest fires in the vicinity are falling in the streets.

Fire Raging Near Redding

REDDING, Cal., August 1.—Reports from the path of the great forest fire raging in this state say that the flames cannot be checked until they reach Pit river, which forms a natural barricade. The blaze started yesterday morning on the east side of the river near the mouth of Churn creek and a strong south wind soon fanned the flames to a fury.

Terrific Cloudburst

LOS ANGELES, Cal., August 1.—Reports today from San Gabriel gorge state that so far as can be learned no lives were lost in the storm which broke over San Gabriel peak yesterday afternoon, filling the canyons with water, uprooting trees and filling San Gabriel gorge with 75,000 inches of water in a few seconds.

Reports from Riverside, Corona, Beaumont, San Jacinto and Banning say that rain fell at these points when the electrical storm was raging in the mountains. A building was blown down at Wineville station.

MISSISSIPPI COUNTY VISITING

Misses Davens and Unrenhoffer of Lebanon, Linn county, are visiting Mesdames Liska and Sears and other relatives living in Medford.