UNITED PRESS DISPATCHES

y far the largest and best news report of any paper in Southern Oregon.

Medford Daily Cribune.

The Weather

Fair foniaht; warmer south and east ortion. Friday, cloudiness, with an near coast; cooler in northerly por-

THIRD YEAR.

MEDFORD, OREGON, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1908

No. 143.

REFUSE TO EXPERT THE COUNTY BOOKS

COMMISSIONERS SO FAR HAVE DECLINED TO ORDER THE WORK DEMOCRATS

PROBABLE ADJOURNMENT WITHOUT SUCH ACTION IN SPITE OF NEIL'S EFFORTS

Expert Says Books Are in a Very Poor Shape==Over 500 Pieces of Property Have Been Assessed Twice This Year Owing to Ancient Methods Employed

making a brief examination of the systems employed, "The county could have lost thousands of dollars and no

one would be the wiser, and the opportunity will continue to exist until the

perting the books.
"The present administration, or it

deed the past few administrations, ar

not to be blamed for the existing condi-tions, for they are simply the out

growth of years of usage. Having been started wrong, they have never been

brought up-to-date, and no new methods have ever been introduced, and so

"Of course I would advocate the

only a member of the American Asso

ciation of certified accounts be employ

found who would do the work for \$10

n month, but when he was through th work would be that of a \$100 man an

this work would require a better matthan that. No one but a man who is

been in the work realizes the taugh

Present Officers Want Work Done.

The present evanty officers favor the

County Clerk Coleman says that b

his books soon and more modern meth

predecessors. I have introduced a fe

innovations, but have been noable

make much headway. I know of se-

eral new matters which might be in

"When I entered the

til the books are experted.

KILLS MAN WHO FOUGHT

DUEL WITH HER SPOUSE

SAN JOSE, Cal., Sept. 3,-With h head blown admost completely from h

body. William Barker lies in the more

in a quarrel between flarker and he husband. The woman discovered the

men in combat, and seizing an auto-matic rifle, emptied its magnaine int-

ing was accidental and that she did so

know the gun was loaded. The tragedy

occurred at the Piore much on th

orticipants were employed as prun

According to Fonts, Barker quarrele

with him as to whether they shoul work on the following day. Barke

drew a long knife and was in the ac-

wife appeared and put a fatal end to th

VIOLATING LOCAL OPTION

LIQUOR DEALER FINED FOR

today us the result of the deadly

forced to continue in the way

the present condition is found.

of dollars.

It is highly probable that the county house are frightful," said Mr. Wilcourt will refuse to allow Judge Neil liams, when asked for his opinion after to order the experting of the county books, for Commissioners Owens and Patterson object to such a work being indertaken

During this session Judge Neil has During this session Judge Neil has so far tried in vain to secure action. The sourt will in all probility adjourn this afternoon or tomorrow and the judge intends to introduce a resolution to secure action on the matter, thus placing a layman could see the need of expering the books. the commissioners on record.

Expert Accountant Here.

W. P. Williams, the northwest representative of C. M. Williams & Co., certified public accountant, of New York city, has been in Jacksonville for the past few days looking over the county records in order to see what amount of work is required. Mr. Wil linus, after making a short inspection of the books Wednesday morning, stated that he had never seen a mess" in his life. Old methods that have been employed year after year are still in vogue and are costing the county thousands of dollars. Mr. Williams apeared before the court and gave the facts as he found them. He is of the minion that it will cost the county in the neighborhood of \$5000 to have the accounts straight ned out for ten years buck, which is as far as is necessary, owing to the statute of limitations.

Where Commissioners Stand.

the proposition at any time since it was proposed. He seems very reluctant in having the work done, saying that the money had better be spent upon the oils but into effect. He characterize the matter of having the books experted as foolishness, as the county should, opinion, continue in the way it has during its past history.

ner Patterson has stated that he is of the opinion that the work should be done, but at some future time when the county is in a better financial condition. He says he is con tent at the present time to allow mut-ters to continue in the same old way.

Neil Realizes the Need.

Judge J. R. Neil is fully awake to the needs of having such a work under taken and carried through. He has urges during the present session only to be turned down, when it is suggested. He on doing all in his power to rethe records upon a modern business had of Mrs. Manual Fonts, who interfere but is belpless without the co-operation.

I am fully aware of the needs of such a work," said the judge, "that I Harker's body cand a nothing rowards getting the Ske claimed a ork done unless the boys will belp me. They have refused so far to give their consent to the court ordering the work done, and I am therefore belyless.

Condition of the Books.

500 pieces of property which have been assessed twice and appeals taken by the property holders.

The pieces of property overlooked have probably been as great in num ber as the property assessed twice. This wife is due to the system of compiling the fight. backs of record according to the names of the property holders instead of ar-cording to a description of the various

At present there is no check over the sheriff's office by the county clerk, throwing upon the greatest opportunity

The Expert's Opinion.

The present condition of the county appealed for a new trial and has give cords and the methods in vague in \$800 monds for appearance should it be the various departments of the court granted.

"MOTHER OF THE FOREST" IS DAMAGED

Only One Famous Tree in Commercial Club Takes the Calaveras Grove Is Injured

st fires which have been burning in ince Monday are under control and

actically out.
"The only tree in the famous Calaeras grove which was touched by fire as 'the mother of the forest,' 's said M. Stevens of Murphy's Camp toy. 'It was only slightly damaged. It a big dry trunk. Sparks lit in the of the dead tree and started the fire, burned away some of the top and wn the side, but the tree was not Instroyed.

"None of the other forest giants ave been sent out have been greatly xaggerated; probably not more than ix square miles have been burned by he fire. At the Big Trees this morning the men there said that there was now little further danger of the fire fire was started by sparks from a trac-tion engine. No one knows just how tessen, \$18.60. the fire really did start."

CORNELL STUDENTS PERFECT AEROPLANE, WHICH FLIES

feats of Cornell university, John C. Buckhart of Portland, Or., and Oscar Prolight of Indianapolis, Ind., startled shibition of an aeroplane built by hem which is capable of traveling 41

Tests of the machine were made in as they see fit.

field outside of Ithmen and the aero

A motion was made that the district
and worked perfectly, remaining in fair be held October 1, 2 and 3, be tak the field, the flying machine drews; ighted gently like a bird near the The young inventors enthusinstically congratulated on

placed upon a new basis. I would welcome the expert with open aron. The machine is built on two borizon tal planes, in feet long and five feet spare. Its frame is of aluminum and Sheriff Jones is also favorable to the oxement. He would like to make ee tain changes, which are impossible an extremely light.

HASE WILL HELP OUT

SACRAMENTO TEAM

STOCKTON, tal., Sept. 2.—After acting auxiously for two days for a logram from that Chase, who had remissed to start west Tuesday to join COMBINATION ODDS ARE Moreing received the following from the g first basemen: New York, Sept. 3.—Will leave to

orrow. Hat Chase."
The New Yorker will be in the games

Surraments on Admission day. has been reported for some time int Chase would jump the Yankees on count of being dissatisfied with not ing chosen manager. He is a Califor-ac and intimated his intention a sels and to some here and play with

ARGE PACKING HOUSE

BURNED IN PRESNO

PRESNO, Cal., Sept. 3.—Pire last

The origin of the fire is onknown. It was irond fleroely and for a time the whole. T LA GRANDE, Or., Sept. 3.—Nels town was endangered. The entire poperators if rounds with Ketchell, Paple Holverson of Hilgard was today found mintion turned out to fight the flames will be regarded as a winner in the guilty of selling liquor in violation of and fought so effectively that the big rumbination bet, the head option law and was fixed \$250 Adams parking house, onely 70 feet or 125 days in the county fall. He has away, was saved.

Thomas R. R.

WILL INSURE SUCCESS OF **COUNTY FAIR**

Charge of Fair and Appoints Committees

The Commercial club Wednesday night took charge of the district fair and will guarantee its success. Everybody in Medford is expected to help make the occasion one long to be remembered. There will be three days of free horse racing, elaborate displays of fruit and livestock and \$1200 disbursed as premiums.

It was the regular monthly meeting of the club.

Immediately following the minutes, Mr. Osenbrugge on behalf of the club members gave a little speech of pre-sentation, presenting to Mr. Colvig a

ordered paid: Hutchison & Lamsden, \$20; A. H. Miller, \$100; Thomas K. Flynn, \$2.30! Warner, Wortman & Gore, creating out anew. Reports sent out Figna, \$2.30! Warner, Wortman & Gore, resterday were to the effect that the \$1.20; Pacific Northwest, \$35.00; Rogue

> The names of O. D. Nagle and C. L. Reames were presented for membership in the club. On motion the rules were uspended and the applicants accepted into the club by acclamation.

The matter of going into the country to solicit money for advertising was brought up. The committee appointed the demo The committee appe around its investigators today with the innetivity, was discharged on motion of shibition of an aeroplane built by J. D. Olwell, and a new committee aparen which is capable of traveling 41 pointed, consisting of Dr. Page, Mr. niles an hoor at a height of 51 feet Watt and Mr. Randall, with power to have the ground.

outral of the operator. It sailed by and posted as much as possible, the ally a distance of over a mile to the club. Committees were appoint to the slightest mishap to mur the riment, the operator being able to ed as follows to work with the state as they would pay more taxes unde and lower it at will. After eir fair board and with Superintendent An the new scheme of taxing public serv

> Building and ground-Rosenbaum, Anderson, Rodgers

Entertainment-Hazelrigg, Reams Advertising-Andrews, Putnam, and

Horticultural and agricultural exhib -Petry, Taylor, Olwell and Tor

Pinance-Welch, Ray and Wortman The committees on buildings and rounds, entertainment and exhibits to be supplemented by additional commit tees from the Greater Medford club.

OFFERED ON THREE PIGHTS

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Sept. Combination odds have been posted or

by Tem Corbett as follows: Nelson, Attell, Ketchell—3 to 1. Neson, Moran, Ketchell—5½ to 1. Nelson, Attell, Papke—3½ to 1 Nelson, Moran, Papke—5½ to 1. Gans, Attell, Ketchell-546 to 1. Gans, Moran, Ketchell-8 to 1 Gans, Attell, Papke-5% to 1.

A peculiar feature of the combin tions is that Ketchell most win side of 12 rounds or any combination tick t bearing his name is declared a loser The reason of this is that in the straigh ght burned the Phoenix packing house to of the largest in the San Joaquin over Papke, and a Ketchell victory A large amount of raisins and seems such a foregone conclusion that purposes should be handleapped in son

CALIFORNIA IN SESSION

State Capitol From Sacramento to Berkeley--Endorses Denver Platform

STOCKTON, Cal., Sept. 3.—The platorm that is to be adopted by the demeratic state convention, which meets here today, and which probably will be the last nominating state convention in California, will contain a plank deelaring unequivocally against the removal of the state capital from Sacra mento to Berkeley. Although the plat form has been drawn up, but roughly this plank was decided upon at a meet ing of the leaders today and will be endorsed by the lectors unanimously.

It is understood that the delegate from Alameda county will oppose the blank. The proposition was sidestep plank. ped by the republicans at Oakland two weeks ago, and the democrats hope to poll a large vote in the Sacraments val

ley as the result of this plank.

The Denver platform and the national

leket is strongly endorsed.
The planks of which special mentions made follow:

box of eights as a small token of appreciation and remembrance of Mr. Colvig's 63d birthday.

The following bills were allowed and ordered paid: Hutchison & Lamsden, for stricter laws against the immigration of orientals.

Endorse Bank Guarantee The reiteration of the bank guarante

plan of William J. Bryan. A plank condemning republican ex travagance in past sessions of the legislature and commending ac onstitu tional amendment limiting the amount that can be expended at one session, The obolition of the state commi-

There are two subjects on which

One is the suffragette question and

the other is the proposed constitutional amendment changing the system of taxthe platform will contain no mention of the suffragettes' demands, although some of the democrats favor submitting the question of equal suffrage to the people once more, On the taxation plank, San Francisc

and Los Angeles are reported to be op cosed to Professor Phelan's new plan ice corporations than they do now. I seems probable today that the delegate from the country districts will carry plank endersing the new amendmen however.

RECOVERS DAUGHTER AFTER CHASE OF THREE YEARS

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Sept. 3. - After a chase lasting three years and cover-ing all the principal cities of the Pa-cific coast, Mrs. A. R. Gress today has ossession of her daughter, Marchie, whose life has been a continual series of kidnappings. Mrs. Gress found her child at the home of G. E. Ware in this city and today mother and daughter are beyond the state line on their way

After having been kidnapped six mes during the war for her possession which has been waged ever since she vas 2 years old, little Marchie fell into the hands of her father the last time at Pasadena three months ago, admits that he kidnapped the from his wife at that time. He says he has spent \$30,000 in his endearer to retain possession of his daughter and

greatly chagrined at being outwitted His story is that Mrs. Gress deserted ie girl when ahe was 2 weeks old. They wed then in Spokane, Wash, to which ity they had gone after leaving San Diego, where he had made \$30,000 in the real estate business. He took the infant to Canta Barbara, where he start

AJP STEAMER SINKS;

will be regarded as a winner in the gers arriving here today on the steam. If he accepts, it will be his sixth the big Adams packing house, onely 70 feet away, was sixed.

E. A. Fifer spent a day at the county seat the fore part of the week.

VICTORIA, H. C., Sept. 3.—Passen as head of the Mexican republic.

gers arriving here today on the steam. If he accepts, it will be his sixth the problem of the mexican republic.

gers arriving here today on the steam of the mexican republic.

the according to present plans. He will stump the state on Septem to a 30 years, has declared recently the Japanese steamer Bankoku Maru of serve again, but it is sawmill on Thompson ereck, and J. T. Schenker, one of his neighbors, spent a few hours in Medford Wednesday.

E. A. Fifer spent a day at the county is few hours in Medford Wednesday.

POPE PIUS HIS PLACE

Becoming Too Great For Prelate to Bear--Statement Causes Alarm

ROME, Sept. 3.—Expressing grave lears that he has not much longer to ive and that the burdens of the church are becoming too muche for him to bear, Pope Pins X today, in an inter-view with Bishop Burke of Albany, N. Y., declared that he is filled with an unconquerable desire to return to private life in his old home in Venice, where he may spend his declining years quiet rest,
No adequate intimation of the men

tal suffering of his holiness has been undergoing had been suspected until his almost pitiful statement today to the American prelate became known, Bishop Burke is stated to have said that the pope's condition is more serious than is generally suspected, and there is danger that he may succumb. Confinement and the constant recur-

rence of grave matters of state that have kept the pope engaged for the last two years have been extremely trying to him, and he feels no longer capable of facing them. His statement has oc sioned great alarm at the vatican.

CLUBMAN WHO TURNED

ROBBER NOW DEAD PORTLAND, Or., Sept. 2.—friends of red N. Hamilton, once a famous footall player of the northwest, are delaring today that their contention that e was mentally unbalanced when he roke into three down town jewelry tores last July was proved yesterday

a charge of burglary efforts were made by his close friends to have him sent to an asylum, while there were those who said that leniency would be shown Hamilton because he had rich relatives. Mrs. Melville Dollar, his sister and Mrs. Melville Dollar, his sister and Mrs. Melville Dollar, his sister and wife of a wealthy steamship owner, living in San Francisco, engaged counsel and after an examination in court, Hamilton was declared insane and sent to the Mountain View sanitarium, where

BURNS AND JOHNSON ARE AT LAST TO FIGHT

he died.

NEW YORK, Sept. 2.-A cable a age received here today announces that match between Tommy Burns Jack Johnson, the great negro fighter,

has been arranged for Thanksgiving afternoon at Melbourne, Australia. This will be the greatest heavy eight battle of the year and will at ract fight fans from all parts of tac

It will be a 20round go for a purse r \$25,000. The information does not ay what the division between the win-

The battle will be conducted under auspiecs of a specially formed syn licate and will be pulled off in the

pavilion. Burns' easy victory over Bill Lang, whom he knocked out in the sixth round, makes him a great favorite at Methourne, and the champion will be heavily backed against the negro. John-

DIAZ BOOM STARTED

sail soon for Melbourne.

FOR THE SIXTH TIME

CITY OF MEXICO, Sept. 3 .- Cit cording to advices received here, have begun the first boom in the campaign for the re-celetion of President Diaz-News of the movement reached here in the form of aproclamation issued by the people of that province calling upon the other states of Mexico to appoint + TWENTY EIGHT DROWN the purpose of pressing on Dinz the .

APPLEGATE Do Not Favor Removal of Burdens of the Church Are Blakeley to Play the Host

to City Council and Editors on Trip of Investigation of Water System

F. J. Blakeley, president of the Sterling Mine company, which has made an offer to bring water into the valley, has invited the members of the city council, the mayor and Editors city council, the mayor and Editors Bliton and Putnam to accompany him on a junketing trip to look over the proposition which he has submitted to

The party will be taken over the proposed line of the system to the source of supply, where they will be allowed to taste of the water and to measure it a order to pass their judgment on the

Councilmen Eifert, Olwell and Hafer have expressed their intention of going, as has Mayor Reddy. Possibly the others will also go, a matter which will be determined this afternoon.

Such a trip will no doubt prove of nuch benefit to the council in its fuure deliberations, as they will know what they are talking about.

SUBMARINE VOLCANO OFF OREGON COAST

NEWPORT, Or., Sept. 3.—Because he surface of the ocean for 30 miles off shore at this point is strewn with dead fish, sea captains reaching this port during the past few days are con-vinced that there has been a submarine arthquake, or a volcanic eruption some

where near Yaquina bay.

For miles either side of the bay hun liveds of tons of dead fish principally acrying have been thrown upon the tores that sulfy was paresis, resulting beach. Captain Anderson of the schoon-rom a blow on the head during a foot-or Condor is one of the sallors who all game some years ago. sall game some years ago.

Immediately following his arrest on a charge of burglary efforts were made been killed in some catastrophe. Not in ies in great quantities at seven-yea

PAPKE AND KETCHELL READY FOR BATTLE

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Sept. 3 .- Both Panke and Ketchell are resting easy slay, having decided to cut down their training as much as possible before their fight on Labor day, Ketchell is resting as easy as he can, although it s difficult for him to do anything out work hard.

Fans here are offering 3 to 1 on the Michigander and there is not much Pakpe money in sight.
The most of the money is being wa-

gered on the proposition that Ketchell will get his man in 15 rounds. The betting is even on this proposition.

BILLINGS RAILROAD TO LAUREL IS COMPLETED

BUTTE, Mont., Sept. 2.- Joy among the agriculturists in this part of the country is general today because of the completion of the Billings & Northern railroad to Laurel, Mont., opening up railroad to Laurel, Mont., opening up in Montann. The road is a Hill enter prise and its completion marks the lay ng of the last rail connecting Great Palls and Billings, Mont., and the link-ing of the Great Northern and Burling ton roads.

BELL TO STUMP OREGON FOR BRYAN

PORTLAND, Or., Sept. 2. Information has just been imparted at the democratic beadquarters here that Theodore Bell of California will stump Oregon