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Medford Daily Tribune.

The Weather Fair tonight; warmer south and east portion. Friday, cloudiness, with rain near coast; cooler in northerly portion; variable winds.

THIRD YEAR.

MEDFORD, OREGON, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1908.

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REFUSE TO EXPERT THE COUNTY BOOKS

COMMISSIONERS SO FAR HAVE DECLINED TO ORDER THE WORK

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

It is highly probable that the county court will refuse to allow Judge Neil to order the experting of the county books, for Commissioners Owens and Patterson object to such a work being undertaken.

house are frightful," said Mr. Williams, when asked for his opinion after making a brief examination of the systems employed.

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.

"The present administration, or indeed the past few administrations, are not to be blamed for the existing conditions, for they are simply the outgrowth of years of usage.

Where Commissioners Stand. Commissioner Owens has not favored 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 roads of the county.

"Of course I would advocate that only a member of the American Association of certified accountants be employed to do the work. A man might be found who would do the work for \$100 a month, but when he was through the work would be that of a \$100 man and this would require a better man than that.

Neil Realizes the Need. Judge J. R. Neil is fully awake to the needs of having such a work undertaken and carried through. He has urged it upon the commissioners many times during the present session only to be turned down, when it is suggested, he has been doing all in his power to redress his election pledges and place the records upon a modern business basis.

"I am fully aware of the needs of such a work," said the judge, "but I want to see nothing towards getting the work done unless the boys will help me. They have refused so far to give their consent to the court ordering the work done, and I am therefore helpless."

Condition of the Books. So far this year there have been over 500 pieces of property which have been assessed twice and appeals taken by the property holders.

According to Points, Barker quarreled with him as to whether they should work on the following day. Barker drew a long knife and was in the act of attacking Points when the man's wife appeared and put a fatal end to the fight.

The Expert's Opinion. The present condition of the county records and the methods in vogue in the various departments of the court

"MOTHER OF THE FOREST" IS DAMAGED

Only One Famous Tree in the Calaveras Grove Is Injured

STOCKTON, Cal., Sept. 3.—The forest fires which have been burning in the vicinity of the Calaveras big trees since Monday are under control and practically out.

CORNELL STUDENTS PERFECT AEROPLANE, WHICH FLIES

ITHACA, N. Y., Sept. 3.—Two students of Cornell university, John C. Buckhart of Portland, Ore., and Oscar Truitt of Indianapolis, Ind., started a remarkably successful experiment today with the exhibition of an aeroplane built by them which is capable of traveling 41 miles an hour at a height of 31 feet above the ground.

CHASE WILL HELP OUT SACRAMENTO TEAM

STOCKTON, Cal., Sept. 2.—After waiting anxiously for two days for a telegram from Hal Chase, who had promised to start west Tuesday to join the Stockton state league, Manager Morning received the following from the big first baseman:

LARGE PACKING HOUSE BURNED IN FRESNO

FRESNO, Cal., Sept. 3.—Fire last night burned the Phoenix packing house one of the largest in the San Joaquin valley. A large amount of raisins and dried fruit was consumed, entailing a loss of \$25,000.

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

WILL INSURE SUCCESS OF COUNTY FAIR

Commercial Club Takes 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.

RECOVERS DAUGHTER AFTER CHASE OF THREE YEARS

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Sept. 3.—After a chase lasting three years and covering all the principal cities of the Pacific coast, Mrs. A. R. Gross today has possession of her daughter, Marie, whose life has been a continual series of kidnappings. Mrs. Gross 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 east.

COMBINATION ODDS ARE OFFERED ON THREE FIGHTS

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Sept. 3.—Combination odds have been posted on the three big prize fights of next week by Tom Corbett as follows: Nelson, Attell, Ketchell—3 to 1. Nelson, Moran, Ketchell—5 to 1. Nelson, Attell, Papke—3 to 1.

LIQUOR DEALER FINED FOR VIOLATING LOCAL OPTION

LA GRANDE, Ore., Sept. 3.—Nels Halverson of Hilgard was today found guilty of selling liquor in violation of the local option law and was fined \$250 or 125 days in the county jail. He has appealed for a new trial and has given \$500 bonds for appearance should it be granted.

CALIFORNIA DEMOCRATS IN SESSION

Do Not Favor Removal of State Capitol From Sacramento to Berkeley--Endorses Denver Platform

STOCKTON, Cal., Sept. 3.—The platform that is to be adopted by the Democratic state convention, which meets here today, and which probably will be the last nominating state convention in California, will contain a plank declaring unequivocally against the removal of the state capital from Sacramento to Berkeley.

POPULATION WHO TURNED ROBBERS NOW DEAD

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 2.—Friends of Fred N. Hamilton, once a famous football player of the northwest, are declaring today that their contention that he was mentally unbalanced when he broke into three down town jewelry stores last July was proved yesterday by his death from paresis, resulting from a blow on the head during a football game some years ago.

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DIAX BOOM STARTED FOR THE SIXTH TIME

CITY OF MEXICO, Sept. 3.—Citizens of the state of San Luis Potosi, according to advices received here, have begun the first boom in the campaign for the reelection of President Diaz. News of the movement reached here in the form of a proclamation issued by the people of that province calling upon the other states of Mexico to appoint delegates to a national convention for the purpose of pressing on Diaz the necessity of his serving another term as head of the Mexican republic.

AJP STEAMER SINKS TWENTY EIGHT DROWN

VICTORIA, B. C., Sept. 3.—Passengers arriving here today on the steamer Tango Maru tell of the sinking of the Japanese steamer Bankoku Maru of Chiba Prefecture on August 6, resulting in the drowning of 28 passengers and sailors. The boat was loaded with coal from Kuroran.

POPE PIUS TIRED OF HIS PLACE

Burdens of the Church Are Becoming Too Great For Prelate to Bear--Statement Causes Alarm

ROME, Sept. 3.—Expressing grave fears that he has not much longer to live and that the burdens of the church are becoming too much for him to bear, Pope Pius X today, in an interview with Bishop Burke of Albany, N. Y., declared that he is filled with an unquenchable desire to return to private life in his old home in Venice, where he may spend his declining years in quiet rest.

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PAPKE AND KETCHELL READY FOR BATTLE

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Sept. 3.—Both Papke and Ketchell are resting easy today, 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 is difficult for him to do anything but work hard.

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 one of the finest agricultural districts in Montana. The road is a 141 mile enterprise and its completion marks the laying of the last rail connecting Great Falls and Billings, Mont., and the linking of the Great Northern and Burlington roads.

BELL TO STUMP OREGON FOR BRYAN

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 2.—Information has just been imparted at the democratic headquarters here that Theodore Bell of California will stump Oregon for W. J. Bryan and J. W. Kern according to present plans. He will stump the state on September 21, 22 and 23, visiting such cities as Salem, Albany, Eugene and possibly Roseburg and Willamette valley points.

JUNKETING PARTY TO APPELATE

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 Bliton and Putnam to accompany him on a junketing trip to look over the proposition which he has submitted to the city.

SUBMARINE VOLCANO OFF OREGON COAST

NEWPORT, Ore., Sept. 3.—Because the 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 convinced that there has been a submarine earthquake, or a volcanic eruption somewhere near Yaquina bay.

MARINE MEN ALL AGREE THAT THERE IS ONLY ONE EXPLANATION FOR THE PHENOMENON, AND THAT IS THAT THERE HAS BEEN A SUBMARINE ERUPTION OF SOME KIND.

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