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Medford Daily Tribune.

The Weather Fair tonight. Friday, increasing cloudiness with showers west portion cooler except near coast; easterly winds.

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WOULD LET PEOPLE VOTE ON WATER

Councilman Hafer Favors Plan to Let Citizens Decide Which Proposition They Want

To submit the various water propositions to a vote of the people and allow them to decide the matter is the plan which Edgar Hafer, councilman from the Third ward, would have adopted by his fellow colleagues on the city council. There is such a diversity of opinion in regard to the matter that Mr. Hafer hesitates at deciding upon any one of the propositions, and would put the matter squarely up to the people.

PREMIUM LIST FOR LIVE STOCK AT FAIR

The committee in charge of the livestock exhibit at the district fair have completed the revised premium list. Division A, class 1, is revised to read as follows:

REPUBLICAN LEADERS REFUSE TO ATTEND CONVENTION

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Sept. 10.—Former Governor Richard Yates and several of his leaders refused to attend the republican convention here today, which endorsed Albert J. Hopkins for reelection to the United States senate and endorsed and commended Governor Denoon Spunker Cannon as temporary chairman of the convention. The platform is a replica of the one adopted last March, except that the liquor and personal liberty questions are not included. The legislators are urged to take their instructions on the senatorship race from the state vote in general, rather than from the vote by districts.

RICH STRIKE REPORTED IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

YANCOUVER, B. C., Sept. 10.—Hann brothers of Killaloe, prospectors, are reported to have been making one of the richest strikes in the cobalt district of Ontario at Gowganda, on the east side of the Montreal river. They found a vein of solid silver 25 feet long and in one place shoveled up eight four sacks of silver nuggets. The find has made a sensation, and it is stated that they have already been offered \$300,000 for the claim.

ANSWER OF UNCLE SAM CONTESTED

The Standard Oil Company Files Reply to the Government's Contention-- Answer Is Lengthy

CHICAGO, Sept. 10. The government's contention that ignorance of a published rate is not a valid excuse for a shipper to violate it, is contested by the Standard Oil company in its answer to the petition of the government for a rehearing in the \$29,000 fine case, filed today by the Rockefeller counsel in the federal court of appeals.

The answer denies that the supreme court has ruled that it was the duty of the shipper to ascertain the published rate, but declares that the supreme court has ruled that the shipper must adhere to the rates published. The answer denies that the case should be reopened to establish the number of alleged offenses.

ASK WAR DEPARTMENT TO FURNISH BALLOON

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Sept. 10.—Colonel M. P. Maus, head of the department of California, today asked the war department to send at least one dirigible balloon to Atascadero when the maneuvers of the California and Arizona troops is in progress.

WHITELAW REID'S SON STARTS AS A REPORTER

NEW YORK, Sept. 10.—Ogden Mills Reid, son of Whitelaw Reid, ambassador to England, today began his second day as a reporter on the New York Tribune, his father's paper. Young Reid is 27 years of age and is a graduate of Yale. He will follow a specialty of political writing and was assigned to that department today.

NEVADA POLITICIANS TO TRY STATEMENT NO. ONE

RENO, Nev., Sept. 10.—Today for the first time in the history of the state the voters of Nevada face the proposition of electing United States senators by direct vote. By an agreement reached yesterday between the democratic and republican central state committees the legislative candidates

ONLY FAULT WITH WASSON CANYON IS LACK OF WATER

COMMITTEE FOUND ONLY 163 INCHES OF WATER IN THE GORGE

Water Is of Excellent Quality and Watershed Would Be Difficult to Surpass—Temperature of Little Butte Creek Two Degrees Lower.

A rocky, narrow canyon some five or six miles in length, whose precipitous sides are covered with a tangled growth of oak, fir and underbrush, down the boulder strewn bed of which dashes and tumbles with the music of waterfall and the murmur of cascade early today to give up the struggle and die together. The suicide pact was arranged after a long night of planning how they could meet their troubles and was adopted as the only solution.

They then retired as usual and closing the doors and windows, turned on the gas jet, lay down to meet their death. Louis Rinaldi, who lives in the same house, at 407 Green street, reached home in the early hours of the morning and noticed the smell of gas. He knocked on the old couple's door and asked them if they noticed that gas was escaping.

WHO VISITORS WERE.

The visiting committee consisted of Messrs. Merriek, Wortman and Eifer, the water committee of the city council, Councilmen Trowbridge, former Councilman Osenbrugg, T. H. Moore, A. S. Bliton and G. Putnam. The trip was made in two automobiles, and the party reached home in the early evening hours. A most enjoyable luncheon was provided by Mr. Osenbrugg.

UPPER SLINGER PLACE AND THAT IT APPROXIMATED 5000 INCHES.

Councilman Merriek ascertained the temperature of Wasson canyon water at the weir to be 56 degrees. The temperature of the Little Butte was 54 degrees, but this variation is probably due to the cheap thermometer. According to the aneroid carried by Mr. Osenbrugg, the proposed point of diversion of Wasson canyon was 800 feet higher than the depot at Medford.

FISH LAKE PROPOSITION.

The elevation as shown by the aneroid at the lower Slinger or Howard ranch was 650 feet higher than the depot at Medford, which would indicate that a pipeline could be run from this place to the city with sufficient fall to deliver water in a reservoir high enough to maintain the required pressure on the city distributing system. Two miles of pipe or \$20,000 would be saved over the Wasson canyon line, and \$10,000 in cost of water rights by accepting the Fish Lake proposition, instead of the Hanley proposition. These figures, however, are based upon the elevation shown by the aneroid, and a survey may prove that the elevation at the lower Slinger ranch is not sufficient to reach the city.

WILL DRILL FOR WATER ON DESERT

Deal on to Lease the Gore Place and Bore For Artesian Water With Which to Irrigate Orchards

A deal is being negotiated by which a lease will be taken on the Gore place on the "desert" and an attempt made to get artesian water in that part of the valley, and with the water turn the desert land into a productive section of the valley. Colonel Mundy, who is in the city negotiating for the coal mine southeast of Medford, is the principal man in the company and is negotiating the deal.

The land known as the "desert" northeast of the city has been passed up in the past by all fruit growers in the valley, owing to its dryness. There is no doubt but that with water the desert will be transformed into a veritable garden of Eden.

FORMER GOVERNOR OF NEW JERSEY ENGAGED

NEWARK, N. J., Sept. 10.—The friends of Franklin Murphy, Jr., son of the former governor of New Jersey and the millionaire vice-president of the Murphy Varnish company, were staggered today when he announced his engagement to Miss Harriet Alexander Long of Chicago.

OFFICER FACES COURT MARTIAL FOR THEFT

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10.—Captain Solomon Avery, Jr., post ordnance official of the Presidio at San Francisco, faces trial today on a charge of having appropriated funds of the Tenth company, coast artillery.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE HAS BEGUN AT YREKA

YREKA, Cal., Sept. 10.—The teachers' institute commenced here Monday morning with all the teachers present. Last evening there was a public reception in the theater, which was attended by a large number of citizens and teachers.

LOCAL PEARS TOP OTHERS IN RETURNS

Sold in Competition With Fruit From Other Sections Rogue River Pears Bring Highest Prices

Medford pears have commanded a higher price in the eastern markets than those from any other section this year with the exception of the first few cars of California Bartletts, which reached the market ahead of all others this season. While the price received is low, owing to a tremendous crop of Bartletts and the fact that there is a general depression throughout the east, which will not admit of luxuries, Medford growers will receive gross an average of \$2.25, netting them about \$1.

The number of cars to be shipped from this city this year will total about 50. Only 12 or 15 cars remain to be handled, and the Bartletts will all be shipped in another ten days.

WATER SHORTAGE AGAIN STARES CITY IN FACE

Again a water famine is imminent in Medford. Bear creek has gone completely dry and the supply from the Fish Lake ditch is not adequate for the needs of the city.

BYRAN LISTENS TO HIMSELF THEN TO TAFT

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Sept. 10.—William Jennings Bryan, while in Saint Paul this morning spent a picture of himself in a music store window, announcing the sale of the records of his ten famous "canned" speeches. He darted inside and asked for a "can" of his remarks on the guarantee of bank deposits.

GREATEST WARSHIP OF THE WORLD LAUNCHED

PORTSMOUTH, Eng., Sept. 10.—Amid a scene of great brilliancy, the world's largest warship, the English battleship St. Vincent, was launched today.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Sept. 10.—Charles K. Lord, president of the Goldfield & Tonopah Railroad company, died here today. Lord was former vice-president of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad company and for many years prominent in railway circles.