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Medford Daily Tribune.

The Weather
Fair tonight and Saturday; cooler east portion tonight, with probably light frost; south to west winds.

THIRD YEAR.

MEDFORD, OREGON, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1908.

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COMMITTEE HAS SPENT OVER \$3,000

Expense of Investigating Water Propositions Has Run Up--Engineers Take Nearly Entire Sum

Up until the first day of this month the warrants drawn upon the city treasurer in payment of work done in connection with the gravity water supply total \$3176.78. Of this amount all but a few hundred dollars has been spent for engineering.

YOUTH RUNS DOWN YOUTH IN AUTOMOBILE

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Sept. 18.—It is probable today that Edward Oswald, a youth aged 15, will have to stand trial for manslaughter for having run over and killed Lewis Barlow, aged 10, while Oswald was driving an automobile.

W. D. Burlingame, Cashier of the San Francisco Chronicle, is here for a two weeks' fishing trip.

C. F. Young of Gold Hill spent Thursday and Friday in Medford.

George W. Lewis and C. E. Harmon of Grants Pass spent Thursday in Medford.

DEMOCRATS MAKE GAINS IN INDIANA

Returns From the Special Election Show Great Decrease in the Republican Vote--Bright For Bryan

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Sept. 18.—Thomas Taggart, former democratic national chairman, said today that the returns from yesterday's special elections to fill vacancies in the legislature indicate that the democrats will carry Indiana this fall by a large majority.

Gives Lie to Hearst

CHICAGO, Sept. 18.—Governor Charles N. Haskell of Oklahoma today gave the lie to William Randolph Hearst, who in a speech at Columbus, O., last night called Haskell "the political paymaster of the Standard Oil company."

Meyer Damns Guaranty Law

NEW YORK, Sept. 18.—Replying to a letter from Peter Shipman of Minnesota, Postmaster General Meyer has written a letter characterizing as dangerous the democratic plan for guaranteed bank deposits.

FORMER SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE COMMITS SUICIDE

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Sept. 18.—Charles G. Van Fleet, former superior court judge in California and at one time candidate for congress, is dead today, having committed suicide yesterday after having received from his wife a letter saying she was without funds and that their 6-year-old son could not go to school because he had no shoes.

CHINESE WOULD REGAIN POSSESSION OF GIRL

VALLEJO, Cal., Sept. 18.—The Chinese of this city are today making a fight to regain possession of Moe Kim, a pretty 9-year-old Chinese girl who was brought to this country on the Korea last July to be sold into slavery and who was rescued here yesterday from a box in which she had been smuggled from San Francisco.

GRAND JURY MAY REPORT ON CONDITION OF COUNTY BOOKS

FLEET LEAVES THE ANTIPODES

Officers Express Regret at Leaving Australia--Off For the Philippines

(By H. Lee Clothworthy, United Press correspondent on board United States steamship Georgia.) ALBANY, West Australia, Sept. 18.—The Atlantic fleet left here at 5 o'clock this morning for the Philippines, one day later than schedule time.

Express Regret

Everything was ready for the departure at 4 o'clock and it was barely daylight when the ships hoisted their anchors and stemmed away.

Cannot Order It

The grand jury can do nothing in the matter beyond making a report upon the condition of the books and recommending that they be expended.

CHIEF WILL TRY AND FIND BAND OF KIDNAPPERS

CHICAGO, Sept. 18.—"The kidnap" squad of detectives organizing under special orders from Chief of Police Shippy to search for missing girls, today began active work in the running down of clues that might lead to the arrest of the gang of kidnapers that has been working in city for the past month.

ITALIAN GETS KNIFE STUCK INTO HIM

KENNETT, Cal., Sept. 18.—T. Gazzano, Italian, was stabbed in the liver yesterday morning by a fellow countryman named "Tony," who was arrested, it is said, in the assault by two others. The affray occurred in a saloon in "Little Italy."

FIRE RAGING IN THE VICINITY OF FINE HOMES

CALUMET, Mich., Sept. 18.—Word was received here today that a forest fire is raging within 200 feet of a block of fine residences on the outskirts of Eagle river near here.

HAVE BEEN CARRYING ON AN INVESTIGATION FOR THE PAST WEEK

At the Instance of Judge J. R. Neil the Grand Jury Undertook the Work--Will Probably File Report Before Their Adjournment.

During the past week the grand jury, at the instance of County Judge J. R. Neil, has been investigating the condition of the county books, and it is expected that that body will make a report on them before they take their adjournment, which will probably be Friday afternoon or Saturday.

Judge Neil Active

When the county commissioners failed to support Judge Neil and have the work ordered, the judge realized that he was helpless unless there was some way of showing Commissioners Owens and Patterson the crying need for the work, and the way the taxpayers of the county felt as regards the matter.

FORAKER REPLIES TO BITTER ATTACK OF HEARST

CINCINNATI, O., Sept. 18.—Senator Joseph R. Foraker today gave out a statement saying he supposed that the letters from John G. Archibald of the Standard Oil company to him, read at Columbus last night by William R. Hearst, were correct, though he did not know positively that they were.

OFF TO ITALY TO LERAN ITALIAN GRAPE GROWING

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Sept. 18.—For the purpose of learning Italian methods of grape culture and telling California growers how it is done in Italy, Andrea Sbarboro, president of the Italian Grape Growers' association of California, is preparing today to leave for Rome, Italy, to attend the first colonial conference that is to begin November 5.

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WILL TO PAY FOR IT

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BRYAN CLUB IS FORMED

Large Attendance of Democrats at Redmen's Hall Thursday Evening

A large number of democrats gathered last evening in Redmen's hall and formed a Bryan club. The attendance was good and enthusiasm ran high as members reported on outlook in the east for the election of W. J. Bryan.

ADDITIONAL SALES OF LAND TO PORTLAND PEOPLE

KLAMATH FALLS, Sept. 18.—Additional sales of land and town lots were made to members of the Portland excursion party after the publication of the selections made last week, and it has developed that these people have not bought simply for speculation, but intend to move their families here and make this their home.

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CHAMPION AVIATOR IS RECOVERING

Orville Wright Distressed Over Death of Selfridge--Wilbur Distressed Over Accident to His Brother

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18.—Orville Wright, who was injured in an accident to his aeroplane yesterday, causing the death of Lieutenant Thomas E. Selfridge of the signal corps, is reported to be resting well today and his recovery is assured.

Distressed Over Selfridge's Death

The great aviator is greatly distressed over the death of Lieutenant Selfridge, and too nearly broken hearted to make any plans, though he has not in the least lost faith in his machine and undoubtedly will not only continue his experiments, but will profit by the accident and make another stride forward toward the perfection of aerial navigation in a machine heavier than air.

Accident Unavoidable

Experts who examined the wreck of the aeroplane say that the accident could not have been avoided and could not have been foreseen. The breaking of the propeller made it impossible for Wright to control the machine. The accident to the propeller has not been explained. There was no apparent cause for it.

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WOULD HAVE DISCUSSION BEFORE WAR

Inter-parliamentary Union Spends Day in Discussing Clause Which Would Lessen Danger of War

BERLIN, Sept. 18.—A resolution providing for the arbitration of international disputes whether or not they are now included in the articles of The Hague conference was the subject of an all-day debate at today's session of the inter-parliamentary union for the promotion of arbitration.

Kaiser Wires Greeting

At the opening of today's session Emperor Wilhelm wired the following message to the union:

POSTAL CARD ROMANCE THE LATEST THING OUT

ANACONDA, Mont., Sept. 18.—R. Hubbard of Walla Walla, Wash., and his bride, formerly Ida Charley, hero and heroine of a pretty postcard romance, are today on their honeymoon, following their marriage last night at the residence of the Rev. H. O. Svare.

CONFIDENTIAL SECRETARY ARRESTED FOR MANSLAUGHTER

NEWARK, N. J., Sept. 18.—Walter C. Phillips, confidential secretary, is today being held for the grand jury in \$10,000 bail on a charge of manslaughter, it being charged that the young man shot and killed John Leonard, a retired steel and iron founder of Mont Clair, who employed Phillips.

CLAIMS HER SISTER WAS NOT EMANCIPATED

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Sept. 18.—An officer went to Leonard today to serve a warrant upon Mrs. Belle Kays, accused of poisoning by Mrs. Martha E. Robertson, a negro, who was given her freedom after the civil war. Mrs. Robertson appeared in the federal court and alleged that her sister had been held in slavery by the Kays family for 35 years. She told the court that she and her sister were first owned as slaves by J. G. Robertson of Marion county. Her sister was sold to a man named Whitaker in Kansas county, who afterward sold her to the Kays family. Mrs. Robertson's sister, who was 7 years old at the close of the war, has since been held in a slave, according to Mrs. Robertson's allegation.

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