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The Weather Fair tonight with heavy frosts. Friday, fair and warmer. Northerly winds.

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CRATER LAKE ROAD COMMISSION TO MEET LOCAL PEOPLE TONIGHT

MET AT COMMERCIAL CLUB THIS MORNING

ENTHUSIASM IS GREAT FOR PROJECT

Good Roads Meeting in Session This Afternoon--The Stores Closed

Everyone is talking good roads. Local affairs have been forgotten for the moment and everyone is falling in behind the movement for good roads throughout the state and especially in Jackson county.



GOV. GEORGE E. CHAMBERLAIN, Who Appointed the Commission Which Meets Here Today.

BRYAN READS REPLY IN BED

Commoner Says He Can Answer Each Question Asked by Roosevelt

COLUMBUS, O., Sept. 24.—Before he left his bed this morning W. J. Bryan carefully perused President Roosevelt's sizzling reply to the Commoner's recent telegram concerning charges against Governor Haskell, but begged to be excused from commenting upon them at present.

The impression seems to prevail here that Governor Haskell will either resign voluntarily or be requested to do so. It is pointed out, even by Bryan's closest friends, it is asserted, that the Oklahoma executive would have to be eliminated from the democratic campaign directly after Hearst made his first charges if it had not been for the efforts of influential democrats in his behalf.

TRAIN WRECK CLAIMS THREE VICTIMS

WEBB CITY, Mo., Sept. 24.—Three persons are dead and several injured in a train wreck near Carthage today, according to a message received at Webb City.

TO INSPECT STATE PROPERTY IN WASHINGTON

OLYMPIA, Wash., Sept. 24.—A tour of inspection of state institutions will be made within the next few weeks by Governor Mead and the state board of control.

which California owns more than one-half of her wealth and population. The advantage of utilizing that asset by the construction of such roads as that under discussion would not be altogether one of dollars and cents; yet the dollars and cents would in turn more than compensate for the investment.

FIRE WIPES OUT SECTION OF REDDING

Fierce Conflagration Was Started Early This Morning--Guests of Hotels Imperilled by Flames

REDDING, Cal., Sept. 24.—This city is in the grasp of a fierce fire, which started this morning about 2 o'clock in the warehouse district. The cause of the fire has not as yet been ascertained on account of the rapidity with which it made headway.

At latest reports 15 warehouses have been completely wiped out, together with three hotels, the postoffice and 15 residences. The Southern Pacific depot was burning, also the public library, when the fire was raging so fiercely that the wires had to be cut and communication with the south completely shut off.

The guests of the Lorenz escaped with their clothes, but the occupants of the hotels closer to the depot were not so fortunate, some having fled to the street in their nightrobes.

Several persons are missing, but it is thought that they have escaped and will be reported safe when the excitement has abated.

The damage wrought by the conflagration is estimated approximately at \$250,000.

One lady could hardly be restrained from rushing into a burning building to rescue her beautiful French poodle, which perished in the flames.

RUSSIAN GUNBOAT SEIZES AMERICANS AND GOLD

NOME, Alaska, Sept. 24.—Apparently without warrant and with no explanation given, the gunboat Chilkla, belonging to the Russian government, with the Russian governor aboard, seized \$10,000 and several American miners who had been working in Anadir, Siberia, on September 15. The miners were working under an agreement made by John Rosan of the Northeast Siberia company with Car Nicholas II.

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 24.—A. M. Babera, who is associated with the north Siberia company, when told of the action of the Russian gunboat Chilkla at Anadir, said that it did not surprise him, as it all came around through malicious reports sent out by the Russian consular general at San Francisco to St. Petersburg.

Mr. Babera, who has the Eskimo village at the fair, recently returned from the Anadir district. He is thoroughly familiar with the whole affair. The Russian government granted to Mr. Rosene the right to trade and recover all the minerals of the Tobolsk peninsula. The Russian officials in Siberia were in accord with the Americans, but the Russian consul general at San Francisco made such extravagant reports about the amounts of gold that was being recovered and taken to Nome without paying the royalty that the Russian government was no doubt prompted, he says, to send the Chilkla to Anadir.

PATIENT IN HOSPITAL SLAYS TWO WITH CROWBAR

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24.—Becoming suddenly seized with a homicidal mania, Andrew Lightfoot, a patient in the government hospital for the insane here, today killed two persons with a steel crowbar and escaped from the hospital in the midst of the confusion that followed his terrible deed.

The maniac was pursued to a swamp, whither he had fled by a posse of guards from the institution and later shot in the leg and captured.

The swamp was entirely surrounded by armed men and they closed in upon Lightfoot. He still carried the bloody crowbar with which he had dispatched his victims, and it was necessary to bring him down with a shot in the leg before a cool approach could be made.

PREDICTS A LANDSLIDE FOR BRYAN

Political Editor of Denver Republican in Medford to Visit Relatives--Looks Like Bryan to Him

"A landslide for Bryan." Such was the terse reply of Wilbur R. Holmes, political editor of the Denver Republican, one of the most influential newspapers of the west, when questioned Thursday as to the political outlook. Mr. Holmes is one of the foremost political newspaper writers in the United States and enjoys the friendship of many leading politicians of the country. For seven years he has been at the head of the Washington bureau of his paper, and when congress is not in session he pays close attention to state politics in Colorado. He arrived in Medford Thursday and left for the Little Applegate, where he will visit with his sister for a few days.

Owing to his position, Mr. Holmes is in a position to know how the political current is running.

"It will be a landslide all right, unless something unforeseen happens. There is no use in talking, the members of the republican party do not like Mr. Taft. He was forced upon the party, and the choice was unwise.

"When Bryan first ran he had no show, owing to his sudden leap into the limelight. But since that time people have learned to appreciate him.

"Political factions in the republican party have weakened their chances in a score of states. When they fight among themselves it means trouble, and on the other hand the democratic party was never so united.

DAUGHTER OF EX GOVERNOR WEDS MEXICAN RANCHMAN

LA JARA, Col., Sept. 24.—Miss Dorothy McIntyre, only daughter of former Governor A. W. McIntyre, and Edward Cortes, the Mexican owner of an adjoining ranch, were married Tuesday.

Miss McIntyre, who is a pronounced blonde, wealthy, accomplished and beautiful, has been acquainted with young Cortes for many years.

The mother objected to the match, and Monday the couple eloped, driving 30 miles to the courthouse at Conjee, where a license was obtained.

FUMIGATING SHIP TO LOCATE MURDERER

NOME, Alaska, Sept. 24.—In the hope that Lee Johnston, who is charged with murdering his wife in Nome, is still alive and that he might have been stowed away in the hold of the ship, officers of the steamer Victoria today ordered a fumigation of the vessel.

Since the arrival of the Victoria rumors have been sent forth that Johnston did not leap overboard, but stole away from his room on the ship and secured himself in the ship's hold.

DR. GUTH IS CONSIDERING OFFER OF PRESIDENCY

BOSTON, Mass., Sept. 24.—The Rev. Dr. William W. Guth pastor of the Epworth Methodist Episcopal church of Cambridge is seriously considering today his call to the presidency of the University of the Pacific at San Jose.

BILLY BEARS IV.

The Two Little Bears Who Would Be President of the United States. (Written for The Tribune.)

Now Billy G, as you can see, Kept right away from Billy B. And played the part of the G. O. P. From the old front porch, did Billy T.

"Let Billy B shout from night till morn There's naught but vagaries in his platform. For rich Brother Charles has written to me That the game is up with Billy B."

He scanned his reports with bearish gloom And grinned with delight at Billy B. Said "No Commoner's gabfest goes with me, For I carry the flag of the G. O. P."

And Teddy, too, the man with the stick, Declares Billy B has made him sick And the news from the "peepal" seems to me They are all going to vote for Billy T.

JURY RETURNS VERDICT OF GUILTY IN COSS CASE

A verdict of guilty was returned by the jury in the H. M. Coss case after the jury had been out for nearly three hours. Sentence will be passed upon Coss after the return of Circuit Court Judge Hanna from Josephine county next month. In the meantime Coss will be allowed to go free upon furnishing a \$3000 bail bond.

Miss Stagg was employed as a domestic in the Coss family, and she testified that Coss visited her room late at night and assaulted her.

Coss was tried first in the justice's court in Jacksonville and was bound over to the grand jury. An indictment was returned, which was found to be faulty. It was returned to the jury and a second indictment brought in.

Coss was defended by W. M. Colvig and Clarence Reames. He was prosecuted by R. G. Smith, E. E. Kelly and District Attorney Mulkey.

M'ALLISTER ON ROGUE FISHING

Replies to Editorial in The Tribune Covering Fishing in Rogue River

The editorial appearing in The Tribune covering fishing conditions in the Rogue has stirred up the state fishery officials to a great extent.

ORGANIZING TAFT CLUBS

Organizer of Republicans in Medford For Few Days--Member of Legislature

Hon. A. W. Orton, a member of the Oregon legislature from Multnomah and republican organizer, is in Medford for a few days organizing a number of Taft clubs in various cities of the valley.

Mr. Orton is one of the leaders in the republican party in this state and has the knack of stimulating much enthusiasm among his followers. Everywhere in the valley he is meeting with success in organizing the clubs.

Mr. Orton is a personal friend of the republican candidate for the presidency and naturally predicts a favorable outcome to the election. He was in the Philippines with Mr. Taft and has much of interest to say regarding the republican nominee and his personality.

STATE EMPLOYE DRAWS ONE THOUSAND A MONTH

OLYMPIA, Wash., Sept. 24.—The highest paid state employee in Washington is not the "thousand dollar a month" expert who was employed a few months by the state railroad commission, but a Spokane resident, John K. Dow, who was appointed the architect for the new state buildings at the eastern Washington hospital at Medical Lake, the state penitentiary at Walla Walla and state college at Pullman.

Since April, 1907, when his services were first secured by the state, Mr. Dow has drawn down in real money \$17,500 and within the next weeks will draw enough additional to make up the \$22,500.20 to be paid him under his contract.

For 17 months he has drawn more than \$1000 every 30 days, or compensation greater than the combined salaries for that time of the governor, lieutenant governor, state treasurer, state auditor, attorney general and general school superintendent.

BIG TIME PROMISED AT RACES

The Track Has Been Put in Good Condition and a Large Grand Stand Erected--Day of Sport

The committee in charge of the races for the fair have done a great and good work. They have had a steam roller and grader at work for some days and the track is in good condition. A grandstand that will accommodate a thousand people. A good time is assured to all. The program arranged is as follows:

Speed program Southern Oregon District Fair association, Medford, Or. October 1. First race—Single dash, quarter mile, 14 1/2 hands high and under; purse \$10. Second race—Saddle horse race, quarter-mile dash; purse, \$40.

Third race—Gentleman's driving race, half mile heats, best two in three, owners to drive own horses to four-wheeled vehicles; purse \$45. Fourth race—Half mile dash for horses that never competed for a purse outside of Jackson and Josephine counties; purse \$60.

October 2. First race—Three-minute trot or pace, best two in three; purse \$40. Second race—Running race, three-eighths of a mile dash for Jackson county horses that have never raced for money; purse \$40. Third race—Ladies' change relay race, two and one-half miles, change horses every half mile, ladies' horses to be saddled by helpers; purse \$100.

Fourth race—Slow mule race, half-mile dash, change riders; last mule wins money; purse \$10. October 3. First race—Free for all trotting and pacing race; district horses, half mile heats, best two in three; purse \$75. Second race—Free for all running race, half-mile dash, district horses; purse \$75. Third race—Cowboy relay race, five miles, change horses every half mile, rider to saddle and bridle his own horse and to use latigos to fasten cinch, each rider to be allowed two helpers to hold horses; purse \$75.

No entrance fee will be charged for ladies' relay and cowboy relay races. In all other races 10 per cent entrance fee will be charged and added to purse. In all races first horse receives 70 per cent and second horse 30 per cent of purse. Special purses will be arranged during the fair for bronco busting and match races.

GRAVES WILL NOT SPEAK IN PORTLAND PORTLAND, Or., Sept. 24.—John Temple Graves, nominee for vice-president on the independence party ticket, will not deliver an address in Portland Saturday night as planned. Word has been received at the local headquarters of the party from San Francisco that it would be impossible for Mr. Graves to reach Portland in time to fill his appointment.

Nothing has been heard at independence party headquarters here to indicate that Thomas L. Higgen and William Randolph Hearst will not fill their engagement here October 12.

Major John F. Burke, advance agent for Buffalo Bill's wild west, which shows here next Monday, was in Medford Thursday.

Fruit Inspector Taylor is gathering an exhibit for the exposition in Seattle next year. Judge J. R. Neil was in Medford Thursday to attend the good roads meeting.

HASKELL WAXES WARM AND PROPANE GUTHRIE, Okla., Sept. 24.—"That is a damn lie," was the emphatic statement made by Governor Haskell today when he was asked to reply to the report that he had already tendered his resignation as treasurer of the democratic national committee. "That is another one of those malicious lies," he declared. "Further than that the governor or declined to comment on political conditions, saying that he may have something to say later in the day."