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The Weather Fair and cooler tonight, with heavy frost. Tuesday, fair, northerly winds.

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ECHO STILL IS ANSWERING 'WHERE?'

Council in Session This Afternoon Considering the Water Question -- Engineer Has New Scheme

The city council is in session this afternoon endeavoring to determine where the water supply of the city is to be. But, like the riddle of the sphinx, it seems unanswerable.

All of the councilmen are on hand, and an interesting session, to say the least, seems about on tap.

It is reported that should the council attempt to close with the Sterling offer that there will be a walkout as before by Councilmen Wortman, Merrick and Trowbridge; if not this, then an injunction will be filed to stop the closing of a contract.

It is further reported that a petition for the referendum is to be tendered to the council. An injunction, it is understood, will be served against Fish Lake, as would be the case if Wasson canyon rises again from the grave into which public opinion has cast it.

Ditch From Fish Lake.

Engineer Roberts would offset the Sterling proposition by a ditch and pipe proposal from Little Butte. He estimates that the cost would be as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Item, Cost. Includes 19 miles of ditch (\$47,500), 10 miles of pipe (\$90,000), Water rights from Fish Lake Co. (\$5,000), Rights of way (\$4,000), Telephone (\$1,000), Reservoir (\$20,888).

as against \$220,000 from Little Apple gate.

Engineering Expenses.

The item of engineer, estimated as \$13,000, would have to be added to both this and the Sterling company's proposition," said Mr. Roberts. "In fact, the Sterling proposition would cost the city more for engineering on account of the tunnel. The fact that the Sterling company proposes to deliver the water within city limits does not eliminate the engineering cost, as the company is to be paid monthly upon work completed, and this must be done in accordance with the city engineer."

No one has as yet, however, guaranteed by bond to deliver 300 inches of water for \$187,500 to the city or to insure the water right.

TYPHOON CLEANSSES THE MANILA CHOLERA DISTRICTS

MANILA, Oct. 5.—The typhoon which swept the bay Sunday night and caused the battleships to weigh anchor and get under way to protect themselves, has proved a great blessing to the city, having cleansed the cholera districts and today the prospect of controlling and exterminating the disease is better than ever before.

MRS. HAINS ASKS FOR DIVORCE FROM CAPTAIN

BOSTON, Mass., Oct. 5.—Frederick Norton, attorney for Mrs. Peter Hains, announced that papers will be filed in the Queens county court at Brooklyn, N. Y., this afternoon asking for a decree of divorce for Mrs. Hains from Captain C. Hains, U. S. A., slayer of William E. Annis. She will ask for alimony and the custody of her children. Mrs. Hains does not expect to be present in court, as she is not required by law to attend.

FIERCE FIRE IN CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Oct. 5.—A fire smoldering in the bunkers of the Pacific Coast Coal company at Bond and Bryant streets burst into flames early today and for two hours threatened adjacent warehouses and shipping. After a five hours' fight the firemen had the fire under control, although relief lines will be maintained for a week or two, flooding the bunkers. The fire destroyed a portion of the company's office and warehouse on Bond street. The damage is approximately \$500,000 to \$600,000.

RAY EXPLAINS HIS WATER OFFER

Submits Report to Water Committee Today Setting Forth Proposition in Clear Terms

Dr. C. R. Ray, for the Condor Water & Power company, Monday submitted the following communication to the water committee:

"To the Water Committee, City of Medford—Gentlemen: Referring to comments of your engineer, Mr. Roberts, on our proposition for supplying water to the city of Medford from Rogue river, we wish to make the following statements:

First—Your engineer, Mr. Roberts, states that our proposition would cost (estimated) \$412,000.

Our reply to this is that we have an offer from the Washington Pipe & Foundry company of Tacoma, Wash., to construct our entire proposed water system, including two reservoirs of 4,000,000 gallons capacity and a filtration plant, for \$197,800.

Second—Your engineer, Mr. Roberts, figures that the comparative cost of operation and maintenance to be \$5000 less in a gravity system than in a pumping system.

Our reply to this is that our proposition plainly states that "we are willing to guarantee it to be less than under city management."

Third—Your engineer, Mr. Roberts, estimates as a part of the operating expense for pumping the sum of \$91,830 per annum.

Our reply to this is "that we make no charge at all for pumping; our profits from pumps, if any, will come from our economical management and from sales of water (after Medford has been supplied) for irrigation between Medford and Gold Bay."

As proof of these statements, we again attach herewith our proposition and call your particular attention to clauses 5, 6 and 7.

Respectfully submitted, C. R. RAY, President, Medford, Or., October 5, 1908.

Condor Water & Power company's proposition.

Sept. 5, 1908.—To the Water Committee, City of Medford—Gentlemen: In presenting our proposition for the furnishing of water to the city of Medford, we wish to call attention to the following:

First—Our proposition contemplates the pumping of water from Rogue river near Gold Bay to a reservoir 3,000,000 gallons capacity at Medford, higher than the city of Medford, and then to pump to a reservoir at Medford 200 feet higher than the city.

Second—We claim that Rogue river water does not require filtering, for the reason that Grants Pass uses unfiltered Rogue river water and the health of that city compares favorably with any city in Oregon.

Third—If filtration is desired, then there is herewith attached information from the Oregon City water superintendent showing the cost of a Jewell filtration system to be \$15,000 and capacity one million gallons per day, which supplies that city of over 5000 population, also showing that their water is pure.

Fourth—We claim our plan will cost much less than a gravity system proposed, for the following reasons:

- (a) Our line is less than one-half the length of the gravity line. (b) Our pipeline right of way par

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AVE! THEODORE THE FIRST!

Son-in-law Nick Comes Out With Statement For Eight Years of Taft Then Eight More of Roosevelt and Then Roosevelt's Sons

CHICAGO, Oct. 5.—At Sterling, Ill., Congressman Longworth, son-in-law of President Roosevelt, declared that after eight years of Taft it was to be Roosevelt in the White House again. Mr. Longworth has four sons to whom he doubtless intends to leave his crown jewel, and it may then go to the Longworth branch of the house of Roosevelt.

MAY PLUNGE EUROPE IN WAR

Prince Ferdinand Proclaims Bulgaria an Independent Kingdom--Situation Viewed With Alarm

SOFIA, Bulgaria, Oct. 5.—Prince Ferdinand, the reigning prince, today proclaimed Bulgaria an independent kingdom and formally announced himself as czar of the Bulgarians. The announcement was made at Titonova, the ancient capital of Bulgaria.

The action was the result of the combined action of the cabinet and Prince Ferdinand who joined in the proclamation. The cabinet promulgated the edict.

Prince Ferdinand is being hailed on all sides as "czar of the Bulgarians."

The exact text of the declaration was sent to all the European chancelleries and is being withheld pending a reply.

COMMERCIAL BODIES GATHER IN SAN FRANCISCO

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Oct. 5.—For the purpose of uniting the Pacific coast in an effort to obtain a solid Pacific coast delegation at Washington to work for the interests of the far western states, representatives of 13 commercial organizations of San Francisco, Oakland, Los Angeles, Portland, Seattle, Tacoma and Spokane met today at the chamber of commerce rooms to effect an organization. The meeting was attended by prominent business men from the cities and the spirit of harmony prevailed. The desire was expressed that the cities forget rivalry, make the interests of the coast paramount over local issues and present a united front at the next session of congress.

OH, MY! HE MUST HAVE FELT SO PUSSED!

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Oct. 5.—William Colquhoun is recovering today from that bewildering experience of having been kissed by 400 pretty girls in plain view of 2000 spectators. Colquhoun was wedded to Miss Mary Clark of Azusa at his home on Echo street. The ceremony was hardly over when, to the amazement of his bride, her husband was surrounded by a feminine throng eager to congratulate him. The blushing bridegroom was unable to escape, even if he wished, and envious best men looked on while a single column of girls filed past and saluted Colquhoun on cheek or lips.

Mrs. H. L. Young, daughter Mildred and son Whiting have been spending several days visiting in this city with friends.

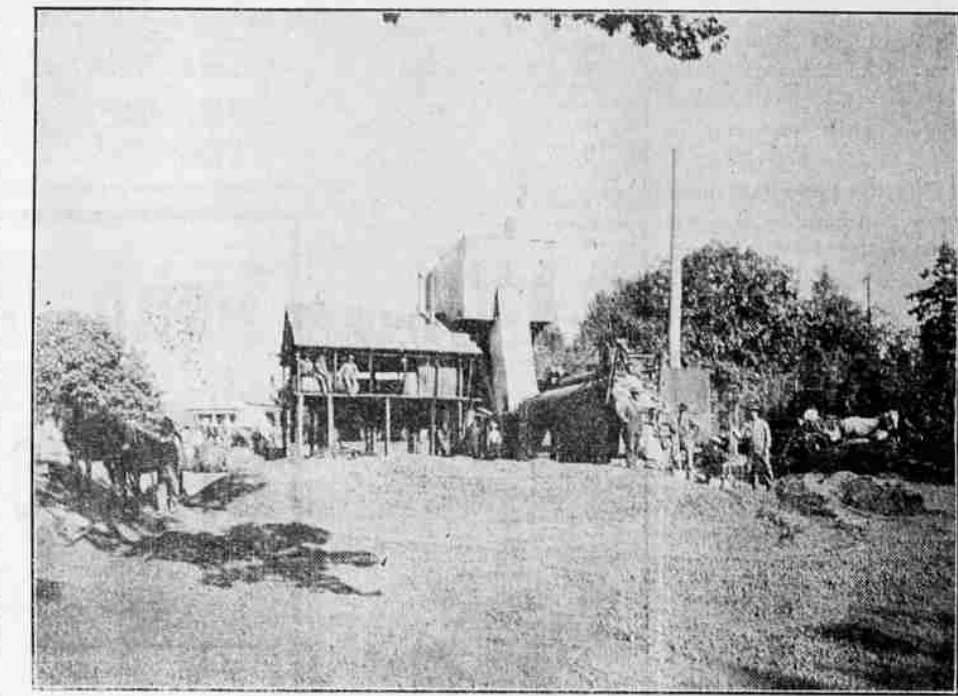
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PAVING PLANT BEING LOADED FOR SHIPMENT TO MEDFORD THIS WEEK



PLANT OF WARREN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY.

THE CRUSHER OPERATING TODAY

Work to Be Rushed In Order Contract May Be Completed in Specified Time--Warren Was Here

The paving plant of the Warren Construction company in Vancouver is being loaded at the present time for shipment to this city. Some three or four days will be used in the loading and that plant should arrive in Medford some time at the end of the week. As soon as the plant, which requires four cars to move it, can be erected in this city, the work of paving Seventh street will be undertaken. Such is the news brought by W. Warren, one of the head men of the Warren Construction company, who spent Saturday in this city.

Rock Crusher Started. The connections with the power line were completed Saturday at the city's quarry near Jacksonville, and the wheels turned over for the first time in that location. This morning the crusher settled down to its task of grinding the stone for Seventh street. The crushing will be continued steadily now until the contract is completed, as the plant will use more rock than the crusher can turn out. A two weeks' start will aid in keeping ahead of the plant, and if it is found that it is unable to supply the rock it will be run at night.

Work Delayed. Several times during the past few months it has been announced that the work of paving Seventh street would begin on such and such a date, but something has happened each time to delay the work. Now it seems that the time is growing near when the work will actually begin. The greater part of the work of paving a street in a city here no plant has been in operation is getting ready to start. Buildings have to be erected and made ready, bins have to be constructed, material shipped in and placed where it will be handy when the time comes for preparing it, and a thousand and one other things have to be prepared. This work has been going on for some weeks past. Bins are being erected, each day sees new cars of the paving material arriving. In all there has been much work of a preliminary nature done.

BANKERS THINK TAFT WILL WIN IN NOVEMBER

Hon. W. J. Vawter has returned from Denver, where he attended the national conventions of Odd Fellows and bankers. "The political situation is badly mixed in the east," said Mr. Vawter. "There are two democratic and two republican tickets in the field in Colorado, but Taft supporters are confident of success. It seemed to be the general opinion among the bankers that Taft will be elected. From what I heard, Governor Hughes has a hard fight for re-election in New York on account of opposition of the racing and sporting interests."

"The situation may change materially between now and election. All the information I have is hearsay and I did not learn enough to express an opinion on the result."

JACKSON BOUND OVER TO THE CIRCUIT COURT

Earl Jackson waived examination when he appeared this morning before Justice Canon on a complaint sworn to by George Putnam, editor of The Tribune, charging assault and battery. Justice Canon bound Jackson over to the circuit court under a \$200 bond.

GOVERNOR HUGHES OF NEW YORK COMING

Medford will hear big republican news before the campaign is over. Governor Hughes of New York and Senator Dorah of Idaho are scheduled to speak here before the close of the campaign, which will be opened Wednesday by Senator Beveridge of Indiana.

MAN HIT BY FREIGHT TRAIN

Narrow Escape From Being Ground Under Wheels of the Engine

A freight train drawn by engine 2513, running north as an extra on the passing track eight cars north of the Southern Pacific depot, early this morning struck Newton Hazel, who was on his way to work. The cowcatcher tossed Hazel clear of the track, who escaped with a broken ankle and several bruises. The train was running at the rate of four miles an hour when the accident occurred. Neither of the engine men saw the man.

Hazel was watching freight 221 running south, and did not notice the northbound train. He stepped upon the track directly in front of the northbound freight and saw it only in time to jump for his life. The cowcatcher struck him, tossing him into the ditch at one side.

Spectators rushed to the aid of the unfortunate man, who was taken to his home in West Medford by Van Gilbert in an automobile. Beyond a few bruises and a broken ankle the man was uninjured. His escape was marvelous, as a second move and he would have been ground beneath the wheels.

The engine men stated this morning that they were running anxiously and that the bell was ringing. Neither of them saw the man.

BARRATT VISITING THE PACIFIC COAST

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Oct. 5.—After delivering an address at Throop institute at Pasadena and before the chamber of commerce here today, John Barratt, director of the bureau of American republics at Washington, will start for San Francisco, where he will attend the trans-Mississippi congress. From San Francisco Barratt will go to Portland, Or., his former home, where he will address delegates of the commercial bodies of Oregon.

BRYAN OFF FOR TOUR OF STATE OF IOWA

BAIRVIEW, Lincoln, Neb., Oct. 5.—William J. Bryan will leave at midnight for Des Moines, Ia., and will make a tour of Iowa. He will take advantage of the situation in the republican party of the state which led to the deadlock in the senatorial contest in the legislature. He is much refreshed by his rest at his country home here the last few days.

NO TROUBLE OVER THE MOROCCO DIFFICULTY

WASHINGTON, Oct. 5.—Ambassador J. Jusserand, who returned from his vacation in France today, declared "There is not the slightest trouble between France and Germany over the Moroccan question. Just prior to my leaving for home, a most conciliatory note was received at the French foreign office from Germany. I see no good reason why this feeling should not continue."

FIREBUG CAUSE OF TEN DEATHS

With Diabolical Cunning Stairway of Tenement House Set on Fire First

NEW YORK, Oct. 5.—Victims of a fire fiend, who started the flames so cunningly that the airway was quickly destroyed and all means of egress cut off, ten persons were burned to death, several were fatally injured and six seriously hurt today in an East Side tenement. The fire was started with oil-soaked paper in several different places about the house. When the inmates realized that the place was on fire, they became insane with fright. Most of the dead were killed by plunging madly into the flames when they found they were cut off. Three jumped down the roaring stairway, without the least chance of escaping sudden death.

Ten babies were saved by being thrown from windows to the police and firemen on the sidewalks below. Most of those who escaped got through the roof to other buildings.

Seldom in hundreds of such fires that take place here has one been set with such diabolical cunning. Fire Marshal Kelly said that the fire is the worst case of incendiarism on record in the city.

SWEPT TO DEATH OVER NIAGARA FALLS

TUCSON, Ariz., Oct. 5.—Private messengers today say that Brewster Cameron of this city was swept to his death over Niagara falls last Friday. Cameron slipped from a bridge and was whirled over the American falls. He was largely interested in properties in Arizona, Texas and Mexico.

TAFT TO STUMP; BRYAN IS MUM

Commoner Refuses to Discuss Information That Roosevelt Will Speak

LINCOLN, Neb., Oct. 5.—Bryan today refused to make any comment on information received here that President Roosevelt will take the stump for Taft in the coming campaign and make six or seven and carefully prepared speeches in a trip across the continent from Washington to San Francisco. The information received is regarded by the leaders who are with Bryan as authentic, despite denials from the White House, that the president will go across the continent.

The leaders say that the information came from sources that leave no doubt as to their authenticity and that Roosevelt has decided to speak in the cities on his trip which he thinks he can do the republican candidate the most good.

COURT MARTIAL OF EVANS IN SESSION

MANILA, P. I., Oct. 5.—When the court martial was called today to try Frank Taylor Evans, son of Fighting Bob Evans, the general impression was that young Evans would have a hard time presenting an adequate defense. The charges against him are drunkenness, also from post of duty while off set of the deck, and using profane language to a superior officer. Gossip concerning the actions of the son of the famous war aviator has been rife among the officers and men of the fleet for some time, and the order for the court martial did not come as a surprise. The court martial is presided over by Rear Admiral Schroeder.

OIL REPORT IS PREMATURE

Oil Expert Says Medford Has As Yet No Oil Well--Has Indications but That Is All--May Strike Flow at Greater Depth

"There is no oil well about here. If there is I don't know where it is, and reports that oil has been struck near Medford are premature and will greatly injure the city," said a prominent oil man who is visiting Medford and who is on company with several well known mining men, Saturday suspected the well now being drilled on the Pierce place, two miles east of Medford. "While, of course I could not see the bottom of the well, I saw the material brought up in which the drill has been working," he continued, "and I never saw oil in sandstone, neither did any one else. Nor was oil ever discovered in a 200-foot well at this altitude. Of course there may be a trace of oil in the well, but if there is it has seeped through or has been forced up some crevice for a long distance. It is not an oil well as yet, and the harm of such reports being sent out by the press associations and newspapers is that they will bring all men into the country only to meet disappointment and give the region a bad name."