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Medford Daily Tribune.

The Weather
Fair tonight except rain near coast. Sunday, fair southeast, including cloudiness followed by rain northwest portion. Winds shifting to southerly.

THIRD YEAR.

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WATER FROM FISH LAKE WILL MEAN LITIGATION

FLEET LEAVES ON TOMORROW

Men and Officers Regret Departure Owing to the Royal Reception

YOKOHAMA, Japan, Oct. 24.—The officers and men of the fleet are preparing today to leave Japan tomorrow. Everywhere there is regret that the end of the visit to the mikado's kingdom has come to a finish. The magnificent reception to the American officers and sailors and the evidently sincere expressions of friendship for the Stars and Stripes on the part of the Japanese people have made a profound impression on the visiting Americans.

HEIR IS EXPECTED FOR FRENCH DUKE'S PROPERTY

DES MOINES, Ia., Oct. 24.—Dr. J. L. Sawyer of Centerville received today a summons to go to Paris to attend the duchess de Chaulnes, whose attachment is expected next month. The physician will be joined in New York by Theodore P. Shuman, the father of the duchess.

PARIS, Oct. 23.—The social position of the fair duchess de Chaulnes, who was Miss Theodora Shuman of New York, depends entirely upon the sex of the child expected to be born to her within a few weeks.

Should the child be a son, he will be heir to the estates and title of his father, the Duke de Chaulnes, and the young duchess, his mother, will retain her place among the high aristocrats of France.

LABORING MEN WILL ACCEPT PARTNERSHIP

LONDON, Oct. 24.—It was announced today by the trade unions that the partnership offer made by the shipbuilding firm of Messrs. Withy & Company will be accepted by laboring men for one year as an experimental proposition. The men are to vote on the proposition next week, but the decision to accept the offer was made by a conference of delegates from the various interested unions, and it is thought that it will be ratified by a large vote.

MOROS CLAIM MORE VICTIMS IN MINDANATO

MANILA, Oct. 24.—Nine Filipino laborers and their American superintendent were killed in a desperate fight with a band of Moros on the Shepherds sugar plant near Uligan on the island of Mindanato last week, according to news that reached here today from the island. The men were working on the plantation at the time of the attack and were taken off their guard by the Moro warriors, who swooped down upon them unnoticed. The laborers lost heavily before they repulsed the attacking party in a final rally. The Moros are reported to have lost 20 killed and many more wounded. They retreated slowly under the fire of the laborers and burned the plantation buildings as they retreated.

ED. HANLEY MAY SUE THE CITY TO FORCE PAYMENT ON CONTRACT

Says He Will Have Nothing to Say Regarding Rogue River or Big Butte, but No One Can Sell His Water—Will Defend His Rights.

"If the city of Medford accepts the water proposition of J. L. Hamilton to furnish water from Little Butte creek, the water must come from some intake on my property, and the city will have to pay for it after it has been condemned. And aside from that I may engage in a suit on the contract with which the city entered into with me for my water. I am tired of all this foolishness, and I will not let water be taken from practically the same source of mine without a fight."

Other Offers.

"If the city wants water from the Big Butte springs or from Rogue river, well and good. Then I will do nothing for the city any more. But I do not intend to allow anyone to sell practically the same water as mine, when I have a contract with the city."

REPORT TO BE MADE LIBERAL HELL BILL

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Oct. 24.—The signing of this position in approval of the cigar men's Bill (House bill 10000) rather than the bill of the House, which is a liberal hell bill, Rev. Edward H. Braxton today declared that some of the members of his congregation are still living in the "sixteenth century."

VALERIO HEN'S PLAW MARRIES ON CAMPUS

NEW YORK, Oct. 24.—Sophomores in the New York university are playing marbles and "mumble-the-peg" on the campus today to voice their disgust of an order by the faculty preventing contests between the classes of the university, such as "rushes" and "cane apes" that usually take place on "Bloody Monday."

PASTOR PREFERS SEATTLE TO PLACE IN PITTSBURG

SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 24.—Preferring his pulpit in Seattle at a salary of \$2,000 to one in Pittsburgh with a salary of \$10,000 a year, the Rev. A. M. Matthews of the First Presbyterian church of this city rejected a call to the Second Presbyterian church of the Pennsylvania city at a salary of \$10,000. Dr. Matthews recently completed an expensive church in this city and says he intends to remain here the rest of his life.

RAY WANTS TO SEE CONTRACT

Asks Why Contract Between Parties Has Not Been Given Out

MEDFORD, Or., Oct. 24.—Editor of the Mail: I have your answer to my question concerning the proposition of Mr. Hamilton. You have probably made the best answer you could make under the circumstances. I believe you have done the best you could, but the answer, I am sure, could not satisfy a careful business man as the publisher of the Mail. You state: "Mr. Hamilton has contracted with this company to deliver him the amount of water required by the city." The best evidence of this fact is the contract itself. Why not submit the contract to the city and the people, and why has it not been submitted before this? Why should the contract, if there is one, be "kept under cover" for so long a time?

Quotes From Hamilton.

Again you quote from Mr. Hamilton's offer to the effect that the Fish Lake Water company "will guarantee the city against all litigation." What will be the nature of this guarantee? Will it be Mr. Hamilton's word of mouth or Mr. Biton's, or will it be a written contract, and if the latter will it be accompanied by a bond, and what will be the surety on the bond?

People Should Know.

The people have a right to know, so the people may know, you know. The Fish Lake Water company is a corporation. It is not through its board of directors. Has there been a meeting of the board to pass upon this proposition? Has there been any resolution adopted by the directors of the Fish Lake Water company authorizing any officer or agent to enter into a contract by which the city will be held liable against possible damages in case Mr. Hanley or others enjoin the discussion of water from Little Butte creek? If so, let the people know all the facts. It is an important matter, and since the Mail has been the special champion of the people in the interest of Mr. Hamilton, it should give all the facts, so as to enable his proposition to be fairly, and impartially, and honestly, discussed.

PLANNING FOR GOOD ROADS LEGISLATION

PORTLAND, Me., Oct. 24.—An important conference to discuss good roads legislation for the coming session of the legislature was held at the Commercial club convention hall yesterday and steps today to provide a suitable bill for the subject to pass. When in session at the convention the legislature will be organized on the 1st of November. The bill provides for the appointment of a state engineer to have charge of the state highways, the state, counties and property owners each to bear one-third of the expense of building the main highways. The measure provides that a sum of money for road work will be raised by an annual tax of 5 mills, but not to exceed in value \$29,000,000, to be done in any one county; it is stipulated, until all other counties have had an opportunity to apply for state aid in building their highways.

NEW FREIGHT CARS ARE ORDERED FOR SOUTHERN R. R.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Oct. 24.—Vice-President and Manager Thorwell Friday announced today that an order has been placed by the Southern Pacific lines of Louisiana, Texas and the Sunset route for 1800 new freight cars and five commission baggage cars.

Bridge Seems a Dangerous One.

BRIDGE "F" on the Southern Pacific, eight miles south of Ashland, where brakeman Carl Williams met his tragic end Friday last, came near adding another fatal casualty to its list Tuesday evening, when Freight Brakeman Fred Dodge was bumped into unconsciousness by the timbers of the side-walls of the structure and had a narrow escape from being hurled from the train, says the Tidings. He was watching the wheels coming down the grade and was between the third and fourth cars leaning out when the bridge timbers caught him and struck him in the hip. He managed to hang on and climbed to the deck of the train, where he lay until help reached him and he was brought to the hospital at Ashland.

A. N. Smith of Portland interviewed his customers in Medford Friday.

"LANDSLIDE FOR BRYAN" --HOBSON ENGINEER ROBERTS ACCUSED OF UNFAIR PARTISANSHIP

STORM CLAIMS THREE VICTIMS

Cloudburst in Oklahoma--Flood Waters Receding--Rescue Work Retarded

SHAWNEE, Okla., Oct. 24.—The first news of the actual casualties that resulted from the recent cloudburst were received today, owing to the receding of the flood waters of the Canadian river. One man is known to have been killed, although his body has not been recovered, and two others are dying. It is believed that more bodies will be found when the river resumes its normal channel.

WOULD SURPASS THE RESORT OF HARRIMAN

J. W. Alexander of the Weyerhaeuser Timber company and J. F. Kimball, the local representative of the company, have just returned from the timber in the vicinity of Aspen Lake, where they have been looking over the company's property and also supervising the logging of several hundred cords of white pine on the mountainous surrounding Aspen lake, near the Elkton, Wash.

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SMITH SAYS ENGINEER GOES OUT OF HIS WAY TO DIS-CREDIT CONDOR OFFER--EXPENSIVE AND OBSOLETE SYSTEM OF FILTRATION FIGURED UPON TO INCREASE COST

ALLEGES RANK DISCRIMINATION AGAINST PUMPING PROPOSITION

Attorney Robert G. Smith accuses Engineer Roberts of rank discrimination against the Rogue river proposition in favor of Hamilton's project at the present time and in favor of Wasson canyon project last summer. Mr. Smith's accusations are as follows: Mr. Roberts was employed by the city as its engineer. He is paid out of the public treasury. There is every reason why he should be fair and impartial. But instead of being impartial he has been a decided partisan.

Free Legal Opinion.

It is to be hoped he will not charge the city for his legal advice upon the same basis he is to be paid for his engineering (?) services.

Cost of Filtration.

If Mr. Roberts is an engineer of practical experience, he knows what the cost of a filter system is. He knows or ought to know that one is in operation at Eugene City and also at Sacramento, Cal. If he really desired that the people should have a fair presentation of the filter proposition, he could easily ascertain the cost and feasibility of such a system by correspondence with the authorities of those cities. An illustration of what Mr. Roberts considers a fair presentation can be found by comparing his reports of September 26 on Wasson canyon with his report published in the Medford Mail of October 24 on the Condor Water & Power company's proposition. In the report of September 26 Mr. Roberts says:

Wasson Canyon Project.

"The cost of the Wasson canyon project can be given closely based upon figures submitted by contractors." This was undoubtedly correct. But, notwithstanding the Condor Water & Power company has produced contractor's figures from the Washington Pipe & Foundry company, one of the largest companies on the coast in its business, Mr. Roberts ignores them in entirety and raises the cost from the contractor's figures from \$197,800 to \$323,904. When one looks at the items Mr. Roberts uses to make up that total, the question arises, why did Mr. Roberts stop at \$323,904? Why did he not make it \$323,905, or \$324,000, so as to make "even change"? Why did he not make the cost \$500,000? Why should he take contractor's figures on Wasson canyon and not on the other? Has he any favorite contractors? Does he want to give all a "square deal"?

Engineer Roberts' Report.

The Morning Medford Mail of October 24 quotes Engineer Roberts' estimated cost of the Condor Water & Power company pumping proposition at \$212,400 in one place and \$323,904 in another place.

How are these figures arrived at?

In the first place, \$65,000 is added as the cost of the present Medford system

LAND COMPANY TO SINK A MILLION IN MEXICO

SPOKANE, Wash., Oct. 24.—The announcement was made here today that a land company, of which M. W. Hay, the republican nominee for lieutenant governor, is the principal officer in Washington, will invest \$1,000,000 in a tract of 400,000 acres of land in Mexico to be used in a colonization scheme.

SNOWSTORM RAGING IN WESTERN CANADA

WINNIPEG, Man., Oct. 24.—One of the worst snowstorms known in this section of Canada at this time of the year is raging today. Transportation is completely demoralized and there is no sign of the violence of the storm being diminished soon. The Vancouver express is stalled here and probably will not be able to start west until tomorrow, and it is doubtful if it will be able to make much progress then. No trains arrived from the east today and, though the railroads are busy with snow plows, they are able to make little headway. Then and 12 inches of snow has fallen in some places and at many points the drifts are ten feet deep.

SPANISH WAR HERO ARRIVES IN MEDFORD AND PREDICTS DEMOCRATIC VICTORY ON THIRD OF NOVEMBER

STORM CLAIMS THREE VICTIMS

Captain Richmond Pearson Hobson from Alabama, who won fame for himself at Santiago as the "hero of the Merrimac," and whose fame has only been added to by his ability on the platform, arrived in Medford Saturday morning on train 15, stopping over in order to address the residents of this county on political issues. He was met at the train by a large number of local democrats and was taken for an automobile ride throughout the valley.

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