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

WILL ERECT A BIG FILTER FOR $16,000

Company Quotes Prices on the Different Filters Erected in Medford--Will Give Satisfaction Bond

FILTER—Circulars and paper ....
The Condor Water & Power company furnish the following letter, showing cost and details of operation of a filter:

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Oct. 22.—C. R. Ray, Esq., President Rogue River Electric Co., Medford, Or.—Dear Sir: We beg to acknowledge yours of the 20th inst. requesting estimate for filter plant for the following capacities in 24 hours:

1,000,000 gallons.
2,000,000 gallons.
3,000,000 gallons.
4,000,000 gallons.

In compliance with same, we beg to hand you the following estimates covering the delivery and installation complete ready for operation in your building and on your foundations at the following prices:

1,000,000-gallon capacity, comprising a battery of two (2) 15 feet in diameter, for Seven thousand six hundred dollars ($7600).

2,000,000-gallon capacity, comprising a battery of three (3) 17 feet in diameter, for nine thousand five hundred dollars ($9500).

3,000,000-gallon capacity, comprising battery of four (4) 17 feet in diameter, for thirteen thousand dollars ($13,000).

4,000,000-gallon capacity, comprising a battery of five (5) 17 feet in diameter, for sixteen thousand dollars ($16,000).

These prices are for our highest type gravity system, as installed at Oregon City, Or., with which we guarantee you the highest efficiency and the most economical expenditure for maintenance.

Cost of Operation.

Regarding the approximate cost per year for operating any of the above filtration systems, we would state that for about 60 days in the winter, after the heavy rains, sulphate of alumina is required as a coagulant, which could be delivered to you for about $45 per ton, and Rogue river water in its worst stages would not require over one-tenth of one grain, which would be equal to 140 pounds per million gallons, and at a cost of 2 cents per pound, the approximate cost would be $2.80 per million gallons, and this is only to be used when the river is most turbid after your heavy first rains, and for a few days only, and probably would not exceed over 60 days during the winter. This is the only cost for maintenance.

Regarding the cost for help to operate the filter plant, would state that you do not require any additional help than what you have at your present pumping station, there being nothing laborious about the work, and the filter plant is so constructed it is operated automatically, only requiring attention about one-half hour per day when washing the filter.

The filter media that we deliver with our filters is a pure silica sand, and there is no loss at all when washing the filter, and using clean water for washing purposes, there is no expense in removing filter bed and overhauling the same.

Plant at Oregon City.

The filter plant at Oregon City has been in operation over six years. We mention this fact on account of its close proximity to your city, and the sand today is just as clean as when first used and the bacteria efficiency and results are likewise. There has been no wear and tear on this filter plant at all, and the life of the same should be about 30 years, there being no removal of any parts whatsoever on account of wear and tear.

Regarding the efficiency of a filter plant, our company would guarantee and give a good and sufficient bond that we will deliver to the citizens of Medford, Or., using the Rogue river as a source of supply, a water that will be entirely free from all odor, color, microscopic organism and all deleterious matter, making a pure, sparkling, clear water and as bacteriologically pure as any water coming from mountain springs. As to bacteria efficiency, we guarantee to remove 97 per cent and 100 per cent of microscopic organism.

We would also add that we think your city is making a mistake by going to the mountains for water. We understand it is always preferable to have a mountain stream and a gravity system in preference to a river water and the expense of pumping the same, but your city should consider that Portland, Or.,

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GOMPERS SCORES TEDDY FOR LOWERING DIGNITY OF PRESIDENTIAL OFFICE

Labor President Issues Formal Reply to Roosevelt's Letter to Senator Knox--Says It Is But Exhibition of Impotant Rage Caused by Fear of the Election of Bryan--Courts Invade Liberty

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, today issued a formal reply to President Roosevelt's letter to Senator Knox of Pennsylvania in relation to the attitude of labor in the presidential campaign.

The reply will be published in the Federationist and will be circulated as a campaign document. Gompers says:

"President Roosevelt and Mr. Taft, the candidate of his party, seeing that the labor vote is now aroused and the toilers cannot be cajoled, have now become desperate, and in anger, by the worst exhibition of demagogism, tries to instil into employers the fear that prosperity will be endangered if a square deal is accorded the workers.

"It is an exhibition of impotent rage and an awful descent from the dignity of high office.

"None but himself will be deceived.

Again Teddy Butts In.

"Roosevelt has again thrust himself into the campaign, and not only becomes a partisan, but he throws the influence of his office into the scales against the interest of other citizens and makes a direct attack upon labor.

"The pretense of the attack upon me is not deceptive. He strikes over my shoulder at the workers and other liberty-loving citizens.

"The president says Senator Knox has a right to discuss the principles of injunctions, because, as attorney general, he prosecuted suits for damages to injured workmen.

"Senator Knox' service as special counsel for the Pennsylvania railroad and the steel corporation would indeed qualify him to discuss injunctions, but only from the corporation point of view.

Says Courts Invade Liberty.

"If the courts have not invaded liberty, why did President Roosevelt characterize Judge Grosscup's reversal of the Standard Oil case as a miscarriage of justice?

"Injunctions issued by Judge Taft and others are based on the theory that along with the ownership of mines, etc., is vested the right to sufficient labor to make corporation profitable, and that constitutes a form of property right.

"The relations between employers and employes are personal and that they are distinct from property relations no intelligent man dares to dispute, yet the courts filch from the toilers their rights.

"It is the purpose of our opponents to villify the labor movement through me, and President Roosevelt joins in it on the pretext that I attacked the federal courts."

Gompers declares that his criticisms of the courts have always been respectful and not as bitter as some judges dissenting opinions.

BRYAN OFF ON FINAL WEEK

Fireworks Begin Tonight in Manhattan--Commoner Addresses Laborers

NEW YORK, Oct. 26.—W. J. Bryan made a 13-mile automobile trip to Patterson, N. J., where he addressed a big crowd, many of whom were mechanics and laborers. Bryan confined his speech in a large measure to the labor question and denounced the recent letter of President Roosevelt to Senator Knox as an effort to deceive the working men. Bryan referred to the anti-injunction plank and said that the republican party is so allied with the vested interests that its leaders are prejudiced in the consideration of questions involving capital and labor. The democratic candidate was given a rousing reception and his speech was loudly cheered.

Bryan to New York.

Immediately after the meeting Bryan started back to New York to reliver an address before the Women's Democratic club at the Waldorf-Astoria. The program for this afternoon included an automobile trip into Westchester county.

The Commoner is in fine frim for the final week of the campaign, and went at it vigorously today. His voice has stood the strain remarkably well, and he shows little effect of the long speaking tours. He appeared today to be enjoying to the full limit the final fight of the campaign.

Tonight the "fireworks will begin," according to a statement made at headquarters today, when three monster meetings will be held in Manhattan. Bryan will speak at all three meetings, and the rush and flurry of excitement marking the climax of the battle here has given New York its quadrennial attack of presidential election fever.

Miles Overholt of Portland, the irrepressible editor of Tanglefoot, spent a few days in the valley during the week.

A. J. Grimes of Grants Pass has been spending a few days in Medford with relatives.

Hugh Elliott, accompanied by his wife and daughter, spent Sunday in Medford.

RATES HAVE TO BE RAISED

Ray Tells Why His Offer Is Cheapest in Reply to Letter of F. Osenbrugge

The following article is the Condor Water & Power company's reply to letter of F. Osenbrugge, appearing in the Morning Mail October 25, 1908:

Mr. F. Osenbrugge, City—Dear Sir: Replying to your first question: The amount of deposit out of the gross revenue covers the interest and sinking fund on the city's distributing system as well as the cost of the system to bring water to Medford.

Second question: The answer to this question is just the same, with the difference hereinafter noted. The water rates will have to be raised by the city council whether the city operates the water system or we operate the water system, the only difference being that as the cost of the water system is less under our proposition and as our operating expenses will be less than the city's it necessarily follows that the water rates will be less under our proposition than that of any other.

In other words, under our proposition the water rates will have to be raised by the city council, in case sufficient revenue is not realized in any one month from the operation of the city water system to pay the operating expenses, the monthly bond interest and the sinking fund as provided in our proposition.

The Cheapest Offer.

Now, if the Hamilton proposition wins or the Hafer proposition wins, then the city will manage the water system and the city council will have to raise the water rates higher than they would under our proposition because the Hamilton and Hafer propositions will cost the city more than our proposition, and besides the city's operating expenses will be more than ours.

Of course, if Hamilton or Hafer wins, the city will manage the water system and fix any rates they see fit. They may give water away, as they are doing now or fail to collect same, or run the city in debt, as they have in the past, and continue issuing bonds and continue raising the taxes.

Under our proposition the water sys-

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SHERMAN IS ACCUSED OF LAND FRAUD

New York World Publishes Story to Effect That the Vice-presidential Nominee Not on Square

NEW YORK, Oct. 26.—The World this morning prints a story to the effect that James S. Sherman, republican nominee for vice-president, was connected with a scheme to secure valuable timber lands in New Mexico for almost nothing through an act of congress in 1902.

The World says that the story was dictated to a representative of the paper by Edmund Burke, an attorney of Los Angeles, who was a partner of Sherman's at the time. The story is purported to have been dictated in the presence of Thomas S. Patterson, former United States senator, ex-Governor Bourne of Wyoming and W. J. Thomas, an attorney representing Burke.

The World says:

How It Was Done.

The facts as set forth in the statement are brief, as follows:

"That in 1901 James S. Sherman, the republican candidate for vice-president, S. E. Phillips, a legislative of the brewery interests of Milwaukee; Henry Casson, the sergeant-at-arms of the present house of representatives, and Mr. Burke formed a company known as the New Mexico Lumber and Development company. That the articles of incorporation were filed in Arizona in order, according to the story, that Burke entered into an arrangement with the members of the land board territory of New Mexico to acquire certain timber at a cost of one-tenth of their value; that Mr. Burke went to New Mexico and 'made the necessary arrangements,' gives to Solicitor General Barrett of that territory $500 in cash; to A. A. Kerr, superintendent of land, a draft of Philadelphia bank for $500, which was cashed through the Bank of Pueblo, Col. These officials constitute the land board of the territory.

That the land board in return gave to the New Mexico Lumber and Development company an option of extensive tracts of land embracing more than 150,000 acres, at a price of $3 an acre.

Sherman Drew Bill.

That Mr. Sherman prepared and drew house bill No. 11,062, to amend an act entitled "And an act to make certain grants of lands in the territory of New Mexico and for other purposes." This act, as introduced in the house, provided that the territory might sell timber lands in blocks of 25,000 acres and put no limitation of minimum patent on the lands.

That the bill passed the house of representatives and was sent to the senate and that changes were made in it by the senate placing a limit of 25,000 acres to any one individual or company. The timber on this land would cut 15,000 feet to the acre and was worth $10 per 1000 feet at Missouri river points.

That the objection of Senator Patterson of Colorado prevented the bill from passing the senate, as shown by the record of the debate in the "congressional record."

CAPTAIN OF STATE GUARDS SAVES MAN FROM BURNING

SAN QUENTIN, Cal., Oct. 26.—That Rany Gignoaro, the steward of the Shepherd house, a hotel, is only seriously burned and not dead today is owing to the bravery of Captain S. L. Randolph of the state prison guard. Randolph rescued the steward last night from a blazing room after a coal oil lamp had exploded igniting the furnishings and Figuoaro's clothing. The flames were quenched by a volunteer fire fighting service composed of a large number of politicians, who had been attending a meeting.

YOUNGSTER PLAYS WITH GUN; KILLED INSTANTLY

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Oct. 26.—Leslie Pfiefer, the 13-year-old son of Rudolph Pfiefer of the United States army transport Buford lies dead today at his home with a bullet in his brain from a revolver with which the little fellow was playing. The boy's mother discovered the body on her return from an outing. The revolver was one of a collection of weapons gathered by his father in the Philippines. The boy persisted in playing with the fire arms despite the warnings of his parents.

H. W. Grimes is at Gold Hill, being employed on S. W. McClendon's new residence.

AMID ROYALTY FOURTH SON OF GERMAN EMPEROR TAKES DUCHESS VICTORIA TO WIFE

PRINCE AUGUST WILLIAM AND HIS BRIDE.

BERLIN, Oct. 24.—Duchess Alexandra Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein, daughter of Prince Frederick, duke of Schleswig-Holstein, was married in the chapel of the imperial palace Thursday to Prince August William of Prussia, four son of Emperor William.

The ceremony was witnessed by the members of the imperial family and some 50 princes and princesses of the minor German royal household. The chancellor of the empire, Prince von Bulow, as well as the other high state functionaries, the members of the diplomatic corps, including Dr. Hill, the American ambassador, and the members of the embassy staffs with their wives, together with about 800 guests, were present.

HOBSON MADE FINE ADDRESS

Spoke to Large Crowd in Park Saturday--The Best Speech of Campaign

In a speech replete with well rounded arguments, forcible statements which carried conviction, and flights of oratory that brought applause from those hold opposite political views, Captain Richmond Pearson Hobson pleased a large crowd on Saturday afternoon at the park. Captain Hobson discussed the various political issues of the campaign, and with such understanding that he held his audience throughout the discourse.

The captain was introduced by Judge W. S. Crowell in a neat and well rendered speech, in which the judge said he had voted for Roosevelt, but would vote for Bryan.

Captain Hobson in the course of his address said that in every government there were to be found two parties, one conservative and the other radical. After one party had been in power for some time they began to abuse the trust imposed in them, these abuses tending to build up a centralizing power with few men. Such he declared was the present condition in the United States. The republican party, conservative, have been in power until they at last have grown to abuse that power, as is shown by the fact that President Roosevelt has created 90,000 office holders during the past six years, or 5000 a year, continually striving to build up the power of a few men.

PLOT MASSACRE OF OFFICIALS

Plan Is Uncovered Which Would Have Been Tragic Accompaniment to Fleet

AMOY, China, Oct. 26.—Chinese officials are taking summary measures to stamp out the plot for a general massacre of high Chinese by revolutionists which was to have been a tragic accompaniment to the arrival of the American battleship fleet. It has been discovered that the plot was far reaching and every effort is being made to apprehend the conspirators.

The reception grounds which were swept clean by the recent typhoon have been put in shape and bamboo structures have replaced the ruined buildings. The program for the entertainment of the officers and men will be followed without change.

The bank guaranty law was discussed, the captain pointing out the advantage of such a law. In Canada there are no runs on banks, as depositors are secure.

The tariff claimed a great deal of the speaker's attention, he pointing out the fact that tariff must be reduced and revised in protection to the American farmers and workingmen. Each time the republicans promised revision they fulfilled their promise by revising the schedules at the dictation of monopolies.

Captain Holson closed his address by pointing out the danger of a war with Japan and urging all to demand protection for the Pacific coast.

HAVE TO SHOW M. HANLEY

"They tell me that the water to be sold to the city of Medford is to come out of Little Butte creek across the Hanley meadows. Now I wonder which part of the Hanley meadows the line will cross," said Mike Hanley Sunday in discussing the water question. "You see, the Hanley brothers, Ed and Mike, own some five miles of the land along the creek, and I am of the opinion that those same fellows will have to be asked, at the least, about putting in this line. We have got to be shown.

"Of course, if the Fish Lake Ditch company," he continued, "want to sell water to the city, and they have the they must be sure that they are not selling someone else's water, and they must not be too sure about crossing the Hanley meadows. Of course, they can cross them, but the law will force a water to sell, that is their business; but payment, and it may be that they won't get such a right of way at all."

Mr. Hanley was told of the interview with his brother Ed, which appeared in Saturday's Tribune, and in which Ed Hanley stated that he may sue the city on the contract which he holds.

"I know nothing of that," said Mr. Hanley, "but you may be sure we do

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TO CATCH STEELHEAD FOR MARKET

Hume Building Cold Storage Plant So As to Ship Rogue River Trout to Eastern Markets

Erection of a cold storage plant at Port Orford by R. D. Hume, "lord of the Rogue," indicates that the salmon king is to join the ranks of the seiners in the relentless war being waged upon steelhead trout in the Rogue river. Hitherto Mr. Hume has not paid much attention to steelheads, because they do not bring as high a price canned as salmon. The cold storage plant will, however, provide the necessary facilities for shipping steelhead to the markets of the east.

Between Josephine county seiners, whose season for operations opens with the winter run of steelhead to their spawning grounds and continues until the last fish has tried in vain to escape the network of seines, the defective fishways over the three Rogue river dams, the government fence across the stream at Findlay eddy, the steelhead have suffered severely in recent years. Hume's operations virtually mean the extermination of this noble trout, universally acknowledged the finest and gamest of fish, and to catch which anglers cross the continent.

As a result, sportsmen of southern Oregon will appeal for the preservation of steelhead to the next legislature and will ask the co-operation of every angler and sportsman in Oregon to prevent the seining, netting, shipment and sale of Rogue river steelhead. Agitation for a trout hatchery on the upper Rogue is also under way.

A visit to any of the dams now will convince the most skeptical that the present fishways are defective in the low water stage. Either the fish cannot find them, or there is not sufficient water to make the ascent easy. Owners of both the Ament and Grants Pass dams, neither of which are used and both of which should be removed, have refused the request of the fish warden to make alterations that will improve conditions, although in the case of the Ament dam the warden offered to purchase the material at his own expense.

Master Fish Warden McAllister has been appealed to, and sportsmen are expecting that an ultimatum to dam owners will follow his arrival and inspection of conditions.

DUKE'S ENGAGEMENT AT LAST SEEMS ARRANGED

ELKINS, W. Va., Oct. 26.—The much discussed betrothal of the Duke Abrizzi to Katherine Elkins is taken for an accepted fact today through what is apparently a confirmation of the engagement by Mrs. Elkins, mother of the duke's fiance. When asked when the wedding would take place, Mrs. Elkins replied with evident pleasure:

"Really you must have patience and wait a little longer for that information, for we do not know ourselves. We are simply awaiting developments."

A small army of servants is leaving the country residence of Senator Elkins today for the Washington home to put it in order for the wedding.

Rumors of opposition of the parents because of a difference in creed by the withdrawal of Miss Elkins from the Presbyterian church and the entertainment by Elkins of Cardinal Gibbons, who has long been a friend of the family.

CLAIMS HE IS BALBOA; WANTS PACIFIC OCEAN

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 26.—The name of the Spanish discoverer Balboa is inscribed on the police blotter of the Park station today and a pretender to the title is in the city prison awaiting release from his sovereign, the king of Spain.

"Balboa's" modern name is Siaz Horatay, a mechanic, who astonished several hundred people in the vicinity of the park gate by wading into Spreckels lake and announcing that all the shores washed by sea waves henceforth belonged to the Spain. "Balboa" carried in his hand a long stick, to which was attached a bandanna handkerchief. This standard he planted in the oozy bottom of the lake.

A mounted policeman finally coaxed "Balboa" from the pond by misrepresenting himself as "Pizarro," and the half submerged "Balboa" came ashore to greet his companion in arms.

"Balboa," like another celebrated discoverer, was "sent back to Spain in chains."