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The Weather
Fair tonight and Sunday. Minimum temperature tonight about 25 degrees. Northeasterly winds.

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CONTRACT IS SIGNED FOR PIPELINE

Hamilton Will Go At Work At Once--Will Sublet Rock Work--Reservoir First Undertaken

Mayor Reddy, Recorder Collins and L. L. Hamilton on Saturday morning affixed their signatures to the contract providing for the construction of the utility water system to Little Butte creek. Mr. Hamilton is now free to go immediately at work.

MANY SIGN ROLL OF CONTEMPLATED BUSINESS CLUB

To Date 105 Have Signed Roll and Have Promised \$30 to Aid the New Institution--Meeting for Organization Next Week.

A non-partisan, non-sectarian club for Medford now seems an assured fact. To date 105 business men of the city have signed a roll circulated by F. E. Kellogg, signifying their willingness to become a member and pledging \$30 as the initiation fee.

The club is for the purpose of making the institution a suitable place down town for members to gather in order to pass an evening. No liquor or gambling is to be allowed on the premises.

SEATTLE CARS SMASH IN FOG

Both Motormen Will Die--Cars Running at a High Rate of Speed and Collide Without Notice

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 5.—While running at a high rate of speed through the dense fog early today two University street cars, both of which were heavily loaded, collided head on at a street corner, fatally injuring at least three, seriously injuring a dozen and bruising or maiming between 30 and 40 of the passengers.

HUGE COLLIER IS LAUNCHED AT MARE ISLAND NAVY YARD

Immense Throng of People From All Parts of the State Witnessed the Ship Take to the Water--Governor Gillett Spoke.

VALLEJO, Cal., Dec. 5.—The huge government collier Prometheus was launched at Mare Island navy yard today in the presence of a great throng which had gathered from all parts of the state to witness the ceremony. Various excursion boats and trains were arriving all morning.

WILL WRITE OF LOCAL LIFE

Clifton Johnson to Visit Rogue River Valley and Write a New Story on Oregon Life

In all probability, Clifton Johnson, the noted portrayer of rustic and rural scenes throughout the United States, will pay a visit to the Rogue River valley and base a new article for "Outing" upon life as it is found in the Rogue River valley.

MAGOON WILL BE SECRETARY OF WAR IN TAFT'S CABINET

Has Been Prominent as Provisional Governor of Cuba--Will Visit Philippines to Study Conditions There Before Taking Place.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Charles E. Magoon, provisional governor of Cuba, will be made secretary of war at the end of next year, according to the present program, the United Press is in a position to state today. It is planned for Secretary Wright to remain at the head of the department until that time.

LAND NOTICE MISLEADS MANY

Only 8500 Acres of Land Subject to Entry Instead of 91,000 As Advertised by Land Department

The notice which the United States land department has given out to the effect that 91,000 acres of forest reserve land will be thrown open for settlement on December 31, 1908, and subject to entry under the public land laws, on January 20, 1909, is being widely circulated through leading newspapers.

WILL PROTECT CLAIM OF STENOGRAPHER AGAINST ESTATE

SANTA CRUZ, Cal., Dec. 5.—The attorney for Miss Anna Bastedo, former confidential stenographer for Major Frank McLaughlin, who shot and instantly killed his daughter and himself several months ago at Santa Cruz, are preparing today to protect her claim for \$15,075.25 against the estate. Miss Bastedo declares that this represents money she loaned Major McLaughlin during his financial embarrassments.

PREDDIE WELSH WILL GIVE M'FARLAND A FIGHT

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 5.—Fredie Welsh, the English lightweight champion, said that he is willing to give Paeky McFarland a fight. Welsh is excited over the statements in the Chicago papers which are misleading as to the lightweight situation. Discussing the matter today, he said: "Since Battling Nelson will be busy writing his book until the first of February, and as I do not care to remain idle for that length of time, I would like to get on for a match with Paeky McFarland, the Chicago lightweight. McFarland made a good showing with me in our fourth of July fight and I am willing to give him another chance."

TWO STREET CARS COLLIDE IN DENSE SEATTLE FOG

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 5.—Running at full speed in the dense fog two heavily loaded street cars crashed together early today at East Lake and Edgar streets. One motorman was taken from the wreckage badly injured, and it is feared he cannot live. The other motorman was able to walk, after being lifted from beneath the timbers.

SEATTLE TO JOIN IN FIGHT AGAINST FREIGHT RATES

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 5.—Preparations for fighting the advances in railroad rates have been made by the transportation commission of the chamber of commerce. Several of the members of the commission are in favor of cooperating with the San Francisco and Portland chambers of commerce in commencing an active war against the advances.

KLAMATH FALLS MAY CONSTRUCT SEWERS

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Dec. 5.—That question of a sewerage system has for several years confronted the municipal government, but it now seems that it is soon to be solved. In one part of the city, where an open sewer was maintained, the adjoining property owners are on the demand of the city council putting in a modern system.

STONES DISCOVERED WHICH MAY PROVE DIAMONDS

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 5.—News received here today from Dawson brings the story that white stones have been found in a blue clay and their discoverer, C. P. Mack, has sent them to London and Paris to be tested in the hope that they are diamonds. Mack learned of the existence of the gems through Indians who used the rough stones to scratch and cut glass. The place where the gems were found shows unmistakable evidence of having been subjected to violent volcanic action in ages gone by. This makes the suggestion stronger that diamonds may have been formed there.

HANDWRITING EXPERT AT WORK ON BOAS CASE

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 5.—Theodore Kytko, handwriting expert, has been called in by the San Francisco police to decide officially whether or not the handwriting of the doctor's letter which accompanied the deadly "stomach powder" swallowed by Harry Boas before his death early Thursday is the hand writing of the young man. Letters of his have been furnished Kytko and the expert will make a careful examination and comparison of those before he passes final judgment.

MANY NOTABLES TO MEET WITH CONSERVATION CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Andrew Carnegie, James J. Hill, President Roosevelt, President-elect Taft and almost half the governors of the states will all take part in the conservation congress which opens here next Tuesday. The president and Mr. Taft will speak on Tuesday afternoon.

GRAND JURY HANDS ONE TO MAYOR DAHLMAN

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 5.—The grand jury today in its report to the court branded Mayor James C. Dahlman and the other city officials as "absolutely without regard for the duties of their offices, making no attempt to enforce the laws."

PRETTY DIVORCEE GIVES PROSPECTIVE BRIDES ADVICE

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 5.—Fat men are recommended as the best husbands today by Miss Anna Sweeney, who until last Monday was Pietro Angelino Pascale. The pretty divorcee, who is very particular to have it understood that she is now legally Miss, gave to prospective brides a few hints based upon her own experience as the wife of an Italian musician. Here they are:

COLONIAL JACK HERE ON TRIP AROUND UNITED STATES

"Colonial" Jack, with his "aphinx" arrived in Medford Saturday morning on his 9000-mile walk around the borders of the United States. Medford marks the completion of 4200 miles and the pedestrian is now some 600 miles ahead of his schedule, which is 22 1/2 miles a day. He started from Portland, Me., and traveled through the northern states and will return by way of the southland.

OPEN NEW DANCING SCHOOL WILL TEACH "BARN DANCE"

The younger set are to have an opportunity to learn the famous "barn dances," which is at present taking the effect east by storm, for on Monday night in the Eagle opera house Mrs. Charles Creviston and Mrs. Guy Clark, recent arrivals from South Bend, Ind., are to open a dancing school. The ladies are prepared to teach all the different steps. The school will be open each Monday evening.

REFUSES TO HONOR THE REQUEST OF NEW JERSEY

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 5.—Governor Mead has refused to honor the requisition of Governor Fort of New Jersey for the return to New Jersey of Elliott Archer, alias Archie Carter, who is wanted in that state for trial on an indictment charging forgery amounting to \$70,000.

ARRESTED ON SUSPICION OF ROBBERING HIS PARTNER

BUTTE, Mont., Dec. 5.—Nick Matson, formerly of Everett, Minn., was arrested here this morning on suspicion of holding up his own saloon and attempting to rob his partner.

COMPANY ORGANIZED TO EXPORT ARKANSAS DIAMONDS

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 5.—Articles of incorporation of the Arkansas Diamond company were filed today. The capital stock is \$1,000,000. The company will exploit the recently discovered diamond fields in Arkansas.

ALL OF THE WEED LUMBER MILLS CLOSE

WEED, Cal., Dec. 5.—The Weed Lumber company's big lumber mills at this place closed Tuesday for the season. The box factory will continue operations during the winter. The mills at Igone closed last week.

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CLIFTON JOHNSON

Hadley, Mass., Nov. 30, 1908.—Your letter of the 19th to "Outing" has been forwarded to me, and of course I quite agree that I did not show Oregon at its best. I think, however, you can see the difficulty I would have in dealing with more than one phase of life in your tremendous state when I was limited to 2500 words; and I must say that as a matter of art and literature as these appeal to me I find the picturesque and rustic more attractive than spick and span prosperity. I don't suppose a newspaper would be successful which dealt only with what was best and most creditable in its region to the neglect of what was rude and envious and even ugly. In the same way it takes all sorts of material to make a magazine interesting, and probably the only way to sum up in this instance is, as you suggest, to have a second article, which no doubt will come in time.

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