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Medford Daily Tribune.

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

THIRD YEAR.

MEDFORD, OREGON, MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1908.

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WOULD MAKE CHANGE IN CHARTER

So That It Would Conform With the General Local Option Law--Prohs to File Petition

In order to make the city charter conform with the provisions of the general local option law of the state, and take from the city council the power given it under the present charter to license, regulate and prohibit the sale of liquor within the city limits, is the purpose of an initiative petition being circulated by the prohibition forces in the city at the present time.

MOST POPULAR BABY, ACCORDING TO BALLOT

- Day by day the interest is increasing in the ball contest for the most popular baby in Medford. Arleen Butler is now in the lead with 75 votes to her credit.

Greatest Day of All at the Christian Tabernacle.

The great special meetings at the Christian tabernacle are nearly over. Tonight Whiston preaches his last sermon. It will be great. Don't fail to hear it.

WILL CENSOR KAISER'S DIARY BEFORE PUBLICATION

BERLIN, Dec. 7.—According to a statement made public the Kaiser's sedition diary in which he is expected to give an account of his 20 years on the throne will be censored shortly before publication.

Great Concert Tuesday at Christian Tabernacle.

The "Whiston League" - Edmonds - Otto-Mullinger and others' combination at the Christian tabernacle will be great. This will be the greatest concert ever given in Medford.

WANT LARGE SUM THIS YEAR

Department Heads Ask For Nearly a Billion Dollars As Necessary For Operation of Government

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Appropriations aggregating \$824,408,948.01, estimated by department heads, were reported to congress today by Secretary Cortelyou as necessary for the operation of the government during the coming year.

PROMINENT SEATTLE MAN VISITING IN MEDFORD

Will H. Barry, former mayor of Seattle, financial director of the Seattle-Yukon-Pacific exposition, who raised most of the money for the big fair, accompanied by his father-in-law, Bryan Phelps, also of Seattle, is spending a vacation in Medford to recuperate from overwork.

WESTERLUND TO MAKE MEDFORD FUTURE HOME

J. A. Westerlund of Chicago, president of the Western Oregon Orchards company, owners of the largest in Oregon, located a few miles east of Medford, arrived Monday to make this city his future home.

ELKS HOLD MEMORIAL SERVICES IN ASHLAND

The annual memorial services of the Ashland lodge, No. 844, B. P. O. E., were held in Ashland Sunday. A large number of local Elks attended.

SIXTIETH CONGRESS OPENS THEIR SECOND SESSION

TEDDY STANDS BY OUR GEORGE

Heartily Greets Chamberlain and Wants to See Him Senator

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—"I am glad to see you, Governor Chamberlain, and Senator-to-be," said President Roosevelt in greeting Oregon's chief executive at the White House.

REAR ADMIRAL COGHLAN ANSWERS TO LAST CALL

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Rear Admiral Joseph B. Coghlan, retired, died suddenly of heart disease at his home in New Rochelle, N. Y., Saturday.

COMMANDER IN 1882

In 1882 he was made commander and after a year on the Adams was assigned to the Mare Island navy yard, where he remained from 1886 to 1888.

REAR ADMIRAL IN 1902

In 1902 he was elevated to the rank of rear admiral and made second in command of the North Atlantic fleet for two years. From 1904 to 1907 he was commander of the New York navy yard.

CHANGE OF THE CAMPUS OF UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Dec. 7.—Engineering hall, the new university building ordered erected by the board of regents, has been completed and will be occupied by the department of civil engineering during the Christmas holidays.

SOLONS TO DECIDE HOW BEST TO SPEND BILLION NEXT YEAR

Senate Contains 61 Republicans, 31 Democrats--House Contains 221 Republicans, 169 Democrats--They Adopted Resolutions, Then Adjourned.

SECOND SESSION OF SIXTIETH CONGRESS

Open December 7, noon. Closes March 4, noon. Senate--Republicans 61, Democrats 31; total 92.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—With a series of resounding whacks of a mahogany mallet, wielded by Uncle Joe Cannon, and three gentle taps of an ivory gavel in the hands of Vice-President Fairbanks, the house and senate opened today for the final session of the 60th congress.

Whereupon the solons formally got ready for the business of deciding how Uncle Sam may best spend a billion odd dollars next year.

An hour before the beginning of the session the galleries were packed. A large majority of spectators were women, and they were arrayed in the latest fashions.

"I have no policy other to erry out your wishes," he said.

Because he was elected to fill the unexpired term of his friend, Clark said the arrangements of Williams would be carried out so far as possible.

O'CONNELL TO WRESTLE WEST DECEMBER 22

Eddie O'Connell, the whirlwind wrestler of Portland, has agreed to meet W. H. West, the local wrestler, in a wrestling match to be held in the Medford opera house December 22, and if a hitch does not come in the negotiations the men will meet on that date.

On Monday morning West drew up articles of agreement and forwarded them to O'Connell by way of answer to a letter received from O'Connell saying that he was open to a date on December 22.

Those whose re-election has already been accomplished or made sure are: Brandegan of Connecticut, Clarke of Arkansas, Clay of Georgia, Dillingham of Vermont, Galligan of New Hampshire, Gore of Oklahoma, Hayburn of Idaho, Hopkins of Illinois, Lattimer of South Carolina, Melnoroy of Louisiana, Newlands of Nevada, Overman of North Carolina, Reardon of Pennsylvania, Smeot of Utah, Stevenson of Wisconsin and Stone of Missouri.

The latter and Brandegan have a fight on their hands.

Vice-President Fairbanks, who will retire March 4, was early on the scene. He was all urbanity and smiles.

Coghlan entered more than national fame when he composed and recited at a banquet the daring ballad, and the title of which was "Hoeh der Kaiser," and the refrain of which ran "Me und Gott."

His last important public appearance was when he served as grand marshal of the great Taft parade in New York just before the last election.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Dec. 7.—It has been definitely decided that some time during the spring the university will celebrate "Commonwealth day."

Thousands of invitations will be sent to all parts of the state and the most prominent speakers of Oregon will be on the program.

A brief resolution in memory of each of them was adopted, and in further respect the house adjourned until tomorrow afternoon.

CLARK LEADS THE MINORITY

Will Succeed John Sharp Williams on Floor of the House This Session

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Congressman Champ Clark of Missouri was chosen leader of the minority of the house at a caucus of the democratic members held Saturday.

Alabama presided and read the resignation of John Sharp Williams, who retired from the leadership because of his election to the senate.

Congressman Stanley of Kentucky moved the acceptance of the resignation. The name of Clark was then presented by Representative Williams of Mississippi, and seconding speeches were made by Henry of Texas, Sulzer of New York, Mason of Arkansas, James of Kentucky, Cox of Indiana and Sims of Tennessee.

On motion of Chandler of Mississippi Clark was elected unanimously.

A committee comprising Lloyd of Missouri, Bartlett of Georgia and Russell of Texas, escorted the new leader to the caucus.

Clark expressed his appreciation of the honor bestowed upon him and invoked the cordial co-operation of his colleagues in the work of the session.

Because he was elected to fill the unexpired term of his friend, Clark said the arrangements of Williams would be carried out so far as possible.

Joseph Baum, the popular representative of Fleischer & Co., left for the north this morning. He will spend the holidays at Portland, returning after New Year's.

ASSOCIATION AND THE RAILROADS IN HARD FIGHT

CHICAGO, Dec. 7.—A bitter fight is being waged today between the Trans-continental carriers and the trunk line freight association over the change proposed by the freight association in the method of delivering California and western freight to the eastern consumers.

The trans-continental roads declare that to accede to the demand of the association that the original bills of lading be forwarded to points where the goods are delivered where shipments have been diverted from the contract freight shippers to the purchasers would mean the diminution of the coast shipment of citrus fruits.

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ASHLAND TO GRANTS PASS REMAIN DRY ELECTION QUIET

Church Ticket Will Probably Win Out With the Exception of Mayor-Liquor Fight Quiet

ASHLAND, Dec. 7.—(Special Correspondence.)—There seems but little doubt after a careful canvass of this city but what the dry forces will carry the next election by a big majority.

The church ticket will probably win out by a small majority all of the offices excepting that of the mayor.

The political situation in our coming city election is getting more torrid, and old politicians and wire pullers are lining up on both sides.

Robert P. Leonard, an old democratic warhorse, who lines up within a few numbers of such leaders as Phipps, Neil, Muld and Farlow, has come out in favor of the kickers' ticket.

But to even matters up, Uncle Billy Willis has taken up the side of the church ticket and both men being about equal in influence this makes a snuff with possibly a little advantage in favor of Mr. Willis, as Uncle Bob has lost some of his political sagacity since the humberloose tussling him a year or two ago.

In the First ward the 150 railroad men are lined up about equal between Neil and Loomis, but it is expected that Superintendent Knoblauch can turn enough votes to elect Mr. Neil.

In the Third ward it is expected that C. A. Powell of the real estate firm of McWilliams and Powell will take the side of the church ticket, as he is a great friend of ex-Senator Carter.

Mr. Powell had the reputation in Idaho, where he lived for many years before coming to Ashland, of being a very shrewd politician, and pulled many a hot wire for the republicans in that state and usually made it win out.

In the Second ward it will be neck and neck between Banker Muitt and William Myer as both are very popular with their neighbors in that part of the city.

Town Probably Dry.

The wet and dry question will not get much attention, as it is understood the church people have canvassed the town and found such a majority in favor of keeping the town in the dry column that there is no question of the drys carrying the city by a big majority.

In looking the field over carefully and in talking with the people generally, we predict that the church ticket will pull through by a small majority, with the exception of mayor.

As Sam Snell of the kickers' ticket is so popular with the people, we expect to see him elected by a small majority, as his own ward will give him a big majority and overcome the small majorities in the other two wards for Mr. Root.

It has since developed that the crowds of curious people who tramped in and out of the residence on October 13, managed to take away with them a vast amount of stuff, and the trustees of the estate have made a report today announcing the disappearance of a \$15,000 copy of Leonard da Vine's famous painting, "Monalisa," a priceless collection of furs, costly Parisian gowns and hats and jewelry, estimated as worth \$75,000.

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WASHINGTON CONGRESSMAN FAVORS BURTON FOR SPEAKER

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 7.—Congressman Theodore Burton of Ohio is my choice for the speakership, if he will get into the race and make the fight succeed Speaker Joseph Cannon."

Miles Poindester, president of the Southern club of Spokane and congress man-elect from the Third district of Washington, made the foregoing declaration in his opposition to Mr. Cannon, adding:

"I am decidedly opposed to the reelection of Mr. Cannon, who has put himself on record officially as a member of that faction which has been opposed generally to the attitude and policies of the present administration. I apprehend from his general course of conduct that Mr. Cannon does not look favorably on government irrigation, which we in the Spokane country and the northwest, regard as the greatest event in the course of our material development.

"There has grown up during this term of congress, throughout the country, a feeling that a certain air of dictatorship and intimidation has characterized the lower house of congress, and if this is persisted in it will undoubtedly encourage the conditions of general unrest and may lead to the defeat of the republican party."

Heavy Vote Is Being Polled Although Slight Interest Was Taken in the Campaign

GRANTS PASS, Or., Dec. 7.—(Special.)—A heavy vote is being polled in the city election today and more interest is being shown than at any time during the campaign. The campaign was usually quiet, there being no great questions before the people for their decision. It means simply the naming of the city's chief executive for the next term.

It is generally believed that J. C. Kinney will be elected over Dr. J. C. Smith, the present incumbent, who is trying for reelection. Both of the men are representative of the business element of the city and the race will be a close one.

Owing to the absence of any important question being mixed up in the race, there has been but very little interest taken. Both men are pledged to the upbuilding of the city and both are known to be good men.

INVESTIGATING DEATH OF A PROMINENT MAN

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 7.—The city authorities are today making an investigation of the serious charge that the home of the late Mrs. George M. Wood, widow of the former American manager of the Royal Insurance company, was looted of \$100,000 worth of jewelry, furs, garments and a valuable painting after the woman's body was found lifeless in the mansion at 133 North Broad street on the afternoon of October 13.

Although the woman's death was reported as due to valvular heart disease, some doubt of that is now expected. It has been learned that this was only a superficial opinion, as no post mortem was held.

Mrs. Wood was apparently alone in the house when she died. Her body was discovered by an employe of the American District Telegraph company 12 hours after she had passed away.

The coroner and other officials took charge of the remains and, presumably, looked after the property in the house, which was unguarded, although it contained a profusion of art treasures, valuable silver and bronzes, rich plate, rare rugs and thousands of dollars' worth of personal property.

No inventory of the goods was taken, and as check on possible looters was taken save in the case of the articles found on the body.

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