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The Weather
Occasional showers tonight and tomorrow. Northerly winds.
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OFFICIAL FIGURE IS 164,850

Latest List Does Not Include Large Number of Injured Who are Sure to Die-Typhoid is Bad

NAPLES, Jan. 7.—The latest official estimate on the number of deaths resulting from the recent earthquake and tidal waves in Southern Italy and Sicily given in a list announced today totals 164,850.
The greatest number of victims in any one city was in Messina, where 108,000 perished. Reggio stands second with 31,000. Palermo lost 4500 citizens. The list continues over a half-hundred cities.

Typhoid Breaks Out.
MESSINA, Jan. 7.—Typhoid has appeared in this city and within 24 hours over 100 new cases have been reported. No relief is in sight unless the ships now bound for this port arrive soon with medical stores and doctors.

Griscom to the Scene.
ROME, Jan. 7.—Ambassador Griscom started for Messina today with \$50,000 of American funds turned over to him by the pope. Arrangements are completed for field hospitals and the distribution of supplies through American agencies to sufferers. It is expected that the work will be fairly organized when the four American battleships arrive from Sicily on Saturday.

PROPOSE NEW LAW FOR ROGUE

McAllister Submits Detailed Report to Oregon Commissioners.
H. C. McAllister, master fish warden, has submitted to the board of fish commissioners a detailed and comprehensive report regarding the department of fisheries in this state. He makes numerous legislative recommendations, among which is one which will stop all fishing above the Illinois river, in the Rogue, unlawful excepting that with hook and line.

PERRY DON'T KNOW WHERE HE'S GOING BUT HE'S ON HIS WAY

Leaves Matter of Opinion Regarding Wet or Dry Fight to People Although He is Supported by Prohibition Leaders-May be He Will and May be He Won't

J. A. Perry, candidate for mayor of the prohibitionists and the Mail, doesn't know whether he is in favor of the saloons or not. In fact, he will not know until after January 12, and he sees the matter in a post-election light. He says that at the present time he is neutral on the question—that he has never looked about the saloons, and on the other hand, that he has taken a drink occasionally as the spirit moves him.

GOSSIP OF THE RING

Murphy and Madden to go 10 Rounds Tomorrow— Instead of Heavyweights
NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—A fight which will attract no little interest among fight fans all over the country will be staged by the National Athletic club of New York tomorrow night. Tommy Murphy and Frankie Madden are the principals and the mill is scheduled to go ten rounds. This affair was originally set for New Year's night, but an injury to Murphy's hand caused a postponement. Both boys have had time to get in excellent shape for the bout and it will doubtless be a good one.

YOUNGSTERS WED; LEAVE FOR SEATTLE

Well Known Couple of Medford Get Married in Jacksonville and Hike Away to Washington

Verne Marshall and Miss Ruth Brown of this city were married on Wednesday afternoon in Jacksonville by Judge H. K. Hanna of the Circuit court, and in the evening hiked away to Seattle, where the groom has secured a position in a job printing office. None of the many friends of the young couple knew anything of their intention, and the news that they were married came as a great surprise.

NEW RULING ON WATER RIGHTS

Riparian Rights are Limited if Acquired Later than year of 1877
SALEM, Or., Jan. 7.—One of the most important decisions that has been handed down by the Oregon supreme court in many years was placed on record when the court held that the congressional act of March 3, 1877, relating to settlement of public lands, limits all riparian rights subsequently acquired except to the extent of the use of water for domestic purposes. It is estimated that 90 per cent of the settlements in Eastern Oregon have been made since 1877. Practically all the water power rights in the state have been acquired since that time.

GRANTS PASS MAYOR SAYS HIGH TAX IS EFFECT OF CITY VOTING DRY

Sheriff Russell of Josephine County says Whisky is Sold Regularly in County Seat Three Drunken Men seen on Their Streets Yesterday—Business Diverted to Medford

"Previous to the city of Grants Pass voting for and putting into effect local option the tax rate was 6 mills and the business done here was fully equal to that now done at Medford. Our tax rate is now 8 mills—2 mills more than what is legally allowed. In addition to that, we have had to increase our valuation 50 per cent, which makes our rate now really 10 1/2 mills, and our business has fallen off and we have decided that we cannot do any paying."

INDIANA LAW MAKERS GATHER

Democrats Have Majority—Probably Elect Kern to U. S. Senate.
INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 7.—Indiana's legislature convened today for what will in all probability be the most important session in years. The democrats have a majority and will elect a United States senator to succeed Senator Hemenway, whose term expires on March 4. Present appearances indicate the selection of John Worth Kern, who was the democratic candidate for vice-president in the last national campaign.

DRY TOWN WOULD BE DEAD ONE

Business Man Who Recently Invested in Medford says City Would Make Error By Changing Conditions

That the loss of the revenue of the saloons would be heavily felt by the taxpayers in the city and that a "dry" town would certainly hurt business is the opinion expressed in this city by C. V. Evans, of Wood, Cal., a business man who recently purchased the hardware store of H. E. Boyden, investing a large amount of money in Medford. Mr. Evans came up to Medford the first part of this week in order to attend to business matters and was considerably surprised to learn that the residents of Medford were seriously considering the matter of putting the town in the dry column. This, he stated, would be a serious mistake.

HISTORIC HALL IN MISSOURI IS TO BE DESTROYED

CASSVILLE, Mo., Jan. 7.—With the passing of the old Barry county courthouse, which has been condemned to destruction, there will go out of existence the last historic structure soon erected with the attempt of the Missouri legislature to bring about the secession of Missouri from the Union. It was in this old building that less than a year ago the legislature met in 1861 and ratified an ordinance of secession. The actual ordinance of secession was passed at Neosho, and was entitled "An act declaring the ties heretofore existing between the United States and the state of Missouri dissolved."