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The Weather Cloudy, with occasional showers tonight and Sunday.

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CALIFORNIA IS WET BY BIG MAJORITY

PROSPERITY FOLLOWS IN FAST ORDER

Large Sales are Being Made—Quickened Momentum Noted Along all Lines of Business

"The election increased Medford property values 20 per cent in my estimation," states A. L. Sturgis, the local capitalist. "As soon as I knew the result, I raised the price that I was asking for my property, and yesterday I sold a lot at the advanced figure that I had been unable to dispose of during several months before."

"Last year I sold during the entire year eight carloads of such and doors in Medford. There were in addition probably two more carloads sold by our home in less than carload lots, making ten carloads for the year. Since the election I have already sold five carloads in Medford, and expect to sell many more during the year, for the biggest building year in Medford's history is in sight," states George Fitzgibbon, representative of W. P. Fuller & Co. "Ours is only one home," added Mr. Fitzgibbon.

Dealers in building supplies expect to do a rushing business. Traveling men are carrying away record orders and prospects are that every avenue of business will open the throttle with the coming of spring. Never before in the history of the valley have the trees been as laden with fruit buds as they are this winter, and unless some unusual event such as an unusual frost occurs, the biggest fruit crop in the valley's history will be harvested.

PHOENIX WILL RETAIN NAME

Talk of Changing It When City Incorporates—Old Name Decided Upon

Judge W. M. Cole is drawing up articles of incorporation for the town of Phoenix. The petition to the circuit court has been signed by nearly 200 residents and at the March term the application will be formally presented.

Phoenix used to be called Gasstown, not because there was so much gas there, but after the Gas family, original settlers of the place. Lately there has been some discussion over changing the name to Eden or Newtown, both names having been considered at town meetings. However, Phoenix won the day and Phoenix the town will remain.

Since the completion of the handsome schoolhouse, one of the finest in the county, Phoenix has had a rapid growth—it might almost be called a boom. No place of its size has grown faster in Oregon and many are the real estate transfers.

WOMAN SHOTS LOVER WHOM SHE SPURNED

SEATTLE, Jan. 16.—Spurning his advances in the absence of her husband to defend her, Mrs. J. R. Conklin last night at Leavenworth shot and killed Lloyd Weaver, a fireman on the Great Northern railroad. Weaver was a roomer in the Conklin home and while the husband, T. R. Conklin, was at Everett he and Mrs. Conklin were alone in the house. Mrs. Conklin shot the man through the head with a revolver, and says she acted in self-defense.

TRAINS FROM SOUTH ARE DELAYED

Central Portion of Bear State Under Water—No Abatement of Storm is as Yet in Sight

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Jan. 16.—This city is partially under water, as is nearly every city in Central California as the result of heavy rain and melting snow throughout this section. Thousands of dollars' damage is being done and no abatement of the floods is in sight yet.

Hundreds of bridges and wagon roads have been washed away and travel is at a standstill. The city of Porterville is a heavy sufferer, the city being under water and the people marooned. The city of Biggs is also under water. Stockton is a heavy loser. The lower part of the city is flooded. The warehouse district will be reached if the water raises but a few inches more, in spite of the efforts to remove perishable goods. Thousands of dollars will be lost here if relief does not come. All business in the city is suspended.

The dikes along the Sacramento river have broken in many places and the marshes are being filled with water. Thousands of acres are under water.

The floods in California have seriously interfered with the mail service from the south and east. All of the trains from the south have been late. No. 16 last night did not reach Medford until 10 p. m. and No. 14 Saturday morning was annulled and held at Redding on account of washouts between Delta and Kennett.

No. 16, due here tonight, will also be held and delayed by these washouts. A sub-train made up at Ashland will leave there tonight on No. 16's time, reaching here at 5:24 p. m. for Portland.

Willamette Rises Rapidly

ALBANY, Or., Jan. 16.—The Willamette river near this city has risen seven feet in the past twelve hours, and is now standing 15 feet above low water mark.

SALEM, Jan. 16.—The Willamette river has risen over seven feet during the past ten hours, reaching the 12-foot stage at 9 o'clock this morning.

CENTRAL POINT REBEKAHS AND ODDFELLOWS INSTALLATIONS

Last Saturday evening was a busy time with members of the local Oddfellows and Rebekahs, when the two lodges joined in installation ceremonies in their lodgeroom in the A. O. U. W. building, says the Herald.

District Deputy Grand Master T. M. Jones acted as installing officer for the Oddfellows and Mrs. J. W. Merritt acted in a similar capacity for the Rebekah degree lodge. The occasion was a public one for all members of the lodges and their families, and a large crowd was present to witness the work. Following are the newly installed officers of the subordinate lodges:

George Ford, N. G.; Ernest Hathaway, V. G.; J. E. Gelevy, secretary; W. Scott, financial secretary; O. S. Moore, treasurer; J. P. Houghton, warden; P. E. Miller, conductor; E. L. Ferra, R. S. N. G.; E. E. Emerson, L. S. N. G.; Geo. Fox, R. S. V. G.; E. E. Scott, L. S. V. G.; G. P. Wright, R. S. S.; P. J. Hicken, L. S. S.; J. F. Hay, L. G.; S. P. Minick, O. G.; W. E. Alexander, chaplain.

Officers of the Rebekah lodge are: Minnie Moore, N. G.; Cordie Hathaway, V. G.; Ida Emerson, secretary; Stella Pugham, financial secretary; Stella Fox, treasurer; Elizabeth Beard, chaplain; Lillian Wright, warden; Mae Jenkins, conductor; Bessie Randall, L. G.; Maud Baker, O. G.; Jennie Merritt, R. S. N. G.; Clara Paris, L. S. N. G.

After the installation ceremonies were concluded the members of the subordinate lodge entertained the Rebekahs and all guests at an elegant supper at the Central Point hotel, at which more than 150 plates were laid. The supper was one of the very finest ever served here on a similar occasion.

NO REQUIEM FORME SAYS DOC REDDY

Council Will Unite this Afternoon in Swan Song—No Report from City Executive

There will be no death song for Mayor Reddy.

He will preside this afternoon over a business session of the city council for the last time, but he will not file an annual report, as has been customary heretofore, giving as his reasons that the people know all the good things that have been done and if they have forgotten the other things that are not so good they should not be dug up at this time. In other words, he is with Longfellow in saying, "Let the dead past bury its dead." So his annual report will be left unwritten and then no future generation can dig up an autobiography of the present city administration.

There will be but little business to come before the council this afternoon, aside from the canvassing of the returns of the recent election. In fact, there is nothing else looked for, and the last session should be short and sweet.

On next Tuesday the places of Mayor Reddy, Councilmen Trowbridge, Olwell and Hafer will be filled by the newly elected officials—Mayor Canon and Councilmen Demer, Emerick and Welsh. And then away will go the ship of state with another land at the helm.

Whatever changes Mayor-elect Canon plans in the city administration has not as yet been divulged. However, if changes are to be made, his new appointees will probably be submitted to the council at the meeting on Tuesday.

It is probable that W. W. Eifert will be elected president of the council in the place of Councilman Trowbridge, who goes out on Tuesday.

JURORS SELECTED FROM MANY COUNTY PRECINCTS

The following have been drawn as jurors for 1909 from other precincts: Florence Rock—T. B. Higginbotham, farmer.

Foats Creek—Grant Mathews, farmer; A. W. Sanders, farmer.

Gold Hill—Isaac Pousholder, miner; W. M. Childers, farmer; J. E. Coffee, farmer; John Cook, farmer; J. E. Davidson, farmer; Sam Duffield, merchant; Elmer Higginbotham, farmer; J. J. Honck, farmer; Marion Lane, farmer.

Lake Creek—H. G. Meyer, farmer; J. D. Culbertson, farmer; C. E. Terrell, farmer; Charles Bandles, farmer.

Meadows—J. H. Drake, farmer; J. O. Love, farmer; F. X. Musty, farmer.

Mound—W. H. Narcissus, farmer; H. L. Gregory, farmer; Charles Pruett, farmer; Fred Simpson, farmer; Harvey Richardson, farmer.

Rock Point—James E. Smith, farmer; S. A. Dusenberry, farmer; George Garrett, farmer; H. B. Taylor, farmer; D. E. Phipps, farmer.

Sam's Valley—E. O. Bissell, farmer; S. E. Adams, farmer; James I. Fredenburg, farmer; Will N. Carl, farmer; J. B. McDonald, farmer.

Sterling—Ralph Jennings, farmer; A. S. Kleinhammer, farmer.

Trail—George W. Weeks, farmer; J. S. Tucker, farmer; Fred Sturgis, farmer.

Talent—R. B. Purvis, farmer; E. E. Foss, farmer; J. R. Robinson, farmer; Wellborn Benson, farmer; George N. Anderson, farmer; J. C. Carnahan, farmer; N. D. Rophy, farmer; L. A. Abbott, farmer; A. L. James, farmer; Alonzo Thal, farmer; James L. Garvin.

Union—Lee Black, farmer; W. H. Venable, farmer; Z. Cameron, farmer; Miles Cantrell, farmer; Fred Gopple, farmer.

Watkins—A. D. McKee, farmer; J. P. Hare, farmer.

Willow Springs—W. P. Conata, farmer; R. P. Dean, farmer; T. C. Law, farmer; L. A. Askew, farmer.

Wimer—S. B. Hillis, farmer; Joshua Neathammer, farmer; S. H. Moore, farmer.

DR. PICKEL BUYS KILGORE PLACE PAYING SUM OF \$36,000

Same Property was Sold Three Years Ago for \$16,000—Consists of 155 Acres Just Outside City Limits on Bear Creek

Dr. E. B. Pickel, who recently sold the 101 orchard, has purchased from John M. Root the Kilgore place, consisting of 155 acres, just east of Medford, paying \$36,000 for the same. The deal, like many others about to be made, has been pending for some time, awaiting the result of Tuesday's election, and was not closed until it was known that prosperity in Medford was to continue. Upon the land is 28 acres of four-year-old Newtown apples and five acres of Rose pears. There are 88 acres of Bear Creek bottom land in alfalfa. The tract is one of the best in the valley. It was bought last spring by Mr. Root from Mr. Kilgore. Three years ago the land sold for \$16,000, an increase of \$20,000 since.

MUSICALE TO BE ENJOYABLE

The Program on Tuesday Night Will Be a Great Treat to Music Lovers

In the program to be given Tuesday night by Mrs. Isaacs and Miss Brown there will be found numbers, both classic and modern, which will appeal to all lovers of music. Mrs. Isaacs needs no recommendation to a Medford audience, as all who have heard her have been greatly impressed with her musicianship, and the sincerity she brings to her art, which has been greatly broadened and strengthened during the past two years. Miss Grace Brown, although but 19 years old, possesses a voice of wonderful promise, being a dramatic contralto, full of color and that rare quality called soul, which finds its way to the human heart. Herr Herman Gauss, with whom she will continue her studies, is more than sanguine as to her future career, which he declares will be a magnificent one. His ardent wish is for her to enter the field of grand opera. Miss Brown has not made any definite decision as to the line she will choose as her life work, but whether she enters the grand opera field or confines herself to concert work, her future is an assured success. Following is the program:

Part 1. (a) Nocturne (B flat) Op. 27 No. 2, Chopin. Mrs. Isaacs. (b) Aria, "Lascia Ch'io Pianga" Handel. Miss Brown. (c) Night Song, Op. 8, No. 1, Mendelssohn. Mrs. Isaacs. (d) Papillons D'Amore (Butterflies of Love) Schmitt. Mrs. Isaacs.

Part 2. (a) Spring Song, Mendelssohn. Miss Brown. (b) To the Sunshine. Frühlingsnacht (She-It Thine Schumann). Miss Brown. (c) Commonly known as Harp Nocturne.

(d) Song in Italian from Opera Rosilda. Miss Brown. (e) One of Jenny Lind's best loved ballads.

Part 3. (a) Rondo (Perpetual Motion) Weber. Mrs. Isaacs. (b) Three Green Bonnets, D'Hartelot. Miss Brown. (c) Gypsy Love Song, Victor Herbert. Miss Brown.

Divertissement (Garland) Garland. Miss Brown. (d) Scherzo, Op. 16, Mendelssohn. Mrs. Isaacs.

(e) Doin Gedacht (I Think of Thee) Gene Vahl Springstun with Mrs. Kinsel, Gens. Miss Brown.

(f) Rhapsodie Hongroise No. 8, Liszt. Mrs. Isaacs.

(g) Song with great success by Madam Melba.

(h) From the opera "The Fortune Teller."

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE. Christian Science services are held every Sunday morning at 11 o'clock in the Commercial club room. Subject of the lesson for Jan. 17, "Life." All are welcome. Sunday school at 10 o'clock.

25,000 IN FIVE YEARS ESTIMATE OF MUNDY

TRAINS IN COLLISION; 50 KILLED

Passenger Crashes Into Freight—Hotel Turned Into Hospital—Responsibility Unfixed

GLENWOOD SPRINGS, Col., Jan. 16.—It is believed that the number of dead in the wreckage resulting from a collision between a passenger and a freight on the Denver & Rio Grande railroad last night twenty miles from here will reach 25 to 50. Thirty are supposed to be buried in the ruins. Eighteen bodies have been recovered.

Eighteen of the dead and 20 of the injured have been brought into this city. It is believed that eight of the injured ones cannot survive, though local physicians are doing all in their power to save their lives. The Hotel Glenwood has been converted into a large hospital while a nearby express office is serving as a morgue.

The responsibility of the wreck has not as yet been fixed. It is reported that the freight crew disobeyed orders by leaving Detero before the passenger train passed. They ran into a siding some distance away, but the end of the train failed to clear the main track.

Not a person in the chair car is thought to have escaped injury or death.

WRECK IN ILLINOIS

PEORIA, Ill., Jan. 16.—There was a collision between freight trains on the Northwestern road last night ten miles west of this city in which four brakemen were killed.

MEDFORD LIQUOR DEALERS WILL AID ADMINISTRATION

Medford liquor dealers held a meeting Friday and agreed to cooperate with the incoming administration in maintaining order and abolishing the abuses that have aroused complaint. Recommendations that may be made by Mayor Canon will be lived up to and effort made to make Medford the model city.

Mayor Canon's policy will be to regulate the liquor business so stringently that no complaint regarding the existence of saloons can be made, and there will be no ground of excuse for prohibition talk and agitation. Selling liquor to drunken men, the hush room evil and other causes of complaint must cease.

It has been currently reported that the saloonmen would unite to raise the price of beer to 10 cents a glass, but no such action has been taken and it is not thought that the price will be raised.

WILL SOON BEGIN WORK ON ROAD TO BLUE LEDGE

That Robert S. Towne, owner of the Blue Ledge, will speedily erect a smelter and begin the construction of a railroad to the mine is the belief of A. T. Lundgren, whose faith in the Blue Ledge copper district has been shown by his seven or eight years' work upon his prospects. He is spending a few days in Medford. He states that a three-foot ledge has been uncovered on the Sugar Pine prospect, owned by Charles Prim and A. E. Reames, and that 25 feet of ore has been uncovered at the Copper Cliff, owned by Dr. Page, Wes Cooper and Mr. Messer. Other development work is progressing at other claims.

DANGER OF FREEZE PART; STOP RUNNING OF WATER

Water users who have been letting the water run to prevent pipes freezing are warned by the water superintendent to cease it, as danger of a freeze is past and it is contrary to city ordinance 138. This ordinance compels the placing of stop cocks so that the water can be shut off in time of cold snaps, but to economize, most property owners have neglected to place these cocks, with the result that they have found frozen and burst pipes more expensive than the cutoff would have been.

IS SPLENDID PLACE TO INVEST

Coal Operator Says Medford Is Logical Metropolitan of Southern Oregon—Will Be Railroad Center

"Within five years, Medford will have a population of 25,000," stated Colonel J. F. Mundy, who, with his partner, P. F. Murphy, of Springfield, Ill., have taken hold of the coal fields adjacent to Medford with a view to developing them. "I never saw a country with so many natural resources as the Rogue River valley, and so many latent possibilities.

"Medford is the logical metropolis of Southern Oregon," continued Colonel Mundy. "It is the supply point will ultimately be built to the timber and will be a railroad center also. Roads and to the mines, and that before long, I think. Either resource would make a city. Then there are immense deposits of the finest fire clay in the world. The finest quality of pressed brick, paving brick and flag can be turned out at minimum cost.

"All the materials for cement exist in abundance—limestone, shale and quantities of fine grades of coal. The coal is of the finest quality. There is no coke coal also, so essential to smelting. These are but a few of the possibilities that will be utilized in the near future.

"We are not prepared to make public our plans regarding the development of the coal fields. We hope to be able to announce something definite upon our return from the east in a few weeks hence. Our plans are still in the formative period. We are not selling stock in our concerns. There are so many ventures 'queered' by undesired publicity while still in the promotion period that we want to be certain of our plans before making them public."

MUNDY A LIVE ONE

Colonel Mundy has been here since August working on the promotion of coal mines. He holds from Lincoln, Ill., and is without question the "live wire" that ever struck Medford. No better man to become interested in a community could be picked out. Both he and his partner, Mr. Murphy, who is a practical operator, mining several thousand tons a day in the Springfield district, are convinced of the possibilities of this region and have brought in many capitalists and coal operators to size up the local field. They are not at all discouraged over the fact that the Southern Pacific experts reported adversely upon this coal field and point to the fact that James J. Hill's exports turned down the Coe's. Next coal mines and afterward Hill paid \$6,000, 000 for them.

Messrs. Murphy, Mundy and others of their party leave Sunday evening for the east, but expect to return in February. During their absence their interests here will be looked after by Howard S. Dudley, their associate. The three companies, the Cascade, the West and the Sunnyvale, owning the Blue Ledge, the Herria and the Medford coal prospects, with the same as replete, will be in his charge. Some work is being done on each, but development work will not start in earnest until Colonel Mundy's return.

WARSHIPS WILL RACE ACROSS THE ATLANTIC

NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—James B. Connolly, the noted writer of sea stories, is authority for the statement that the president has given carte blanche to Rear Admiral Sperry's fleet returning from its world-girdling tour, to cut loose after leaving Gibraltar and race across the Atlantic, "ship against ship, and may the best boat win."

Mr. Connolly, it is said, was invited by the president to accompany the fleet and will be the guest of Captain Porter aboard the battleship Vermont.

The contest among Admiral Sperry's fighters is to be characterized by all the fire and go that is the peculiar quality of the Roosevelt temperament.

Final orders for the grooming and coaling of the racers will be received at Newport and in every important harbor along the coast of the north coast of Africa.

WOMEN OUT AFTER MEN FOR VOTES

Mass Meeting Tomorrow in Chicago—Mayor of Toledo will Speak—Long Contest on

CHICAGO, Jan. 16.—Prop open your ears and listen to this hymn, voicing the battle-cries of freedom for the enslaved and disfranchised suffragette sisterhood, sung to the tune of "Marching Through Georgia":

It's true that we are women, but we know a thing or two; If it wasn't for us, candidly, pray tell us what you'd do? We do the hardest thing on earth—that is, we manage you! And voting right is simple next to that, sirs!

Chorus.

You know—you know—for it certainly is true— We're as fitted for the ballot, sirs, as any one of you. So prove that you are gentlemen by giving us our due. You'll find it the best thing you ever did, sirs.

Doesn't that convince you, Mr. Man, that women have a right—an inalienable right—to the ballot? If it doesn't, the suffragettes of Chicago have many more songs, and five of them will be rendered at a suffrage mass meeting to be held in Handel hall tomorrow afternoon. A prize of \$100 is offered for the best song expressing the hopes and the discontent of the suffragettes, and musical efforts have been entered in every part of the country.

MAYOR WILL SPEAK

Brand Whitlock, mayor of Toledo, and a prominent friend of the suffrage movement, will deliver an address at tomorrow's meeting, and there will be such a feast of oratory and song as the suffragettes of America have never heard before.

The song contest will not finally close until February 1, when the following entries will pass upon the hundreds of entries entered in the competition.

Mrs. Clara Odessa Reed, the Columbia school of music.

Mrs. Lillian V. Duncanson, president of the Chicago Political Equality League.

S. E. Kiser, poet and humorist.

Professor W. D. McClinton, the University of Chicago.

L. H. Bishop, husband of donor of the \$100 prize.

Work has begun on the gathering of Chicagoans names for the monster suffrage petition which is to be sent to congress on February 15. Susan B. Anthony's birthday. The petition is being compiled by Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt and Mrs. Florence Kelley, working from headquarters at the Martha Washington Hotel in New York.

The names, of which at least 2,000,000 are expected, are to be attached to an enormous strip of muslin and sent in Washington on a special train. About 200,000 names are expected from Illinois. The petition sheets have been prepared and are being circulated through the city by the women at churches, and club meetings, and by house-to-house canvasses.

WOMAN ASKS HEAVY DAMAGES OF MERCHANT

SEATTLE, Jan. 16.—Mrs. Minnie Fisher, a Red Lodge, Mont., widow, has instituted suit for \$25,000 for breach of promise against O. E. Kenyon, a Seattle merchant. The plaintiff alleges that Kenyon promised to marry her at Red Lodge and subsequently at Spokane, in the presence of mutual friends. Though Mrs. Fisher deposited as evidence an engagement ring, Kenyon asserts that all the allegations are untrue save that of her willingness to marry him.

Godfrey Thoms, father of Paul Thoms, who died in Chicago Thursday, was a son of a member of Napoleon's bodyguard and in every important battle from Austerlitz to Waterloo.