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Medford Daily Cribune.

The Weather

Occasional light rain or snow flurries tonight and Saturday. Colder weather. Variable winds.

THIRD YEAR.

MEDFORD, OREGON, FRIDAY, JANUARY 22, 1909.

RAISING FUNDS TO CHECK BEAR CREEK

New Suits Have Been Re- Joker in Provision of New ceived-Team Can Leave Barn in 11 Seconds-Must Leave Plugs Alone

No longer need the fire heldies be exposed to the chilling drenches of a misguided hose when they attend to little matters like putting out an or essional blaze. No longer need they dope up on brome quinne immediately upon their return from responding to a alarm in order to keep the grip from their systems. The old days are past and the boys are equipped with rubber boots tropsers, slickers and bats. They can take the full force of a stream and nev er feel it, for their saits ere adequate to all of the requirements imposed by the arduous task of fighting fire.

With the proceeds of the dance give by the boys on New Y-ar's eve six com plete suits have been purchased and are now on the job. These who respond early enough will get a cont and these who get them need fear no water. The who get them need fear no water. The boots and trousers are combined, fasten-ing at the waist with a snap so that only a second is required to put them on. Then with the coast buckled on nothing need be feared.

The three new chemical wagons or dered by the city council have arrived and will be placed in the various sub stations in the city immediately so that the city is better prepared to fight fire at the present time than ever before,

at the present time than ever before.

Roberts Resigns.

Charles Roberts, who has been the driver of the fire term for several months pas, has resigned his position, the place being taken by Charles Stowe of Portland, who for several months was a driver in that city. Since his duties began in Medford he has made according to the station and or several changes in the station and on the chemical wagon, all of them tending to increase the efficiency of the depart to increase the efficiency of the department. The old spindle has been removed from the bed of the wagen and a basket put in underments to carry the hose for the chemical batteries. This gets a cumbersome apparatus out of the way and makes it possible to get the hose out in faster style.

Stowe has already were the affection Stowe has already were the attention of the fire team, both of them following him like a day, and will beed his slightest word. He can get out of the station in exactly 11 ecconds from the time the gong taps until the hind wheels clear the station door.

Chief Has a Kick. Chief Has a Kick.

Pire Chief Amann is planning in the near future to council the matter of hitching teams or about the fire plugs throughout the city. People become carcless about this and in case of a fire the work of the boys would be seriously impaired. The chief is keeping a sharp lookout so that when the call comes for action no un-necessary time may be lost.

The only thing that the city now re-

quires is a number of fire alarm boxes placed about the city to facilitate the matter of turning in clarms. But as it is and with the interest that the fire boys and fire officialse take in pro-tecting the city from loss by fire Med ford is well protected. With the in stallation of alarms and the new water system completed the local system

ILLNESS OF EMPEROR FRANZ JOSEF SERIOUS

LONDON, Jan. 22.—Recent reports as to the ill health of Emperor Franz as to the ill health of Emperor rana-Joseph of Austria Hungary have caused some alarm in Britisa diplomatic cir-cles. The sged emperor is said to be in a low state of vitality, and his death at any time would not be surprising.
What will transpire in the dual monareby he has ruled so well in the event of his death is now an interesting an icet of discussion among those inte

ested in European politics.

According to those who keep in touch with foreign affairs and who understand the mysteries of continental politics. stand the mysteries of continental pot-ities and intrigues, that which would happen in the event of the death of the old emperor depends entirely upon the strength and individuality of the tree. It is feared that all now alive the strength and individuality of the the strength and but succeed to the baye been rescued, throne. And of Archduke Franz Perdinaud not enough is known here to justify positive declarations.

IS IN GOOD SLIDE BACK CONDITION IN WET RANK MAIL PRINTS

Amendment Requiring Superintendent Smith of Annual Election on Liquor Question

That Askland may be wet after the election to be held there January 28 now seems certain. This is the opincharter amendment to be voted upon at that time, and it is likewise the opinion of several lawyers who have examned the matter.

On January 28 the city will vote on the charter amendment covering many subjects, just as the issuance of water nonds, the regulation of the liquor traf-lie, the issuance of bonds for the purse of an electric lighting plant and

The proposed amendment contains a revision that there e all be held an-incily an election to betermine whether inpor shall be sold in Ashland during the year next succeeding. It then provides that in the event of the vote be og in favor of license, certain restric ions and regulations are to be enforced, and provides for the amount of license be paid.

Where Joke: Lies.

The "Joker" is to be found in the provision in the proposed amendment requiring the election to be held anomally, while the local eption law provides that when a precinct has gone ry no election can be neld on account of prohibition in that precinct within two years. The new constitutional amendment provides that the people in lowns may amend their charters by direct vote, but that we smeadment or

By this proposed charter amendment revisions of the old charter respecting pohibition will be done away with, and the new one being passed by the people will conflict with the state law, and therefore be void. Hence there will be no way to prevent the issuance of a license after this charter amendment

Boundabout Way Provided

The present charter provides for these cannual elections, but it was passed by the legislature before the local option has ment into effect. In the meantime the constitution has provided that the people may make amendments to their charters, but that these amendments cost not conflict with the state laws. When once the people pass this proposed amendment the old charter provisions ill he renealed by implication and the afflict with the local option law

This seems to be simply a roundabou my for Ashland people to get back into the position in which they formerly were, because they recognize that in no other way can they compete with Med-ford's progress. However, Medford is not jenlous of Ashland upon this poil out is able to hold her own under all

ARMY STAFF SAYS SAN PEDRO SHOULD BE PROTECTED

WASHINGTON, Jan 22.—The gen and army staff today issued its report coloring that the immediate fortifica-on of San Pedro harbor, California. ion of San Petro narrow, as a necessary to the weiters of the country, and lays stress on the case with which "extrain oriental powers," meaning Japan, could occup; the harbor and stiles it as a bose of operations against he rest of the coast and the Panama shal. The enemy could within a month legin to land 100,000 men on the coast. The report says Unalisks and Pearl in that could be could seized by ori-

COBONER'S JURY TO VISIT SCENE OF CHICAGO DISASTER

CHICAGO, Jan. 22 .- A coroner's jury ill today visit the crib disaster a mile will today visit the order of saving and in Lake Michigan, where Wednesday for men lest their lives either hurned to death or drowned in the hope of saving

W. C. Cor of Portland is visiting relatives in Medford.

DEPARTMENT ASHLAND TO STREAM CONTINUES ON ITS COURSE OF DESTRUCTION FLOCKED TO

ANOTHER FAKE

Medford Schools says Recent Article is Untrue

"The article appearing in this morn ng's issue of the Muil, under the cap tion of 'Pear Stalks at the High on of those who have considered the School' is unjust, unwarranted and un called for." said Superintendent U. G. Smith of the Medford schools today, "and a m at a loss to understand why leaded the list are: L. G. Porter, \$50; it was published unless it was for the purpose of discrediting the pupils of the helds to see that all the helds the list are: L. G. Porter, \$50; the headed the headed the list are: L. G. Porter, \$50; the headed the headed the headed the headed the headed

tions on the work of the latter part of the first balf year's work in the sev-eral grades and in the high school have cent grades and in the high school have been completed during the past week. Gratifying improvement in the last ex-iminations over previous examinations will have to be moved. during the term is very noticeable in There is but little promise of an all grades and departments of the relationship of the flowt at this time, as

eities of the country for a number of vers. It is giving the very best satisfaction wherever it is in use, and we are confident that the citizens of Mediate cut endeavoring to check the cut are confident that the citizens of Mediate cut endeavoring to check the cut rent of the stream from cutting into the cut in the c charter provision shall conflict with any state law; hence the situation is this:

The article to which Superintendent
Smith takes exception alleges that several high school pupils used "cribs"

Dynamite Is Used.

It was thought on Thursday evening the hot weather most of the year are that should a certain point of the bank that should a certain point of the bank the bigh traboal and that extensions at the high reheal and that extensions are threatened. expossions are threatened.

WATERSYSTEMSUPPLIES WILL REQUIRE 200 CARS

enterials swell the total to 200 cars.
Engineer Shirley Baker will return o San Francisco as soon as the railroad Mrs. Lucie Alta Turpin, wife of The Altacas Northern is a Southern commes regular traffic. The contract Charles W. Turpin, former chief of po Pacific undertaking, and is to be built for freighting has been awarded to lice of Medford, died at Ashland sant from Altaras, Caf. to connect with the and Rogers and for the reservoir Jack 8

TEDDY AND CALIFORNIA

trouble. He fears grave consequences area, besides the bady, to make a set the feath and the part of t ontroversy arising over the school should kick over the traces by propos .

WALLA WALLA SUFFERS WITH OTHER CITIES FROM BAIN

WALLA, WALLA, Wast, Jan. 22 -coupt by telegraph, this city is enrely out off from communication with . the outside world. Every creek rouning . bridges have been swept away and much . damage done.

EVER WEARING AWAY BANK TOWARDS TOM COLLINS' RESIDENCE

Creek Fell Over Three Feet Last Eve ning-Heavy Snowfall in Mountains Will Bring It Up Again-Efforts of Workers Prove of Little Avail.

In order to obtain the necessary funds with which to check the ravages of Bear creek, a subscription list was start ed in the city Priday morning and met with hearty response on the part of Medford citizens. The money will be which will keep the water hereafter in the old channel of the creek. These who

be able to say that all of the statements made in the article in question are wholly and entirely natrue.

"The first half of the school term was completed Friday, January 22, said Professor Smith. "The examinations on the work of the latter part of finning on its course of decrease in the school term was all this time y storday, the stream is continuing on its course of decrease in the latter part of the latter part of the stream is continuing on its course of decrease in the stream is continuing on its course of decrease in the stream is continuing on its course of decrease in the stream is continuing on its course of decrease in the stream is continuing on its course of decrease in the stream is continuing on its course of decrease in the stream is continuing on its course of decrease in the stream is continuing on its course of decrease in the stream is continuing on its course of decrease in the stream is continuing on its course of decrease in the stream is continuing on its course of decrease in the stream is continuing on its course of decrease in the stream is continuing on its course of decrease in the stream is continuing on the stream is continuing on its course of decrease in the stream is continuing on its course of the stream is continued in the stream is finning on its course of destruction, the edge of the bank now being some 50 feet closer to the residence of Tom Col-

New System in Effect.

"With the beginning of the second half of the school term, Monday, January 25, the plan of semi-annual prometions will go into effect. The plan is not new, but has been in use in most new, but has been in use in most progressive school systems in towns and cities of the country for a number of year. It is giving the very heat at

the bank, but so far they have been en to demonstrate its series in actual practice. It must be borne in mind that this, like many other general im in the bed of the stream with a team that this, like many other governlim-provements, must have a fair amount of time to prove its worth.

"Parents having children six years old or who will be 6 by April 1, should and them to school next week if they desire to send them this whool year."
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entling into the bank on the part of the water would sease. The experiment was tried and while the point was got ten rid of to a great extent the current did not halt on its course of destruction. The barn of Mr. Kahler which was

goved to avoid being washed away is gain within 50 feet of the bank, and it may be that it will again have to Medford's new water system will require approximately 200 freight cars for transportation from Puget sound and eastern factories. Seven cars lad left which was owned by Mr. Kahler upon which to move the barn, however, as it is still upon the city distributing system to the reservoir are daily expected to arrive. To transport the worden stave pipe from Puget sound will require a train of 170 cars. Cement, powder and other materials swell the total to 200 cars.

Death of Mrs. Charles W. Turpin.

harles Tull for the tunnel to Little tarium, Ashland, Or., January 22, at Chiffernia Northerstein at either Mid-tual Rogers and for the reservoir Jack 8 a clock, aged 39 years. The funeral land or Klamath Patts. Surveyers have bent, will be held at Central Point Christian been at sort on a position of line for

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will be held at Central Point christian been at one of a primary debrief Sanday, January 24, interment at Central Point cemetery.

Mrs. Tarpin had been howering between the birth tween life and death since the birth processor.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22—It became of her babe, 8 days ago. She was born PRESIDENT OF known here today that Roosevelt was in the valley, her maiden name being gravely concerned over the Japanese Lucia Alta Wade. She heaves four childrouble. He fears grave consequences dren, besides the baby, to mount her

SOLONS TAKE NOTICE +

and for the press pallery were • sent by Senator Bourne today. • NEW YORK, Jan. 27. The although They attracted much attention. • 000 bill for wiring the city's subways

SHOW FAILS

Train Service From South Still Demoralized -- May Play Saturday Night

"Brewster's Millions" will not be given at the Medford Theater Friday evening on account of delay in the arrival of the company, due to wash nts. The company will not reach Med-ford in time. Manager Hazelrigg is endeavering to have the play presented 8: turday evening instead. The bridge across the Sacramento riv-

r at Wyo is still down, precenting rains from proceeding. Transfer of passengers is being arranged. Another transfer of passengers is being made at Kennett, where a landslide has block-

Two trains which left San Prancisc Coo-lay arrived Friday morning, hav-ng just crossed the Wyo bridge when The traips were held ar at Red Bluff and several bours at

Redding. Colder weather has stopped the down pour and capped the adjoining hills with now. The streams are stendily fallinged danger from floods in past.

FINDLAY FINALLY GETS BACK FROM THE SOUTH

H. T. Findlay, the McMord orelard has returned from a two weeks' t to San Francisco, Imperial and ther California points. ip by a madelide at Red Bluff for a lay and again at Redands. His train ad just crossed the Szergmento when

the bride collapsed.
"I found the Imperial co ing, ' said Mr. Pinslay, 'Messrs, Pel-lett and Helms, who left the Regue River valley to creet a big hotel at El Centra, are apparently doing a fine has iness. They have built a large three story modern structure, fully equipped much more

the big drawbacks to the country. The soil is wonderfully fertile and grown anything. The water is full of silt and more diversified farming and more alafter irrigation an inch of silt covers falfa farms, more guellens and truel

the graind, ... The Rogne River valley offers as many opportunities for making money, ed Mr. Malbourt, "cor a small local and with the best climate made, is good affair, but a log, fully conjuged canners enough for me," concluded Mr. Find with ample expitalization. Isocal can

teresting themselves in raising a house from selling to converse as they will be get the Alturas Nothern to build its by our strong fruit." a depot site and certain rights of way of the company will hold;

The Atrucas Northern is a Southern second months, and at the present the are camped in the name lists variety:

PRESIDENT OF HARVARD

BOSTON: Many days 22. Presides Eliot of Barrard, who will more or evening he the Harver, chile of Res
 time. Among the distriguished speak
 ers who paid tribute to Dr. Eliot were WASHINGTON, Jan. 22 - Eilin Bont, Eben S. Braper, governor of Massachusette, the Rt Rev. William from the Regne River visite, in the senate and clock rooms in the senate and clock rooms.

They attracted much attention.

definition on bill for wiring the city's solutions Many never knew that such

claimed by city afficials to be incomprent apples grew in Oregon. The

rect and exorbitant, will be given as apples were grown on the Bur
rell orchards near Medford.

* the destrical contractor have already been paid \$5.000,000, and claim \$7.000.

EMIGRANTS SINGLETALE

Settlers to Medford Than Any Other City in Western Oregon in 1908

a wonderful future," said District Freight Agent Charles A. Malhoeuf, who

ford's radroad business is growing by leaps and bounds. In 1908 nearly as many best shipments were received at Med ford as at any ather city in westers Oregon entside of Portland, including Engene and Salem. Pastern Oregon not in my district, so I don't know the figures for these cities, but they had to go some if they possed Medford.

"A greater variety of commodities in carlond abijonents were received at Med-ford than at may other a ty," continued Mr. Mathewet, "More variously of emigent movables were received at Med-ford than at any other city, indicating greater inflies of people. The latter hipments included goods from every state west of the Mississippi, including California. Indications are that the phe nomenal ratio of increase, about 60 per

'Medford and the Rogne River cal-tributary will ship one half the total de shipment of Origin this year and nt crop indications scattridize," con-immed Mr. Mulheent. The increase in

"One reason the shome ets into Med-ford were so heavy in "608," qualified Mr. Malboruf, "is because of the con-He was held struction of the new east iron city was distributing system, completed at cost of \$65,000, perhaps the best distributing system in Origin. The ship-inent of the pipe increased the total, but I understand that this class of ship-

bynamite is Used.

It was thought on Thursday evening and if was a fright. Those starms and the hot weather most of the year are to be raised in the valley. Much of it he blows away with dynamite that the total is wonderfully fertile and or the part of the part of the blows away with dynamites that the soil is wonderfully fertile and or the part of the part of the blows are with dynamites that the soil is wonderfully fertile and or the part of th

the experience and ability to marke TO HAVE ALTURAS LINE (tell product, that the established can nerr has secured for its brand. It will be a necessity before the calley is much

REDMEN'S MINSTREE SHOW PLEASED LARGE AUDIENCE

Come currie. Professor Juck Heards Costs again, Professor link Hearis, Teach the focal Redman a few new stants and show them to the Medford sublic again. It is a safe bet that a bigger house than ever greets them. The right house than ever give a them. The mate the got has next may but an ap-citizer. The box's made good and wheth-r it was due to the criticing under Peo-reson Heralds or whether it was their actual talent for the parts does not natter. The share we chove and in cate of the fact that ate of the fact that were which was e set the various acts was held up he to storms and hence detracted from it came, will more were present who

density, still more were present who above near discatisfied. The local hits were greatly enjoyed by losse present and it would be difficult about to pick out the brightest stars.

he entire cost was good.

It may be that the loss will put the lay on in some of the other towns in by valley. They will be the hours if

JUDGE GORDON DECLINES TO DISCUSS CHARGE AGAINST HIM

TATOMA Wash Jin 29 - Judge M Gordon, who was presented and as used of the embergionent of \$93,000 colling to discuss the affair today. He is preparing to leave for Spokane af 3

OF TROUBLE Greater Influx of New Rain and Floods Reported From Every Section-Few Trains Are Getting

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Jan. 22.-The flood conditions are much improved today and indications point to the openong of all lines tomorr, w. The North ent contratas evening here, "Med ern Pacific claims to be maintaining

Through From East

mermal service today.

The C. R. & N. start-I a train to Spi have this morning, but it cannot reach Pendleton, which has main line connec-tion by Umatilla.

The first mail train is three days to reach this city arrived from the cust this merning. There is no change la-

Belated Trains Coming.

TACOMA, Wash, Jan. 22.—After struggling against landslides and floods for four days the North Pacific an-mounced this morning that the belated trains would come through from the east

The trains from Frays Harbor to

Columbia Valley Expects Flood.

VANCOUVER, Wash. Jan. 21 - That he Colombia River valley will experistory is the firm conviction of steam bact men and others who have been watching the conditions during the past two weeks. At present the water stands well up, and the rise from the upper river has not remeled born.

Large quantities of debris, including any logs, are coming down, swept out Washingal rivers.

Weiser River on Rampage.

WEISER, Idaho, Jan. 22.-The river is two fort higher than at any time this scason. The continued rain of the past two days and melting snew has changed the Weiser river to a raging torrest. Considerable damage has been done ong the river north of this city, and the worst is not yet part. Buildings, fences and bridges have been destroyed end lowlands are completely under

Kalama Power Plant Threatened

KALAMA, Wash, J.m. 22.—The Ka rater mark. Two feet more will interfere seriously with the electric light and power plant eight miles above Kalama. This is the highest in three years. The shoulding is filled with floating logs

Lewiston Is Without Power.

LEWISTON, Idahy, Jan. 22.—This ity has been without light and power er two nights, owing to refuse which as clogged the inlet paper to the power but. The high water has filled the plant. The high water has tube the collars and done much damage. The Spakane river is rising rapidly and con-siderable damage is reported east of the city. The mater is above the door note in the lower part of the city.

Water Receding.
SALEM, Or., Jan. 22.—The Williamtie stands this morning at 21.9 feet,
aving risen from 21.7 sine evesterday.
1 10 a check. The water is receding. he danger seems over.

ALBANY, Or., Jan. 22.-The river method the 24-foot mack and is still ining. Rosements on the water front re filling and should a sudden rise of superalize occur one of the greatost loosle in the history of the Willamete after would result.

High Water at Hood River.

ROOD RIVER Or, Inc. 22.—The con-mucel than and heavy cain has brought velocuted rivers to the flood stage at Hand River. The Columbia shows a 12-feet rise at this point. The high water and the floating lee in the flood river har forced open the gates of some of the origining ditches in the valley, causing one damage.

STATE PENITENTIARY IS A LUXURY THAT COMES HIGH

SALEM, On. Jan. 22 -- It will require official to discuss the office today. He st35,000 to maintain the Oregon state preparing to leave for Spokase at 3 prison the next two years, and make records this afternoon to answer the pairs and additions according to the ways and means committee of the bouse