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The Weather  
The weather man says: We will have continued cloudy and occasionally rainy weather tonight and tomorrow. Northerly winds. Colder.

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## HARRINGTON HABEAS CORPUS PROCEEDINGS SATURDAY

### THANKS CITY FOR WELCOME

Praises From the General Office of Southern Pacific for Greeting Given

Southern Pacific Agent A. S. Rosenbaum has received from the general office at Portland a letter of commendation for the Medford Commercial club and citizens of Medford who participated in the welcome to the Seattle excursion last Sunday. The letter reads: "We have received reports indicating that your people gave the party a most enthusiastic reception, and I am satisfied that the manner in which they were received was very much appreciated, and will encourage them in their work in connection with the excursion. "As a matter of fact, we were not at all surprised to hear of the enthusiastic and rousing reception your city gave these people, as we are never surprised at anything Medford may do in the way of progressive advertising, and I am sure the manner in which your people impressed themselves upon the Pacific agent party will result in great good to the Rogue River valley. "On behalf of our line, please thank your Commercial club very much in deed for their cordial reception in this matter."

### IDAHO AND WASHINGTON APPLES MARKED "OREGON"

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 26.—(To the Editor.)—We believe that the following correspondence between one Liverpool firm, Messrs. Balfour, Williamson & Co., and the Liverpool Fruit Brokers' association, limited, will prove of interest to a large number of our subscribers interested in fruit. The letters are so explanatory that we feel we can add nothing to them.

### BUTTE FALLS ITEMS.

Ed Walker has taken a trip to Medford to remain a few days.

Oliver Adams killed a panther on the unsurveyed measuring seven feet from tip to tip. The carcass was afterward promptly prepared and several Butte Falls persons enjoyed a rare feast. The meat is very fine and equal to frogs' legs in delicacy.

Joseph Hendricks of the unsurveyed is visiting the valley and will bring in supplies. He reports travel as very bad over the roads and the snow deep in the uplands.

John Obenechin and wife are down from their homestead visiting with their son, Charley.

Wam Parker has gone to Medford for a load of supplies. He reports all well, but travel bad.

Scott Caspell came in from Medford with a load of store supplies on Friday.

M. C. Mahoney made a trip to Medford for store stock for druggist Briggs and Merchant Hughes.

Mr. Marcy and John Gadzow intend to open a general store in the Heekathorn room.

Oliver Adams has fitted up the Donnelly store room and opened a confectionery store in it.

Jud Edsall and Dod Marcy made a trip to the valley on business intent.

The sawmill, it is reported, will soon start up. This will give employment to a number of men and be of interest to all, as it is a pointed showing that our town is forging ahead and that something may turn up before long railroad work.

Those who were invited to partake of roast panther pronounce the meat very fine and that Mrs. Briggs prepared it in a way that tempted the appetite. We may now expect, as one of our hotel delicatessen, panther steak, panther roast and stew, and perhaps our wise legislature will pass a law protecting this animal from slaughter.

The residents of Dudley are anxious by awaiting the government report on the late survey, as they want to make their filings and secure their homesteads to which all of them are justly entitled, for they have been a faithful, self-sacrificing set of men and endured, for years, untold hardships. Let the government deal justly with these men.

### JUDGE HANNA GRANTS WRIT

Has Been in Jail Since Feb. 3 for Contempt of Court—Failed to Appear

Judge H. K. Hanna, in obedience to the mandate of the supreme court, Friday ordered the clerk to issue a writ of habeas corpus requiring the sheriff to produce John Harrington Saturday morning. Harrington has been confined in the county jail since February 3 for contempt of the county court for refusing to deliver to the executrix of the partnership estate of Snyder & Harrington certain personal property claimed by the estate and which Harrington claims as his property. In its opinion the supreme court says it is very doubtful if a county court has any such authority, and further, that as a surviving partner who is ordered to deliver such property sets up a claim or title thereto, that he shows "good cause" why he should not be required to do so. The opinion of the supreme court directs Judge Hanna to issue the writ and inquire whether the writ is valid whether Harrington has complied with the order.

The case is one of the bitterest fought legal battles of the year. The legal wrangle grew out of the efforts of Mrs. Victor Snyder to secure possession of the office saloon, which was owned by her late husband and Harrington. The latter was committed to jail for contempt by County Judge Neil because he failed to obey the mandate of the court and appear upon the date designated.

Mrs. Snyder is represented by Attorney E. E. Phipps, the defendant by Wittington & Kelly and R. G. Smith.

### SAVES \$2000 STATE TAXES

Board Cuts Down Assessed Valuations for Jackson County

Jackson county valuations have been reduced nearly \$6,000,000 by the state board of equalization in order to conform to the valuations of other counties. The equalization is effective only for state taxation and does not change the valuation for county taxation. The county will not pay taxes upon a valuation of about \$18,200,000 instead of \$27,000,000, and the effect will be a saving of \$2000 in state taxes. County Judge Neil, former Assessor Peter Applegate and Assessor W. T. Grieve attended the hearing before the board of equalization.

Wide Variation Found. The state board of equalization found there has been a wide variation in the rate of assessment in the several counties and that when these assessments are equalized, the counties should pay somewhere near what they would have been required to pay under the law that was declared invalid.

As compared with the amount required of them by the January apportionment, the following counties will be required to pay more by the new apportionment, the amounts being in round numbers: Baker \$1400, Clatsop \$4000, Columbia \$1500, Curry \$1000, Douglas \$2000, Hood River \$3000, Klamath \$7500, Lincoln \$1100, Morrow \$1500, Multnomah \$2000, Sherman \$1000, Tillamook \$5000, Umatilla \$3000, Union \$1000, Wallowa \$1000, Wasco \$2700.

The counties that find their apportionment reduced are: Benton \$2400, Crook \$1000, Grant \$2000, Harney \$4000, Jackson \$2000, Lane \$2000, Linn \$7000, Marion \$5000, Polk \$2000, Washington \$2000, Wheeler \$2000, Yamhill \$7000.

Other counties experienced changes too small to be noticed. It will be observed that in many cases a reduction in assessment was accompanied by a rise in taxes, and vice versa, the original assessments being out of proportion to actual values.

### SEEING DEATH VALLEY AT THE OPERA HOUSE

An interesting and instructive entertainment was given last night at the opera house by the Pacific Coast Opera company, entitled "A Trip to Death Valley."

There were several fine reels of motion pictures and some interesting colored slides, which were taken expressly for the company. The first motion picture takes you over the Tompash & Tidewater railroad through the Amery canyon to Death valley. This picture gives you an accurate idea of the country and the reason it is called Death Valley.

After showing some interesting views around the basin mines, the return trip is made over Dry Sals lake.

This performance will be repeated tonight at 7:15 sharp.

### MULIT'S BANKING LAWS VETOED BY GOVERNOR

Governor Chamberlain has vetoed Senator Mulit's bill which makes it a misdemeanor for anyone to willfully and maliciously instigate or circulate or transmit to another or others any statement untrue in fact, derogatory to the financial condition or affecting the solvency or financial standing of any bank, banking institution or trust company doing business in this state or willfully and maliciously conceal, aid, procure or induce another to start or circulate any such statement or rumor is a misdemeanor. The governor believes it is class legislation and finds his action on those grounds.

Another bill of Senator Mulit's also vetoed the one that exempting public bonds from taxation. The bill is vetoed because the need for the exemption of public bonds seemed doubtful to the governor.

## 115 SIGN NAMES FOR BALL TEAM

Contract With McGreedie for Men to Train in Medford this Spring--Will Advertise City

One hundred and fifteen names have been pledged to the fund to secure the Portland baseball team here for training purposes this winter. The following is the contract between McGreedie and the Medford Commercial club, which has charge of the matter: Whereas, Walter McGreedie, the manager of the Portland baseball team, desires a suitable place for three or four weeks' practice with his men before the regular opening of the baseball season, and Whereas, Medford has received a proposition from him that he and his men will come to this city for such preliminary practice, provided that certain expenses of railroad fare and board are furnished, and that they will play on the Medford baseball grounds one game each day (weather permitting) while here for a period of about three weeks, and Whereas, he offers to the Medford Commercial club all the gate receipts which may be secured at such games, provided it will undertake and pay the expenses of railroad travel for the team, and their board and lodging while here, and Whereas, it is possible that the interest which will be enlisted in such games will insure receipts considerably in excess of such expenses, but that there is a possibility of loss; Now, therefore, we the undersigned, each agree to subscribe the sum of ten (\$10) dollars with the understanding that whatever loss may possibly occur from this venture of the Commercial club shall be shared pro rata by our respective subscriptions, it being further understood that this proposition and subscription on the part of

## IDAHO FOLLOWS OREGON'S LEAD FOR STATE RAILROAD

### FIREMEN DIE CHICAGO FIRE

Two Million Dollar Blaze Snuffs Out Six Lives--Others Perish in Wreck

CHICAGO, Feb. 26.—Six firemen are believed to have been crushed to death under the fallen walls of the 12-story warehouse of the Dickinson company as the result of a fire today. Twelve firemen were standing in the group where the wall collapsed. The building and contents are worth \$2,000,000.

### LOCAL DEPOT NOT TO BE MOVED AS RUMORED

A rumor that the Southern Pacific is about to move its depot to the northern part of the city is denied by local officials. Superintendent Field was busy planning switch extensions north of the depot grounds yesterday, which probably gave rise to the report.

### PEACE DINNER FOR ROOT GIVEN AT HOTEL ASTOR

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—President-elect Taft, Ambassador Bryce of Great Britain, Baron Kogoro Takahira, Governor Charles E. Hughes, Joseph H. Choate and Elihu Root will be the speakers at a banquet to be given tonight by the Peace society of New York at the Hotel Astor. The dinner is especially in honor of Mr. Root and in recognition of his services to the cause of international peace while secretary of state.

### WARFARE DECLARED UPON SOUTHER GROCERIES

ATLANTA, Ga., Feb. 26.—Unceasing warfare on all saloons and especially the low grogeries which sell the vilest liquor to negroes, was declared by the Southern Negro Anti-Saloon congress at its session today. Many prominent speakers delivered addresses on the evils of intemperance, as they affect the colored race. It was decided not only to cooperate with the white anti-saloon crusaders whenever opportunity offers, but also to carry on an independent campaign for the salvation of the negroes of the south from the "drum demon."

### GOVERNOR VETOES REPAL OF FRUIT INSPECTION

Two more bills vetoed by the governor. One pertains to preparation and printing by the state of the supreme court reports. This bill was introduced by Senator Oliver. The other pertains to fruit inspection and endeavors to abolish the present providing for the confiscation of infected nursery stock imported into this state from other states.

### BOISE CITY TO COOS BAY

Development Congress Takes Up Oregon Plan for Neighboring State

BOISE, Idaho, Feb. 26.—"Railroad from Idaho to Coos Bay, Oregon," was the slogan of the meeting of the Oregon-Idaho development congress, which convened here today for a two days' session. The Idaho legislature, now in session, will be petitioned to make provision for the creation of railroad districts for the purpose of voting bonds. An effort will be made to have an amendment to the constitution, making such provision, and submitted to the people at the next general election in Idaho, as well as in Oregon.

### NEW OFFICES CREATED BY RECENT LEGISLATURE

Aside from the creation of several additional circuit judges, because of which some criticism has been directed at the 25th legislature, not many new state offices were added to the list, as compared with the last session.

### PROTESTANT FEDERATION OF YOUNG MEN'S CLUBS

PITTSBURG, Pa., Feb. 26.—Executive officers representing men's organizations with a total membership of more than a million met in Pittsburg today to begin what is declared to be the most important conference of the laity of all Protestant denominations ever held in this country. The following denominations are represented: Episcopal Brotherhood of St. Andrew, International Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip, Baptist Brotherhood, United Presbyterian Men's league, congregationalist Brotherhood, Methodist Brotherhood, Men's Movement of United Brethren Church, Southern Presbyterian Brotherhood, League of Universalist Laymen, Canadian Presbyterian Brotherhood, Men's Movement in Christian Church and Presbyterian Brotherhood of America.

### SUCCESSFUL DANCE BY GREATER MEDFORD CLUB

The ladies of the Greater Medford club scored another success by giving a dancing party at Angle opera house last night, affording great pleasure to some 90 couples and some 50 spectators. The grand march was led by little Merle Baker and Mary Foster, appropriately clothed as George and Martha Washington. Following this juvenile couple were Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Merriek, Mrs. Merriek being president of the club.

### GUY E. TEX NAMED AS CENTRAL POINT POSTMASTER

The president has appointed the following Oregon postmaster: Guy E. Tex, Central Point; William C. Underwood, Oakland.

## BELL STATIONS OUTNUMBER INDEPENDENT NEARLY TWO TO ONE

It has been represented in Medford that the independent phones outnumber those of the Bell system and that the independents are growing faster. This is not the case. The Bell phones outnumber the independents nearly two to one and are increasing faster. The measure of two phones in one town is generally recognized—there is not enough support for either and the result is the old story—worse service and more of it. A town that can support but one phone line cannot be expected to furnish two. Both will be half starved and as the service rendered is dependent upon receipts, neither company is enabled to give good service, while business men will be compelled to pay for two phones instead of one.

To the national government, working through the department of commerce and labor, belongs the credit for having finally determined the official facts in the long disputed question as to the relative size of the Bell and independent telephone interests of the United States.

The government figures for 1907 show 3,132,963 Bell stations and 2,980,515 independent stations or telephones. The independents have all along claimed over 4,000,000 stations, or fully 33 per cent more than they actually have.

The government figures do not make any attempt to classify the independents as between "independent" and "opposition" companies. As a matter of fact, of the so-called "independents" fully 900,000, or 30 per cent, of the entire number form through subsidiaries or service arrangements part of the comprehensive Bell system, but in all other respects are independent, self-controlling organizations. At present over 1,100,000 independents or about 40 per cent of the total are thus affiliated with Bell lines.

With this very important adjustment made, an adjustment which the government statisticians obviously could not make, it will be found that instead of the Bell companies having but 147,000 more stations than the independents, the real figures are something like 2,300,000 for the Bell, against 2,150,000 for the independents, a ratio of nearly 2 to 1. The preponderance of Bell over independent stations may be better illustrated by the following comparison:

	1907.	1907.	Increase.	Pr. Co. Inc.
Bell system	3,132,963	1,350,000	2,650,000	195
Independents	2,980,515	1,000,000	1,150,000	115
Bell excess	1,850,000	350,000	1,500,000	

In considering these figures, it should be borne in mind that the station statistics of the Bell and connecting systems are all a matter of record at a central point, due to the fact that the instruments used by the Bell system are furnished by the American Telephone Co. Statistics kept by the Bell companies are as precise as figures of railroad earnings. Instruments used by the Bell companies are all given out from one source and are identical in type of construction. Therefore, the statistics of Bell telephone stations are as reliable as balance sheets or any other financial records.

The relative public utility of the Bell and independent telephone interests is not measured by number of stations so much as by the fact that the Bell lines are one comprehensive and intercommunicating system operated under one general policy and connected with toll and long distance lines aggregating nearly 2,000,000 miles in length. The independents as the other had are scattered companies and for the most part small associations or co-operative groups, having with a few conspicuous exceptions no relation with each other and only limited connection by local toll lines. The instruments and apparatus come from 20 or 40 different manufacturers. There is no uniform accounting system and there is no temptation to make the figures any smaller than they actually are. Furthermore, some independents report telephones (a single instrument) while others conform to the Bell system and report stations (two instruments). To this extent the independent figures are unduly inflated, and there is no way of knowing how material this factor is.

The significant feature of the rapid telephone development of the United States during the last five years has been this rapid growth of independent stations. The American Telephone system of 900,000 independent stations is a vast, thousands of subscribers in the West have today what they have not before enjoyed—the advantage of connection with the only national telephone system in the country.