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The Weather The weather man says: Indications promise fair weather for tonight and tomorrow, with northerly winds. Warmer.

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SUPREME COURT EXONERATES PUTNAM RULE THAT DEFENDANT HAD RIGHT TO SHOW THAT CHARGES WERE TRUE

DECISION BASED ON PLAIN GROUNDS MAINTAINED BY THE EDITOR THROUGHOUT CASE

New Trial Ordered - Opinion Says Unnecessary to Notice Several Errors in Detail - Mistake was Made When Putnam was Not Allowed to Prove Charges

SALEM, Or., March 9.—In an opinion written by Justice Bean, the supreme court today completely exonerates George Putnam, editor of the Medford Tribune, charged with libel by a Jackson county grand jury and convicted before Circuit Judge H. K. Hanna of Jackson county. The decision is based on the plain grounds maintained by Mr. Putnam and his attorneys throughout the entire proceedings that the statutes of the state of Oregon clearly give the defendant in a libel case the right to show if he can prove that the charges made by him are true.

PROGRESSIVES ARE VICTORS IN CENTRAL POINT

Leever Wins Mayoralty Fight and Water System Forces Carry the Day—Much Interest Manifested

Central Point at a city election held on Monday completely elected the idea that she was not progressive. The ticket that stood for the advancement of the city won out and Central Point will grow.

REAL ESTATE MEN FORM AN ASSOCIATION

For Purpose of Placing Business on Better Basis - Meeting Held in the Commercial Club Room

A large number of real estate men, embracing nearly all of the firms of the city, gathered Monday evening in the Commercial club rooms for organization. The matter was thoroughly discussed at that time, but no action in regard to the election of officers was taken.

CENSUS NOT COMPLETED AS YET

Published Statement That Census Showed 5034 in Medford Premature - List Not Yet Completed

The work of counting the people of Medford has not yet been completed and the published statement that the residents within the city limits of Medford total 5034 was premature.

ANOTHER FRONT TO BE REMODELED

PLAN WAY TO GATHER COIN

WASHINGTON, March 9.—A stamp tax on telegrams, checks and similar articles, a 4 cents a pound duty on coffee, and possibly an inheritance tax are among the propositions to be decided upon at the coming special session of congress for the consideration of the tariff to meet the \$100,000,000 deficit in the treasury which the Taft administration faces.

MANY PERISH IN ARKANSAS TORNADO

Fire Follows and Wipes Out City of 5000 Inhabitants - Loss Estimated at Over a Million

HELENA, Ark., March 9.—Eighteen whites, 29 negroes were killed, 40 seriously injured and over 3000 persons are homeless as the result of a tornado that swept through several towns last night in the vicinity of Helena.

LONGEST WILL ON RECORD IS PROBATED

LONDON, March 9.—Probably the longest will on record, consisting of 26,000 words—equal to nearly three pages of the Express—was proved yesterday.

JACKSONVILLE ITEMS

Mr. Henry of Ashland was spending a few days with her daughter, Miss Grace Henry last week.

DIGGING ON FARM FINDS ART GEM

ROME, March 9.—Six months ago a Capolitan binght for \$2000 a plot four miles outside of Rome, which was to be devoted to the growing of artichokes.

LEAGUE SPENT \$300,000 IN TENNESSEE FIGHT

NEW YORK, March 9.—Dr. Ira C. Laidrich of Nashville, Tenn., and secretary of the Anti-Saloon league of that state, in discussing here how Tennessee went "dry," says that it cost the league \$300,000 to win the fight.

VIOLET RAY A DEADLY ENEMY TO MICROBES

CHICAGO, March 9.—Pathogenic microbes that may lurk in Chicago's milk supply may be driven out by the newly discovered violet lamp.

SMOTHERED WITH GALLONS OF HOT GREASE

HOQUIAM, Wash., March 9.—John Lenz, an employe of the Nisnem Packing company, after a miraculous escape from horrible instant death, was fatally burned today when a tank in the slaughter house containing boiling grease exploded on account of the sudden entrance of cold air, following a break in the tank.

TWENTY PERSONS DIE IN RAIN WRECK

PORTLAND, Me., March 9.—A report says that 20 were killed in a wreck of the Canadian flyer between Jackson and Greenville, Me., today. Details are lacking.

WILL REPORT ON FISHERIES

Full Report on Industry to be Tendered to Taft In June Says Jordan

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., March 9.—President David Starr Jordan of Stanford university announces that the full report on the fisheries industry in the United States will probably be made to President Taft in June.

WOODVILLE IS AFTER BRIDGE

Many Improvements and Industries Await Construction of Bridge

A move is on foot to secure the construction of a bridge at or near Woodville, J. C. Aitkens, who spent Sunday in Medford, states that only a bridge is needed to make Woodville an important point and give the town a healthy sized boom.

JACKSON PAID NO GAME FINES

State Game Warden Spends Monday in Medford Outlining Work

R. O. Stevenson of Forest Grove, state game and forestry warden, spent Monday in Medford in order to confer with local game wardens and to look over the local field.

RAILROAD CONSTRUCTION BEGINS IN ALASKA

CORDOVA, Alaska, March 9.—Active railroad construction in Alaska was begun today and will be continued with all possible speed during the coming summer.

HEAVY SNOW FALLING OVER CENTRAL EUROPE

BERLIN, March 9.—Snow has been falling almost without interruption since Sunday over central Europe, and it is still coming down.

DICKENSON WILL WORK TO INCREASE ARMY

WASHINGTON, March 9.—Secretary of War Dickenson today announced that the principal object toward which he would bend his energies during the administration would be the enlargement of the army.