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

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PEOPLE MAY BOTHWELL IS FUNERAL EXPENSES SPURNED SOLONS HAVE WILD ENGINE

PAY FOR WORK ANSWERED FULLY BY THE NORMAL ADVOCATES

City Unable to Pay For Paving Intersections - May be Paid by Property Owners

The city being unable at the present time to pay for the paving of the intersections of West Seventh street, a movement has been launched by the property owners along that street to see if it is possible to pave the property owners each paying their proportion of the cost of paving the intersections.

The city dads would like nothing better than to be able to order this work done, but the city treasury in its present condition of emptiness makes it impossible at the present time.

Many Were Present. A large number of citizens were present at the meeting in expectation of a free for all discussion of the matter.

The council at last showed signs of real activity in the matter of naming the streets and numbering the houses.

Connellman, Welsh is fast earning for himself the title of "sidewalk watchman." At the last two council meetings he has portrayed in a striking manner some of the disgraceful features of Medford's walks.

Investigate Coos Bay Mail Service. MARSHFIELD, Or., March 17.—Inspector Roberts of the postoffice department is here to investigate the complaints regarding the Coos Bay mail service.

Robert King served notice, through his attorneys, that unless his bill of nearly \$300 for past services was paid at once the city would be held liable for the amount of the contract of putting in water taps, which was terminated at the last meeting of the council.

The light committee reported that street lights had been ordered for the following street intersections: Central and Court, Eleventh and B, Eighth and C, Fourth and Q.

BOTHWELL IS ANSWERED FULLY

He Shows How Cost of Another System Will Come Out of Pockets of Users of Phones

To the Editor: Regarding the statement of Mr. J. A. Bothwell in the Morning Mail as to the telephone question, I would say that on investigation I find that Mr. Bothwell has never had a telephone since taking up his residence here in Medford, but I do know that he lives on Riverside avenue and uses his neighbors' telephone, and when there was a call for him our operators used to call his neighbor and get him to run or send over to Mr. Bothwell's house and advise him that he was wanted at the telephone, and at the present time he and his family are using a neighbor's telephone, the same as ever.

As to the assurance that Mr. Bothwell speaks of regarding an improvement system, I would say that the work now going on in the streets and houses of Medford, and if Mr. Bothwell was in touch with Medford he would know this. The Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company are not asking the citizens of Medford for money or trying to sell stock to the people to equip the city of Medford with a modern common battery exchange, which will be complete before July 1, 1909, but are spending their own money to do this work, and when completed the people of Medford will have the same up-to-date service and equipment as Portland, San Francisco or any of the large cities in the United States.

Regarding the question of rates, I would call the attention of the public and Mr. Bothwell to the franchise of the Citizens' Telephone company, as printed in the Medford Daily Tribune, March 8, 1909.

\$2 per month for individual business main line service. \$2.50 per month for individual residence main line service. \$1.50 per month for two-party selective ringing service.

Comparison of the above rates will show the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company's rates are less than the rate that Mr. Bothwell advises the people of Medford to vote for. I wonder why he does? Relative to Mr. Bothwell's statement as to the successful independent companies in Nebraska, I will quote from the Lincoln (Neb.) Journal, March 12, 1908, and March 30, 1908, the following, which will show that there has been some failures in his own state, Nebraska, and as a telephone man, he ought to have been familiar with the following quotations are only two of hundreds of others:

"Telephone Men Desire More Cash. Fall City company has asked for permission to increase rates. The Falls City Telephone company wants to raise its rates. It asks permission from the state railway commission, although its petition does not detail the desired increase. The present rates are at the rate of \$24 per year for business telephones and \$5 per year for residence service. The company states that its investment is \$21,483.76. The assertion is made that a telephone plant depreciates at the rate of 10 per cent per annum. In the last three years the company has been able to set aside only \$714.18 for depreciation, while at the estimated rate, the depreciation is over \$7000. This is made the basis for the

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OIL WELL IS WELL STARTED; ARE DOWN OVER 100 FEET

EVERY FOOT OF SOIL IS BEING TESTED—IN TWO WEEKS THE REQUIRED DEPTH WILL BE REACHED.

The work of sinking the oil well by the Desert Oil company, which was started at the later part of last week, is progressing rapidly. The well is now down over 100 feet. A hard formation has been encountered from the surface. Those in charge expect to break through this into a clay before going very much deeper. Within two weeks the drillers expect to be down the 1200 feet or to a level of the sea, where in most instances oil is found.

Colonel J. E. Mundy states that he is having every foot of material passed through carefully tested, and from all indications he believes that he will strike oil and probably natural gas before the well is completed. He intends to sink three or four wells before giving up the search for oil, and is most enthusiastic regarding the prospects.

At the coal mine on the Broadbent property a new vein has been struck in the main tunnel, and is now being opened up. More men are to be placed at work at once drifting and determining the extent of the new vein.

increase in rates, the operating revenues not being sufficient to pay other expenses and allow provision for depreciation at the same time. The earnings of the company from May 1, 1907, to January 1, 1909, were slightly more than \$3000.

No action will be taken on the petition until the commission forgets the excitement of conventions and again settles down to work. A hearing will probably be granted at which the company and protesters against an increase, if there are such, will be given an opportunity to offer evidence.

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California Oranges Make Record Trip. KANSAS CITY, March 17.—From the tree to the consumer in a week, including a 1600 mile journey is the record now made by orange growers in southern California. Wednesday at 5:30 a special train on the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad left San Bernardino, Cal. It contained 25 refrigerated cars, each loaded with 384 boxes of oranges. Each box had 150 oranges, making a total of 1,440,000.

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SENATE HOSTILE THROUGH THE SPECIAL SESSION

NORMAL SCHOOL QUESTION WILL BE DECIDED AT NEXT GENERAL ELECTION BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE.

SALEM, Or., March 17.—Final effort by the senate to kill Oregon's normal school system by granting each of the three existing schools—Monmouth, Ashland and Weston—\$8000 apiece for maintenance to June 30 of the present year, repealing all normal school legislation, abolishing the normals after this date and disposing of the property to respective districts, met with defeat in the house just before adjournment last night, when an effort to suspend the rules and pass the bill failed through the opposition of the normal school advocates. The senate had passed this bill a few minutes before by an overwhelming majority. All other proposed normal legislation had met defeat in the upper house, even the bill submitting the normal school problem to the people of Oregon at the next general election. So hostile was the spirit of the senate that all pretense of fair play was laid aside in the effort to slaughter the normals.

At all times during the session the house was friendly to the normals, but the only chance to force favorable consideration by the senate would have been to organize a deadlock and hold up the general appropriation bill until the senate surrendered, but the normal organization was not strong enough to attempt it.

Fought the Smith Bill. The friends of the normals fought the Smith bill, giving them money enough to pay funeral expenses, because with the sites decided away and the schools abolished by law, the normals could not have appealed to fairer judgment of the people at the election in November, 1910.

The senate was unreasonably hostile and stubborn in its opposition. Its anti-normal school combine stood as solid as a stone wall in resisting the efforts of friends of the schools. Senators were blind and deaf to all arguments and appeals. Senators Mullit and Norton, Johnson and Smith of Tualilla led the forlorn hope, and made a gallant though hopeless fight. All made strong appeals for just consideration. Mullit was taken ill Tuesday, and was taken to the hospital in a cab and left a cot in the basement in order to vote.

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All the normals had strong lobbies present, but their efforts accomplished little except holding together their loose supporters. Ashland normal had the largest lobby, both Ashland and Medford being represented under the leadership of E. V. Carter.

ROOSEVELT PREPARING FOR TWO YEARS' ABSENCE. OYSTER BAY, N. Y., March 17.—Former President Roosevelt is arranging his affairs for at least two years' absence abroad, it was announced today. This time will be passed in Africa and Europe.

Mr. Roosevelt is busy in preparing for his tour. His duties as a magazine editor will take him to New York several times during the week and there he will be busy dictating articles for publication. It is expected also that during the week the Smithsonian members of the expedition will come to Oyster Bay for a large conference.

ENTERTAINMENT TONIGHT AT ST. MARY'S ACADEMY

PLEASANT EVENING ASSURED FOR LOCAL PEOPLE—LARGE CAST ARRANGED AND ARE WELL DRILLED.

The young people of St. Mary's academy have arranged a very pleasant entertainment for this evening at the academy and assured a good time for those who attend. The program will consist of the portrayal of a legendary drama in five acts. Those in the cast are: Misses Alleen Kingsbury, Julia Sidley, Ruby Burke, Anita Dodge, Marie Wasehan, Willetta Edmunds, Mary Peninger, Katharine Murphy, Hazel Brunson, Janice Bodge, Tony Frazier, Helen Sidley, Margaret Enig, Myrtle McKee, Myrtle Quigley, Louise Wasehan, Mabel Scudder, Vira Henderson, Gladys Bolle, Vida Thronburg, Beryl Litherland, M. Alice Foster, Mary Brown, Browning Purdie, Harriet Harris, Genevieve Harris, Luel Klum.

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PRETTY GREEN IN NEW YORK TODAY

IRISH FLAG AND SHAMROCK FOUND ALL OVER GOTHAM ON ST. PATRICK'S. NEW YORK, March 17.—Although New York makes no claim to the luxuriant early spring of the balmy south, yet things look pretty green here today. The Irish flag flies over city hall along with the flag of the brave old free, and the green bunting which the loyal Irishmen reserve for this day has been unfurled. On certain important thoroughfares one finds nearly every corner, and sometimes even a place in the middle of the block, profusely decorated with the color so dear to the Irishman's heart, and here and there a flag from a window or house top.

The whole of the arrangements for the parade were under the control of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, which is the most powerful, numerically, of all the Irish societies in the United States. In order to follow the time-honored precedent this year's parade had to exceed the parade of last year. The efforts of Grand Marshal Patrick J. Gilroy were successful. Over 70,000 men were in line. The parade was in form of a military character than in former years. Each division assumed battalion formation under the charge of experienced and specially chosen officers. The men marched eight abreast and consequently took several hours to cover the route.

The leading battalions were the Irish Volunteers, 12,000 strong, under command of Colonel Kilgore, and the Sixty-ninth regiment, commanded by Colonel Edward Duffy with their respective bands making the windows along Fifth avenue rattle with "The Wearing of the Green" and "The Harp That Once Through Tara's Halls," as they do but once a year on the seventeenth of March.

SOUZA SAYS RAGTIME IS DEAD AND BURIED. PINEHURST, N. J., March 17.—"Ragtime has had its funeral," said John Philip Souza, the bandmaster, now here, discussing popular music. "It had the gout or dyspepsia long before it died. It was overfed by poor nurses. Good ragtime came and then half a million imitators sprang up and as a result the people were sickened with their stuff."

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SOLONS HAVE BIG JOB ON HANDS

Payne's Bill Contains Over 100,000 Words—Based on 8000 Pages 30,000 Letters

WASHINGTON, March 17.—Representative Sereno E. Payne, chairman of the ways and means committee, today presented to congress the tariff bill bearing his name. The document is a formidable one, containing over 100,000 words. The bill represents the judgment of the committee, which is based upon 8000 printed pages of testimony, over 30,000 letters from all sections of the globe, and all the known statistics on the subject. It is estimated that the revenue under the duties presented will be over \$100,000,000.

The bill authorizes the issuance of treasury certificates to the amount of \$250,000,000 to run a year. The lumber tariff is reduced 50 per cent. Coal and agricultural implements are put upon a reciprocal basis. The tariff on wool, first and second class, is unchanged. Hides will be admitted free and shoes have been reduced 40 per cent.

GOLD STAMPEDE SISKIYOU COUNTY

GREAT STRIKE MADE IN HUMBURG DISTRICT DURING PAST FEW DAYS. YREKA, Cal., March 17.—The greatest mining excitement known in Siskiyou county in years is now on here and is growing daily—hourly. Seventy-five mining claims were filed in the recorder's office today, and it is only a beginning. The activity is in the Humburg mining district, within four miles of Yreka, in a westerly direction. The first discovery was made in February, but at that time was taken as only an ordinarily good find. It is called the Yreka mine, and every day since the ledge was encountered new richness has been uncovered. The best was found Sunday and yesterday. One side of the ledge has been found, but the other side has not yet been reached, so its extent is still unknown.

Some of the ore has been beaten up here and shows immense richness, but none has yet been assayed. It is the best thing seen here in many years. In the same district others have made important finds in the past few days. Several well known mines are in the Humburg district.

SIMPLY AN OPTION ON FISH LAKE CO.

It has developed that the Fish Lake Ditch company has not as yet been sold. Instead an option has been given on the property for a period of 90 days. During that time the matter will be gone into by representatives of the capitalists who will determine whether they care to take the matter up or not. Several other parties have held options on the holdings of the company from time to time, among these being J. Isaac Anderson and Kuhn Brothers of Pittsburg.

There is a considerable amount of work to be done before the Spokane people will be ready to make their decision. MASON'S NOTICE. The funeral services of N. H. Sowerby will be held at the home of W. A. Aiken, on South G street, at 1:30 p. m. Thursday. All brother Masons are requested to meet at the lodge hall at 12:30 sharp. W. M. MULLER, Secretary. ATTENTION, K. OF P. There will be work in the third rank Monday night. Let every Knight be present. Visiting Knights invited. 5

WILD ENGINE WIPES OUT DEPOT

Kills Six People Instantly Completely Demolishes Frame Building When it Leaves Track

MONTREAL, March 17.—A fast train on the Boston & Maine railroad, running wild and with no one at the throttle, crashed through the station here today, plunging into the ladies' waiting room, killing six persons instantly and probably fatally injuring five more. The blowing out of a boiler plug hurled the engineer from the cab and disabled the fireman when the train was a mile from the station. With nobody guarding the train, it entered the city at terrific speed, jumped the track near the station and drove straight into the building.

The loss is estimated at \$100,000. An unknown little girl was crushed beyond human resemblance. Mrs. W. J. Dixon, wife of the train dispatcher, and her child were both crushed under the tender and engine. F. A. Anstry and wife of Chicago are in Medford with an idea of looking over the valley.

MARRYING MARY IS MERRILY MARRIED

SPLENDID PRODUCTION BY MISS FLORENCE GEAR AND HER EXCELLENT COMPANY. Matrimony probably would be more common if people could get into it and out again as easily as Mary Montgomery as portrayed by dainty Florence Gear. The large audience that followed her numerous domestic entanglements at the Medford were not at all abashed at the reckless way in which she made love to every available affinity that came within the range of her vision, and no lady could blame the numerous swains, young and old, for going daffy for Miss Gear "just can't make her eyes behave."

The smart musical play, which attained considerable distinction with Marie Cahill and her long-skirted chorus, was given a creditable production by Miss Gear and her excellent company. It is full of bright lines and many good laughs. And another commendable point, and one that would be hailed with delight if more musical shows followed it, is the fact that the chorus was attired in a decent amount of raiment. Miss Gear wears four elegant creations. The first was of a palest mauve, the second a purple plaid, which just matched Miss Gear's blond hair. The third of blue was not so much, but the last of cream lace was not less but by no means a staid old bachelor suit and take notice. The women declared they were perfect "dreams," so there you are.

All of the song numbers were encouraged and again such several of them had to be repeated over and over before the audience would be satisfied. "I'm So Lonely," by Miss Gear, in which a large hand mirror was used effectively, with a spot light picking out likely "affinities" in the audience, was the biggest hit. Several well known theatergoers were in the line, while the petite singer told about the vacant spots in her heart. Those who did not come within the pale of the spotlight's gleam howled with joy. The performance was one of the best, if not the best, seen this season at the Medford.

PRICE NEARLY LOSES EYE WHILE AT WORK IN SHOP. W. E. Price, the Central avenue blacksmith, was very near losing an eye Wednesday morning, a chunk of iron flying and striking his face. A deep cut resulted. It was thought for a while that the eye was injured. Dr. Conroy dressed the wound.

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