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The Weather
The Weather Man says:
Clear tonight and tomorrow. Cooler. Possible light frost.

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PEOPLE MAY VOTE ON NEW WATER MAINS

Present System Does Not Cover a Third of the Possible Users Within the City Limits.

WATER BOND DISTRICTS AS FOR JEWELERS AND STREETS

City Finds Itself in Much the Same Dilemma as Other Cities Have in the Past.

At a meeting of the city council Tuesday night the proposition of a special election to secure an amendment to the charter to permit the extension of the city distributing water system, will be decided. The present distributing system does not cover more than a third of the possible water consumers, and unless the charter is amended to permit of bonding districts for water mains, as they are bonded for street improvements, the needed revenue to maintain the water works will be not forthcoming, and the needed extensions cannot be made.

The city finds itself in the same dilemma that other progressive cities have faced—its bonding credit used to the limit by a too expensive water system without the city's being adequately protected.

STORY OF ORCHARDIST PORTRAYED IN WINDOW

In the windows of the new office of the Oregon Orchards Syndicate can be seen a novel and attractive display. It represents a scene from real life, the development in detail of the orchardist. The clerk is shown slaving at his desk. The idea of buying an orchard on the installment plan comes to him while dining with his family, reading a newspaper advertisement. The young orchard is shown, later the cheek for his fruit, while the ertwhile clerk and his family are shown riding about in their automobile.

All the successive stages are well pictured and the real story of the orchardist graphically portrayed.

ASHLAND BURGLAR THOUGHT TO BE IN PORTLAND JAIL

ASHLAND, Or., April 13.—(Special.)—Chief of Police Neidig received word last evening from police headquarters in Portland stating that they were holding a man there who was offering a number of revolvers for sale. It is thought he may be the individual who broke the plate glass window of the Elkhorn store in this city early last Sunday morning and made off with a number of fine Colt's revolvers. A description of the guns has been forwarded to the police department of land and word is expected today. The arrested man proves to be the same burglar, an officer will be sent to Portland tonight to bring him back.

BOY ESCAPES FROM BOARDING SCHOOL: RECAPTURED

SALEM, Or., April 13.—Joe Brown escaped from the reform school near here yesterday morning by climbing from an upper story window and finding his way to the ground by a fire escape. He was captured near here today.

HOW TO READ THE WEATHER MAN'S FLAGS

Flags Are Flown Every Day From Top of Deuel & Kentner Building Regarding the Weather.

WILL GIVE TIMELY WARNING TO THE LOCAL ORCHARDISTS

By Watching Flags Throughout Frost Period Danger Can Be Reduced to Minimum.

No matter the season of the year when danger from frost is at its maximum great interest has been displayed by the local fruit men in regard to the weather signals that are daily flown from the flagpole on the Deuel & Kentner building. In order that there be no mistake in reading the signals the following is a list of the flags and their interpretations as sent out by the United States weather bureau:

The flags adopted by the bureau are five in number. The first is a white square flag, which indicates clear or fair weather. The second is a blue square flag and indicates rain or snow. The third is a square flag half white and half blue and indicates possible showers. The fourth flag is a black triangular flag and indicates the temperature. When it is displayed above the first, second or third flag it indicates that it will be warmer; when below, it indicates colder weather. When not displayed it indicates that the temperature is expected to remain about stationary. The fifth flag contains a small black square in the center of a large square of white. When an orchardist sees this displayed it is time for him to look out, for it is used to indicate anticipated frosts.

WILL LAY WOOD PIPE FROM RESERVOIR TO CITY

Preparations are being made to lay the wooden stave pipe from the reservoir to Roosevelt avenue. It was generally supposed that an iron or steel pipe would be laid, as called for in the original estimates by Engineer Roberts, but the proposition submitted by L. L. Hamilton and voted for almost unanimously, calls for wood pipe.

In spite of the fact that they voted for a wood pipe, many citizens are surprised to find that they so voted. The right of way committee of the city council has been busy securing rights of way the past week and have nearly completed their labors. Some of the rights of way they secured some time since provided for steel or iron pipe and owners are refusing the rights of way for the wooden pipe.

MAY WHEAT SOARS TO TOP NOTCH IN HISTORY

CHICAGO, April 13.—Wheat shot skyward at the opening of the market today, and a new price record was established in May, July and September wheat. Ma opened at \$1.28, a cent and a quarter higher than the previous record for the cereal.

SEPTIC TANK MUST BE MADE OVER FOR USE

Bottom Must Be Raised Two Feet Before It Can Be Drained, Owing to Level of Creek.

CLAIMED THAT CREEK HAS FILLED UP DURING WINTER

Steps Will Be Taken by City Engineer to Rectify the Matter So That It Can Be Used.

The new septic tank which was recently constructed at the end of the new lateral trunk sewer on Riverside avenue is out of commission for the time being, owing to the fact that it can be drained only down to a two-foot level. The bottom of the tank will have to be raised that much before the tank can be successfully used.

The fault is said to lie with Bear creek. It is claimed that when the tank was put in that the bottom of the creek was two feet lower than it is at the present time and that at that time the tank could be successfully drained. During the winter the bottom of the creek filled up and now the tank will remain useless until it is fixed by having the bottom raised.

City Engineer Foster is at present looking into the matter and will take immediate steps to remedy it.

OWINGS REPORTS YREKA AS THRIVING COMMUNITY

G. W. Owings, of North Central avenue, has returned from his ten days' business and pleasure trip to Yreka, Cal. He reports the business outlook bright and promising in both mining and stock raising in old Siskiyou county. Many of the old worked out mining claims still continue to yield unexpectedly with big nuggets. Bird & Grant took from their claim 17-ounce nugget a few days before his leaving. Among the many business houses, churches, etc., are 15 saloons, this being one of the fixed and permanent features of all pioneer mining towns, the annual license being \$100 per year. The city walks, streets, and everything pertaining to municipal affairs is kept clean and well improved and the old city has the distinction of being one of the most moral and orderly cities in northern California.

SUPREME COURT DECIDES FAMOUS WARNER CASE

SALEM, Or., April 13.—With Justice King dissenting regarding certain lots only, the supreme court today reversed the circuit court of Lake county. Judge Benson presiding, in the well known Warner Valley cases involving 2500 acres of land. The principal effort of the plaintiff in the lower court was to establish the fact that the land was acquired from the government fraudulently by representing it as swamp land. The supreme court determined that the plaintiff can demand that a legal title be given them by the defendant on the ground that qualified homesteaders' right to have a filing received by the proper officials of the government.

ALL MEMBERS URGED TO BE AT MEETING

Important Business Will Be Transacted at Commercial Club Meeting This Evening—All Should Come.

WILL DISCUSS MATTER OF IMPROVING CRATER PARK

To Take Matter of Securing Federal Building Up With Congress—Pamphlet Committee.

The most important meeting of the Medford Commercial club held this year is called for tonight and a full attendance is desired.

In addition to regular monthly business, a memorial will come up requesting congress to appropriate a million dollars for the improvement of Crater Lake national park. Letters of invitation will be presented inviting President Taft and Secretary Ballinger of the department of the interior to visit Medford on their western tour and make a stop of several days to permit their being entertained by an auto trip to Crater Lake.

Another congressional memorial requesting an appropriation for a \$100,000 federal building at Medford to accommodate the rapidly growing postoffice business and the few federal courts, the forestry service and other federal offices, will be presented for action.

The pamphlet committee will also report upon the new pamphlet and the committee given charge of securing a right of way and terminal grounds for the proposed coal mine road will report upon the success of their efforts.

TWO NEW BUNGALOWS IN COURSE OF ERECTION

Two modern bungalows have been started this week. One is being erected by D. Bradley for himself in the southwest part of town and the other is in the hands of N. J. Wiley, contractor, for Wes Vogel in the bungalow addition. Both of the houses will be equipped with all modern conveniences. Woods Lumber company is furnishing the lumber for each.

WALL STREET GAMBLING WON'T BE STOPPED

NEW YORK, April 13.—One of the Wall street news agencies has lately been calculating an outline of what purported to be the forthcoming report of the committee Governor Hughes appointed to investigate abuses in stock transactions and the methods of the exchanges.

Among the prophecies were several of rather sensational import. For instance, it was said that the committee had decided to oppose the abolition of dealings in futures and short selling, on the ground that the doing away with these methods would be injurious to the best interests of business.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Ralston and family of Argos, Ind., arrived in Medford Tuesday and expect to make their home here. They are the parents of Earl Ralston, who has been on the force of The Tribune for many months.

ROCHESTER IS BEING WIPED OUT BY FIRE

Flames Are Beyond Control in Forty-Five-Mile Gale and Are Sweeping On Towards Thickly Settled Portion.

STARTED IN FACTORY AND SPREAD TO TENEMENTS

Churches Are Destroyed—Firemen Injured by Falling Walls—Relief Trains Started.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., April 13.—(Bulletin.)—At 3:45 p. m. it was the opinion of Fire Chief Little that the two main fires were under control.

The Schenectady and Buffalo companies are expected at 4 o'clock.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., April 13.—Starting in a four-story factory and fanned by a 45-mile gale, a fire today spread to a row of tenement houses and at 1 o'clock this afternoon it is beyond control.

The Temple Beth Kedish was destroyed.

The magnificent St. Peter's Presbyterian church was caught several times.

The First Lutheran church is burning.

A thickly populated section is in the path of the flames.

If the present high wind continues it is certain to be wiped out.

Four firemen were caught by the falling walls and injured. They were removed to a hospital.

The loss is enormous.

Relief trains have been started from several other New York cities.

NO MORE BALL GAMES TO BE CALLED BY DARKNESS

PITTSBURG, Pa., April 13.—The new \$1,000,000 baseball park, in which the Pirates will meet their opponents after July 1, has been equipped with an extensive electrical system by which ball games at night will be possible. Secretary Loche of the baseball club announced that it was not the intention of the management to have night games, but that owing to the peculiar conditions in Pittsburgh it was absolutely necessary to install the lighting system.

George F. Cahill, the inventor of the lighting system, is putting in a similar equipment at Cincinnati, and although he refuses to give out the details, he declares that in the future there will be no tie games "called on account of darkness" either in Cincinnati or Pittsburgh.

ATTEMPTED TO ROB "BANK" AND WAS SHOT IN ATTEMPT

BUTTE, Mont., April 13.—Because he "went broke" gambling in the Mountain View saloon, Edwin Madden attempted to rob the "bank" and was shot, dying today. Thirty men were playing last night, when he seized \$75 and ran for the door. John Selzia, a bartender, shot him. On his deathbed today he declared: "I got what was coming to me."

YOUNG WOMAN OPENS GAS JET AND DIES

SEATTLE, Wash., April 13.—Miss Madge England, aged 23, was found dead this morning in her room. An open gas jet and the room filled with gas told the story.

COLONISTS ARE FLOCKING INTO THE NORTHWEST

Over Fifty Per Cent of Newcomers Are Locating in Portland and Other Oregon Points—Heavy Travel.

LAST YEAR IS BEATEN NEARLY TWO TO ONE

Between 40,000 and 50,000 New Settlers Expected to Arrive During the Summer.

During the first four weeks of this year's colonist travel the Harriman lines have carried almost double the number of people carried during the corresponding period last year. The eagerness with which the homeseeker is looking toward the northwest is shown by a table of one-way colonist tickets sold by the Harriman roads for the month of March, the sales being for the states of Washington, Oregon and Idaho. A significant fact in the table is that more than 50 per cent of all the tickets sold were to points in Oregon.

The figures as given out by the Harriman lines illustrate the extent of the colonist travel to the northwest compared with last year: To Portland, 1673, 810; to other Oregon points, 1138, 753; To Puget sound points, 854, 327; To other Washington points, 360, 503; to Idaho, 1346, 730; total, 5371, 3123.

These figures show that a total of 2248 people in excess of March last year have found homes in the three states, when the Harriman lines' movement is alone considered. Last year the entire movement for the months of March and April, which is the spring period over which low colonist rates prevail, was 6700. The future sales and the estimated sales for the remainder of the month of April bring the total up to 15,000. This is over double the number who settled in the states off the Harriman roads during March and April, 1908, and this figure gives promise of between 40,000 and 50,000 new settlers for the year.

Rate Is Lower

The officials of the railroads account for a portion of the increased colonist movement by the decrease in the colonist rates. Last year the rate from Chicago and the middle west was \$38, whereas it is only \$33 this year. The latter rate is the old rate, under which the colonization of the northwest proceeded so rapidly for years. The difference in the rate, however, cannot account for but a small portion of the increased movement. It is to be remembered in sizing up the situation that the colonist rates are "one-way rates," and this means that whoever goes west on them means to remain. It is a different rate from the homeseekers' rate, which is a round-trip rate and upon which few people ever remain.

Whoever a colonist ticket is sold, however, it means a new settler for the territory to which it is sold. In connection with the colonist movement, it is stated by the officials of both interests that it is their purpose to open up all the new and productive territory possible within the next few years, and to continue the low colonist rates spring and fall, with a view to giving the northwest what it most needs—population and transportation.