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THE WEATHER.

Tonight and Thursday—
Continued cloudy; rain.
Tuesday—Rain, .30; high
50, low 45, range 48.

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FOURTH YEAR.

MEDFORD, OREGON, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1909.

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BALLINGER TO SUE FOR LIBEL

New York Firm of Lawyers Instructed to Bring Suit Against Colliers' Weekly for Publication of Glavis Article.

SECRETARY CANNOT MAKE REPLY AT PRESENT TIME

Secretary Has Completed His Annual Report, Which He Says Will Pacify Conservative Element.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 10.—Secretary Ballinger has placed in the hands of a New York firm of lawyers the Glavis article appearing in the advance sheets of Colliers' Weekly, with instructions to proceed against the publishers if in their estimation a charge of libel can be sustained. The secretary declares the Glavis article is unfounded and he hopes to be able to bring the Collier house before the courts for what he believes to be their reckless publication of this sensational article. The secretary admits that he is considerably embarrassed just at this time, so far as concerns his ability to issue any adequate reply to the Glavis article, because of the fact that he desires very particularly not in any way to affect the Cunningham hearings, which will soon be held in Seattle.

However, as soon as the cabinet is able to meet with the president, which will probably not be until next week, the matter will be taken up, and it is possible that Mr. Taft may recommend that a reply be made immediately.

That a reply will ultimately be made is definitely asserted by the secretary.

The secretary has completed his first annual report, and as soon as the president has reviewed it, it will be published. This report, Mr. Ballinger says, will convince the conservative element of the country that they have nothing whatever to fear from the future policies of the present secretary of the interior in regard to preservation of natural properties. Although Secretary Ballinger still

POWER OF PRAYER WON MEYERS OVER

Salem Parson Wins Reward from State by His Power to Pray—Gets \$1000 Warrant.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
SALEM, Or., Nov. 10.—Rev. Louis P. Larden, who persuaded George Meyers, the slayer of Policeman Tom Eckhart at Salem about a month ago to give himself up, was today handed a warrant for \$1000 reward offered by Governor Benson. He will also be given the reward offered by the city of Salem.

In a public statement, Larden declares that he persuaded Meyers to give himself up by the power of prayer.

Mrs. Roosevelt Coming Home.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
ROME, Italy, Nov. 10.—Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt and her daughter, Miss Ethel, started for Naples today. They will sail for New York Friday.

RUNAWAY FREIGHT CAR PLUNGES DOWN GRADE RUNS INTO PASSENGER

Fourteen Passengers Killed—Accident Comes Without Warning Giving Passengers no Time to Escape Car Which Descends Upon Them with Terrific Momentum.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
VANCOUVER, B. C., Nov. 10.—Fourteen or fifteen persons were killed, according to latest reports in the accident which occurred about 6:30 this morning on the New Westminster line of the British Columbia Electric railway. Various accounts of the accident are given, but all details seem to tally in one respect. A heavy car loaded with big timber broke away from a train which was proceeding ahead of the 6:10 o'clock interurban car from Vancouver at the incline at a point between Lakeview and Collingwood stations. The runaway came with terrific momentum on the passenger car and swept everything clean down to the level of the seats. There were about 25 persons in the car and not one had a real chance to escape. According to one of the injured, who gave an interview to a reporter, Motorman Thoborn yelled a warning to the passengers as he saw the big car bearing down on him, and then tried to jump to safety. He was caught by the runaway and the life crushed out of him. His dead body

NOVEMBER 24 IS TREE PLANTING DAY IN MEDFORD

Plans Formulated in Public Schools for Planting Shade Trees on That Day on School Grounds Throughout City.

Wednesday, November 24, has been set apart as a tree-planting day in Medford. Plans are formulated in the public schools for planting trees on the several school grounds on that day, and special programs of exercises will be carried out in all the schoolrooms, appropriate to the occasion. These programs will all be of a nature designed to stimulate in the children's minds a love for trees and an appreciation of their beauty and usefulness to our surroundings. The programs will supplement the instruction regularly given in the schools to impress upon the children the beneficial effects of trees on the climate and soil of the country, and reasons why trees on the midwin reasons why trees should be protected and not unnecessarily destroyed. All parents and friends of the children and of the schools are most cordially invited to attend these exercises. The tree-planting will occur at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, which will be followed by the programs by the children in the several schools of the city.

Trees are one of the greatest sources of pleasure as well as usefulness to people of all ages and in every walk of life. They are most beneficial in both a physical and an aesthetic sense. The poet and the painter find in trees a source of the deepest and most pleasing sentiments. Next to the human form and face, the artist finds his greatest inspiration and joy in the landscape adorned with trees and shrubbery. The cultivation and growth of

ASSESSMENT \$81,462 LESS

In Spite of Fact That City Has Grown Tremendously During Assessed Valuation Is Much Lower.

CUTTING OUT THE DOUBLE ASSESSMENTS MADE CHANGE

(United Press Leased Wire.)
The assessment of the city of Medford is \$81,462 less this year than it was last, according to the statement furnished by County Assessor Grieve of the assessment of 1909 and the figures for that of 1908 in the office of the city recorder. Mr. Grieve states that the statement he gives will be practically net, as he has carefully eliminated, so far as possible, all double assessments, while that of last year may suffer some reductions yet. It is due to cutting out these double assessments, he says, that makes the change. The figures are \$2,400,038 for 1909 and \$2,481,500 for 1908. In view of the fact that population, values and all that goes to create an increase in taxable property, have grown greatly since the assessment of 1908, it looks as if the disproportion of the figures should be the other way. Considerable censure has been made of the way in which the assessment was made this year, as it is generally believed that this year's assessment in Medford should have been larger.

M'CREIDIE WANTS ROBERTSON FOR LEAGUE LEADER

Owner of Portland Club Boosts Portland Man for Presidency of Pacific Coast League—Is Enthusiastic Fan.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
PORTLAND, Or., Nov. 10.—Judge W. W. McCredie, owner of the Portland Baseball club, is boosting George F. Robertson, for 20 years a resident of Portland, for the presidency of the Pacific Coast league. Robertson is manager of the printing supply department of the Blake-McFall Paper company and an enthusiastic baseball fan.

Several Portland fans have urged Robertson's name to Judge McCredie, and the judge named a day for a meeting, but was held up by a cornerstone laying in Vancouver and was unable to attend the conference. Robertson is not without baseball experience, for he played professionally for four years from 1886 to 1889. He is said to possess considerable executive ability and his friends believe he would be an able successor to J. Cal. Ewing, the present head of the league, who has announced his intention of resigning at the annual meeting in San Francisco next Monday.

Just how the California magnates will view the suggestion of Robertson as president remains to be seen. trees appeals to the human mind and exerts upon people a most refining influence. There is no one subject that interests and appeals to children more than the study of trees and forests and life in the forests. In districts in cities where no trees grow, the effect of the absence of the influence of trees on the lives of

CITIZEN'S ALLIANCE TO TAKE HAND IN SPOKANE WAR OVER FREE SPEECH

Workers Charge Police With Extreme Cruelty—Hunger Strike Still Continues—Two Hundred Men Still in Jail—Four Damage Suits Against City Filed.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
SPOKANE, Wash., Nov. 10.—A report is current this morning that the citizens' alliance is forming to take a hand in the police fight against the Industrial Workers of the World. This will bring about a situation like that which existed in Goldfield and Cripple Creek during the labor troubles in those places. The police have taken an abandoned schoolhouse for jail room and removed 90 prisoners there. The situation is becoming so serious that the leaders of the revolt have difficulty in securing sufficient followers to oppose the police. The Workers charge extreme cruelty on the part of the police. They threaten to ask for the dismissal of the chief of police and Dr. O'Shea. More Recruits Expected. The Workers are expecting more recruits today, and then the fight will continue with vigor. The fight has been on for about ten days now and at present almost 200 men are in jail. It started originally from a city ordinance prohibiting members of the Socialist party and I. W. W. from making speeches on street corners.

BENSON GIVES MUCH TIME TO MURDER CASES

Closeted All Day Going Over Testimony in Finch Case—Petitions Galore Come in for Executive's Attention.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
SALEM, Or., Nov. 10.—Governor Benson has been closeted all day going over the testimony and petitions for the commutation of the sentence of James A. Finch, the lawyer and former newspaper man under sentence of death for killing Ralph Fisher of Portland. A petition headed by ex-Judge Henry E. McGinn, and about 30 members of the bar, was filed with the governor this morning and offsets to some extent the letter of District Attorney Cameron, which was a strong demand that the law take its course. The petition of members of the bar is signed by some men of prominence in the profession at Portland. There is nothing new being done for Finch or Daly by the judicial officers, but the mother of Finch has written a strong letter denying that her son ever neglected her or her husband, saying: "He was always kind to his dear deceased father, and stood by me during four years of his illness. If I live until January 28, I shall be 67 years old. James never gave his father or mother a saucy or petulant answer when we reprimanded him, even when he was 35 years old." Governor Benson is only giving a few hours each afternoon to his official duties, so great is the demand upon his time to go over the testimony and correspondence cases.

SNOW IS GRADUALLY COMING DOWN HILLS

If Weather Clears Cold Snap May Be Expected—Indications Are for More Rain.

MAIL SERVICE IMPROVED LOCALLY

Service on Jacksonville Line Will Be Bettered by Having Motor Carry Mail on 8 o'Clock Morning Trip.

PACIFIC & EASTERN TO CARRY MAIL TWICE EACH DAY

Great Activity in Foreign Money Order Business on Account of Importation of Foreigners. Frank Whitney, assistant superintendent of the railway mail service, was in Medford Tuesday looking over the local ground with a view to making a more effectual postal system for the Rogue River valley and its environs. It is probable that the service will be increased on the route between Medford and Jacksonville, and that mail will be carried on the motor car on the Rogue River Valley railroad at 8 o'clock in the morning instead of waiting for the regular train at 10:30. A contract will be entered into with the Pacific & Eastern from Medford to Eagle Point twice a day, which will operate to the advantage of the people of the upper Rogue river section in giving them a more prompt mail service. The activity in railroad building, and also the importation of foreign laborers has increased the volume of business in the line of foreign money orders materially. Tuesday there were foreign money orders amounting to \$780, and the business was \$1200. Last week the international orders reached the \$10,000 mark, some of them going to India.

ADVOCATING NEW BRIDGE OVER CREEK

Residents of North Medford and on East Side Talking of New Way to Cross Bear Creek on Jackson Street.

A movement is on foot to have another bridge built across Bear creek. The move is fostered by the residents of North Medford and those of the east side. The bridge is to be at the foot of Jackson street. The bridge would be of great benefit to east siders, who are now forced to send their children clear around by Main street to attend the West Side school. The rapidity with which the north end is growing has caused the North Medfordites to advocate another crossing, and one in their neighborhood. A petition is to be circulated and presented to the council.

SHORTAGE IN FRUIT TREES FELT BY NURSERYMEN

There is a shortage in fruit trees this year, especially among certain varieties of pears. There seems to be a run on Bose, Howell and Winter Nellis, and there are very few of these varieties in the hands of the wholesalers now that are not covered by orders. One dealer has over 100,000 trees engaged, and expects a strenuous time filling his orders. He has the trees, but it is going to take some work to get them out. H. S. Miller of Central Point, one of those interested in the orchard business in that locality, was a Medford visitor Wednesday.

OHIO SEISMOGRAPH RECORDS FARAWAY QUAKE

CLEVELAND, O., Nov. 10.—Father Odenbach's seismograph recorded an earthquake early today, the main shock of which lasted for 29 minutes. The tremors occurred between midnight and 2 o'clock this morning. The earthquake happened about 10,000 miles away, and Father Odenbach believes it occurred near China or Japan.

NEARLY EVERY KNOWN METAL IS IN OREGON

Mining Man Says That Oregon, as Regards Mineral Resources, is Rich in Many Metals. "Almost every known metal exists in Oregon in greater or less quantity," states Charles Mullen, a Baker City mining man, inventor and patentee of a black sand separator which is revolutionizing placer mining, who is spending a few days in Medford. Mr. Mullen's invention provides a practical method of utilizing the black deposit and extracting therefrom the costly metals it carries. "In addition to gold and iron, radium, platinum and other rare metals are frequently found in the black sand," continued Mr. Mullen, "and my invention provides a practical method for the miner's utilization of bi-products." Mr. Mullen is an old-time Colorado prospector, having located the first silver mine in Colorado in the early sixties, the "Ten Forty."

RESIDENTS OF NORTH MEDFORD AND ON EAST SIDE TALKING OF NEW WAY TO CROSS BEAR CREEK ON JACKSON STREET.

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