

Subscribers Not Receiving Their Papers Promptly Will Confer a Great Favor by Notifying the Office At Once.

THE WEATHER. Today and Monday - Cloudy, cooler; frost. Saturday - High 49, low 33; range 44.

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Full Leased Wire Report. United Press Association. The only paper in a city the size of Medford having a leased wire.

FOURTH YEAR.

MEDFORD, OREGON, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1909.

No. 204.

480 PERISH IN COAL MINE EXPLOSION

ESCAPE CUT OFF BY RAGING FIRE; ABSOLUTELY NO HOPE

HEAT SO INTENSE RESCUERS NOT ABLE TO WORK

Men Just Preparing to Leave When Explosion Came—Entire Town Is Shaken—Heartrending Scenes at Mine.

CHICAGO, Ill., Nov. 13.—Four hundred and eighty men perished this evening in a coal mine explosion in the Cherry bituminous mines near La Salle, Ill. A terrific fire is raging and rescuing parties are absolutely unable to get near the imprisoned workers. There is not one chance in a thousand that any escaped alive. Late tonight a party of 12 volunteers returned from the shaft after a fruitless effort to reach the entombed miners. Fire damp caused the explosion, which caved in all approaching shafts and tunnels. The fierce fire which followed drove out all rescuing parties. A shift of 205 men were just preparing to leave at the 6 o'clock shift when the explosion came. Five minutes later these 205 would have been saved. The explosion shook the town of Cherry and was felt in La Salle. Ten corpses were recovered. Phone messages were sent in all directions for aid. Heartrending scenes were enacted at the mouth of the mine, where hundreds of women, wives, sweethearts and children of the entombed men gathered. The accident is the worst ever occurring in the middle west.

CITY AT DEADLOCK WITH MIKE HANLEY

"Nothing Doing" Is Result of Conference of City Dads—No Decision Is Reached.

An informal meeting of the city council was held Saturday for the purpose of discussing a compromise with M. F. Hanley and settling the deadlock that has existed and blocked the completion of the city's water system. No decision was arrived at and the situation is unchanged. It is understood that the city will not make a further concession to Mr. Hanley, having offered him \$12,000 for Wasson canyon water, as against his offer of \$20,000. SEATTLE, Nov. 13.—Judge Mitchell Gilliam of the supreme court surprised the city by a sudden call for a grand jury late this afternoon. Business men are said to be back of a move to investigate city and county officials. All the judges of the supreme court concur. A big scandal is expected.

OFFICIALS AND LADIES TALK OVER TREE PLANTING

Conference Is Held in City Hall—City Attorney Tells of Legal Steps Which Might Be Taken by Council.

The ladies of the Greater Medford club at their meeting Saturday afternoon were in conference with the forestry service, the mayor and the city attorney in relation to their plans for making a "city beautiful" of Medford. A committee appointed by the club has completed a partial canvass of the city—aided materially by maps furnished them by J. S. Howard, the veteran civil engineer, and one of the fathers of the town—with a view to ascertaining the number of trees necessary to secure in order that every street might in the near future have its border of shade. In their canvass the ladies found an almost universal disposition among the property owners to beautify their holdings by the planting of shade trees, and believe that the matter of the first planting can be considered as settled. The trees, in whatever quantity required, have been promised the club at actual cost, and the plan is to give the property owners the advantage of this offer. Mr. Foster, of the forest service, spoke on the proper distance for the planting of the trees and the general care of them. City Attorney Porter G. Neff instructed the club on the legal requirements and the authority which might be exercised by the city in the premises. Under the charter the city can require that trees be planted or that they be removed; can provide the distance apart and their location, in relation to the sidewalk or curbing, but that the care of the trees after planting is a matter to be provided for hereafter, either by the city council or by an amendment to the charter compelling property owners to care for them. Mayor Cannon was present and agreed to appoint a commission from names suggested by the club to take the matter in charge and oversee the planting and selection of the trees. Dr. E. Barton Pickel of this city, member of the state board of health, at the request of the ladies, has made the following statement regarding the health feature of shade trees: "Someone has said that shade trees were detrimental to health; that exclusion of sunshine increased soil moisture, stimulating mold formations, if not actually creating a culture field for the growth of all germ life, was conducive to a prolonged virility, increasing the dangers of infection; that decaying vegetation was greatly increased, forming one of our most prolific sources of soil contamination and infection; that by the exclusion of sunshine one of our most powerful disinfectants and germicides is lost through lack of dissipation; that the war cry of free-

MEDFORD LEADS IN NUMBER OF REGISTERS OF CASH

Salesman Says Statistics of Company Show That Medford Leads in Quality and Number of Cash Registers.

"Statistics in our office show us that Medford not only leads Oregon, but the United States, in the number and quality of cash registers in use in the city, considering the number of inhabitants. No other city in the state can come near touching it." Such is the statement of John T. Stever of Salem, who represents the State of Cash Register company. Mr. Stever is the Oregon agent for the company, so that statistics are available in the office. "Medford is certainly a splendid business town and I am always certain of doing a good business when here." "The above and possibly many other points in favor of sunlight must be admitted, but it is not by any means chief among remedies for disease or its prevention. Trees are great absorbers of carbon, monoxide and other poisonous gases distributed through the atmosphere. Carbon dioxide, which is thrown off by all animals in large quantities as well as in all forms of combustion, while only injurious by replacing of oxygen, is kept at an equilibrium largely by being taken up by tree and plant life. Shade trees increase oxygen in the atmosphere. "The above and possibly many other points in favor of sunlight must be admitted, but it is not by any means chief among remedies for disease or its prevention. Trees are great absorbers of carbon, monoxide and other poisonous gases distributed through the atmosphere. Carbon dioxide, which is thrown off by all animals in large quantities as well as in all forms of combustion, while only injurious by replacing of oxygen, is kept at an equilibrium largely by being taken up by tree and plant life. Shade trees increase oxygen in the atmosphere.

DELIVERY OF BONDS COMPLETE

New Issue of City Improvement Bonds Will Be Authorized Next Week.

The delivery of the bonds issued October 1 for the improvement of Oakdale avenue and of C and D streets was completed this week. The issue amounts to \$54,000 and \$49,750 of the amount was subscribed for by Phil Grossmayer and associates of Portland. The balance was taken up by local people. A new issue for new water mains and sewer districts 7 and 8 will be authorized next week, and this issue has been practically subscribed for already. Portland capitalists seem to be looking for Medford municipal bonds, as Recorder Telfer has on file numberless letters of inquiry from that source as to present and future issues of Medford bonds, and in most cases a premium is offered.

UNCLE JOE'S PASSIONS RISE

Says Hermann Ridder Promised to Deliver Support of Big Dailies If He Would Railroad Bill Through.

"LIE," SAYS RIDDER WHEN HE HEARS OF SPEECH

Uncle Joe Lets Himself Out and Says Papers Are Sore on Him Owing to Duty on Wood Pulp.

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Nov. 13.—Uncle Joe Cannon's dunder is up. In a speech here late last night the speaker of the house of representatives handed out the bitterest exorcism of his enemies that he has yet delivered. "Uncle Joe" declared that the newspapers of the country are after his scalp because the free wood pulp bill failed to "enure" and that they are trying to make Cannonism an issue. In his speech last night Cannon alleged that Herman Ridder, president of the American Publishers' association, headed a deputation which demanded that he "railroad" through congress by illegal means a bill removing the duty on wood pulp, promising Cannon the support of the country's big newspapers in return. Cannon declared that he refused to be bought or cajoled and that the big publishers then went out after his scalp. Lie, Says Ridder. (United Press Leased Wire.) NEW YORK, Nov. 13.—"It's a lie, a base lie." This was the statement made by Herman Ridder today when shown the speech of "Uncle Joe" Cannon, in which the speaker stated that Ridder wanted "to railroad" the wood pulp bill through congress and that in return Ridder would insure him the support of the big newspapers of the country. "How could I pledge the support of the New York papers?" continued Ridder. "Why, the man's crazy, absolutely crazy. The story is false and absolutely ridiculous." "Cannon surely must be insane to make such a statement. I did not pledge him the support of even my own paper, the Staats Zeitung. I never talked to him about obtaining the support of the newspapers in any such manner."

SMALL BLAZE CALLS OUT FIRE DEPARTMENT

An alarm from the Medford Pharmacy called out the fire department Saturday morning. The boys responded in good time, but the flames had been subdued by the time they arrived on the scene.

REPAIR WORK IS THE REASON WHY

Owing to the fact that the pressroom of the Mail Tribune is being overhauled and extensive repairs made, the press work on the paper is not at its best. Within a day or two matters will be adjusted.

MRS. STEINHEIL ACQUITTED; PARIS IS MAD WITH JOY

KEYSTONE SONS IN REUNION; MANY ARE PRESENT

Big Gathering for Second Annual Reunion—Splendid Program Is Followed by a Jolly Dinner.

The Rogue River Society of Native Pennsylvanians met Saturday in the Presbyterian church at 11 a. m. This is the second annual meeting of this society. There is now a membership of 58, besides many who have not yet attended the meetings of the society. Those who attended this session were: Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Watt, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Shields, William Angle, D. W. Luke, Miss Lotta Luke, Miss Alice M. Elder, Professor U. G. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. James Kelso, Mrs. Etta Stevenson, Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Denniston, Mrs. Elizabeth D. Pfoutz, Mrs. Gaddis, W. H. Watt, Professor Field, Theodore W. Kelso, Medford; Mr. Meade, Mrs. Alzina H. Meade, Grants Pass; George B. Wilson, Ashland; Mrs. Frink, Mrs. Toomey, Mr. and Mrs. S. K. Adams, Central Point. Professor Field gave two selections on the pipe organ. These were very highly enjoyed both in the rendering and in the clear explanation of the spirit and idea of the selection before it was rendered on the organ. D. W. Luke spoke of the influence of Pennsylvania in our nation's history. He said that Pennsylvania is where the spirit of liberty flamed, and the Declaration of Independence was written. It is where the Independence bell rang out the glad news in 1776 and the flag of our nation was designed. Washington began his military career in Pennsylvania, and in it Lincoln made his most famous speech, Franklin, Buchanan, Blaine and Quay have added to Pennsylvania's fame and glory. The resources of Pennsylvania are great and she has exerted a great influence in the commercial development of our country. Her influence for education has always been for the very best. W. F. Shields spoke on "What Pennsylvanians Should Stand for on the Pacific Coast," saying that all Pennsylvanians should lead in progress and never allow themselves to be run down by the progress. They should be optimistic and with prophetic vision they should look into the future. They should regard themselves as able to cope with the duties of a citizen on this coast, and should allow no one nor any combination of men to crowd them out of what is their necessary rights and privileges in the making of our country. Pennsylvanians should stand for education and the honor of the flag. Professor U. G. Smith spoke of the great men of Pennsylvania and her special glory and honor in being the first state to establish a university. That state he said had produced some great leaders of men, and that the people loved justice and right, and that they are a religious people. "We should emulate the greatness of Pennsylvanians and be true to the flag," he said. James Kelso said that William Penn started the state right when he decided to do right with the Indians. The Indians knew right from wrong and they were true to Penn as long as the sun and moon endured. Officers were elected for the coming year: President, J. E. Watt; vice-president, U. G. Smith; secretary and treasurer, W. F. Shields. A vote of thanks was given to Professor Field for his kindness in helping in the program. The committee on badges and colors furnished the society with a beautiful blue badge with the words, "Second Annual Reunion Nov. 13, 1909, Native Pennsylvanians."

SEEMS TO BE COLD FEET, ALRIGHT

Local Man Finds Nothing Wrong With Exhibit Rules at the Spokane Show.

According to the telegram received by J. A. Perry from W. A. Hooker, who is in charge of the car of Spitzburgs shipped by Tronson & Guthrie to the Spokane apple show, either the report from Hood River that the management of the show had changed the rules was without foundation or the change had not been divulged to Hooker. He says in his telegram: "Tronson & Guthrie car first on the grounds; looks fine. Ashland car not in yet. Our other exhibits, individual box exhibits, show up good." Nothing is said of the change in rules or the necessity of any repacking other than contemplated when the car was shipped. The Hood River kick seems to be developing into a clear case of "cold feet."

ANOTHER ROAD IS TO INVADE STATE OF OREGON

Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Will Make Everett and Not Seattle Its Terminus in the Northwest.

PORTLAND, Nov. 13.—A Washington special says: The government has information that the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad will make Everett, and not Seattle, its terminus. The road will also build to Portland and take an active part in the crusade in this state. It was recently reported in Portland that this road had secured an option on 14 blocks of land in the north end. The Everett deal is said to be the result of the efforts of the big lumber interests here.

200,000 PEOPLE JOIN IN WILD FRENZIED SHOW

Jury Out But Few Moments—Mme. Steinheil Swoons When Verdict Is Returned—Famous Murder Case Ended.

PARIS, Nov. 13.—Mme. Steinheil was acquitted of the murder of her husband here tonight. It is estimated that 200,000 people surrounded the Palais Justice and participated in a demonstration such as this city has seldom seen. The case was given to the jury at 10:50 p. m. That body deliberated briefly. When a decision was reached the news leaked out and the huge crowd went mad with joy. When Mme. Steinheil heard the verdict of not guilty she swooned.

ACKERMAN IS TO ADDRESS CITIZENS

On Monday Night in High School Auditorium State Superintendent Will Talk.

Hon. J. H. Ackerman, state superintendent of public instruction, will spend Monday in Medford looking over the schools of this city. In the evening he will deliver an address to the people of Medford at the high school building. Mr. Ackerman's address should be of special interest to the patrons of the school, as his wide experience as superintendent of the schools of the state will be drawn upon in giving suggestions for the future progress of the schools.