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MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

THE WEATHER. Tonight and Thursday, rain. Tuesday—High 68, low 52; range 65; sunshine.

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LOSSES FROM STORMS ARE HEAVY

Lumbermen Lose Thousands of Dollars' Worth of Logs by Heavy Floods in Northwest Streams.

LOSS IN WILLAMETTE VALLEY EXCEEDS \$50,000

Engineer on Northern Pacific Killed When Train Hits Landslide.—Storm Abates.

(United Press Leased Wire.) PORTLAND, Or., Nov. 24.—Fifty thousand dollars is the estimated toll which residents of the Willamette valley will pay for the high waters of the last few days, according to reports received up to noon. Logging industries and farmers are the heavy losers. Fed by melting snows in the Cascade mountains and heavy rains, the Willamette river is still rising and its tributaries in the Willamette valley have overflowed their banks, the Willamette stood at 25 feet and 8 inches at Salem at noon today.

It is not expected that much more damage will be caused by the high water, as the rains have ceased and the weather has turned cooler. Although the Willamette and Columbia rivers are expected to rise for a day or so, it is not thought that the rise will be sufficient to do much further damage.

Telephonic and telegraphic communication suffered the most severe damage yesterday, but today the lines have been practically restored. Quite a number of railroad bridges have been washed out, and landslides have blocked the O. R. & N. in several places, and it may be several days before regular schedules will be resumed.

Lumbermen Suffer.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Nov. 24.—It is estimated today that the loss to loggers on Grays Harbor will total in the neighborhood of \$200,000 as a consequence of the high water of the past few days. Fully 10,000 logs have drifted out to sea and many strewed along the beaches of the lower bay.

The heavy wind has blown down hundreds of trees in the woods and loggers coming out of the camps tell of narrow escapes in avoiding them as they fell over. The loss has been confined mainly to the Chehalis district. Many ranchers along the river had mortgaged their farms to get their logs into the stream, and some have even mortgaged the logs themselves, expecting to realize on them to meet their obligations. These will be the greatest sufferers from the high water, although the larger logging companies have sustained heavy losses.

Washington Streams Fallen.

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Nov. 24.—Cold, clear weather and a cessation of the rainfall have combined to lower the Nooksack river by several feet during the last few hours, and all danger from floods is believed to be past today.

While the waters reached the highest mark in years and considerable damage has been done, the losses are not as heavy as they have been in the past. The people living along the stream seem to have prospered by the experience of recent storms and were prepared.

Mill owners have lost heavier than others, hundreds of dollars' worth of bolts have been washed down stream, that probably never will be recovered by the owners. The beach-combers will profit greatly by the floods.

Many small bridges have been washed out, but the larger ones have been protected and stand the strain well. Railroad companies are today repairing the damage.

The waters are rapidly receding today and there is every indication

HERMANN UP FOR TRIAL JAN. 10

Judge Wolverton Definitely Sets Time for Trial Upon Hearing From Hermann's Attorney.

HENEY LEAVES PORTLAND FOR SAN FRANCISCO

Will Return to Prosecute Former Congressman About the First of January.

(United Press Leased Wire.) PORTLAND, Or., Nov. 24.—Binger Hermann, ex-congressman from the state of Oregon and for many years a prominent factor in northwest politics, will be put on trial in the United States district court January 10 for conspiracy to fraudulently obtain government lands.

Federal Judge Charles E. Wolverton today definitely set the date of trial, following the receipt last night of a telegram from Henry Worthington of New York, chief counsel for Hermann, notifying the court of his ability to attend at that time.

Following the trial of Hermann others indicted of land fraud charges will be put on trial. On the Hermann trial, too, will depend the dismissal of a score or so indictments pending against others on minor charges.

Francis J. Heney, special prosecutor for the United States, after spending a week in Portland in conference with United States District Attorney John McCourt and others, left last night for San Francisco. He will return to Portland about January 1 to take up the prosecution of the Hermann case.

ALL BUT 24 BODIES FOUND IN CHERRY MINE

(United Press Leased Wire.) CHERRY, Ill., Nov. 24.—A summary of the disaster at the St. Paul mine here shows that 514 men were in the mine when the fire started. Of this number it is estimated that 209 men escaped from the mine on the day the fire broke out. Last Saturday 20 men were taken alive from the mine. With the 101 dead bodies already recovered, 109 bodies were found in the lowest level today.

MANY DIE IN BROOKLYN TENEMENT HOUSE FIRE

(United Press Leased Wire.) BROOKLYN, N. Y., Nov. 24.—Six persons, two women, one man and three small children, were burned to death, ten persons were injured, one fatally, and one woman is missing as a result of a tenement house fire in Havens Place. The ruins of the structure are being searched to ascertain if there are other bodies in the ashes.

Editor, Pettison of the Central Point Herald is in town.

FOOTBALL GAME TO ROUND OUT THE DAY

Proverbial Thanksgiving Football Game Will Be Played on Local Grounds Tomorrow.

The Medford High School team will be called upon to defend its title to the championship of Southern Oregon tomorrow against one of the strongest teams it has yet encountered. Every man, woman and child with an ounce of red blood in their veins should attend this game. If you don't understand football you can yell, and that is one of the main features.

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THE TURKEY'S THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION

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GOBBLEPS and gobblers of every kind and station, I beg you to give heed to this my proclamation: 'Tis now th' very season when our turkey eating foes Labor briskly overtime: to make us adipose. Temptations strong and subtle lurk ever 'at our door, Seek to keep us eating as we've never done before. We've been sufeited with tidbits dear to th' turkey heart, Celery and chestnuts a fine flavor do impart To our ever toothsome flesh, soon to fall an easy prey To those who thus do celebrate their dread Thanksgiving day. 'Tis cannibalistic, truly, smacks of ancient Rome, Lucullus and his peacock feast and sybaritic home. With such views held steadfastly in modern turkeydom 'Tis time that to this massacre a sudden end should come. And I do hereby give you, O turks and turkerines, A recipe for calling off these melancholy scenes, Which, like a horrid pestilence, frequently have come To mar the perfect peace which belongs to turkeydom. Our safety lies in fasting. No appetite so keen As to relish bird anaemic, abnormally so lean That all its flesh is shrunken and all its flavor past. Therefore, fellow victims, I proclaim a turkey fast!

THANKSGIVING IS FITTINGLY OBSERVED

School Children Holding Afternoon Devoted to Programs in Keeping With Thanksgiving Spirit.

In every classroom of the city schools this afternoon appropriate programs are being rendered, all in accord with the Thanksgiving day spirit. Many parents and friends of the school children are in attendance and the real meaning of the day is being brought out in a way calculated to instill in the minds of the children some idea of the many things residents of southern Oregon have to be thankful for. For some time the children have been drilled in the exercises and those attending this afternoon will be in no sense disappointed.

In connection with the Thanksgiving programs the children are aiding in the work of the ladies of the Greater Medford club in planting shade trees upon the streets of the city. The benefits to be derived from the shade trees are being brought out and the children are aiding in no small way. The programs in the various classrooms are as follows:

The following programs were arranged in the Washington, or West school:

First Primary. Song, "September," by school; recitation, "Which I Like Best," Marie Walters, Dolle Brumble, Beatrice Pool, Vesta Davenport, Charlotte Stammerherm; recitation, "Tommy's Thanksgiving Troubles," Clarence Herbage; recitation, "Planting a Tree," Clarence Herbage, Walter Waente, Bennie Trowbridge, Frankie Brandon, Lym: a Sprague, Charles

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SEABOARD IS LASHED BY STORM HANLEY CASE HEARD IN COURT

Great Damage Done to Shipping—Many Lives Are Believed to Be Lost—Ships Piled Up.

DAMAGE WILL RUN INTO THE MILLIONS

Meagre Reports Drifting in Are Adding to the Tale of Destruction.

(United Press Leased Wire.) PLYMOUTH, Mass., Nov. 24.—Lashed by the worst storm that has swept the New England coast for over a year, a big three-masted schooner, name unknown, but which is one of a fleet owned by the Gilbert Transportation company, is ashore on Stevens flat in this harbor. The lives of the men who are on board the vessel are threatened. The schooner is loaded with stone.

Every boat in the harbor except two has been piled on the beach by the storm and some of these have been badly shattered. From all along the coast meagre reports are drifting in telling of great damage to shipping. It is estimated that the cost will run into the millions and that many lives have been lost.

PORTLAND, Me., Nov. 24.—The two-masted schooner Pinkey, blown ashore in this harbor by the force of the storm which is sweeping the New England coast, is being battered to pieces by the surf this afternoon. Many small craft are reported wrecked along the Maine coast.

NOMINATING CONVENTION IS HELD IN GRANTS PASS

GRANTS PASS, Or., Nov. 24.—The electors of the respective wards in Grants Pass held their nominating conventions for the nomination of candidates for re-election at the coming city election, last evening. The candidates are: First ward, J. E. Hair and J. L. Calvert; second ward, J. T. Tuffs; third ward, W. E. Hair and John Sauer; fourth ward, William Huggins and R. L. Byrd, and also G. P. Jester. There was some confusion in the fourth and two different meetings were held. The general caucus comes on tonight, and from all appearances the candidates will be H. D. Norton and J. C. Smith.

BALLINGER PREPARES VOLUMINOUS ANSWER

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.—Four large bundles of documents comprise Secretary Ballinger's answers to President Taft's question regarding the several phases in the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy. After working nearly all night, Ballinger's clerks finished the report today and it is understood that the documents are now in the hands of President Taft.

The report is divided into two parts. The first deals with the charges that Secretary Ballinger technically violated the law in handling the Alaska coal claims, and the second is devoted to meet the charges that Ballinger had overthrown Roosevelt's conservation policies.

TIGER FRIGHTENED BY NEW DISTRICT ATTORNEY

(United Press Leased Wire.) NEW YORK, Nov. 24.—The Tammany Tiger is a badly frightened animal today following the announcement that District Attorney-elect Whitman has chosen Frank Moss for his first assistant. Moss is recognized as a reformer and the hope of the liberals for an open town under Jurge Gaynor's administration has vanished.

Judge Hanna Hears Case Argued and Takes Matter Under Advisement—Early Decision Promised.

CASE CERTAIN TO GO TO THE SUPREME COURT

City Will Carry It Up if It Loses Out, as Will Hanley, Should He Fail to Win.

The case of M. F. Hanley vs. the city of Medford, a suit enjoining the city from entering upon his premises on Little Butte creek for the purpose of laying a gravity water main in accordance with a judgment secured by the city at a special session of the court, with Judge Coke presiding, was heard in the circuit court Wednesday morning. The case was argued at length, Judge Hanna taking it under advisement and promising an early decision. When this decision is filed the case can be carried to the supreme court, as will be done by either party should they lose.

LACK OF WILLINGNESS SHOWN IN COAL CASES

(United Press Leased Wire.) SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 24.—The proceedings in the Cunningham coal hearing here has disclosed indications of a willingness on the part of the land-office to facilitate the granting of the patents to claimants and a seeming lack of determination or vigor on prosecuting the cases. It developed that last summer, at the time the land office was forcing Field Agent Glavis of the land department to trial with the case, Glavis was demanding a field examination for the purpose of ascertaining the character of the land of the improvements thereon. Failing to convince the land office of this necessity, Glavis appealed to the forestry service. The forestry bureau intervened, asked for delay, and secured time enough to make a hasty examination.

WOMAN ARRIVES TO MEET HUSBAND; FAILS TO FIND HIM

Mrs. Stranaghan of Sacramento, with five small children, arrived in Medford Tuesday evening, where she expected to meet her husband. So far, he has failed to show up. She is at the Hotel Nash and would appreciate any word regarding his whereabouts.

CHICAGO ATTORNEY IS NAMED FOR M'HURG'S JOB

(Mail Tribune Special Service.) WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.—Benjamin S. Cable, a Chicago attorney, has been appointed assistant secretary of commerce and labor to succeed Crosby McHarg.

RAIN PREDICTED FOR THANKSGIVING

Occasional Showers Are on the Program for Tonight and Tomorrow.

Twenty one-hundredths of an inch of rain fell Tuesday evening before midnight, and showers are still coming. The prediction today is for showers tonight and Thursday. The total for the storm is over seven inches. Rogue river is falling and no further damage along its banks is expected.