

# APPLE KING OF THE WORLD

Is the title won by a car of Rogue River apples that won the sweepstakes prize at the great Spokane apple show in competition with fruit from all sections of America, proving conclusively that Rogue River fruit is the most perfect grown in any country.

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The only paper in the world published in a city the size of Medford having a leased wire.

# MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

THE WEATHER.  
Tonight and Tuesday—Occasional rain; frost. Sunday — High 55, low 45, breeze 50. Cloudy.

FOURTH YEAR.

MEDFORD, OREGON, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1909.

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## LOVETT STAYS HALF-HOUR IN CITY

Head of Harriman Lines Greeted by Citizens and Presented With Finest of Rogue River Fruit.

SAYS HE HAS HEARD MUCH OF THIS CITY

Promises Great Development in Oregon in the Matter of Building More Railroads.

"I have heard much of Medford and the Rogue River valley since I have been in Oregon, and have learned how this city led the northwest in adopting the 'community plan' of advertising. I shall remember this city with great pleasure. I only wish I had time to look over the valley more carefully. And I thank the citizens most heartily for the luscious fruit with which I have been presented. I never saw anything finer in my life."—Robert S. Lovett, successor to Edward H. Harriman.

In his tour of inspection of the Harriman lines, of which he is now the head, Robert S. Lovett and his party spent 30 minutes in Medford Sunday. The party was greeted informally at the depot by a delegation of citizens, headed by Mayor Canon and Hon. William M. Colvig, president of the Commercial club, and were given as comprehensive an idea of why Medford is the best city of its size in the world as the limited time would admit of. At that, it was as much as could be done in some places in three times the time, for the statements of the boosters were backed up by the luscious baskets and boxes of fruit being loaded on the private car, and the visitors were listening to the talk and watching that fruit at the same time. A visit was paid to the Exhibit building, which has now the finest display of fruit it has ever had, and

## 200 DEAD. STORMS THROUGHOUT AZORES

Many Ships Also Wrecked Along Azore Coast—Many Buildings Are Wrecked.

LISBON, Nov. 29.—Nearly 200 persons are dead and several ships are wrecked along the shores of the Azores, as the result of heavy storms Saturday and Sunday, according to advices received here today. The hurricane swept the Azores Saturday night, extending to the Portuguese coast, causing heavy property damage. More than a hundred buildings are reported to have been wrecked and the streets of several coast villages flooded.

SCOTLAND YARD LOOKING FOR WELL-KNOWN CRIMINAL  
LONDON, Nov. 29.—The police today are seeking a well known criminal, whose identity they refuse to reveal, upon the charge of having committed a dozen bloody murders which have been baffling Scotland Yard recently.

## DESPOUDENT MAN TRIES SUICIDE

After Writing Rambling Letter to Landlady, A. S. Haff, Painter, Slashes Wrists in Effort to Die.

FAILING IN THIS, HE TRIES TO OBTAIN REVOLVER

Locked Up in City Jail, Where He Is Now Properly Repentant—Afraid of His Habits.

"I beg your forgiveness for what I am about to do. I have nothing left to live for, and I am afraid that I will return to my old habits. I have been living in hell for the past few months. Don't look for my relatives, as I do not know that I have any living. I have no money, so just turn my body over to the county."—Haff's letter to landlady.

A. S. Haff, a painter, attempted suicide Sunday night by slashing his wrists with a knife. The weapon was dull and Haff's nerve gave out before the cuts were deep enough to have the desired effect. He left his room and commenced looking for a gun to finish the job. After several vain attempts to secure the weapon he was gathered in by Policeman Murdoch and placed in jail, where he is now properly repentant. Haff wrote a rambling letter to his landlady, Mrs. Goode, in which he made the usual statements about not having anything worth living for, and concluded that he was better off dead. He had been keeping company with a young lady in town, and when she threw him over, concluded that he should better shuffle off. Haff had formerly been addicted to liquor, but since his acquaintance with the girl had turned over a new leaf and eschewed all former bad habits. The fear that he would return to his old habits was one of the reasons given in his letter for attempting self-murder.

## STORM WRECKS MIDDLE WEST

2000 Telegraph Poles Down Along the Santa Fe—Traffic Is Delayed.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Nov. 29.—Two thousand telegraph poles on the transcontinental line of the Atchafalaya, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad between Newton and Dodge City, Kan., have been blown down, according to reports issued from the local offices of the Santa Fe today. The storm, which is accompanied by a driving sleet, is prevalent throughout the middle west. Railroad traffic is delayed and telegraphic communication disrupted. Reports from the Texas Pan-Handle and Southern West Oklahoma state that a blizzard is raging in that section. The members of the committee are convinced, it is reported that the construction work on the canal would be expedited should Chief Engineer Goethals be permitted to proceed with his work free from hindrance by the governmental "red tape" with which he now is surrounded.

## TRIAL OF SUGAR TRUST OFFICIALS IS UNDER WAY



RICHARD PARR, TREASURY AGENT WHO FERRETTED OUT SUGAR FRAUDS; REFINERY WHERE FALSE WEIGHING WAS DONE.

Seven men formerly employed by the sugar trust at one of its plants in Brooklyn have been arraigned for trial in the United States district court in New York. President Taft has ordered the investigation of the sugar trust to continue with the men "higher up" are reached, and Speaker Cannon has threatened a congressional investigation of the irregularities in sugar importations that led to the big scandal. The most important witness before the grand jury in the further investigations of the sugar case is Richard Parr, who as a special agent of the treasury department was instrumental in exposing the false weighing on the sugar trust's docks. Parr is now in the customs department in New York. He is ready to tell the grand jury that he was hindered in his work by government officials at Washington, and a further sensation is expected when his complete story is published.

## SUGAR TRUST TO BITTERLY FIGHT AT EVERY POINT

Many Legal Technicalities Will Obstruct First Few Weeks—Taft Promises Fullest Government Support in Trial.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 29.—In behalf of President Gompers, Vice-President Mitchell and Secretary Morrison of the American Federation of Labor, Judge Alton B. Parker today filed a final appeal to the supreme court of the United States of the decision of the supreme court of the District of Columbia, ordering the labor leaders jailed for contempt of court in violating an injunction. Each of the three defendants was present when Judge Parker filed the motion.

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## HEAVY RAINS DO GREAT DAMAGE

TACOMA, Wash., Nov. 29.—At 5 o'clock this morning the month's rain record in Tacoma stood at 13.69 inches, which breaks all records for November and is within three-quarters of an inch of breaking the highest record for any month in the year. The November record up to today had been held by that month in 1877 when 12.31 inches of rain fell. The rain of yesterday, however, broke this record and the only

## MEDFORD NOW HEADQUARTERS TELEPHONE CO.

Manager Buchter Is Transferred to Portland—Immense New District Created, With Medford as Headquarters.

Medford has graduated from a way station on the Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph system to a district headquarters, in the reorganization of the system of the company on the lines in Oregon and the northwest. The change will take place December 1st and D. H. Drewerer, who has been with the company for the past fifteen years, will be the manager for district 622, comprising the counties of Jackson, Josephine, Lake and Klamath in Oregon, and Del Norte county, California. A few years ago the Medford exchange was one of the minor ones, and was inferior to both Grants Pass and Ashland in size and importance, and now it has been selected as the headquarters of a division covering an immense territory. J. J. Buchter, the present manager of the exchange, will be transferred to Portland, where he will be given a responsible position. Mr. Buchter, during his management of the service here, has made many friends, and it has been during his administration that much of the progress that resulted in the city being selected as division headquarters has been made. J. V. Lance and W. H. James of Grants Pass are in Medford on a

## DOLLARS ARE CAUSE OF TROUBLE

Rival Fruit Companies in Nicaragua Sail to Be at Bottom of the Present Revolution in That Country.

MANY MARINES APPLY AT RECRUITING OFFICE

Expecting to Be Shipped to Central America, Many Apply for Berths in the Service.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Nov. 29.—That general fighting is in progress in Nicaragua is the belief in the best-informed circles here. All cable messages from Nicaragua are being censored and absence of authentic news is believed to indicate that a battle is on. News received Sunday saying that President Zelaya had fled is believed here to indicate that he was hard pressed. Otherwise such a dispatch would not be permitted to go out. All late messages received lately indicate that all preparations had been made for a final struggle and the ominous silence today is considered most significant. SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 29.—Advices from Nicaragua today declare that the efforts of two rival fruit companies to secure a preponderance of the profitable Central American trade are responsible in a small measure for the civil strife that is rending that country. According to the messages received here, the Union Fruit Company, doing business on the Nicaraguan Atlantic coast, through New Orleans, found itself losing ground to the Nicaragua Fruit Company, which exports through Corinto on the Pacific coast. President Zelaya was said to have a friendly concern in the latter company and to have granted it concessions that were distasteful to the Union company. The Nicaragua concern, the advices stated, rushed to the aid of Estrada when he established his provisional government, and aligned itself its trade enemy. In Nicaragua the report that the differences of the rival companies had much to do with the inception of

## LEADERSTALK OF LABOR NEEDS

Taft Holds Conference With Officials of American Labor Officials Regarded Needed Legislation for Laborers.

INJUNCTION LAW MAIN TOPIC UNDER DISCUSSION

Reported That President Will Make No Recommendations for Change in the Anti-Trust Law.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 29.—The legislative requirements of the laboring people, as viewed by the American Federation of Labor were presented to President Taft today at a long conference at the White House attended by Samuel Gompers, president; John Mitchell, second vice-president; James O'Connell, third vice-president and Frank Morrison, secretary of the American Federation. The main topic of the conference was the injunction law and in this connection Gompers argued that a modification of the powers of federal judges is needed, especially in cases where personal liberty is at stake. The labor leaders also asked the president to recommend an amendment of the eight hour law, making it apply to contractors and sub-contractors for public works. They urged the necessity of an amendment of the Sherman anti-trust law, preventing its application to labor unions. It was requested also that the employer's liability act be amended so as to eliminate the "fellow servant" and the "contributory negligence" features. Another suggestion was for an appropriation to pay inspectors to enforce the child labor law in the District of Columbia. The interview with the president is understood to have been very satisfactory and it is expected that some of the recommendations will be included in the president's forthcoming message. It is reported, however, that the president has come to the conclusion to make no recommendations for changes in the Sherman anti-trust law. John Williams of Talent was a visitor in Medford Monday.

## SPAIN ABOUT TO LEAVE MOROCCO

Present Spanish "Advance" Said to Be Nothing But Bluff on Part of the Authorities.

GIBRALTAR, Nov. 29.—Semi-official dispatches received today from Melilla indicate that the present Spanish "advance" is nothing but a bluff preliminary to the early abandonment by Spain of the campaign in Morocco. The movement is said to be made necessary as the internal conditions of Spain, already verging on revolution since the execution of Professor Ferrer, make it "unwise" to bring back a defeated army. The Spanish public has been highly inflamed against the Moroccan campaign on account of the belief that it was started and is being conducted for the benefit of rich Spanish merchants. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Williams of Grants Pass, who have been spending several days with relatives and friends in this city, returned home Monday morning.

## WILL INVESTIGATE CHERRY DISASTER

Ten State Mining Inspectors Will Work on Investigation—New Laws in Sight.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Nov. 29.—The St. Paul mine disaster at Cherry, Ill., in which between 300 and 400 men lost their lives, will be investigated officially, according to a statement made here today. Ten state mining inspectors and members of the state mining investigation committee met today and agreed to act jointly in the investigation. It is deemed probable that they will advocate a change in the existing state mining laws, urged by Governor Deneen, to safeguard against similar disasters. Commission Loses Out. WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 29.—The right of the interstate commerce commission to fix railroad terminal charges was denied by the United States supreme court today in a decision by Justice Brewer in the case brought by the commission against the Chicago & Great Western and other railroads with terminals in Chicago.