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MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

THE WEATHER.
Tonight and Wednesday—
rain; cloudy. Monday—
high, 60; low, 52, rain 56.

FOURTH YEAR.

MEDFORD, OREGON, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1909.

No. 217.

CRUISERS READY TO SAIL SOUTHWARD

EVERYTHING READY FOR WAR

Gunboats Being Overhauled and
Transports Are Fitted for Use
at Moment's Notice—Prince-
ton Steams South.

MEXICO MAY AID IN QUELLING DISTURBANCE

France Sends Cruiser to Protect Her
People—Situation is Growing
Very Tense.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 30.—The
contents of a long cipher message
from Washington to Admiral Thomas
Phelps, commander of the Mare Is-
land navy yard, are believed to con-
tain orders that may dispatch one or
more of the army transports now in
port to the Nicaraguan coast.

The message, which is the longest
official telegraphic communication
received at Mare Island since the
Spanish-American war, is not to be
opened until Wednesday, according
to instructions that accompanied it.
At Mare Island and in this city it
is rumored that this is the first crucial
play against the Zelaya government.

The gunboat Princeton, steaming
southward from Seattle for the Cen-
tral American trouble zone, is due to
arrive in this port tomorrow. It has
been suggested that the long code
message bears instructions to the
Princeton's commander.

Troops, supplies and ammunition
are ready at the Presidio to be trans-
ported to Central America at a mo-
ment's notice, and should the mes-
sage contain instructions for a move
in that direction, not a moment's
time would be lost.

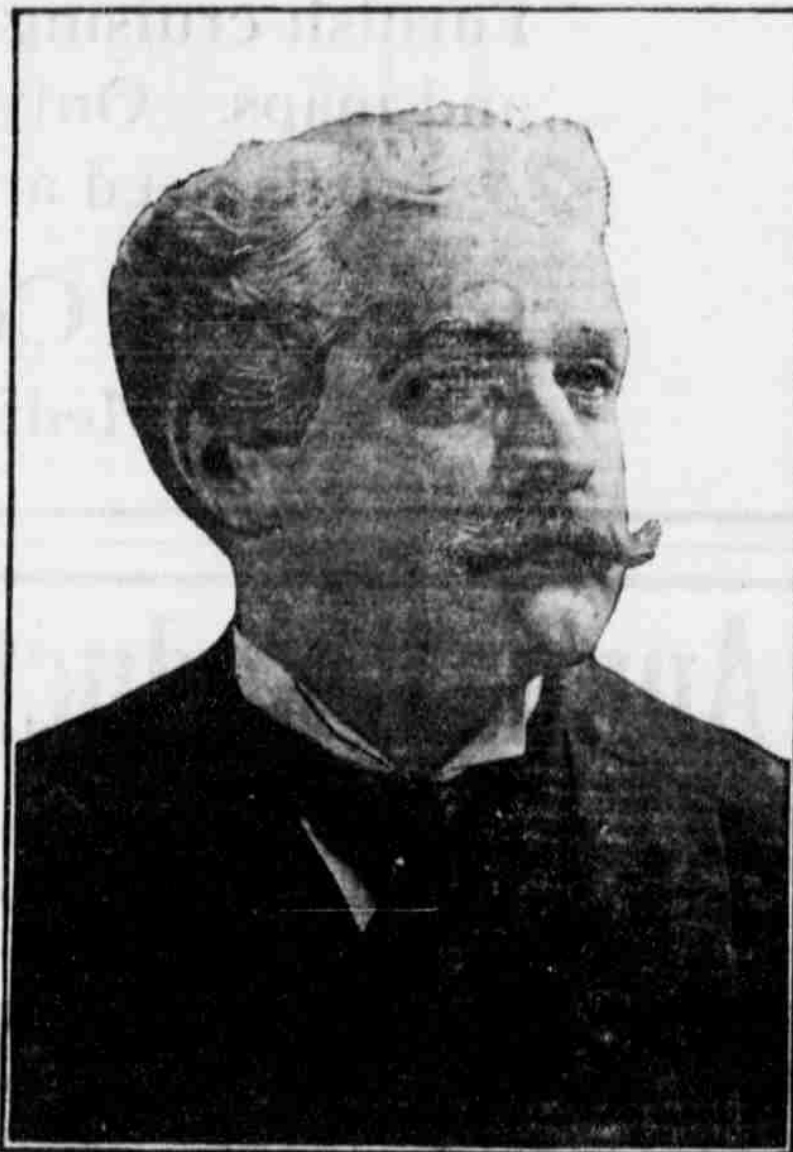
Overhauling Gunboat.
NAVY YARD, Puget Sound, Wash.,
Nov. 30.—Anticipating orders from
Washington directing that the gun-
boat Wheeling be placed in commis-
sion to hurry to the Nicaraguan
coast, that ship, which has been out
of commission here for several years,
is now alongside of pier No. 7 and
workmen have begun overhauling her
guns and engines. The Wheeling car-
ries the same armament as the Prince-
ton.

Mexico May Aid.
MEXICO CITY, Mex., Nov. 30.—
That Mexico and the United States
may act in conjunction to put an end
to the civil strife that is rending
Nicaragua was the statement today
of Senator Mariscal, minister of foreign
affairs. He further stated that Mex-
ico probably would intervene in the
event that Nicaragua became embroiled
with any of her neighbor repub-
lics.

Reports that the Mexican govern-
ment would exercise supervision in
the appointment of a president to
succeed Zelaya were denied by the
foreign minister. He declared that
such procedure had not been suggest-
ed.

Francisco Castro, Nicaraguan min-
ister to Mexico, today received a cable
from Zelaya denying emphatically
the rumor that he had resigned. He
confirmed Mariscal's statement that
Mexico might be asked to effect an
amicable settlement of the dispute.

SHERMAN'S CHOICE FOR SUPREME BENCH



JUDGE ALFRED C. COXE, VICE PRESIDENT SHERMAN'S CHOICE
FOR UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT.

Judge Alfred Conkling Coxe, whom Vice President Sherman recommended
for the vacancy on the United States supreme bench, is a native of New York,
and his residence is in Utica, where the vice president lives, but the federal
circuit where he presides is in New York city. He was appointed to the fed-
eral court by Theodore Roosevelt. Judge Coxe is the son of the Rev. Samuel
Hanson Coxe and a nephew of Roscoe Conkling and Bishop Arthur Cleveland
Coxe. He was graduated from Hamilton college in 1838 and received the de-
gree of doctor of laws from Columbia in 1864. From 1868 until his appoint-
ment to the federal bench he practiced law in Utica.

INTERNATIONAL COMPLICATIONS NOT FOR SHEARER

Chief Declares to Interfere in Do-
mestic Difficulties of Sam Ling
Dun and His Caucasian
Wife.

Chief Shearer averted possible in-
ternational complications Monday
morning when he refused to inter-
fere in the domestic difficulties of
Sam Ling Dun and his wife, Sam is
a follower of Confucius, while his
spouse is of the Caucasian race. They
have several children and have been
residents of Medford for the past
several months. Monday morning
Sam came to the conclusion that a
little discipline, a la Chinese, would
be good for his white wife, so pro-
ceeded to administer it.

The oldest son of the couple fled
to the street and, encountering Chief
Shearer, told him that his father was
beating his mother. The chief, hav-
ing knowledge of the peculiar racial
relations of the family, and not de-
siring to involve the government in a
controversy concerning the interna-
tional questions likely to be involved,
told the youngsters that if his mother
would swear to a complaint against
Sam he would proceed to act. Sam's
exemplification of oriental system
was so forceful that Mrs. Sam could
not appear or he had convinced her
of the error of her ways in the mean-
time, for the required warrant was
not sworn out, and peace temporarily
reigns in the Chino-American house-
hold.

Fred H. Hopkins is spending a few
days in Portland on business.

DUCK HUNTING ABOUT RUINED BY HIGH WATER

Flood Spreads Over Such An Era of
Low Land That There
Is Flood in Great
Abundance.

Duck hunters are thinking of clean-
ing up the guns to put away for the
rest of the season, for the sport has
been about killed, and unless a
change comes soon it will be hard to
get the birds. The flood spreading
over a such a large area of low land
has scattered duck hunting to the
winds and even the most optimistic
of the tribe of local nimrods have
little hopes of the sport picking up
after the freshets go down for the
winter rains have just started.

The flood came at a time when
there was every prospect of duck
hunting picking up. A full flight of
canvasbacks had yet to arrive and
populate the tules of the Rogue, al-
though there have been some fair
kills on stray bands.

With ponds of water everywhere in
the low sections and the sloughs and
tules well supplied the birds went
now on will have abundance to feed
on, which will keep them scattered.

KIDNAPPERS ARE AFTER JOHN D.

Elaborate Plot Discovered Whereby
Bold Kidnappers Were to Make
Away With Oil
Magnate.

OVERHEARD AT THEIR PLOTING; POLICE BUSY

Walls of Rockefeller's Estate is
Closely Guarded and All Strang-
ers Are Stopped.

CLEVELAND, O., Nov. 30.—The police
today are seeking two men, said to
have been implicated in a plot to kidnap
or assassinate John D. Rockefeller. Mes-
sages have been sent broadcast advising the police of the
country to apprehend the suspects.

The information was furnished to the
police by Sawyer Smith of Minerva,
O., who says that he overheard the men
talking of the plot at Alliance, O., on
Sunday night. He says that the plotters
discussed elaborate plans for doing away
with the oil king.

Rockefeller has abandoned his plan
of attending a farewell meeting at the
Euclid avenue Baptist church. The walls
of his estate are being closely guarded
to prevent the approach of any stranger
from any direction.

It is reported the kidnappers were
to hold the magnate for a ransom of
\$1,000,000.

A. R. McLean of Grants Pass is
among the arrivals at the Nash.

FINAL FOOTBALL GAME SATURDAY

Medford Will Clash With Grants
Pass in Final Game of Season
Saturday on Local Grounds.

Next Saturday will be the last
game of football of the season in
Medford and at that time Medford
high school team will meet Grants
Pass high school. This game bids to
be the best game ever played on the
local grounds as the teams are even-
ly matched and the Grants Pass team
has the loyal support of all the stu-
dents and has excellent coaching and
it was only after repeated efforts
that Medford was able to score the
one field goal against them in the
game three weeks ago. It seems im-
possible for either team to cross the
goal line of the other.

Coach Hall of the Medford team
said at a recent interview, "The com-
ing game without a doubt will be the
hardest game of the season and I am
afraid if we do not have the loyal
support of both the high school and
the citizens of Medford that we
will meet our Waterloo, and the title
of championship which we have al-
most won for Medford will go to the
town that supports her team. I know
the boys will do their part but they
must have support."

When copious showers falling steadily
put too much wetness in the marshes.
This was the beginning of the end.
For the recent storm took a foot about
then and has since played havoc.

Attorney A. L. Reames of Jack-
sonville was a Medford visitor Tues-
day.

TAX RATE FOR NEXT YEAR LOWER

Council, After Informally Confering
and Going Over Finances of City
Reach Decision Rate Will
Be Half Mill Lower.

THIS IN SPITE OF THE REDUCED ASSESSMENT

Large Amount of Work Has Been
Done But Council Sees Way
to Lower Rate.

In spite of the fact that the as-
sessed valuation of Medford is lower
than it was last year, and that never
before have such strides been taken
towards civic improvement, the tax
rate for 1910 in the city will be low-
er than this year. The council has
reached this decision after several
informal meetings and after much
pausing over the finances of the city.
The tax rate next year will in all
probability be 17 mills in the city.
During 1909 the rate was 17 1/2
mills. While the reduction is only
a half mill, still this represents much
when it is remembered that the as-
sessed valuation of the city is lower
and that never before has there been
a year during which greater strides
have been made for civic improve-
ment.

The council will meet in special
session this evening.

NEW EXHIBITS ARE PLACED ON SHOW

Many Citizens Bringing in Small
Fruits and Vegetables
for Show.

While the fruit men have been do-
ing stunts in the way of winning
prizes and bringing honor and fame
to Jackson county, a few citizens
have been progressing along other
lines, as witness some of the samples
shown at the exhibit building.

For instance there are some Eng-
lish walnuts grown by R. M. Clemens
on the Dr. Geary farm on Griffen
Creek which are on par with the pro-
duct of any section of the country
whatever.

J. S. Hamrick has a monster sugar
beet on show that weighs 23 pounds,
and was grown on Bear Creek bottom
soil without irrigation.

George Jackson of East Medford
matches him with a beet of similar
size and adds another weighing 21
pounds for good measure. These last
two were grown within the city limits
and also without irrigation.

In the days before the attention of
the people was attracted to the grow-
ing of record-breaking pears and ap-
ples an attempt was made to establish
the sugar beet industry here, but
about that time the orchard men be-
gan to get returns, and the land that
would produce good beets—without
an available market—was found to
be capable of producing the fruit that
always brings a price. It is not
among the impossible things, how-
ever, that Southern Oregon will be pro-
ducing a lot of the character of stuff
above mentioned as a by-product of
the young orchards now being plant-
ed or to be planted in the near future.

NOVEMBER 1909 BROKE RECORDS FOR 23 YEARS

Rainfall Amounted to 8.40 Inches—
Last Year It Was 2.22— In
1886 There Fell 9.07
Inches.



The weather man says:
Occasional showers tonight.
Cloudy, Wednesday, Decem-
ber 1, fair. Total rainfall to
date for month, 8.40 inches.
November, 1908, 2.22 inches.
November, 1886, 9.07 inches.

When Miss November, year of our
Lord, 1909, passes out into the night,
making way for dear old December,
she will go knowing that she will
long be remembered, for while here
she has shattered all November re-
cords for 23 years in the matter of
rainfall, she has touched the lowest
notch in temperature of any previous
November, and has caused the old
Rogue to act very roguish indeed,
rising to its highest mark since 1961.

The coming of December alone is
all that seemingly can stop her from
going still higher, for rain is prom-
ised tonight, fair tomorrow. Mon-
day night 70-100 of an inch fell,
making the total rainfall for the
month 8.40 inches. One year ago
the fall was 2.22 inches. In 1866
9.07 inches of rain fell during the
month.

For two days only did the tem-
perature go down. It touched 25 one
morning and the city and valley were
keeping close to the fir, but old Sol
soon came on and up jumped the
mercury to 50 or 60 and there re-
mained.

Rogue river, rejoicing in the little
joke of November, went off on a lit-
tle excursion of her own. Gathering
force from all of the thousands of
her tributaries, large and small, and
calling for aid to the snow-clad hills,
she rose until she was the highest
ever known since 1861. Thirteen
feet of water poured over the crest of
the dam at Gold Ray and the work-
ers in the power house stood on a
floor six inches under water.

But tonight November must give
way to her sister, December. And
as is befitting, she promises to go
in a shower, exerting every effort to
increase her record. Her business
manager, Mr. Weather man, says it
will be cloudy with occasional show-
ers tonight, fair tomorrow.

JACK BLISS MEETS BAD ACCIDENT IN BALL GAME

(United Press Leased Wire.)
STOCKTON, Cal., Nov. 30.—
Catcher Jack Bliss of the St. Louis
National League club, one of the star
players who are touring the west, lies
today at St. Joseph's Home in this
city suffering from a severe fracture
of the right leg, sustained in yester-
day's game with Connie Mack's Phil-
adelphia Athletics.

RECORDS FOR RECEIPTS TOPPED

Never Before in History of Medford
Were Postal Receipts as Large
as for the Month of
November.

WILL RUN FAR OVER THE RECORD FOR OCTOBER

Last Month Was Heaviest But This
Month Will Leave Them
Far Behind.

Never before in the history of
Medford have the receipts of the post-
office been as heavy as during this
November. Assistant Postmaster
Woodford is at work today in com-
piling his monthly report, and what
he has found so far has surprised
him. The stamp sales alone this
month will total over \$1400.

The receipts from money orders
has grown by leaps and bounds since
the large force of men have been put
at work on the Pacific & Eastern.
These men send considerable money
home to relatives.

Last month the postal receipts
were the largest ever known in the
history of the local postoffice, top-
ping by \$200 the Christmas month of
last year. The receipts totaled
\$1906.14. The receipts a year ago in
October were \$1517.26, while for De-
cember, always heavy month, they
were \$1733.49.

This month they will go over
\$2000.

HERE SEARCHING FOR INVESTMENTS

Arthur D. Coulter of Seattle, Well
Known in Business Circles,
Looking Over Rogue
River Valley.

John A. Torney has returned from
a business trip to Seattle and brings
with him Arthur D. Coulter of Seat-
tle, who is well known in business
circles as a past master at interest-
ing capital in new enterprises. He
with two other men raised \$524,000
to build and equip the Arctic club
at Seattle, the most elegantly equip-
ped club on the coast. His object
here is to investigate the opportuni-
ties offered for the investment of
capital.

Mr. Coulter will be shown over
the valley and made acquainted with
its many resources. He no doubt,
like many others, will become inter-
ested and aid not alone the valley,
but himself and friends.

PROMINENT MAN FACES A SERIOUS CHARGE

(United Press Leased Wire.)
LOS ANGELES, Nov. 30.—O. F.
Babcock, president of the Babcock
Advertising company, is under arrest
today on a felony warrant charging
criminal assault of Meena Byler, a
pretty 14-year-old girl, who is the
sole support of an invalid mother.

twisting his leg, and snapping a bone
a few inches above his ankle. Physi-
cians stated that it is doubtful if the
catcher will be able to do heavy work
for his club when the 1910 season
begins.