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MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

THE WEATHER.
Today and Saturday, fair, cloudy. High, 44; low, 31; range, 38.

FOURTH YEAR.

MEDFORD, OREGON, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1909.

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AMERICANS WERE TERRIBLY TORTURED

AWFUL WORK BARBARIAN ZELAYA

Cannon and Groce After Being Fiendishly Tortured, Are Cut Into Small Pieces and Then Burned.

GUNBOAT PRAIRIE IS ASHORE IN DELAWARE

Great Activity in San Francisco, Where Transports Are Being Overhauled.

BLUEFIELDS, Nicaragua, Dec. 3.—It is reported here today that the bodies of Cannon and Groce, the Americans executed at Managua, were cut into small pieces and burned.

Proceeding this, they are said to have been tortured in the most fiendish way.

It is alleged that this barbarous work was done at the direction of President Zelaya.

Indications are that fighting has been in progress at Rama now for two days and that the troops of the revolutionists have fared well.

Reports say that the army of the provisional president, Estrada, is in better condition than that of Zelaya.

News of defeat of the Zelayan forces is expected here at any time.

Prairie Is Ashore.

WILMINGTON, Del., Dec. 3.—The troopship Prairie, with her 700 marines and Rear-Admiral Kimball on board, en route to Central America, went aground last evening in the Delaware river, and all efforts to float her at high tide this morning proved futile. Another attempt will be made tonight.

Powerful tugs will be used in an effort to drag her into the channel. The Prairie went aground last night as she was starting on the voyage from Philadelphia to the seat of trouble in the Isthmus country.

Mexico to Help.

MEXICO CITY, Mex., Dec. 3.—Mexico will side with the United States in the Nicaraguan fiasco, and an outcome will probably be friendly between Mexico and the United States. The statement is made today that the government is now considering the advisability of sending Enrique Creel, former ambassador to the United States, to Managua as the

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STORM RAGING ALONG ENGLAND'S COAST

Over 100 Are Dead as Result of Terrific Gale in English Channel.

LONDON, Dec. 3.—It is estimated in shipping circles that at least 100 persons are missing and many have been lost in the terrific hurricane which has been sweeping the coast of Great Britain for several days. The intensity of the storm increased last night and many small boats were wrecked along the coast. Fourteen vessels are reported lost, including the Congress, which was in collision with an unknown craft. Only one member of the crew of the Congress escaped.

RICH PLACER SOLD FOR \$16,000

Pearce Mine on Poorman's Creek Sold to Los Angeles Men by Pearce and Sons—Development Promised.

HAS PRODUCED THOUSANDS IN DUST

Has Been Handicapped for Some Time by Lack of Water—Plenty of Funds Now.

The Pearce mine, on Poorman's creek, one of the richest among the old placer mines of Jackson county, has been sold by D. J. S. Pearce & Sons to a company composed of W. A. Ramsey of Los Angeles and others for a consideration of \$16,000.

This property consists of 240 acres of rich placer ground, from which since the early mining days thousands of dollars have been taken annually. The gravel bank is deep, but the "old river channel," the presence of which has made the rich hydraulic mines in Northern California and Southern Oregon, is very marked. The "old channel" shows up on the ridges on each side of the creek, and the richness of the placers in the bed of Poorman's creek have been proverbial since mining was first begun in Jackson county.

Mr. Pearce and his sons have worked the claim for many years, but have been more or less handicapped by lack of water to operate the heavy bank, except in exceptional seasons. The new company has ample means for development purposes and is arranging for an increase in the water supply so that it may be hydraulicked at a good profit.

The Pearce mine is noted for the big nuggets which have been found there, and is regarded as a continuation, among old miners, of the auriferous streak of gravel which made the Sterling and the Sturgis mines famous.

WOMAN GETS EXCITED AND LOSES HER VOICE

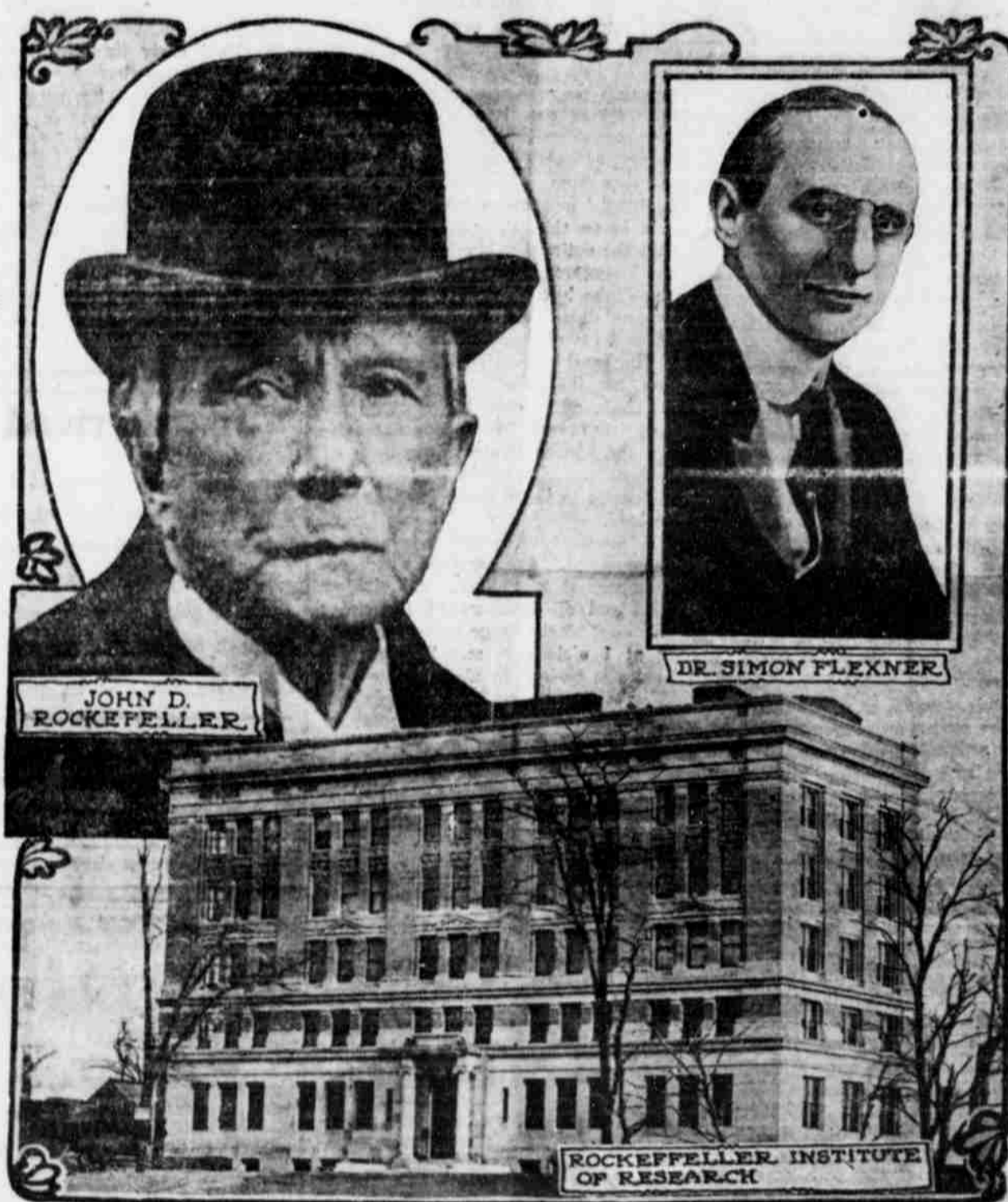
LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 3.—Mrs. R. E. Elinthorpe has lost her voice, due to excitement attending a thrilling capture of Fred Murray, a burglar, who today faces four charges of burglary, all of which he confessed.

\$75,000 LOSS IN WALLA WALLA FIRE

Big Department Store Burns—Oil Stove Explodes, Starting Conflagration.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Dec. 3.—The Motter-Wheeler department store was gutted by fire here early today, causing a loss estimated at \$75,000. The fire was caused by the explosion of an oil stove in the office of the concern at 7:30 o'clock this morning. Before the fire department arrived on the scene the building was a mass of flames. Employees of the store managed to save about 5 per cent of the stock. The loss is partially covered by insurance.

GIVES MILLION FIGHT DISEASE



JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, WHO GIVES \$1,000,000 TO STAMP OUT HOOKWORM; SCIENTIST WHO WILL AID IN WORK.

John D. Rockefeller has been so impressed by reading about the hookworm disease recently that he has contributed \$1,000,000 as a fund to stamp out the malady and has appointed a committee of eminent scientists to carry on the fight. Chief among those designated by Mr. Rockefeller are Dr. William H. Welch of Baltimore, president of the American Medical Association, and Dr. Simon Flexner, director of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research in New York. Most of the work and the experiments in seeking out remedies with which to combat the disease will be carried on at the Rockefeller Institute. Mr. Rockefeller sent letters to a dozen or more scientists asking them to meet him in his New York office to discuss the undertaking. The hookworm has been called slyly "the lazy bug." It makes men lazy because it makes them unfit for work. It is a microscopic worm, a parasite, which originates in polluted soil and enters the human body through the pores of the naked feet of farm laborers or is swallowed with food taken from mud stained hands.

MONTANA HEAVY SUFFERER FROM STRIKE

ALL INDUSTRIES OVER STATE ARE FORCED TO CLOSE

BUTTE, Mont., Dec. 3.—It was announced today that the large coal mines at Stockett, Belt and Sand Coulee, in the country tributary to Great Falls, would close tonight as a result of the switchmen's strike that has demoralized freight transportation on all railroads in this section. The Moonlight and Parrott mines of the Amalgamated Copper company in accordance with an announcement by the mine officials last evening closed this morning because sufficient coal for their operation could not be brought into the city. Including the miners who were thrown out of employment because of the closing of the Boston and Montana mines of the Amalgamated company yesterday, it is estimated today that 4500 men are idle. Threatens to Spread. The distressing conditions prevailing among the miners threatens to extend to other industries throughout the state unless immediate relief from the entanglement of transportation facilities is forthcoming. The

ALL FRUIT GROWERS URGED TO ATTEND

Every fruit grower in the valley is urged to attend the meeting of the Horticultural society Saturday afternoon, as much business of importance is to be considered.

APPLICATION FOR FRANCHISE GOES OVER FOR WEEK

After discussing the application of John R. Allen for a trolley line franchise at length, the city council of Grants Pass on Thursday evening decided to allow the matter to go over for a week, or next Thursday evening, when the matter will come up for final passage. Mr. Allen has returned from Grants Pass and states that he believes that the franchise will be passed, as he has offered that city a fair proposition and they realize the benefit to be derived from the building of such a line. Paul and Floyd Pearce of Jacksonville were in Medford Friday on business. added to the equipment, and among it will be a new chair car, which will add considerably to the convenience of the traveling public. Already the track has been lowered five feet in the cut beyond Eagle Point, and it is still being lowered. The rain has interfered somewhat, but not seriously.

LOOKING FOR POLITICAL TIMBER

Citizens Beginning to Cast About in Search of Candidates for City Offices—Four to Be Elected.

THREE COUNCILMEN AND RECORDER OUT

Election to Be Held Early in January—Promises to Be Quiet—No Hard Fights.

With the annual city election only about four weeks off, citizens are beginning to cast about for suitable timber of which to make candidates. No names as yet are prominently mentioned. The consensus of opinion this year seems to be that no factional fight is wanted, but that men of good sound business sense should be elected regardless of party—men who can give the city a sound financial administration, such as has obtained during the present year. Three councilmen retire this year, Messrs. Eifert, Wortman and Merriek. All three are spoken of as candidates to succeed themselves, but they do not seem inclined that way. Each has done good work for the city and each has been censured at times. A councilman's life is not a pleasure at the best. Robert W. Telfer, who was appointed city recorder a few months ago, is being urged to become a candidate to succeed himself. He has given complete satisfaction, and if he will run, should easily win. In all probability steps will be taken to invoke the initiative and vote to pay the mayor and councilmen a salary in the future. The men give up much of their time for city affairs and should be reimbursed in some manner. At present there are no factional fights on the horizon and the election will probably be a quiet one. Then the city will move forward rapidly, not being torn by internal strife.

MAY FINISH PAVING ON MAIN

With Two Weeks of Good Weather Work Can Be Easily Concluded to the City Limits.

CRUSHED ROCK IS STILL ARRIVING

Company Ready to Rush the Work as Soon as Street Dries Out.

If the weather man will be good for a week or so the residents of West Main street will be relieved of the handicap they now have, for the work of paving can be begun just as soon as the surface dries enough to permit the work.

There has been no cessation in the shipment of the crushed rock from Jacksonville, and the paving company is in shape to start work on short notice and push it rapidly to a finish.

The street has been closed ever since it has been graded for the laying of the pavement, and a few days of good weather, which seems in prospect now, will see paving operations rushed on West Main.

"We are anxiously watching the weather," stated one of the foremen today, "and just the moment that we can get one the street we will do so. With a few days of clear weather we will rapidly complete the work. Two weeks would be sufficient."

PLEASANT PARTY HELD ON WEST MAIN STREET

Tuesday evening, December 2, a pleasant little company responded to invitations from Mr. and Mrs. Thomas of 718 West Main street, and were delightfully entertained with singing by Mrs. George Kendall of Spokane, Wash., in whose honor the entertainment was given, and a piano duet by Mrs. Thomas and Miss Eva Foley and piano solos by Miss Foley and Miss Mary Orr. Miss Mary also gave two humorous recitations, all of which was greatly enjoyed. The company was served with dainty refreshments of cake and cream by the hostess, Mrs. Kendall returns to her home in Spokane on Tuesday, December 7. We hope her visit of six weeks has been so pleasant among us that she may soon return to make Medford her home.

SPOKANE IN GRIP OF SEVERE SNOW STORM

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 3.—Spokane is experiencing its first real snow storm of the season. The precipitation is unusually heavy for this period of the year.

FRUIT GROWERS TO MEET SATURDAY

Professor O'Gara Will Address Club on Pollination and Tree Budding.

The regular monthly meeting of the Rogue River Valley Horticultural society will be held at the Commercial club rooms Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock sharp. Professor O'Gara will address the society on "Cross-Pollination and Tree Budding." At the meeting last Saturday at Gold Hill much interest was developed among the fruit growers of that section and committees were appointed to bring the growers of that section into line in the matter of co-operating in the workings of the society in the way of the growing of better fruit and also in the organization of a union of fruit growers

WATER OWNERS TO MEET TOMORROW

Adjudication of Water Rights Will Be Considered at Meeting in Eagle Point.

A meeting of the water owners along Little Butte creek will be held at Eagle Point Saturday at which time the adjudication of the water rights along that stream in accordance with the state law which provides that water not heretofore appropriated will become the property of the state, will be taken up. The surveys have recently been made by R. P. Cowgill, assistant state engineer, and this meeting is held to rectify as far as possible any errors in his report. Next Monday, December 6, a second meeting will be held in Medford.

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