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MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

THE WEATHER.
Today and Tuesday, rain,
warmer. Sunday, cloudy.
High, 58; low, 34; range 32.

FOURTH YEAR.

MEDFORD, OREGON, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1909.

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TAFT TELLS OF VALLEY GETS NATION'S NEEDS

President's First Annual
Message Heard by Con-
gress—Much Legislation Is
Recommended.

URGES ACTION AS TO LAW'S DELAY

Says Nicaragua Situation
May Call for Harsh Meas-
ures—Expenditures Cut.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—President Taft's first regular annual message to congress was sent to that body today. It consists of about 20,000 words and that leaves for subsequent discussion in special messages the important subjects of anti-trust and inter-state commerce legislation as well as legislation for further laws to promote the conservation of the natural resources. These questions are mostly referred to incidentally in the present message.

With regard to Nicaragua, President Taft refers to the "sad tale of the unspeakable barbarities and oppression alleged to have been committed by the Zelaya government," and to the fact that two Americans were recently put to death by orders of Zelayahimself and says this government is proceeding "with deliberate circumspection" to determine the exact truth and the course to be pursued "most consistent with its dignity, its duty to American interests and its moral obligations to Central America."

Japan Exonerated.

The message exonerates Japan from the charge of seeking a monopoly in Manchuria and says that our relations with that country continue cordial as usual. It points out the successful efforts that have been

PROPERT YHULES IN THE BUSINESS WORLD

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—That industrial prosperity rules throughout the United States and that business men of the country expect it to continue is shown in reports from 3000 representative firms, compiled by the National Association of Manufacturers. John Kirby, Jr., president of the association, summing up the result of the reports received, says:

"It is quite within the bounds of conservatism to say that today practically two years after our so-called panic the country has reached a condition of normal prosperity. By normal prosperity is meant to be understood a satisfactory state of manufacturing, selling and collections."

"This statement is not based upon an unsupported optimism, but upon such unfailing trade barometers as the agricultural output, bank clearings, manufacturing, moving of freight and other well known indications."

A majority of manufacturers, in making suggestions as to the best means to maintain a condition of normal prosperity throughout the country, urge that it is necessary to "keep down the prices of raw materials," and avoid further tariff agitation for the present. It is further necessary, they assert, that all interests in the general welfare of the country "preach conservatism and fight wild speculation in real estate and enterprises in general, as well as in Wall street."

BLACKSMITHS GO OUT IN BOILERSHOPS

SCHENACTADY, N. Y., Dec. 7.—Six hundred blacksmiths and boiler-makers of the local branch of the American Locomotive company, went out on a strike today for higher wages.

RAIN; HILLS SNOW

Cold Spell in Mountains Still
Prevails, Although Valley
Temperature Is Steadily
Rising.

RAIN OR SNOW IS TONIGHT'S FORECAST

No Floods Caused Owing to
Fast That Cold Snap Pre-
vents Snow Melting.

+ The weather man says it
+ will rain or snow tonight and
+ Wednesday. The temperature
+ will rise. On Monday night
+ 90 of an inch of rain fell.
+ *****

With a steady downpour of rainfall in the valley, causing the snow to melt rapidly, a flood in local streams was expected, but reports from the mountains show that the cold wave there has not broken and snow is still falling steadily. This accounts for the lack of rise in the streams of the valley.

The Rogue at noon Tuesday was at the same level it has held for the past three days.

Train service has not as yet been seriously interfered with, but tracks are slow and are getting soft. The season of the year when slides prevail is at hand, but so far nothing of a serious nature has occurred.

Twelve inches of snow fell at the government fish hatchery at the mouth of Elk creek Saturday night and Sunday morning, as measured by H. L. Kelly, Jr.

Mr. Kelly, who is in Medford today, says that snow fell on him part of the way down from the hatchery Monday, and he believes that several inches more have fallen by this time. The present storm is piling up snow in the mountains, and the streams are not rising nearly so rapidly nor so high as they did during the November storm, which was a warm rain and extended as a rain even up to the upper slopes of Mt. McLaughlin.

During the November storm the surveyor's camp of the Pacific & Eastern at Willow Prairie above the head of Big Butte was flooded out by the water which came down from Mt. McLaughlin, due to the melting of the snow on the slides of the mountain by the rain.

A heavy snowfall in the high places means an abundance of moisture for the ensuing season, and as the present storm is snow on the mountains and rain in the valleys, the prospects are good for bumper crops in all lines for the next season.

TESTS CHRISTIAN SCIENCE AGAINST MOVING TROLLEY

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 7.—The most cheerful patient in the hospital is J. C. Wilson, who declares that his faith in Christian Science had been strengthened by a test he made in stepping in front of a speeding trolley car at Washington and Dupre streets.

Surgeons at the Charity hospital, where the man was taken, say he has concussion of the brain, gashes and cuts about the head and face, and that the left leg may have to be amputated.

Wilson affirms that he does not feel any pain.
"I left my lodgings this morning with the lines of true thought running through my brain," he said. "I saw the car coming and instantly resolved to put my belief to a test. As it drew within a few feet of me I stepped onto the tracks. I heard the clanging of gongs, the shouts of the motorman and the screaming of women. Then I woke up here."

HURRICANE CAUSE OF RECONCILIATION



It is reported that Mr. and Mrs. John Jacob Astor have patched up their difficulties following the recent scare over the continued disappearance of Colonel Astor and his private yacht, believed to have been lost in a hurricane which swept the Caribbean sea. When found to be safe, Mrs. Astor is said to have vowed to settle her difficulties with the colonel for the sake of their son, Vincent. The above picture shows Colonel Astor, young Vincent and the yacht, which, by the way, is said to be the finest in the world.

HENEY BRINGS \$250,000 SUIT CHARGING LIBEL

Sues William H. Crocker for
Article Published in the
New York Evening Post
Regarding His Methods.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 7.—Francis J. Heney announced today that he had brought suit in New York today for \$250,000 damages, alleged libel and defamation of character, against William H. Crocker, vice president of the Crocker National Bank of San Francisco.

The suit is the result of a letter signed by Crocker, printed in the New York Evening Post of December 3, alleging that Heney employed criminal methods in conducting his graft prosecutions.

HIGHER ROAD TAX IS NEEDED IN COUNTY

(Fruit Grower.)
There will be 1,000,000 fruit trees and grape vines planted in Jackson county this winter. The large acreage now planted and the immense number of trees certain to be planted within the next ten years makes the transportation problem a most important matter to the fruit growers.

Allowing for an average yield it is a conservative estimate that the crop for 1910 will amount to 800 cars and the crop for 1915 to 6,000 cars and that of 1920 to 20,000 cars. To haul this fruit from the orchard to the railroad would make 8000 wagon loads for 1910, for 1915 60,000 loads and for 1920 200,000 loads. On a dirt road during the dry season the average wagon load is sixty boxes. On a macadamized road the average farm team can haul 100 boxes and as easily in December as in September. This is a forcible argument that Jackson county should rush the good road work. The county should have a levy of not less than three mills for next year and have a fund large enough to do some permanent road work.

Henry Savage of Trail was in Medford the first of the week.

SEVERE COLD WAVE SWEEPS TOWARD WEST

Even Arizona Is Experienc-
ing a Snowstorm—Denver
Is Also in the Grip of a
Severe Storm.

DENVER, Col., Dec. 7.—A record-breaking cold wave is sweeping the west and south today. Six inches of snow already has fallen in St. Louis and it is still snowing.

Chicago is in the grip of the worst snowstorm of the winter and all street car traffic is at a standstill. All lake navigation has been suspended and train service throughout the west is completely demoralized.

The weather has been exceptionally cold throughout Colorado for three days and during this time the mercury twice has been 12 degrees below zero.

Snow is reported in southern Arizona, an unusual occurrence.

A blizzard of unusual severity is raging in Montana, and all traffic is at a standstill.

In Wyoming train service is interrupted and all trains on the Texas & Panhandle are snowbound.

A heavy snow is also falling in Kansas and Oklahoma.

CHICAGO ANNUAL ORGY DENOUNCED BY CITIZENS

CHICAGO, ILLS., Dec. 7.—Resolutions condemning the "First Ward Ball," an annual orgy conducted by Alderman "Kinkey Dink" McKenna and "Bath-House John" Coughlin, is being circulated today. McKenna and Coughlin were grilled last night by fellow members of the board of aldermen.

It was stated today that the opposition to the annual ball will likely prove more effective than ever before.

FUEL FAMINE IS THREATENING THE NORTHWEST

Out of 96 Non-Union Men
Starting Work Only 14
Continue—Many Accidents
Said to Have Occurred.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 7.—At strikers' headquarters today it was announced that out of 96 non-union men working in the Midway yards at midnight but 14 reported for duty.

They declare that many accidents have occurred, but they are being kept quiet by company officials. It is reported that a fuel famine is threatening the northwest as a result of the strike.

E. F. A. Bittner of Denver, Colo., has opened an employment bureau and business chance office in room 5 of the Taylor & Phipps block.

VERNON VAWTER MAKING GOOD AS AN ACTOR

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, EUGENE, Dec. 7.—Last Friday evening the students and friends of the university at Eugene witnessed the first glee club concert of the year. Despite the fact that eleven of the boys were appearing in their first concert, the audience was well pleased with the performance. The songs were catchy and full of life.

Perhaps the most popular event on the program was the "Wanted," an accompanist stunt in which Vernon Vawter of Medford took a prominent role. Vawter's work showed a talent in the dramatic art, although his part was not one which allowed much freedom. Mr. Vawter also took one of the three prominent parts in the main skit of the evening, entitled "A Fire in a Frat." As a janitor of the establishment, in full costume with the usual broom and bucket paraphernalia, he made a decided hit. Prof. Glen, the director, is hopeful of a second semester of the Arthur Vandusen and Bob Rountree type out of him.

ESTRADA IS VICTOR IN BATTLE

Zelaya Forces Defeated in a
Bloody Engagement by the
Revolutionists Under Pro-
visional President.

200 KILLED; FIGHT LASTED SIX HOURS

Revolutionists Capture Can-
non and Much Ammunition
—Estrada Holds Rama.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 7.—The forces of President Zelaya under General Vasquez were defeated in a bloody engagement today by revolutionary forces of Provisional President Estrada, who are encamped in the vicinity of Rama.

According to a wireless dispatch from Managua via Port Limon, 200 were killed in the battle, which raged for six hours.

The revolutionists captured several cannon and a large quantity of ammunition. Many of the government troops were captured and taken to Rama as prisoners of war.

The revolutionary forces under General Metuy are in undisputed possession of Rama and the contiguous territory. Today's battle is supposed to have followed an attempt on the part of the Zelayans to get outside the rebel lines preparatory to the general attack on Metuy's position, which it is thought they are contemplating.

WENT OUT ON PULLMAN CAME BACK ON FREIGHT

Recently three of Grants Pass' prominent young men, E. S. Vanduyke, a lawyer; Rev. F. B. Bartlett, a preacher, and Ralph Wooney, an accountant, were not satisfied with the food handed out to them at their respective boarding houses, and so when the Portland-San Francisco express was held up in that city last week by reason of the washouts, they decided to try a Pullman dinner. They climbed aboard, and by the time they had got their napkins out and were proceeding to enjoy themselves, the train got orders to proceed.

They did not realize their predicament until the train was going by the Ament dam, and at Gold Hill they were ejected by the conductor, no local passengers being allowed on that train. They then tried to board a freight that came along; they pacified the "brakie" by digging up 50 cents a piece, and he put them in a car with some hoboes.

When they got home their best friends could hardly recognize them for the grime and dust, and they have kept busy trying to suppress the incident.

TROUBLE IN SCHOOLS NEARLY BROKE UP TERM

DAYTON, Wash., Dec. 7.—Spectacular events of the last week here, due to the suspension of two high school students for bad deportment followed by the resignation of Superintendent L. V. Beaulieu and culminating in the resignation of the entire high school faculty and their subsequent re-employment have not "broken up" Dayton's public schools, although for a time it was feared closing of the public schools was inevitable.

In charge of Superintendent Alfred Livengood who was elected Saturday to succeed Mr. Beaulieu, all schools opened again today.

It is thought by the board of directors that the spirit of antagonism which has been awakened among the high school students will rapidly give place to harmony. Certain of Beaulieu's rules of discipline incited resentment and bitter feeling has existed for some time.

VALLEY PAID TRIBUTE BY WILSON

Secretary of Agriculture
Mentions Support Given by
Rogue River Valley in His
Annual Report.

ONLY FRUIT SECTION TO RECEIVE MENTION

Medford Now Has Only Bu-
reau of Plant Industry Out-
side of Washington.

+ On the Pacific coast the im-
+ portant work on the eradica-
+ tion of pear blight has been
+ continued with encouraging
+ results, special attention be-
+ ing given to this disease in
+ portions of Oregon, where the
+ department received the very
+ hearty co-operation of the
+ fruit growers, especially those
+ of the Rogue River valley.—
+ Extract from 1909 report of
+ James Wilson, secretary of
+ agriculture.
+ *****

The secretary of agriculture has distinguished the Rogue River valley by making a special mention of this section in his annual report, the only mention of the kind made in that report, and that in connection with such a vital problem to the fruit industry as the eradication of the pear blight.

Another distinguishing feature is the fact that a flag, of the regulation size, which is used to distinguish all government buildings or the presence of government offices, has been sent to Professor O'Gara to be displayed in front of his offices, as showing that there is located a government bureau. This office is the only government station of the bureau of planting of the department of agriculture in the west, in fact the only one in the United States outside of the city of Washington. Professor O'Gara is the only government pathologist in charge of an independent station. There is one government pathologist in California, but he is subordinate to Professor O'Gara.

"When I came here two years ago," said Professor O'Gara, "I was called in just the proper time, and the fruit growers had awakened in just the right time also. The pear blight was getting a hold in the Rogue River valley which, if allowed to continue, would have resulted in untold loss. As it was, we have been enabled to check it in the bud, you might say, and now we have it completely under control. Some opposition was met with at first, but that has all been eliminated now, and the fruit men of the valley are enthusiastic in their co-operation."

THREE TIMES A GROOM THOUGH ONLY YOUNG MAN

Herbert E. Toad, aged 32, and Mary E. Scott, aged 29, were granted a license to marry by County Clerk Coleman this morning. Mr. Toad is one of the foremen on the paving work, and this is his third venture on the more or less troubled matrimonial seas, while his bride starts on her second voyage.

DAYTON VOTES DRY AND IS MOST PROSPEROUS

DAYTON, Wash., Dec. 7.—For the first time in the history of Dayton, every business block on Main street, which means the business section, is occupied and buildings are in demand. This condition is due, according to leading business men and city officials, to the fact that Dayton is now a "dry town." A restaurant is forced out of business because he cannot rent another building.