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MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

THE WEATHER.
Tonight and Thursday—
Cloudy, warmer. Tuesday—
High, 62; low, 34; range 57.
Rain.

FOURTH YEAR.

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RAP IS TAKEN AT SUGAR TRUST

In Vigorous Language, Secretary of Treasury in Annual Report Discusses Recently Exposed Frauds.

MUST TAKE CUSTOMS OUT OF POLITICS

Says Frauds Show "Long-Continuing System of Corruption Almost General."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—In vigorous language, Franklin MacVeagh, secretary of the treasury, discusses in his annual report sent to congress today the recently exposed frauds of the sugar trust and other customs house scandals.

Speaking of the "alarming" revelations of the conditions of the customs service in New York, he says that the frauds of the American Sugar Refining company showed "a long-continuing system of corruption." While they were perhaps the most important instances they were "symptoms of a diseased condition, not universal by any means, but almost general." Enough facts have been brought to light, he declares, to afford a basis for rehabilitation and numerous prosecutions have been made and projected.

Influence of Politics.

As for the causes of the demoralization, the secretary regards as most deleterious "the influence of local politics and politicians," which "has promoted that laxity and law tone which prepare and furnish an inviting soil for dishonesty and fraud."

"Unless the customs service can be released from the payment of political debts and exactions," he continues, "and from meeting the supposed exigencies of political organizations,"

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CHARGED WITH MALICIOUS MISCHIEF: IS ARRESTED

Arthur Harris was arrested Tuesday night by Policeman Murdoch on a charge of malicious mischief in cutting the canvas on a night lunch stand at the corner of Fir and Main streets. Harris plead not guilty to the charge and the trial of the case will take place this afternoon. When first arrested he denied the charge in toto, but afterward admitted that he had thrust his hand through a slit in the canvas made by someone else.

John Hughes plead guilty to being intoxicated and contributed \$5.00 toward the keeping up of the city.

TWO MILES WATER MAINS ONE MONTH

Great Progress Made as Shown by Report of City Engineer to Council.

Over two miles of water mains were laid in the city of Medford during the month of November, according to the report of City Engineer Foster, filed with the council on Tuesday evening. In all 12,871 feet of mains were put in.

Grades for 4149 feet of sewer mains were established and 3793 feet of grades for cement sidewalks laid out. Much other work was done, including the construction of 660 feet of storm sewer.

CAMPAIGN INAUGURATED BY COUNCIL GIVING CITY BETTER LIGHTED STREETS

Committee Instructed to Investigate Cost of Installing and Maintaining Arc Lights—Passage of 12 Ordinances Assessing Cost of Water and Sewer Mains Are Criterion of Vast Strides Made in Civic Improvement.

The next move in the campaign for municipal improvement in Medford will be to make a better lighted city. The mayor and council took the first move in this direction Tuesday evening when a committee was appointed to investigate as to the cost of installing and maintaining more lights in the city and as soon as this committee reports steps will be taken to place more and better street lights on different intersections. For some time residents in outlying districts have been petitioning for lights and the council is now undertaking the matter in earnest. The light and water committee will handle the investigation with instructions to make an early report.

That the city is taking great strides in the matter of municipal improvements was shown by the passage of twelve ordinances assessing the cost of water mains and sewers in the city. The ordinances passed were as follows: No. 268, lateral sewer on Pine and Maple streets; No. 269, water main on Dakota avenue;

No. 270, water main on Twelfth street; No. 271, water main on Eleventh from Oakdale; No. 272, water main on Mistletoe; No. 273, water main on Newtown from Eleventh and Twelfth; No. 274, sewer on Newtown; No. 275, sewer along Twelfth; No. 276, water main on Cottage; No. 277, sewer on Olson between Fourth and Second; No. 278, sewer on Second from Holly to west boundary of city; No. 279, sewer in Ross Court; No. 280, water main on Knight street.

James Campbell was voted \$15,000 of city improvement bonds, his bid being par and secured interest. City improvement bonds still continue to be in demand.

The monthly bills were audited and the recorder ordered to draw warrants for the same, the aggregate being about \$16,000. The water main and improvement fund drew down \$5,799.41, and the gravity water fund, \$3,252.10.

A building permit was granted R. W. Gray for the construction of a

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VINCENT & BAKER ASK FOR RELEASE FROM HEAVY BOND

Contractors Also Ask for Payment for Work Already Completed—Council Makes New Proposition.

A special meeting of the city council was held Wednesday for the purpose of conferring with Vincent & Baker on the matter of extending the time for the completion of their contract for building a pipeline and distributing system for the city.

Vincent & Baker asked that the city release them from the security bond which they are at present carrying at a heavy expense and accept a personal bond, and at the same time extend the time limit of the contract. Owing to the legal complications arising from the litigation between M. F. Hanley and the city, the contractors have found it impossible to complete the contract in the time specified, and as they will be held up for several months in the work, they asked a concession from the council in the matter of the bond, which concession would be a material saving to them. They also asked for an advance payment on the work completed.

The council discussed the matter in informal session and argued on a counter proposition, which will be submitted to Vincent & Baker this afternoon. The council agrees to the transfer of the bond, with good security, and will tender the contractors \$1,000 in water bonds at par with accrued interest in lieu of the cash payment asked for by them.

FALLS IN SHALLOW POOL AND IS DROWNED

NEVADA CITY, Cal., Dec. 8.—Lying in a gutter, the head partially submerged by water, accumulating from the recent rains, the body of George Tallon, a business man of this city, was found early today. It is supposed that he fell on the slippery sidewalk, striking his head and was drowned in the shallow flow of water in the ditch.

REGIMENT IN FIERCE BATTLE BEFORE SULTAN

Sultan Reviewing Troops When Two Rival Regiments Start Pitched Battle—Many Are Killed.

PARIS, Dec. 8.—Scores of Moroccan soldiers were killed early today during a military review by the sultan, according to a dispatch received from Fez.

Two regiments recruited from warring tribes, the message stated, savagely attacked one another directly in front of the sultan's reviewing stand. Religious fanaticism is reported to have caused the fight.

FORBES WILL UROBAGLY NOT COACH EUGENE 1910

EUGENE, Or., Dec. 8.—Coach Robert W. Forbes, the great Yale end, has practically decided that business interests calling him away from Eugene, will prevent his coaching the Oregon football squad in 1910.

Heretofore Forbes has been interested in the timber business near here and coaching did not entail any great sacrifice of business. He will probably be located out of the state hereafter and gave that as his reason for declining to sign a contract with the athletic council for next season.

MISS CASE OF PORTLAND TO WED BUSINESS MAN

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 8.—It was officially announced here today that Miss Mary Adele Case, the young contralto singer will wed Willard Metcalf Beam, a nephew of Victor H. Metcalf, formerly secretary of the navy.

This statement which comes direct from Miss Case's mother and which has been verified by the young lady, dispenses of the rumor that she is engaged to Claus Spreckles, Jr. Beam is a prominent business man of this city.

STRIKE SOON 30 MORE ROADS

Little Probability of Switchmen's Strike Spreading to East—Other Trainmen, to Demand a Raise.

HAWLEY LEAVES TO INTERVIEW GOMPERS

Strike Leaders Declare No Effort Will Be Made to Enlist Aid of Federation.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—Fifth Vice-President Murdoch of the Railway Trainmen's union declared today that there is little probability of the strike that paralyzed freight movements in the northwest extending to the Atlantic seaboard.

He stated, however, that the members of his organization and the conductors and other employes on 30 eastern railroads on January 3 would demand an increase of wages and a concession regarding the number of working hours. This demand will be made by the men as employes of the individual roads, and not as the members of an organization.

Confer With Gompers.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 8.—President Hawley of the Switchmen's Union of North America will go to Cincinnati tonight, where he will meet Samuel G. Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, in that city, presumably to discuss the switchmen's strike that has resulted in the demoralization of freight transportation throughout the northwest.

Strike leaders here declare that no effort will be made to enlist active support from the American Federation. They stated their confidence of winning their fight against the railroads without the aid of sympathetic strikes on the part of the other labor organizations. It is believed, however, that Hawley will endeavor to secure from Gompers some statement that will strengthen the position of the strikers.

EUGENE BOILER EXPLODES FIREMAN IS COOKED

SANTA FE, N. M., Dec. 8.—Fireman H. H. Kincaid is in a local hospital frightfully scalded as a result of an explosion of a boiler of a Denver & Rio Grande locomotive last night. The engine was standing in the yards and Kincaid was alone in the cab when the boiler burst. The man was literally cooked before he was rescued. The engine was blown to pieces.

SMITH IS MAYOR OF GRANTS PASS

Elected Over H. D. Norton—Mayor Promises Paving and Other Municipal Improvements.

GRANTS PASS, Dec. 8.—Dr. J. C. Smith was elected mayor of Grants Pass at the recent election, defeating H. D. Norton. The four councilmen elected to succeed the retiring members were: Lee Calvert, John Sauer, William Huggins and Jim Tuffs. Dr. Smith served one term as mayor of this city two years ago. H. D. Norton is state senator from Josephine county. Smith promises paving and many other city improvements, and it was only after a most bitter campaign that he was elected.

C. B. Watson of Ashland is a visitor in Medford today.

ZELAYA ORDERS DEATH OF GENERAL WHO LED HIS ARMY TO DEFEAT

News of Yesterday's Battle Is Confirmed—Insurgents Following Up Advantage and Pursue Zelaya's Disrupted Army—Fierce Fighting Continues on Outskirts of City of Rama.

MEXICO CITY, Mex., Dec. 8.—An unconfirmed dispatch from Managua, Nicaragua, says that General Vasquez was tried by court martial on orders of Zelaya and condemned to death because he was defeated by the insurgents in yesterday's battle near Rama.

The news of Vasquez' defeat, the dispatch states, resulted in a demonstration against Zelaya.

STARTS TO WALK GRANTS PASS TO CINCINNATI

Aged Woman Would Rejoin Sister in East—Walks as Far as Glendale When Authorities Stop Her.

ROSEBURG, Or., Dec. 8.—After traveling afoot for three days from Grants Pass to Glendale, Mrs. Helen Slater, an aged woman from Troy, N. Y., was brought to Roseburg today from that city. She is penniless and was taken charge of by the county until her sister in Cincinnati can be heard from.

Mrs. Slater journeyed from Troy to San Francisco, where she was disappointed, her sister having moved to Cincinnati. With what money she had left, coupled with earnings she made while in San Francisco, she started for that city. When she got to Grants Pass her money gave out and she resorted to the last recourse of traveling afoot. After walking for three days she reached Glendale, at which place the authorities intervened, refusing to allow her to travel in that fashion. County Judge Wainwright will care for until her sister can be heard from.

G. W. Soranson and C. A. McKernin of Grants Pass were in Medford on business Wednesday.

COOK'S DATA REACHES SHORES OF DENMARK

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 8.—The North observations of Dr. Frederick A. Cook, reached here today on board the steamer United States. Extraordinary precautions were taken to ensure that the long-heralded data were delivered safe to the university authorities.

As soon as the United States was tied up at her pier an iron box containing Dr. Cook's report and data in which his original entries made was brought ashore. The box was closely followed by Walter Lonsdale, Dr. Cook's secretary, who had stood guard over its contents since they left the hands of the explorer.

CLUBTONAME MEN TO TAKE CENSUS

District Supervisor Hendricks Offers Commercial Club Opportunity to Name Enumerators in the City.

MEANS THAT CENSUS WILL BE COMPLETE

Steps Will Be Taken to Insure Proper Census—No One Will Be Overlooked.

R. J. Hendricks, district supervisor of the census, after meeting representative citizens of Medford in conference, has requested the Medford Commercial Club to name four enumerators to take the census in Medford. The matter will come up at the next regular session of the club.

Mr. Hendricks states that it is his wish to cause each city in his district to feel that they were fairly treated in the matter of the enumeration of its residents and with that end in view he offered the club the right to name four men to do the counting.

The city has until April 15 to complete the count. A campaign will be started by the club to guard the overlooking of any resident in order that the best possible showing can be made.

FORMER BANK PRESIDENT ARRESTED FOR FRAUD

MINERAL POINT, Wis., Dec. 8.—Calvert Spensley, former president of the First National Bank of Mineral Point, was arrested today and taken to Madison where he will be arraigned on the charge of complicity in wrecking the institution.

NURSERYMEN WATCHING CLOSELY FOR DISEASES

Nurserymen are beginning to respect the inspection law as administered by southern Oregon officials, and as a consequence local growers can be assured of good trees so long as the rigid inspection now in vogue is kept up. Out of two carloads aggregating over 160,000 trees, sold here by L. E. Hoover, the inspectors found but 1600 which were defective. Some of these were because they were diseased, but for the reason that he wished to make his deliveries entirely satisfactory. This is less than two-thirds of one per cent of the total.

G. F. Tupren was at Jacksonville Wednesday on legal business.

MAIL TRIBUNE BOYS TO USE WHISTLES

Hereafter You Will Be Warned by Shriill Whistle That Your Paper Has Arrived.

The carriers of the Mail Tribune have all been provided with whistles and hereafter when the paper arrives subscribers will be warned by a shrill blast. This will serve in notifying subscribers during rainy weather that the paper has arrived and if heeded will prevent the papers being soaked with the rain. The boys have been instructed to place the paper on the verandas and any deviation should be reported to this office.

Hereafter the paper will be collected for at the place of delivery, thus eliminating much inconvenience both to the circulation manager and the subscribers.