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world published in a city the
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MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

THE WEATHER.
Tonight and Friday—
Cloudy, warmer; Wednesday
—High 52; low 40; range 13

FOURTH YEAR.

MEDFORD, OREGON, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1909.

No. 225.

SCHOOL TAX THIS YEAR IS 8 MILLS

By Unanimous Vote Citizens
of School District Decide
on Tax Levy for School
Purposes.

ONE MILL HIGHER THAN LAST YEAR

Will Give the School Board
in Neighborhood of \$28,000
for Year's Expenses.

By a unanimous vote the citizens
of this school district Wednesday
afternoon at the high school building
decided to levy a school tax of eight
mills for this year, which will give
the school board in the neighborhood
of \$28,000 for next year's expenses.

The attendance at the meeting was
not heavy but all were unanimous
in making the vote. The levy is one
mill higher than that of last year,
due to increased attendance and
therefore increased expense.

While the city council has not
taken formal action the city levy will
be lower than last year, and this in
spite of a reduced assessment.

MISSING GIRL BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN KIDNAPPED

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 9.—The
police are making every effort today
to find Alma Kellner, eight years of
age, daughter of J. F. Kellner, a
wealthy brewer, who it is believed
is being held for ransom by kidnap-
ers. She disappeared at 9 o'clock
yesterday morning while en route to
mass at the St. John's church.

A heavily veiled woman called at
the Kellner residence yesterday be-
fore the child disappeared, and asked
to see Alma's grandmother on a mat-
ter of great importance. She re-
fused to state her mission and was
refused admittance. In the after-
noon a man, refusing to give his name
or business, called at Kellner's office
yesterday afternoon but Kellner was
out. The visits of these two myster-
ious persons has strengthened the
theory of the police that the child
was kidnapped.

W. C. Smith of Ashland was in
Medford on business Thursday.
H. A. McLellan is in Jacksonville
on business.

ALLEN OFFERS TO AID LADIES' CLUB

Will Pay Expenses of Special Elec-
tion Called to Vote on
Tree Planting.

John R. Allen, owner of the Pa-
cific & Eastern railroad, projector
of an electric road through the val-
ley, has offered to defray the ex-
penses of a special election on be-
half of the ladies of the Greater
Medford Club, at which time there
will be submitted to the people for
their adoption or rejection a pro-
posed charter amendment giving the
council power to regulate the plant-
ing of trees in the city. In this way
the planting of trees will be uniform
and thorough.

The ladies of the Greater Medford
Club now have the matter under ad-
visement. Either a special election
will be held or the matter submitted
at the regular election in January.

The recent rains have retarded the
work somewhat as nurseries in the
Willamette valley have been unable
to dig the trees.

JOE BROWN CANDIDATE FOR COUNCIL

Consents to Run in Second
Ward—Has Many Quali-
fications Which Fit Him for
the Place.

TELFER WILL RUN FOR RECORDERSHIP

Many Friends of F. E. Mer-
rick Are Urging Him to
Run for Re-Election.

Joe Brown, seller of high grade
dirt, business man and large property
owner, has consented to become a
candidate in the second ward to fill
the place of Harry G. Wortman,
whose term expires next month. Mr.
Brown has been urged for some time
by his many friends to make the
race, and after giving much thought
to the matter consented.

It is believed that Mr. Brown will
meet with but little opposition as he
is a thorough business man, and
owns much property. His progress-
iveness was shown when he urged
paying on West Main, in spite of the
fact that he was one of the largest
holders on that street. He has at all
times stood for the advancement of
the city and as a private citizen has
aided greatly in its improvement. As
a councilman his field of usefulness
will be greatly extended. Mr. Brown
is the first in the field.

Telfer for Recorder.

Robert W. Telfer, who has so
creditably filled the office of city
recorder since the resignation of
Benj. M. Collins, has given in to the
urging of his friends and consented
to become a candidate for that of-
fice. It is doubtful if he will meet
with opposition for all seen satisfied
with the showing he has made, and it
seems to be an unanimous opinion
that he be retained.

Urging Merrick to Run.

Pressure is being brought to bear
upon Mr. Merrick in the first ward
to become a candidate to succeed
himself. So far he has declined to
state whether he will consent to run
or not. He has given of his time to
the city and says that he does not
feel that further sacrifice on his
part should be demanded. Mr. Mer-
rick is chairman of the special water
committee in whose hands rest the
greater part of the work on the
gravity water system. There is a
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TELEPHONE FRANCHISE ASHLAND WITHDRAWN

E. C. Sharpe Withdraws Application
in Order to Modify Some
of Its Provisions.

E. C. Sharpe, who represents the
Independent Telephone company,
which is preparing to build through
southern Oregon, was in Medford on
Thursday en route to the north.

"The proposed franchise for Ash-
land has been withdrawn," said Mr.
Sharpe. "In order that some of its
provisions may be modified, but that
does not mean that we have abandon-
ed the field by any means. We will
submit another draft of the franchise
within a short time. Mr. Clark of
Ashland is now preparing the plans
for our Medford building, and by
the middle of January we will be
ready to receive bids for the construc-
tion of the building."

Lee Ellis of Prospect is in Med-
ford on a short business trip. He
reports three feet of snow in his sec-
tion.

"RED TAPE" STARVING WIDOWS



SWITCHMEN ARE BACK AGAIN AT THEIR OLD JOBS

Strike in Montana Practi-
cally Collapsed Today—
Charges of Peonage Said to
Be Joke by Officials.

BUTTE, Mont., Dec. 9.—The strike
of the switchmen in Montana practi-
cally collapsed today, when the
strikers at Livingston, on the North-
ern Pacific returned to work. Reports
from other centers indicate that the
stress of last week has been re-
lieved and freight trains are being
moved with little difficulty.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 9.—
State Labor Commissioner McEwen
investigating charges of peonage
against railroads of the northwest,
filed by E. D. Carr of Toledo of the
switchmen's union and E. Wilson of
the Brotherhood of Railway Train-
men. They allege that railroads are
keeping imported strikebreakers un-
der armed guard to prevent their
joining the strikers.

The strikers allege, also, that the
men are locked up at night in the
railroad yards, and guards posted to
prevent them from escaping. General
Manager Slade of the Northern Pa-
cific, one of the roads accused in the
charges, laughed at the report. He
declared that the strikebreakers are
working voluntarily and that no ef-
fort will be made to keep them at
work against their wishes.

Died—On the John Arnold farm,
in Jacksonville precinct, Wednes-
day, December 8, 1909, Mary Ann
Ford, aged 56 years. The funeral
will take place Friday, December 10,
interment being made in the Jack-
sonville cemetery. Services will be
held at the grave. Rev. Robert On-
g officiating.

MAYOR BUSSE LOOKING INTO MINERS' CHARGE

United Mine Workers Say
That "Red Tape" Is Cau-
sing Suffering Among Wid-
ows and Orphans.

CHICAGO, Dec. 9.—Mayor Busse
today began an official investigation
into the charges made by officials of
the United Mine Workers to the ef-
fect that relief work among the or-
phans and widows of the victims of
the Cherry mine disaster is being de-
layed by too much adherence to "red
tape" and that many of the survivors
are suffering from the lack of
nourishment.

It is expected here that Busse will
demand that the Red Cross organiza-
tion entrust a portion of the funds
collected for the relief of these suf-
ferers to the United Mine Workers
for distribution.

MEMBERS OF COMBINE WILL BE PROSECUTED

SEATTLE, Dec. 9.—Members of
the alleged grocery combine that have
been forcing Seattle grocers to keep
the prices of food stuffs at an arti-
ficial figure, will be indicted by the
grand jury; it is reported today.

The evidence so far given before
the grand jury has satisfied it that
indictments can be successfully pre-
sented.

WORK ALMOST ALL OVER FOR THIS SEASON

Rains Make It Impossible
for Pavers or Pipe Layers
to Continue—Goes Over
Until Spring.

Municipal improvement work is
about concluded for the season. The
rains have made it impossible for
further work to be done and all ac-
tivity aside from caring for flood
water and putting in crossing has
ceased.

Mayor Canon stated this morning
that paving would not be resumed
until spring, as the city is afraid
pavement put in at this season of
the year will not stand up.

Vincent & Baker have asked to
be relieved of further work on water
and sewer mains and their request
will probably be granted.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET IS FIRM

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—The stock
market was firm with Katy 60
the leader of the activity. The mar-
ket in general closed from 1-4 to 3
points higher.

The heaviest advance for the day
was in Pennsylvania which gained
3 points higher than yesterday, New
York Central was 2 1/2 points higher,
Norfolk & Western began activities
suddenly and with the heaviest buy-
ing that security during recent
weeks it closed with an advance of
2 3-8 points.

Union Pacific was 1/4 and South-
ern Pacific 3/4 higher at the closing
of today. Amalgamated Copper, St.
Paul, Great Northern and Louisville
and Nashville each advanced a point.

Henry C. Harrison of Eugene is
spending a few days in Medford.

CITY PAYS \$1000 DAY FOR FREIGHT

Southern Pacific Takes Over
\$300,000 a Year in Freight
Tolls From This City Alone
on Incoming Goods.

LEADS ALL OTHER CITIES BUT PORTLAND

When the Outward Bound
Freight Is Added Much
More Is Realized.

The freight receipts of the South-
ern Pacific at Medford for the past
twelve months for incoming freight
alone will average over \$1000 a day,
and the grand total for the year will
top \$300,000.

These figures are based on estimates,
as no business firm cares to give
out the exact figures, nor in-
deed, will questions asked on the sub-
ject be answered categorically. En-
ough information, however, has
been obtained to justify an estimate
of \$300,000 as the freight bills paid
by Medford merchants during the
past twelve months for incoming
goods. This is exclusive of the out-
ward bound freight which will
amount to quite a sum in itself. Also
it does not include the material ship-
ped by the Pacific & Eastern.

One prominent shipper, who de-
clined to give any information as to
the freight bills of his firm, stated
that \$300,000 would not miss the
mark for, and was rather low than
high.

Another confessed to \$12,000 dur-
ing the past year and intimated that
there were others that would exceed
his total materially.

Others run in the neighborhood of
\$10,000 a year.

Then there are the outbound ship-
ments, some of which are prepaid,
but the majority, fruit, stock, etc., is
paid at the other end, making prob-
ably nearly as large a total as the
incoming freight, so that the South-
ern Pacific realizes a tidy little sum
from its Medford station.

Every day a carload of merchand-
ise is loaded at Chicago for Med-
ford and comes straight through.
This is a regular thing, and often
more than a single car leaves Chic-
ago for this city.

The tolls paid in Medford exceed
those paid by any other city in the
state excepting Portland.

DANCE FRIDAY FOR LIBRARY BENEFIT

Ladies of Greater Medford Club
Plan Pleasant Evening for
Friday Night.

The ladies of the Greater Medford
club have arranged a dance to be
held in the Angle opera house Friday
evening, the proceeds of which are to
be used for the purchase of juvenile
books for the library.

All those who hold Swastika tick-
ets are invited to attend. Those who
do not care to attend and still wish
to aid the cause should hand the
price of admission to some of the
ladies.

STEAMER GOES ON ROCKS FOUR ARE DROWNED

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 9.—The
steamer, W. C. Richardson, went on
the rocks three miles out of port this
morning and five men were ported
to have been drowned. Rescuers
have reached here with fourteen sur-
vivors.

COOK NAMED "BIG LEMON" BY DUNKLE

Charge Is Made He Hired
Two Men to Fake Data for
Him for Submission to the
Scientists.

BRANDED A FRAUD BY NEW YORKER

When He Failed to Come
Through With Coin in Pay-
ment, Is Exposed.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—George H.
Dunkle, an insurance agent, today re-
iterated charges made by him in a
morning paper that he and Captain
A. W. Loose had prepared data for
F. A. Cook, with which Dr. Cook
hoped to prove his claim that he dis-
covered the north pole.

Dunkle said that he "turned" on
Cook because Cook failed to pay him
a balance of \$3480, due from the al-
leged agreed price of \$5000 for the
faked observations.

He said that he gave the story to
the paper which published it this
morning, but declined to state wheth-
er the paper paid him the \$3480.

Dunkle stated that John R. Brad-
ley, who is Cook's financial backer,
knew nothing of the fake. He said
that he induced Bradley to introduce
him to Cook, but that Bradley had
no idea of the purpose for the meet-
ing.

"Bradley is an honest man. He has
simply been handed a lemon by
Cook," said Dunkle, "who himself is
one large joke—a lemon of no eman
size."

COPENHAGEN, Denmark, Dec. 9.
—If the data submitted by Frederick
A. Cook in support of his claim that
he discovered the north pole was
"faked" by Captain A. W. Loose, a
retired navigator and George H. Dun-
kle, an insurance agent of New York,
the Danish scientists will easily dis-
cover the fraud. This was the only
statement obtainable at the university
today regarding the story cabled here
from New York to the effect that the
two men were hired by Cook to fake
data.

The authorities here discredit the
statement of Loose and Dunkle that
Cook showed after a brief examina-
tion great ignorance of matters nec-
essary for an explorer to know. Dr.
Cook was questioned here by many
prominent scientists.

TROLLEY FRANCHISE WILL BE UP TONIGHT

John R. Allen's Request for Fran-
chise in Grants Pass Will Be
Finally Considered Tonight.

The city council of Grants Pass
this evening will take final action
on the application of John R. Allen
for a trolley franchise in that city.
At a meeting held last Thursday the
council passed the ordinance to its
third and last reading and there left
it until this evening.

No opposition so far as is known
has developed and in all probability
the franchise will be granted.

BERKELEY PASTOR OFFERED PLACE IN TACOMA PULPIT

BERKELEY, Cal., Dec. 9.—Rev.
Lapsley A. McFee, the pastor of the
First Presbyterian church of this city,
has been offered a position as head
of the Whitworth college of Tacoma.