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MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

THE WEATHER.
Tonight and Thursday,
cooler. Tuesday—high 54,
low 42, range 50.

FOURTH YEAR.

MEDFORD, OREGON, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1909.

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VALLEY TROLLEY LINE IS NOW ASSURED

REPORTS SAY BATTLE IS RAGING

New Guns Arrive for Use of Revolutionists — Marines Landing From Battleships — Zelaya Said to Have Accumulated Over \$6,000,000.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Unconfirmed advices from Colon indicate that the long expected battle between the insurgents and the Zelaya troops in the vicinity of Rama is taking place today. The revolutionists are reported to have taken the initiative for the first time in a week and to have precipitated the engagement.

New Guns Arrive.
Four machine guns and a thousand new rifles, with a million rounds of cartridges, which arrived yesterday, were conveyed to Estrada's headquarters before daylight today under a guard of several companies of General Chamorro's division. Chamorro's main body is being rushed to the scene of the reported fighting, and was expected to arrive there early this afternoon.

A rumor to the effect that an attempt was made to assassinate Zelaya in his palace shortly after midnight is current today. It was reported that Zelaya and Madriz are virtual prisoners in the presidential residence.

Marines Are Landed.

PANAMA, Dec. 15.—Fragments of wireless messages picked up by the local station indicate that marines from the United States warships either have been landed or will land today at Corinto. Adverse weather conditions prevented the full text of the messages from being learned. Another rumor indicated that Managua still is in the hands of a mob and that the people are clamoring for the overthrow of Zelaya.

Zelaya Quits?

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Dr. Calder, a consular agent of the United States in Managua, today cabled that Zelaya has published a statement promising to resign in favor of Senor Madriz, who is reported to be with him in the palace at Managua. The dispatch also stated that Madriz apparently would not be a choice popular to the people and Zelaya's fulfillment of his promise probably would do little to smooth over the present difficulties.

Last night Calder stated, large crowds surrounded the American legation. Hundreds paraded the streets cheering for Estrada and the United States.

Zelaya Wealthy.

It is intimated here that Zelaya's promised withdrawal in favor of Madriz was not likely to be received with favor by the United States government. No statement concerning the proposition was given out from the state department.

Dispatches today state that Zelaya has accumulated more than \$6,000,000 in profits from properties in Nicaragua he is alleged to have held illegally. Seventeen trade monopolies on Nicaragua's Pacific coast are credited to him as well as virtual control of the fields of manufacture and exploitation of natural resources.

1910 PUBLICITY FUND IN EUGENE REACHES \$13,000

EUGENE, Or., Dec. 15.—There remains nearly \$1000 in Eugene's 1910 publicity fund. It will be applied to the 1910 fund, which has reached the sum of \$13,000. The board of governors has not yet selected a successor to John H. Hartog, the publicity manager who recently resigned.

HANNA SAYS LAW IS AT FAULT

Circuit Judge in Decision in Case of Hanley vs. City Says Law Under Which Judge Coke Acted Is Unconstitutional.

In deciding against the city in the case of M. F. Hanley vs. the city of Medford, Judge H. K. Hanna devoted most of his time to a consideration of the new state law under which Governor Benson ordered Judge Coke to Medford to try the case of the city against Hanley in which Hanley was awarded \$600 damages. Judge Hanna held that the law was unconstitutional, inasmuch as the executive department interfered with the judiciary. The case will now go to the supreme court.

City Attorney Neff is already at work on the record in the case and expects to go to the supreme court as rapidly as possible. If the supreme court holds with Hanna, Judge Coke of the Second judicial district will be out of a job, for the act which created his district is the one under question.

IF THEY'LL BE GOOD THEY CAN COME IN

Chairman of House Committee on Territories States That New States May Be Created.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Chairman Hamilton of the house committee on territories said today that Arizona and New Mexico will be granted separate statehood at this session of congress if they do not insist on including in their governing laws the features that President Taft has found objectionable in Oklahoma's constitution. Chairman Hamilton stated it as his belief that the chief executive would withhold his approval otherwise.

TO EXTERMINATE THE MOSQUITO IN CALIFORNIA

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Dec. 15.—A campaign for the extermination of mosquitoes in the great inland valleys of California is being planned by the state board of health.

FAMOUS DAMAGE SUIT IS UNDER WAY

Suit Brought for \$20,000 by John Harrington vs. W. E. Phipps, et al, on Trial at Jacksonville.

The famous suit for damages in an amount of \$20,000 brought by John Harrington against W. E. Phipps, Mrs. Snyder and County Judge J. R. Neil was called in the circuit court today, with Judge J. W. Hamilton of Roseburg presiding.

Owing to the fact that he knew the parties in the suit so well, Judge Hanna called in Judge Hamilton to hear the case.

A. C. Randall of Talent expects to leave soon for Minneapolis to spend the holidays.

"I'LL RIDE," SAYS MEDFORD, "ME TOO," CHIRPS THE PASS, "BUT NOT MUH," ADDS ASHLAND

MEDFORD WANTS TROLLEY BADLY GRANTS PASS IS HIGHLY ELATED ASHLAND OBJECTS 50-YEAR CLAUSE

By Overwhelming Vote Voters Tell Council to Give a Franchise for 50 Years.

By an overwhelming vote of over 5 to 1, the electorate of Medford Tuesday approved the amendment to the city charter giving the council power to grant a franchise for a period of 50 years. The building of a trolley line in the city and valley is now assured.

The vote was a light one, only 472 votes being cast, 395 of which were cast for and 77 against the amendment. If a full vote had been polled it is doubtful if the minority vote would have been any greater. Most of those opposed voted, a great number of those in favor didn't, believing that the amendment was sure of carrying, and it did, although the noise made by the opposition caused the progressive element to get out and do some strenuous work in the afternoon.

The vote in the different wards was as follows:
First ward.....yes 134; no 17
Second ward.....yes 131; no 34
Third ward.....yes 130; no 26

Total.....Yes 395 No 77
The progressive business men of the city were all lined up for the proposition, as the result showed.

"It isn't good business policy to place a big responsibility upon a set of employees—such as the council is of the people—and then tie their hands so that they cannot transact the business which may come up as the concern grows," said one.

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Stand Taken by Council is Pleasing to People—Pleased With Medford News.

GRANTS PASS, Dec. 15.—(Special)—The citizens of this city are very much pleased with the action taken Monday evening by the city council in granting to John R. Allen a franchise in this city. Everyone seems to be certain that within a year cars will be in operation and that the road will aid greatly the upbuilding of this section.

The news from Medford that the citizens there had overwhelmingly voted in favor of a trolley franchise for a period of 50 years was joyously received in Grants Pass. The building of the road now seems assured and that the different sections of the Rogue river valley will be brought closer together and that it will rebound greatly to the development of the valley.

This franchise is proving one of the most popular ever granted in this city.

BURNED AT 107, MUST UNDERGO SKIN GRAFTING

BROOKLYN, N. Y., Dec. 15.—So old that doubtless he had forgotten the lesson learned a century ago about the danger of fire, Samuel Epstein, who is 107, was painfully burned while at work in his barber shop at 107 Park Place. Tenderly his "baby" daughter, with whom he lives scolded him for being so careless. She is Mrs. Sadie Silverstein, and she is 65.

Council Declines to Take Action in Regard to Application for Franchise There.

ASHLAND, Or., Dec. 15.—(Special)—The city council last night refused to take definite action on the petition of John R. Allen for a 50-year street railway franchise.

The Allen proposition was discussed in open meeting. The objectionable features of the franchise requested appeared to be the 50-year clause and the absence of any provision whereby in later years the city might derive some revenue on a per centage basis. The lack of any provision that would preclude a merger with present transportation facilities, was pointed out as a serious defect. It was finally decided to hold the matter in abeyance until more information from cities in which interurban lines are now operating could be obtained. Within a week or two, it is probable that a counter-proposition will be submitted to the petitioner, but is quite evident that the present council has no intention at granting what, to them, appears to be a one-sided franchise—at least for so long a period of time.

"The people of Ashland will have to do without an electric road or get someone else to build it, if any changes are made in the franchise I asked for," stated John R. Allen today, when shown the above dispatch from Ashland. "I asked for what I considered a fair franchise and I will not bother with the matter further."

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MONEY PAID TO SQUARE FRAUD

Arbuckle Brothers Pay Voluntarily Into United States Treasury \$185,759 Due From Sugar Frauds—May Prosecute in Spite of This.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Arbuckle Brothers, the biggest competitors of the American Sugar Refining Company, today paid into the U. S. treasury \$185,759 in back duties following the disclosures of irregularities in the weighing of sugar cargoes on the docks. The settlement was made voluntarily.

United States Attorney Simpson said this afternoon that the settlement does not affect the protection of any individual shown to have been responsible for the commission of the frauds.

Stinson would not say whether any one connected with the Arbuckle concern would be indicted. He declined to discuss the question of whether prosecution of the sugar trust would be broadened so as to include competitors of the trust.

JOHN D. PLANS TO START DRUG STORES

Report Out That Oil King Would Have Chain of Stores Established.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 15.—That John D. Rockefeller contemplates establishing a chain of drug stores throughout the country, is the substance of a rumor current in wholesale circles here today. Many of the by-products in oil preparations are utilized in the drug trade, and the Standard magnate is said to have plans by means of which he hopes to make it a profitable business.

Agents believed to be representing Rockefeller have been investigating conditions in many middle west cities and have been negotiating for the purchase of retail stores. While it is difficult to make certain that they were in the oil king's employ, the rumor that he is planning an immense drug merger has spread rapidly.

SHEARER NABS MAN WANTED GOLD HILL

Telephone Put in Operation and Man is Taken From Train—Wanted Stealing.

Chief Shearer arrested a passenger on a south bound freight train this morning upon orders by telephone from the city marshal of Gold Hill. This fellow was accused of stealing a yellow slicker at Gold Hill, and had the coat with him when arrested. He practically admitted his guilt to the chief, by remarking that "I guess they want me on account of this coat."

He carried a grip in which were a number of articles of little value, among them a letter addressed to Arthur Davis, an old contract to work on a railroad at Calgara, Ca., bearing the signature of Abe Smith.

BOLD BANDIT WORKS IN FRISCO

Man Who Laughs at Police Again Robs Store in Bold Manner—Evidently Nothing Can End His Career—Robs and Kills.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—Farther away than ever from any clue, the police force of this city today is almost desperate in its battle with the single-handed bandit-murderer, who has baffled every effort at capture and laughed sneeringly in the face of the officers since December 4. Last night he committed another robbery, probably the boldest of his record.

While two detectives were marching up and down in front of the Gleason-Courneen drug store, twice robbed by the bandit, the outlaw entered the Charlotte candy store, just two doors away, hid up the place and escaped. Following is record up to date:

His Record.
December 4, 9 o'clock, enters the Gleason-Courneen drug store at 1232 Market street, holds up E. H. Gleason, robs him of \$50 and escapes.

December 4, 10:30 o'clock, attempts to hold up David B. Green in his drug store at Franklin and Turk streets, but is frightened away by the screams of Green's wife, takes to flight, firing on a shot as he runs up the street.

December 4, 1:08 p. m. dashes into Burns' Hamma baths on Eddy street and kills W. Schneider, night manager without attempting to rob him.

December 4, 10 p. m., fleeing from the scene of the Schneider killing, encountering W. L. Hawkins, a private detective, at Ellis and Van Ness, grapples with him, is disarmed by Hawkins, but escapes from captor, disappearing in the vicinity of Willow avenue and Van Ness.

Robs Doctor.
December 12, 8:10 p. m., enters Gleason-Courneen drug store, holds up Dr. Henry Noland and robs him of \$200, pursued by eye witnesses of the holdup and Policeman Gaylord, runs down Market to City Hall avenue, thence to the vicinity of Grove and Van Ness, where he disappears.

December 14, 8 p. m., enters the Charlotte candy store at 1236 Market street, two doors from the Gleason drug store draws revolver and attempts to hold up Mrs. Irene Floris, but takes to flight before getting any money.

Sends Letters.
The bandit has sent a number of letters and postal cards to the police, taunting them. He has telephoned to Dr. Gleason and written to him. Following is a sample of the letter purporting to have been sent by the outlaw:

"I see in the papers that Dr. Gleason invites me to come back Thursday evening. I politely must decline his kind invitation, but I'll drop in, in an informal way, before long, and take it from me, I'll make a monkey out of that Irish brag-mouth. By the way, the Frisco peels are a sorry lot. A little grease paint baffles them completely.

"Au revoir. The Bandit."

The letters and cards are written in variously disguised hands and the police are at a loss to know whether they really come from the bandit or some practical joker.

**CITIZENS DEMANDS CHIEF'S
RESIGNATION IN SALEM**
SALEM, Dec. 15.—The resignation of Chief of Police W. D. Gibson of this city is asked by the law enforcement league in a petition presented to the city council.

U. S. S. YORKTOWN AND EMBARKING OF MARINES; MAP SHOWING SEAT OF WAR IN NICARAGUA.

