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THE WEATHER.
Tonight and Saturday—
Fair. Thursday—high, 52;
low, 38; range, 46.

FOURTH YEAR.

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ZELAYA HAS QUIT HIS JOB

Cables Taft That He Has Resigned and Will Show His Good Faith by Leaving Nicaragua—Government May Ask Punishment.

48—MANAGUA, Dec. 17.—It was announced here today that President Taft sent the following to President Taft last night:

"On December 14 Iabled to Washington this message:

"Secretary Knox: I believe that the sources of your information are prejudiced and request of the United States to send a commission of investigation. If its findings show my administration to be detrimental to Central America, I will resign."

"I have received no reply. I never did harm my country and desire friendly relations with the United States. I have tendered my resignation to congress. I propose to show my good faith by leaving Nicaragua."

It was stated semi-officially today that Provisional General Estrada and his chief lieutenant, General Chamorro, have agreed with General Vasquez and General Toledo, the Zelayan leaders, that there shall be no fighting at Bluefields.

The situation at Rama is unchanged.

SHRINERS DO NOT CARE FOR WATER

Proposed Stunt in Ashland Natatorium Called Off—Will Use Elks' Temple.

Shriners and prospective Shriners didn't take as kindly as expected to the suggestion of water embodied in the announcement that the coming ceremonial session of Hillah Temple of the Ancient Arabic order on January 8th would be held at the new natatorium in Ashland, and so the Elks' Temple has been secured for the occasion instead, which magnificent new structure and particularly the splendid lounge room, will give the stunners ample accommodations.

PROSPECT GOT 19 INCHES IN NOVEMBER

The rainfall at Prospect is one of the big ones for the season. During the month of November, E. P. Graham, volunteer observer, reports a precipitation of nineteen inches at his station. Mr. Graham is furnished, as are all volunteer observers, with appliances for the accurate measurement of precipitation and the registration of the temperature. The station has been established only a few years, so that the observations do not cover a wide range. The greatest precipitation heretofore recorded for a month was in December of last year when the record was a little over 13 inches.

Attention Orchardists

THE MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE will issue a homeseekers' issue on New Years, which will contain the record of the past year of Medford and the Rogue River valley, and data of interest to the homeseeker. It is desirous of securing at once data concerning fruit records made the past season. If complete returns have not been received, fruit growers can give the yield and the expected price. By so doing you will help advertise the Rogue River valley to the world.

Cut this out and mail at once to New Year's edition, Mail Tribune, Medford, Or.

From acres of I picked boxes of for which I received \$..... per box gross, or \$..... per box net. The trees are years old. The greatest age yield for any one tree was boxes, which netted \$..... The average yield per acre was boxes and the average return per acre was \$..... I exhibited at which were awarded the following prizes:

Name Address

If instead of fruit you raised alfalfa or vegetables, or turkeys or hogs, or anything else, send it in, so the world may know what you are doing.

ORCHARDISTS DEMAND INSPECTORS

TO MEET COUNTY COURT EARLY IN JANUARY

If County Officials Cannot Be Prevailed Upon to Employ Inspectors Business Men Will Take Action.

The meeting of the Rogue River Horticultural society, held at the offices of Professor O'Gara Thursday, was attended by the representative fruit growers of the valley and by business men of Medford who are interested in the keeping up of the system of county inspection.

The meeting was called for the purpose of devising ways and means to retain the present corps of county fruit inspectors, and even to increase the number.

O'Gara Speaks. Professor O'Gara stated that he had come to the Rogue River valley to aid in the fight against certain diseases of fruit trees. Since coming here great work had been done in the way of the eradication of certain diseases, particularly blight, but the fight must be kept up, else conditions will revert to what they were before and even worse. If the county would not give him the proper assistance in the way of inspectors he would be recalled by the department, as it is impossible for him to do the field work and office work single-handed. To illustrate how rapidly the blight will work he mentioned the case of San Joaquin valley, California, where 500,000 trees went out in one year, practically ruining the pear industry of the valley.

Vawter Speaks. W. I. Vawter of the Jackson County bank spoke on behalf of the business men. "The fact of Professor O'Gara's presence here and the scientific handling of the pest problem," said Mr. Vawter, "has been a big factor in attracting desirable people and capital here. The short-sighted policy of cutting down the force engaged in the battle for the eradication of fruit pests should be abandoned. Professor O'Gara should not be allowed to go. If we need four inspectors, let us have them; if six, let us have them. Let us have as many as are necessary, and if the county will not pay for them, the progressive business men will aid, and find it a paying investment."

COMMERCIAL CLUBS OVER VALLEY TO ACT

All of the commercial clubs of the valley will take action in the immediate future in connection with the matter of retaining the fruit inspectors similar to that taken by the Medford Commercial club, Gold Hill, Central Point and Ashland all have signified their intention to act soon.

WORK SOON START ON ELECTRIC ROAD

John R. Allen Leaves for New York—Promises That Work Will Start Soon.

"While I cannot make any definite statement at this time regarding commencement of work on the electric road, I do not think local people will be disappointed by any great delay. Work will start as soon as possible and when once started will be rushed to completion."

"I expect to return from New York between March 1 and 15. When I do return it will be to carry on construction work in rapid manner."

"I think a great deal of Medford. I have been treated well, and will in turn endeavor to treat the city well." Such were the words of John R. Allen Thursday evening just before he left to spend the next two months in New York. He will return early in March with all of his plans matured, so that he can direct the construction of the Pacific & Eastern and the trolley line.

"I am also pleased with progress being made on the Pacific & Eastern. Work is going ahead rapidly and with two weeks of good weather now great strides will be taken by the graders. The right of way has been cleared to Butte Falls and the heavy rock work is being rapidly completed. The road will be in Butte Falls in the spring."

Ashland Aids. Secretary Frobach of the Ashland Commercial club spoke in the same strain and pledged the support of the Ashland people.

"The commercial orchard is usually clean," said Mr. Frobach; "it is the old family orchard which is the breed

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DELEGATION TO FIGHT LA FEAN APPLE BILL

John R. Allen Gives \$200 Towards Sending Orchardists Back to Denver to Defeat Measure in Congress

The orchardists of the Rogue river valley at their meeting Thursday afternoon voted to send a delegation to Denver, Colo., early in January to be on hand when the La Fean apple bill, now before congress, is discussed. A number of contributions were made for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the delegation, among them being one of \$200 by John R. Allen, who stated that, "Rogue river produces apples large enough and fine enough to pack in whatever size boxes the orchardists saw fit. "And," said Mr. Allen, "if you need any more come to me again."

Wisler to Go. C. E. Wisler will lead the delegation and state that he will pay half of his own expenses. J. A. Westerlund is another who will probably go.

The La Fean apple bill is said to be the result of jealousy on the part of eastern apple growers who would fix a standard box, and one not suited to the western grower. It will receive a great deal of consideration at the annual convention of the Western Fruit Jobbers Association in Denver January 5, 6, and 7 as the association has set aside half a day for the consideration of this matter.

Apple Show, Too. As the Denver National Apple show will be held the same week that the association convenes there will be an unusually large number of apple growers and shippers present to discuss the matter.

The pertinent points of the La Fean apple bill as drafted and introduced in congress follows:

The provision of the act apply to closed packages of apples intended for transportation from one state to territory of the United States to any other place in the same territory, or from any place in the United States through a foreign country to any other place in the United States.

Size of Box. The standard box package for apples shall be a box having a capacity of not less than two thousand three

LEOPOLD, REX HAS PASSED AWAY

King of the Belgians Is Dead—Prince Albert Will Ascend Throne—People Show Little Grief at the Public Announcement.

The National Monitor announced today that pending the accession of the throne of Prince Albert, Belgian affairs would be administered by a regency consisting of a council of ministers.

The king died at 2:35 o'clock this morning. The immediate cause of his death according to Dr. Thirrar, his chief physician, was embolism of the heart.

Heart Trouble. "We were most apprehensive when we performed the recent operation of the king," said Dr. Thirrar today, "because we were aware of the heart trouble, but the operation was absolutely necessary to prevent terrible. Thanks to the operation, the king's death was painless."

Leopold's death occurred on the 44th anniversary of his formal succession to the throne, although his kingship dated from December, 1865.

Little Mourning. All the daily papers of the capital appeared today with great black page borders. Aside from this tribute, however, there is little manifestation of public grief. The little affection for the king that remained in the hearts of his people was decreased during the final few days of his illness when he refused to become reconciled to his daughters, the princess Stephanie and the princess Louise.

If there's some needed thing you're waiting to buy at a bargain, you have a direct object in reading the ads.

SILAS J DAY PIONEER IS LYING VERY ILL

Judge Day Has Been Identified With Jackson County Since Early Days—Now Very Sick.

Silas J. Day, one of the sturdy pioneers of Southern Oregon, is lying very ill at his home in Jacksonville. Mr. Day is one of the most highly respected citizens of Jackson county and has a host of friends whose sympathy is with his family during his illness. Mrs. Day's only daughter, Mrs. Mamie Dox, is now in the east for medical treatment and one of the phases of the case which appeal to the friends of Judge Day is the fact that her condition prevents her being at the bedside of her aged father.

Judge Day has been identified with Jackson county from pioneer days. He was county clerk in the early days when the business of the whole of Jackson county, which at that time included all of the present Klamath, part of Lake and part of Josephine, and was county judge at the time when Jackson made her first step toward progress, in building a brick court house, the only one at that time in the state of Oregon outside of Portland.

hundred and forty-two inches, when measured without distinction of its parts. Any box of less capacity, when used for apples, shall be marked on both end and side, in a plain and indelible manner with black letters of size not less than seventy-two point block Gothic, with the words 'short box,' or with the number of cubic inches it actually contains.

IT CAN'T BE DONE



Yet you might as well try to lift yourself by your boot straps as try to keep up with the times without reading your home newspaper. By the way, come to think of it, wouldn't today be a good time to subscribe?

JOE BROWN, DIRT SELLER, DRAWS FROM RACE

When He Consented to Run It Was With Understanding Wortman Would Not Be Candidate.

To the Citizens of the Second Ward: In withdrawing my name as a candidate for member of the council, I wish to make the following statement:

At the time I was asked to allow my name to be used, it was with the understanding that the present incumbent, Mr. Wortman, had refused to serve another term. But as it seems to be the wish of the majority of the present council that there be no change made until the many problems now pending have been settled, I herewith withdraw my name as a candidate.

Thanking my friends for their good intentions and assuring them of my hearty support in everything for the upbuilding of our city's interests, I remain yours sincerely,
JOE BROWN,
"The Man Who Sells Dirt."

Owing to the wide spread sentiment that the present members of the city council should be retained until after the present water problem has been settled, Joe Brown, dirt seller, business man and large property owner, has withdrawn his name as a candidate, leaving the field open to Harry G. Wortman.

By this action Mr. Brown has shown that he has the welfare of the city at heart, and he deserves the thanks of the community. Mr. Brown only consented to run after his friends had shown him of the need of some business man running to insure a continued successful city administration. At that time Mr. Wortman refused to consider another term. However, business men of the city realized that he, more than any other perhaps, understood the exact situation of the water middle. So pressure was brought to bear and Mr. Wortman consented to run. Thereupon Mr. Brown withdrew from the race.

From present indications there will be no one to enter the lists against the present officials, all of whom have consented to run again. Their election means a continued era of advancement in civic improvement and they will be returned by overwhelming majorities, even if opponents can be found in the various wards.

Home cooking, canned fruit and fancy articles on sale at Angle opera house tomorrow, December 18th.

CONGRESS TO LOOK INTO CHARGE

Sensational Attack Upon Ballinger in House Makes It Certain That Investigation of Land Offices Must Soon Follow.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The sensational attack upon Secretary of the Interior Ballinger, made upon the floor of the house yesterday by Representative Hitchcock of Nebraska, makes it practically certain that the house organization cannot stave off an investigation of the general land offices after Christmas.

The general sentiment of the house today is that there should be full investigation of the charges brought against the secretary by L. R. Glavis, former chief of the field division of the land office in connection with the Alaskan lands.

Resolution to Committee. A resolution demand such an investigation is now in the hands of the rules committee, having been referred to that body by Speaker Cannon. The resolution cannot be dragged from the rules committee unless enough strength is mustered to overrule Speaker Cannon, who is known to be opposed to an investigation. The democrats and the conservationists believe today that this can be done.

Matter Up to Congress. The speech of Hitchcock put the matter flatly up to congress in plain terms, and the representative from Nebraska made his demand for an investigation in strongest possible terms. Those men who have lined up against Ballinger in what they term the fight for the "Roosevelt policy of conservation" look upon the Hitchcock speech as the real opening of the battle before congress. They say that they are prepared to meet power.

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MONEY FOR BOOZE FLOWS LIKE WATER

Man Comes to Town With \$150 and in Few Hours Nearly All is Gone—Is Arrested.

Martin Duffy, who has been working on the P. & E. for the past two months, came to town yesterday afternoon and proceeded to satisfy the thirst he had accumulated during that time.

At about 11 o'clock last night Martin was gathered in by the police and came before Recorder Telfer in the morning. When he started on his thirst quenching expedition Martin had in the neighborhood of \$150 on him, when arrested he pawned out just \$14. Somewhere along the primrose path he had scattered the balance of his hard earned shuckles, but that didn't phase Duffy. When Recorder Telfer told him that \$5 was the cost of his accommodations at the city bastille, he promptly dug up the \$5.

"Come down an' have a drink, judge," he said.

"No," the recorder responded, "and it would be a good idea for you not to drink any more today."

"Aw, have a cigar, inyway, judge. Don't be mane wid a fella. I hadn't taken a sup for two months until yesterday and I fale laik I naded one now. What the devil if they did take some money off me. Ye wouldn't want to say a poor devil goin' hungry whilst ye had the money in yer pocket, now wad ye? Its niver broke am I until me lasht cent has been spent."

And Martin Duffey rolled away to git rid of that last \$8.00.