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# MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

THE WEATHER.  
Tonight and Tuesday—  
Fair. Sunday—high, 56;  
low, 34; range, 44.

FOURTH YEAR.

MEDFORD, OREGON, MONDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1909.

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## MANY PERISH IN LONDON FIRE

### Twenty-Two Known to Be Dead and Nearly 100 Others Missing—Great Depart- ment Store Burns—Panic Follows First Alarm.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—Twenty-two persons are known to be dead, 50 are in hospitals suffering from injuries, and nearly 100 others are missing as the result of a fire that destroyed the Great Arding and Hobbs store in Clapham suburbs at noon today. Three hundred persons were in the store when the fire started. A scene of confusion bordering upon a panic ensued when the scores of shoppers and clerks rushed for the lifts and stairs.

Several clerks and patrons leaped from third and fourth story windows to the pavement. Others jumped from an interior balcony to the main floor, which already was burning fiercely.

Within an hour after the fire was discovered the great dome collapsed, covering adjoining stores with a mass of burning debris. The entire block in which the store was located soon was a mass of uncontrolled flames.

It is feared that many of those who leaped from the balcony into the burning cloud lost their lives. When the dome collapsed this section of the store was burned in the blazing ruins. The firemen believe that many of the missing lie beneath this debris.

The fire is said to have started from a defective electric light wire. The extent of the damage has not yet been estimated.

## DETECTIVE HITS MAN ON HEAD; IS NEARLY DEAD

SEATTLE, Wn., Dec. 20.—Michael Koehler, a logger, employed in Joseph McCarthy's camp, is in the receiving ward hospital today with a fractured skull, and suffering from concussion of the brain in the opinion of the attending physicians, may prove fatal as a result of a blow over the head from a revolver wielded by Detective William Petersen. The latter has been suspended pending an investigation into the assault on Koehler, which according to eye-witnesses was unprovoked. Koehler was being ejected from a saloon and resisted when Petersen who was passing was called by the bartender to assist him. Petersen called to a crowd of spectators to stop the fugitive and they did so and in the tussle that ensued Koehler was thrown to the ground. He was held there until the arrival of Petersen, who drew his revolver, and with an oath, dealt Koehler the blow which caused a fracture of the skull and concussion of the brain.

E. H. Cunningham of Newall, Ia., a member of the Iowa state legislature, is spending a few days looking over Medford and vicinity.

## COMMUTATION RATE PROVING POPULAR

### Many Residents Who Own Orchards Along Southern Pacific Use New Tickets.

The Southern Pacific company has granted a commutation rate to those Medford residents who have orchards down the line which it is necessary for them to visit frequently. The 8:04 train carries quite a crowd of these people every morning and the number is constantly growing. The importance of the traffic is shown in the granting of the commutation rate.

## W. J. CALHOUN, CHICAGO LAWYER, NEW UNITED STATES ENVOY TO CHINA



William J. Calhoun, who was induced after much persuasion on the part of President Taft to accept the post of minister to China, is one of the most prominent lawyers in the middle west. He lived for many years in Danville, Ill., the home of Speaker Cannon, but his home is now in Chicago. When Mr. Calhoun announced that he would accept the mission that Charles R. Crane was so unsuccessful with the president asked him to start for the orient at once. Mr. Calhoun has on two occasions performed excellent diplomatic service for the government. He was a schoolmate of William McKinley, and when the latter wanted a reliable name to investigate the Ruiz affair just before the Spanish war he placed the task in Calhoun's hands. Later Mr. Roosevelt sent him to Venezuela to settle the asphalt controversy. In each instance he acquitted himself with credit. The accompanying photograph was taken since his appointment.

## TRANSFERS LAND TOPALMERESTATE

### Honore Palmer Turns Prop- erty on Rogue River Over to His Uncle as Trustee.

Honore Palmer has transferred the property held in his name on Rogue River to Adrian C. Honore, trustee of the Potter Palmer estate. The consideration given was \$16,410.

Al Andrews of Seattle has purchased 31 acres of J. W. Stevens at Phoenix across from the piece of George Hoover, and 20 acres adjoining belonging to Mrs. Palmer, the consideration being \$6375.

Mr. Andrews will improve the property by planting out an orchard of apples and pears.

R. W. Northrup reports the following sales made last week:

To George P. Carr of Chicago, ten acre tract of land. Consideration, \$2000.

To C. W. Adams of Evanston, Ill., ten-acre tract of land. Consideration, \$1900.

## REPUBLICANS IGNORE ATTACK ON BALLENGER

### Declare Speech of Hitchcock Was Simply Democratic Campaign Material.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 20.—It is believed here today that the Republican s in congress will ignore the attack against Secretary of Interior Ballinger by Representative Hitchcock of Nebraska late last week in a speech on the floor. The Republicans declare the speech merely was Democratic campaign material and they will not give the Democrats the satisfaction of a congressional investigation of his accusation.

## PHYSICIANS TO MEET TUESDAY

### Will Discuss Many Matters of Interest to Profession— Birth Law to Be Discussed.

A meeting of the physicians of Medford will be held Tuesday evening for the purpose of discussing matters pertaining to the profession. Papers will be read by prominent physicians.

The law providing for the registration of births has not been as close followed as it should be by either the physicians or the laity, and thus the object of the law, the compiling of vital statistics, has been so far defeated.

There is a penalty provided for the non-observance of the statute, but the matter of securing evidence upon which to convict is a difficult one. However, the physicians, at least, should give all assistance possible in this respect.

This will be one of the matters for discussion at the meeting.

## ORCHARDISTS GETTING READY FOR PLANTING

### This Year's Planting Will Exceed That of Any Previous Year— Ground Being Prepared.

The orchardmen are about as busy as they can be at present getting ready for the big spring planting, which will exceed by all odds any previous year in the history of the county.

Ground is being prepared for the reception of the trees and the first of the year the work will be in full swing.

## LOOKS LIKE EXAMINING COOK IS FAKER MEDFORD FAKER MILK

### Savans of Danish University Are Said to Be Deeply Em- barressed by Their Former Championship of Dr. Cook —Trying to Back Down.

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 20.—That the committee investigating the polar data of Dr. Frederick A. Cook will send in a report neither favorable nor adverse to the claims of the explorer was the prediction today of a member of the faculty of the University of Copenhagen, who is cognizant of the deliberations of the committee.

The savans of the Danish university who are serving on the committee are said to be deeply embarrassed by their former championship of Dr. Cook, coupled with their inability to find anything approaching acceptable proof in his reports, and are casting about for a way to retire gracefully from the controversy. Rumors have leaked from the committee room that the data submitted by the Brooklyn explorer is so incomplete that Cook's presence before the committee would not aid its work, but he will not be asked to appear.

## "Faked" the Picture.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 20.—That Frederick A. Cook, the Brooklyn polar explorer, "faked" his picture of the flag he claimed to have planted at the north pole was the charge made today by Dr. John A. Brasher, an astronomer connected with the University of Pittsburgh.

Had the flag been planted at the pole, Brasher declared, it would have cast a long shadow, as the sun at that time was at an elevation of 8 degrees. Cook's picture, as he charged, showed no shadow. The explorer explained this by stating that the picture taken was a small one and that many details had been lost when it was enlarged for use on a picture slide.

Speaking of the claims of the Brooklyn explorer, Dr. Brasher said: "When Cook lectured in this city he was asked what sextant he used in making his observations. He replied: 'I cannot remember.' This was a peculiar form of forgetfulness."

Dr. Brasher does not believe that either Cook or Peary will be able to prove that he reached the pole.

## BLACKLISTED MAN AGAIN GETS DRUNK

### Policeman Murdock Uses His Firsts in Making Prisoner Behave.

W. C. Cannon was arrested Saturday night by Policeman Murdock on a charge of being drunk.

When Murdock first arrested him Cannon resisted and struck the officer, whereupon the policeman proceeded to administer a severe drubbing.

Cannon was lodged in jail and Sunday morning was turned loose on his own recognizance to appear Monday morning.

Murdock was called before the grand jury on another case Monday morning and did not file a complaint. In fact, leaving word with Recorder Telfer to let the man go when he appeared. The question arises whether a policeman is justified in beating up an inebriated man with his fists, when the latter's condition is such that he is, partially at least, irresponsible for his acts.

Another matter enters into this case, and that is that Cannon is and has been for some time on the blacklist, and all saloonkeepers have been notified to refuse him drink.

### State Dairy and Food In- spector Looking in Local Milk Question—Council May Pass Ordinance Aid- ing in the Work.

W. E. Cotterlin, inspector for the state dairy and food commission, is in Medford examining Medford's milk supply. Mr. Cotterlin states that while most of the dairies are complying with the law, a few violations are evident and that he will undertake to straighten out the matter.

Monday Mr. Cotterlin called up Mayor Cannon and discussed the matter. As a result of their conference the city officials will probably request the state commissioner to place Medford in the same class as cities of over 10,000 population, which can be done when the city makes the request, after which the state can enforce the laws as regard dairies.

"I find that most of your dairymen," said Mr. Cotterlin, "are obeying the law. But there are a few who need to be informed as to the law, and if this has no effect steps should be taken to enforce it."

## SALT LAKE TO GET FIGHT - GRANEY

### Says Tex Rickard Declared That Mormon Metropolis is Place Where Battle Will Take Place.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20.—Expressing the belief that the Jeffries-Johnson fight will be held in Salt Lake City, Promoter Eddie Graneay arrived here today from New York.

"I didn't get what I went after," said the "honest blacksmith," but I have no kick coming. It put in what I considered a good bid for the big fight, but the other fellows thought differently and that's all there is to it.

"It is my honest belief that Jeffries and Johnson will fight in Salt Lake City. Tex Rickard declared to me with all positiveness the day before I started west that the Mormon metropolis will get the fight.

"Salt Lake, he points out, is only 24 hours from Los Angeles, 24 hours from Denver, two days from Chicago, 17 hours from Butte, 24 hours from the big Nevada cities and about 30 hours from San Francisco, Portland, Seattle, Tacoma and Spokane. He is not sore at San Francisco, as some of the interviews coming from the east have made him say he was. It's simply a matter of business with him, as he believes the fight will draw more money in Salt Lake than it would here.

"I saw both Jeffries and Johnson shortly before I started for home and both were looking well. Johnson is having a good time in a mild way but he is not misbehaving.

"As for my being the third man in the ring, when the big fellows fight, that is a matter that I am not considering at all. I am not a candidate for the job, as my old interests are sufficient to keep me pretty busy.

"The people back in New York gave me the time of my life and I will never forget them. They showed me every possible attention, simply overwhelming me with kindnesses."

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 20.—The senate today confirmed the appointment of Horace Lurton of Tennessee as associate justice of the supreme court of the United States. Lurton was recommended by President Taft to succeed the late Justice Peckham.

## A BAD EXAMPLE FIRST MOVE EAST SIDE SCHOOL

### Board Takes Steps to Buy Site for Schoolhouse on the East Side of City—Queen Anne Addition Is Chosen by the Board.

The school board today took the first step toward the erection of a schoolhouse for the east side of the city by purchasing a site in the Queen Anne addition. For some time the board has been figuring on a site in that section of the city and has now secured one.

The East Side has long needed a school building, especially for the first six grades, as the small children have a long way to go to attend either the West or North schools at present and during the winter this is most inconvenient.

Some weeks ago the board endeavored to secure a site on that side, but failed.

It will probably be some months before the board is in a position to start the construction of the new building.

## URGING SHORTER ROUTE TO CRATER

### Residents of Butte Falls in Line for Construction of a New Road to Shorten Dis- tance to Crater Lake.

Residents of Butte Falls held a mass meeting recently at which time it was decided to urge the construction of a road from the Geppert place to Prospect, a distance of five miles, which will open a direct Medford-Butte Falls-Prospect-Crater Lake road. This route will cut seven miles off of the road to Crater Lake as followed at present.

The Butte Falls residents will send a delegation soon to wait on the county court and urge the building of the road.

PARTY THOUGHT LOST  
HAS BEEN LOCATED

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Dec. 20.—Messages received today indicate that the party of American explorers reported to have been devoured by cannibals on the island of Tiburon in the Gulf of California, have returned in safety to a small town in the Mexican gulf coast. The party had been missing for weeks and was given up for lost. The message which was sent yesterday did not account for their long absence.

The organ presented to Father Van Clarenbeck, mentioned in the Mail Tribune was the personal gift of Manager Campbell, not of the Sherman-Clay Co. The Mail Tribune was misinformed on the subject and this is to correct the error.

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## GONG WILL SOUND AT 8 O'CLOCK TONIGHT

### Clever Boxing Match Arranged for Opera House This Evening.

From the time the gong sounds for the first preliminary tonight until the time is called in the last round of the principal bout on the card, the fans will find something doing every minute.

The show is intended to be the opening wedge for the organization of an athletic club, under the auspices of which tournaments may be held from time to time, and when the youth of the city can have an opportunity of learning the art of taking care of themselves in emergency and at the same time get training that will tend to their good physically and otherwise.

Both Ralston and Doan, the principals, who will go 15 rounds are in tiptop condition and ready to put up a rattling fight.

Young Corbett and Young Jeffries the midgets, will make a showing that will surprise you, and will at the same time illustrate why the youngsters should be taught to box. Both kids are clever for their age and know how to protect themselves.

## GIFT - BUYERS

SHOULD BE INTERESTED  
AND ALERT  
AD-WATCHERS

THE gift-guest is less full of heart-aches if you have planned your purchases, and are watching the ads. to find the best opportunities to buy.

For the ad-watchers find the bargains—the chances to get things at "a little less." They make their gift-money "go further"—make it serve more people, thus reducing the number of those who may feel "overlooked."

In every ad. today there's good news—even some excitement—for everyone who "has some buying to do."