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# MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

THE WEATHER.  
Tonight and Wednesday,  
fair. Monday—High 56,  
low 34, range 44.

FOURTH YEAR.

MEDFORD, OREGON, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1909.

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## DR. COOK BRANDED GREATEST FAKER

### UNIVERSITY TURNS HIM DOWN

Investigating Committee As-  
serts His Records Are  
Wholly Insufficient to  
Warrant Verdict That He  
Discovered North Pole.

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 21.—The  
committee which has been investi-  
gating the data of Dr. Frederick A.  
Cook today officially reported to the  
consistory of the University of Cop-  
penhagen that Dr. Cook's records and  
observations are wholly insufficient  
to warrant a verdict that he dis-  
covered the north pole. By this action  
Dr. Cook is branded the greatest fiker  
of history.

The consistory of the university  
adopted the report of the commit-  
tee, flatly rejecting Dr. Cook's claims  
and throwing out his records and  
observations.

**Data Is Worthless.**  
Cook's data, according to the re-  
port, is no more convincing than was  
the newspaper account. The com-  
mittee made up their minds after a  
day spent on the records. They were  
dumb with surprise.

Dr. Cook's private secretary, Lons-  
dale, who represented the explorer  
here, is bitterly disappointed at the  
verdict. He is making an effort to  
induce the consistory to withhold fi-  
nal judgment until the whole of Dr.  
Cook's data can be presented to it.

**Claims Other Data Coming.**  
Lonsdale told the committee that  
missing data, which are part of Dr.  
Cook's original documents, were sent  
here from America by a route differ-  
ent from that by which the records  
already examined were brought. He  
said this additional data would  
arrive in a few days.

The private secretary said the meth-  
od of sending the data by two different  
routes was adopted for purposes of  
protection.

**Disregard Secretary.**  
The consistory refused to pay any  
attention to Lonsdale's application,  
and the findings announced today are  
final as far as the consistory is con-  
cerned.

The discrediting of Dr. Cook was  
a severe blow to the Danish scientists  
who had stood firmly by him and given  
him support under the charges  
made by Commander Peary. The  
great reception given Dr. Cook on  
his arrival here, the honors that were  
paid him by high and low, including  
the king, are recalled with somewhat  
openly displayed chagrin.

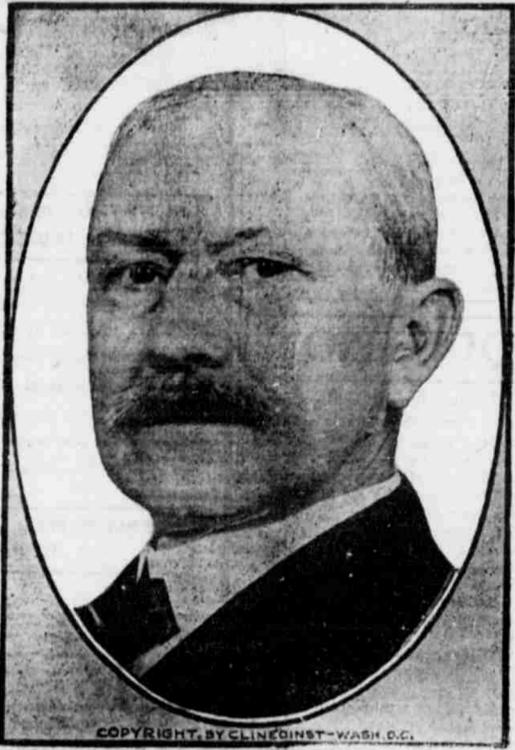
**Were Cook's Friends.**  
It is known that the Danish ex-  
perts were personally inclined to fa-  
vor Dr. Cook, most of them already  
coming out in statements tend-  
ing to substantiate his claims. There-  
fore the absolutely flat decision  
against him is looked upon as all the  
more convincing.

It is believed that the data and record  
had provided grounds upon which  
the scientists could have established  
a reasonable basis for claiming that  
the Brooklyn explorer really reached  
the pole, and the claim would have  
been made and upheld as long as  
tenable.

**Noted Men on Board.**  
The committee consisted of the fol-  
lowing world-renowned scientists:  
Professor Ellis Stromgren, Com-  
mander Gustav Holm, director of the  
hydrographic bureau; Commander  
Jensen, director of navigation; As-  
tronomer Pechyle of the University of  
Copenhagen, Captain Ryder of the  
Meteorological Institution, and Pro-  
fessor Lund of the University of Sw-  
eden.

A member of the committee said  
Knocked 'Em Speechless.  
today:

### SECRETARY BALLINGER



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### NEW TELEPHONE COMPANY FORMED

Soon Be Possible to Tele-  
phone Up Evans, Pleasant  
and Ward Creeks.

The citizens of Woodville and pro-  
perty owners along Evans creek met  
in Woodville Saturday and organized  
what will be known as the Evans  
Creek Telephone Co.

The following officers were elected:  
President, G. H. Carnes; vice  
president, F. W. Streets; secretary,  
E. D. Thompson; treasurer, Samuel  
Mathis. A board of five directors  
were chosen.

The new telephone line will cover  
about twenty-five miles up Evans,  
Pleasant and Wards creeks. The ma-  
terials and construction will be of  
the best.

The stock was eagerly subscribed  
and enough signed up to build the  
line and equip it.

Telephone switchboards will be in-  
stalled in the Wimer Mercantile Co.  
store at Wimer, some suitable build-  
ing in Woodville and arrangements  
have been made to connect with the  
Pacific States line at Grants Pass.  
Thus Woodville shows her disposition  
to keep in the procession of progres-  
sion in the Rogue river valley.

S. H. Glass dropped dead Monday  
at his place on upper Rogue river.  
He will be buried at Antioch tomor-  
row at 2 o'clock. He was a member  
of Medford lodge, No. 103, A. F. &  
A. M.

"It took the committee but a few  
minutes to see that Dr. Cook's ob-  
servations and so-called records are  
worthless.

"We could have reported immedi-  
ately, but it took several days to re-  
cover from the surprise.

"The so-called note books on which  
Dr. Cook relied in a great measure  
for vindication had only accounts of  
his observations, rather than the ob-  
servations themselves. These note  
books were thrown aside without a  
moment's consideration.

"I cannot understand how a man  
of Dr. Cook's reputed scientific at-  
tainments could have attempted to  
bolster up his claims with such flim-  
sy evidence.

### AMENT DAM IS ALL BUT GONE

Ed Clanton, Deputy Fish  
Warden, Says Next Flood  
Will Carry Structure Out.

That the Ament dam is so badly  
damaged that the next high water will  
carry it down stream is the report  
brought to this city by Ed Clanton,  
deputy fish warden, who was in town  
Monday on his way to Ashland. The  
new fishway, pronounced the finest  
in the state, was badly damaged by  
rolling boulders. At present it is be-  
ing repaired and fish are going up  
the old fishway.

"There is no doubt," said Mr. Clan-  
ton, "but that the flood will carry  
the Ament dam out.

"The new fishway was damaged  
by rolling boulders and at the bot-  
tom of it a large pool of still water  
has formed, so that the fish will not  
use it. At present, while it is being  
prepared the fish are coming up the  
old one."

### NO MORE BORAX IN PRESERVING HEN FRUIT

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 21.—  
The mummified egg industry received  
another jolt and the human race was  
showered another notch nearer nature  
by a court decision just rendered at  
Peoria, Illinois, the opinion in which  
today reached the department of ag-  
riculture. The Illinois judge held  
against the use of borax as a preser-  
vative for eggs, in a case growing out  
of the seizure of fifty cases of hen  
fruit preserved in that "dope."

While the decision may bring egg  
consumers nearer to nature, depart-  
mental officials aren't yet anticipat-  
ing the time when the housewife can  
hope to stand expectant at the hen  
house door awaiting the kaplunk  
which indicates the production of the  
egg. Indeed, the department still sor-  
rowfully admits that eggs may yet be  
messed up, as an inviting omelet on  
the restaurant table. The pure food  
law has its defects, they admit. But  
they intend to stop the practice of  
egg storage houses in "pickling" hen  
fruit in poisons.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 21.—  
Congress adjourned early this after-  
noon to resume its session on Thurs-  
day, January 4.

### NICARAGUA HAS NEW RULER

Madriz Takes Control, Suc-  
ceeding Zelaya—Promises  
All "New Deal"—Promises  
Immunity to Revolution-  
ists if They Surrender.

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Dec. 21.—  
Jose Madriz today assumed the pres-  
ident of Nicaragua succeeding former  
President Zelaya, who resigned.

Madriz' recent threats to break  
with Zelaya, coupled with his sub-  
sequent announcement that his presi-  
dential candidacy was supported by  
the Mexican government, which had  
sent Senator Creel to Washington to in-  
tercede in his behalf, is construed by  
his supporters to mean that he will  
be president in fact as well as in  
name, and that he intends to give the  
country a "new deal."

Americans here, however, are in-  
clined to accept this opinion. They  
believe that the new president is pre-  
tending to want peace in order to  
preclude the possibility of interven-  
tion on the part of the United States.  
Madriz has promised the revolution-  
ists immunity if they will sur-  
render. He has intimated that he  
will place Provisional President Es-  
trada in a high office.

**Battle Still "Imminent."**  
BLUEFIELDS, Nicaragua, Dec. 21.  
Reports from Rama today say that  
Estrada's army is advancing against  
General Vasquez just outside Rama  
today and that a battle is imminent.

This is the first decisive move on  
the part of the revolutionists against  
the selection of Madriz as successor  
of Zelaya as president.

The formal protest against the  
election of Madriz will be based upon  
the fact that the Atlantic coast de-  
partments were not represented in the  
congress that elected Madriz.

Under Estrada in the impending  
battle will be Generals Luis, Diaz,  
Manafeen, Matuty, Pacho and Ca-  
morro. It was reported today that  
the gunboat Blanca has sailed up the  
Mico river.

### ANOTHER PIONEER PASSES BEYOND THE GREAT DIVIDE

S. N. Cook, one of the pioneer  
residents of Applegate, died at his  
home in that section Saturday, De-  
cember 19, aged 77 years, 7 months  
and 7 days.

Mr. Cook came to Oregon in 1870  
and made his home on the farm from  
that time until he passed away.

He was an honest, upright citizen,  
and had friends by the score among  
his neighbors.

The funeral took place at Jack-  
sonville Monday under the auspices of  
Jacksonville lodge, I. O. O. F., of  
which he was a member.

The Farmers' and Fruitgrowers'  
Bank, in the Syndicate building, cor-  
ner of Main and Grape streets, will  
be opened for business Thursday  
morning, December 23rd. It was in-  
tended to have the bank open Wed-  
nesday but unavoidable delays have  
prevented the consummation of the  
first plans.

### LEE JACOBS WILL RUN FOR TREASURER

After much pressure had  
been brought to bear Lee Jac-  
obs has at last consented to  
become a candidate to succeed  
himself as city treasurer. No  
one could well be found better  
qualified and it is extremely  
doubtful if any one will enter  
the lists against him.

### RIGHT OF WAY MAPS ARE FILED

Now a Gap of Only Some 50  
Miles Remains Between the  
End of Oregon Trunk  
Right of Way and Butte  
Falls.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Dec. 21.  
—Maps filed in the Lakeview land  
office by James J. Hill's new rail-  
way, the Oregon Trunk Line, have  
given rise to the belief that Hill and  
"Lumber King" Weyerhaeuser have  
joined forces.

The maps show that a right of way  
has been secured from The Dalles  
down the Des Shutes valley and Des  
Chutes Canyon. The right of way  
extends to a point thirty miles south  
of Crescent Lake, thence passing up  
the East fork of the Des Chutes.  
The maps indicate a right of way to  
a point sixty-five miles due north  
of this city.

Weyerhaeuser owns more than  
200,000 acres of valuable timber land  
in the section through which the right  
of way extends and maintains a  
narrow gauge line from Klamath  
Falls into the timber belt. The fact  
that the right of way follows so  
closely the Weyerhaeuser lands has  
furnished grounds for the rumor of  
a combination between the owner  
and Hill.

From the present terminal of the  
right of way of the Oregon Trunk  
Line to Butte Falls there is only a  
gap of some fifty miles, although a  
greater distance may be required in  
order to get through the Cascades.  
Gradually the gap is being closed and  
before long Medford will have a new  
outlet to the east.

### PHYSICAL VALUE OF ROADS NEEDED

Interstate Commerce Commission  
Files Its Annual Report—  
Much Legislation  
Urged.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—In enu-  
merating certain amendments to ex-  
isting laws which it deems desir-  
able, the interstate commerce com-  
mission in its annual report made  
public today places foremost the ur-  
gent need of a physical valuation of  
the interstate railways of the coun-  
try. In this connection the report  
says that if rates established by the  
commission are to be successfully de-  
fended when attacked by the car-  
riers, some means must be furnished  
by which, within reasonable limits, a  
value can be established which shall  
be binding upon the courts and the  
commission. The report also urges  
that some method be provided by  
which railroads can be prevented  
from advancing their rates or chang-  
ing their regulations and practices  
to the disadvantage of the shipper  
pending an investigation into the  
reasonableness of the proposed  
changes.

The need of control over railway  
capitalization is again urged upon  
the attention of congress as a subject  
constantly increasing in importance.  
The average cost of running a train  
one mile was \$1.47. The average re-  
ceipts for passenger service per train  
mile was \$1.27 and the freight \$2.65.

As gift-buying days grow fewer,  
ad-reading should be increasingly  
helpful to you.

### Reading Ancient History



Is All Very Well,  
but the world today is making more  
interesting history than ever before.  
Subscribe for this paper and keep  
up with the people now on earth.

### DRYS CERTAIN TO WIN TODAY IN ASHLAND

Indications Are That "Pas-  
adena Plan" Will Be De-  
feated by No Less Than  
Three Hundred Votes.

ASHLAND, Dec. 21.—(Special)—  
The printing of a long argument  
favoring the "Pasadena plan" in last  
evening's Tidings and the circula-  
tion of small sheets containing the  
article and signed by J. M. Griffin as  
secretary of the "Ashland Liberal  
League," was the first intimation  
the voters have had that the pro-  
liquor forces were actively at work  
to carry today's election. The anti-  
saloon league has made its usual  
thorough campaign and indications  
point to the defeat of the proposed  
"Pasadena plan" amendment by not  
less than 300 votes, while saloon li-  
cense will be defeated by not less  
than 200 majority.

**Final Rally.**  
The final rally of the anti was  
held last night at the opera house  
and while the attendance was large,  
it was significant that less than ten  
per cent of the crowd were women.  
Rev. Ward MacHenry, on behalf of  
the anti-saloon league, disclaimed  
any particular interest in the audi-  
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### CONGRESS TO EXAMINE OFFICE

Determined Today That Con-  
gress Will Thoroughly In-  
vestigate the So-Called Pin-  
chot-Ballinger Controversy  
Long Before Country.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—It was  
finally determined today that there  
shall be an investigation by congress  
of the so-called Ballinger-Pinchot con-  
troversy.

Senator Flint today introduced a  
resolution which was adopted and  
which calls up President Taft to turn  
over to congress all the reports and  
statements purporting to contain  
charges made by L. R. Glavis, for-  
merly chief of the field division of  
the land office, against Secretary  
of the Interior Ballinger.

**Ballinger Asks It.**  
After the resolution was adopted,  
Senator Jones of Washington read  
before the senate a letter from Bal-  
linger demanding in the strongest  
terms a thorough investigation of his  
department and the forest service.  
Senator Jones declared that he would  
offer a resolution calling for the in-  
vestigation immediately after the hol-  
idays.

**Wants It Thorough.**  
In the letter Ballinger wrote to  
Senator Jones he said in part:

"Any investigation by congress of  
the interior department and its offi-  
cers should be sufficiently broad and  
far-reaching to allay all suspicions,  
criticisms and representations of cor-  
ruption and improper practices hereto-  
fore charged against the adminis-  
tration and therefore further, such  
an investigation should embrace the  
forest service, since we have reason  
to believe that the precautions and  
activity of its officers have been the  
source of inspirations of these charge  
and involve in common the adminis-  
trations of the public domain.

**Best Interest Require It.**  
"The best interests of the interior  
department require a broad and thor-  
ough-going investigation, and I assure  
you that it cannot be too broad to  
suit me, and those under me who  
have likewise suffered indignities and  
unjust censure by the deliberate mis-  
representation of facts and who  
court and will demand inquiry by  
congress, and since you have stated  
your desire to aid me in establishing  
before congress the injustice of the  
attacks which have been made

### You May Well Be Proud —of— Medford's Stores!

Medford's stores are bigger, better, more interest-  
ing this month than ever before in the city's history.  
Never before were so many of life's needed things  
offered for sale in this city—never before were the  
offerings more "tempting."

The stores bring to our doors the best things the  
workers of the world make—the newest ideas—the  
best efforts of the makers of useful things to assure  
creature comfort in the home, increasing self-respect  
as to apparel, and purer and better food.

The stores, at this season, carry the city's Christ-  
mas cheer on their counters—the gifts that are to ce-  
ment friendships, to brighten gray lives, to gladden  
the children and warm the hearts of the old.

The store ads are the best and timeliest reading  
matter to be found—for they carry real news for  
every person who expects to buy a gift, even of the  
smallest kind, during these gift-giving days.