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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 Copen-
hagen that Dr. Cook's records and
observations are wholly insufficient
to warrant a verdict that he discov-
ered 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, Lonsdale,
who represented the explorer here,
is bitterly disappointed at the
verdict. He is making an effort to
induce the consistory to withhold final
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.

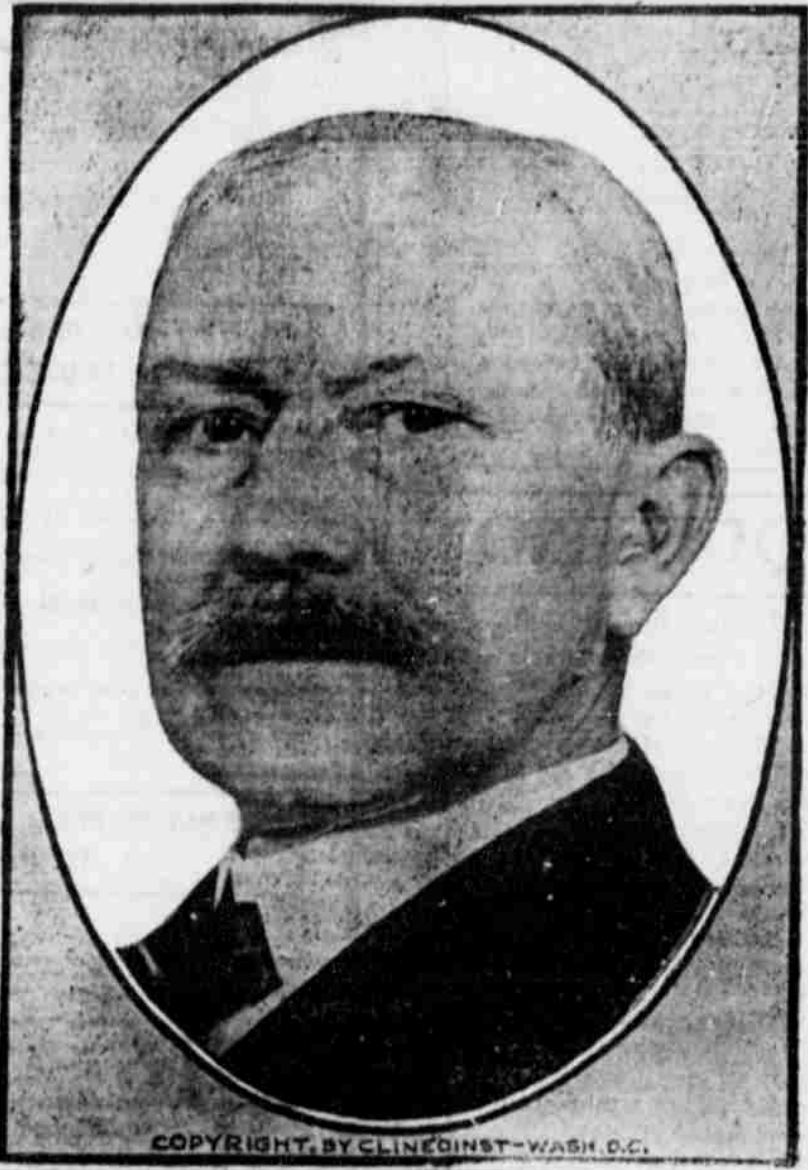
Were Cook's Friends.
It is known that the Danish ex-
perts were personally inclined to favor
Dr. Cook, most of them already
coming out in statements tend-
ing to substantiate his claims. There-
fore the absolutely flat decision
against him is looked upon as all the
more convincing.

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 Swed-
den.

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 prop-
erty 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 progress-
ion 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. Clanton,
"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 revolu-
tionists 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 Jackson-
ville 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 Jacobs
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 60
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 their 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.

DRYSCERTAIN 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 ally all suspicious,
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 cement
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.