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THE WEATHER.
Tonight and Thursday—
Cloudy. Tuesday—high, 54;
low, 42; range, 48.

FOURTH YEAR.

MEDFORD, OREGON, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1909.

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ESTRADA DECISIVELY DEFEATS ZELAYA

2600 KILLED IN FIERCE BATTLE

Americans Establish Field Hospitals and Care for the Wounded—United States Probably Will Not Interfere Unless Necessary.

(By William A. Deverall, Staff Correspondent of the United Press.)

BLUEFIELDS, Nicaragua, Dec. 22.—(By wireless to Colon.)—The army under General Estrada, the revolutionary leader, has won a sweeping victory near Rama, and the entire Zelayan forces, formerly commanded by General Vasquez, has surrendered with all its stores after being defeated all along the line.

The wounded are being brought here today and are being cared for in the hospitals and being nursed by American marines from the warships in the harbor.

Many Prisoners.
Large numbers of prisoners are being marched into Bluefields after having been disarmed.

General Estrada is marshaling his forces and preparing for an immediate advance upon Managua, where he will endeavor to overthrow the new president, Jose Madriz.

There is great rejoicing here, as this city has passed through a perilous period, and it is now believed that a successful termination of the revolution is in sight.

Fear Only Week Ago.
A week ago this city was in fear and trembling following the reported approach of General Vasquez with orders from Zelaya to sack and pillage Bluefields.

The news of Estrada's victory was the signal for a general campaign of rejoicing and the people are demanding the election of Estrada to the presidency. It was reported that the number killed and wounded in the fighting around Rama and Revere was in excess of 2600.

ESTRADA AND HIS ENVOY TO U. S.



WITH THE MUNICIPAL FOLK OF MEDFORD

TAX LEVY FIXED AT 17 MILLS BY COUNCIL

Slight Reduction Is Made From Last Year's Tax in Spite of Much Improvement and Lower Valuation.

In spite of the fact that the assessed valuation of the city is lower this year than last the tax levy, made by the city council at its session Tuesday evening is lower than last year. Besides a reduced valuation the council had to contend with the greatest strides ever made by the city in the way of municipal improvements.

The tax levy this year is 17 and 1-10th mills which is divided as follows:

City purposes, 4 mills; interest fund, 7 1/2 mills; street and road, 2 1/2 mills; general sewer, 2 1/2 mills; park, 1/2 mill; library, 1-10 mill.

The tax for the benefit of the library was levied at the request of the library board, Ed Andrews appearing before the council in their behalf.

The finance committee of the council declares that there need be no blocking of the wheels of progress next year though the rate was kept as low as possible.

part of the bank's assets.

At the rear a special vault has been constructed for the accommodation of safety-deposit boxes.

A stockholders and directors' meeting was held Tuesday evening in the new quarters to finish up unfinished business connected with the opening of the bank.

The capitalization of the Farmers and Fruitgrowers bank is \$50,000 and the following officers and directors have been elected:

President, G. L. Davis; vice president, L. Neidermyer; cashier, L. E. Wakeman; assistant cashier, L. L. Jacobs. Directors: L. Neidermyer, A. C. Randall, W. H. Stewart, I. W. Thomas, James Campbell, L. E. Wakeman, G. L. Davis.

Some of the solid men of the county are among the stockholders of the new bank, and the officers are all well known in banking circles.

The Jacksonville bank will hereafter be the Jacksonville office of the Farmers and Fruitgrowers.

COMPLETE LIST OF CANDIDATES IN FIELD

With Announcement of Lee Jacobs That He would Run for Treasurer, All of Old Officials Are in Line.

For Councilmen.

First ward—W. W. Eifert.

Second ward—Harry G. Wortman.

Third ward—Frank E. Merrick.

Recorder—Robert W. Telfer.

Treasurer—Lee L. Jacobs.

At last a complete ticket for the city election on January 11 has been arranged, Lee L. Jacobs filling out by announcing that he will become a candidate for treasurer to succeed himself.

All of the men are at present holding the offices for which they have become candidates and from indications they will win out easily as the administration during the past year has been satisfactory in every respect. So far no candidates have appeared to engage them in battle and probably they will be re-elected by overwhelming majorities.

Business men are of the opinion that no change should be made while so much progress is being made, and chances are bright that Medford can travel unhindered to her destiny as far as the next year is concerned.

SPOKANE MAN WORKING OLD CLAIM OF CORTEZ

SPOKANE, Wn., Dec. 22.—"Swiftwater Bill" Gates, mining prospector of Spokane, who has found a half dozen fortunes in the great white silent north and in the Pacific northwest only to lose them in other ventures, has turned up in the Andes mountains in Peru, where he is examining a placer mine, discovered and worked by Cortez and his men more than 300 years ago. His partner, P. A. Wilson, now in Spokane, says that Gates is to have a half interest in the property.

FOUR CHANGES PLANNED FOR CHARTER

City Council Transacts Business—Ordinance Passed Raising Recorder's Salary to \$125 a Month.

Four proposed charter amendments were submitted to a vote of the people at the regular city election January 11, by the city council Tuesday evening. They are:

One providing a salary of \$75 a month for the mayor and \$25 a month for each councilman. Petitions were presented to the council asking for this.

One providing for a city court, presided over by the mayor of the city or someone appointed by him, thus relieving the recorder.

One giving the council power to designate by resolution the depositaries of city funds, in order that the city may receive a return in the way of interest.

One simplifying the matter of levying assessments for water and sewer mains in the city.

An ordinance was passed fixing the recorder's salary at \$125 a month after January 1, 1910.

Bids were called for the laying of water mains in Medford for 1910.

The Nash hotel was granted a liquor license.

The city attorney was instructed to draw an ordinance regarding a stricter regulation of saloons, especially in regard to minors being served liquor.

A plat of the Fairmount addition in West Medford was approved.

A plank walk was ordered in on the south side of West Second from Summit avenue to the city limit.

BOATSWAIN KILLS WIFE WHILE MENTALLY UNBALANCED

BREMERTON, Wn., Dec. 22.—John Stokes, a boatswain, is held today in the naval prison here following his arrest at Charleston last evening for killing his wife. The murder was committed on the Main street of the town, after a brief quarrel, the nature of which has not been learned. After firing a bullet from his revolver through the woman's breast, Stokes picked her up and carried her into a nearby drug store. He then slipped away, but later was overtaken and turned over to the naval authorities.

CARSON FOR WAGING OF FIGHT

State Commissioner Says It Would Be Great Mistake for Jackson County to Let Up for Single Moment the Warfare Against Pests.

A. H. Carson, state commissioner of the state board of horticulture, for the Third district, is emphatic in his statements that Jackson county should not decrease the number of fruit inspectors, but should continue the warfare against fruit pests and diseases.

"I cannot but believe," says Mr. Carson, "that when the county court of Jackson county fully realizes what the result would be were the fruit inspectors of Jackson county discontinued at this time would be to the fruit industry of Jackson county, I feel sure the court would give greater aid to control the pear blight that is sure to work destruction to the orchards of the county if the fight is now stopped.

"It must be remembered that Jackson county is the banner apple and pear county of the state, and at the present there are \$10,000,000 of capital invested in her orchards. The average orchardist is willing and will clean up his orchard of injurious diseases when someone with authority goes to him, and shows him how. No horticulturist in the state of Oregon knew how to control pear blight until Professor O'Gara, pathologist for the department of agriculture, was assigned to Oregon. He has taught us how we can control the pear blight. I feel sure were it not for the knowledge we have gained from Professor O'Gara since he has been with us, nearly all the apple and pear orchards of the Rogue River valley would have been destroyed. The fruit industry of Jackson county is now too large to be abandoned, and a policy of economy is equal to a virtual abandonment of the orchards unless every pear blight germ in the county is destroyed."

LOUVRE CAFE BOUGHT BY MILLER OF THE NASH

C. D. Miller for the past year steward at the Nash grill, has purchased the Louvre cafe and will hereafter conduct it as a first-class restaurant. Under Mr. Miller's management the Nash has made an enviable record and he expects to make the Louvre the finest restaurant in southern Oregon and make up in quality what the place lacks in size. He will serve the choicest delicacies to be found in the market and make the Louvre among the most attractive cafes on the coast.

SPOKANE CLAIMS YOUNGEST SHRINER IN THE WORLD

SPOKANE, Wn., Dec. 22.—El Kafil Temple of Spokane, A. A. O. Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, claims the youngest Shriner in the world in J. B. Talsch, manager of the mail and remittance department of a local bank, who was one of a class of 44 taking from the fourth to the thirty-second degree of Scottish Rite Masonry during the recent convocation. Mr. Talsch was born in January, 1888, and has been a resident of Spokane several years, coming here from the middle west. Following his initiation into the order by Spokane lodge, A. F. & A. M., immediately after attaining his majority, he prepared for the other degrees. He was given the place of honor at the banquet following the initiation of the class, also heading the Shriners on their pilgrimage through the city to a midnight theater performance.

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ASHLAND GIVES SALOONS HARD JOLTING

Scorns "Pasadena Plan" by Overwhelming Vote of 448—Even Railroad Precinct Went Dry by Big Majority.

ASHLAND, Dec. 22.—(Special.)—Ashland declared against saloons at yesterday's election by the unprecedented majority of 406 votes, and scouted the compromise measure known as the "Pasadena plan" by 448 majority. For the first time in the history of the city the First ward, sometimes called the railroad ward, registered its voice against license, and gave a majority of 91 toward the big anti-saloon total.

The vote was very light, being 79 less than last year, only 728 of the 1030 legal voters going to the polls.

One Progressive Named.

The fight against mossbackism was not so successful as the campaign against the other harmful influence—the saloon—only one of the three vacancies in the council being filled by a "progressive," J. C. Barnard, who was induced to run by foes of the present administration, defeated Councilman Stennett by six votes.

C. Cunningham, an insurgent councilman, was re-elected. This was predicted in yesterday's Mail Tribune, the Second ward being the most backward in the city. The Third ward, which for six years past has been the leader in all things progressive, again "came through," electing C. D. Schell over P. S. Provost and A. J. Biegel.

H. E. Badger defeated H. F. Frohbach for park commissioner. Frohbach being a "live one" and therefore the target for the tight-wads.

An analysis of the returns indicates a strong sentiment against Mayor Snell's administration, but the reasons back of it all are not creditable to the mayor. The city recorder and the water commissioner are out of harmony with the administration and their influence was felt yesterday. Residents of the Boulevard and North Main street, fearing they would be asked to pave their streets next year by a progressive council, worked hard for the "conservative" candidates. And, of course, the antediluvians all over the city worked for the "fellers" that would stop spending the people's money.

But progress is still in the saddle, for the three hold-over councilmen are up-to-date, and with the addition of Schell, needed public improvements will undoubtedly be pushed for another 12 months at least.

ASSASSINS BUSY OVER GLOBE

From Four Corners of the World Come Reports of Assassination of Officials—Two Prime Ministers Fall Before the "Reds."

Today's news from the four corners of the earth brings word of four different assassinations. Attempts of assassinations. Colonel Karpoff, chief of police at St. Petersburg, was assassinated with a bomb early today. Yi Wan Yung, premier of Korea, fell mortally wounded and died later when a Korean student plunged a knife into him. Prime Minister Bratiano of Roumania was shot and seriously wounded by a Rumanian anarchist at Bucharest. A. M. T. Jackson, the administrative head of the government of Nasik, India, was shot to death at Bombay by a native.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 22.—Colonel Karpoff, chief of police, was killed today by a bomb thrown by an assassin. The assassin was arrested. From his passport the authorities believe his name is Michael Vosskessensky.

The assassination of Karpoff the police believes marks the beginning of another terrorist reign. They immediately took steps to learn the identity of Vosskessensky and his supposed fellow plotters.

Premier of Korea Killed.

SEOUL, Korea, Dec. 22.—Yi Wan premier of Korea, was fatally stabbed early today by Li Tsai Ming, 21 years of age, a Christianized Korean, who was a student at an American school for six years.

The assassin was immediately arrested. During the scuffle that followed, one of the men who had seized him was fatally wounded. The attack upon the premier was made in the street in front of the Seoul church.

Indian Assassins Busy.

BOMBAY, India, Dec. 22.—The police are working today on the theory that the assassination last night of A. M. T. Jackson, the administrative head of the city of Nasik, who was shot to death in the lobby of a Bombay theater, was the direct result of a widespread plot to murder English officials. The assassin, a native, boasted of his deed when arrested.

Jackson was entering the theater with two young women when the native approached and fired without a word. The official fell, mortally wounded, dying a few hours later.

Prime Minister Shot.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 22.—The prime minister of Bratiano of Roumania was shot and seriously wounded today by a Rumanian anarchist, according to a brief dispatch from the American legation at Bucharest. The dispatch contained no details of the affair.

MAN BLOWN TO PIECES BY DYNAMITE EXPLOSION

ELLENSBURG, Wn., Dec. 22.—George W. Sleet, a wealthy contractor of Ellensburg, is dead here today, having been literally blown to pieces by a dynamite explosion.

FOURTH BANK FOR MEDFORD

The Farmers and Fruitgrowers Bank will open for business in the Syndicate building, corner of Main and Grape streets tomorrow, December 23rd.

This bank is the most elaborately and conveniently furnished of any bank in southern Oregon, and there are not many, if any, in the state that will lead it in richness of furnishings and modern banking fixtures.

The fixtures are mahogany throughout, the partitions being of what is known as "crotch mahogany," that is mahogany veneered over oak, the veneering being sawed all from the same piece of timber and the grain of the wood matched all the way through.

The desks and chairs are of the solid wood and the whole is beautifully anted up so that an impression of solidity is given to the customer.

The president's office is directly in front. In the right-hand corner is a department fitted up especially for lady customers, where they may wait their turn to conduct their business with the bank without being compelled to stand about the lobby.

The cashier's window is first, of course, and in connection the latest thing in money cages has been installed, so that the cashier or paying teller can conduct business with the wicket up without any dagme of light-fingered gentry swiping any