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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 27, 1909.

No. 240.

21 PERISH IN SOUTHERN WRECK

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 27.—Twenty-one persons were killed and a score more injured in a wreck on an electric line running to the suburbs of this city last night, when a car got beyond control of the motorman, plunged down grade and struck a second car.

WOULD FIND WAY TO SPEND FUND

Failure of the Oregon legislature last winter to authorize specifically the expenditure of the funds received from hunting and fishing licenses for the erection of one or more hatcheries is responsible for the accumulation of over \$30,000 in the "game protection fund" of the state. This condition is pointed out by R. O. Steward, state game and forest warden, who has just completed his report for the year ending December 1st. It was the intention of Mr. Stevenson to proceed with the erection of a trout hatchery and a pheasant incubator with the funds at his disposal, but upon appealing to Attorney General Crawford for an opinion, he was advised to retain the fund until the legislature provides by enactment a specific plan for spending the money, which, according to the attorney general, will then be immediately available.

ST. LOUIS AERONAUT WILL ENTER AVIATION MEET

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 27.—Herrmann, the local aeronaut, announced today that he and Captain Berry will go to Los Angeles January 23, as entrants in the balloon races scheduled for the aviation meet in that city. Herrmann and Berry will take along three gas bags. Berry will sail the Melba III, which is in the 78,000 cubic foot class. The Melba III, in the 30,000 cubic foot class, will race under the guidance of Herrmann. The South St. Louis, Jr., capacity 40,000 cubic feet, will also be used in short flights. Herrmann is said to be at outs with the St. Louis Aero Club, which is affiliated with the Aero Club of America.

UNLESS CORN DROPS PATTEN WILL LOSE A FORTUNE

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 27.—Unless the price of corn for May delivery drops at least 15 cents between now and May 31, 1910, James A. Patten, the "Wheat King," who made a killing in May wheat a year ago will lose a fortune, according to reports on the board of trade today. Patten is said to be short from a million to 11,000,000 bushels of corn and is still heavily. It is estimated that he stands to lose \$2,000,000 unless the market rises before delivery time.

NEW MEMBER IS ADDED TO OLD REALTY FIRM

J. B. Woods reports the birth of a son.

FOR SALE—Eight good milk cows, all giving milk; one good 4-year-old horse, weight 1500. George Hilton, 2 1-2 miles north of Medford, on county road.

PINCHOT RENEWS FORESTRY FIGHT

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Chief Forester Pinchot today renewed his fight against the foes of conservation. In a speech at a luncheon given at the University club in his honor by several local publishers, the chief forester declared that the fight that will decide who will reap the benefits of a national conservation policy is now on in earnest. He said: "The American people have decided that our national resources shall be conserved, but will they be conserved for the profit of the few or for the benefit of the majority?"

"The conflict that will decide this question of paramount importance to the American people is now on. The battle is being fought. "It is the honorable distinction of the forest service that it has been more constantly and more bitterly attacked by representatives of special interests than any other government bureau. It is notable that the more successful we have been in preventing land grabbing and the absorption of water power the more ingenious their attacks have become."

OREGON MOB SHOOT SLAYER

HEPNER, Ore., Dec. 27.—Oliver Snyder, who late Friday night shot and instantly killed Arthur Green, an inoffensive shepherd, was forcibly taken away from Deputy Sheriff Joe Cassidy by a mob of infuriated farmers and his body riddled with bullets, according to news brought here by the deputy sheriff. According to Cassidy, Snyder blew off the top of Green's head with a shotgun when the latter attempted to prevent Snyder from killing a dog belonging to Charles Beymer.

ROCK ISLAND INAUGURATES A NEW PENSION SYSTEM

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Official announcement was made yesterday of the inauguration on January 1 of a pension system which will include all officers and employees of the Rock Island road. In this connection the Rock Island has established an age limit which will govern original employment on the road. Under the new rule, no inexperienced person under the age of 35 and over 45 will be taken into the service.

The pension allowance will be 1 per cent for each year of service of the average regular monthly pay received for ten years next preceding retirement. Thus, if an employe has been in the service for forty years and his average salary for the last ten years of the period was \$75 per month, his pension allowance will be 40 per cent of the \$75 or \$30 per month. All officers and employes who have reached the age of 75 years must retire and the employes in the operating service may be retired at 65 years.

PEACE REIGNED CHRISTMAS DAY

The Christmas festivities are unusually productive of an aftermath of police court activity; but this Monday morning there was nothing doing for Recorder Telfer in the way of even letting some peaceful drunk go with an admonition. While there was more or less hilarity brought about by many meetings of old friends, the Christmas spirit was in the air, and not even the preliminary symptoms of a disturbance were visible anywhere. Even the inexorable scales of justice were weighted a little on the side of mercy and so long as the peace and quiet of the Christmas time was not disturbed the man who had celebrated not wisely but too well was immune from arrest.

THOUSAND PAIRS OF OREGON BIRDS SHIPPED

PORTLAND, Dec. 27.—During the season just past the Simpson pheasant farm of Corvallis shipped out of the state to the Idaho game preserves 1000 pairs of Chin pheasants to be used for propagation purposes. Under the state game laws, these birds cannot be shipped beyond the borders of Oregon except under permit from the game warden.

CHICAGO MAN BUYS \$12,000

T. C. Law has sold 55 acres of yland near Central Point to a P. Whitney, the consideration being \$12,000. Mr. Whitney plans to build a bungalow on the place and plant it to apples and pears. The land is a splendid tract. Mr. Whitney is a recent arrival from the east and was so charmed with the valley that he decided to locate.

LAND HUNGRY MEN BUSY IN LAKE COUNTY

SILVER LAKE, Or., Dec. 27.—During November 12,800 acres of land were filed upon before Commissioner West at this place. There were fifteen homestead filings of 160 acres each, 28 additional homesteads, three desert filings of 160 acres each and one of 320 acres. These figures show how eagerly land in this portion of Lake county is being sought after. From the way December filings have continued the number of acres that will be filed on will be far in excess of those for November.

REMINGTON ARTIST HAS PASSED AWAY

RIDGEFIELD, Conn., Dec. 27.—On the tombstone of Frederick Remington, the artist, who died here yesterday, following an operation for appendicitis, will be engraved the words, "He knew the horse." It was the artist's last request. The body today was taken to Canton, N. Y., of which place Frederick Remington was a native. The funeral service will be held tomorrow in the Universalist church. Remington's greatest work was in drawing, painting and modeling horses and most of his horses were of the western type.

SCHOONER GOES DOWN WITH ALL ON BOARD

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 27.—The belief is general here that the four-masted schooner David Palmer which sailed from Newport News for Boston December 21, sank with all on board during the terrific Christmas day storm off the Massachusetts coast. The finding of wreckage off Minor's Ledge, at the entrance to Boston Harbor, among which was a box of signals bearing the Davis Palmer's name, make men in shipping circles fear for the worst. Cabin doors, fittings and deck plankings, such as was used in the construction of the vessels were also among the articles washed up.

FAKE BANK EXAMINERS WORKING OVER COUNTRY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Fake bank examiners are operating in different parts of the United States to an extent which has brought them to official notice of the Comptroller of Currency. It is said by Comptroller Lawrence F. Murray that attempts to play the part of an examiner was for the purpose of gaining information as to the location and strength of bank vaults preparatory to forcing them.

BLIZZARD IS RAGING IN EAST

The property loss Saturday and Sunday in the blizzard that swept the eastern and New England states is estimated at \$10,000,000. At least 50 lives were lost, due directly or indirectly to the storm. Trains in Pennsylvania, New York, Massachusetts and New England are seriously delayed by drifts. Freight traffic is practically abandoned. Wire communication is wrecked throughout the storm belt. Philadelphia, New York, Boston and Providence are severely inconvenienced by delayed street car traffic. Further snow and wind, though not so violent as yesterday, are in sight, according to the weather bureau.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 27.

Two men are dead and half a million dollars' worth of property has been destroyed as a result of the blizzard that has been raging here for two days past. Wires are down and street and railroad traffic demoralized. The wind carried over frame structures and telegraph poles. Plate glass windows were smashed and store signs blown to the pavement.

ILLINOIS SUFFERS

ROCKFORD, Ill., Dec. 27.—This city today is face to face with the prospect of being utterly without light, heat and transportation facilities as the result of the blizzards that have been sweeping this section of the country for the last two days. Officials of a local electric company that supplies the city with light announced today that within 24 hours its supply of fuel would be exhausted, unless traffic conditions, demoralized by the storm, are restored, so that more fuel may be rushed to Rockford. All trains are snow-bound.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 27.

This city is practically cut off from all outside sections. The storm continues.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 27.

All traffic in and out of this city is blocked by a blinding snowstorm. A fuel famine is feared.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 27.

Property loss is estimated at \$400,000 following the storm of the past few days. No lives have been reported lost. There is no sign of an abatement.

FOR SALE—Incubator in good repair; also single buggy harness. H. C. Blasecock, on Riverside, opposite north school. 240

MANY ARE LOOKING TO CENTRAL POINT

"The Commercial club is doing a splendid work for Central Point," states S. A. Pattison of the Herald, "and many prospective residents are being booked. The advertisement in Sunset for one month is bringing in six to ten letters of inquiries each day, and many of those who have written are planning to look over the valley. The club is proving a great factor for good, bringing the residents of Central Point into closer relations with each other. At the next meeting resolutions will also be passed urging the retention of the county fruit inspectors."

ZELAYA MAY YET BE CALLED TO ACCOUNT

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 27.—All indications today strengthen the belief that in general here that the state department is unmistakably skeptical concerning the reform program proposed by Jose Madriz, the new president of Nicaragua. Madriz reform declarations undoubtedly will not be accepted by the United States government until a prolonged scrutiny proves that the last taint of "Zelayanism" has been eradicated. It is rumored that former President Zelaya may yet have to answer

to this country for the summary execution of two of its subjects, Leonard Groce and Leroy Cannon, during the days of his dictatorship. It is stated apparently upon authority that the United States was in no position to interfere with the former president's hurried flight from Nicaragua. When the new Nicaraguan government, whatever it eventually will be, is firmly established, it is hinted that efforts may be made to put Zelaya to trial on various charges.

"OWL" WRECKED; VAST WEALTH NO ONE HURT

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27.—"The Owl," the fast night passenger train running from Los Angeles to this city, was wrecked early this morning. Only two were injured, a woman sustaining a severely wrenched ankle, while a man who occupied a berth in the rear Pullman was cut by flying glass. They refused to tell their names. According to the passengers, the train was running at usual speed when it struck a broken rail, the engine, baggage car and dining car passed over the break in safety, but the two last Pullman coaches, were thrown from the rails, and after jumping over the ties for a hundred yards, rolled over on their sides. That no one was injured seriously they declared to be miraculous.

MANY IMPROVEMENTS IN PLANT OF LUMBER CO.

WEED, Calif., Dec. 27.—The new dry shed of the Weed Lumber Co., which the company began constructing soon after the fire of six weeks ago, is nearing completion. It is one of the very largest dry sheds in the northwest and the largest in California, being 114 feet wide and 400 feet long and is two stories high. This monster shed will hold \$250,000 worth of stock. A crew of fifty carpenters is at work on the building. The company is also erecting a new warehouse for cut stock from the box factory. This building will be equipped with a cement floor and the entire structure will be fireproof. This building will be seventy-four feet wide by 200 feet in length and one and a half stories high. Next spring the company will put up a stock room 200 feet square.

REPORTED UNCLE SAM KNEW OF FLIGHT

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 27.—In government circles it is reported today that the United States and Mexico had a full, but secretive understanding concerning the flight from Nicaragua of former President Zelaya. Whether the two governments agreed upon permitting the former dictator to find refuge away from his turbulent country with the understanding that his departure was equivalent to a self imposed exile is causing much discussion.

HEARST RESUES LEAGUE FROM TAMMANY'S CLAWS

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The Independence League, unostentatiously swallowed last fall by Tammany, was set on its feet again tonight and dressed in new clothes at the call of W. R. Hearst, state chairman of the party. Every member had been notified in advance of the meeting but none of the Tammany men, regularly elected last fall at the primaries, appeared. The county committee, fearing the appearance of the Tammany members, went into executive session and seated the contesting Hearst delegates. Michael G. Byrne was made chairman. Mr. Hearst was made president.

BACK TO BEAR CREEK FOR WATER

After today Medford will again begin using Bear creek water as the supply at the Bradshaw drop will be cut off in order to allow the Fish Lake Ditch company to clean the canal. It will be early in April before the city can again have water from the Fish Lake ditch as that time is needed in repairing the canal. In the meantime the Bear creek supply will be used.

STRIKERS STILL HOLDING OFF

ST. PAUL, Dec. 27.—The leaders of the switchmen's strike, after leaving the office of Governor Eberhart, where arbitration looking toward the settlement of the strike had been in progress, announced today that the negotiations had again been broken off. The governor later admitted that his efforts to bring about peace through arbitration had proved futile. The labor leaders, after leaving the governor's office, immediately went into conference at Foley's hotel. It is generally believed that they will attempt to call a "secondary" strike, calling out all members of departments affiliated with the American Federation, who number 20,000 men in the northwest. Col. G. P. Nims of Topeka spent Monday in Medford.

14-YEAR-OLD BOY IS MURDERED IN PITTSBURG

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 27.—Detectives are at work today trying to dispel the mystery surrounding the murder of James Lawrence Friel, a fourteen year old boy, whose body was found frozen in a vacant house by playmates. Neighbors heard groans emanating from the house on the night of December 26, but no one took the trouble to investigate. The boy apparently was horribly maltreated after which his throat was cut, probably with a small pocket-knife. It is supposed that he was enticed or dragged into the house by tramps. The police, however, hint that they expect sensational developments.

MYSTERY SURROUNDS DEATH OF TWO SMALL BOYS

LOVELAND, Tenn., Dec. 27.—Mystery surrounds the death of Samuel Sunnycalf, 8 years of age, and his brother Russell, a year younger, whose bodies were found in the ruins of the Sunnycalf home, which was destroyed by fire early today. Each boy's skull was crushed. Their charred bodies were found near the spot where their bed had stood. The coroner's jury is investigating the case.

THREE BADLY BURNED IN OIL EXPLOSION

VALLEJO, Cal., Dec. 27.—Three men, one dying and two seriously burned, were brought to this city and placed in the Downing hospital as the result of an explosion on board the oil tank steamer Roma at Oleum late yesterday. The dying man is Manuel Silveira. The two seriously burned victims are Iomnis Tyler and Sam Knutsen. The men were burned when an electric light that they had lowered into the hold of the steamer exploded and ignited oil gas which filled the tank of the Roma.

ELECTRIC LIGHTS FOR STATE PENITENTIARY

SALEM, Or., Dec. 27.—A complete electric lighting system including one bulb in each cell has been installed at the penitentiary.