

What Other City in the Northwest Can Show a 33 per ct Increase in Postal Receipts?

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MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

THE WEATHER. Tonight and Tuesday—Rain. Sunday—high, 48; low, 29; range, 37; fair.

FOURTH YEAR.

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BANKS, POSTOFFICE MAKE GREAT GAIN

DEPOSITS AND RECEIPTS REFLECT MEDFORD'S GROWTH

Medford's unprecedented prosperity is shown in no better way than in the vast strides made by local banking institutions and by the postoffice during the past year. The receipts in the local postoffice have increased 33 per cent, while deposits have been increased by \$600,000—truly a wonderful record for one year.

DEPOSITS GAIN OVER \$600,000

The deposits in the banks of Medford have increased over those of 1908, \$600,634.88. The deposits in the three banks then in operation in 1908 totaled \$1,246,685.31. At the close of business December 31, 1909, the three old banks had on deposit \$1,773,533.55, and the new Farmers and Fruitgrowers bank, after being in business just six days showed deposits amounting to \$73,766.64, making a grand total of \$1,847,300.19.

In 1908 only one bank showed deposits of over half a million, the Jackson County bank. This year all three of the old banks are in the half million class.

This phenomenal growth in bank deposits shows the prosperity of the country and the confidence of investors in the future of the Rogue river valley.

The growth in the banks is great but no greater than that of other enterprises, nor of the country at large.

Following is the list of the deposits in the several banks: Jackson County, 1908, \$586,030; 1909, \$652,600. Medford National, 1908, \$268,568; 1909, \$526,214. First National, 1908, \$392,147; 1909, \$593,719.55. Farmers and Fruitgrowers, 1909, \$73,766.64. Total, 1908, \$1,246,745; 1909, \$1,847,300.19.

POSTAL RECEIPTS GAIN 33 PER CT.

During the past year the postal receipts of Medford increased 33 per cent over the receipts of one year ago. Eugene's receipts increased 19.6 per cent and Portland's 5.09.

During the year ending December 31, 1909, the receipts totaled \$19,013.68, while for 1908 they totaled \$14,591.69, an increase of \$4,421.99, or a little over 33 per cent.

The receipts for December, 1909, were \$2,403.59, while for December, 1908, they were \$1,733.49.

Receipts by quarters during the past year were: March 31 \$4,164.25; June 30 4,799.90; September 30 4,304.53; December 31 5,945.00.

Total \$19,013.68. The receipts for December, 1909, show an increase of 26 per cent over December, 1908.

An additional mail carrier has been ordered for the Medford service, Postmaster Woodford being advised today. This makes three for the city. This action comes as the result of a visit by the postoffice inspector last Tuesday.

MARATHON RACER IS TO APPEAR IN SAN FRANCISCO

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 3.—Henry St. Yves, world's champion Marathon runner, his manager, John S. Barnes, and John Marsh, the Canadian flyer, are today on their way to San Francisco, where Barnes proposes to pull off a Marathon derby. Barnes managed the 15-mile race between St. Yves and Marsh here last week, in which the Frenchman succeeded in winning from Marsh by a yard.

Barnes proposes to bring Johnny Hayes and Dorando to San Francisco to compete against Marsh and St. Yves, and announced before leaving yesterday that Fitzgerald had assured him that he would run.

Besides the men mentioned, Barnes expects that three or four other runners will sign contracts, making a field of eight or ten runners.

The Perfume of the Lady in Black Begins Today

This latest and greatest detective story, outclassing Conan Doyle's famous character, "Sherlock Holmes," begins today on page 8.

The baffling situations of the romance—solved with such wonderful skill by Routetabelle fascinated the people of the great French capital and the story is bound to catch the fancy and appeal to the imagination of the American public.

There are plots within plots, situations solved only to be followed by others seemingly more difficult, each a story in itself, a link in the chain. As "a chain is as strong as its weakest link" the plot of "The Perfume of the Lady in Black" is therefore a strong chain of sequences. It has no weak links. You are sure to like it. Commence today and get it all.

MAN BLOWN UP PREMATURE BLAST

John Messino was blown twenty feet by the premature explosion of a blast at one of the camps on the Pacific & Eastern extension Sunday afternoon, and now lies a badly bruised and battered man at the Conroy & Clancy hospital on South Central avenue.

Messino was tamping the charge when the explosion took place and received a considerable portion of the full force of the charge.

His body was blown into the air and twenty feet away from the spot where the explosion occurred. The principal injuries are about the head and back. His head is cut in numerous places, several deep gashes being made, and his face is a mass of powder burns, and his back badly contused, the latter injuries probably received when he struck the ground.

He was rushed to Eagle Point and brought to Medford on a special train, the run being made from Eagle Point to Medford in 24 minutes, which is a record considering the state of the roadbed.

The injured man is still suffering somewhat from the shock, but unless unforeseen complications occur has good chances of recovery.

This is the first serious accident that has occurred in the construction work of the Pacific & Eastern and appears to have been one of those unavoidable kind.

It is said that in Catlow valley, Lake county, there are still some fine sagebrush homesteads to be taken up. The "dry farming" farmers say this is about the last of it in that section of the state.

BETTER FISHING NEXT YEAR SAYS O'MALLEY

Superintendent of Bureau of Fisheries Says River Is in Better Condition.

Henry O'Malley, superintendent of the U. S. bureau of fisheries for Oregon, and H. L. Kelly, Jr., returned Sunday from a trip to the Elk creek hatchery, where Mr. O'Malley was inspecting the work of the past season.

They will leave this evening for Grants Pass where they will look over the work on the lower river, including the fishways, ladders and other matters.

"The government work will be this year," said Mr. O'Malley, "about the same on the upper river as it was last. What will be done on the lower river I am not now prepared to state, as I have not thoroughly investigated it."

The conditions of the dams at Grants Pass last year are modified this year and the new fishery at the Ament dam—which was not constructed until the fishing season was nearly over—will enable the fish to get over the dam much more easily than before.

The fishway at the Ray dam had been repaired and Mr. O'Malley opined that the river would not be so badly obstructed next year.

CAPITALISTS AND TAFT CONFER

As a Result President's Message on Proposed Amendment to Interstate Commerce Act Will Not Go to Congress

OFFICIALS REFUSE TO DISCUSS CONFERENCE

Railroad Magnates Do Not Appear to Be Particularly Happy After Meeting.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 3.—As a result of a conference today between President Taft and the heads of some of the greatest railroads of the United States the president's message on proposed amendments to interstate commerce commission will not go to congress Wednesday.

President Lovett of the Harriman system, President Baer of the Philadelphia and Reading, President Finley of the Southern, President Brown of the New York Central, President of the New Haven, New York and Hartford and President McCrea of the Pennsylvania railroads attended the White House conference.

President Brown refused to comment. He said:

"We came to make some objections and were listened to. I can't discuss the matter any further."

President Lovett, was equally as short in his answer to a request for information. He said:

"Today's discussion will probably be explained in a statement from the White House later."

It is generally believed that the conference is a direct result of J. Pierpont Morgan's visit to President Taft Friday. The railroad magnates didn't appear particularly happy when they left the White House today and it is believed here that their mission failed.

MRS. COOK DISGUSTED WITH HER HUSBAND

She is Determined if Possible to Have Some of the Money Secured by Her Husband Returned.

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—That Mrs. Frederick A. Cook is disgusted with the actions of her husband, the discredited Arctic explorer and is determined if possible to secure the return of some of the money she is said to have advanced him at the outset of his recent Arctic trip, was the statement today of Mrs. R. C. Stebbins, a close friend of Mrs. Cook and the wife of a member of the Arctic Club of this city.

Mrs. Stebbins declared that so far as she knew, Cook has given his wife no part of the money he has realized from his structure tour. She also hinted that Mrs. Cook is withholding certain records of the questionable Arctic trip until she is reimbursed.

Traveling men who have been in Wallawa county say that the winter view of the mountains from Enterprise surpasses anything in all the west. Rising up from the south like a great wall of snow and cloud-touched battlements the Powder river mountains shine through the wonderfully clear atmosphere as from a mirror.

NEW JUSTICE SWORN IN



WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 3.—Horace Harmon Lurton of Tennessee today was sworn in as associate judge of the United States supreme court. He succeeds the late Justice Rufus W. Peckham.

Justice Lurton is a warm personal friend of President Taft, whose recommendation of his appointment was confirmed immediately by the senate. He is 66 years of age and since 1893 had served as judge of the sixth judicial circuit of the United States circuit court.

Lurton was born at Newport, Kentucky. He was graduated from Cumberland University in 1867 and was admitted to the bar in the same year. He has held many judicial honors in Tennessee and served as chief justice of the supreme court of that state.

NOMINATIONS WILL CLOSE AT 5 O'CLOCK

Limit in Which Petition Can Be Filed Expires at 5 O'clock This Afternoon—Ticket is Complete.

The time limit under which nominations by petition may be made for municipal offices expires this afternoon at 5 o'clock. Should other candidates for office come up after that time their names will not appear on the official ballot.

WAR DECLARED ON TOBACCO TRUST

Suit Begins in Supreme Court For Dissolution of One of Biggest Monopolies in U. S.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 3.—Argument was begun today before the United States supreme court in the suit for the dissolution of the Tobacco Trust, one of the biggest trust busting actions undertaken by the government.

The suit seeks the appointment of a receiver to segregate the sixty odd combined corporations into individual concerns, and to restore competition in the tobacco industry.

The officials of the department of justice hope that the supreme court will strengthen the Sherman anti-trust law with a sweeping direction against predatory concerns.

FIFTEEN MILES WATER MAINS ASKED FOR—NOT LAID

In the article appearing in the Homebuilders' edition of the Mail Tribune, under the name of W. H. Canon, mayor, there appeared through error a statement that 15 miles of water mains were laid during 1909. This should have read that 15 miles of mains were petitioned for, but have not as yet been laid.

TRAINS ARE WRECKED BY RAIN

Southern California in Throes of Heaviest Rainstorm in Years—Trains Piled in Ditches as Tracks Give Way.

SALT LAKE ROAD AT A STANDSTILL

Southern Pacific Trains Are Operated But Are Far Behind Their Schedules.

SAN BERNARDINO, Cal., Jan. 3.—A Southern Pacific locomotive and two baggage coaches are in the ditch south of Colton, a Santa Fe engine and three coaches piled by the side of the track in Cajon Pass, numerous washouts along the Salt Lake and Santa Fe lines in the desert, impassable roads and inundated ranches, are a few reminders today of the heavy rain storm which ceased last night after an almost continuous downpour for 48 hours.

The Cajon Pass wreck occurred when the tracks gave way beneath a relief train. The engine completely turned turtle piling the coaches in a heap over it. The engine crew remained in the cab until the cars came to a standstill when they escaped by crawling through the windows.

The Southern Pacific wreck resulted from a similar cause. As the engine toppled over Engineer Rhinehart shouted for the fireman to jump. He was caught in the cab and went to the bottom of the ditch with his locomotive.

Salt Lake Tied Up. LOS ANGELES, Jan. 3.—Not a wheel on the Salt Lake railroad is turning in this district today, all local trains being tied up by washouts in California and Nevada.

Arleta is a part of Portland now, but it still keeps up the Mount Scott News, which is a local paper with some sensible inclinations. The News says that great developments are to be carried out all along the line.

WRIGHT ENJOIN AVIATOR CURTIS

He is Told Not to Use Parts of Aeroplane Upon Which Wrights Claim Patent.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Jan. 3.—Federal Judge Hazen today granted the injunction against Glenn Curtiss, the aviator, which was asked by Wright Brothers. The Wrights alleged infringements of certain of their patents.

MAN 59 YEARS IN PRISON AGAIN REFUSED PARDON

HARTFORD, Conn., Jan. 3.—New Year's again found John Warren, convict No. 1, the Willington wife murderer, behind the prison bars for his fiftieth New Year's dinner in the Wethersfield penitentiary, the state board of pardons, failing to act unanimously on his petition for release.

It is doubtful if Warren will petition at the next meeting of the board, in June, 1910, when the personnel will be the same. The decision was a disappointment to the public generally.

The Klamath Express points out that a proposed new sewer can be built by a local firm of home manufactured materials without sending outside for civil engineers or supplies.

MAIL GOES NORTH NOW ON TRAIN 16

Old Service Restored to Early Train North, Adding Much to Service.

The mail car going north in the evening has been restored to train 16 and hereafter Portland mail will leave at 8:24 p. m. instead of 8:39 p. m. on No. 14, which will not carry mail.

This service adds much to the value of the local service as letters will now reach Portland at 7 a. m. instead of 11 a. m.

BEAUTIFUL KIDNAPPER IS SUFFERING ILLNESS

PITTSBURG, Pa., Jan. 3.—Mrs. Helen Boyle, the beautiful wife of Jimmy Boyle, one of the kidnapers of little Willie White, of Sharon, Pa., will probably be operated on today for appendicitis. Mrs. Boyle is serving a sentence in the penitentiary. The woman was stricken New Year's day while a moving picture show was in progress at the prison. She was hurried to the institution's hospital where her ailment was diagnosed as appendicitis. James Boyle, who is serving a life sentence in the same institution for his part in the kidnaping, was notified of his wife's condition.