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MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

THE WEATHER.

Tonight and Wednesday—
Clear. Monday—high, 39;
low, 20; range, 36; fair.

FOURTH YEAR.

MEDFORD, OREGON, TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 1910.

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TWO MEN ARE BLOWN TO ATOMS

Grants Pass Scene of Terrible Accident—Men Attempted to Thaw Out Fifty Pounds of Dynamite

ONE WAS COUSIN OF NOTED JESSE JAMES

Clothes of Men Stripped From Bodies—Both Crushed Beyond Recognition.

GRANTS PASS, Jan. 4.—Frank James, a cousin of Jesse James, and Charles Huddle are dead today as the result of attempting to thaw out fifty pounds of dynamite.

The explosion was so terrific that it was felt all over town, and many windows were shattered.

James' body was hurled fifty feet through the air and his right arm could not be found. The left leg was torn away from the body.

The clothes of both men were stripped from their bodies and their faces crushed beyond recognition.

No one was a witness to the accident but they had been observed attempting to build a fire and the theory is that this is what caused the accident. The accident occurred on the Schmitt place across the river from Grants Pass where G. H. Carner the present owner, is clearing land and happened at about 20 minutes after one o'clock. The bodies were horribly mangled, legs and arms being missing and pieces of flesh were scattered for a hundred yards from the scene.

COOS COUNTRY GREAT BUT NOT FOR FRUIT

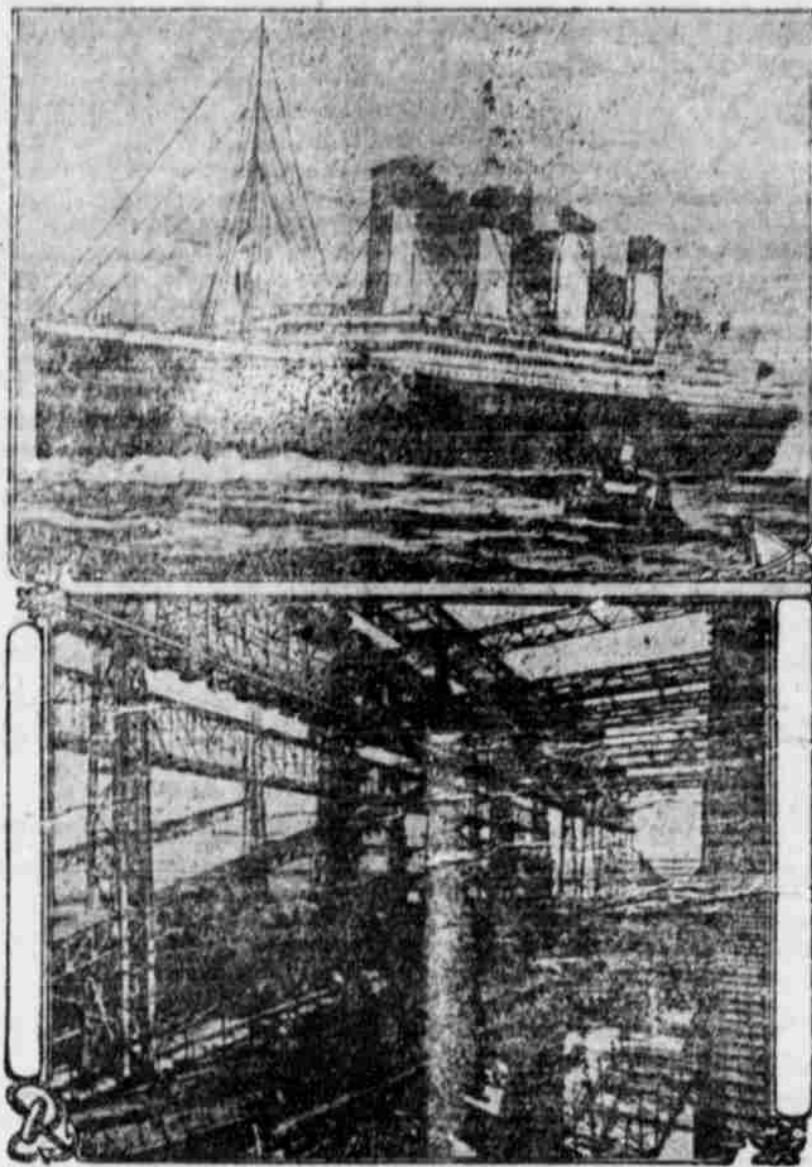
County Entomologist Taylor Returns From Trip Along Coast—Coos County Dairing and Timber.

G. W. Taylor, county entomologist, returned Monday from a trip to Salem, where he consulted with the state board, and then down the coast to Coos Bay and other coast points. "I was treated royally at Marshfield, and other Coos county towns," said Mr. Taylor, "and they showed me all they had in the orchard line. I found no moth or scale in that section, but the reason it isn't there is because there are no commercial orchards in the way we consider orchards here. When they commence to grow fruit in that section as we grow it here, they will have the moth as a scourge. The moth thrives only in a section where fruit is grown extensively. It lives and propagates its species in the apple, and when apples are not grown extensively the codling moth does not cut much of a figure. The Coos country is a coming one, however, but not as a fruit growing section. It has enough in its timber and dairying, with transportation, to say nothing of coal and other minerals, to make it one of the numerous jewels in the crown of the state of Siskiyou."

FOUR FIREMEN DIE AT POSTS OF DUTY

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Jan. 4.—Four firemen lost their lives in a blaze that partly destroyed the plant of the American Bridge Company shortly after midnight. The four men were members of the first company to reach the fire. They were placing a stream of water on the walls of the east wing of the building when it collapsed, and buried them beneath the wreckage.

THE WORLD'S LARGEST VESSEL. THE TITANIC. NOW BEING BUILT.



Here is an architectural picture of the steamship Titanic, which is being built for the White Star line at Belfast; also a view of the giant steel "cradle" in which the ship is being constructed. The keel of the steamship is seen in the lower photograph. The White Star company is to have two of these leviathans, and they will be in commission early in 1911. Their launching will signalize a most important era in marine achievement, for they will be by all odds the largest vessels in the world. The Titanic and Olympic will each be 862 feet in length, 92 feet beam, 45,000 tons register and 50,000 tons displacement. These enormous dimensions are best expressed in comparison. The Washington monument is 555 feet high and the Metropolitan tower in New York city rises 700 feet. The combined tonnage of the Olympic and Titanic far exceeds the tonnage of all the vessels engaged on both sides in the historic conflict of the Spanish armada, and it is even more interesting to know that the Santa Maria was only 60 feet long and 233 tons burden, yet on this vessel Columbus journeyed to the new world.

D. O. MILLS, NOTED BANKER, DEAD

California's Leading Banker and Pioneer Dies at His Home at Millbrae, California.

SAN MATEO, Cal., Jan. 4.—Arrangements for the funeral of D. O. Mills, the California multi-millionaire banker and pioneer, who died suddenly at his Millbrae estate last evening, will be made late today, according to H. H. Taylor, manager of the Millbrae estate.

Ogdon Mills, the son of the late banker, will reach Millbrae early Thursday. He left this city Friday after the holidays with his father. Telegrams telling of his father's sudden death from heart failure intercepted him and he doubled back toward California immediately.

The will of the deceased millionaire will not be opened until his son's arrival. While no definite estimates of the fortune he left are available, it is understood to be many millions of dollars.

At Millbrae, where the body lies, Mrs. Whitelaw Reid, wife of United States ambassador to Great Britain and Mills' daughter, awaits the return of her brother. She had spent Christmas with her father according to her usual custom.

MANY PERSONS ARE INJURED IN WRECK

BOWLING GREEN, Ky., Jan. 4.—Many persons are reported to have been injured when the Louisville & Nashville railroad southbound passenger No. 3 collided with northbound local passenger No. 1 at Oakland, 10 miles north of this city early today.

SEVERAL MEN KILLED IN BOAT EXPLOSION

PITTSBURG, Pa., Jan. 4.—Several men are reported to have been killed when a river boat blew up off Beaver, near this city, shortly after noon today.

HERMANN IS READY FOR TRIAL

Well Known Oregon Politician Welcomes Early Placing of Evidence Before the People of Oregon.

HAS WAITED FIVE YEARS
CHANCE FOR VINDICATION

Worthington and Gearin Will Defend Him in Next Trial as Before.

PORTLAND, Or., Jan. 4.—As suave and as placid as at any time in his career, Binger Hermann, ex-representative in Congress from Oregon, ex-commissioner of the land office, is in Portland today and will remain here until after the trial of the charges against him now pending in the United States court. The trial which concerns the ex-commissioner is scheduled to start next Monday morning.

At the Imperial hotel, where the Douglas county statesman is making his headquarters, he is being visited by many of his old political friends. Concerning his coming trial Hermann said:

"I can only say that I am happy in the feeling that the evidence will be soon placed before the jury and the people of Oregon, who have been such good friends to me for the 42 years I have been in public life.

"Colonel A. S. Worthington will be here some time today and then there will be a conference between John M. Gearin, Worthington and myself. Colonel Worthington is the attorney who defended me during the two and a half months which my former trial consumed and which was held in Washington, D. C.

"I have waited five years for the opportunity for vindication which will begin next Monday."

MEDFORD ATHLETIC CLUB ORGANIZED

Temporary Organization Effected Last Evening and Officers Elected Committee Appointed on Laws.

At the meeting called at the Athletic rooms in the Miles building Monday night, some thirty of the 110 who had signed the paper as subscribers were in attendance.

On the meeting being called to order, it was moved that temporary officers for the purpose of organizing the Medford Athletic Association and carried. W. M. Kennedy was elected president, Jas. D. Fay secretary, L. E. McDaniels treasurer.

A committee of five consisting of the president, treasurer, O. J. Patton, E. E. Kelly and R. W. Telfer, were appointed to draft a constitution and laws for the government of the club and to take care of other matters pertaining thereto.

A meeting will be held Friday evening of this week, when the committee will be ready to report and a permanent organization will be effected.

MINER HURLED INTO SHAFT—IS KILLED

NEVADA CITY, Cal., Jan. 4.—With his body rebounding against the timbers of the Banner mine, James McDonald, a miner 55 years of age, fell to the bottom and was killed. McDonald was struck by the skip while standing on the edge of a drift near the surface and was thrown into the shaft. His face was mutilated beyond recognition.

GOOD ROADS CLUB IS FORMED

Residents on West Side of Valley Organize Good Roads Club to Co-operate With County Authorities

OVER 300 MEMBERS ARE
ENROLLED IN CLUB

Object Is to See That Money Spent on Roads of County Is Not Wasted—Kirby S. Miller Is President.

An organization known as the West Side Good Roads Club was organized Monday afternoon by the residents of the valley between Jacksonville and Central Point. The club met for organization at the home of Wm. H. Rainsford, George H. Daggett, Kirby S. Miller, L. Neidermeyer, R. A. Clark, Henry Maury and W. H. Rainsford being present.

The locality to be covered by the new club is north from Jacksonville three thence east to Central Point, west from Sheriff Jones' place to the foothills. In all the club now has 30 members. They will meet monthly on the first Sunday of each month at 2 p. m. at the school house in district No. 95.

Miller is President. At the meeting held Monday for organization Kirby S. Miller was elected president and W. H. Rainsford, secretary and treasurer. The following committees were appointed: On information—L. P. Hubbard, J. H. Daggett, Henry Maury. On co-operation—Victor Bursell, E. B. Hanley, L. Neidermeyer. On actual work—James M. Hurley, R. A. Clark, C. S. Newbill. On membership—H. W. Rainsford, Henry Conger.

Purposes of Organization.

The following circular outlining the purpose of the club was issued: "Doubtless the subject of good roads will appeal to you as it does to every man in this country. At present it is impossible for any of us to haul any load to any of the towns without doubling the ordinary team, the markets are completely shut off. The loss from this, from extra strain on vehicles and horses, from work delayed, represents quite a sum to every land-owner.

"Nearly \$80,000 represents the expenditure of Jackson county this year on roads. Some of it was spent in this section but we are left stranded, notwithstanding. And there is no supervision of the roads whatever after the rains begin.

"For the following reasons, it seems that we should do well to organize a better roads club for our neighborhood.

First.

"We can, as individuals and as an organization, acquire a great deal of valuable information about road making, from the United States government, and from many other localities. So long as we do not know what good roads are and how they are made, we are in no position to ask for anything definite, we must take what is handed to us—what we have now.

Second.

"We can apply ourselves as a body to our local problems and needs. After giving them intelligent consideration, we should be able to direct, in a general way, the work done by the county authorities in this immediate vicinity, to the effect that the money be expended intelligently at the proper time and place, and better results be attained. Where an individual has no weight with the authorities, an organized club, with definite requests and suggestions for co-operation with the county, would have to be taken account of more seriously. We ought, when organized, to be able to secure approximately what we need for our vicinity.

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It Isn't Polite.

Besides, you can read ALL the news in much more comfort if you subscribe for this paper.

NEW BOOK CLUB IS ORGANIZED

Ladies of Greater Medford Club Find New Way to Assist in Growth of Library.

At the regular meeting of the "Greater Medford Club," Monday afternoon, the organization of a "book club" in connection with the library was discussed, the object of the society being to procure new and desirable books for the library. The book club was organized and all the members of the "Greater Medford Club" present, enthusiastically joined.

The plans of the society are as follows: Each member pays a membership fee of \$1 towards a fund to buy the new books. These books are to be in the library and to be in circulation among the members of the book club for six months. At the end of the six months the books will be passed over permanently to the general library circulation. All wishing to join the book club may do so by paying \$1 membership. Inquire for details from the librarian.

The friends of the library will be interested to know that the number of patrons and the number of books in circulation for the month of December greatly exceeds the record of any month so far in the history of the library. The number of books issued was 739, over 479 of November's circulation. The number of new patrons is 69, bringing the total number of patrons to 1067. Through the energy of the library board new books are being ordered to supply the increasing demand for new fiction.

KELLY TO ARGENTINE TO CARE FOR FISH

Popular Fish Culturist Lands Good Job With South American Republic.

H. L. Kelly, Jr., who for the past five years has been in charge of the government hatchery at Trail, left today for Portland on his way to Washington, from where he will go to Buenos Ayres, Argentina, to become field superintendent of fish hatcheries for that government.

Mr. Kelly has a host of friends who regret his departure, but who rejoice with him at his good fortune.

"Individually we can do very little to alter the situation. Banded together the effect would be felt by the authorities. And by each of us working a little under proper directions, we could at least have passable roads in our neighborhood, and good roads means money in every man's pocket, besides the great increase in the value of land by making the neighborhood much more desirable.

FLOOD RUNS CITIZENS OUT

Paisley, Oregon, in Imminent Danger of Destruction by Flood Waters in Chewaucan River

HUGE CAKES OF ICE
CARRIED THROUGH TOWN

River Spreads Over Entire Valley—Zero Weather Prevails—Situation Without Parallel.

PAISLEY, Or., Jan. 4.—(By Courier to Lakeview, Oregon.)—Paisley is in imminent danger of destruction by flood and the citizens of the community have fled to higher ground.

The Chewaucan river is on a rampage and is carrying huge cakes of ice through the principal streets of the town. The river has spread over the entire valley surrounding Paisley and is congealing into an immense ice floor. Zero weather prevails. For two miles the channel of the river is a solid mass of ice. Ice jams have battered down the bridges connecting Paisley with the outside world.

As fast as rushing water reaches comparatively level ground it greases. This has been going on since December 20. The present situation is without parallel in the town's history.

The weather is exceedingly changeable and it is feared that a Chinook wind may come suddenly and convert the hundreds of tons of ice into water and cause thousands of dollars worth of damage.

ONCE GREAT LADY— NOW IS PENNILESS

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 4.—Penniless, her sight failing, and apparently without a friend in this country, Senora Alagera Barrios, widow of Jose Barrios, former president of Guatemala, today is an inmate of the Shakespeare-Tarso alms house in this city.

Following the assassination of her husband who met his death a short time after his accession to the presidency, Senora Barrios went to Europe. Her adequate fortune was dissipated by her managers in this country and she came to New Orleans. For several months she lived here in obscurity. Because of her failing sight, however, she gave up the fight, and on New Year's day she was admitted to the alms house.

QUEEN LIL AGAIN IS AFTER HER MONEY

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal. Jan. 4.—Accompanied by "Prince Cupid" Kalamianole, delegate from Hawaii to Congress, former Queen Liliuokalani today is on her way to Washington to again petition the government for the payment of \$250,000 she declares was due her for former crown lands. The ex-queen will rely on her friends to carry her case to those in authority. Since Cupid will probably press the claim for payments alleged due on the lands taken over by the United States when it took possession of the islands.

DR. SWEET SEEKS TO HOLD TWO OFFICES

Dr. A. B. Sweet is a candidate for two offices, according to his petition filed with the city recorder. He would be both health officer and councilman. His petition reads as follows: "We, the residents of the First ward precinct of Medford, propose as candidate for councilman for First ward, Dr. A. B. Sweet, and further serve as health officer constituting the board of health.

"Dr. Sweet is a worthy citizen and will give his entire interests to the public enterprises and sanitation of our beautiful city.

"All vote for him."