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MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

THE WEATHER.
Tonight and Wednesday
—Cloudy—Monday—High
51, low 36, range 44.

FOURTH YEAR.

MEDFORD, OREGON, TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 1910.

No. 259.

POSTOFFICE ROLL NEARS THE 200 MARK

Nearly 3,000,000 Pieces of Mail Matter, or Over 7000 a Day, Were Handled During the Past Year—Great Strides Are Made—Twelve Employes at Work.

Two million, nine hundred and seventy-two thousand, four hundred and twenty-nine pieces of mail matter were handled in the local postoffice, an average of 7322 each of the 365 days, according to a detailed report just compiled by Assistant Postmaster Ralph Woodford.

This is the first year that such a report has been compiled so that a comparison with a previous year is impossible. However it may be remembered that in 1890—twenty years ago—an old soap box with six compartments was deemed sufficient to handle the incoming and outgoing mail.

ROLL NEARS THE 200 MARK

Revised Circulars Sent Out to Members of Club, Giving Names of Those Who Should be Members of Club—Campaign Is Now at Its Height.

The list of new members of the Medford Commercial club is growing daily and at present some 200 have put in their names who heretofore have not been members. The total list is around the 500 mark, but the committee has decided on having no less than 600 on the night of the high jinks, January 25.

The campaign is fairly under way now and much interest is being displayed. On every corner residents of the city are being buttonholed and urged to join.

Ladies' Furnishings **W. H. Meeker & Co.** Dry Goods

We sell GILBERT'S CELEBRATED Dress Linings

231 East Main Street

Medford, Ore. Jan. 18, 1910

To the Public:

The volume of business transacted by us during the past 90 days has been fully 50 per cent greater than during the same period of the preceding year.

The bulk of this substantial increase can be traced directly to the advertising columns of THE MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE.

W. H. MEEKER & Co.

LIBERALS IN LEAD AT POLLS

Unless Conservatives Take Decided Brace They Will Lose Power in Parliament—Liquor Interests in Ireland Threaten to Withdraw from Irish Nationalist Party.

LONDON, Jan. 18.—Unless the Conservatives take a decided brace during the remaining days of the national parliamentary elections it is predicted today the Liberals and Laborites will be able to control the next parliament without the aid of the Irish Nationalists.

Estimates based upon the solid Liberal representation usually returned from Scotland and Wales place the total Conservative gain at but eighty seats. As the Laborites are making slight gains, the Liberals may be able to lose ninety seats without losing control of the parliament.

SHIPPING IS DAMAGED SOUND

Sixty-Mile Gale Menaces All Shipping Near Seattle—Frame House Blown Down—Gale Subsides Somewhat Today—Men Injured by Shower of Glass from Window.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 18.—With a 60-mile-an-hour gale blowing and seas running mountain high, one of the worst storms of the winter prevailed along the Washington and British Columbia coasts last night, menacing shipping and making the operation of small craft almost impossible.

Two men were painfully injured shortly before noon today when a big plate glass window at the Pacific Tobacco company's store near the public market blew in. The men were showered with fine particles of glass and were badly cut about the hands.

WHISLER IS MAKING HEADWAY

Writes Professor O'Gara That He Is Meeting With Success in Fighting La Fean Bill Now Before Congress—Meets With Commission Men in Norfolk, Va.—Still in Washington

That he is making headway and is very hopeful of defeating the La Fean apple bill now pending before congress, is the word sent back by C. E. Whisler to Professor P. J. O'Gara regarding his efforts in Washington to defeat the bill.

HOUSE ADOPTS CONFERENCE REPORT ON CONTROVERSY

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—The house today voted unanimously to adopt the conference report of the Ballinger-Pinchot resolution.

Norfolk, Va., attending a meeting of the National League of Commission Merchants. He expected to leave the following day on his return to Washington.

DEL NORTE HAS A REAL LIVE SCANDAL

Assessor Files Affidavit Charging Judge and Others With Conspiracy to Defraud County.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 18.—Judge John S. Childs, of the superior court in Del Norte county, with other Del Norte officials, is charged in an affidavit filed here today by Assessor W. F. Malone of Del Norte with conspiracy to defraud. The other accused officials are District Attorney George W. Howe, Auditor N. C. McVay and Treasurer W. D. Rice.

JONATHAN BOURNE PAYS ELECTION BET

Buys Congressman McKinley of California a \$100 Suit of Clothes to Pay a Bet.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—Congressman Duncan McKinley of California, in addition to a happy smile, today is wearing a new \$100 suit of clothes paid for by Senator Bourne. The senator before the nomination of Tatt was a strong Roosevelt man. In a discussion with McKinley Bourne rashly made a bet of a suit of clothes that Roosevelt would be nominated.

TARPLEY ON STAND IN HERMANN CASE

LEWIS IS SLATED TO HEAD MINERS

Fifteen Hundred Delegates Gather in Indianapolis to Discuss Important Business to Come Before Convention.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 18.—Fifteen hundred miners representing great coal districts throughout the United States met here today in the annual convention of the United Mine Workers of America.

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BENSON PAYS HIGH TRIBUTE TO HANNA

In Reply to Judge's Letter of Resignation, Governor Thanks Him for Long Services Upon Judicial Bench.

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GILLETTE MAY YET GO INTO RACE FOR OFFICE

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 18.—Governor Gillette today positively denied a story in circulation to the effect that he had decided not to be a candidate to succeed himself as governor.

SAYS MACHINISTS WILL NOT WALK OUT

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Jan. 18.—Third Vice-President Slade of the Northern Pacific today completed a toll of the machinists in the employ of the railroad and announced that 90 per cent of them would refuse to strike in sympathy with switchmen, even if ordered out by their national body.

MADRIZ ORDERS INVESTIGATION

Orders Supreme Court to Look Into Execution of Cannon and Groce—Tells Court to Prevent Miscarriage of Justice in Shooting of Citizens of United States.

MANGUA, Nicaragua, Jan. 18.—The supreme court of Nicaragua today received a message from President Madriz, demanding the trial of officers and officials involved in the execution of Groce and Cannon, two Americans.

Whether the prosecuting attorney, Silva, will be involved is not known. It is certain, however, that General Medina under whose immediate direction the executions took place, will endeavor to justify himself as a military officer acting under orders from President Zelaya. These orders, it is said, Medina still retains and will use them to shift the blame of the affair to the former president.

SPOKANE EXCURSION IN MEDFORD TOMORROW

Members of the Spokane Chamber of Commerce and Walla Walla Clubs to Be Welcomed.

The third annual excursion of Spokane and Walla Walla, Wash., boosters to California will arrive at Medford Wednesday in their special train about noon.

POISONED ENTIRE FAMILY FOR ESTATE

Authorities Investigating Sudden Death of Wealthy Farmer in Texas.

DALLAS, Tex., Jan. 18.—Believing that an attempt to poison a whole family has been made, authorities today are investigating the death of L. Alexander, a wealthy farmer, who lived near Dublin.

MINISTER TURNS MURDERER

OXFORD, Miss., Jan. 18.—Wrought into an insane frenzy because of obsession that his crusade against sin had been a failure, the Rev. James Owens, a Scotch Baptist minister shot and killed his wife and her sister, Sarah McAuley, fatally wounding Will J. Vaughan and then committed suicide.

ICE GORGE TEARS LOOSE AND DOES MUCH DAMAGE

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Jan. 18.—With a roar that was heard for miles an immense ice gorge that extended for six miles along Wolf creek at Leavenworth, Ind., broke today and ground its way toward the Ohio river.