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MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

THE WEATHER.
Today and Monday, —
Cloudy. Saturday—High 62,
low 41, range 53.

FOURTH YEAR.

MEDFORD, OREGON, SUNDAY, JANUARY 23, 1910.

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CRUSADE AGAINST INFLATED PRICES GROWS GIGANTIC

LABOR UNIONS, NATION WIDE, LEND IMPETUS TO MOVEMENT

MANY HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS SPURN MEAT

Movement Started in Cleveland
Spreads Like Wildfire—Every-
where Idea Is Favored—In Some
Cities Price of Meat Is Lowered.

Federal Grand Jury Will Meet Mon-
day for Initial Moves in Govern-
ment's Second Fight to Break Al-
leged Combination of Packers.

Fearing That Death List Will Be
Greatly Increased When Full Re-
ports Are In—Hundreds of Acres
in Country Districts Submerged.

CHICAGO, Jan. 22.—With leading
lawyers for the Chicago meat packers
harrying toward this city or already
here, the federal grand jury is making
preparations today to meet next Monday
for the initial movement in the govern-
ment's second big fight to break an
alleged combination of the packers to
maintain high prices for meats.
United States District Attorney Sims
will open a criminal prosecution of the
packers with the presentation of a large
amount of data gathered by himself and
his assistants. That the government
intends a vigorous and hard fought cam-
paign is believed to be shown by the
fact that civil procedure has for the
time been made secondary to the crim-
inal.
Meat Found Out.
Sims has scores of witnesses here
who have been working secretly for
several months. These are expected to
go at once before the grand jury and it
(Continued on page 4.)

PARIS, Jan. 22.—Thirty-one persons
are dead as the result of the floods that
have swept southern and eastern France
during the last three days, according
to advices received here today. News
from the stricken sections, however, is
meager, and it is feared that the num-
ber of casualties will greatly exceed
that number.
Although the swollen rivers are still
rising, there is hope that the high-water
mark will be reached before tomorrow.
The rains have ceased, but the rivers
are being fed from smaller streams.
Enormous damage was done in and
around this city. The walls of the
Paris and Orleans railway tunnel, which
was flooded yesterday, were greatly
weakened and engineers who examined
them expressed the fear that they would
collapse. Traffic in the metropolitan
subway is partially tied up today.
Vineyardists and small farmers suf-
fered severely. Hundreds of acres in
the country districts were submerged.

San Francisco, Jan. 22.—Declaring
that the price of meat in San Fran-
cisco is no higher today than at corre-
sponding dates for years past, Jef-
ferson G. James, a wholesale meat de-
aler, today asserted that there is no meat
trust in California and on the other
hand keen competition exists among the
wholesalers. The advance in prices
noted at this season of the year, he said,
is due only to the scarcity of beef on
the ranges and not to premeditated at-
tempt on the part of the dealers to
hold up the figures.
Leroy Hough, vice-president of the
Western Meat company, corroborated
James' statements. He declared that
meat prices in this city have not ex-
ceeded a normal figure and are lower
than in any other Pacific coast city.
No Combination.
"The people of this city are to be
congratulated that they are not being
charged exorbitant prices for meat,"
Hough said. "The reason they are not
is because there is no combination here
among the wholesalers. Because of the
existing keen competition, meat costs
2 cents per pound less here on an av-
erage than it does in Los Angeles, Ta-
coma, San Diego, Portland or Seattle."
"There is a marked scarcity of live-
stock on the coast this year, and many
smaller cities have secured portions of
the supply that should go to the larger
centers. Expenses of feeding cattle at
this time of year is high and that con-
tributes to the general advance in prices
in many cities. San Francisco has not
suffered from these conditions, how-
ever, nor have other coast cities to any
appreciable extent."

WORK BEGINS SOON ON SYSTEM

Plans of New Irrigation Company Reach Such a Point That Construc- tion Work Will Soon Start 55- 000 Acres of Valley Land Are to Be Placed Under Irrigation.

Construction work on the immense
irrigation system which will eventually
place 55,000 acres of Rogue River val-
ley land under irrigation, at an esti-
mated cost of \$1,250,000, will start on
February 1, according to an announce-
ment made from the local office of
the syndicate handling the proposition
yesterday. The first work will be the



FRED N. CUMMINGS
Whose efforts led to the foundation
of the syndicate which will build an
irrigation system in the Rogue river
valley unequalled in the northwest.

overhauling and repairing of the main
canal from Little Butte creek to the
Bradshaw drop, and then the recon-
struction of what is known as the Hop-
kins lateral.
Owing to the limited time that the
water can be kept from the main canal,
the company finds it impossible at this
time to reconstruct the main canal, but
it will be thoroughly cleaned and some
improvements made. The Hopkins lateral,
however, will be built larger, the
work being of a permanent nature.
The new syndicate has not entirely
been organized, the final steps not as
yet arranged in the near future.
This company plans a great work in
the valley. When its system is com-
pleted it will have over 250 miles of
laterals in the valley, placing 55,000
acres under irrigation.
For many months Fred N. Cummings
has been at work on the project and
now his plans give promise of a suc-
cessful culmination. He has already ex-
pended \$25,000 in preliminary surveys
and is most enthusiastic regarding the
future.

PETITIONS FILED FOR PAVING OF TEN MILES OF CITY'S STREETS

MASONS DECIDE SITE ON EAST MAIN

Will Erect \$50,000 Building Where
Merriman's Blacksmith Shop Stood
—Money in Sight and Work Will
Start in Near Future.

VALLEY CHARMS HEAD SPOKANE BOOSTER

H. J. Neely, Vice-President National
Apple Show and President of 150-
000 Club of Spokane, Greatly
Pleased With Rogue River Valley.

DEMAND IS MUCH GREATER THAN EXPECTED

Mayor Canon and Councilman Welch
Leave Today for California to In-
terest Paving Company in Local
Field—Much Work to Be Done.

At a meeting of Medford lodge, No.
193, A. F. & A. M., Friday evening it
was decided to purchase the Prall lot
on East Main street, where the black-
smith shop of George Merriman was
situated, and to erect a building, the
total cost being in the neighborhood of
\$50,000. A large portion of the money
has been subscribed and work will soon
be under way.
It is the intention of the lodge to
erect a three-story building, pressed
brick front, steam heated, full base-
ment and modern in every respect.
Work is to be started as early in the
spring as possible. The top floor will
be fitted as a lodge room and in addi-
tion to a banquet hall, a smoking room,
library and other features will be ad-
ded, making it a home for members of
the Masonic order.
This is the first lodge building to
be put under way in Medford. It is un-
derstood that the Odd Fellows and Sikks
are also contemplating building.

Spokane's chief booster, H. J. Neely,
whose signature, by the way appeared
on the check won by Tronson & Guthrie
at the National Apple Show as vice
president of the show, has been visiting
Medford for the past few days and is
charmed by city and valley. Mr. Neely
has long been identified with the Boost-
ers' Club of Spokane and is at present
president of the 150,000 Club of that
city.
"I am greatly pleased with what I
have seen of your valley," states Mr.
Neely, "and I feel that I must come
back and get some of your fruit land.
I have seldom been so impressed by
natural conditions as I have been here.
Medford has a great future. Your
city is bound to grow with the resources
it has back of it. I find many Spokane
people here and I feel that they have
chosen wisely. You certainly have a live
batch of boosters here, and I say this
in spite of the fact that I come from the
place which contains none but boosters."

Although the year 1910 is still
young, Medford has set a mark
in municipal improvement which
probably has never been equal-
ed by any city of 1500 in the
world, and which no other city
in the northwest can show. Dur-
ing the past two weeks petitions
for paving have come in until the
total on file when the recorder's
office closed last evening repre-
sented a total of over ten miles
of the city's streets. This work
is all to be done this summer.
Medford has nearly three miles
of pavement at the present time
and it is believed that by fall
fully 15 miles of the city's
streets will be paved.
Figuring 200 feet to a block,
the petitions on file represent
the paving of 176 city blocks.

Man Who, Nude, With Family, Sat on Housetop to Await Coming of the
Lord, Is Committed to Asylum—Wife Is Also So Disposed of
Said His Children Were "Possessed of Spirit of Devil."

FANATIC ADJUDGED INSANE

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Jan. 22.—
"And then a great force seemed to pull
Lena, my little daughter, from me and
I held her tight. She kicked and
screamed and stiffened and struggled
like a devil possessed here. I was try-
ing to get the devil out of her."
So testified George Pestot, the fanat-
ical "Holy Roller," who, with his wife
and two small children, was found on
the roof of the Pestot home near Lon-
don awaiting the end of the world, in
Judge Hardin's department of the su-
perior court while being examined for
his sanity today.
Judge Was Angry.
Judge Hardin, moved to wrath by the
description of Baby Martel's death and
Lena's torture by her father, replied:
"I wish I had been there with a good
club. I would have moved a devil or
two out of you in short order."
At the conclusion of the examination
of Pestot in the courtroom and of Mrs.
Pestot in the courthouse jail, the ex-

TEDDY MUST WRITE BOOK THIS TIME

Parents of Triplets Who Received a Letter From Roosevelt Now Possess Quadruplets.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 22.—W. W.
Wilson and his wife, of 219 Magnolia
avenue, who received a congratulatory
letter from Theodore Roosevelt when
triplets were born to Mrs. Wilson dur-
ing the former president's adminis-
tration, are the proud parents of quadru-
plets. Two are boys and two are girls.
Prior to the arrival of the four
bouncing youngsters yesterday, Mrs.
Wilson had given birth to triplets on
two occasions, and once to twins. All
the children were born within the last
nine years.
The first "set" of triplets died. One
little lad, 4 years of age, is the only
surviving of the second trio. Two twins
now are pretty little girls of 9 years.
When the first triplets were old
enough to be exhibited on the street by
their father and mother, three go-carts
were dismantled, fastened abreast, and
heavy wheels attached to the outside
axles. Wilson stated today that an ex-

TWO SCORE DIE IN WRECK

Train Leaves Soft Track on C. P. Railroad and Plunges Into River— Three Coaches Submerged Drowning Occupants Like Rats— Feared Death List Will Reach Total of 67.

SAULT STE. MARIE, Ont., Jan. 22.
—Late this evening the Canadian offi-
cial said that 37 persons were known
to be dead in the wreck of the Montreal-
Minnesota express.
From the number missing it is esti-
mated that the death list may reach
as high as 67.
Thirty-seven passengers were injured.
Several of them are expected to die.
Ten bodies have been recovered.
Divers are at work on the submerged
cars.
SAULT STE. MARIE, Ont., Jan. 22.
—The Montreal-Minnesota passenger
train went over an embankment 37
miles west of Sudbury, Ont., last night,
but the number of victims will not be
known definitely until divers have made
an investigation of the three coaches
submerged, with its occupants, in the
Spanish river.
The condition of the track indicates
that the wreck was caused by a weak-
ened rail, which withstood the passage

of the forward part of the train, but
broke under the pressure and sent a first
class coach, a second class coach, a
sleeper and a diner plunging down the
embankment toward the Spanish river.
Coach Shattered.
The second coach was shattered, the
sleeper turned over on its side, while
the first class coach was hurled clear
into the stream and went into the riv-
er, but it was only partially submerged,
its occupants all escaping with slight
injuries.
Most of the severely injured were in
the second class coach, which was
smashed in its crash down the embank-
ment. The sleeper, being of much heav-
ier construction, was not nearly so bad-
ly damaged, but several of the passen-
gers who were in it were badly hurt.
No One Escaped.
It is not believed that anyone escaped
from the first class coach, which went
into the river, as it was so quickly sub-
merged that those within it must have
died.

When City Recorder Teifer closed his
office last evening he had on file peti-
tions from property owners in the city
requesting certain streets in the city
to be paved totaling in the aggregate near-
ly ten miles, or 176 city blocks—and
this since January 1. This work is to
be done during 1910. With nearly three
miles already paved, it is expected that
by January 1, 1911, that 15 miles of
Medford's streets will be paved.
Mayor W. H. Canon and Councilman
Welch, armed with all available data,
and knowing that they have ten miles
of streets petitioned for, leave today
for California points, where they will
take up paving matters with companies
in an endeavor to secure a lower cost.
They will be absent some ten days.
A number of petitions are still out
and will come in later. The streets on
which paving is asked and for which
petitions are on file in the recorder's of-
fice are:
Genesee street.
East Main from bridge to city lim-
its.
Riverside avenue, Twelfth street
north to the city limits.
Central avenue, both north and south
to city limits.
Sixth, Riverside avenue west to Oak-
dale, with exception of railroad cross-
ing.
Bartlett from Main to Eighth.
Front north to Jackson, south to city
limits.
Fir from Sixth south to city limits.
Alley between Fir and Grape, Main
to Eighth.
Grape, Sixth to Eighth.
Ivy, Second south to city limits.
Ivy, Sixth to Seventh.
West Tenth, Oakdale to Hamilton in
Rosa addition.
Laurel, Main south to Eleventh.
North Orange, Main to Fourth.
West Fourth, Oakdale to Columbus.
Roosevelt avenue, Main north to city
limits.

TACOMA TAKES IT UP

Letter From Roosevelt Now Possess Quadruplets.

TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 22.—The Pioneer
Improvement club of Tacoma has
called a meeting for tonight to take up
the "no meat propaganda" which started
in Cleveland and is gaining headway
all over the country. At tonight's meet-
ing a petition will be presented to the
club calling for the signatures of persons
who will pledge themselves not to eat
meat for 40 days.
Ministers to Act.
The ministers of the city are reported to
be planning a united meeting for
next week, at which time the period
boycott will be thoroughly discussed
and some action taken. The subject will
also be taken up by the central labor
council Wednesday night.
To Raise on Beans.
VENTURA, Cal., Jan. 22.—With thou-
sands of people abstaining from meat
with the view of compelling the butch-
ers to lower their prices, it was announ-
ced today here that the Lima Bean
Growers' association which controls all
the beans in the country, except 125-
000 sacks, intends to hold a raise in
the prices before selling.

BLIZZARD SWEEPS STATE OF OHIO

Reports of Fatalities Beginning to Come In From All Sections—Snow Causes a Fatal Wreck.

CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 22.—Reports
of fatalities and accidents are begin-
ning to come in from all parts of Ohio,
following the wake of a blizzard which
is sweeping the state today. The re-
ports have been delayed owing to in-
terruption of wire communication.
One man was killed and six injured
when a passenger train collided with a
streetcar near here late last night.
Blinding snow, driven by a 40-mile gale,
is assigned as the cause of the accident.
A number of streetcar accidents oc-
curred early today. Streetcar traffic is
now tied up by the storm.
An extra seat will be added to this nursery
on wheels for the benefit of the new
babies.
It was suggested to Wilson that he
cable the good news to Roosevelt in
Africa.

THREE BANKS WILL HANDLE CITY FUNDS

Special Meeting of the Council Friday Afternoon Divides City Funds Between Three Banks.

A special meeting of the city council
was held Friday afternoon at which
the bids of the several banks for the
privilege of handling the city funds
were opened.
It was found on opening the bids that
three of the banks, the Jackson County,
the Medford National and the Farmers
and Fruitgrowers had put in identical
bids, viz: 2 per cent interest on daily
balances and 3 1/2 per cent on deposits
of six months or over. The First Na-
tional offered 2 per cent on daily bal-
ances and 3 per cent on six months
deposits.
A resolution was passed accepting the
offer of the three first named banks and
instructing the treasurer to divide the
city funds between the three municipal
depositories as nearly equal as the state
of the different funds would permit.
The treasurer's bond was fixed at
\$25,000, as at present, and each of the
banks will be required to give a bond
of \$15,000.

SUFFRAGETTES MAIL THREAT TO CHURCHILL

Fanatical Women Mail Target Per- forated With Bullets to Eng- lish Leader.

LONDON, Jan. 22.—Officers from the
Scotland Yard today are trying to learn
the identity of the Suffragettes who
mailed to a member of parliament who
was standing, for re-election a paper
target that had been perforated by bul-
lets.
The arrival of the target came close
upon the Suffragettes' announcement
that they intended to make a demon-
stration before the national elections
were concluded and the discovery that
several of the "votes for women" lead-
ers had been indulging in secret revol-
ver and rifle practice.
At Scotland Yard it was admitted
today that a shooting gallery the Suff-
ragettes had established was raided.
The impression is great, however, that
Winston Churchill was the recipient.
George Sheriffs and William Duncan
spent Saturday in Medford visiting their
friends.

TOM TAGGART BADLY WOUNDED HUNTING

Will Not Lose Sight of Eye as Re- ported—Politician Peppared With Small Shot.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 22.—Al-
though Tom Taggart, Democratic na-
tional committeeman, was painfully
wounded while hunting near Fayette,
Miss., yesterday, his surgeon today wired
that Taggart will not lose the sight of
his injured right eye. Taggart was out-
rightly shot in the underbrush near
Fayette with H. W. S. Norton, his sec-
retary. Norton fired at a bevy of birds
and a portion of a charge of birdshot
struck Taggart.
The politician's face, right shoulder
and chest were peppered with small shot
and for a time it was thought that the
sight of one eye had been destroyed.
Taggart is due to arrive here tomor-
row.
Pirate Den Found.
PORTLAND, Or., Jan. 22.—What is
thought to be the rendezvous of a band
of river pirates have been found near
Smith's Landing below Woodland, on
the Lewis river. Loot to the value of
more than \$5,000 was found.

FALLING BUILDING KILLS MANY IN BELGIUM

CHARLEROI, Belgium, Jan. 22.— Many persons are believed to have been killed and a score of missing buried under the wreckage of a large building which collapsed today. A number of injured persons were removed from the outer portions of the debris. The falling building narrowly missed burying a passenger train. Workmen are attempting to rescue the injured and missing and to recover bodies.

PIONEER OF OREGON DIES AT EUGENE

Mrs. W. W. Haines of Eugene, one of the pioneers of Oregon, died Saturday morning after an illness of several months, aged 77 years.

Mrs. Haines was among the children
who made the great trek across the
plains in the early settlement of the
Oregon country, crossing with the
second wagon train which made the trip.
Her parents settled at Brownsville,
Linn county, which village took its
name from them.