

A HOME COURSE IN DOMESTIC SCIENCE STARTS THURSDAY IN THE MAIL TRIBUNE. SEE ANNOUNCEMENT ON PAGE 4

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Full Lensed Wire Report
The only paper in a city the
size of Medford having a
lensed wire.

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

THE WEATHER.
Tonight and Monday —
Rain. Monday—High 63,
low 42, range 54.

FOURTH YEAR

MEDFORD, OREGON, TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 1910.

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MEDFORD IS 600 KILLED LARGEST IN VALLEY IN BLOODY BATTLE

New Directory Just Issued Gives
Medford Big Lead Over Ashland
and Grants Pass—Book Is Most
Complete Yet Issued in This City—
Gives Medford 7965 Population.

According to the names appearing
in Polk's directory, just issued, Med-
ford has outstripped her sister cities
in the Rogue River valley and leads
in population, as she does in postal
receipts and bank deposits, to say
nothing of business. The directory
lists 2655 Medford, 2256 Ashland
and 1953 Grants Pass names. As
the directory gives an average of
one name in three, Medford has a
population of 7965, Ashland 6768
and Grants Pass 5859.

The rapid growth of Medford is
shown with a comparison with last
January, when the population was
fixed at 5300 by a city enumeration.
Recently the population has been es-
timated between 7500 and 8000, and
now the directory gives it 7965,
when conservatively estimated. The
Jackson county tax list is a portion
of the book devoted to humor. This
and again men are listed, some of
them known to be worth \$50,000, at
\$5000. Throughout a multiple of 10
would give a near estimate of their
worth.

JEFF HAS NO USE FOR FAMILY HISTORY

Receives News from English Geneal-
ogist He Is Descendant of Lord
High Executioner.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Jan. 25.—
Jim Jeffries read today that he is
a descendant of Judge Jeffries, the
official legal hangman of the royal
house of the Stuarts in olden times.
Jim was so pleased by the news that
he is seeking a personal meeting with
the genealogist, who made public the
circumstances, with a view of doing
a little execution on his own ac-
count.

Hitherto Jeffries' only claim to
fame has been his good right (and
left) arm. With it he has hewn
down many rebellious subjects of
the realm of fisticuffs. But now a
British herald, wise in the lore of
family trees and other "natural re-
sources" of English society, came
through with the following:
"Jeffries, former heavyweight
champion, is a direct descendant of
Lord Jeffries, the famous hanging
lord of olden times."

Jeff's delight at this information
caused a contraction of his heavy
black eyebrows that bodes ill for
the historian.
His scowl grew blacker as he
read:
"Lord Jeffries had seven sons, six
of whom were prominent Jacobites.
After the rebellion they escaped to
Virginia and the pugilist traces his
descent in a direct line from one of
them."

"Judge Jeffries conducted the fa-
mous court held at the battle of
Sedgemoor in 1675, when 320 execu-
tions were ordered and carried
out. He died in the tower of Lon-
don."

Jeff seldom says much, but his
friends today contemplate sending a
warning to the genealogist that it is
bad luck for him to meet a tall,
bulky gentleman of dark skin and
much hair who might appear to be
handy with his fists.

We invite comparison, knowing
that such a test will prove our abil-
ity to interest you to your satisfac-
tion. We would appreciate an op-
portunity to demonstrate the super-
iority of our methods. Van De Car
& Jassman, jewelers, Phipps bldg.,
Medford.

Fierce Engagement Waged in Vicin-
ity of Acopya—Battle Was Not
Decisive and Another Will Be
Fought Before Revolution Is at
an End.

BLUEFIELDS, Nicaragua, Jan. 25.
—(By wireless to Colon.)—After a
desperate and bloody engagement, in
which it is thought at least 600 men
were killed, the government troops in
the vicinity of Acopya today with-
drew to await the reinforcements that
are being rushed to the front from
Managua.

The revolutionists under General
Chamorro ago reported to have lost
300 men in killed and wounded since
the beginning battle at Acopya yester-
day. Madrid's army is believed to
have sustained even heavier losses.

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During yesterday's fighting the
rebels captured one machine gun, two
English gunners and many native
prisoners.

KNIFE WIELDER GETS THE BETTER OF THREE

OAKLAND, Cal., Jan. 25.—Joseph
Mittos, suspected by the police of
being an expert knife wielder, is
being sought today by detectives fol-
lowing a murderous assault by an
Italian on three bootblacks here who
are in hospitals today with gashed
throats.

The victims, Leonardo Fazio, Cam-
illo Gambo and Frank Addigo, re-
fused to tell the name of their as-
sailant, who attacked them in front
of Gambo's home at Fifth and Jef-
ferson streets. Neighbors heard a
quarrel and later the groans of the
men attracted attention. The Ital-
ians were found with their throats
cut, but all probably will recover.

NO SENSATIONS FOR TAFT ADMINISTRATION

Made It Clear Today That Prosecu-
tion of Beef Trust Is Merely in
Line With Other Policies.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 25.—
The Taft administration made it
clear today that it does not intend
to frighten the industries of the
country by indiscriminate prosecu-
tions under the Sherman anti-trust
law, and that stories to the effect
that the present action against the
beef trust was the result of public
agitation or a new departure are un-
true.

The administration made known
its desire that the public should un-
derstand that the beef trust case is
merely in line with the regular pol-
icies of the present government.

These facts were given out in the
following statement issued from the
white house:
"No statement has been issued
either from the office of the attor-
ney-general or from the white house
indicating that the purpose of the
administration in reference to pro-
secutions under the anti-trust law is
other than as set forth in the pre-
sident's message of January 17.
"Sensational statements as if
there were to be a new depart-
ment and as if there would be indis-
criminate prosecution of important in-
dustries have no foundation."

KING EDWARD VII. AND DAVID LLOYD-GEORGE, WHO LEAD LIBERALS IN HOT CAMPAIGN.



RECENT SNAPSHOT
OF KING EDWARD



DAVID LLOYD-GEORGE

This year's general elections in England have been accompanied by more bitterness, radicalism and all-around excitement than any similar event in that realm in a century. Vituperation and mud-slinging have rarely been indulged in by speakers and politicians of repute heretofore in England, but the traditional dignity of these men was cast to the winds in the present fight. Even as long ago as the budget fight in the house of lords, which really marked the beginning of the campaign, scores of hot-headed young peers armed themselves and vowed they would use their weapons if molested by the Liberalist sympathizers outside the parliament house. A Conservative member of parliament while making a speech in Hammersmith was heckled by a Radical hearer and promptly stepping down from the speaker's stand, gave his annoyance a sound drubbing. The public meetings in various parts of London, Glasgow and Birmingham were frequently attended by scenes of disorder. King Edward has counseled moderation on the part of the Conservatives, but his counsel has been of little avail.

IT LOOKS LIKE A LARGE NIGHT TONIGHT; COME

Annual High Jinks of Medford Com-
mercial Club Will Be Held This
Evening in the Opera House—
Splendid Program Arranged.

The annual high jinks of the Med-
ford Commercial club will be held
this evening in the Medford Opera
House, and every true booster in the
city is expected to attend and bring
his friends. There will be music
and fun, likewise plenty to eat. The
committee has been stirring around
and making a noise like getting busy
—they say, everything is ready, so
come.

Secretary Conrad is most silent in
regard to the present roll of mem-
bers. But he looks like a man who
has something to spring. So it is
believed that the club has made good
on its slogan—600 Tuesday night.
The roll has gone over the 500 mark
and tonight it is to go over 600. This
makes the club the second in the
state in membership. A member to
each 13 residents. If Portland could
equal this they would have a club
with a membership of nearly 30,000.
So come tonight and have a good
time.

FORTIFICATION BILL PASSES THE SENATE

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 25.—
The fortifications bill, carrying ap-
propriations aggregating \$8,000,000,
nearly \$225,000 less than that of
last year, which had already passed
the house, was passed by the sen-
ate today.

During the debates, Senator New-
lands of Nevada emphasized the ne-
cessity for the adequate protection
of Hawaii in view of a possible con-
flict with Japan. This feature of
the situation was given considerable
attention. Senator Newlands said
that he regarded the fortification of
Pearl Harbor vastly more important
than the strengthening of the Phil-
ippines.

C. H. Henderson left Monday eve-
ning for an extended visit in Port-
land.

IRISH HAVE UPPER HAND; MAY SECURE LONG SOUGHT RULE

Unusually Equal Balance of Power
Gives Irish Nationalists Un-
precedented Influence.

LONDON, Jan. 25.—John Red-
mond, leader of the Irish National-
ists, today practically announced
that he will hold the legislative "bal-
ance of power" in his own hand dur-
ing the coming sessions of parlia-
ment, and if he can substantiate his
claims Ireland will get her home rule
law after all.

The nationalist leader declared to
the liberal leaders that he can "ans-
wer" for all but ten of the 83 propo-
sitive nationalist members. The un-
usually even division of the con-
servatives and the liberals resulting
from the elections now being without
doubt, places the nationalists in an
enviable position, and Redmond's as-
sertion, in the opinion of those con-
versant with the situation, is based
almost upon certainty.

In view of the power which his
party will be able to wield, Red-
mond's outline of the attitude it will
assume in matters of vital legisla-
tion is regarded here as the most im-
portant statement issued by a party
leader during the campaign. He is
reported to have laid down the fol-
lowing program:

The nationalists will aid the lib-
erals in passing the budget prepared
by Chancellor David Lloyd-George.
They will stand with the liberals
in an effort to take the veto power
from the house of lords. In return
for this, they will demand that the
liberals unite with them to secure the
passage of the Irish home rule.
If the liberals reciprocate in the
home rule matter, the nationalists
will reward their faithful allies. If
they do not, the nationalists will
hamper the government in every
possible way.

Public opinion has it that the new
parliament will not survive the home
rule fight that is impending. It is
predicted freely that the "split" will
come about the middle of next sum-
mer and will result in more parlia-
mentary elections.

The program during the coming
session is the subject of much dis-
cussion today. While nothing defi-
nite can be decided now, it is be-
lieved generally that the attempt to
take from the lords their veto power
will be scheduled for consideration
before the introduction of Lloyd-
George's budget.

PRICES BEGIN TO COME DOWN; STRIKE RESULT

Chicago Makes Progress With Her
Boycott of Meat and Eggs—
School Children Forced to Go to
Work to Earn Living.

CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 25.—
Though the wholesale price of meats
has slumped from 1 per cent to 15
per cent on various commodities, the
retailers here today say that a re-
duction of at least 25 per cent must
be made before the retail prices can
be lowered.

Commission men here maintain
that there will not be any reduction
in the price of eggs.

The attitude of the retailers and
commission men is regarded as re-
flecting the truth of Secretary Wil-
son's statement yesterday at Wash-
ington that not alone the big com-
panies, but the little petty trusts in
every city contribute their share in
the effort to keep prices high.

The statement of a leading retailer
here is recalled in connection with
this. The retailer maintained that
he was selling as near the margin as
possible and that only a big reduc-
tion in the wholesale price could per-
mit him to reduce the retail price.

CHICAGO, Jan. 25.—With butter
on the toboggan to grease the de-
cent of prices of beef, pork, potatoes,
wheat and corn, the wholesale price
of eggs was reduced today from 3 to
5 per cent.

The radical reductions in meats
and vegetables yesterday, combined
with a hammering down of stocks of
the packing companies, is regarded
today as a first victory for the boy-
cotters of high priced foods.

While packers here deny the rum-
or, it is known that eastern middle-
men are making an attempt to hold
up the market by shutting off the
western meat supply. In spite of the
rumor it is pointed out that fewer
carloads are being sent from the
local packing houses.

To Aid Boycott.
SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 25.—Dele-
gates to the annual conference of the
(Continued on page 4.)

ONE THIRD OF FRANCE IS FLOODED COMET SEEN DUE WEST OF CITY

Several Hundred Refugees Snatched
From Death—Price of Meat Soars
and All Food Commands Prohibi-
tive Prices—Country Sections
Are Prostrated.

PARIS, Jan. 25.—Surrounded by
destruction and ruin, many of them
half starving and thousands of others
homeless, the people of Paris today
are experiencing a tragic holiday.

Despite the hunger and want that
has resulted from the disastrous
floods that are sweeping in upon the
streets of the city from the swollen
Seine, the people appear to be moved
more by a strange curiosity than by
alarm.

The banks of the turbid river are
crowded with thousands of persons
who are watching great armies of
workmen work frantically to prevent
the formation of some obstructions
in the stream that will form a dam
and divert the accumulated water of
a thousand lesser streams into the
city.

PARIS, Jan. 25.—Almost one-
third of France is under water today,
according to reports received from
provincial towns that have not been
isolated by the floods.

The rains that have been falling
steadily for more than a week—con-
tinued today, and the Seine, fed by
its swollen tributaries, is rising more
than half an inch an hour.

Hundreds of men and boys are
working on the banks and in barges
in the river in an effort to keep the
tons of drift and wreckage from ac-
cumulating at any point. Should an
obstruction become formed in the
river the city would be inundated
by the diverted waters.

Early today the floods invaded the
lower Champs Elysee, where are lo-
cated many of the handsome homes
in France, including that of Premier
Faillieres. Throughout that section
hundreds of vans are moving furni-
ture and other property out of reach
of its rapid advance.

The Quai de Billy and the Avenue
(Continued on page 4.)

FAMOUS SONG BIRD SENT TO POOR HOUSE

Hugh Cannon, Who Wrote "Bill Bal-
ley" and Other Popular Songs,
Put Out by Booze.

DETROIT, Mich., Jan. 25.—A
wreck of his former self, through the
ravages of liquor, Hugh Cannon, pop-
ular song writer, whose rag-time mel-
odies were whistled and sung
throughout the English speaking
world, was sent to the Eloise poor
house today.

Hugh Cannon, at the age of 36,
wrecked, down and out. His own
composition contains the greatest
comment on his life, "Ain't that a
shame?" which he wrote several
years ago.

"Just Because She Made Them
Goo Goo Eyes," sung in every the-
ater of the land, was another of his
compositions. Also "Bill Bailey" and
a score of others not so well known.
"I started the booze route when I
was 16 years of age," said Cannon.
"I'm 36 now and except for seven
months on the wagon during which
time I got off frequently to pick up
the whip, I've been pickled most of
the time. It was 20 years—20 black,
nasty, sick years—with only a little
brightness now and then when I made
good with some song."

"I quit the coke (cocaine) easy.
Fifteen days in jail cured me of that.
I hit the pipe in New York for a
year and stopped that. I went up
against morphine hard, but quit. But
the booze, the red, oily booze, that
got me for keeps."

Large Number of Local People Ob-
serve Fiery Stranger—All North-
ern California Cities Report Comet
—Evening Star Is Unusually Brill-
iant.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 25.—
—Dispatches from the cities in the
northern part of the state say that
a comet was clearly visible last eve-
ning and rush orders have been sent
for telescopes and all sorts of long-
range glasses. The tail extended
upward and was two celestial deg-
rees in length. Astronomers say
that it is not Halley's comet, but
probably is "comet A" of 1910. The
comet was visible as early as 5:30
o'clock in the afternoon. Venus is
so bright now that it was seen clearly
at Redding yesterday at 4 o'clock
in the afternoon.

The comet was observed by a
large number of local people about
7 o'clock last evening, and was viewed
until 8 o'clock, when it was ob-
scured by haze. The comet appeared
due west from Medford about 15
degrees above the horizon.

Among those who clearly observed
the comet was William H. Von der
Hellen of Wellen. Mr. Von der Hel-
len states that from his viewpoint it
was most clear and interesting.
The comet should be visible for
several evenings if the sky clears.

HAMILTON TO TRY FOR HEIGHT RECORD

Will Endeavor to Best Paulhan—If
Successful, He Will Get a
Prize of \$1000.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Jan. 25.—
Charles J. Hamilton announced to-
day that he would try this morning
to beat the aeroplane altitude re-
cord made by Paulhan at Los Ange-
les. It was declared, however, that
not until late today would it be
known just what height he had
reached. If successful he will get
a prize of \$1000.

Thousands of persons who wit-
nessed Charles J. Hamilton's trium-
phant return from an aerial voyage
over the waters of the Pacific ocean
into Mexico are declaring today that
his performance was more remark-
able than Berlioz's flight across the
English channel.

Hamilton ascended from the
grounds of the Coronado Country
club late yesterday, swung out over
the ocean and at a height of 200
feet pointed his frail craft toward
the south. He swung over the Mex-
ican town of Tia Juana and return-
ed to his starting point, having cov-
ered 34 miles in 40 minutes.

Not content with this feat, the
aviator last night ascended in the
semi-darkness and wheeled about
Coronada for ten minutes, almost in-
visible, the whir of his motor mark-
ing the course of his owl-like flight.

ARTICLES FILED FOR MEDFORD ORCHARD CO.

Articles of incorporation have
been filed with the county clerk for
the Medford Orchard company.

The object of the incorporation is
to purchase, hold, mortgage and
convey real property in any state
and to carry on a general fruit-grow-
ing and farming business.

The incorporators of record are
Emil Cordis, O. C. Boggs and Glenn
Fabrick, and the capitalization of
the company is placed at \$10,000.

The Medford high school basket-
ball team this evening takes its first
trip, going to Jacksonville to play
Jacksonville.