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THE WEATHER.
Tonight and Tuesday—
Cloudy. Monday—High 54,
low 36, range 44.

FOURTH YEAR

MEDFORD, OREGON, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26, 1910.

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FIRST GUN FIRED GOOD ROADS CAMPAIGN

COMMERCIAL CLUB TAKES INITIATIVE

COMMITTEE IS APPOINTED TO START ON WORK

Meeting One of Most Enthusiastic
Ever Held by Club—Move Started
to Bond County for \$1,000,000 for
Building of Good Roads.

The Medford Commercial club last evening fired the first gun in a campaign for good roads throughout Southern Oregon when they adopted a motion appointing a committee to draw up petitions invoking the initiative asking that a constitutional amendment be submitted to the people of the state of Oregon next November giving the counties of the state the power to bond themselves for the purpose of building good roads. The petitions will be circulated by the club and active press bureau work undertaken so as to make the matter a success at the election.

It is proposed to bond Jackson county for at least \$1,000,000 and build good roads throughout. The work has been undertaken in earnest and there will be no let-up in the campaign until it is carried to a successful termination. It is known that other sections of the state will co-operate and little opposition is expected to develop.

The meeting of the club last evening was one of the most enthusiastic ever held in Medford. The total membership was increased to 562.

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SOUTHERN OREGON ESCAPES BAD STORMS

While Other Sections Are Wrestling
With Blizzards, the Rogue River
Valley Is Immune.

The oldest inhabitant and also the newest settler have been making remarks more or less caustic concerning the weather since the beginning of the year, but whenever they pick up a paper and read what the weather man is doing in other parts of the world they back up a few cars and commence expatiating to the latest newcomer on the glories of the Southern Oregon climate.

And really, it hasn't been at all bad. The thermometer was only able to get within 14 of the zero mark, try as it would. Snow has threatened, but the best the "beautiful" could do was to barely cover the ground, while at the same time the big drifts were piling up in the mountains to form an everlasting source for a water supply during the summer.

Yes, the Rogue River valley has had an infinite variety of weather this season, but it has all been for the good.

To Check Dirty Plays.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Jan. 26.—With the view of preventing the presentation of "nasty" features in theatrical performances, the members of the Wednesday club, one of the most exclusive organizations of wealthy St. Louis women, is arranging today to boycott all playhouses where the least suggestiveness is thrown into a play by actors.

JOSHES HURLED RIGHT AND LEFT AT HIGH JINKS

Splendid Evening of Entertainment
Afforded by Second Annual High
Jinks—Opera House Filled With
Large Gathering of Boosters.

Hurling joshes right and left with lavish hand, interspersed with musical numbers and short addresses by prominent men, the second annual high jinks of the Medford Commercial Club afforded a most pleasant evening of entertainment last night at the Medford opera house. The building was crowded with boosters, over 700 being present. And when the evening came to a close the commercial club had 562 members, which places this club second in the state to Portland.

Addresses.
President Colvig presided and after outlining the aims of the club and remarking upon the great work it has accomplished, made a strong plea for more members. He then introduced Professor P. J. O'Gara, government pathologist.

Professor O'Gara in the course of his remarks stated that though he had traveled over the entire continent and in Europe he had yet to find a section where conditions are as ideal as in the Rogue river valley for the growing of pears and apples. He declared that no where was there a section which could equal this. The professor was voted an honorary membership in the club.

Hon. B. F. Mulkey made a short address along booster lines which were warmly received. He stated that he had often wondered how so great a superstructure could stand but knew now that he was confronted by the men who were the foundation.

Judge Kelly's witty speech was one of the hits of the evening. He had been humorously introduced by the chairman as the cuttle fish. "I am glad I'm out of the sucker class," said the judge who proceeded to get even with the chair in a way that kept the audience convulsed with laughter.

Other addresses were made by Porter J. Neff, A. E. Voorhies of Grants Pass, J. M. Root and Archdeacon Chambers of the Episcopal church.

The musical numbers rendered during the evening were especially splendid. The Hazelrigg orchestra was at its best. Mrs. Drewery rendered a solo in an exceptionally pleasing manner while Mrs. Hazelrigg and Mr. Gunderson sang an operatic duet, and retired amid a storm of applause. Misses Crawford and Crowell delighted with an instrumental solo and were well received. Ed Andrews and Art Burgess made fun for the crowd.

During the course of the evening telegrams were delivered to President Colvig which lent much to the enjoyment of the evening. They follow:

Washington, D. C., Jan. 25.—Medford Commercial Club, Medford, Or.: Impossible to secure favorable recognition of legislation looking forward toward your federal building, establishment weather bureau or assistance for Crater Lake park, but have just been assured by Speaker Cannon that in return for my support of all his measures I will have opportunity to be heard upon increase of pension of John Smith from \$6 to \$8 per month. Will be
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A WORD WITH THE HOUSEWIFE

THE MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE realizing that nearly every housewife in the city of Medford and in the valley towns is a constant reader of its columns, has arranged for a complete home course in Domestic Science, prepared by Edith G. Charlton, Department of Domestic Economy, Iowa State College, an eminent authority on matters pertaining to the home. This series of articles upon problems arising each day in every household, will be of untold value and interest to those who follow them carefully. They are practical; they are clear and concise. This series consists of 18 lectures, and will be published each Thursday in this paper, commencing tomorrow. For a list of the topics covered see the announcement on page 4.

As many of you are probably aware the serial story, "The Perfume of the Lady in Black"—a great story, wasn't it?—is drawing to a close. Following it will be a story with a mystery and a psychic one at that, but with nothing weird or gruesome about it—"The Guest of Quesney," by Booth Tarkington. This is one of the recent "big sellers." It is fascinating yet instructive, and its plot keeps the reader guessing to the end. You really cannot afford to miss it. It starts soon, following the completion of the present serial.

TERROR AND ANXIETY REIGN IN PARIS

RECALLERS ARE GIVEN ROAST

Mayor Snell of Ashland Waxes Indignant—Council Petitioned to Have City Books Experted Six Years Back.

ASHLAND, Jan. 26.—Tuesday's council meeting drew a large crowd of spectators eager to learn what progress the recall and the book-experting petitions had made. In addition to the regular program they were treated to a few extemporaneous remarks from Mayor Snell that produced an odor of burning flesh, mingled with that of singed moss. Snell, who has had but little to say regarding the charges contained in the recall petition, turned loose on his accusers last night and the way he burned them up recalled the experience of the colored Elk who sat on an overheated chair recently at the expense of a square foot of cuticle.

A petition with 300 signatures asking that the city records be experted for a period of six years back, was presented and an order issued to carry out the request.

The ordinance restricting committee
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COMET "A-1910" IS SEEN IN LOS ANGELES

Half the People of Angel City Plan to Watch for Reappearance This Evening.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 26.—Comet "A 1910" at last has been sighted in Los Angeles, and as a result about half the people today is planning on a late supper in order to gaze into the southwest and see the celestial visitor during the early evening.

The luminary which has been exciting the southwest for the last six days was seen here for the first time last evening, shortly after sunset. The position of the tail above the head made it appear as though the comet was diving straight toward the earth.

LOSS BY STORM \$250,000,000

All of France Is Terror-Stricken—Residents Prepare to Flee—Fuel and Light Supply May Be Cut Off. Danger of Pestilence.

PARIS, Jan. 26.—The chamber of deputies this afternoon went into a special "calamity" session, following the receipt of reports which indicate that the city is face to face with a terrible catastrophe which it is feared will result during the night from the rising waters.

The cabinet this evening estimates the loss throughout France from high water at \$180,000,000 with strong probability of it reaching \$245,000,000.

Preparing to Flee.
People are being prepared to flee and almost every citizen has collected those valuables for which he cares most, holding himself ready for any emergency.

The situation is one of such terror and anxiety as seldom has been known except in a city about to be sacked by an oncoming army.

May Lose Fuel Supply.
A new danger arose today from an unexpected quarter when the encroaching water made its way toward the great gas plant in the Gracie quarter of West Paris. Nearly the entire city uses the gas supply furnished by this plant for lighting and cooking.

Should the waters reach the city will be almost wholly without this form of fuel upon which the people depend for the preparation of their food and for light during the night as well as during many hours of the present dark days.

An enormous trunk sewer broke at Clichy today, setting loose a vast flood of vile sewage which turned the national road into a filthy canal. The entire trunk sewer system of the city is in grave danger of collapse.

At dawn today thousands of flood victims, many of whom had not tasted food for two days, were standing in the soup and bread lines leading to the public kitchens established with the relief to which wealthy Parisians are contributing. The city today is in a wretched state. Following a heavy fall of snow last night, warmer weather prevails today, and the melting snows are swelling the floods that are sweeping down the Seine.

Portugal Suffers.
LISBON, Jan. 26.—The Tagus river is several inches above its normal
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FAMOUS LIBEL CASE IS ENDED

Judge Issues Order Quashing Indictment Charging Criminal Libel Against Publishers of New York World.

NEW YORK, Jan. 26.—Judge Charles M. Hough, in the United States district court, today issued an order quashing the indictment charging criminal libel against the Press Publishing company, publishers of the New York World, in connection with the purchase of the case of the Panama canal.

The indictment was returned by a federal grand jury during the campaign in which Taft was elected president.

The World and Indianapolis News published dispatches from Washington in which it was alleged that bonds for the construction of the Panama canal were sold the government by a coterie of financiers at a great profit for the capitalists over the price they paid the French government for the securities.

The names of Charles P. Taft, brother of the presidential candidate and of Douglas Robinson, a cousin of Theodore Roosevelt, then president, were mentioned in the articles. The government, following publication of the stories, ordered an unusual proceeding against the publishers, that of directing the federal attorneys of New York and Indianapolis to lay the matter before the respective federal grand jury of those cities for the purpose of procuring indictments for libel of the government.

MOTHER OF QUADRUPLETS NOT MOTHER AT ALL

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 26.—Seemingly convinced that the alleged quadruplets reported to have been born to Mrs. W. W. Wilson, were not born to her at all, officials of the Los Angeles Humane society will hold an investigation before Judge Wilbur tomorrow, when an attempt to ascertain the authenticity of the births will be made.

Subpoenas have been served on Miss Catherine Smith, her foster daughter, Mrs. Tena Hayes, Dr. Armstrong, C. Pratt, Dr. Paul Breze, Mrs. Hilda L. Lindquist, W. W. Wilson, the alleged father of the quartet, and Mrs. Lena Masters, the alleged grandmother, to appear in court and testify in regard to the parentage of the children.

NEW STATE MOVE STIRS CALIFORNIA

HERMANN IS AT LAST LINKED TO LAND FRAUDS

Testimony of Emmett Callahan of Baker City Damaging to Defense—Heny Fails to Make Good on Promise to Close Case.

PORTLAND, Or., Jan. 26.—Binger Hermann was connected directly with the knowledge of the Mays-Jones activities in school lands in the Blue Mountain reserve for the first time today by the testimony of Emmett Callahan, an attorney of Baker City. "Callahan, why bother it," Hermann is quoted as having said to the witness during a conference in Washington concerning the Blue Mountain reserve. "It is only a matter of some 200,000 acres. The state will benefit by the transaction, as well as a few men, and these men are our friends and are Oregonians."

This in substance is the conversation of Hermann with Callahan, as told by Callahan both at the present trial and at the Jones-Mays trial. He continued by saying that Hermann had mentioned Mays and W. H. Odell as being two of the Oregon men who were to benefit by the creation of the reserve.

What Heny Strove For.
Prosecutor F. J. Heny has been striving to establish the fact that Hermann knew of the frauds in school lands during the past two or three days of the trial. Yesterday he introduced a mass of correspondence between Senator Mitchell and Hermann in regard to the Hyde-Benson claims which Mitchell was pushing
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BIG CHIEF WILL VISIT MEDFORD TRIBE

The Head of the I. O. R. M. Will Be in Medford February 4.—Great Preparations Being Made.

Joseph Farrar of Philadelphia, Pa., great incoherence of the Improved Order of Red Men, will be the guest of Weatonka-Tribe of Medford on Friday evening, February 4. Mr. Farrar is on a tour of the reservations of the great reservation of the United States, and his stop in the hunting grounds of Medford will be the first he will make between Portland and San Francisco.

LOTS IN ADDITION TO WOODVILLE SELL FAST

WOODVILLE, Jan. 26.—The Carner & Sabin addition to Woodville was placed upon the market yesterday and 25 lots were sold within a few hours. This addition is comprised of some 40 acres of land lying just south of the present townsite and the way in which the choice lots were snapped up speaks volumes for the future of the town of Woodville. A building restriction requiring the erection of a building costing at least \$1000 is one of the conditions embodied in the deed to each lot sold.

Mr. and Mrs. N. D. Reed, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hammersley and Mr. and Mrs. Al Peterson of Gold Hill are in Medford this afternoon to see how Monte Brewster got rid of that million in a year.

SOME SECTIONS FORNINST; SOME BACKING IT UP

Yreka Out With Maps of New State Circulating Them to Four Quarters—Redding and Eureka Report Apathy Toward Movement.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 26.—Lack of enthusiasm over the projects of creating a new state of "Siskiyou" from a combination of the northern counties of California and the southern counties of Oregon is indicated by discussions here today. Not only is there apparent apathy but in some counties there appears to be a general sentiment against the plan.

The strongest support accorded to the scheme appears in Yreka in Siskiyou county, which town made a bid for the capital. Opposition to the plan is expressed in dispatches from Redding, in Shasta county, and from Eureka in Humboldt county, both of which were planned to be included in the new state. Besides the foregoing three counties, the backers of the new state plan were to include Del Norte, Modoc, Lassen and Trinity counties in California and seven counties in Oregon.

Yreka is for it.
YREKA, Cal., Jan. 26.—The movement to make a new state to be called "Siskiyou" out of fourteen counties, half in northern California and half in Oregon, comprising the richest part of the Pacific coast is growing today.

Yreka, the county seat of Siskiyou county, is favored for the capital of the projected commonwealth. The proposed name of the state is to be "Siskiyou," and organizations are being formed to "boost" the proposition along.

Great interest is being manifested by citizens here. A full page map of the "state" has been printed and copies are being sent broadcast over the adjacent territory.

Redding Forninst.
REDDING, Cal., Jan. 26.—There is no liability of an alliance of the northern and southern portions of California and Oregon, respectively, for the formation of a new state, according to citizens here today.

The general impression is that the scheme originated with Siskiyou boomers who issued a map to show the purported advantages of the plan. There is no talk or agitation on the question here at present.

Humboldt Approves.
EUREKA, Cal., Jan. 26.—"The people of Humboldt county are a unit in opposition of the formation of the state of Siskiyou," is the sentiment expressed here today.

The campaign along these lines finds absolutely no support in this county. The people of Humboldt are Californians and will continue to remain so.

Moran Defeated.
BOSTON, Mass., Jan. 26.—Left-handed body and head jolts are regarded here today by the sports as the cause of the defeat of Owen Moran, the English fighter, by Matty Baldwin of Charleston, last night.

Baldwin was picked as a winner by the referee after twelve rounds of fighting at the armory.

Keep seeking for efficient people to work for you—making it a want ad quest. The services of an inefficient employe amount, in their net sum, to adding somewhat to your burden.