

THE WEATHER.

Tonight and Wednesday — Cloudy. Monday's Temperatures—High 58, low 38, range 47.

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RAY POWER PLANT REPORTED SOLD FOR \$1,000,000

BYLLESBY COMPANY OF CHICAGO NEW OWNERS; \$250,000 IMPROVEMENT

Deal is Move in War Between Byllesby Company of Chicago and General Electric for Control of Power in Northwest—Local Officials Deny Report—Have Been Here Negotiating Some Time.

CHICAGO, Ill., March 1.—Negotiations were closed today for the purchase of the Condor Water & Power company, operating plants at Grants Pass, Medford, Central Point and Gold Ray by the H. M. Byllesby company of Chicago. The consideration was \$1,000,000. It was stated here that more than \$250,000 is to be spent immediately for improving the plant. This means that the war between the Byllesby company of Chicago and the General Electric company for the control of electric power in the northwest has assumed an important phase. The Byllesby company recently purchased power sites near Coos Bay, Or.

Dr. C. R. Ray, president of the Rogue River Electric company, successors to the Condor Water & Power company, today denied that the deal, as reported from Chicago, was true. He stated that he knew nothing of negotiations for the sale of the property.

However, it is known that a party of some eight men have been negotiating with Dr. Ray for the past two weeks and have been examining the plant at Gold Ray. These men were headed by a Mr. Chapman, who, after spending two or three days in the city and at Gold Ray left for the south. Since that time a Mr. Jones has been

In frequent consultation with Dr. Ray, Colonel Frank Ray of New York, who is the controlling owner of the Condor Water & Power company, is expected here this week from New York city.

GOLD HILL CHINAMAN SHOOTING HIMSELF

GOLD HILL, Or., March 1.—Lim Quan, a Chinese cook, committed suicide today at the Mear's ranch, eight miles south of here, following a too free indulgence in liquor. While in a delirium, Lim fired three shots at the bothersome "little devils" which

Ladies Launch Many New Moves Hotels, Parks, Incinerators, Roses

LADIES TAKE UP MATTER OF GETTING MORE HOTEL ROOM

Committee Will Meet With Commercial Club on Wednesday Night to Discuss Matter in Detail.

The matter of inadequate hotel accommodations which has become a vital question in the city at present and promises to become more acute this spring and summer, was discussed at length by the ladies of the Greater Medford Club on Monday afternoon. The ladies decided to take the matter into their own hands and find a remedy. They decided to go into the rooming house business "on their own hook."

A committee consisting of Mesdames Miller, Whetzel and Ray was appointed to determine the cost of renting the Christian church tabernacle and the Bruuglow skating rink. It is then planned to fit these up as rooms in which transients can be housed. A committee of the club will conduct them, placing a matron in charge. In this way a large number of additional accommodations can be secured.

The ladies will meet with the commercial club Wednesday evening to secure their support in the movement. They plan to get started and pay the club back as soon as they make enough out of the plan. With rare foresight they plan to keep the profits for the work of their club.

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ROSE SHOW PLAN FOR COMING JUNE

The ladies of the Greater Medford Club at their meeting Monday drew tentative plans for the holding of a rose show on a small scale in June. The show is to be a yearly one and from a small beginning is expected to grow into a monster exhibit within a few years.

INCINERATOR TO BE DEMANDED BY LADIES OF CLUB

Committee to Meet With City Council Soon—Will Also Interview the Business Men.

"Civic Cleanliness" is the latest slogan to be adopted by the ladies of the Greater Medford Club and as a means to the end they are to take up an active campaign to induce the city council to arrange for an incinerator for the city. At their session Monday plans were talked over to a great extent and active work will commence soon.

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ENGINEER DRAWING PLANS TO BEAUTIFY SEVENTH ST. PARK

Ladies Getting Ready to Fit Up Remainder of Central Park—Will Have Pretty Retreats.

One of the important matters discussed by the ladies of the club Monday was that of improving the park on West Main street. Tentative plans are now being drawn by the city engineer for its beautification and as soon as these plans are completed work will commence.

The ladies plan to have a band stand erected at the west end of the park and several rustic retreats are to be provided as well as a lily pond. The following new members were elected:

Miss Louise Spink, Mesdames R. T. Antle, R. G. Gale, Wm. McNeilly, Townsend, Chas. Lux, Worthington, L. E. Wakeman.

The librarian reported that 1000 books were issued last month; that the club had 55 new patrons, making a total of 1205. Mrs. Reddy will interview the business men on the south side of Main street while Mrs. Ed. M. Andrews and Miss Putnam will see those on the north side.

For some time the ladies have been discussing the matter and on Monday decided to take up the work in earnest.

To "take it to market" in the want ad. way may require but a few hours—or, in some instances, a few days. Under all circumstances it's the shortest way.

WORKING TO DETECTIVES SAVESLIDE VICTIMS HERE FOR ROACHE

Hundreds of Miners Endeavoring to Dig Four Injured From Packed Ice and Debris at Mace and Burke—30 Have Been Rescued.

SLIDES NUMBER SIX

Cabins and Small Houses Crushed Like Egg Shells—Occupants Buried in Tangled Mass of Earth.

WALLACE, Idaho, March 1.—Working desperately and almost exhausted by the strain and nerve-breaking work, hundreds of miners are today trying to dig from packed ice, snow and debris the dead and injured thought to be buried in six Idaho avalanches which have dealt death and destruction in the last two days. At Mace, where the first avalanche struck the sleeping town, many are known to be dead and badly injured. Sweeping down the mountainside, the great mass of snow and earth crushed the cabins and small houses like eggshells, burying the occupants in a tangled mass of logs, snow and earth. Reports from the little village say that not until the sun strikes the mountain of snow and the list of dead be complete. So far 30 men, women and children

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SAYS HE'S COMING BACK

Tells of His Travels Over Entire West Until He Reached Medford Where He Decided to Stay.

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CALKINS EXPEDITES HIS WORK

Grand Jury of December Term is to Meet March 21—Business of Court Will Be Advanced—Will No Longer Operate at Loss to the County as Heretofore Has Been the Case.

Judge Calkins has inaugurated a system which will result in more work being done than has been the case in the past.

He has issued a call for the assembling of the grand jury of the December term of court to meet on March 21, just one week before the March term of court for Jackson county opens. The grand jury will be in session the seven days before the opening of the March term and in that time are expected to have the criminal business coming before the court in such shape that they may be discharged.

At the "coming in of the court" on March 28 the grand jury will be drawn for the March term, and if the December grand jury has completed

its work the jury will be excused on call of the judge.

Judge Calkins has also made an order requiring that issues shall be made up in all actions where a jury trial is demanded on the first day of the term, otherwise they will not be set down for trial. He does not intend to hold a jury panel at a loss to the county and to the individual juror while the attorneys are making up the issues.

The plan is intended to expedite court matters appreciably. The work of the grand jury having been completed before the opening of the court and the issues being all made up, the court will be enabled to transact much more business.

TAFT'S SMALL TALK NOT AS EVIDENCE

Investigation Committee in Controversy Will Not Call Upon President to Testify in Case.

WASHINGTON, March 1.—The conversations President Taft may have had with Gifford Pinchot over the conservation policies of Secretary Ballinger of the interior department will not be introduced in evidence for the present.

The question was decided today by the Ballinger-Pinchot congressional investigating committee in executive session.

ROOSEVELT IMMUNE FROM DISEASE

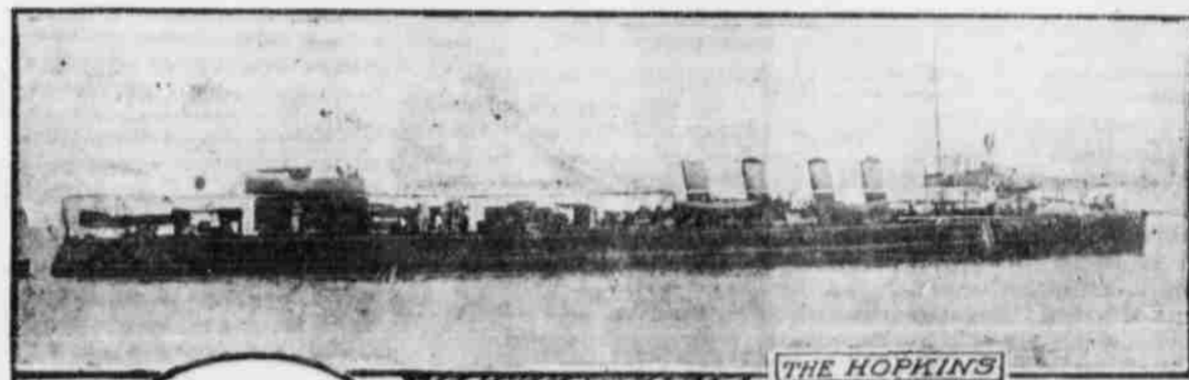
Teddy Has Dodged Lions and Other Dangers—Now Regarded Immune From Disease.

GONDOKORO, March 1.—The people here today are wondering whether Colonel Roosevelt is disease proof as well as accident proof.

Soon after the Roosevelt party started down the Nile river yesterday several cases of African fever broke out among those who had been in close touch with the former president.

Dr. Torach, the French missionary who died with Roosevelt yesterday, died of the fever today.

Navy Men Roused by Explosions On the Hopkins and on Other Vessels.



Sensational revelations in the navy department were predicted as one result of the explosion on the torpedo boat destroyer Hopkins at San Diego in which one sailor was killed and seven badly injured. It is asserted that the explosions on the Hopkins, numbering four in the past ten months, and similar occurrences on the armored cruiser West Virginia and the monitor Cheyenne have been the result not of accident, but of design. The old dispute between the line and the staff officers of the navy is said to be at the bottom of the mishaps. Enmity toward Naval Constructor Evans, who holds the rank of lieutenant commander and who fitted out the Hopkins at the Mare Island navy yard, San Francisco, is also mentioned in connection with the disaster to the little craft. When the Hopkins was overhauled some time ago it was found that some of her boiler tubes were plugged, either through accident or design. The explosion that killed and injured the sailors was attributed to "defects in a boiler tube." Naval Constructor Evans, who designed the Prometheus, one of the navy's two biggest colliers, now nearing completion, came into public notice a year ago when he obtained a divorce from his wife, naming Lieutenant Franklin W. Osburn, Jr., another naval officer.

NEW BRICK BUILDING PLANNED

W. H. Humphrey Plans to Put New Building on His Lots at Corner of Sixth and Bartlett Streets—Ritter and Dunlap May Add Two Stories to Main Street Building in Near Future.

A two-story brick building facing 125 feet on Sixth street and 65 on Bartlett is among the projected structures in Medford this year. W. H. Humphrey, who owns the corner, said:

"I am not certain, at present, just what kind of a building will be put up. I must consult with my partner in the deal, J. C. Perkins, who is not at present in the city, before I could give out any definite information. I will say, however, that at least a two-story brick building will be constructed on the lots, the plans and the use

to which the building will be put will come later.

"I can say also that whatever is constructed will be modern in every respect, basement, steam heat and all that sort of thing."

Ritter & Dunlap, aside from planning to build on their newly acquired property on South Central avenue, are considering adding two stories to the building, making it modern in all respects. A number of other buildings are contemplated but the backers are not ready to give out details at this time.

PRESIDENT URGES QUICKER ACTION

Conference at White House to Forward Legislation—An Investigation Commenced.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 1.—President Taft today summoned Speaker Cannon and Senator Aldrich to the White House for a conference in which he urged quicker action by congress on the legislation backed by his administration and now pending. The six measures which Taft insisted becomes laws before the session ends were discussed. Aldrich and Cannon pointed out to the president certain features which they deemed objectionable to many of the legislators and which they intimated were responsible for the holding up of the measures.

U. P. PARALYZED BY WASHOUTS

Chicago White Sox Held Up at Ogden—Twenty-four Hours Before Track Is Cleared.

OGDEN, Utah, March 1.—Officials of the Southern Pacific railroad said this afternoon that it would be at least twenty-four hours before traffic could be opened on the Overland line between here and California.

The Chicago White Sox baseball aggregation arrived here on a special train early today and will probably remain in this city until the tracks are repaired.

The worst washouts are at Lory, Battle Mountain and Winnemucca in Nevada, a number of overland trains having been laid out at small stations.