

THE WEATHER.

Tonight and Wednesday—Clear and warm.
Monday's Temperatures—High 68, low 42, range 57.

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GENERAL RAILROAD STRIKE IS CALLED

WALK OUT NOT YET ORDERED; WILL BE SOON

25,000 Firemen Are Effected—All Lines in West Are Among Those on Which Strike Is Called—Differences Arise Over Wage Scale and Working Rules—Officials Return.

MEDFORD WILL BE SHUT OFF FROM OUTSIDE WORLD

Southern Pacific is Among Lines on Which Strike is Called—Walkout Will Be Called Before the End of the Week—Conference in Chicago Ends.

The Southern Pacific, Medford's only connection with the outside world, is one of the roads affected by the decision of the Firemen's Brotherhood. This will mean a complete tie-up of all traffic in and out of Medford and the loss will be heavy in this city as it will be elsewhere on the coast. During the past two weeks the freight tie-up, while it was only for a few days and did not effect passenger traffic to any extent, was of much inconvenience to local business men. An indefinite tie-up of the roads would not only be of inconvenience but would probably cause much lost to business men.

CHICAGO, March 15.—The committee of railway general managers announced this afternoon that Chairman Knapp of the Interstate Commerce commission and Labor Commissioner Neill had accepted their invitation to act as mediators in the threatened strike of railway firemen. Soon after this announcement President Carter of the brotherhood said that the firemen probably would agree to accept government mediation to prevent a strike on all western lines.

CHICAGO, Ill., March 15.—A general strike of more than 25,000 firemen has been called by the high officials of the Brotherhood.

However, it appears probable today that the actual walkout of the men will not be ordered before the end of the week. The few days' delay in making the strike effective is for the purpose of allowing the Pacific Coast officials of the brotherhood to return to their homes to direct operations there.

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STANDARD OIL CASE TAKES ON NEW INTEREST

Are "Holding Companies" a Violation of the Sherman Anti-Trust Law?—The Question Will Be Decided by the Supreme Court in Its Decision Regarding the Standard Oil.

MEMBERS OF COURT ASK MANY QUESTIONS

Arguing of Case Progressing Rapidly—Kellogg, "Trust Buster," Waxen Ironical During the Course of His Remarks.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—That the decision of the supreme court of the United States hearing the argument in the appeal from the circuit court decision dissolving the Standard Oil company of New Jersey will decide whether "holding companies" are illegal under the Sherman law was indicated by the questions asked attorneys as the argument proceeded today.

Under the decision of the circuit court which ordered the Standard of New Jersey to return its stock holdings in the subsidiary companies to the stockholders of the company, the form of organization employed by the Standard was declared a monopoly. The holding company, by this decision, was specifically referred to, and was declared the basis of the combination declared illegal.

When the attorneys today reached that part of the argument describing the organization of the Standard the justices frequently interrupted the questions, asking more specifically about the various stock manipulations by which the government attorneys declared the Standard of New Jersey acquired control of the various companies held by the circuit court to have been parties to the monopoly. Since the holding company is the form under which a number of the greater alleged trusts operate, attorneys who listened to the argument and the questions of the justices, declare the decision will have an important bearing upon the status of the anti-trust crusade.

Although the holding company was declared illegal by the circuit court, a number of mergers have been consummated since the holding companies have played the leading parts. Corporation attorneys have declared that the decision on this particular point will not hold on the instances and the decision of the supreme court, lawyers say, will settle a question of great importance to the big business enterprises.

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Three Leaders of Big Trolley Strike Which Led to Tying Up of Philadelphia.



Three of the leaders of the Philadelphia trolley men in the great strike which called out in sympathy practically all of the union men of the city are W. D. Mahon, president of the street car men's union of the entire country, known as the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees; C. O. Pratt, general organizer of the association, who was sent to Philadelphia to manage the strike because of his known ability in such matters, and Peter Driscoll, president of the local branch of the car men's union.

TO MAKE SURVEY OF LOCAL CREEKS

H. K. Donnelly, Engineer of State Board of Water Control, to Arrive Soon to Determine Amount of Irrigable Land in Southern Oregon.

SALEM, Or., March 15.—H. K. Donnelly, an engineer for the state board of water control, will begin surveys with a crew this week in southern Oregon, to measure the waters of the Althouse creek, the Rogue river and various tributaries and to determine the quantity of irrigable land that may be reclaimed by the waters of these streams. Filings have been made on these streams and before the board can arrive at an equitable adjudication of the rights of users, thorough and complete surveys must be made. The work will consume about three months' time.

A short time ago H. L. Holgate, superintendent of this district, spent some time in southern Oregon taking preliminary steps and holding hearings regarding the adjudication of water rights on certain streams.

Weston 72 Years Old. KINSLEY, Kans., March 15.—Edward Payson Weston, pedestrian, is 72 years of age today. The famous transcontinental walker celebrated the occasion by quietly resting at a point nine miles from here after a jaunt yesterday in which he covered 72 miles, just one mile for every year of his age.

LADIES PLAN A NOVEL EVENING

Entertainment Planned by Ladies of Greater Medford Club for March 29 Will Be Well Worth Patronizing—Novel Form of Entertainment.

The entertainment to be given by the Greater Medford Club on March 29 promises to be a great success. Owing to the crowded condition of the social calendar last month the ladies in charge of the February program were obliged to give up the reception, for which all arrangements had been made.

The committee in charge of the March program are doing everything possible to make it one of the best ever given. And with Mrs. E. M. Andrews in charge of the musical part, something very good is assured. The rest of the program, which is being "kept a secret," is a very novel idea, not having been presented before in the west and will prove very entertaining and amusing.

The ladies are working to raise funds to pay for the new books which have been added to the library, and also to buy more books, as the number of patrons equals the total amount of books now in the library. Sidewalks are to be extended in the park and the west end of the square is to be kept up as well as the east. Every one who has the interest of Medford at heart, will be willing to help the ladies do their part, and keep up the work they have so nobly begun.

TO PROVIDE REST ROOM IN CITY

Information Bureau Will Also Be Established by Ladies of Greater Medford Club—Will Consider Them at Meeting Tomorrow.

The ladies of the Greater Medford club will meet tomorrow afternoon in Smith's hall at 3 o'clock to discuss ways and means to establish an information bureau and a rest room in the city for the use of strangers and residents of the rural sections of the valley. The matter will be considered in detail and arrangements made for carrying the plans into effect.

The ladies plan to establish an information bureau for visitors and strangers. It is planned to thus make it pleasant for the newcomers and the bureau will even go to the extent of finding rooms for arrivals when the hotels are crowded.

The rest room will provide a place where the women from the rural districts may bring their lunch and be comfortable. Probably for the time being a tent will be erected in a suitable spot near the center of town and someone placed in charge.

Died—At Portland, March 9, 1910, at the Seventh Day Advent Sanatorium, Elizabeth Huenigardt, aged 54 years, 6 months and 19 days. The remains were sent to Ashland and the interment took place in the Mountain View cemetery on Sunday, March 13.

AMATEUR TRYS TO HOLDUP THE MOORE SALOON

Masked Man at One O'clock This Morning Suddenly Confronts Bartender With Command "Hands Up"—They Came Up But Brought a Bottle With Them.

ROBBER FLEES BEFORE FUSILADE OF GLASS

Nerve of Would-be Bad Man is Evidently in Need of Repair—Police Have Clue and May Get the Man in Near Future.

Monday night as Jack McGwynn, the night bartender, was taking up his cash at 1 o'clock, preparatory to closing up the Moore Hotel bar, a man stepped in through the side door and called, "hands up." In the saloon at the time were the bartender, George Woodin, who had been helping McGwynn clean up, and a constable man, who was writing a letter in one of the booths.

The side entrance is just at the end of the bar and Woodin was the first man that the holdup saw as he came in. Woodin threw up his hands and the robber then covered McGwynn with the same demand. Jack threw up his hands, but one of them had a bottle in it and he let drive at the highwayman's head, missing it by a fraction of an inch and spoiling some imported soda. Woodin in the meantime had dodged into a closet, where other supplies were kept, and by the time McGwynn's second bottle had wrecked itself against the wall, he opened fire. There were bottles, glasses, cuss words and other things scattered all over the barroom for a minute, then Woodin made a lucky shot and caught the holdup man on the side of the head and the latter departed the way he came, leaving his hat and a lot of broken glass as a memento.

After the excitement was over McGwynn and Woodin looked for the drummer. He was found jammed under a settee in the booth where he had been writing a letter, so tightly that it was necessary to remove the settee from its moorings to get him out.

The robber made his escape in the darkness, but the police believe they have a clue that will enable them to land him in a short time. McGwynn showed considerable nerve in facing the robber, but had it not been for the flank movement of his helper the affair might have resulted differently.

James Bricklin and O. S. Laupp of Crescent City, Calif., are in Medford on a business visit.

HAZELRIGG TO GIVE AN OPERA ROAD BENEFIT

Will Present "Martha," "Bohemian Girl" and "The Mikado" and Proceeds Will Go to Swell the Fund for the Building of the Crater Lake Highway.

FUND TODAY PASSES THE \$16,000 MARK

Twenty-two Persons Sign List Since Noon Monday—Everyone is Boosting for the Road and It Will Be Built—Hunt Committee to Sign.

\$16,200. Noon, Tuesday. Twenty-two since noon Monday. The list grows and grows. Medford is setting a splendid pace. A pace such as only Medford knows how to set. Twenty-five thousand by Saturday, then, for other fields. Portland business men promise \$25,000 more.

Will the road be built? Hasn't Medford said so? For the benefit of those not yet initiated—it will. Charles D. Hazelrigg has sprang a new feature in the game. He offers to give three operas—"Martha," "Bohemian Girl" and "The Mikado" for the benefit of the fund. The highway commission has accepted his offer. The prices for the seats will not be out of reason. Any person can tell the strangers what Medford can do in the way of talent. The operas will be well worth seeing.

Some of the seats will be auctioned off. Will it be a success? Isn't it to be pulled off in Medford.

A success—yes, in capital letters. Several other stunts are planned by the commission. They are a resourceful bunch. Watch the road fund grow.

John M. Root, chief of all accomplished solicitors, says his feet are sore.

Not cold—oh no!—sore. So be ready with that signature when he calls.

He says he doesn't mind calling once, but twice is too much. So help him out. Just watch Medford get—no, keep busy.

Twenty-five thousand. Noon, Saturday. Medford makes good. Help her out! Read page 8 to find out particulars.

Geo. P. Johnson of Ashland was in Medford Tuesday on business.

ROOSEVELT FOR FIRST TIME IN TEN MONTHS LOOKS LIKE A GENTLEMAN, SAYS KERMIT

KHARTOUM, March 15.—Attired in a suit of tweed and "looking like a gentleman for the first time in ten months" as Kermit expressed it, Col. Roosevelt appeared today with his wife, son and daughter for a omotrip about the town. They visited all the "points of interest" and spent considerable time at Gordon college, in which the colonel took great interest. Mrs. Roosevelt and Miss Ethel are delighted at the reception and accommodations here. They had a tiresome journey from Cairo and from what they had seen of Egypt on the way up the Nile had not expected to find very sumptuous quarters at Khartoum. They were most agreeably surprised when shown the apartments prepared for them in the palace, and today declared that they could not have found more comfortable quarters and delightful accommodations in New York. The colonel is having a great time and is enjoying himself so much that he finds it hard to think about the formal duties and the work that is before him.

GOVERNMENT BRIEF FILED IN CONNECTION WITH THE CORPORATION TAX CASES

WASHINGTON, March 15.—The government's brief in connection with the corporation tax cases was filed with the supreme court of the United States today by Solicitor General Bowers. The brief was filed in response to each of the appeals made by 15 separate corporations. Bowers argues that the tax is not a direct tax on property, as was asserted. He says that it is an excise on "carrying on business," therefore needs apportionment among the various states according to the population of the states, under the Constitution. Bowers also argues that the corporation tax is not the first tax on stockholders' shares nor upon the income from corporation shares. He denies that the tax is an infringement on the general power of the states to authorize the formation of corporations, as is claimed. It is expected that the argument of the cases, now on appeal, will begin before the supreme court immediately after the hearing arguments on the Standard Oil dissolution suit is concluded.