

THE WEATHER.
Tonight and Thursday -
Cloudy.
Tuesday's temperature -
High 68, low 41; range 55.

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RAILROADS AND FIREMEN MARK TIME

UNCLE SAM IS TO ACT; BELIEVE DANGER PAST

Chairman Knapp and Commissioner Neil Are Speeding to Chicago Today to Act as Mediators in Effort to Avert Biggest Strike of Century—Arrive Tomorrow.

BOTH SIDES HOPE TO AVERT DRASTIC ACTION

Subject of Wages is One for Arbitration—However, Working Rules May Not Be Submitted if Firemen Have Their Way About It.

Extent of Proposed Strike.
The following summary will give an idea of the extent of the proposed strike of firemen:
Number of railroads temporarily tied up, 47.
Miles of railroad, 150,000.
Firemen out of employment, 25,000.
Other employes temporarily thrown out, 125,000.
Territory involved, the entire country west of a line drawn from Chicago to New Orleans.
Cost to country of strike in 1894, \$100,000,000.

CHICAGO, Ill., March 16.—The officials of the railroads and the firemen are marking time today, awaiting the arrival of Chairman Knapp of the interstate commerce commission and Commissioner of Labor Neil, who will attempt to avert the threatened strike of 27,000 firemen throughout the west.

The government officials are expected to be here tomorrow morning, ready to take up the questions at issue immediately.

W. S. Carter, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, today expressed hope that the mediators would be successful. He said, however, that the men had wished to arbitrate from the first and that the railroads would have to change their attitude if a strike is averted.

Carter stated that the most important feature of the work of the mediators will be to determine just what phase of the differences are the proper subjects of arbitration.

The railroad officials and the firemen have agreed that the subject of wages is a matter for arbitration.

CARTER IS NEW PRESIDENT OF BANKERS ASSN.

Third Quarterly Meeting of Jackson County Bankers' Association Is Held and Semi-Annual Election of Officers Takes Place—Many Are in Attendance.

50 BANKING MEN MAKE MERRY AT BANQUET BOARD

Addresses Are Made by Different Prominent Banking Men Upon Timely Subjects of the Day—Splendid Meeting Is Held.

The third quarterly meeting of the Jackson County Bankers' association was held at the Commercial club rooms Tuesday evening. Fifty of the men who are interested in the various banks of the county were present and took part in the proceedings of the meeting.

The semi-annual election of officers was held and the following officers were elected:
E. V. Carter, of the Bank of Ashland, president; G. L. Davis, of the Farmers' & Fruitgrowers Bank of Medford, vice-president; J. E. Enyart, of the Medford National bank, secretary; J. L. Hammersly, of the Gold Hill bank, treasurer.

At the meeting every bank in the county, with the exception of the Central Point bank, was represented.

At the banquet Judge W. M. Colvig was toastmaster—but that is another story.

The next meeting of the association will be held in Gold Hill on June 18.

The banquet was held in the Nash Grill and was most elaborate in every particular. The menu which was discussed was selected by a committee of the association and was

The firemen, however, insist that the question of the representation in the union and other technical phases of the relations of the companies and the men should also be submitted to arbitration.

The railroad officials today expressed confidence that mediation will be successful. They say that the danger of a strike is over.

WITH THE MUNICIPAL FOLK

DECIDE PAVING THIS AFTERNOON

City Dads Meet Late This Afternoon to Conclude Deliberations Regarding Paving Bids—Large Crowd Is Disappointed Last Evening.

The mayor and city council will meet late this afternoon to take final action in regard to the bids received on March 8 for the paving of ten miles of the city's streets. A large crowd gathered in the council chambers Tuesday evening to be present when the matter was decided, but were disappointed.

The council will not decide until late today just what action they will take. It is probable that all of the bids will be rejected and new tenders asked, as the bids received on March 8 were all disappointingly high.

The matter is to be decidedly one way or the other definitely this afternoon.

prepared and served as only the Nash Grill can prepare and serve such a repast. The music by Misses Crowell and Crawford was excellent and well received.

"ST. ELMO" ALWAYS FIRST; OTHERS ALWAYS FOLLOW

The recent merger whereby Belasco & Mayer, owners of the Alcazar theater, San Francisco, and the Alcazar Touring companies; Oliver Morosco, proprietor of the Burbank and Majestic theaters of Los Angeles, and George L. Baker, proprietor of theaters and companies in Seattle, Portland and Spokane, all co-operate together to secure, regardless of cost, the New York plays as soon as they are pronounced successes, enable theatergoers west of the Missouri to see and enjoy these productions.

CONSTITUTIONALITY OF ACT UNDER WHICH GOVERNOR ACTED IS ASSAILED BY REAMES

SALEM, Or., March 16.—Validity of the action taken by Governor Benson in directing Judge Coke to Jackson county to condemn a right of way for a pipe line across the farm of M. F. Hanley is the sole question involved in the injunction case of Hanley vs. the City of Medford, which was argued before the supreme court today, and by which Hanley is endeavoring to restrain the city from entering upon his land and laying their pipe line.

E. A. Reames of Jacksonville opened the argument for Hanley and Robert G. Smith of Grants Pass ably conducted the argument for the city of Medford. Five distinguishing points were made by Mr. Reames. He argued that the law of 1909, by which authority was given to transfer certain judges from one circuit to another is unconstitutional, in that a section of the constitution provides that circuit judges shall perform duty in one district only.

INCINERATOR TO HEALTH COMMITTEE

The matter of obtaining an incinerator for the city came before the council Tuesday night and was referred to the health committee. It will probably be reported back at the next regular meeting.

SYSTEM OF STORM SEWERS PLANNED

By next winter the city will be in far better shape to care for flood waters on the streets than during any previous year, if the plans of the present council are carried out. At Tuesday evening's session of the council bids were called for the construction of a storm sewer along Riverside avenue, and this will be a continuation of other parts of the system.

COMET MAY "GET" US, SAYS ASTRONOMER

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., March 16.—"No one can predict with certainty what will happen on May 18 or 19, when the earth passes through the tail of Halley's comet," said Professor Edward C. Pickering, the director of the astronomical observatory of Harvard, in an interview.

"There is more danger of serious consequences than the ordinary public is likely to believe. If the poisonous gases and the meteors of which the tail is composed pass near the earth, they will undoubtedly fall on the sphere and damage many buildings and possibly suffocate many people.

"I quite agree with the French astronomer, Flammarion, that such collisions will be matters of great public danger."

TO BUILD BRIDGE ON JACKSON ST.

City Council Calls for Bids for Erecting Piers and Buttresses for New Bridge Over Bear Creek at Jackson Street.

At their meeting Tuesday evening the city council instructed the city recorder to advertise for bids for the construction of piers and abutments for a bridge across Bear creek on Jackson street. The bids will be opened March 23.

The construction of a bridge at this point has long been needed and will make Jackson one of the best residence streets in the city. It will extend in a straight line from the heights on the east to the city limits on the west.

Much routine business was disposed of.

Petition for grading of Myrtle and Taylor streets granted.

A permit was granted the Southern Pacific company to erect a depot building.

City recorder ordered to advertise for bids on sewers and water mains opened March 23.

Health committee's report that license of \$60 per year be charged for selling ice cream cones on the street was accepted.

City attorney instructed to draw up ordinance permitting mail-carriers to ride bicycles on sidewalks outside of business districts.

Ordinance for lateral sewers on alley in Laurel addition from Washington to Prune streets, on Washington from Howard to Roosevelt, on Ivy from Third to Fourth, passed.

A resolution for the establishment of a water main on Washington from Howard to Roosevelt passed.

J. W. Slinger was granted a license to sell liquor for six months.

Petition of F. M. Wilson to remove building from North to South Central avenue granted.

HYSTERIA AND HYPOCRISY IS BASIS OF MOVE

So Declares Secretary Ballinger With Reference to Insurgent Movement—Says the Move is Waning for Want of Something Real Upon Which to Base Charge.

SAYS PEOPLE HAVE NO GROUND FOR COMPLAINT

Declares Investigation of Charges Against Him in Washington Suits Him—Says the Whole Matter Is a Plot.

ST. PAUL, Minn., March 16.—"The insurgent movement is merely an ebullition of spirit and hysteria, with a taint of hypocrisy as well, and it is sure to dwindle in importance and extent as the next national campaign approaches," declared Secretary of the Interior Ballinger in an interview here today.

"I do not think that the so-called spirit of insurgency is obtaining much of a foothold in the eastern states," continued Ballinger. "I believe the feeling against the Payne and Aldrich tariff is the strongest in the middle west. In my opinion, it gave the real impetus to the insurgent movement which is now rapidly waning.

"The people of this country never had less ground for complaint than right now. Prosperity is general, all classes sharing in it, but there will always be criticism of a carping kind, as I have had good reason to know, in the last few months."

Ballinger declared the investigation at Washington is proceeding too slowly to suit him. He said he is confident that he will be vindicated.

"The whole thing," he said, "is purely another simply gigantic conspiracy, the object of which is to ruin me politically and through me to strike at President Taft."

"This conspiracy was hatched last year at the Spokane conservation congress."

MRS. W. K. VANDERBILT NOT AFTER A DIVORCE

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., March 16.—Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt, Jr., who arrived here late yesterday from her home in New York, reiterated her denial today to the rumor that she was in the west to secure a divorce.

DID THE LOCAL BOOSTERS BITE WHO WERE CARTOONED RECENTLY? WELL-MAYBE NOT

PORTLAND, March 16.—That the American Progress Magazine is a bona fide proposition and that the Medford men who subscribed for copies of it are greatly in error in assuming they have been deceived, is the statement of G. D. Heisley and C. J. Wilson, the two young men mentioned in a dispatch from Medford as having made contracts with many Southern Oregon boosters at \$5 each and having failed to deliver the promised magazine.

The report that local boosters were "stung" by the representatives of the American Progress Magazine came from Chico, where nearly 100 prominent citizens were cartooned. If the supposition was premature, it would seem that some of the valley towns in California would have found it out ere this.

FUNDS GROW & GROW & GROW

Seventeen Thousand Dollar Mark Is Passed and Committee Anticipates No Trouble in Making \$25,000 by Saturday Night, Which Is the Mark Set.

SEPTICS BEGIN TO SEE ROAD WILL BE BUILT

Roll of Honor Will Be Published in All Its Glory Sunday. Is Your Name Written There? If Not, Why Not?

\$17,400.
Noon Wednesday.
Guess that is goin' some.
And 'twill go some more.
\$25,000 by Saturday.
Medford has said it.
Medford makes good!
Get in and help.

Doe Ray has returned from Frisco and is out with the bunch.
He likes to tackle the hard ones.
He is going right after it.
And he is doing some tall business.
Results count.
Doe knows it.
Watch him get 'em.
Dr. Reddy is also out.
He is another hustler.
And he will go after the coin, too.
If you haven't signed up—get busy.

Baron Westeriund has had a happy thought.
He dug up a hymn.
He is now making music in the air.
Its title is, "Is Your Name Written There?"
If not, why not?
Remember, \$25,000 by Saturday night.

\$17,400 today.
Let's subtract.
\$25,000, less \$17,400, leaves \$7,600.
76 names more.
Now, altogether!
Let's make good!
Let's go and sign.

JAPANESE FINED FOR BREAKING BIRD LAW

HONOLULU, March 16.—Twenty-three Japanese who were convicted of killing birds on islands within the bird reserve, began 24-hour sentences in jail today following their conviction before Judge Robertson of the circuit court.

AFTER TOMORROW NO MORE BEAR CREEK WATER NEED BE USED; CANAL IS REPAIRED

After Thursday morning the people of Medford will no longer be compelled to depend upon the water (?) of Bear creek, as the Fish Lake company is now prepared to turn the water in at the Bradshaw drop and give the people of Medford pure mountain water.

The canal from the intake at Fish Lake to the Bradshaw drop, where the temporary pipe line to Medford takes the flow, has been cleaned and enlarged, and at the present time the company is in position to furnish all the water necessary.

Wednesday a general test of the pipe line was started, and if no material faults are found the Bear creek water will be turned in. Repairs are being made in the reservoir, which will require some time to complete, but in the end there

will be a conservation of water in the reservoir which will be of great benefit.

For the past two months the successors to the Fish Lake Ditch company have been at work cleaning the canal and the city has in consequence been forced to fall back upon Bear creek water, which was fit for irrigation purposes only.

Old-Timer Is Dead.
BUTTE, Mont., March 16.—Louis Demars, aged 74, the first white man to set foot upon the trail which now embraces the city of Butte, and probably the oldest Mason in the northwest, founder of Masonic lodges in Butte, is dead here after a protracted illness. Demars carried on an extensive freighting business in the early days before the coming of the railroads.

SEND YOUR FRIENDS A PAPER
The Big Easter Edition
WILL BE FINE — PRINTED SUNDAY, MARCH 20.
Your friends in the east are looking towards the Rogue River valley and anxious for news. The Easter edition is the best thing to send, for it more clearly shows the spirit and class of people living here—gives them a clear idea of the business being done and shows to a marked degree the progress of this section. Bring your orders for papers in as soon as possible.
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