

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

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THE WEATHER.

Tonight and Thursday—Clear and warmer. Little danger of frost tonight. Call central after 7 p. m. for further warnings.

LA FEAN BILL DOWN AND OUT

Committee on Agriculture Votes Not to Report Bill Into House This Session, and Thus Disposes of It for This Session at Least.

GUGGENHEIM BILL BURIED IN COMMITTEE

Fruitmen of Northwest Win First Round Regarding Obnoxious Apple Bill Regulating Size of Boxes—

Washington, D. C., April 13.—D. B. Russell, Medford: Committee on agriculture took action on La Fean bill today. My motion to lay that bill on the table was carried by vote of 9 to 6. This defeats the bill. (Signed.) W. C. HAWLEY.

WASHINGTON, April 13.—The house committee on agriculture this morning voted to table the La Fean bill, which has for its purpose the regulation of apple shipments. The bill will not come up in the house this session.

The Guggenheim bill, which was of a like nature and was introduced recently in the senate, has evidently been buried in the senate committee on agriculture.

Members of the house committee here today state that it was shown at recent hearings that the bill was unfair and that it would not be reported favorably.

The La Fean bill, against which a hard battle was waged by fruitmen of the northwest, has evidently been effectually disposed of for this session.

The action of the house committee disposes of it there and it is improbable that Senator Guggenheim's bill in the senate will be reported back.

That the bill was defeated is due largely to the efforts of C. E. Whisler of this city, who, as a representative of the growers in the Rogue River valley, made two trips to Washington to fight.

If passed, the bill would have worked great hardship to the growers of the Rogue River valley and the entire northwest.

WANT RECIPROCITY TREATY WITH CANADA

Immediate Action Looking Toward Negotiations With Probably Be Undertaken by Taft.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 13.—Immediate action looking toward negotiations for a reciprocity treaty with Canada will probably follow a conference which President Taft arranged with the leaders of the ways and means committee of the house. Representative Payne, chairman of the committee, will handle the committee end of the matter.

The president desires an early favorable report on the resolution introduced by Representative Ames of Massachusetts, which declares in favor of opening negotiations with Canada immediately. While the president could open negotiations himself without authorization from congress, he feels a debate on the floor of the house would benefit the plans of the administration. If the president is unable to persuade the ways and means committee to report the bill, Representative Ames declares he will circulate a round-robin on the floor of the house in favor of the report. He says he has been assured of the support of the New England and northern border state delegations.

Reprieve For Sugar Trust

President Decides Congressional Investigation Would Be Inexpedient at This Time—Fitzgerald's Resolution Smothered.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 13.—After a conference between President Taft and Representative Hill at the White House today it was reported that a congressional investigation of the so-called sugar trust would be inexpedient at this time.

Representative Hill of Connecticut, chairman of the house committee on the expenditures to which Fitzgerald's resolution providing for an investigation was referred, discussed the matter with President Taft for half an hour.

As a result of the conference Hill will not report Fitzgerald's resolution from the committee on account of a possibility that immunity might be granted to offenders should they testify before an investigating committee.

Johnson May Forswear Us

But Cleveland's Ex-Mayor Consigns Reporters to Warmer Climate, When Asked Regarding Matter.

LONDON, April 13.—An attempt to get a statement from former Mayor Tom Johnson of Cleveland regarding a rumor that he intended to live in England elicited the reply: "Go to h—."

That was the only answer that could be secured to the inquiries regarding the Ohioans plans for the future.

Where the rumor originated is not known, but is believed that Johnson plans to enter politics here. Many politicians believe that the rumor has substantial foundation and that thereafter he will be a big figure in affairs on this side of the Atlantic.

Politicians interested in the report declare that he would have a big following if he decided to enter public life.

Posse Arrests Sheriff Jones

All Jacksonville Turns Out to Greet Sheriff and Bride—Sheriff Paraded Through the Main Streets.

Nearly all of Jacksonville assembled at the residence of Sheriff Jones Tuesday night and those who could not get into the house stayed outside and cheered. It was not a charivari, but simply an expression of the esteem in which the newly wedded couple were held by the townspeople. An elaborate lunch had been prepared by Mrs. Jones and her friends and speeches of congratulation and expressions of good will were numerous.

W. R. Coleman told of his long and pleasant relations as a fellow official with the groom. Will Grieve added some witty and appropriate remarks. Bob Dow spoke in favorable terms of his "boss," and other congratulatory remarks were made.

Then Sheriff Jones was arrested by a posse and taken down town. No patrol wagon being available, he was mounted on the beast which is so frequently mentioned in both profane and religious history as the original means of artificial locomotion for man, and after having satisfied the judges of his probity and good intentions, was allowed finally to return to his home.

EVELYN THAW TO STUDY SCULPTURE IN PARIS

NEW YORK, April 13.—A friend of Mrs. Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, wife of Harry K. Thaw, has authorized the announcement that Mrs. Thaw had given up her apartment and that she would leave for Paris next Thursday to study sculpture.

DER KAISER ASKS TEDDY TO COME

Urges Colonel to Be His Guest Three Days at His Palace in Berlin and to Bring the Folks Along to Stay—Admires Him Greatly.

PORTO MAURIZIO, Italy, April 13.—Emperor William of Germany today again demonstrated the high regard in which he holds former President Roosevelt by writing a personal letter urging that Mrs. Roosevelt, Kermit and Miss Ethel, as well as the colonel, become guests at his palace for three days.

While it was expected that Mrs. Roosevelt would share with her husband the kaiser's hospitality, the fact that the ruler laid aside official red tape and urged in a personal letter that the entire family should accept his hospitality is considered noteworthy.

Roosevelt and Kermit started for Venice at 2:30 this afternoon. They will arrive there at 2 o'clock Thursday morning and twelve hours later will start for Vienna.

Mrs. Roosevelt and Miss Ethel will remain here until the colonel arrives in Paris on April 17. They will rejoin him at the French capital.

Posters which bade Roosevelt welcome when he arrived here have been replaced by others bidding him the following farewell: "Good-bye, Roosevelt; come back soon."

In addition to the posters, the mayor issued an official pronouncement setting forth "our most distinguished fellow-citizen" is about to leave. The mayor expressed the honor felt by the city at the visit of Roosevelt and called upon the citizens to decorate the railway station with flowers.

The residents responded with good will and the depot looked like a bridal altar. Roosevelt's carriage was pelted with roses while on its way from the villa of Miss Carey, where the Roosevelts sojourned, to the station. Huge bouquets were presented Mrs. Roosevelt and Miss Ethel. All work in Porto Maurizio was suspended today until after the departure of the Roosevelts.

CHOLERA THREATENS CAPITAL OF RUSSIA

ST. PETERSBURG, via Eydtkuhnen, April 13.—It was learned today that cholera is again threatening St. Petersburg and that the outbreak of a year ago was never crushed completely, and the past two weeks has a small increase in the number of cases.

NO SHORT WEIGHING SAYS PROSECUTOR

Investigator Declares Uncle Sam Was Not Buncoed by Sugar Company in New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, La., April 13.—Special Federal Prosecutor Winifred Dennison, who arrived here recently from Washington to investigate a rumor to the effect that the sugar trust was short-weighting sugar importations, declared today that he did not believe the government had lost a cent in New Orleans through sugar frauds.

He said that the government had outwitted the "sugar trust" in New Orleans by installing moving scales instead of stationary ones, which could be tampered with.

Dennison said that he probably would complete the investigation by next Friday night. The largest sugar refinery in the United States is situated here. For some time it was persistently rumored that the sugar companies here were making a practice of short-weighting. Dennison was sent down to investigate, with the result that he announced that nothing of an illegal nature, as far as he was able to find, had been committed.

If there's any work that you can do—do well—you can find a chance to do it, through want advertising.

Was Swope's Body Taken From Grave? Such Is Defence Set Up By Dr. Hyde



COUNCIL TALKS MANY MATTERS

Much Work, Entailing Investigations of Existing Conditions, Ordered—Laying of Water Mains Under Discussion.

Informal discussion of city problems marked the meeting of the council Tuesday night, and work entailing investigation of existing conditions ordered. Water pipes, the city stenographer and city salaries furnished the subjects for discussion.

The most important matter discussed was the laying of a water main on Genesee street by Contractors Vincent and Baker, when the street was not included in their contract. Work had been abandoned on Court street, which was included in the contract, to prosecute the work on Genesee. Complaint was made to the council by Charles Boardman and investigation ordered by the water committee.

The next problem came up in connection with the request of Mrs. Telfer that she be given some compensation for her work in the recorder's office. It developed that the city had employed a stenographer at a salary of \$65 a month to work between the mayor's, city attorney's and recorder's offices, but that she had not so divided her time between the three offices. The matter was referred to the finance committee.

One of the most important matters discussed was that of public health. City Health Officer Dr. Shearer was present and called attention to a number of people who persist in refusing to make sewer connections and clean up their premises. He was instructed to appear before the recorder, swear out complaints and have these people brought before the city authorities and fined if they persisted in their refusals. This campaign is to start at once.

The city is considering the purchase of 1000 feet of new hose for the fire department, which is badly needed.

A liquor license of George Bordeaux was transferred to Adams Bros.

Salaries seemed to be an important item at last evening's session. The health officer, Mrs. Telfer and the driver of the fire engine each asked for a raise. They were referred to the finance committee, and from indications the salaries asked will be granted.

Defense Claims Strychnine Was Administered to Col. Swope After Death—Evidence to This Effect.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 13.—That the body of Colonel Thomas H. Swope, the Kansas City millionaire, was removed from its casket and filled with poison will be the principal defense of Dr. B. C. Hyde, charged with the murder of Colonel Swope.

Attorneys for Dr. Hyde said today that they had discovered evidence tending to destroy three of the state's strongest links in the chain of casualties that resulted in the charge against the physician.

The body of Colonel Swope lay in a vault at Forest Hill cemetery for several months during the winter and was not guarded.

The attorneys declared that they had discovered that the body of Colonel Swope was tampered with after it had been placed in the vault. They assert that there is unmistakable evidence that the body was removed from the casket for some purpose, presumably to inject poison into the veins.

The attorneys said that Harry Cooke, superintendent at the cemetery, told them that the key to the vault was accessible to a number of men; that a number of persons he did not know were seen about the body and remained at the vault for as long as an hour at a time.

The casket, according to the attorneys, had been unfastened and loosely refastened. Air had entered the coffin and the body had frozen. They said that the refastening of the casket was apparently done by inexperienced hands.

ST. ANNE'S TO GIVE BIG DANCE THIS EVENING

The ladies of St. Ann's society will give a dance at the Angle opera house this evening. Unusual preparations have been made towards making this the one dance of the season. Up to date an unusually large sale of tickets have been sold in advance and everything points to a record crowd. This will be the last dance society will have an opportunity to patronize this season, and the ladies of St. Ann are striving with each other to make it the most memorable in the history of the society.

A very attractive feature of these gatherings is the elegant spread provided by the ladies and on this occasion nothing will be lacking to make the dance a huge success.

JOSEPHINE COUNTY COURT IN SESSION

GRANTS PASS, April 13.—At the last meeting of the county court the claim of the Columbia Bridge company for \$1330.32 as payment for labor and expense of tearing down the old bridge at the foot of Sixth street, allowed and ordered paid.

SIX FIREMEN DIE AT POST OF DUTY

Jail Burns, 300 Prisoners Narrowly Escaping Death—Guarding of the Prisoners Hamper Men in Fighting Flames—Militia to Rescue.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., April 13.—Fire Chief Fancher this afternoon reported six of his men to be missing and expressed the fear that they were all killed when the roof of the county jail collapsed in a fire which destroyed the building, several residences and for a time threatened the business section of the city.

The entire fire department of the city was called out and continued their efforts this afternoon to save the main building of the jail.

The roof, which collapsed, fell upon the third floor and the firemen who are missing were working on that floor at the time of the collapse.

In addition to those missing, four firemen are reported injured, three of them probably fatally.

Three hundred prisoners were taken from the jail by policemen and deputy sheriffs. The work of rescuing the prisoners, hampered the fire department in fighting the flames. Every prisoner, however, is reported safe.

The prisoners are now under guard at the various police precincts of the city. A few are suffering from burns and those who were in the sick ward from shock. None of the prisoners escaped.

The fire is believed to have started from defective electric wiring in the chair factory of the prison. The factory was destroyed, together with various workshops and the building in which was housed the prison commissary department. When the fire broke out the prisoners became panic-stricken. Many of the prisoners were at work in the chair factory and some of these were trampled in a rush for the door.

While some of the guards prevented a jail break, others rushed to the factory and after a hard fight with the terror-stricken inmates succeeded in saving them from death.

While the firemen were endeavoring to save the jail buildings, the police, deputy sheriffs and militia arrived and took the prisoners in charge. This gave the firemen a free hand in fighting the blaze.

LARGEST CROP IN HISTORY OF ROGUE VALLEY

Professor P. J. O'Gara Says Never Before Were Conditions as Splendid Nor the Outlook as Good for a Banner Crop in Valley as This Year—Trees Doing Well.

FREEDOM OF DISEASE AND CLIMATE BOTH FACTORS

Pears and Apples Will Both Produce Large Crops of Splendid Quality—No Danger of Losing it.

Prospects for this year's fruit crop in the Rogue River valley according to Professor O'Gara: Pears—Heavier than last year. Trees are in better condition than ever before. Apples—The best crop in the history of the valley. Newtowns and Spiezbergs are in splendid condition. Cherries—Heavy. Peaches—Never better. General—The banner crop in the history of the valley. Climatic conditions have been splendid and never before were the orchards as free of pests and diseases. They may be said to be as clean as it is possible to get them.

A banner fruit crop will be harvested in the Rogue River valley this year—one never equaled before in its history—according to P. J. O'Gara, pathologist of the department of agriculture, who has been watching the orchards of the valley closely since they first began to put forth buds with the opening of spring.

Never before were the trees in better condition or did they give promise of a greater crop than the one to be harvested this year. A close watch will be kept on the weather, and as the Rogue River valley was never known to lose a fruit crop with frost, it is unlikely that with scientific methods being used to prevent injury from this source that it will occur.

There are a multitude of reasons for the quantity of fruit which the trees give promise of producing this year. Chief among these are the favorable climatic conditions, which have prevailed throughout the year. Secondly, the orchards were never before in as splendid condition as they are this year. Scientific care has been given the trees until now they are as clear as it is possible for man to make them. These are the two reasons which primarily brought about the conditions which prevail this year.

The apple crop, according to Professor O'Gara, is the largest which has ever been grown in the valley and gives every promise of being as fine fruit as was ever grown. Apples in other sections, while in the northwest they are heavy, are reported light, especially in Colorado, where a heavy crop was harvested last year. The local pear crop, especially the Bartlett and d'Anjou, give promise of being very heavy and of producing the finest of fruit.

"Taken all in all," states Professor O'Gara, "the outlook is better than it ever has been before for a heavy crop. Every condition is perfect and all we have to do now is to guard against some unexpected turn in the weather or the development of some pest or disease, and in the Rogue River valley, where the orchardists are all of them carefully watching their orchards and giving them the highest scientific culture, it may be said that there is practically no danger."