

# MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

THE WEATHER.  
Tonight and Wednesday —  
Cloudy, possible showers. Wed-  
nesday warmer.

FIFTH YEAR.

MEDFORD, OREGON, TUESDAY, MAY 3, 1910.

No. 37.

## SIX GREEKS BEAT YOUNG MAN TO DEATH

### JESS THRASHER, WELL KNOWN IN COUNTY, IS THE VICTIM

Discharged Foreigners While Drink-  
ing Heavily Turn on Young Man  
and Beat His Head to a Pulp With  
Clubs—Tragedy Short Distance  
From Ashland.

#### SIX MEN ARRESTED AND TAKEN TO ASHLAND

Preliminary Examination Will Be  
Held This Afternoon in Recorder's  
Court in Ashland—Thrasher Was  
Known as Clever Ball Player.

The body of Jesse Thrasher, a  
young man 27 years of age, well  
known throughout the county, was  
found early this morning at Ayres  
Spur, ten miles south of Ashland.  
The young man had been beaten to  
death by six Greeks. His murderers  
are all under arrest and in the Ash-  
land city jail, where their prelimi-  
nary examination will be held this  
afternoon.

It seems that Thrasher was recent-  
ly employed by the Ashland Manu-  
facturing company and sent up to  
their works near the Spur. The six  
Greeks had been discharged recently  
and it is believed that while drinking  
they decided to take their fancied  
wrongs out on Thrasher, whom they  
beat to death with clubs.

The six men who are under ar-  
rest are: Nick Kotars, Lewis Kotars,  
George Trakas, N. Chambers, J.  
Chambers and M. Cocas. Their pre-  
liminary examination will be held this  
afternoon in the city recorder's court.

Jesse Thrasher was a native of  
Jacksonville and played ball on the  
Jacksonville team on the receiving  
end.

He has a host of friends all over  
southern Oregon, and there are none  
of his acquaintances from Hills to  
Grants Pass who will not speak a  
good word for Jesse Thrasher. He  
was game to the core, and a clean,  
upright young man.

### CHINAMAN IS EXPERT WIRELESS OPERATOR

With Home Made Key, Buzzer and  
Battery He is Hard at Work on  
Continental Code.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., May 3.—  
Lee Ong, a local Chinaman, has be-  
come an enthusiastic wireless tele-  
graphy experimenter. With a home-  
made key, buzzer and battery, he is  
nightly practicing the continental  
code. Between times he is studying  
the wireless apparatus in the city  
park.

Ong is a former student in the pub-  
lic schools here. He says he intends  
to become an expert and earn his liv-  
ing in the business.

### AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT NEARLY KILLS PASSENGERS

ABERDEEN, Wash., May 3.—  
Crashing backward down a steep hill  
when the engine stalled and the  
brakes refused to work, an automo-  
bile with eight passengers dropped  
over the edge of the road and  
turned turtle in a ditch late yester-  
day, severely injuring one occupant,  
and badly bruising the others, all  
narrowly escaping death.

The party consisted of Charles  
Bradley, his daughter, Mrs. Edward  
Love, Jr., and her infant son, and  
Russell Linn, Shirley Gillis and Mrs.  
Gertrude Spence, of Seattle, and the  
chauffeur. All are well known here,  
Mrs. Love being prominent socially.

### IF NOT COUNTED IT IS YOUR DUTY TO SEND IN NAME

Result Not Up to Expectations and  
Many Persons Have Evidently Es-  
caped Enlistment—Get Busy at  
Once.

With the exception of a few resi-  
dence localities and the lodging  
houses and hotels, census enumera-  
tors have practically completed their  
work in Medford. This week will see  
it finished. Though forbidden to give  
out statistics, it is known that the  
result is not up to expectations. Many  
persons have apparently escaped en-  
listment. Such should at once turn  
in their names to the Commercial  
club.

Hotel and lodging house keepers  
are not showing the co-operation nec-  
essary to secure a full enumeration.  
Many of them have not lifted a hand.  
One lodging house, recently opened,  
where over a hundred are housed  
nightly, has turned in but four names.  
Others have not given a name. All  
hotels are full, with not a vacant  
room. Every person a resident of  
Medford April 15 should be enu-  
merated, and so should those who  
have come since that date.

The Commercial club committee as-  
sisting the enumerators, earnestly re-  
quest that each individual not yet  
enrolled make it a point to enlist his  
name at once. Volunteers will be cal-  
led for at Wednesday's meeting of the  
club and a thorough canvass be made  
of the city to enroll those missed.

The situation is a serious one. Every-  
one must do his share at once, or  
Medford will suffer for the next ten  
years.

### 50 PEOPLE NARROWLY ESCAPE FROM FLAMES

Block in Seattle Suburb Destroyed—  
Of Seven Buildings Burned Two  
Are Hotels—Loss is \$15,000.

SEATTLE, Wash., May 3.—Fifty  
people were aroused barely in time  
and fled from their lodgings in night  
clothes on account of fire which de-  
stroyed a block in Youngstown, a sub-  
urb, early today.

Of the seven buildings burned two  
were hotels. The loss will not ex-  
ceed \$15,000.

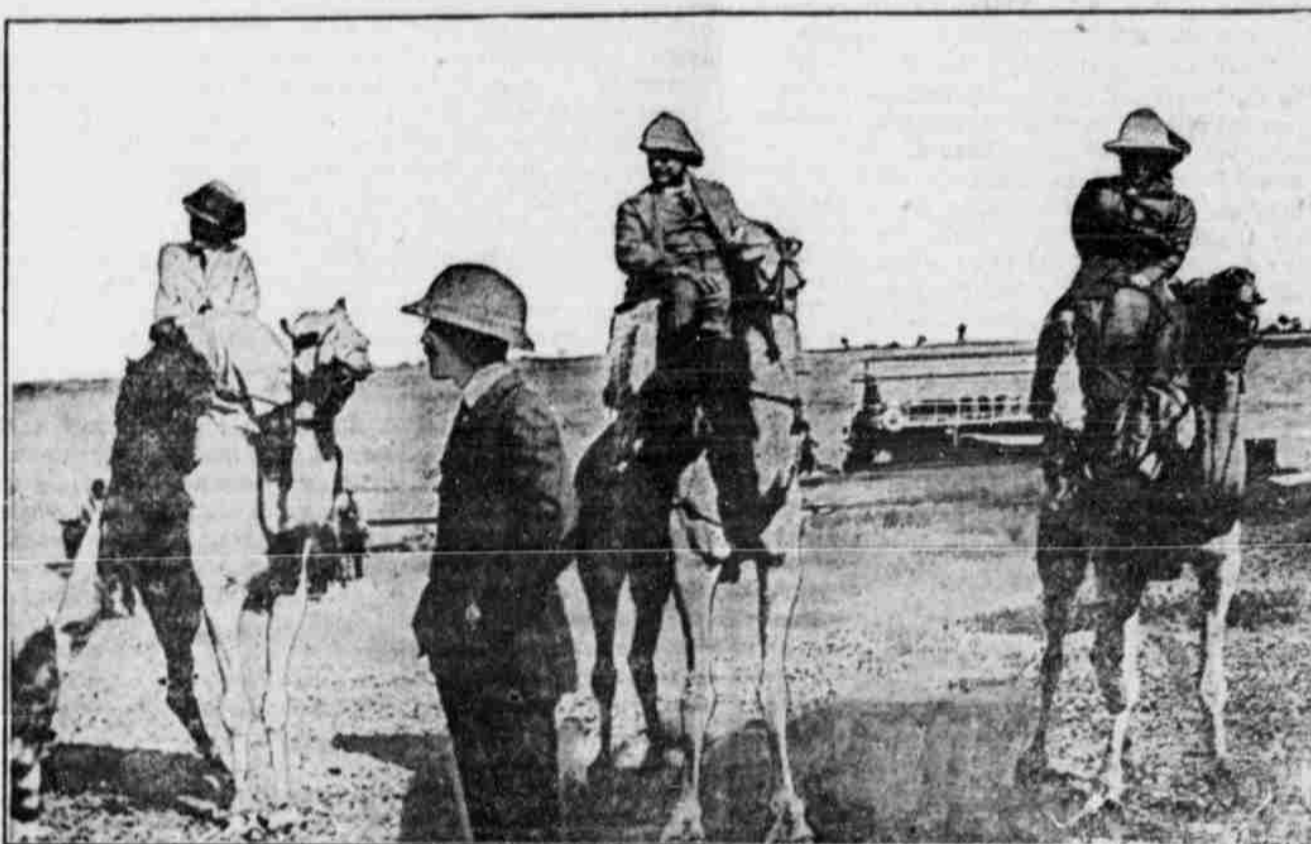
William Blozam, a butcher, who  
roomed in the Youngstown hotel,  
first discovered the fire and aroused  
the other roomers. The work of the  
firemen was made dangerous by the  
explosion of several cans of gasoline  
in a grocery store.

Property owners to whom the  
specter of "vacant apartments" is  
disturbing should qualify quickly as  
persistent want advertiser.

### COMMERCIAL CLUB TO MEET

Regular meeting of the club  
will be held Wednesday night,  
May 4, at 8 p. m., in the club-  
rooms. Much important busi-  
ness is to come before the meet-  
ing and a large attendance is  
expected.

### Theodore Roosevelt, Rough Riders' Colonel, Taking a Real Rough Ride.



### GREAT STRIKE NEAR MERLIN IS REPORTED

#### W. COOPER MORRIS IS ON TRIAL FOR EMBEZZLEMENT

Credit and Debit Slips Showing  
Transaction, With Testimony of  
Moore, Will Be Feature of Case—  
Was Cashier of Defunct Bank.

PORTLAND, Or., May 3.—Charg-  
ed with having embezzled from the  
Oregon Trust and Savings bank while  
he was cashier of that institution  
\$5000 in notes and \$50,000 in cash,  
W. Cooper Morris was placed on trial  
in the circuit court here today. The  
mysterious disappearance of the \$50,-  
000 in question has never been satis-  
factorily explained. The credit and  
debit slips showing this transaction  
and the testimony of W. H. Moore,  
ex-president of the bank, will be two  
of the strong features of the present  
trial.

Seneca Fouts and Judge Gordon of  
Tacoma are acting as Morris' attor-  
neys.

#### RESOLUTION IS MAKING TROUBLE FOR RERUBLICANS

Representative Harrison Asks That  
Wickersham Be Forced to Produce  
Papers in Ballinger Case and Fight  
on Floor Is Expected.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 3.—The  
republican machine leaders in the  
house are worried. They find a  
reason for embarrassment in the re-  
solution presented yesterday by Con-  
gressman Francis Burton Harrison  
calling on Attorney General Wicker-  
sham for the papers and data re-  
quested by Attorney Brandels before  
the Ballinger-Pinchot investigating  
committee and which the committee  
refused to ask the attorney general  
to furnish.

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#### GRANTS PASS IS DOUBTFUL OF TRUTH, HOWEVER

Stated That Platinum Is Found in  
Great Quantities and That Mine  
Is Worth Billions—Mine Is Located  
Six Miles From Merlin.

SALEM, Ore., May 3.—The great-  
est strike in mining history, if the  
new assays are correct, was made  
a few months ago near the town of  
Merlin, in Josephine County, Oregon.  
At the time not much attention was  
paid to the find, for instead of being  
gold the values were in tin and plat-  
inum, metals practically unknown in  
the United States.

In fact the discoverers of the mine  
were looking for gold, and it was  
only when R. E. Bailey, a mining  
man of Chicago, visited the mine that  
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#### INSURGENTS FORCE MANY CHANGES IN TAFT RAILROAD BILL

Drive Regulars to Wall and Force  
Changes on Threat of Completely  
Killing Bill—Urged by Taft Lead-  
ers Put Up Great Fight.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 3.—  
Driven to the wall by the attacks  
of the insurgents, but urged to con-  
tinue fighting by telegrams from  
President Taft, the senate regulars  
today began a struggle to save such  
remnants of the Taft-Elkins rail-  
road regulation bills as they can  
force to passage.  
That the bill as finally passed will  
be very different from the one origi-  
nally planned by the chief executive  
is admitted generally today. Senate  
regulars have agreed to abandon en-  
tirely provisions and sections to  
which they offered substitutes and  
amendments.  
When the bill has finally passed  
the senate, there is danger that it

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#### EMPIRE BUILDER GOOD FATHER TO CENTRAL OREGON

So Says William Hanley While Here  
Recently—Hanley Says Many  
Roads Are to Be Built in Oregon  
in Next Few Years.

"The state-aided railroad movement  
has found a good father in James J.  
Hill," stated William Hanley of  
Burns, father of central Oregon and  
one of the big men of the state, be-  
fore leaving for the north. "The leg-  
islature submitted a constitutional  
amendment to the people and author-  
ized the appointment of a commis-  
sion, which was named by Govern-  
or Chamberlain. The object was to  
secure a railroad into central Ore-  
gon, and for the state to build it, if  
others failed. Rights of way for the  
state-aided project were secured down  
the Malheur canyon, and upon assur-  
ance from Mr. Hill that he would

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#### EIGHT HOUR DAY LAW LAID DOWN BY ROOSEVELT

He Begins Sightseeing at 8 o'Clock  
in the Morning and "Knocks Off"  
at Four—Will Meet Edward at  
Luncheon.

COPENHAGEN, May 3.—Theodore  
Roosevelt today instituted the system  
of the "eight hours a day" law in  
his tour of Europe. He began sight-  
seeing here at 8 o'clock this morn-  
ing and "knocked off work" promptly  
at 4 o'clock.  
In the course of the day he visited  
a model dairy farm, which he inspec-  
ted and pronounced up to the stand-  
ard. He visited the Loskilde cathed-  
ral and placed wreaths on the tombs  
of King Christian and Princess Ma-

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### JACKSONVILLE SECURES ALL BUT ONE MILE OF RIGHT OF WAY

### HILL SAYS HE IS TO DEVELOP ALL PARTS OF STATE

Authorizes Statement That He Will  
Pay Attention to Southern Oregon  
—Will Build New Depot in Portland  
for Hill Lines.

PORTLAND, May, 3.—James J.  
Hill, the empire builder, this morn-  
ing stated that he intends to de-  
velop all of Oregon and Washington  
and to that end will ask the co-opera-  
tion of both states in advertising  
them. Southern Oregon, he said, is  
to receive attention as well as the  
eastern and central part of the state.

In an authorized statement Mr.  
Hill said:  
"I will build a new depot in Port-  
land for the Hill lines as the pres-  
ent terminal facilities are not suf-  
ficient. The depot will be a good  
one.

"It is true that I have acquired  
control of the Oregon Electric and  
the United Railroads.

"I will develop Oregon and Wash-  
ington and will ask the co-operation  
of both states in advertising them.  
Southern Oregon will receive atten-  
tion as will the eastern and central  
part of the state."

The announcement of a new depot  
at Portland surprises, as it looks  
like Hill is going to draw out of  
the local terminal company and go  
it alone.

### MRS. LEAVITT TRYS MARRIAGE AGAIN

Quietly Wedded at Fairview to Lieu-  
tenant Owen of British Royal En-  
gineers—Will in Future Reside in  
Jamaica.

LINCOLN, Neb., May 3.—Lieu-  
tenant Reginald Owen of the British  
Royal Engineers and Ruth Bryan  
Leavitt, daughter of William J.  
Bryan, were quietly married at Fair-  
view, Lincoln, Bryan's country home  
today.

It is believed that the ceremony  
was performed at 11 o'clock, though  
nothing beyond the mere statement  
that the wedding had occurred has  
been given out.

### COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE MAKES APRIL RECORD

The Receipts for the Past Month  
Greater Than at Any Time Since  
Formation of Jackson County.

The receipts of the office of the  
county clerk's office for April were  
greater than at any time for a similar  
period since the formation of Jack-  
son County. Even under the old fee  
system and when the county clerk  
was practically a United States land  
office, the receipts never were as  
high as during the month of April.  
To be exact, \$301.80 was the  
amount received by Clerk Coleman,  
and for the past six months the re-  
ceipts have been above the \$300  
mark.

Committee Meets Fifteen Men and  
Only Three Decline to Sign Up—  
These Will Come Into Line Later,  
Reports Party Who Made the Trip  
—Everyone Boosting for Road.

#### COMMITTEE ON MEDFORD TO CONFER WITH ALLEN

Allen Recently Stated He Would Con-  
sider Building to Blue Lodge if  
Right of Way Was Given and Jack-  
sonville Makes Good Its Part.

The committee of Jacksonville citi-  
zens who started Saturday afternoon  
to secure a right of way from Jack-  
sonville to Hutton, Cal., for a rail-  
road, returned Monday successful in  
securing the necessary right from ev-  
ery man along the line except three.  
Twelve out of 15 land owners were  
only too glad to give a railroad a  
right of way through their premises,  
and of the three doubting ones two  
at least can be pulled over, accord-  
ing to the story of the committee.

The party consisted of J. M. Dewe,  
B. H. Bagshaw, of the Jacksonville  
Post, Charles Dunford and Jason  
Hartman. There is only one and a  
half miles of the right of way be-  
tween Jacksonville and the Califor-  
nia line that has not been secured.  
At Hutton the road is practically at  
the Blue Lodge, and that is the pres-  
ent object.

The citizens of Jacksonville got  
busy on the assurance of John R.  
Allen that he would favorably con-  
sider the construction of the road to  
the Blue Lodge if the right of  
way could be secured. The commit-  
tee is in Medford this afternoon to  
present for Mr. Allen's consideration  
the results of their labors.

All along the line the property  
owners were enthusiastic in regard to  
the proposed road, and all wish to see  
it built, for it means much to south-  
ern Oregon.

### MANY KILLED HEAVY CYCLONE IN MESSINA

Area Stricken By Sicilian Earth-  
quakes Reported to Have Suffered  
Greatest Damage.

MESSINA, May 3.—Several per-  
sons are reported to have been killed  
and scores injured by a cyclone that  
swept this section last evening.

The area stricken by the Sicilian  
earthquakes is reported to have suf-  
fered the greatest damage.

### JOHNSON DOUBTFUL OF HOLDING BIG MILL

Wires Friend in Chicago Advising  
Him Not to Bet Until He Hears  
Further from Fighter.

CHICAGO, Ill., May 3.—A friend  
of Jack Johnson, the heavyweight, re-  
ceived a telegram here today from  
him advising not to bet on the Jeff-  
ries-Johnson mill until further ad-  
vised. Johnson said that he was  
afraid that the death of Tommy Mo-  
Carthy in the fight with Owen Moran  
would prevent the big battle.

How to get work that you really  
know how to do—is important.