FLEECING OF CHOCTAWS CONFESSED

Scott, Son-in-Law of Chief McCurtain, Admits Withholding Government Warrants From Unfriendly Indians and Discounting Warrants on Ten Per Cent Basis.

SULPHUR, Okla., Aug. 12.-Bewhich he received pay for his influ- an answer. ence in behalf of the Indian land con-

pense

His telegram saying: "Sherman and Curtiss know what we want," few months. meant that both were familiar with the situation and that they had an unusi fund of information regarding Indian affairs, he testified.

He declared that he did not mean that they were in any way interested asking distributive rates w'thin a cerin the McMurray contracts.

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HARMON STOPS POOL SELLING

ing upon information that gambling 100 miles or more. It is declared track with the acquiescence of the that carload class rates from Medford authorities, Governor Harmon today by reasons of their being higher than the alleged violation of the law. The distances, are preferential and distelephoned Sheriff Hirstius to stop the alleged failure of the authorities operating revenues per mile of road governor's action was prompted by of Newark to enforce the law and of the Southern Pacific are greater the resultant riots in that city. Since O, R. & N. and that the commission that time Harmon has kept a vigilant eye upon all towns in the state in order that he might act quickly and effectively when reports might come to him that the local authorities were not active.

The governor received complaints from Randall that pool-selling and bookmaking were going on unhindered by the authorities. It was also charged that liquor was sold in violation of the law. Upon obtaining conclusive evidence, Governor Harmon called up the sheriff by longdistance telephone and issued his or-

NATIVES TO ATTACK LIBERIAN COLLECTOR

MONROVIA, Liberia via Sierra Leone, Aug. 12.—Reports from French officers near Fort Binger, on the Cavally river, close to the boundary between Liberia and the Ivory Coast region, state that the Krutribes are preparing to revolt against the depredations of the Liberian militia stationed on the border. Only recently the negro infantry in collecting taxes arbitrarily levied by the Liberian legislature, were guilty of outrages, the soldiers attacking and flogging the

wives of the chiefs. Such atrocities brought the feeling among the intelligent tribesmen to white heat and an outbreak is feared centering near Kankau, in the Yukkai mountains. They are armed and display great hostility toward the Liberians. Cooler heads among the natives have appealed to the French and British military forces stationed at the trading posts for protection from the republic's soldiers.

MEDFORD WALLACE IS

Traffic Bureau Receives Word of Filing of Application Before Interstate Commerce Commission-Distributing Rates Out of Medford Also Sought From Commission.

Notice has been received by the fore a crowd of fashionably gowned Medford traffic bureau, an organizawomen, who thronged the courtroom | tion composed of local shippers and where the congressional investigating merchants, from the interstate comcommittee convened today. George merce commission that its complaint Scott, son-in-law of Chief Green Mc- for a reduction in rates from Cali-Curtain of the Choctaw Indians, testi- fornia points to Medford has been fled that he had not entered into an received and that 30 days has been agreement with J. F. McMurray by granted the Southern Pacific to file

Requests have been received from the San Francisco merchants asking Scott declared that when McMurray for copies of the Medford complaint telefraphed him to help create senti- and congratulating the local body ment in favor of the contracts he upon the speed and success attending went to Washington at his own ex- lts efforts. San Francisco in several years has not made the progress in its case that Medford has made in a

The Medford traffic bureau has continued its campaign to make Medford a distributing and jobbing center by filing at Salem a second case before the state railroad commission tain radius. The complaint asks that a less than carload rate be allowed erty. within a certain radius. No objection to the present carload rates is made, but a material reduction on classes in less than carload lots is been asked to send a squadron of asked in order to give better distrib- troops from Fort George Wright. At uting facilities.

In the complaint it is set out that Medford is situated 329 miles south of Portland and 352 miles north of Sacramento and that it is so located as to be the central distributing point for a rich section with a radius of criminatory. It is declared that the than the operating revenues of the has named the class rates on the O. R. & N. on 100 pounds for a distance of 115 miles, as named in connection with the Baker City complaint, and asserts that a basis of rates graduated to this scale would be proper adjustment to apply to Medford. The excerpts from Baker City also apply equally to the complaint of the Medford bureau in asking for a read-

justment. In the Baker City complaint it is stated that the proposed new scale would be a proper adjustment to apply from Baker City to main line and branch points on a graduated through mileage. The basis is as follows: First-class, 47 cents; second class, 40 cents; third-class, 33 cents; fourthclass, 28 cents

Excerpts from the proposed new rate prepared by the Baker City Commercial club show the following. which will give a fair idea of the mileage for class rates as proposed straight through:

				Class		rates in		
Miles-					cents	per	100	lbs.
	72-7				1	2	3.	4
10	to	15	1311	i	. 14	12	9	8
25	to	30				17	14	12
50	to	5.5				25	21	18
75	to	100	100000			34	28	24
100	to	105	1111			38	32	27
145	to	150	6633		.54	46	38	32

KIDNAPED BY BRIGANDS AND HELD FOR RANSOM

ROME, Aug. 12.-Salvatore Setta, wealthy land owner, was kidnaped today by brigands, who are holding him for ransom. His family and at any moment. Tribal forces are friends are hastening to raise the ransom demanded by the bandits. fearing that Setta may be killed. His captors sent notice that the price of freedom is \$10,000.

Recently Signor Ruina, a wealthy merchant, was killed when his family refused to pay a ransom demanded by his captors.

ROOSEVELT AS CHAIRMAN OF NEW YORK G.O.P. CONVENTION

THREATENED BY FOREST FIRE

hundred families of Wallace today are packing up their belongings and will leave for Spokane and other outside points to escape the dangers of the forest fires which are raging near, threatening to wipe out a portion of the city.

With a dense smoke enveloping the city, making it impossible to see a distance of 200 yards, and with as hard to see Roosevelt now as it burning embers falling, carried by the wind from the burning area, Wallace is in immediate danger of destruction. Everywhere men and women are running about using every safeguard to pretect their property from the fire, while the city fire department stands ready to go to the scene of any blaze that may be started.

Should the wind become stronger, it is believed that nothing can save the city. Forest fires raging in the Placer creek district, five miles from Wallace, have destroyed much prop-

An appeal has been sent to Spokane for 100 men to aid in fighting the flames, also the government has the present time there are only 50 men in the vicinity of Wallace fight ing the flames.

STOCKS SHOW GAINS

NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—The gen- day as guests of the company. eral list on the stock exchange today Mr. Ballinger leaves Portland tofractions; Reading and Union Pa- auto trip. cific 1, and Canadian Pacific 1%: National Biscuit, 21/2, American Smelting lost 1.

The market closed steady. Bonds had a steady tone

RUMOR CIRCULATED THAT EX-PRESIDENT REENTERS POLITICS

NEW YORK, Aug. 12 .- That Theodore Roosevelt may be temporary WALLACE, Idaho, Aug. 12.-One chairman of the New York state republican convention on September 27 is the report that was circulated about political headquarters today after Roosevelt had a number of conferences with prominent public men. Senator Elkins was one of the callers at the office of the former president at the Outlook. When he emerg-

ed after having been kept waiting for several minutes for a chance to talk to the colonel, he remarked that it is was when he was president.

Another caller was Gifford Pinchot, former chief forester.

Pinchot gained admittance through the back door of the office and his conference was short.

Pinchot was in here a couple of minutes," remarked Roosevelt to the newsepaper men, "and I suppose you are wondering what devilment he accomplished in that time."

Former Governor Woodruff of Connecticut called at Roosevelt's office during the morning.

CRATER SUNDAY

Will G. Steel of the Crater Lake company arrived in Medford Friday morning and left at once for Crater ROOT SUMS UP ter place he will meet R. A. Ballinger, secretary of the interior, and Mrs. Ballinger, and escort them to the lake, where they will spend Sun

Dr. Cook, we are advised, is living before October. in easy call of Brooklyn and promises to emerge from retirement in October, with his proofs.

IDAHO FIRES BURN LARGE TIMBER BELT

MISSOULA, Mont., Aug. 12 .-"The forest fire situation looks worse. The high winds that have been blowing along the Montana-Idaho divide are raaising the very

tools and equipment of the firethe Loch branch of the Clearwater themselves to buy Wireless. river, are worse than have been recovers three or four townships.

large force of men is fighting des- bership. perately to check the danger. The fires in the Coenr d'Alene and Cleareffect that the fires on the Flathead within a short time.

All Western Montana is shrouded in a pall of smoke.

THE HAGUE, Aug. 12.-After six was firm, despite, the weakness of night on the Sunset limited and will days of argument bristling with techthe smelters. A favorable report on change cars at Weed for Klamath nicalities, Senator Elihu Root, leadthe Harriman lines aided in slight Falls. Mr. Steel states that Mr. Bal- ing counsel for the United States in advance. American Beet Sugar, linger would have gone via Medford the New Foundland fisheries dispute, all energy to sea work. Brooklyn Rapid Transit, Chesapeake to the lake except for the objections closed his summing up this after-& Ohio, St. Paul and Atchison rose made by Mrs. Ballinger to the long noon. The case is now before the members of the arbitral court and a verdict will probably not be returned with shore stations covering them sy, just outside the French capital,

> When in doubt put a want ad in the Mail Tribune.

MANY JOIN STUNG CLUB **ONWIRFLESS**

Estimated That \$9000 Worth of United Wireless Stock Has Been Purchased by Medford Investors-All Efforts for Land Stations Abandoned on Pacific Coast.

The Medford Stung club has been enlarged in membership. Approxi- The conference between President devil." In these words Associate mately \$9000 in stock of the United Taft and Senator Nelson W. Aldrich, District Forester Silcox of the for- Wircless Telegraph company is held following the publication of the long est service summed up the condition in small amounts in Medford and vi- letter of explanation regarding his of fires in Western Montana today, cinity. Quite an amount is held at connection with the Inter-Continen-At Bear creek the forest confla- Ashland, Grants Pass and other tal Rubber company and the charges gration today swept away tents, Rogue river valley towns. Investors made by Senator Bristow of Kansas were induced to take the stock upon that the company is a trust and defighting forces stationed there, men the glowing prospectus and golden rives great profits from the tariff and packhorses barely escaping with promises held forth by the company which bears the Rhode Island senatheir lives. Deputy Supervisor and its agents. Notwithstanding the tor's name, is causing wide comment Spaulding of the Lolo forest has left fact that local bankers frowned up- in political circles. for the preserve with 75 men. Fires on the proposition, people who refus- From the explanation and the visit along Cayuse creek, a tributary to ed legitimate investments fell over the political wiseacres here predict

At present the outlook is that no ported this year. The fire district returns will ever be received by the local investors, as the officers of the The Lolo forest is cleared of fires concern face grave charges and the further predict that the clash bejust now, but three conflagrations company will probably go through tween the regulars and insurgents are sweeping from three different bankruptcy and the stockholders be directions upon the reserve and a rated among the Stung club mem-

The headquarters of the United Wireless Telegraph company at water forests have been keping all Portland and the stations there and available men in Lolo forest busy, at St. Helens were closed today. and a report received today is to the Their disorganization signalizes the termination for the present of ef-Indian reservation are beyond con- forts of that corporation to comcrol and will be in Lolo preserve pete with telegraph lines on land. The nearest wireless station will be at Astoria, where arrangements have been made to maintain a day and night office.

The termination of its business there marks the principal work of experiments performed on the coast by the United Wireless, so far as in- record for altitude in an aeroplane land business is concerned, and it is flight was broken here today by J. admitted that excellent results have Armbtrong Drexel, an American milbeen obtained in testing the effi- lionaire. Drexel attained a height of ciency of the system in distance 6750 feet. work. The financial returns, however, have not been sufficient to warrant a continuance of the inland circles about the Eiffel Tower until offices and it is planned to devote all Paris looked upward, Hubert La-

from Alaska to San Diego.

MAYOR GAYNOR GAINS GROUND

HOBOKEN, N. J., Aug. 12 .- The following buletin was issued at St. Mary's hospital at 7 o'clock this morn-general conflagration of oil wells.

"Mayor Gaynor passed a good night. Se slept seven hours and was comfortable this morning. He is in the explosion and thousands of barexcellent general condition. Temper- rels of oil made fire-fighting hazardature 100, pulse 70, respiration 16.

A surgeon, who will direct an operation if such action is determined upon, is constantly on watch beside had difficulty in keeping them bethe mayor. Apprehension is felt that infection may appear, necessitating an operation instantly. So far, howecer no infection is apparent. The mayor ate a hearty breakfast.

Consultation Tonight.

The phtysicians are not agreed as to the value of the X-ray in determining the location of the bullet. Several declare it would be unsafe to operate without any other guide than that of the X-ray. A consultation is planned for tonight upon the ques- big cougar skin and the other mation of an operation.

New X-ray plates taken yesterday and developed today show that the the party which left last week for the bullet is lodged in the vault of the pharynx, back of the nose, whence Biden, Owen Dunlap, L. C. Duffield, it could be quickly extracted if an Jesse Butler, Dr. Shearer and Marion operation were undertaken. The pa- Lance, returned Friday at noon. tient has difficulty in swallowing, owing to the location of the missile, but ful, and beside the big cougar enough this is to be expected, according to deer were bagged to make the total the doctors.

BREACH IS

Aldrich Conference With Taft Following Letter of Explanation Expected to Result in President's Going to Aid of Friend-Clash With Regulars Increases.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 12 .--

that the coming campaign as it is to be managed by the administration forces will be an effort to "explain" the whole tariff situation, and they which many Republican leaders ardently hoped would end with the primaries, will be fought out even more bitterly as the campaign advances.

Bristow Will Reply.

That a reply from Senator Bristow to Aldrich's explanation will be (Continued on Page Four.)

RECORD HIGHT

LONDON, Aug. 12 .- The world's

PARIS, Aug. 12.-Soaring in great tham drove his Antoinette biplane The company has plants aboard 160 miles today, from Chalons-Sur-100 vessels on the Pacific coast, Marne to the parade grounds at Is-Lathem covered the distance in three hours. After circling the Eiffel Tower he crossed the city, barely skimming the housetops. Latham was proclaimed the winner of the French prize of \$2000.

OIL STORAGE TANK EXPLODES, CAUSING FIRE

SISTERVILLE, Va., Aug. 12.-A storage tank of the Riverside Oil company exploded here today and a tanks and warehouses of the company is threatened.

Several tanks caught fire from ous in the extreme. Great crowds of spectators gathered to watch the spectacular fire and the authorities youd the danger line.

HUNTERS KILL COUGAR HEAD OF ELK CREEK

With the front of one of the three autos in the party decorated with a chines bearing trophies of the chase in the shape of big heads of antiers. Umpqua divide, composed of M. S.

The trip was eminently successpretty close to the limit.

Map of Love Route Sent to "Siegfried" By Helen Smith, Dashing Millionairess.



More burning love letters have come to light in the Siegfried-Brunhild romance of Russell Griswold, the gay young cavaller of Rowayton, Conn., and Helen Woodruff Smith, the dashing millionairess of Stamford. Miss Smith declares these missives simply denounce Griswold as a cur for allowing them to be published. Griswold retorts by saying they were sufficient to cause him to expect Miss Smith to become his bride, and he therefore wants \$50,000 heart baim because his Brunhild failed to fulfill his expectations in this respect. Whatever of ardor this pair that into their lovemaking is today redoubled in the intensity of feeling displayed in the suit Mr. Griswold has brought against his charmer. "I love her still," is the theme of his sorrowful song as he tells how she stole his young love, toyed with it for nine years, then tossed it to the winds. "Blackmail-blackmail!" is the vehement refort of Brunhild, as many of the love notes are signed. "The Sea of Matrimony; or, Cupid's Tourist Guide," will h Miss Shakh sent Griswold, was accompanied by a letter asking him if he thought he could steer the boat through the shoals.