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SCHOOLS SHOW GREAT GROWTH OF CITY CONGESTED CONDITIONS IN EVERY SCHOOL BUILDING

TWO SHIFTS TO BE TAUGHT IN 1ST PRIMARY

Enrollment This Year Is 268 Greater Than at Close of Last Term—Temporary Quarters Sought to Relieve Situation.

Medford city schools are experiencing the worst congestion in their history. Teachers and school authorities are experiencing much difficulty in arranging suitable quarters so that all who apply may be accommodated. Superintendent Collins is having a strenuous time arranging conditions to relieve the overcrowded rooms. As one expedient, two recitation rooms on the southwest corner of the high school building are to be confiscated for the use of the overflow of grammar school children from the Washington school, and Mrs. Philbrook will teach two shifts in the primary department. Medford has grown so rapidly that its three large school buildings are inadequate.

Probably the fifth and sixth grades will be moved into the high school rooms across the track, as Superintendent Collins fears that smaller children would endanger their lives by having to cross the railroad track every day on the way to and from school. Mrs. Philbrook will reach one set of little tots from 9 until 12, and another from 1 until 4. In this way the public school officials hope to temporarily relieve the present congestion until permanent quarters are built with the \$50,000 already voted by the people of Medford.

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TO START WORK SOON ON TROLLEY

That the proposed interurban trolley line connecting Grants Pass, Medford and Ashland with the various towns in the valley has been financed is the cheering news brought back by John R. Allen, holder of the franchises in the three cities, who for the past few months has been promoting the enterprise. The bonds have been taken and construction work will be begun in the near future. The franchises provide that work must be started within a year from the time they were granted. The first franchise was given by Grants Pass in December, 1909. Medford followed in January, 1910, and Ashland in July, 1910. Work will be well under way, according to Mr. Allen, before the time limit expires.

Financial conditions in the east and the fear of railroad legislation have caused a curtailment of expenditures in railroad development all over the country. This condition is also responsible for the delay in the interurban electric, but unless unforeseen contingencies arise speedy construction of the electric line is expected.

The work of completing the organization of the Southern Oregon Railroad & Electric company, which was incorporated last spring with a capital of \$5,000,000, with J. R. Allen, J. S. Vilas and S. V. Beckwith as trustees, was begun today, and it is expected within a few days to announce the names of the officers of the perfected organization.

SOLDIERS ARE THROUGH WITH FIRE FIGHTING

Company A is Released and Five Other Companies Will Leave the Front So as to Arrive in Medford Sunday—Will Tarry Day Here.

The First infantry is through fighting in Southern Oregon. Company A was released Monday from fighting fire above Ashland and will probably pass through Medford en route to Vancouver barracks sometime today. According to Assistant District Forester Buck, companies G, I, E, F and H, which have been fighting fire between the south fork and the middle fork of Rogue river and around Butte Falls, will leave the fire districts so as to arrive in Medford Sunday. They will be allowed to take advantage of the invitation of the Commercial club for a plunge at the Nat.

Except for two new fires which have been reported to the Medford forestry offices during the last two days, all the forest fires are now under control. Deputy Supervisor Swenning reported to Assistant District Forester Buck that the fire between the south and middle forks of Rogue river had been successfully stopped along Imaha creek and that it was under control at present on all the other sides.

The two new fires are on Glade fork, in the Applegate country, and at the head of Seven Mile creek. Neither have done much damage.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC SHOP MEN GO ON STRIKE

GALVESTON, Tex., Sept. 6.—Between 1000 and 3000 shopmen on the Southern Pacific between New Orleans and El Paso are on strike today and the trouble is spreading to the Gould lines in the northwest. It is believed that serious delay in freight traffic in Texas will result.

The greatest delay so far encountered has been in handling shipments of cotton, now being forwarded in carload lots. The men demand a working contract with the roads and a small increase in pay.

LA FOLLETTE VICTORY PREDICTED

Little Giant of Wisconsin Battles Today for His Political Life—Bright, Cool Weather Prevails and Heavy Vote Is Brought Out in Wisconsin Primaries—Fight by Republicans.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Sept. 6.—Bright, cool weather today throughout Wisconsin brought out a heavy vote in the state-wide primary in which Senator Robert M. La Follette is fighting for his political life. The heaviest vote polled in any election in Wisconsin in years is predicted by leaders both of the progressives and the stalwarts and up to noon a large per cent of the vote was in.

It is conceded by the regulars that La Follette will probably be re-nominated and the insurgents claim victory for him by a vote of 2 to 1. The fight is all in republican ranks. The democratic, socialist and prohibition candidates are unopposed. Of the republican candidates for governor, three claim victory today. They are E. T. Fairchild, regular anti-option candidate; F. A. McGovern, progressive anti-unionist, and William M. Lewis, optionist.

OLD MACHINE IN CALIFORNIA IS NOW UNHORSED

Republican State Convention Meets in San Francisco to Name New Central Committee—Out of 400 Delegates, 68 Belong to Old Guard.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 6.—With the progressive element in full control, the republican state convention assembled here this afternoon to draw up a platform and name a new state central committee. The old machine is completely unhorsed and out of over 400 authorized delegates to the convention there have been counted but 68 who will admit that they are or whose past associations proclaim them regulars. The Lincoln-Roosevelt leaguers expect to put their program through without a struggle.

"The platform will be progressive," declared an insurgent leader from Los Angeles today. Roosevelt and Pinchot will be warmly endorsed. President Taft will be courteously treated.

Chairman Phil Teller of the old state central committee called the convention to order.

The program agreed upon in informal caucus is for Chester Rowell to be nominated for temporary chairman by Marshal Stimson of Los Angeles. The permanent chairmanship is to go to Frank Devin.

Addresses will be made tonight by Hiram Johnson and A. J. Wallace. The new state central committee will probably organize tonight and Meyer Lissner of Los Angeles is slated for the chairmanship.

PRIMARY CONTEST ON IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

CONCORD, N. H., Sept. 6.—Regular and insurgent republicans are clashing today in New Hampshire's first statewide primary election.

The republican gubernatorial nomination is being contested by Robert Bass, insurgent, and Bertram Ellis, regular. Each claims a victory. Bass appears stronged in the country districts, while Ellis' supporters claim the vote in the cities will offset this advantage.

NO CHANGE THOUGHT OF SAYS NEILL

With Co-operation of Residents in Rogue River Valley Canal Company Will Not Hesitate to Expend \$2,000,000 in Development, Declares Vice-President.

R. K. Neill of Spokane, vice-president of the Rogue River Valley Canal company, has been in the city for the past few days for the purpose of going over the company's interests and investigating general conditions in the valley. He is one of the principal stockholders of the irrigation company and has just returned from a visit to Northern Mexico, where he inspected the properties of the Neill Development company, which syndicate was recently financed by him.

Mr. Neill is a large real estate owner of Spokane, owning at this time valuable business property in the heart of the city, and is the principal owner of the Grote-Rankin company, operating the largest furniture store both in Spokane and Seattle. He is connected and associated with several of Spokane's leading financial institutions.

Interested in 1897.

In 1897 Mr. Neill and one of his associates had occasion to investigate some mining property near Gold Hill, and during this visit climbed to the top of Table Rock, near Gold Ray. While standing on this rock Mr. Neill said to his companion, as he looked over the valley, at that time only developed in a limited way:

"This valley will in time to come be one of the greatest of all deciduous fruit belts. Its remarkable climate, practically free from frost, will make possible the magnificent orchards of the future. Irrigation has already been demonstrated beyond a question of a doubt in many of the greatest and most productive districts in the west. Irrigation will come to the Rogue River valley and the advent of irrigation will mark a new era of prosperity for this district. Orchards will be grown on (Continued on Page Four.)"

HAFER EDUCATES EASTERN FRIEND

Willard Foster, of Blackwell, Oklahoma, a friend of Chris Gottlieb, is visiting Edgar Hafer and looking over the valley with a view to locating. Mr. Foster is charmed with the country, its orchards, climate and scenery, but the real thing that captured him was Rogue river.

In company with Edgar Hafer and Howard Dudley Mr. Foster visited the Rogue yesterday in quest of steelheads.

Foster has a rather sporty reputation back in Oklahoma where the principal sport is luring mud cat from under the banks of the murky Chikastia river with a device known as a gig, which as a sporting proposition would appeal to the steelhead fisherman about as strongly as lassing stumps for pasture.

Rogue river, rippling over the rocks looked decidedly easy to the gentleman from the cold water state, but when he got out in to the swift flowing stream and landed upon a reef of cement rock he had changed his mind about cold water and babbling brooks, and was ready to be led out on terra firma, and incidentally he was ready for some other liquids that have made Medford famous as an oasis.

TEDDY IS GIVEN TWO MINUTE DEMONSTRATION AT ST. PAUL

FEELS LIKE RAIN LOOKS LIKE RAIN BUT NO SPLASH

Cloudy Weather Prevails and Hopes for Downpour Runs High, But Mr. Weather Man Says It Will Be Fair Tonight and Tomorrow.

It looks like rain, feels like rain and should rain, but Mr. Weather Man says no, and has hung out the white flag. There is something wrong somewhere.

For the first time in a long time, the bright blue skies of Southern Oregon are overcast and there is a tinge in the air that gives promise of a downpour. But the forecast is for fair weather tonight and Wednesday.

A rain now will result in great good to this section. Not alone would the forest fires be given a final quietus, but the apples would take on an added luster. So the populace is anxiously keeping an eye on the weather. But is vain, for whoever heard of a forecaster being in wrong?

KAUFMAN MADE POOR SHOWING

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 6.—Jack Johnson has nothing to fear from Al Kaufman, according to the verdict today of those who saw the Californian win a hollow victory over Australian Bill Lang, last evening. Neither Kaufman nor Lang would last two rounds with the champion, should he turn loose upon them his full battery, according to the experts who went to the ringside with a hope in their hearts that one of the two big white fellows would show something that would mark him as a championship possibility.

Kaufman's promised speed did not develop. He missed several royal chances to end the battle by a knockout through his inability to think quickly, and Lang was permitted to crawl from some precarious situations because of Al's lumbering methods.

When in doubt put a want ad in The Mail-Tribune

"BUTCHER" WEYLER IN COMMAND

Arrives With 2000 Additional Troops in an Attempt to Break Strike in Barcelona—Madrid Votes Against Taking Hand in Strike—Energetic Campaign Has Been Planned.

BARCELONA, Sept. 6.—"Butcher" Weyler, at the head of 2000 additional troops, arrived here today in an attempt to break the strike that is stagnating business throughout the city.

Several minor riots were reported last night, although troops patrolled the streets until relieved by a second detail at daybreak. No serious outbreaks were reported. Weyler plans to reorganize the Barcelona garrison and institute an energetic campaign against the malcontents. The strikers are being reinforced by arrivals from the country districts.

Reports today from Bilbao and Saragossa indicate that conditions there are much improved.

MADRID, Sept. 6.—Voting 87 to 9 against a general strike, the labor organizations of Madrid today re-

CIRCUIT COURT STARTS GRIND LONG DOCKET

Grand Jury for September Term Is Chosen and Work Gotten Under Way—Many Attorneys Present at Opening Session.

The September term of the circuit court opened this morning, Judge F. M. Calkins presiding. A large number of attorneys from the various parts of the district were present and the affair resembled much the opening of school. Work, however, was expedited by Judge Calkins, who does not believe in tarrying by the wayside.

The grand jury was chosen for the term and consists of the following: Ben Bell, foreman; A. J. Clarno, T. W. Daley, J. E. Crowson, J. C. Grubb, W. G. Breed, D. G. Gerritt. The jury was charged and immediately took up the consideration of new business. So little of this is there that it is believed they will be excused this afternoon.

The docket upon which the court will start work today is an exceptionally long one.

PILL MAKERS TAKE MEDICOS INTO CAMP

Intense rivalry ran rampant in the bowling contest between teams composed of Medford doctors and druggists held Monday evening at the Natatorium. To the surprise and chagrin of the physicians, the pill-makers defeated them with ease, winning four games in succession. The defeated team was composed of Drs. E. B. Pickel, F. G. Thayer, H. P. Hargrave and H. E. Morrison, while the victorious pharmacists were represented by Leon B. Haskins (captain), Arthur Whitman, Emil Pavette and Earl Aux. After the bowling the octet repaired to a sumptuous repast at the Louvre, the doctors furnishing the wherewithal.

Westerlund Consents.

John A. Westerlund has consented to run for the legislature and his nominating petitions are now being circulated. Mr. Westerlund is a direct primary statement No. 1 man.

WELCOME IS GREATER THAN THAT FOR TAFT

Roosevelt Drops Pacific Attitude and Enters into Open Fight—Says Question Now Is of Predatory Interests Against the People.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Sept. 6.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt arrived in St. Paul today. As a result of the fight which has developed in the National Conservation Congress over the water power sites, he has dropped the pacific attitude he has maintained and will begin an open fight for federal control of natural resources.

A crowd, one-third larger than that which greeted President Taft, heard Colonel Roosevelt's speech today. The audience cheered heartily when the former president was presented.

Roosevelt's reception at the hands of the delegates and spectators today contrasted sharply with that accorded President Taft yesterday. Taft, entering the hall, was cheered for thirteen seconds. Roosevelt, was cheered for two minutes. Taft, mentioning Roosevelt, was cheered for forty seconds; Roosevelt, mentioning Taft, drew fourteen seconds of applause.

A demonstration followed the colonel's attack on the state control of forests.

Roosevelt was in a fighting mood and swung his fist emphatically as he reached this phase of his address, pointing his finger at the Western governors.

Long cheers followed his reference to water power sites when he said:

"It is really the question of special predatory interests against the popular interests—it is not a question of state or nation."

ALL TALKING OF CONTEST

The general interest taken in the great popular contest, as manifested by the number and high character of nominations received, is a source of much satisfaction to the Mail Tribune. The value and attractiveness of the prizes have evidently stimulated a keen and spirited rivalry, which will interest all the people of Medford and the towns in the surrounding country. Such general interest shown at this early stage of the contest shows a determined effort on the part of the contestants to win and without doubt establishes the popularity of the Mail Tribune's contest.

You can vote for your favorites by simply clipping the ballots in this issue. It is little to do, but your friends will appreciate it.

Don't hold the coupons. Vote them every day.

The date of expiration of every coupon changes daily, and every one must be voted before the date of expiration given on each, in order to count.

The rules governing the balloting have been made as clear as possible to permit of absolute justice and impartiality to all. The simple clipping of the ballot published herewith and filling in the names of those deserving the honor will serve

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