

**THE WEATHER**

Possible showers.

**The Message of the Flags.**

White—Fair weather.  
Blue—Rain or snow.  
White and blue—Local showers  
Black triangular—Above white, warmer; below white, colder.  
White with black center—Cold

But One City in United States Has Made Greater Growth Than Medford

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## OFFICIAL CENSUS GIVES MEDFORD 8840

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#### BUT ONE CITY IN UNITED STATES GROWS FASTER

Census Taken in May Is Now Out of Date—Every Indication That City Has Over 10,000 People Is Evident—Strides Made By City.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 1.—The population of Medford, Or., was announced today by the census bureau as 8840, an increase from 1791 in 1900, or 392 per cent. This percentage of growth is the greatest made by any town in the United States, with the exception of Oklahoma City, Okla., which shows a per cent increase of 398.

The twelfth census gave Medford a population of 1791 and the eleventh 967.

In spite of the fact that Medford's growth in population is greater than that of any other city in the United States, Oklahoma City excepted, the census figures are in a way a disappointment, owing to the delay in their announcement. Instead of having 8840 inhabitants, Medford today has between 10,000 and 11,000. The census was taken early in May, and since that time the city has continued to grow unchecked. Ten thousand is a conservative estimate and one that is borne out by the growth made in bank deposits, postal receipts and other criteria of growth.

Medford's great percentage of growth has been accomplished within the past three years. Three years ago the population of the city was estimated at 3000. In January, 1908, a city census was taken and the total was given at 5200. Since then the growth has continued. And there are no signs of its abatement.

The great increase in the number of water-users in the city, as told in another column, indicate that the population of the city is rapidly growing. Another indication of this fact is the constant increase in the number of telephones in use. Then the postal receipts and bank deposits testify to the same fact by their increase from month to month.

The fact that Medford has increased in population more rapidly than any other city in the United States, barring one, is indicative of its future. Medford and the Rogue River valley have those things which attract population, and the town is here to stay, for it has been no "boom" growth which it has made.

An increase of 392 per cent in the next ten years would give Medford a population of 35,000—and that doesn't seem unreasonable.

### 3-CENT FARE AGAIN TROUBLES CLEVELAND

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 1.—The 3-cent fare question of street railways in Cleveland is again before the public. The term of the experimental enforcing of the fares agreed on when the railway tangle got into the courts last March, ended yesterday and today the experts who have been watching the car service and the officials of the railway company are preparing for a conference which will decide whether the service under the 3-cent system was satisfactory. The railway officials hold that the company has not given efficient service to the public, although it has done the best it could with the revenues derived from the fares charged. If their point of view is sustained the fare will be made 4 cents in the future.

#### UNCLE SAM NOW AFTER ALLEGED ELECTRIC TRUST

Wickersham Prepares Bill in Equity Designed to Dissolve Great Merger of Allied Electrical Interests—Will File Within Two Weeks.

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—A bill in equity now being prepared by Attorney-General Wickersham, designed to dissolve the great merger of allied electrical interests, is expected to be filed in this district within the next two weeks.

In anticipation of the move federal investigators have been at work for months in New York probing the trade and secret connections of the American Telegraph & Telephone company, the \$500,000,000 combination alleged to control the Western Union, the General Electric, the Westinghouse and the Western Electric corporations.

It is understood that by a federal writ access to the books of the concern was obtained. The bill in equity is expected to be more drastic than those against the Standard Oil, tobacco and sugar trusts.

### BIGGEST HALL RENTED TO LET ALL KICKERS IN

Indignation Meeting Will Be Held in Seattle With Sanction of City Dads—Riot Follows Ejection of Passengers.

SEATTLE, Dec. 1.—Yielding to the demands of angry residents, the council committee on corporations has rented one of the biggest halls in the city for tomorrow night to hear reasons why the franchise of the Seattle, Renton and Southern Electric road should not be taken from its present owners and the line operated by the city.

The car line was ordered by the superior court to grant five-cent fare to its patrons who were within the city limits. The company filed a supersedeas bond, appealed to the supreme court and continued charging 10 and 15 cents.

A riot ensued Monday, when the company started ejecting passengers who refused to pay the overcharge. The people claim that the company has broken its franchise contract with the city by charging more than five cents and by refusing to sell commutation tickets.

Mayor Gill and a number of councilmen are siding with the people.

### 13 YEARS OLD; WEIGHS BUT 14 POUNDS; DEAD

MERRITT, B. C., Dec. 1.—Minnie Pickett, aged 13 years and 4 months, and weighing at the time of her death but 14 pounds, died here yesterday. She had lived with her parents, persons of normal size, and while delicate, had until very recently been generally in fair health. She is believed to have been the smallest person of her age in the civilized world.

#### OFFICIAL FIGURES SHOW CRAWFORD GOT BIGGEST VOTE

Attorney General Leads State Officials With 83,755—Next to Him Is Treasurer Kay With 76,706—Secretary State Compiles Figures

SALEM, Or., Dec. 1.—Official figures on the vote for candidates for state office in the recent election have been compiled by the secretary of state, and were given out at Salem yesterday. They are based on the official returns from each county in Oregon. The canvass of the vote cast on initiative and referendum measures is still in progress.

The largest vote received by any candidate was that given A. M. Crawford, republican nominee for attorney general. His vote was 83,755, his only opponent being C. C. Brix, socialist, who polled 18,916.

The second largest vote was that of T. B. Kay, republican nominee for state treasurer, who received 79,706. Kay had two opponents, a socialist and a prohibitionist. Neither Kay nor Crawford had a democratic opponent.

As already published the official figures give Oswald West, democratic nominee for governor, a plurality of 6102. West's total vote was 54,853. The next highest vote for any democratic candidate was that given Judge Will R. King of the supreme court, who received 44,760. Hugh McLain, democratic candidate for railroad commissioner, was third with 38,603.

The official figures show that in the choice of two justices of the supreme court for the six-year term, Judge Burnett won by a decisive majority, receiving a total of 63,367, so that the only real contest was between Moore and Judge King. Moore's vote was 57,004 and King's 44,760.

James T. Chinnock, republican, who was elected superintendent of water division No. 1, had the distinction of being entirely unopposed.

The highest vote cast for any socialist nominee was that given to John Koob, candidate for state engineer. His vote was 19,475. The leading candidate on the prohibition ticket was Leslie Butler, nominee for state treasurer, who received 15,114.

The vote for congressional candidates in any campaign is often cited as the test of the strength of the two leading parties. In the recent election the republican congressional vote was as follows:

1st Dist.—W. C. Hawley . . . 26,256  
2d Dist.—A. W. Lafferty . . . 39,642

Total . . . . . 56,898  
The democratic vote was as follows:

1st Dist.—R. G. Smith . . . 18,232  
2d Dist.—John Manning . . . 19,477

Total . . . . . 37,709  
The combined republican plurality in the two districts was 19,189.

#### AMERICAN DOLLARS WERE AID TO IRELAND

LONDON, Dec. 1.—Tories who mentioned "American dollars" in their campaign in Ireland were made to regret it today when Chancellor Lloyd-George pointed out that "American dollars paid the English rack rents during the cruel days, and prevented Irish parents from being ejected from their homes."

Hourly the political situation in Ireland is becoming more bitter. Nationalists, O'Brienites and Orange-men clash at every meeting. The Orangemen of Ulster are threatening armed resistance should parliament give home rule for Erin, and it is reported that they are shipping in rifles from England.

### ENGINEERS VOTE FOR STRIKE

First Indication of How Poll Was Going Is Learned When It Was Announced That Local Engineers Had Voted in Favor of General Strike—Want Higher Wages.

The first indication of how the poll of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers on the question of a general strike on 61 railroads was given here today when it was announced that the local Southern Pacific engineers had voted in favor of a general strike.

The engineers favor demanding a 27 per cent increase in wages. The poll is being taken throughout the western states and the result will be announced at Chicago, Saturday, December 10.

According to local engineers, the move has been under consideration for some time past. Recently orders were sent out by the executive council of the brotherhood to all local branches of the organization to take a poll of its members, for and against the strike. The local engineers are said to have voted 82 per cent in favor of a strike unless their demands be granted by the railroad.

The engineers state that the increased cost of living makes it imperative that they be given the increase in wages asked.

### ATTORNEY WHITE TO PROSECUTE PRIZE FIGHTERS

Accepts Invitation of District Attorney Fickert to Aid Him in Punishing Principals in Moran-Nelson Go—White Representatives There.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 1.—Declaring that his purpose was not so much the punishment of the principals in the Moran-Nelson fight as to prevent the repetition of prize-fighting in California, Attorney J. E. White of the Church Federation today received and accepted the invitation of District Attorney Fickert to co-operate with the authorities in prosecuting those deemed violators of the law.

District Attorney Fickert, while stating that in his opinion the law was not violated, appointed his assistant, Attorney Lane, to undertake prosecution and Attorney White is awaiting an invitation by Lane to outline a case against the fighting men.

The basis of White's plan is an account of the Moran-Nelson fight, published in a morning paper on the day after the battle, in which a gory account of the "sparing match" was given. The same publication today declared that "according to all the eyewitnesses of the Nelson-Moran bout it was a clever, scientific affair, devoid of brutality or rough incidents. The crowd of 9000 persons representing men in every walk of life, left the arena, fully satisfied that the contest was a high-class one in every sense of the word. They would all gladly pay to see it over again."

While admitting that it might be difficult for him to subpoena witnesses at random to make affidavit that the fight was brutalizing, Attorney White's manner indicated that he had foreseen this difficulty and had personal representatives at the ringside.

### NOVEMBER TELLS STORY OF CITY GROWTH IN HUGE FIGURES

#### SUBSTITUTE FOR LA FEAN BILL IS SENT TO HAWLEY

State Horticultural Society Meets—C. E. Whisler Recommended to Governor as Worthy of Appointment as Trustee of Society.

PORTLAND, Dec. 1.—Homer C. Atwell of Forest Grove, for several terms president of the Oregon State Horticultural society, was yesterday re-elected with the secretary-treasurer, Frank W. Power. The meeting of the society was held in conjunction with the apple show.

The business sessions of the horticultural society are to be held in the Moose lodge hall, on the fourth floor of the Majestic theater building, at Fifth and Washington streets. A series of lectures by the most prominent horticulturists in the state are to be given during the week, the meetings being open to all.

Reports of the president and secretary were read and approved and other features will be later taken up. Chief of interest this morning was an action started to draw up a substitute bill to be sent to Representative W. C. Hawley at Washington for the Lafean bill on apple boxes. This bill, which is backed by immense eastern interests, will probably be brought up again at the coming session of congress.

The necessity of having a substitute bill to offer was emphasized in a telegram received from Representative Hawley, in which he requested that the same be made out and sent to him post haste.

Oregon apple men realize the necessity for immediate action, for it is felt that the Lafean bill is an absolute contrast to the needs of the northwestern country. Its methods of boxing and labeling would make large inroads into the profits of the northwestern fruitgrower and a strong pressure is to be brought to bring about the defeat of the bill.

This morning a committee was provided to draft a substitute bill for this measure and will report immediately after the reading of a paper by President W. K. Newell of the state board of horticulture, Thursday afternoon. His lecture will be upon "Apple Box Legislation." As he is the best informed man in the state on this subject, it was deemed advisable to put off the discussion till after the reading of this paper.

A resolutions committee consisting of John F. Forbis of Portland, chairman; C. H. Stewart, Albany; F. B. Chase, Eugene; W. K. Newell, Gaston, and L. T. Reynolds, Salem, was appointed and will report at a future meeting. They were instructed by the association to return such resolutions as they might see fit.

E. H. Shepherd of Hood River was elected the vice-president of the organization to succeed J. R. Shepherd, who has left the state. Seven men were placed in nomination to the governor of the state for appointment tax trustees of the society, and their names will be forwarded to him for approval. He selects three men as trustees of the fund voted by the legislature each year. The men nominated were W. E. Wann of Portland, L. T. Reynolds of Salem, the retiring trustee; Dr. B. N. Haman, Portland; C. D. Minton, Portland; J. O. Holt, Eugene; C. E. Whisler, Medford, and Dr. S. A. Robinson, Portland.

#### Wood for Sale.

Cordwood and stovewood, hard and soft, in any quantity. A. Shover, city scales at Main and Fir streets, or telephone Main 2981. 227

#### DIAZ FOR EIGHTH TIME TAKES OATH AS PRESIDENT

Every Precaution Is Taken Against Disorder in City—Populace Barred From Hall of Congress—Diplomats and Officials Welcomed.

MEXICO CITY, Mex., Dec. 1.—Precaution against disorder in the city and violence in the palace marked the inauguration of Porfirio Diaz as president of Mexico today.

The Mexican president enters officially upon his eighth term with a country disordered by the most serious uprising that has yet threatened his administration.

The restraint exerted by the activity of the insurgents was reflected generally throughout the capital today. The populace was barred from the hall of congress and the only persons admitted to the inaugural ceremonies were high government officials, members of the diplomatic corps and representatives of the loyal press.

Following the induction of Diaz into office, the president, assisted by Vice-President Ramon Corral, received the diplomats and officials at the national palace.

### OSWALD WEST HAS RESIGNED; TAKES EFFECT DEC. 2

Arranges to Go to California—Will Be Accompanied by Tom Kay—Two Thought to Be Considering Appointment to Various Offices.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 1.—Railroad Commissioner West today tendered his resignation of the office, to take effect December 2. He is arranging to go to California in a few days, and as Tom Kay, treasurer-elect is to accompany him, and the two are warm personal friends, the political-wise think they see an arrangement between the two men for selecting as members of the appointive board many various state officers, such as superintendents of the state prison and the asylum for the insane. Politicians are also satisfied now that Frank Benson, secretary of state-elect, will not resign, any many fond political aspirations are badly frost-bitten.

### CENTRAL POINT IS GROWING RAPIDLY

A. W. Cowley, one of the principal property owners and enterprising business men of Central Point, was in Medford Thursday transacting business, and reports everything as flourishing in his town. The work on the new building for the Rogue River Plumbing company is nearing completion. The walls of the Coyey building, which are of reinforced concrete, are nearly completed, and other work on the building is being rushed.

Mr. Cowley reports progress on the Y. M. C. A. building in excavating and putting in the cement foundation and says all lines of business are good.

#### BANK DEPOSITS, POSTAL RECEIPTS, SHOW INCREASE

Great Increase in Population Is Further Shown by Increasing Number of Water-Users in City—December Will Be Banner Month.

November, 1910, was a splendid month for Medford from every standpoint. Bank deposits, postal receipts and number of water-users in the city, all show great increases over November a year ago and testify to the substantial and rapid growth being made by the city. Compared with the records made by other cities in the northwest, Medford's record surprises, even though those who are familiar with the growth being made in the northwest are accustomed to large figures.

Postal receipts in the city for November, 1910, show a gain of 64 per cent over November, 1909. During the month just closed the total receipts were \$2687.69. For November, 1909, they were \$1635.57. Hence the gain was \$1052.12.

Receipts for the year ending November 30, 1910, were \$28,000.60. For the year ending November 30, 1909, they were \$18,542.92. The increase was \$9457.68, or 51 per cent.

Bank deposits show a corresponding gain over a year ago. At that time they were \$1,863,598. This November they are \$2,376,582. The increase was \$513,014, or 22 per cent.

In another way is the growth of the city reflected, and that is in the number of water-users in the city. According to City Recorder Telfer, here has been a gain of from 350 to 400 water-users in the city since November a year ago. The greater majority of these are, of course, new families.

Although the official census has not been announced, it is said to be in the neighborhood of 8900. This would give each man, woman and child in Medford \$267 if the bank deposits were equally divided. The census figures promise to be a year behind time. Doubtless Medford has nearly 11,000 people now.

### ERBSTEIN TRIAL TO START TOMORROW

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 1.—Attorney Charles Erbstein will go to trial tomorrow before Judge Brentano on a charge of jury bribery in connection with the trial of Lee O'Neil Browne, or alleged legislative bribery. Judge Scanlan today granted Erbstein's petition for a change of venue and assigned the case to Judge Brentano.

Erbstein is accused of having offered a bribe to Juror McCutcheon in the second trial of Browne. In turn, Erbstein charged States Attorney Wayman with bribery and misconduct, and sought to have him disbarred. The bar association, however, cleared Wayman and censured Erbstein for having preferred the charges.

While this action was pending Wayman sought to bring Erbstein to trial immediately following the attorney's indictment three weeks ago. Wayman was censured for overhaste and in a huff refused to continue prosecution of Erbstein.

### FREE SANITARIUM IS DESTROYED BY FIRE

WESTON, Ont., Dec. 1.—The Toronto free sanitarium for consumptives, four miles from here, was totally destroyed by fire at an early hour today. The loss is \$160,000.