

THE WEATHER
Continued rain.
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.

Are You Helping Medford to a Merry Xmas. Do Your Shopping Now

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Circulation
MAIL TRIBUNE'S CIRCULATION YESTERDAY WAS
2975

FIFTH YEAR.

MEDFORD, OREGON, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1910.

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WILL INVESTIGATE ALLEGED CHINESE SLAVERY SYSTEM IN SAN FRANCISCO

THIS STATE POINTING OUT WAY

Massachusetts Writes to Oregon for Copies of the Progressive Laws in Use in This State—Foss Will Use Them as a Basis for Recommendation.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 8.—Requests are coming to the secretary of state's office at Salem from far and wide over the United States for information regarding the workings of the initiative and referendum, the recall and other measures following the recent election in this state. The election pamphlets issued by the state are in great demand, several thousand having been mailed out to correspondents since they were printed. The latest request came today from Attorney George Frederick Williams of Boston, a friend of Governor Foss of Massachusetts. Williams stated that Governor Foss would use Oregon laws as basis for recommendation.

CALIFORNIA TO FOLLOW OUR LEAD

Fruitgrowers of Bear State Prepare to Standardize Their Fruit, Hoping to Gain Reputation Similar to That Already Secured by the Fruitgrowers of Oregon.

STOCKTON, Cal., Dec. 8.—One of the most important subjects taken up by the California Fruitgrowers' association in convention here—standardization of pack—is being considered by the delegates today. The season just closed has marked the first year of organized effort for standardization of fruit in California. Five counties shipped no fruit this year that was not standardized, and the result was most satisfactory. The growers hope to make the label, "grown in California, standardized," a sufficient guarantee of quality.

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S.P. RATES LOWERED ON COOLING

Railroad Ordered to Reduce Its Refrigerator Rates to Old Standing by Interstate Commerce Commission—Rate Was Advanced Fifteen Cents Per Hundred.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 8.—The Southern Pacific railroad was ordered to reduce its refrigerator rates to the old standing by the interstate commerce commission today, following the hearing of a complaint by shippers that the rate had been advanced 15 cents per hundred pounds on oranges and lemons in the last year. The Arlington Fruit Exchange company and other coast fruit concerns were responsible for the reduction, having charged that the rates were exorbitant. The right of the shippers to re-cool their fruit was another matter brought up at the hearing.

GOVERNMENT IS PREPARING TO TAKE ACTION SOON

Extensive System of Chinese Peonage Said to Exist in San Francisco—Brought to Light by Investigation of Smuggling by Federal Officials.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 8.—Federal officials will order a rigid investigation of the San Francisco Chinese slavery system upon receipt of official reports from the local immigration officials in that city. Detailed reports have not yet been received, but it is expected they will be forthcoming soon. The department of commerce and labor and the treasury department never have received reports of cases of peonage. It is thought this may be due to the fact that specific cases become known only to individual employees of the different departments at San Francisco, and that these employees failed to report them to their superiors. With the completion of the operations of a number of secret service agents on the coast, it is intimated here that charges warranting definite action will be preferred.

RUMOR HAS EX-RULER POISONED

Persistent Rumor That Deposed Turk Ruler Is Dead Was Given Added Color Today—Announced That His Illness Has Taken Serious Turn—Whereabouts Secret.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 8.—A persistent rumor that Abdul Hamid, deposed sultan, is dead, which has been widely circulated for the past week and as widely believed, despite denials from official sources was given added color today when it was authoritatively announced that Abdul's illness had taken a serious turn. The theory is advanced that the Turkish officials are preparing the minds of Abdul's followers for the worst. A sudden announcement of his death, they believe, would be followed by a general insurrection. Rumor says that Abdul was poisoned. No one knows his exact whereabouts.

WANT JOB ONLY FOR THE COIN

Many Ashland Men Would File for Mayor and Council if Salary Measure Carries, Otherwise There Will Be a Dearth of Candidates at Next Election.

ASHLAND, Or., Dec. 8.—If the salary measure fails to pass at the special city election to be held in this city on December 14, there promises to be a dearth of candidates for the various city offices which are soon to be filled. On the other hand, if the measure carries, the candidates are legion. Ashland on the 14th will vote on a measure providing a salary of \$125 a month for the mayor, and \$25 a month for councilmen. One day later the date for filing of petitions of candidates for office will cease. This means that during the eight hours

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20 PER CENT GROWTH IS MADE IN U.S.

With Complete Returns From All Except Eight States, Estimates by Census Bureau Place Population of United States at 92,135,221—Growth Is Rapid—Gain 15,000,000

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 8.—Estimates by the census bureau based on complete returns from all except eight states place the population of the United States at 92,135,221. This estimate does not include Alaska or other insular possessions. The population in 1900 was 76,303,387. The gain is 15,831,944 or 20 per cent. The United States keeps the same rank among the nations of the world. China has 432,000,000, the British empire 392,846,835, and Russia 146,796,600. The census of 1820 gave the United States a population of 3,929,214.

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HILL NOT INTERESTED IN R. R. V. RAILROAD

SO SAID HEAD OF EMPIRE BUILDERS' OREGON LINES

John F. Stevens States That Reports Were Wrong—Barnum Bought Engine From Them, Giving Color to Story.

PORTLAND, Dec. 8.—The Hill system is not interested in any form or manner in the Rogue River Valley railroad that is operated between Medford and Jacksonville, states President John F. Stevens of the Hill lines in Oregon. He referred to the matter, he explained, because when in California reports reached him to the effect that the road was a part of the Hill system.

"I readily understand how that rumor was started," explained Mr. Stevens this morning. "The road bought a locomotive from us that had been used on the Astoria & Columbia River railroad and that we had no use for, and seeing the lettering on it, the people of course drew the conclusion that the road was using part of our equipment. But such is not the case. We sold them the locomotive as we occasionally dispose of rolling stock that we can spare to logging or other smaller roads."

Mr. Stevens has returned from California, accompanied by Mrs. Stevens and his son, John F. Stevens, Jr., and Mrs. John F. Stevens, Jr., who are on their way home to Chicago on their wedding trip, the young people having been married about three weeks ago in Chicago, where Mr. Stevens is in the railroad supply business.

"I spent nearly three weeks in California resting up and recovering from an attack of the grip that I contracted on my recent trip east," said Mr. Stevens, "and now feel much better. I did not allow myself to think of business for a moment while in California and did not even receive any mail. So I have practically been dead to the business world since I left here."

Mr. and Mrs. Stevens, Jr., will probably remain in Portland a few days before resuming the trip to Chicago.

AUTOMOBILE TO SUPPLANT HORSE DRAWN CHEMICAL

Fire Laddies Hold Banquet and Business Session—Many Matters for the "Good of the Department" Discussed—Officials to Aid.

That Medford will soon change her present fire equipment, discarding horses for modern automobile fire trucks, was forecast last evening at a meeting of the Medford fire department at which time city officials voiced their approval of such a change on the grounds that it was more economical and much more

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DEAD WOMAN'S IDENTITY KNOWN; TRAIN KILLED

Had Lived Checkered Career Throughout Northwest—Coroner's Jury Finds That She Came to Her Death Under Wheels of Train.

Mystery no longer surrounds the death of the woman found by the railway track Wednesday morning. While her true identity is a mere conjecture, it is known that she went by the name of Belle Ellis and formerly lived with her husband, J. R. Ellis, in Spokane, Wash. The pair became estranged and, accord-

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LOOKS LIKE BIG SANTA CLAUS IN CITY THIS YEAR

All of the Stores in the City Are Exceptionally Well Supplied With Goods—Splendid Offering in All Lines—Stocks Freely Moving.

In no way are the metropolitan tendencies of Medford more clearly shown than in the large and varied stock of goods provided by all local merchants in their separate and individual lines for the satisfaction of the Christmas shopper. In every store and in overwhelming variety is found an excellent and up-to-date

WOMAN DEAD; MAN IS DYING; CRIME STARTLES

After Shooting Woman Five Times, Man Hacks Own Throat With Razor, Thrusts Head in Bath Tub and Tries to Beat Out Brains.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 8.—Mrs. Zulia Webb-Bartley, 26, proprietress of the Hotel Brule, who was shot five times yesterday by James Whitley, 60, her partner in the hotel, died today at 7 o'clock. Whitley, who hacked his throat with a razor, thrust his head in a half-filled bathtub and then pounded his

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EMPLOYMENT OF PRISONERS WILL BE SUPPORTED

Memorial Is Adopted by Commercial Club Requesting Oregon's Delegation in Congress to Ascertain the Cause of Delay in Granting Patent

Medford will send a large delegation to the state good roads convention to be held at Portland Monday, instructed to work for state-aided highways and for the employment of state prisoners on the Crater Lake highway. At the meeting of the Medford Commercial club held Wednesday, every member interested in the subject who can attend was requested to inform the secretary and receive appointment as an authorized delegate.

A memorial was adopted requesting Oregon's congressional delegation to ascertain the reasons for delay in granting patents to the Blue Ledge copper mine, which were applied for two years ago, and which, for some unknown cause and unexplained reason, are being held up by the department of the interior. The Oregon senators and congressmen are requested to unfathom the mystery and hasten the case along, as the speedy operation of the mine, upon which a million dollars has been spent in development work, depends upon the receiving of the patents.

The exhibit building came up for discussion and the history of the structure was given by its builders. It was built seven years ago from funds raised by John D. Otwell, contributed by seven fruitgrowers and business men of Medford. The exhibits were collected, owned and maintained by Mr. Otwell, the lights being furnished free by the Rogue River Electric company and the site by the Southern Pacific. It had never cost the Commercial club or the citizens of Medford a cent, and was purely a private enterprise, though of public benefit. Mr. Otwell stated that he was willing to remove it, or to sell it to the club, if desired, but the club decided that in its present financial condition the purchase and maintenance were out of the question and recommended

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MRS. MARY BAKER G. EDDY IS LAID AT REST; SERVICES SIMPLE

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 8.—The funeral of Mrs. Mary Baker Glover Eddy, founder and late head of the Christian Science church, was held this morning from her late residence on Chestnut Hill. The funeral was unostentatious and in accord with her wishes there was no music nor floral display.

The remains will be removed later to a tomb now being constructed in a most exclusive section of Mount Auburn, from which site the tombs of

James Russell Lowell and Oliver Wendell Holmes can be seen. As the funeral cortege passed through the streets on its way to the cemetery it attracted considerable attention, many persons having waited to watch it pass.

After the funeral party had left the cemetery a guard was thrown around the vault. The guard will be maintained until the body is finally placed in the tomb that is being prepared for it.

WAS IT A FIGHT? JEFF TO ANSWER

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 8.—James J. Jeffries' private opinion as to whether the recent Reno unpleasantness actually was a prize fight must be told in court, and by the fallen hope of the white race himself. Jeffries was served with a subpoena yesterday by a detective from the district attorney's office. He must appear in a suit against B. Byrne, who is alleged to have exhibited pictures of the Johnson victory at Arcadia in violation of the statutes.

Jeffries is reported to have dodged the subpoena servers for several days. It has been facetiously said that he entertains secretly the opinion expressed publicly by persons who saw the affair that it could not be dignified by the term "fight," according to the stipulation made by certain telegraphers that it takes two to make any fight.

CLAIM VICTORY FOR THE PEERS

Lord Roseberry and Arthur Balfour Say Elections Were Not Sufficiently Decisive to Warrant Curtailment of Power of the House of Lords—Liberal Org'n Is Opposed.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—A conservative net gain of three seats in parliament yesterday gave rise today to the most extravagant claims.

Lord Roseberry and Arthur Balfour said today that the elections were not sufficiently decisive to warrant a change in the House of Lords.

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REPUBLICANS SPEND THREE TIMES AS MUCH AS DEMOCRATS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 8.—The republican and democratic national campaign committees today filed lists of contributions and expenses in the recent congressional campaign.

The republicans received and expended \$74,373; the democrats, \$27,771.

Chairman McKinley of the republican committee contributed

\$5000, the Union League club of Philadelphia \$5750, Leslie M. Shaw \$1630, Elihu Root \$500, John Hays Hammond \$100, Frank H. Hitchcock \$500, Charles D. Norton, secretary to the president, \$100; Ambassador Kerekes, \$500.

The republican funds were distributed most freely in Kansas, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Tennessee, Oklahoma and Missouri.

STRIKERS ARE FACING STARVATION

Garment Workers Growing Desperate—Five Thousand Families Without Necessities of Life—25,000 People Now Being Fed by Commissaries Established by the Organization.

CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—With indications that garment workers strike will continue all winter, the situation of the strikers and their families is daily

becoming more desperate. Five thousand families are reported as near actual starvation. Unionists assert

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