

THE WEATHER

Fair today and Tuesday.

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.

Jackson County Ranks Fifth in the State in Valuation and Population

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Circulation

MAIL TRIBUNE'S CIRCULATION YESTERDAY WAS

3050

FIFTH YEAR.

MEDFORD, OREGON, MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1910.

NO. 225

WHITE IS APPOINTED U. S. CHIEF JUSTICE

MILLION DOLLARS SEEK INVESTMENT HERE

SO FAR OVER 500 INQUIRES HAVE COME THIS MONTH

Taking Reports of Past Three Weeks Over 15 Per Cent of Correspondents Give Amounts They Have to Invest—Total Is Astonishing.

Diversified lines in modern publicity work is doing wonders in the work of the Medford Commercial club. According to the report of Manager Malboen, the number of inquiries received during the past few weeks has not only been the greatest in point of numbers in the history of the club, but the most healthy condition of affairs is apparent from the fact that more than 80 per cent of the inquiries now coming in represent letters of definite nature which require personal answer, and that the percentage of requests for literature alone has reversed from 80 per cent of the total a few months ago to less than 20 per cent.

As compared with the reports made by the many commercial clubs of Oregon, represented at the recent meeting of the Oregon Development league at Salem, this record has never before been displayed by any commercial body in the state.

The most interesting feature is the development of inquiries upon the lines adopted by Manager Malboen in the endeavor to have inquiring parties outline their ideas in detail as to the specific character of information desired, as well as the amount of capital intended to be invested. Taking the reports of the three past weeks, over 15 per cent of the correspondents are giving these figures, that portion showing an average of not less than \$50,000 of investing capital each week, or an average of \$3,000,000 per annum. This is only a small part of the total represented money, and it is closely estimated that during the past month nearly \$500,000 in the east is seeking more definite and final facts of our great resources. The club's efforts for co-operation with the real estate dealers has met with the greatest success, and now nearly every one of the principal dealers in the city is closely following the lists of inquiry which are supplied to them daily by the club. Perhaps the most healthy of all conditions is the fact that after several months of effort in that direction over 25 per cent of the correspondents are asking to have their names presented to the real estate dealer, for direct information. This condition has not been undertaken by any other club in the state, and is a development feature of the highest degree, as viewed by the great publicity experts of the Pacific coast. During the month of December so far over 550 inquiries have been received by the club, and the number is increasing daily. Mr. Malboen, in his report to the board of directors showed that Medford is getting more advertising through the press of the entire United States than any city in Oregon, not excepting Portland, the direction of work through press bureau circles passing through more than 250 of the principal papers in the country. In every possible way the name of Medford is being forged into print right and left, and the results that are now apparent showing the great effectiveness of that work. This is the way to build a community, although the methods are little known to the people of Medford, or even to the members of the club. Manager Malboen predicts that 1911 will be by far the greatest that the Rogue River valley has ever witnessed.

Dave B. Harney, a well-to-do citizen of Tarkio, Mo., is in Medford for a few days. Mr. Harney is here for the purpose of purchasing a small tract of land near some of the valley towns, where he can build a home just to his liking.

SOCIALISTS PUT FORTH PLATFORM IN CITY FIELD

Believe in All Modern Improvements at Least Feasible Cost—Want Union Label on All City Printing—Promise Greatest Good.

The Socialist party in Medford has adopted the following platform on which their candidates ask election at the next city election:

"We, the Socialist party, of Medford, Or., here assembled at a regularly called convention, do hereby reaffirm our previous platforms and those of the state and nation. "We, the working classes, as a class, contend that we are entitled to at least proportional representation in the administration of the city, as we are directly affected thereby, and therefore place in nomination our candidates, and ask all those believing in our principles to support us. Our candidates are nominated and controlled by the party membership who sign their resignation blank before election, and will be promptly recalled for breach of trust.

"We shall not aim to define our policy in detail, but meet all issues as they arise, then dispose of them—the greatest good to the greatest number.

"We believe in all modern improvements at the least feasible cost, and that all public work done directly by the city, under expert supervision.

"We demand the abolition of the contract system, an eight-hour day and union wages.

"The union label be ordered on all city printing.

"The municipal ownership of all city utilities.

"A sanitary city.

"The enforcement of all reasonable city ordinances, administered alike to all, and the repeal of all obnoxious ones.

"We strictly adhere to one of our fundamental principles, which is:

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UNITED STATES INSTITUTES CONTEST AGAINST HOMESTEADERS

The United States has instituted contests in the local land office against six different homesteaders in this district, charging non-residence and non-cultivation. The homesteaders are: Hiram Doubleday, Archie R. Kincaid, Daniel E. Watson, Margaret Lindsay, Charles E. Terrill and R. H. Bradford.

The contest filed against Hiram Doubleday will be heard February 3, 1911. The government charges that he made only a pretense at cultivating his land and did not make the place his home. Doubleday applied for a patent in 1901, but none has been granted.

Archie R. Kincaid's claim is contested on the ground of non-residence.

Daniel E. Watson, the government claims, did not cultivate the land nor live on it. Contest will be heard January 9.

Margaret Lindsay's claim is contested on the ground of non-residence. The contest will be heard February 6, 1911.

Charles E. Terrill, says the government in its complaint, did not make his home on the place in good faith and did not cultivate the land. Contest hearing is set for February 8.

R. H. Bradford is charged with non-cultivation and non-residence. Hearing on February 2, 1911.

SCHOOL TAX FIXED AT 7 MILLS

Very Little Interest Is Taken at Election, Only Six or Seven Voters Appearing—Seven-Mill Tax is Deemed Large Enough to Give the Necessary Funds.

At the school election held December 9, a school tax of 7 mills was authorized for the coming year for school purposes. This will give the amount needed to conduct Medford's schools for the coming year. Interest in the matter was very slight, only six or seven voters appearing on the scene.

W. N. Wright of Asbland was transacting business in Medford, Monday. Mr. Wright formerly lived in the Willow Springs district near Central Point.

TOTAL CAPITAL COUNTRY'S BANKS \$20,682,578,177

Average Deposit Is \$420, and There Are 9,142,908 Depositors—Total Number of Banks Is 22,223—Financial Conditions Improved.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 12.—The people of the United States support 22,223 banks with assets of \$20,682,578,177, according to the annual report submitted to congress by the comptroller of the currency today.

Financial conditions have improved during the past year but only slightly, according to the report. The average deposit is \$420, and there are \$9,142,908 depositors.

Of the banks now in existence 7,153 are national institutions. The assets of these total \$5,128,882,351. The net earnings of national banks during the year were equivalent to 9.67 per cent of their capital and surplus.

Banks, other than national, number 15,950, including 12,166 commercial banks; 1759 savings banks; 1091 loan and trust companies and 934 private banks. The total resources of these institutions were \$124,553,695,826. The aggregate liabilities of banks reached a maximum during the year when they touched \$9,896,600,000 during the month of June. During the panic in 1907 the aggregate was \$8,476,599,000. During the past few months, however, the liabilities have decreased steadily. Between the months of June and September of the present year, a decrease of \$70,233,000 has been noted.

Building and loan associations are growing in popularity. There are now 5713 of these associations with 2,016,651 depositors. Their assets total \$856,332,719.

Of school savings banks there are 7665, located in 530 schools. Student depositors number 160,486 and have a balance of \$721,732 to their credit.

DEMOCRAT GETS PLACE AS CHIEF

Appointment Comes After President Has Held Lengthy Consultations With Politicians of All Factions—No Reason Given Why Hughes Was Neglected.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 12.—Justice Edward Douglas White of the supreme court of the United States was today nominated to be chief justice and Judge Willis Vandeventer of the eighth circuit of the United States, and Judge Joseph Lamar of Georgia, formerly of the Georgia supreme court, were renominated for associate justices of the supreme court by President Taft. The nominations were confirmed by the senate.

Martin A. Knapp, chairman of the interstate commerce commission; John Emmett Garland and Judge Julian Mack of Illinois were nominated for members of the newly created commerce court.

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JACKSON FIFTH IN POPULATION AND VALUATION

Assessed Valuation of Taxable Property in State Approaches \$1,000,000—Not Including Corporations, Value Is \$747,000,000.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 12.—The total assessed value of taxable property in the state of Oregon when finally equalized by the state board of equalization will be about \$825,000,000. This is on a basis of a full value assessment, though few of the assessors have made their assessment for the full value. The total value of property assessed by the county assessors and as equalized by the county board of equalization is \$747,024,494.74. This sum will not be altered by the state board of equalization, but the assessments in the different counties will be adjusted so that no county will suffer because its assessor did assess for

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45 TOTAL DEAD AT BELLEVUE

Death List Grows at Canadian Mine Disaster—Several of Injured Men Recovered Will Die—Twenty-one Dead Found Last Night.

FERNIE, B. C., Dec. 12.—The latest casualty list of the Bellevue mine disaster gives the number of dead at 45. This includes 35 miners and ten members of a rescue party from Hosmer and Frank, Alberta, who were entombed in the mine while searching for victims of the Thursday explosion. The last body of the known dead was removed this morning.

It is believed that several of the men who were injured will die. Hundreds of men have arrived here from various mines and camps within the Crow's Nest district to assist in recovering the bodies. Twenty-one dead were found in the lower levels two miles from the entrance last night.

WHY WALL STREET AND NOT WASHINGTON? ALDRICH OWNS RUBBER STOCK SAYS N.Y. WORLD

Books of Company Are Seen by a Reporter Who Purchased One Share of Stock—Aldrich Charged With Manipulating Tariff.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Nelson W. Aldrich, senior senator from Rhode Island, owns more than 300 shares of stock in the United States Rubber company, according to the New York World. The World's story is based on a view of the stock books of the rubber company obtained by a World reporter who purchased one share of the stock in order that he might be entitled to examine the list of shareholders.

Although protesting against doing so, Secretary Norris of the rubber company showed him the stock book. At the top of one page was written the name of Nelson W. Aldrich. The entry, the World says, showed Aldrich owned 340 shares of the first preferred stock. The date of the entry was July 18, 1910.

"Is that the date the stock was purchased?" asked the reporter.

"Oh, no," Norris is reported to have replied. "That is merely the date it was transferred from the old ledger. He has owned it for some time."

The names of four other Aldriches, it is reported, appeared in the list of shareholders, the World says.

The investigation of the stock books was made following the answer some time ago of Senator Aldrich to charges by Senator Bristow of Kansas that Aldrich profited directly by the increases in rubber schedules in the recently adopted tariff bill.

Aldrich in a letter to Congressman McKinley, chairman of the congressional campaign committee, said that neither he nor any member of his family had an pecuniary interest as to whether the duties on manufactures of rubber were 30, 35 or 300 per cent.

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AMPUTATION OF FOOT IS FOUND TO BE NECESSARY

J. A. Anderson Operated on for Second Time in Order to Save His Life—Arteries Badly Injured Where Bone Was Broken.

A second operation was found necessary to save the life of J. R. Anderson, who was badly injured last week by a falling pole, which crushed his foot and fractured his leg. This time the entire foot was removed, owing to the fact that above the ankle where the bone was broken the arteries were badly injured.

Drs. Pickel and Porter performed the operation this morning. The first operation simply removed a portion of the foot.

WENT TO HELP FRIEND: IS HIT BY STOVE

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 12.—Aside from being painfully burned about the face and shoulders, James McCue was struck on the head and knocked down by a blazing stove hurled by a man whom he was trying to befriend.

Just as McCue was retiring last night his wife rushed to his room and told him that the home of Rosendo Bohando, next door, was on fire. Like a good neighbor, McCue rushed to Bohando's aid. As the rescuer was dashing into the Bohando kitchen a hurtling object with a tail of flame descended on his head.

Burning oil was thrown on his head and body and he rolled on the ground, screaming with pain. His wife extinguished the flames by throwing a quilt over her suffering husband and sitting on him, but not before he was badly burned.

Bohando explained today that the stove had exploded and that he had hurled it through the door. It met McCue at the moment of its greatest velocity.

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BURGLARS ENTER EAST SIDE SHOE STORE; SECURE BUT LITTLE LOOT

Burglars entered the Duffield Shoe Store on East Main street at about 1:20 Monday morning and were discovered making their getaway from the back door by Harry Cingcaid, night policeman, as he was on his way home. Mr. Cingcaid summoned Joe Mesnife, the night policeman and together the officers gave chase, but as the burglars had advantage of a good start and the darkness they were not caught.

It was found that an attempt was made to enter the front door, but as the key would not work that plan was abandoned and the burglars left the key and went to the back door where an entrance was effected. Conditions made things practically easy for the burglars, as there are no

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lights kept burning in the store and the rear is in practical darkness. The police have kept an especial watch on this store for some time because of its darkened condition and it was because of this vigilance the officer, Cingcaid, caught sight of the departing burglar on Monday morning.

There is missing from the store eight pairs of box-toe oGodysyer shoes, which seem to have been taken regardless of size. Everything in the case points to "nuccio" thievery. Yet that opinion is not held by all the officers. A man at the Union stables saw a number of lads at different times in the rear of the building picking up old shoes, and the opinion

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FIRE DAMAGES TAMMANY HALL

Historic Center of Political History in New York Suffers Blaze—Policemen for Once Enter Chief's Office Without Sitting Without and Waiting Their Terms.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Tammany Hall, the historic center of political activity of New York City, in former administrations known as the "real city hall," was heavily damaged by a fire that broke out in the top floor of the building today. Although the fire burned fiercely for

a time, the firemen, by strenuous efforts, kept the flames confined to the top floor, and with the aid of the police the valuable records and papers in the building were saved.

The firemen and police also invaded the private office of Boss Murphy, not waiting as is their wont

QUESTION IS ASKED OF ALL CONGRESSMEN

Millionaire in Letter Charges That Railroads Levy for Higher Tribute on Average Family Than Tariff—Toll Per Year Said to Be \$87.

AKRON, O., Dec. 12.—"Why has the seat of government been transferred from Washington to Wall street?" asks a letter written to every congressman and United States senator demanding that the railways be investigated and freight rates lowered.

C. Barber, a millionaire match manufacturer, is the writer. In his letter he charges that the railroads levy a far higher tribute on the average family in America than does the tariff. Freight rates, he said, are the principal cause of high cost of living. He demands that railroads be reformed.

The tariff, he estimates, costs the average family in the United States \$15 annually. The railroads, through freight rates, collect a toll of \$87 from the average family, it is alleged. Freight rates plus the other earnings of the railroads, increase this cost to approximately \$127, the letter says.

"What's the matter with America? What's the matter with congress? Who has the seat of government been transferred to Wall street?" the letter demands.

Barber contends, having overcapitalized until their stock represents far greater face value than their actual worth, forfeit the right of levying a tax on the American people, based on the face value of the capitalization. The people, it is charged, are asked to pay the dividends on this watered stock on the ground that the railroads are entitled to a "fair profit" on their capitalization.

In the offense of overcapitalization the railroads, Barber says, have always set the pace. As a matter of fact, he asserts, \$9,000,000,000 of the \$18,000,000,000 of railroad securities is pure and simple water. In spite of this enormous percentage of water, he points out, the net earnings of the railroads have advanced steadily and the average dividend rate has more than doubled in the last 15 years. On all this enormous profit based on a purely fictitious value, the people have paid the freight.

The railroads, it was pointed out, are even now gravely arguing that the increased cost of operation has made it necessary for them to advance freight rates in order to insure the "fair profit" which they allege is their due. This, the letter intimates, is simply another plea to get more money to increase the profits on the paper value of the railroads, and is not based on the real values.

It is intimated that congress should know of the stock watering habits of the roads, and if congress is not aware of this habit, it could easily inform itself and have a real basis on which laws could be made governing railroad matters and on which the interstate commerce commission and the courts could base decisions in matters affecting railroad earnings.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 12.—The police are today convinced that the discovery of eight sticks of high power dynamite under the marine supply shop of H. C. Doman, will lead to the apprehension of a band of terrorists and blackmailers who have used the explosive in wrecking several Seattle buildings during the last year. Two men were seen loitering about the Doman place shortly before the dynamite was discovered and the police are confident of apprehending them today.

It is believed that the same men who placed the dynamite under the Doman establishment are responsible for the wrecking of the garage of the Italian consul last week.