

THE WEATHER
 Cloudy tonight and Thursday
 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.

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Circulation
 MAIL TRIBUNE'S CIRCULATION YESTERDAY WAS
2975

FIFTH YEAR. MEDFORD, OREGON, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1910. NO. 227

22 MINERS KILLED; 23 ENTOMBED

Terrific Explosion Occurs—Rescue Parties Organized and Rushed to Scene—Reports on Number of Dead Not Yet Confirmed—Twenty two Killed Outright.

BLUEFIELDS, W. Va., Dec. 14.—Twenty-two miners were killed and 23 entombed in the Green mine at Tacoma, Va., according to a report received here this afternoon.

A terrific explosion occurred in the mine. It is reported that 22 of the men working in the lower levels were killed outright, and that the others have no avenue of escape.

Rescue parties have been organized and rushed to the scene of the disaster.

The reports of the number dead have not yet been confirmed.

The Green mine is 100 miles from here and is the property of the Bond Coal company.

Relief parties, fitted out with oxygen, helmets and surgical supplies, are on the way to the mine.

Superintendent James Browning, it was learned, entered the mine just before the explosion and is among the killed.

RAILROADS CAN FIX RATES ON PRIVATE CARS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 13.—The railroads have the right to impose such demurrage charges on private cars as they see fit, according to a decision rendered today by the interstate commerce commission.

The finding was given in a case brought by Proctor & Gamble, soap manufacturers of Cincinnati, against the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton railroad. The charges to which the company were objected were assessed against the company for not unloading its private cars, standing on its private tracks until they were unloaded.

The soap concern argued that to force the owners of cars to pay the storage on goods held in their own property was unfair and beyond the powers of the railroad company.

The railroad argued that the private cars were used as a favor to the owners and insisted that as soon as they were taken by the roads for the transportation of goods they ceased to be private, but were hauled subject to the same conditions as any others by a common carrier.

The commission held that the railroads are not forced to use private cars and may therefore impose such conditions as they see fit when they haul them for the owners.

NAB SUSPECTS IN MURDER CASE

Man and Wife Formerly Employed on Barnhart Farm Are Accused of Murdering Four Persons—Stained Clothes Are Found.

KANSAS CITY, Kans., Dec. 14.—Samuel A. Biley, formerly employed on the Barnhart farm and a woman claiming to be his wife were arrested today as suspects in the Olathe murder case in which Mrs. Barnhart, her son and two men were killed.

The pair were arrested on the strength of a statement by John Feagles, who is also under arrest as a suspect; that George Barnhart, one of the victims, had quarrelled with Biley shortly before the murders.

Barnhart's hat was in Biley's possession when the officers placed him under arrest. He had a pair of blood-stained overalls, for which he was unable to account; also a sack of money which it is believed he took from the Barnhart home.

REPRESENTATIVES SPENDING \$100,000 EVERY MINUTE

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 14.—That the house of representatives is spending \$100,000 every minute was a statement made by mathematicians here today. It was calculated that in the first seven working days of the present session the house appropriated \$191,000,000, which is the total of the rivers and harbors, Indian and pension supply bills.

The house has been in session 31½ hours, making an average appropriation of \$6,000,000 hourly.

HARMON AND DIX IN 1912 IS CRY OF FOX

Sacramento Man in New York Launches Democratic Presidential Boom—Says Dix Has Made a Hit on Coast—Wilson Also Favored.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Chairman Thomas Fox, of the Sacramento county (California) democratic committee, today launched a boom for Harmon and Dix as the democratic standard-bearers in 1912.

"Dix's businesslike utterances made a hit on the coast," said Fox. "Out there they want to know more about him. I therefore have invited him to come to Sacramento next winter. The ticket of Harmon and Dix best suits western democrats, though in the northwest there is some sentiment for Woodrow Wilson."

STATE LAND AGENTS FILES BIENNIAL REPORT OF SALE

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 14.—Clerk G. G. Brown of the state land board gave out his biennial report yesterday covering a period of two years ending September 30, 1910 which shows that the sale of land during that period have been consummated to the amount of 75,927.59 acres.

Of these this sum to the amount of 74,772.63 acres were sold out of the school land. The remainder comprises 329.19 acres of tide lands and 480 acres of swamp lands and the amount received for these lands totaled \$605,487.75.

The net increase of loans made from the common school fund has been \$371,431.53, and the total amount outstanding loans now is \$5,078,144.95 and is gradually climbing toward \$6,000,000.

Agricultural college and university funds are in a similar condition. There were no foreclosed farms on hand at the date of the closing of this report.

On October 12, 1909, the board advanced the price of indemnity school lands from \$8.75 to \$10 an acre; on February 4, 1910 to \$13 an acre; on April 12, 1910 to \$15 an acre. This is the net price to the purchaser, all charges, such as filing, publication fees and such being paid by the state.

The price of ordinary school lands has been advanced to not less than \$7.50 an acre and swamp lands to not less than \$20 an acre.

LAST RITES O'ER WILLIAM HARMON

William A. Harmon, an aged citizen, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Harold D. Foster, 615 Eleventh street, Sunday evening, December 11, 1910. William A. Harmon was a native of Greenwich, N. Y., having been born there in 1840. He was married to Mary A. Rukandis of Blackington, Mass., in 1861. He is survived by his widow, one daughter, Mrs. H. D. Foster, of this city, and Charles R. Harmon, a brother, in Blackington, Mass.

GOOD ROADS MEN PRAISE LOCAL CLUB

After Engineer Heidel Reports to the Convention on Crater Lake Road Resolution Is Adopted Commending Medford Commercial Club on Its Activity to Carry Out Plan.

The State oGood Roads convention at Portland Monday evening before it adjournment, called upon Engineer B. F. Heidel who has charge of the Crater Lake highway construction, who made a report in detail as to the work under way and the construction already accomplished. At the conclusion of his remarks, upon motion of J. H. Albert of Salem, the convention unanimously passed a resolution commending the Medford Commercial club for its enterprise and energy in attempting to carry out the project and recommending the project to the support and consideration of the people of Oregon.

Mr. Heidel stated that contract had been let and work was partially completed on the construction of a 4 per cent grade to replace the present 33 per cent grade on Pumice hill. The road is being graded a width of 23 feet through a mountainous section of country, much of the work being in solid rock. It skirted a precipice some 600 or 700 above the Rogue river, and when completed the highway will traverse a region equally as scenic as the Yosemite.

Tuesday Mr. Meidel and other members of the Jackson county delegation were guests at luncheon of Dr. Andrew C. Smith, president of the State Good Roads organization, who promised his active support in the proposed legislation to utilize convict labor for the construction of the highway.

SALEM MAN INVENTS PRATICAL APPLE PICKER

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 14.—E. Tigerstrand, who lives on Fourth and Norway streets, and has for years been a practical horticulturist in this city, has invented an apple picker that attracted a great deal of attention at the Oregon apple show. He had one of his pickers attached to a 20-foot pole and showed how the apples, pears or peaches or any large fruit can be taken from the limb and come traveling down with its own weight to the picker, and not even remove the bloom from the fruit. The picker cuts the stem of the apple or pear and it comes down slowly through a netting tube, that prevents bruising, or scratching the fruit, and no two apples come against each other.

Mr. Tigerstrand has a valuable invention and already persons are trying to buy his patent. He seems to be the first man who thought of this contrivance, and, strange to say, the fact that he was of Scandinavian birth and understood knitting nets enabled him to perfect an instrument that makes it possible to pick fruit perfectly from any place on the tree.

BIG POLICE SHAKEUP COMING IN FRISCO

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 14.—Because of police failure to check crime, a shake-up affecting more than 600 patrolmen is impending, according to an announcement by Chief Seymour today. The new chief would change every patrolman in the city to a new beat.

"A change sometimes does a world of good," said Seymour. "Not that there is any more crime here now than there always has been, but there is too much."

300 REVOLUTIONISTS CLASH WITH 500 FEDERAL TROOPS

MEXICO CITY, Mexico, Dec. 14.—The extent of a two-days battle near Guerrero was made public today by the war department. It was stated that 300 rebels engaged in conflict with 500 federal troops under General Navarro, and that the insurgents were three driven back, leaving their dead in the trenches.

Official dispatches states that 70 rebels and 14 federal soldiers were killed and 150 insurgents and 80 regular soldiers wounded.

RUNAWAY ON MAIN SNAPS HYDRANT OFF

Several Lives Imperilled by Team—Water Spout for Second Time in Three Months on Corner of Central Avenue and Main.

A dangerous runaway, which might have resulted in death, but luckily resulted in nothing more serious than a broken hydrant, a badly jarred driver and a team slightly injured, the jar received when the wagon struck the hydrant.

About 10 o'clock Wednesday morning a stranger driving a team belonging to the West Side stables, drove into the Nash stables, Mr. Tucker, the proprietor, informed him that the rig did not belong there, and as the driver was backing the team out of the barn one of the horses fell on the sleek pavement, breaking a polestrap, and when the horse got up both started to run.

They crossed the sidewalk in front of Ryan & Brown's, turned east on Main street and struck the hydrant in front of the Medford National Bank building, completely demolishing the hydrant, causing a complete waterspout for several minutes. The driver was thrown from the rig to the pavement and while for a time he was completely knocked out he soon recovered and went in pursuit of the team. The horses were apparently not badly injured. Both went a little lame after striking the hydrant, and the one which fell at the Nash barn seemed to run with difficulty. The termination of the accident was fortunate in the extreme, as a number of women and children were on the street, and at the time the team passed the Ryan & Brown corner a lady with a baby buggy in which two small children were being wheeled was dangerously near. The same condition existed at the National bank corner, and only for timely warning an elderly lady would have been crushed.

The hydrant in the case seems to be the hoodoo hydrant of the Medford water system. It was only a short time ago that an automobile accident occurred and the same hydrant was broken and life endangered, and on this occasion nothing but the best of fortune saved a number of people from being badly injured, if not killed.

EXPLOSION OF GAS KILLS TWO

Fatal Accident in Washington Mine—Two More May Die—Four Others Are Finally Rescued by Their Companions.

RAVENSDALE, Wash., Dec. 14.—Two men were killed and two fatally injured in an explosion of coal gas in the mines here yesterday. Ivan Cole and L. Maurich were instantly killed and John Ash and Andrew John Ash and Andrew Johnson, rescued in a few minutes after the blast by workers from the surface, will probably die according to physicians today.

Principals In Famous Schenk Poison Mystery of Wheeling, W. Va.



MRS. LAURA F. SCHENK JOHN O. SCHENK

WHEELING, W. Va., Dec. 14.—A motion by the defense for a continuance in the trial of Mrs. Laura Schenk, charged with attempting to poison her husband, was today granted by the court. The case was set for January 9.

John O. Schenk, a millionaire packer, is the complaining witness against his wife.

\$10,000,000 IS GIVEN TO PEACE BY CARNEGIE

Income From Bonds Will Be Used to Promote International Peace—Taft Is Made Honorary President of the Foundation.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 14.—Andrew Carnegie today donated \$10,000,000 in 5 per cent bonds to the new peace foundation. The income derived will be used to effect international peace. President Taft was made honorary president of the foundation and Senator Elihu Root active president.

The foundation will make perpetual disposition annually of \$500,000 for the purpose of peace. Should the aims of the foundation be successful the funds then are to be devoted to the abolition of "the next most degrading evil or evils."

In the deed of trust Carnegie says: "Although we no longer eat our fellow-men, sack cities and kill their inhabitants, we still kill each other in war, like barbarians. Only wild beasts are excusable in doing that in this, the 20th century of the Christian era, for the crime of war is inherent since it decides not in favor of the right, but always in favor of the strong. That nation is criminal which refuses arbitration and drives its adversary; it is a criminal nation that knows nothing of righteous judgment."

"I believe the shortest and easiest path to peace lies in adopting President Taft's platform put before the peace arbitration society March 22, 1910."

The trustees named by Carnegie are Elihu Root, Nicholas Murray Butler, Joseph Choate, Albert K. Smiley, an educator; former President Eliot of Harvard; James Brown Scott, solicitor of the state department; John W. Foster, former secretary of state; former Governor Montague of Virginia; Congressman Howard of Georgia; Judge Thomas Burke of Seattle; Congressman Slayden of Texas; Andrew D. White, former ambassador to Germany; Robert Brookings of St. Louis; Samuel Mathers of Cleveland; J. G. Schmidt Knapp of Cincinnati; Arthur W. Foster, regent of the University of California; R. A. Franks of Hoboken, N. J.; Charlemagne Tower, Oscar Straus, Austin Fox of New York; John Cadwalader, an attorney of New York; John Sharp Williams of Mississippi; T. L. Taylor, chairman of the Carnegie hero commission, and George W. Perkins of New York.

Taft's Aunt Dies

DECATUR, Ill., Dec. 14.—Mrs. Hannah Jaek, an aunt of the wife of President Taft, died at her home here. Mrs. Jaek was 90 years old. Her death was caused by pneumonia.

WILL FIX TAX LEVY CITY SOON

City Council Meets in Session This Afternoon for Purpose of Levying Annual Tax—Thought It Will Be Lower Than Last Year—Assessed Valuation Higher.

The city council will meet this afternoon for the purpose of fixing the tax levy for 1911. It is believed that it will be reduced from last year when it was fixed at 17 1-10 mills.

The assessed valuation in the city is much larger this year than it was last and it is believed that a lower levy will furnish sufficient funds for the transaction of business during the ensuing year.

The council will consider in detail the amount of money needed for the coming year and fix the levy accordingly.

Moore Appointed.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 14.—President Taft is being urged today to appoint O. C. Moore of Spokane as United States judge, to succeed the late Judge Whitsum.

Congressman Miles Poindexter of Washington brought up the matter in the course of a general conference with the president on the subject of patronage.

Beat Wrong Man.

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Dec. 14.—D. B. Campbell, one of the prominent citizens and capitalists of the city, was assaulted on the street here yesterday by an Italian, who claimed that he had been robbed and who, seeing Mr. Campbell going down the street, mistook him for the robber.

The Italian attacked Mr. Campbell from behind and struck him several blows before he could defend himself. When Mr. Campbell turned and the Italian saw his face he discovered his mistake and offered profuse apologies, and agreed to do anything to rectify the mistake, but nothing could be done which would stop the swelling on Mr. Campbell's face. The assaulted man took pity on the fellow and allowed him to go without turning him over to the police.

9 1-2 ACRES ARE SOLD FOR \$12,000

Loomis Orchard, Just South of City, Purchased by Ohio Man—Orchard Consists of Newtown and Spitzenberg Apples.

The Loomis orchard, adjoining the city at the south limit, consisting of nine and one-half acres, was sold Wednesday to William O'Hara of Lima, O., for \$12,000. The orchard consists of Yellow Newtown and Spitzenberg apples and is practically all in bearing, and the tract is one of the best in the great orchard district surrounding the city of Medford.

Mr. O'Hara, who has a home at 438 South Fir street, will be joined by his wife on New Year's day. Mrs. O'Hara having made arrangements to leave the Buckeye state in time to arrive at Medford on that date.

The Loomis orchard is all young trees just coming in bearing. It is an orchard that has been carefully selected, planted and cultivated, and all orchardists and real estate men concede that Mr. O'Hara found the best bargain in the Rogue River valley when he bought nine and one-half acres of such an excellent tract for the modest sum of \$12,000, inasmuch as it is planted to the prize-winning apples of the world and joins the southern limits of the most enterprising and rapidly growing city in Southern Oregon.

HEAD-ON COLLISION IN SEATTLE SUBURB

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 14.—Investigation today showed that none of the 16 passengers injured in the head-on collision last night between the limited on the Puget Sound Electric and the Seattle-bound local near Farrow siding, was seriously injured when the two interurban trains crashed in a dense fog.

Those who were the most badly hurt were passengers on the limited. The trains were traveling at a rate of 30 miles an hour when the collision occurred.