

THE WEATHER

Fair tonight and Friday. The Message of the Flags. White—Fair weather. Blue—Rain or snow. White and blue—Local showers. Black triangular—Above white, warmer; below white, cooler. White with black center—Cold.

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EGGLESTON IS PLEDGED MUCH AID

Representative-Elect Returns From Portland Much Encouraged by the Support Promised Him in His Candidacy for Speaker of the Next House—Attends Road Convention.

Captain M. F. Eggleston, representative-elect, has returned from Portland, where he attended the Good Roads convention and started his campaign for speakership of the next legislature. "I am very much encouraged over the prospects," said Captain Eggleston. "If the representatives of Southern Oregon stand back of me unitedly, as I have every reason to believe they will, with the strength I will develop elsewhere, I stand excellent prospects of being elected speaker. "At present the situation is all in the air. No candidate has sufficient strength pledged to give him a lead. (Continued on page 3.)

RAILROADS ASK GOVERNMENT TO SETTLE STRIKE

Managers Wire Chairman Knapp and Labor Commissioner to Come to Chicago and Arbitrate Difficulty With Engineers.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—The 61 western railroads treating with the engineers who threaten a strike unless wage increases are granted, today appealed to Washington for arbitration under the provisions of the Erdman act. The railroad managers wired Chairman Knapp of the interstate commerce commission and Commissioner of Labor Charles P. Neill to come to Chicago at once. The telegram said the engineers had refused the railroads' offer of a 9 per cent wage increase.

The engineers made demands on the various roads for an increase of from 13 to 17 per cent. The railroads, after a conference with the representatives of the engineers, decided to offer a 9 per cent advance. This was rejected. The railroad officials informed the men that they would ask mediation. It is expected Knapp and Neill will reply favorably. The controversy involves the engineers on practically every road that reaches west of the Mississippi river. Over 95 per cent of the engineers have voted to strike if the increases they demand are not granted.

HOBO SPECIAL WAS LATE TRAIN

Officer Cingead is on Hand, However, to See That the Sixteen Undesirables Kept on Their Way—Two Beat It on Foot.

The 11:20 train Wednesday night was a real "hobo special." There were ten on top and six sticking on in other places. When the train stopped they began to unload, but Officer Cingead, who was on the watch yelled "all aboard" to the tourists and all got aboard, but two were put off at the yard limits and the officer made them "beat it" on foot. The petty burglaries and attempted holdups have become too numerous of late and the officers have decided not to receive any more cargoes of the undesirable citizens. Medford Mail Tribune Wants Advertisers' Results.

PACIFIC & EASTERN WILL BE EXTENDED IN SPRING SAYS EMPIRE BUILDER

James J. Hill Tells of His Plans for Northwest—Says It is Certain That They Will Extend Lines in Oregon—Hope to Build Beyond Bend in a Short Time—Reiterates Statements Made Recently by John F. Stevens, His Right-Hand Man in Oregon.

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 15.—Work on the Pacific & Eastern will be resumed in the spring and rushed eastward from Butte Falls to a connection with the Oregon Trunk line, according to statements made by James J. Hill, the railroad builder, who is in Portland today on a tour of inspection. Accompanied by George B. Harris, chairman of the board of directors of the Burlington system; W. B. Dean, director of the Great Northern; his son-in-law and several capitalists, the veteran railroad man arrived here last night in his private car direct from St. Paul. "The connecting of the Rogue River valley with the east is one of the important factors in our plans," stated Mr. Hill, "and the road will be extended as early as possible." Mr. Hill's statements in regard to the Pacific & Eastern are in accord with those expressed a short time ago by John F. Stevens. According to Hill today, the Oregon Trunk line will eventually be extended toward California from the present proposed terminus at Bend; the United Electric Railways will be extended to Tillamook harbor and there is a big possibility that an independent depot will be erected in Portland. Hill stated also that all the railroads radiating out of Portland probably will be concentrated into one large corporation similar to the one recently formed by the Harjman system when the North Coast, the Oregon Railroad & Navigation and ten subsidiary companies were merged into the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company. Speaking of the Hill lines now building into central Oregon, Hill said: "It is certain that we will extend our lines in Oregon. Whether we will build directly south or whether we will strike out in another direction depends largely upon the future development of that portion of Oregon. We will, without doubt, extend our lines beyond Bend and we hope to do this in a very short time."

PACIFIC COAST DEFENSELESS SAYS SECRETARY OF WAR IN REPORT TO CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 15.—The United States is not prepared for war, and the Pacific coast is practically defenseless. This, it is learned today, was the substance of the report sent to congress yesterday by Secretary of War Dickinson, in response to a resolution by Representative McLaughlin of California, and which was not received because the document was marked confidential. The report, it is expected, will be presented to congress again today with the word "confidential" removed, and will then be given to the public. That it shows an alarming state of unpreparedness, especially on the Pacific, is admitted. The report, it is said, declares that the country is wholly unprepared for war; that there is a lack of the proper kind of men in the army; that there is a great need for guns, ammunition and increase mobile force and improvement and extension of fortifications for coast defense. (Continued on page 3.)

TWENTY THOUSAND TROOPS ARE RUSHED TO QUELL REVOLUTION

JERUSALEM, Dec. 15.—Twenty thousand Turkish troops were ordered rushed to Adana, Syria, today, where a revolt of Bedouins is reported in progress. Eight American citizens have been held up and robbed by the rebels, advices from the affected zone say, and the situation is regarded as critical. The remainder of the Turkish garrison at Kerak is reported barricaded in the garrison building awaiting relief. Reinforcements from Damascus are en route. Dispatches from Kerak say that the Bedouin victory there Friday was a sweeping one, and that only those of the garrison who barricaded themselves escaped being massacred. Buys Theater Site. SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 15.—Alexander Pantages, the theatrical manager and owner of a long string of vaudeville houses, today announced that he has purchased the site of the Plymouth Congregational church, a very desirable corner in the heart of the business district. The price paid was \$325,000.

CUMMINS COLLEAGUE FORNINST

In Maiden Speech, Lafayette Young of Iowa Opposes Plan of Cummins for Revision of the Tariff Schedule by Schedule—Says He is Concerned About Business More Than Tariff.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 15.—In his maiden speech in the senate today, Lafayette Young of Iowa opposed the plan of his colleague, Senator Cummins, for a revision of the tariff schedule by schedule. Senator Young, who was appointed by Governor Carroll to fill the unexpired term made vacant by the death of Senator Dooliver, defended the Payne-Aldrich tariff law, saying he was not "so much concerned about inequalities as about business." (Continued on page 3.)

FISHERMEN PAY FINES TO JUDGE

Sam Sandry and Jack Aiken Catch Men Who Violate Law on Rogue River—Laid in Wait Until Men Appeared—\$62.50 Is Collected by Justice Wertz.

Illegal fishing for salmon in a fishway five miles above Woodville on Evans creek at 10 o'clock Sunday night cost Cleve Neathamer, O. C. Oden and Bud Oden \$62.50 before Justice of the Peace Wertz at Woodville, who heard the case. Deputy Fish Warden Sam Sandry, assisted by Jack Aiken, made the arrest. Warden Sandry, being aware that the law was being violated at the fishway, lay in waiting for the offenders, who arrived with a spear and flashlight, dammed up the fishway and endeavored for two hours or more to spear salmon, however, without success. As the men left the fishway Sandry and Aiken stepped (Continued on page 4.)

300 KILLED IN AN ENGAGEMENT IN MEXICO

Federal Troops March on Revolutionists and Put Them to Flight. Following Fierce Engagement—Battle Will Probably Be Renewed

GALVESTON, Tex., Dec. 15.—Three hundred soldiers, mostly rebels, were either killed or wounded in a battle today between the federal troops and the insurrectos near Guerrero. Reports of the battle were received today at the cable station here. The federal troops under General Navarro marched against the rebels shortly after daylight, and after sharp fighting the rebels were forced back. This is the second victory for the government troops near Guerrero. The first battle occurred last night. The federal cavalry attacked the entrenchments of the rebels, capturing a number of prisoners and taking a large quantity of their arms and supplies. Horsemen pursued the rebels, but were finally compelled to halt because of darkness. The attack was resumed at daybreak. During the night the rebels had concentrated and formed a short distance from their first position. They were formed to fight outside their breastworks and the federal soldiers drove them back. The federal troops are now reported to be forming to press the attack. The insurgents have retreated to a new position, where it is reported heavy reinforcements have joined them. It is expected that the battle will be renewed before night.

VILLAGES ARE INUNDATED

Lower Provinces in Spain Suffer From Floods—Crops Washed Away and People Are in Danger of Starvation.

BARCELONA, Spain, Dec. 15.—Several villages in the lower provinces of Spain are under water today as the result of floods that are threatening in all sections of the country. Crops have been washed away and there is grave danger of famine, according to dispatches from Badajoz, Zamora, Coruna and other lower provinces. Bridges have been swept away and much damage done to inland shipping.

CITY TAX LEVY 8 MILLS; SCHOOL LEVY IS 7 MILLS; STATE PROBABLY 5 TOTAL 20

Reduction From Last Year Is 12 1-10 Mills, But Assessed Valuation Has Been Increased on Medford Property—City to Raise \$50,400 for City Expenses for Coming Year—State Levy Will Probably Be Reduced From Eight to Five Mills, Owing to Increase in Valuation.

With the school tax seven mills, the city eight and the prospects of the county being reduced from the eight of last year to five mills, the total levy on Medford property during the coming year will be 20 mills, whereas last year it was 32 2-10. The reduction of 10 mills is due principally to an increase in assessed valuation of city property. The city council met in adjourned session Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 and after a careful deliberation and thorough study of the complicated affairs confronting the administration relative to the many improvements in progress, the council made the following levy for the ensuing year: General fund, 2 5-10 mills \$15,750 Street and road fund, 2 mills \$12,600 Interest fund, 1 mill 6,300 General sewer fund, 1 mill 6,300 Park fund, 3-10 mills 1,890 Library fund, 2-10 mills 1,260 Bridge fund, 1 mill 6,300 Total, 8 mills \$50,400 (Continued on page 3.)

"A FOOL THERE WAS AND HE MADE HIS PRAYER"—AND IT NEARLY COST HIM \$5000

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 15.—Bound and gagged in a room of the fashionable Cairo apartment house while a beautiful woman and her husband showed compromising photographs of himself and demanded \$5000, is the experience Henry Rosenthal, a wealthy Washington society man, related to the police today. As a result, Mrs. James Knott, her husband, James Knott, and Alton Armstrong, were arrested, charged with attempting to work a "badger" game on Rosenthal. Rosenthal met and became infatuated with Mrs. Knott, according to the story he told the police. He called on her in her apartments in the Cairo. On the last of these visits her husband suddenly appeared in the room, helped bind and gag him and then leveled a revolver at him while Mrs. Knott showed him a number of photographs of himself, taken in compromising positions with her in the very room in which he was held. Rosenthal was told that unless he (Continued on page 3.)

ASHLAND DEFEATS PROPOSED WATER BONDS BY 182 VOTES

Ashland citizens on Wednesday defeated the proposition of installing a new and up-to-date water system by a vote of 392 to 210, the majority against being 182. The question of raising the salaries of the mayor and council was also defeated, and the enemies of Mayor Snell held a caucus for the purpose of choosing a man to defeat the mayor of progress. There were two men with majority bees buzzing in their bonnets—fra Shoudy, the harness man, and R. P. Neil. Mr. Shoudy was induced to withdraw and left Mr. Neil in the field. Neil has pledged himself, it is understood, to maintain a "dry Ashland" and to do away with too much progress in light, water and street improvements. Mr. Neil is bitterly opposed by the first ward, which is the railroad ward, but has some strength in the uptown wards, while Mayor Snell has, since his first election, been a power in the city. Last year a recall urged against him failed, owing to his progressive record, by a vote of two to one, and his opposition this year, having been somewhat strengthened, has chosen R. P. Neil as the man to defeat him.

COLORADO MINE DEALS DEATH

Mine Horrors Coming Thick and Fast—Rescuers Working Frantically to Reach Entombed Men—Bodies of Imprisoned Men in West Virginia Not Yet Reached—No Hope Survivors.

Denver, Colo., Dec. 15.—Fighting desperately against flames, smoke and deadly gases, rescuers are trying to reach a dozen miners entombed in the lower level of the Leyden coal mine at Leyden, Colo. The men have been in the tunnel since yesterday, when an explosion occurred in the mine. Fire followed the explosion. The mine is the property of the Denver Tramway company. Leyden is 12 miles from this city. (Continued on page 3.)

WRECKER OF HOME MURDERED

Portland Man Hides Under Porch and When Rival Comes Slays Him—Clear Case of Unwritten Law—Woman Admits That She Led Her "Friends" On.

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 15.—"I am responsible. I led my husband on. He killed Massin in my room at our home. I saw my husband stab him and I feel that I am responsible," said Mrs. Mary Chamberlain, wife of George Chamberlain, the proprietor of a moving picture theater, who late last night stabbed Andrew Massin, a shingle worker, to death, and then surrendered himself to the police. Mrs. Chamberlain was arrested early today and told her side of the story to the police this forenoon. According to Chamberlain, he had suspected that his wife and Massin were unduly intimate. Last night he saw the couple talking in the theater (Continued on page 4.)

COMPANY WILL BUILD HOMES ON EASY TERMS

New Concern Enters Local Business Field and Will Develop Residence Tracts by Erecting Homes on Easy Terms for Buyers.

For the purpose of building houses in Medford on easy terms, in order that the salaried may be able to secure a place of his own, the Medford Realty & Improvement company has been incorporated. The officers are: Dr. J. F. Reddy, president; W. F. Turner, vice-president, and Charles S. Lebo, secretary and general manager. The company plans to build any kind of a house desired. They will accept a small payment down and take the remainder at so much a month. Mr. Lebo is a young business man of Spokane who has had experience along this line. He will bring an experienced crew here to construct the homes. The company will offer lots in Queen Anne, but are prepared to build in any section of the city.

CATHOLIC FAIR GREAT SUCCESS

Bazaar Will Come to an End This Evening in Blaze of Glory—Bargains to Be Legion—Many Chances Offered on High-Grade Articles.

Probably no more elaborate church fair, nor one which has proved a greater financial success, has ever been conducted in Medford than the one now in progress on Front street, between Seventh and Sixth streets, under the auspices of the Catholic ladies, for the benefit of the Catholic church. The fair will come to an end tonight with a great raffia of all goods on hand and bargains will be legion. A splendid musical program under the direction of Charles Hazelrigg is planned for tonight. Last evening Mrs. Krause had charge of the music and rendered a number of selections in her charming and customary manner. Mesdames Reddy and Patton are the advisory committee. Mesdames Garrett, Schutte, Dibby have charge of the refreshments, while Mesdames De Leo, Watson and Weitz are in charge of the booths.