

SHORT SESSION OF PARLIAMENT

Election Leaves Situation Practically Unchanged and Another Election Is Predicted Shortly—Voting Ends Tomorrow.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—A short session of parliament, ending in the call for another election, is the prediction of leaders of both the liberals and conservatives on the eve of the last day's balloting in the present elections. The voting will end tomorrow. When the results from the last constituency to be heard from, which it is believed will not materially affect the result, are in, it is expected that the leaders of both parties, as well as King George, will find themselves in an awkward predicament. The trouble is that the election has not been decisive. The skillful introduction of questions foreign to the main issue has confused the voters and personal influences have so affected the result that neither party has scored a decisive victory. With such a result, it is regarded as certain that King George will not create a sufficient number of liberal peers to give that party control of both houses of parliament and thereby make the lords a reflection of what the liberal leaders believe is the expression of the will of the people. One decided effect the election will have, it is generally believed, is the retirement of Lord Balfour as leader of the conservative party. F. E. Smith of Liverpool, it is believed, will succeed him as the virtual head of the party.

PREDICTS GREAT THINGS FOR MEDFORD'S FUTURE

John Sheridan of Seattle, Wash., one of the best-known and most popular traveling salesmen on the coast, who has made the Oregon and Washington territory for more than 20 years, but who retired from the road some three years ago, was in Medford, Friday. Mr. Sheridan is one of those who possess the famous Seattle Spirit, not only at home, but abroad, and when asked what he thought of Medford and the Rogue River valley, said: "You know what the Seattle spirit meant. It meant the building of the metropolis of the Pacific coast, but if this young Medford spirit continues to grow I feel sorry for old Mossback Portland, that's all." The Mail Tribune want ads bring results.

CHINA REJECTS AID FOR LOAN

Taft Snubbed by Government, Who Want No American Expert to Assist in Making Loan for Fifty Millions From Our Banks.

PEKING, Dec. 16.—The offer of the United States to provide a financial expert to advise the Chinese government regarding the handling of the \$50,000,000 railroad loan now being negotiated by China from American bankers and to assist in other work of the greatest importance to the commercial interests of both countries was flatly rejected by China today.

It is reported that a suspicion that President Taft's real motive in arranging for the loan and the providing of a financial mentor is a selfish one was responsible for the rejection. The action came as a great surprise, as President Taft in his message to congress a week ago stated that loan negotiations were practically complete, and the appointment of an adviser to China an assured fact. What effect the action will have on the many financial deals between this country and China now pending is not known.

The \$50,000,000 loan, known as the Chian Chow, which was to be used in the construction of the proposed Chian Chow-Aigan railway, is about ready for some sort of a definite move by the parties involved. Other Chinese railroads, it has been planned, are to be built with American money, and it is feared that the attitude of the Peking government may bring negotiations to a stop.

The loan was to be used also by China in reforming the Chinese currency system. A preliminary agreement already had been reached and it was a disagreement over the final ratification of the terms of the loan that brought about the action today.

Bribetaker Paroled.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 16.—E. A. S. Blake, convicted of jury bribing at the second trial of Abraham Ruef, and sentenced to four years in San Quentin prison in September, 1908, was admitted to parole today. Blake has been in the county jail here for 26 months while his case was awaiting an appeal.

Adequate advertising—frank informing, faithful, frequent—being a part of a store's service to you, it follows that a good store is necessarily a well advertised store.

CALIFORNIA TO LOSE COLONEL

Governor-Elect Johnson Promises to Eliminate Politicians From Military Staff and Put in Real Military Men to Reorganize Guard.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Dec. 16.—A prophecy that Governor-elect Johnson will eliminate the numerous "political colonels" that composed the majority of the military staffs of former governors is followed today by a report that Johnson is planning to ask for the submission of a plan for the establishment of a convenient working staff, composed of men familiar with military life and discipline. The details of the reorganization of the governor's staff have not been made public, but it is a safe prediction that any of the changes contemplated by Johnson will receive the endorsement of the officers and men of the California national guard, who feel that the aides of the governor should be chosen from among the men who really study military conditions. That the scheme will arouse the antagonism of the "ball-room aides" is the belief of the bonafide guardsmen, as the gold lace was given for political service, and it is asserted that the same influences will be used to retain the decorations.

The probable procedure of Johnson, it is said, will be to revoke the commissions of some 30 gold-lace colonels and provide himself with a complete staff representing the various branches of the guard. This would mean a staff comprising a colonel of infantry, one of artillery, another of cavalry, one of the signal corps and a fifth chosen from the naval militia.

Furrier Robbed.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 15.—S. Silbersman, furrier, reported to the police today that robbers had entered his store and took 4200 mink skins and other valuable furs. He said the store practically had been cleaned out and estimated his loss at \$11,000.

NEWTOWNS NET HELMS \$1.54 BOX

Six Hundred Boxes of Four and a Half-Tier Sold in London Bring Grower Profitable Figure, Though Lower Than Last Year's Average.

W. N. White & Co. of New York report as follows under date of December 10:

We are today in receipt of copy of account sales sent to A. D. Helms, Ashland, Ore., showing net results on 600 boxes Newtown Pippins which left here November 7 on steamship Majestic, sold in London, November 18, the said 600 boxes consisting of 416 boxes four and one-half tiers, and 184 four tiers, and after deducting all expenses from sending station to New York, from New York to London, including insurance and agency charges, the net amount realized as credited the next day to the Farmers' & Fruitgrowers bank, Medford, was 191 1-10 pounds, which would equal back to him \$1.54 per box, two-thirds of which were four and one-half tier fruit.

Since that sale there has been others equally as good. Results are coming by the next mail.

Advices by cable this week mention that during this week on account of the election trade is not so brisk, but as shipments are now being considerably reduced, good prices will be realized later on, and next month will see very good prices, indeed, for choice goods.

Haskins for health.

MEDFORD CONSERVATORY FOR MUSIC AND LANGUAGES NAT. BUILDING ALL BRANCHES OF MUSIC. FULL FACULTY. G. TAILLANDIER, DIRECTOR.

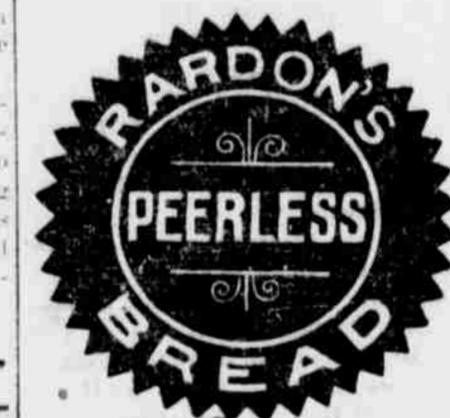
GREAT FAITH IN BLUE LEDGE MINE

Andrew Jeldness Has Worked Nine Years in Copper Camp—No Great Activity Predicted Until Railroad Reaches District.

Andrew Jeldness, who for nine years has worked in the Blue Ledge mining district, and who has found valuable copper as well as gold, is in Medford for a few days. Mr. Jeldness says there is no boom on, and there will be none, until transportation reaches the district, but in his belief, when that happens some splendid properties will be developed. He has, in his Bloomfield claim on Ellis creek, fine paying quartz, in fact, very rich quartz, but nothing of any great value can be accomplished until means of transportation reaches him.

When asked what he thought of mining prospects in the vicinity of Medford, he said: "There is no

STAFF OF LIFE.



AT ALL GROCERIES AND RARDON'S BAKERY.

For Rent

Boarding house, modern equipment; toilet, bath, city water, electric lights, range and hot water heater, located within one block Medford depot. Inquire Aldenhagen, Rogue River Electric Co.

PRIVATE WIRE PHONE 1831

Moss & Co.

GRAIN AND STOCK BROKERS W. L. BAIN LOCAL MGR. ROOM 15, P. O. BLOCK MEDFORD, OREGON

A STORY ABOUT PANTS

Some people prefer to call them "trousers," but anyway, they are made by the "Old Woollen Mills," of Mayfield, Ky., and are the best in the world.

They start the line with the genuine Old Kentucky Jeans at \$1.25 a pair, and run to the fine all-wool grades at \$6.00.

The WARDROBE WEST MAIN ST.

Offutt Rornes Auto Co.

Automobiles

GENERAL OVERHAULING & MACHINE REPAIRING.

First-Class Workmanship Guaranteed.

PHONE MAIN 6231. Corner Central Ave. and 8th St Medford, Or.

CONVICT-MADE GOODS ESCAPE TARIFF DUTY

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 16.—Goods made by convicts, shipped from the Philippine islands to be sold to consumers in the United States, are entitled to entry to this country without payment of customs duty. This is the ruling that has been made by the treasury department and received by the local customs officials today.

question but good-paying mine will be eventually developed in the vicinity of the great granite ledge running through this country. The only trouble is securing capital for development work. People are afraid of pockets, but pockets occur in all mining districts. I believe the time is near when the mineral resources of this country will be developed."

Mr. Jeldness has so much faith in the Blue Ledge district that he has toiled for nine years there, and is still digging.

BANDIT KILLS HIMSELF WHEN CAPTORS SURROUND

PARADISE, Kan., Dec. 16.—The body of the bandit who yesterday held up Cashier Bert O'Brien and four other men, robbed the Paradise State bank of \$2500 and killed himself when surrounded by a posse, was brought into Paradise today. An inquest will be held tomorrow.

Efforts are being made to identify the dead bandit. He is said to be Earl Ward, but there is nothing to show that this was not an assumed name. The outlaw was a stranger here. He arrived in Paradise Wednesday night. The next morning he purchased a revolver and then held up the bank.

Those who do not read the news of the day know little of what is happening in the world. And those who fail to read the ads know little of values—or of what is happening in the store-world.

The Famous Rayo

Gives the Best Light at Any Price

When you pay more than the Rayo price for a lamp, you are paying for extra decorations that cannot add to the quality of the light. You can't pay for a better light, because there is none. An oil lamp has the least effect on the human eye, and the Rayo Lamp is the best oil lamp made, though low in price. You can pay \$5, \$10, or \$20 for some other lamp, and although you get a more costly lamp, you can't get a better light than the white, mellow, diffused, unflickering light of the low-priced Rayo.

Has a strong, durable shade-holder. This season's burner adds to the strength and appearance. Made of solid brass, nickel, and easily polished.

Once a Rayo User, Always One

Standard Oil Company (Incorporated)



Christmas Groceries

If you are already a patron of this store you are pretty sure to come here for your supplies.

If you are not a patron we invite you to call and we will demonstrate that we can show you the best lines of fancy and staple groceries on the local market and at the

Lowest Prices

ALLEN GROCERY CO.

PHONE MAIN 2711. MAIN AND CENTRAL AVE

Xmas Confections

YOUNG MEN OF MEDFORD, THIS IS THE PLACE TO COME FOR FINE CONFECTIONS. YOU GET SOMETHING FOR YOUR MONEY HERE AND THE RECIPIENT WILL LOVE YOU EVER AFTER RECEIVING THE GIFT.

Holiday Sweets

...At...

Rardon's Grocery and Bakery

"The Home of Good Things to Eat"

THE GREATEST DISPLAY OF CANDY EVER SHOWN IN MEDFORD. FANCY BASKETS AND BOXES, ALL SIZES AND PRICES; FANCY NOVELTIES TO SUIT ANY WHIM OR PURSE; NEW YORK DELATOUR CHOCOLATES; IMPORTED FIGS AND DATES; SHELLED NUTS, IMPORTED AND DOMESTIC; 1000 LBS. FRUIT CAKE.

Tons of Medium-Priced Candy. See our display at both Stores

W. H. Rardon & Co.

135 W. Main 36-38 N. Central

"Sunkist" Oranges The Finest Fruit Grown

This Genuine Rogers Orange Spoon FREE

Save 12 "Sunkist" Oranges (or Lemon) wrappers and send them to us, with 15c in postage, etc., and we will present you with a genuine Rogers Orange-Spoon of beautiful design and highest quality. Begin saving wrappers today. Send 12 "Sunkist" wrappers and 15c for each additional spoon.

In returning, please send to us the amount in stamps or money less than 25c, or amounts above 25c we prefer stamps, order, express-order or bank draft. Don't send cash. We will be glad to send you complete list of our other products. Write for honor bill, "Sunkist" and "Just Eat" cards, post for premiums.

The orange is the most luscious and healthful fruit. California excels in quality of oranges. The best of the California oranges are now packed in individual wrappers labeled "Sunkist."

Five thousand orange farmers in California do their own packing, shipping and selling. They grade and select their crop into "firsts," "seconds," etc. The firsts are fancy, tree-ripened, hand-picked, seedless, fibrous, thin-skinned oranges—every individual orange a perfect specimen of the finest variety of oranges. They are not only more healthful and more palatable than other oranges, but they are actually cheaper, for they are nearly all meat and nourishment.

Your dealer sells "Sunkist" Oranges. Ask for them. You will know them by the tissue paper wrapper in which each "Sunkist" Orange is packed. On the wrapper note the label, "Sunkist." Keep all the wrappers. They are worth money to you.

Best California Lemons Come in "Sunkist" Wrappers

You can judge lemons by the "clothes" they wear. If they wear "Sunkist" wrappers they are juicy and good, for they are not thick-skinned or pithy. They are just as fine as "Sunkist" Oranges, and their wrappers are equally valuable.

CALIFORNIA FRUIT GROWERS' EXCHANGE 34 Clark Street, CHICAGO, ILL.

Troutman Orchard Heater

The world's standard of efficiency and economy. They burn air. Made in seven types to meet any requirements. Special prices for short time. We also manufacture the lard pail heaters. Write Karl R. Wundt, General Agent, Meridian, Idaho.

R. F. GUERIN & CO.

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