

BANK CLEARANCES
TODAY
\$46,920.21

Receipts From Water Rents Increased Over 110 Per Cent in 1910 Over 1909

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

THE WEATHER
Cloudy tonight and tomorrow.
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.

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FOG CAUSE OF WRECK ON N.P. FIVE ARE KILLED

North Coast Limited Plunges Into End of Burlington Passenger Train—Two Pullman Cars Telescoped—Terrific Impact.

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 4.—Five persons were killed and seven seriously injured in a rear end collision between No. 2, the North Coast Limited, on the Northern Pacific, and No. 42, a Burlington passenger train, both eastbound, on the main line of the Northern Pacific at Cheney today.

The wreck was due to a fog which hid the rear of the Burlington train from the view of the engine-men on the North Coast. The Burlington was going into the siding in the yards in the east end of Cheney when the North Coast train, running at a high rate of speed, dashed into it. The limited had the right of way and the track was supposed to be in the clear. The two trains came together with a terrific impact that aroused the whole town. Cheney is situated 40 miles east of Spokane.

ROADS ARE FINED A GREAT AMOUNT

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Jan. 4.—Forty thousand dollars fines were assessed against the Philadelphia & Reading railroad, the Lehigh Valley and the Bethlehem Steel company today for violating interstate commerce laws. The Bethlehem company accepted cancellation of demurrage charges from the railroads, which the court held was equivalent to rebating. The railroads were also fined for failure to publish tariff schedules.

MAYOR APPOINTS CITY INSPECTOR

Mayor Canon last night announced his appointment of F. H. Hazelton to the position of plumbing inspector recently made vacant through the resignation of J. S. Schnurr.

QUAKE KILLS HUNDREDS IN CENTRAL ASIA

Property Loss in Turkestan Estimated at \$2,000,000—Falling Walls Crush Life From Hundreds of People—Great Suffering.

TASHEND, Asiatic Russia, Jan. 4.—Many persons were killed and millions of dollars worth of property were destroyed by an earthquake that shook Central Asia today. The disturbance was usually severe and lasted more than five minutes.

The shock was felt as far north as Semilistak province. Verny City, the capital, was damaged at least \$250,000. Many fatalities also were reported near there. The news has been received largely by courier from the affected districts. According to stories told, the quake tumbled buildings to the ground, crushing hundreds of persons. The damage extends over a wide area. From the outlying districts practically no reports have been received. It is rumored that the huts of thousands of peasants have been leveled and that many of them are without shelter.

GALLAGHER IS GIVEN 12 YEARS

JERSEY CITY, N. J., Jan. 4.—James J. Gallagher, who shot Mayor William J. Gaynor on the deck of the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, was today sentenced to 12 years in the penitentiary for his attack on Commissioner William Edwards. Edwards seized Gallagher just after shooting and the assault charge on which he was tried grew out of the struggle that followed before he was overpowered.

NEW JOB FOR GILMORE

CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 4.—Harry Gilmore, who, as Paeky McFarland's manager, was largely responsible for the spectacular rise of the stock yards scraper, signed a contract today to act as a matchmaker for the Red River Athletic club of Winnipeg. Gilmore will leave tonight for the Canadian city. It is his intention to arrange a series of championship fights and put Winnipeg on the map as a fight center.

GREAT GROWTH OF CITY REFLECTED BY ANNUAL REPORT OF TREASURER

WATER RECEIPTS DOUBLE IN YEAR

During 1910 Over a Half Million Dollars Was Taken in and Expended by City—New Year Starts With a Balance of Nearly \$30,000.

WATER RECEIPTS. During the past three years great growth has been made in water receipts in the city. This is shown by the following figures, which are the total receipts from water rents each year:

1907.....	\$3,605.07
1908.....	6,901.65
1909.....	9,818.16
1910.....	20,901.82

Reflecting the great growth of the city during the past year, the annual report of L. L. Jacobs, city treasurer, was filed with the city council at its regular meeting Tuesday evening. The report covers a dozen sheets of paper whereas last year but a third that number was required. There are now 96 funds to be looked after, whereas a little over a year ago but 14 were required.

TO REORGANIZE SECRET SERVICE

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 4.—The United States secret service, which for many years has been the great crime detecting force of the government, is shortly to be supplanted by a detective bureau, now being organized by the department of justice. Arrangements to establish permanent headquarters in all the principal cities of the country are under way.

FOSTER TELLS FACTS AS TO CERTAIN MATTERS

To the Editor: Referring to criticism concerning the E. Main street water main being laid too close to the surface by the city engineer, to permit the pavement being laid, will state that the city engineer had nothing to do with the construction.

BOWERMAN APPOINTS HELPS TO A JUDGESHIP

SALEM, Or., Jan. 4.—The following appointments were made by Acting Governor Bowerman today: Dr. Herbert S. Nichols of Portland, member of the state board of medical examiners, to serve until February 28, 1914, vice Dr. Osmond Royal, deceased; R. L. Hunt of Baker City, member of the state board of pharmacy, to serve until May 23, 1914; G. W. Phelps, circuit judge of the sixth judicial district, to succeed H. J. Bean, who resigned to become one of the justices of the supreme court.

SECOND STORM CLOSE ON HEELS OF FIRST ONE

Suffering Throughout Middle Western States Is Intensified—Train Service Demoralized—Heavy Loss to Livestock Reported.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Jan. 4.—Following on the heels of the storm that for three days has held the middle west in its grip, a second storm is raging in Minnesota, the Dakotas and Montana today.

At its highest the thermometer registered 30 degrees below zero in several parts of the state, and it was expected that the mercury would go even lower tonight. Train service as far as Fargo is completely demoralized. Telegraph and telephone lines are down in many sections and heavy loss to livestock is reported.

CHICAGO, Jan. 5.—With the thermometer steadily falling, suffering from the cold wave is becoming more intense here today. Hundreds of persons in the poorer classes spent today in bed in order to keep warm. Intense suffering is reported among the striking garment workers. Coal advanced 75 cents a ton today.

EXPLOSION KILLS EIGHT MINERS

SYDNEY, N. S. W., Jan. 4.—Eight miners lost their lives yesterday afternoon through the explosion of gas in a colliery of the Nova Scotia Mining company's collieries here. Three others entombed in the mine were rescued. The mine for nearly a mile is wrecked.

SEVENTEEN ARE BURNED TO DEATH

MEXICO CITY, Mex., Jan. 4.—Seventeen persons were burned to death and 9 others severely injured in a fire which destroyed a church at San Luis Potosi, ending a New Year's celebration, it is learned today. The victims were largely the wives and children of workmen.

WHITE SOX SOON BUSY

CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 4.—The spring training camp of the Chicago White Sox will be opened February 28, according to an announcement made by Owner Charles Comiskey today. Comiskey is preparing to send out notices to all the players he has signed for next season to report at Hot Springs, Tex., on or before that date.

LONDON POLICE SET A WHALE TO CATCH GNAT

London Papers Score Inefficiency of Their Police Force, as Shown by Yesterday's Battle—Now Charged Three Men Held, Thousand at Bay.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—The battle in the heart of London's east end between police, firemen, Scots Guards and anarchists has brought down wholesale criticism and charges of inefficiency on the heads of the police department. The newspapers and the public today join in the cry against what is termed police inefficiency. The long battle, in which hundreds of men on one side failed to conquer a little band of anarchists on the other until machine guns set the building ablaze, is called by the newspapers today a glaring example of the uselessness of the London police.

In order to hide their own inefficiency, it is charged, the police at the end of the encounter misrepresented affairs. Only three bodies have been removed from the ruins of the burned building. The police, as soon as the fight was over, alleged that seven men had been killed. This story, it is charged, was told in order that the extreme measures used by the officers to capture the two men they sought might be partially justified.

"It was like setting a whale to catch a gnat," is the way the Express summed up the incident. Five hundred detectives armed have been sent into the district, where friends of the dead men are supposed to be quartered, and are conducting a house-to-house search for them. It is feared that the search may terminate in another battle similar to the desperate fight near the Anarchist club.

WOULD REGULATE AERIAL TRAFFIC

HARTFORD, Conn., Jan. 4.—The regulation of aerial flights is regarded as a matter of such importance by Governor Simon Baldwin that he has incorporated in it his annual message to the Connecticut legislature, read today before that body. Woman suffrage in a modified form, direct election of United States senators and an income tax also are recommended.

EX-RECORDER WILL VISIT THE CAPITOL

No change in the personnel of the office of the county recorder will be made, was the declaration of Fred L. Colvig, the new incumbent in the office, this morning.

HOW MEDFORD'S CREDIT HAS BEEN MAINTAINED AND EVERY EMERGENCY MET

The present administration has labored earnestly to keep taxes within bounds. Nothing hurts a city with prospective investors more than an excessive tax rate. Accordingly, in spite of the growth of the city and its increasing needs no more money was levied for the city for the current year than for the preceding year.

When the present administration took office they found that a trunk sewer had just been completed along Riverside avenue and that the city owed the contractors \$20,000. There was no money in the treasury to meet the bill. No provision had been made for its payment. The cost could not be assessed because the notice of intention to order the improvement, which is absolutely necessary to a valid assessment had never been given and the time for giving it was long past.

There was nothing to do but to attempt to cut the other funds to the lowest possible point and thus save enough to make the contractors a substantial payment and induce them to wait for the balance. This was done. Six thousand dollars was

saved out of the running expenses of the city and paid to the contractors. There is still due them \$14,000, and the revised charter which is to be voted on contains a provision authorizing a bond issue to complete the payment.

Had this \$12,000 been available it would have been easy to keep a larger street-cleaning crew at work. The city could have afforded more street lights. To have done this would have been a pleasure. It is easy to do things when money is plentiful. It is not pleasant to do one's level best, to work and plan for eighteen hours a day and take the abuse of the knockers. But Mayor Canon and the council have believed that it was better to have a few less street lights and even a little mud on the streets than to have the credit and good name of the city impaired. Had the city been sued on either of these claims its credit

would have been ruined and the sale of any more of its bonds would have been out of the question. This would have meant that all improvements must stop short. Nothing has been said of these things, because it would have injured the city's credit to have paraded the fact that the city was unable to meet its bills promptly and the city's credit was all else. But the time has now come when the facts may be stated. These debts have been met and the levy for next year is sufficient to run the city as it should be run.