

**BANK CLEARINGS**  
**TODAY**  
**\$30,137.44**

Ashland's Population, According to the Census Bureau is 5020

# MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

**THE WEATHER**  
Stormy tonight and tomorrow.  
The Message of the Flag.  
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.

FIFTH YEAR.

MEDFORD, OREGON, FRIDAY JANUARY 13, 1911.

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## 15-YEAR-OLD BOY PRISONER CONFESSES

### NO POSSIBLE CHANCE FOR HIS VICTIM

Physicians Say That Pittman Cannot Recover—Boy Arrested Yesterday Admits He Struck Man With Rock During Altercation

### OFFICERS HOLD LAD: MURDER MAY BE CHARGE

Boy Objected to Attention Pittman Was Paying to His Mother and This Led to Fatal Fight

After a grueling examination at police headquarters Charles Robinson, the fifteen-year-old boy arrested Thursday on suspicion of having delivered the blow Monday night which caused a compound fracture of the skull and will in all probability result in the death of Sidney Pittman, last night confessed his guilt, but stoutly maintained that he had struck Pittman in self defense.

When told by the police that he had been seen to knock Pittman down by three women witnesses, the boy ceased to make denials and told the officers that during a fight with Pittman when, he alleges, the latter drew a knife on him, he struck him on the head first with a large stone and then when Pittman rose to his feet with the knife still clasped in his hand he knocked him down again with a shovel.

"I acted in self defense," he said, "and only allowed Pittman to draw me into a fight when his language and actions in my mother's room became such that I went with him to the street."

District Attorney B. F. Mulkey visited the prisoner in the city jail this morning and secured the same admission.

To all, Robinson insists that he is 15 years old, despite the fact that he appears much older; a statement corroborated by his mother, who told the police that her son was 15 years old last June.

Pittman, the victim of the assault, is still in an unconscious condition. City Physician J. E. Shearer, who visited him this morning, reported to the chief of police that it was extremely unlikely that he would live through today. His heart action is considerably weaker and the arteries converging near the point of fracture in the man's brain were ruptured by the blow.

Coroner A. E. Kellogg notified the district attorney's office this morning that he would arrive here today from Gold Hill to commence his investigation of the case, which, while the man is not dead yet, will pass into the hands of that official when the inevitable occurs.

Robinson charges Pittman with having drawn a knife on him, but the only knife found on Pittman upon his arrival at the Southern Oregon hospital on Tuesday morning, about 12 hours after the alleged fight, was a small pocket knife. The prisoner's mother, who is said to have come here from Roseburg in Pittman's company, last Friday, denies saying that she met Pittman here and that she alone, and not in company with Pittman, occupied the room in the South Grape street lodging house where the argument between him and her son, which led up to the fight on the sidewalk, occurred.

Mrs. Robinson has visited Pittman in the hospital several times and in hearing of persons there is alleged to have said that she had known Pittman since he was 19 years old.

Robinson gives as a reason for Pittman's challenging him to fight on Monday night the fact that he, Pittman, knew of the boy's aversion to him and of his unwillingness to see Pittman and his mother married, which he says, it was their intention to do.

### CENSUS GIVES TO ASHLAND 5020 PEOPLE

In 1900 She Had 2634 People—Astoria Has 9059, Beating Eugene Out by the Narrow Margin of Only 50 People—Baker City 6742

### MEDFORD'S GROWTH FOUR TIMES THAT OF ASHLAND

Medford Now Fifth City in State Although School Census Shows She Crowds Eugene

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 13.—The census bureau today announced the population of Ashland, Or., as 5020, Astoria 9059, Baker City 6742. In 1890 Ashland had 1784 and in 1900 she had 2634.

While Ashland increased her population from 2634 to 5040, Medford increased hers from 1793 to 8840. The per cent increase in Medford's case was nearly 490, while Ashland's was 90.

These figures show Medford to be the fifth city in the state, although according to the school census of Eugene that city is crowded. The cities are Portland, with over 200,000; Salem, 14,095; Astoria, 9059; Eugene, 9069; Medford, 8840.

### STATE TO AVENGE MURDER OF SULLIVAN

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 13.—Governor Hay today sent a special message to the legislature urging an appropriation to cover a reward of \$1000 for the capture of the man who assassinated Police Captain Sullivan of Spokane last week.

### COLD MAY KILL OFF PHEASANTS

Deputy State Game Warden Charles B. Gay Predicts Extermination of Rare Birds Unless Cold Wave Ceases—Cannot Get Food

Because of the recent snow storms and the consequent covering up of their food supply, the Chinese and Hungarian pheasants with which the Rogue river valley was recently stocked are in imminent danger of extermination, according to Deputy State Game Warden Charles B. Gay.

"In order to prevent the birds from becoming extinct, they were placed on the closed list, but all these precautions may have been in vain unless the snow leaves the ground at an early date.

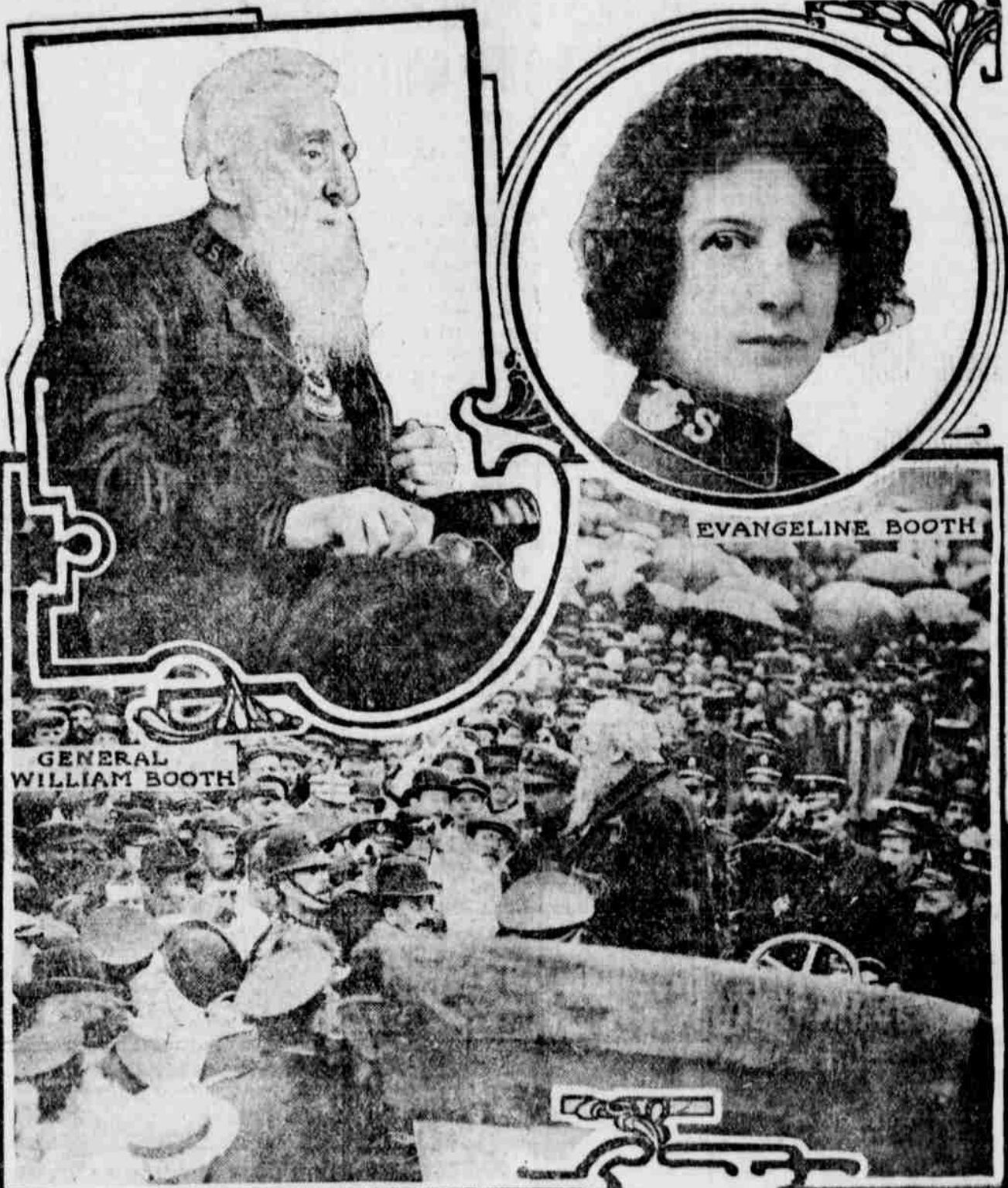
The birds that Mr. Ed Hanley is raising in captivity on his ranch are thriving, due to the care and attention they receive, but the birds set at liberty by the state get no such patronage nor is it possible to feed them, as they are too wild to be reached were food for them procurable."

### CLEMENTS CHAIRMAN RAILROAD COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—Judson Clements was today elected chairman of the interstate commerce commission. He succeeded Martin A. Knapp, who has been appointed a member of the court of commerce. Clements was ranking member of the commission.

Someone's necessity—as indicated in a classified ad—is probably your opportunity.

### General William Booth, Veteran Leader Of Salvation Army, to Undergo Operation.



General William Booth, the founder of the Salvation Army, has decided to have another operation performed on his eyes in an effort to restore his sight. General Booth has been operated upon before for cataract of the eyes. Owing to his advanced years his friends have advised against the operation, but General Booth has insisted that the operation must be performed before New Year's day. The operation will take place in London.

### COLVIG ASKS SALARY RAISE

Would Have Legislature Increase His Salary From \$1500 to \$1800 a Year—Wants Two Deputies, One at \$900, the Other at \$600

JACKSONVILLE, Jan. 3.—Fred L. Colvig, county recorder, upon the grounds that the recorder's office has had its work greatly extended during the past two or three years, has asked the legislature to increase his salary from \$1500 to \$1800 a year and for one deputy at \$900 and another at \$600.

### EGGLESTON A FRIEND SPANISH WAR HEROES

Captain M. F. Eggleston of Jackson's delegation in the house introduced house bill 23, for purchasing a plot of land in Riverview cemetery, Portland, to be used as burial ground for Spanish war veterans.

### PHILIP MOLCOLM IS COLLECTOR OF PORT

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 13.—Philip Malcolm was nominated today by President Taft as collector of customs at Portland, Or.

Sometimes a raise of salary can be secured only by a change of position. So watch the help wanted ads!

### RELIGIOUS RIOTS BOMBAY STREETS

Eighteen Are Dead and Twenty-Four Injured—Troops Patrol City—Mohammedans Dislike Order Preventing Them From Parading

BOMBAY, Jan. 13.—Six religious celebrants wounded in a clash with troops when a parade, planned as part of the celebration of the Mohammedan new year, was prohibited today. Twelve others were killed yesterday, making a total of 18 dead. In addition 24 were severely wounded. A fresh outbreak of rioting was feared today and troops patrolled the sections where the disturbance was feared and others were held in readiness for service at instant notice.

The trouble was the result of differences between the Sunnites, or the orthodox Mohammedans, and the Shiaks, another branch of the sect, over the celebration of the festival Mohorom, the first of the Mohammedan year. A great parade had been planned and it was predicted that it would end in rioting on account of the open hostility of the two factions. The authorities ordered the parade abandoned.

The leaders of the Mohammedans decided that the parade should be held in spite of this order, and it was formed in line. The troops advanced to intercept the movement of the procession, and rioting ensued.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Jan. 13.—What is said to be the heaviest snow-fall since 1896 is raging on the Southern Pacific line east of Summit today. Though the line is open and all trains are running, several trains, both east and westbound are both likely to be delayed three or four hours.

### DEATH RIDES STORM CLOUDS

Three Lives Lost, Inestimable Damage to Livestock and No Relief in Sight is Situation in Montana—It Is 20 Degrees Below Zero

HELENA, Mont., Jan. 13.—Three lives have been lost, inestimable damage to livestock has been done and no signs of relief are in sight.

This is the summary of the blizzard which struck Montana early this week and has been raging with unabated fury since.

It is believed that others have perished, but their bodies will not be found until the storm subsides.

Leland, with five others, was buried under an avalanche of snow and ice. The others were dug out, badly frost-bitten. Leland was frozen stiff.

With the mercury at 20 below, the snowfall, which had ceased, began again today. It continued all day.

Railroad traffic, which has been badly demoralized, shows little improvement. Great Northern trains through the Flathead country were entirely blocked and traffic was routed from Helena to Spokane via the Northern Pacific. Eleven hundred passengers are on the stalled trains. It is thought they are plentifully supplied with food and fuel and are not suffering.

### GREAT GROWTH BANK DEPOSITS IN PAST YEAR

Four Medford Banks Make Report According to Law and Show Resources of Nearly Three Millions of Dollars

### DEPOSITS INCREASE OVER JANUARY, 1910, 15 PER CENT

In Spite of Winter Quietness Good Showing Is Made—All Found in Good Condition

Showing resources amounting to nearly three millions of dollars the four Medford banks have filed reports of their condition as required by law, and although mid-winter when many lines of activity in industrial circles are closed down and business is more or less quiet in consequence, the banks make a splendid showing—all of them are shown to be on a firm financial basis.

The total deposits in the four banks amount to \$2,162,455.57, which while not as large as they were November 1, when paying, railroad construction and other work was under way and not shut down as at present for the winter, is a gain of 16 per cent over January 1, 1910, or \$298,887.

The bank deposits for the past seven years in Medford are:  
January, 1905 ..... \$ 609,497  
January, 1906 ..... 726,971  
January, 1907 ..... 1,084,631  
January, 1908 ..... 1,254,488  
January, 1909 ..... 1,261,437  
January, 1910 ..... 1,863,548  
January, 1911 ..... 2,162,455

### CALIFORNIA IS NO LONGER AT ROADS MERCY

Governor Johnson Takes Up Battle in Earnest By Demanding From Legislature Most Radical Legislation Ever Asked of That Body

### MESSAGE DEALS WITH SPECIFIC FREIGHT RATES

Johnson Says He Will Not Stop Until State is Freed From Clutches of Great Corporations

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 13.—Urging the most radical legislation ever presented to a California legislature, Governor Johnson, in a special message, today demanded the immediate consideration and early passage of the Stetson railroad regulation bill. The measure was introduced five minutes before the governor's message was presented in the house.

The message deals with specific rates between stations in California, showing their inequality, alleging that they are fixed to get all the traffic will bear. It quotes William R. Wheeler of the San Francisco Merchants' Traffic association for comparison of rates in the east, and asserts that the operation of railroads in the two great valleys of the state is as cheap as anywhere in the world.

In part the message is as follows: "There has been presented to you today a bill the design of which is to accord, the railroad commission of the state of California the amplest power to act intelligently and justly and with firmness and precision in matters arising between the people on the one hand and the railroads of the state on the other. The bill has been prepared after great deliberation and study, and comes to you with the sanction of those who are most familiar with the subject embraced within it. It is presented now in pursuance of the policy that has been announced by the various parties within the state and in pursuance of the policy that was outlined at the commencement of this administration.

"That the necessity for action exists in the matter of fixing railroad rates within the state of California is demonstrated by the rates themselves. The distance from River Station, in the city of Los Angeles, to San Pedro is 23 miles. The freight rates on the San Pedro road for this distance is about \$2 a ton. Merchandise in carload lots ranges in rates from 2-1-8 cents to 15 cents a hundred pounds or from \$17 to \$30 a ton. These rates are identical with rates charged between San Diego and Los Angeles, a distance of 120 miles.

"The rates from Los Angeles to San Pedro are practically eight or nine times higher than the average rates of all railroads throughout the United States. The effect of this is to put Los Angeles, instead of 23 miles from deep water, commercially, more than 120 miles from deep water, and this in the case of Los Angeles from its own harbor within its own city limits. The rate, I am informed, on sugar from San Pedro to Los Angeles is \$2 a ton; from Honolulu to San Pedro is \$1.75 per ton.

"From San Francisco to Fresno is approximately 200 miles over pretty level country. The first-class rate, which covers less than carload lots movement of high-class goods, like groceries, is 55 cents per hundred; the fourth-class rate, applying on canned goods, sugar and other staples, is 44 cents for less than a carload and 42 cents per hundred pounds in carload lots."

Mrs. Gould Has Her Gown  
NEW YORK, Jan. 13.—After a night in the customs house, where it was held for duty, Mrs. George J. Gould's \$1400 gown was redeemed today and removed to the home of its owner. The creation was brought across the Atlantic from a Paris modiste by Lord Deedes, fiancée of Miss Vivian Gould.

### SNOW STORM HITS WIRES

Medford Cut Off From Communication With World for Few Hours—Wires Down Both North and South But For Short Time Only

For short intervals yesterday Medford was out of communication with the outside world. Telegraph line on the Western Union and Postal companies were out of commission.

Today conditions are reported much better and all of the wires are again in order. With the snow storm passing normal conditions are again obtaining.

### SEVENTY FIVE WILL GO ON THE JUNKET

Seventy-five reservations have already been made with Agent A. S. Rosenbaum of the Southern Pacific for the excursion to Los Angeles booked to start next Thursday.

Three Pullman standard sleepers will accommodate the Medford business men on their junket through the south, which, according to present plans, will occupy about 30 days.

### PEARY BILL WILL PASS HOUSE SURE

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 13.—The bill retiring Robert E. Peary with the rank of rear admiral in the engineering department of the navy was reported with favorable recommendation from the house committee on naval affairs today. The vote in the committee was six to four.