

BANK CLEARINGS
TODAY
\$43,874.80

Uncle Sam Promises to Conduct Precooling Experiments Here Next Fall

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

THE WEATHER
Rain 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.

FIFTH YEAR.

MEDFORD, OREGON, TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 1911.

No. 256.

WELCH TO RUSH WORK ON LOCAL TROLLEY LINE

James R. Thompson, Consulting Engineer, Emphatically Declares That Present Activity Is Not a "Bluff"—Work Will Be Rushed.

SAYS WELCH HAS GREAT FAITH IN CITY'S FUTURE

Mr. Thompson Is Here to Outline His Plans and Choose Location for Lines—Much to City.

That A. Welch fully intends to build an electric road in this city and that unless he were morally certain that Medford will double her present population within the next ten years, he would not consider such a project, was the emphatic statement made this morning by James R. Thompson, consulting engineer for the trolley line builder, who is in the city to establish routes for the new system. "As I only arrived here some twenty-four hours ago," said Mr. Thompson, "I am not prepared to say where or how often cars will run, but I can say that we intend to complete our line as soon as possible and that we have already started work."

Mr. Thompson, who has been associated with the Welch interests in the construction of several other electric lines in this state and in Washington, will remain in Medford for two or three weeks and during that time expects to arrive at a final decision regarding the territory within the city limits which his road will cover as well as the kind of service which patronage will warrant keeping up.

"As near as can be outlined now," he continued, "the line will run along Main street. This will necessitate building through hard surface pavement, but it will be our policy to give service right to and along the main thoroughfares at a somewhat larger expense to ourselves rather than to cause passengers any inconvenience when coming to or leaving the cars."

Just what, in figures, the completion of the trolley line will mean to Medford cannot be told. With six cars in operation, a force of about twenty-five men would be required which would create a local payroll of several hundred dollars a month. The increased assessable value of both city and county caused by the coming of such a road will be no small item in itself, although it will be an insignificant sum when compared with the increased valuation of outlying city property when made easily accessible.

LADIES CLUB TO HOLD RECEPTION

Will Receive Informally at the Natatorium Tomorrow Afternoon Between 3 and 5 o'clock—All Ladies Are Invited.

The ladies of the Greater Medford club will receive informally at the Natatorium Wednesday afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock and all ladies in the city are cordially invited to be present.

The ladies of the club hope in this way to get in touch with new arrivals in the city and enlist their aid in the work being carried on by them. So if you are a new arrival and are interested you are urged to attend.

Spoooner's Retreat Going.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Jan. 17.—Capitol park, long regarded by lovers as an ideal place to spoon, on account of the shaded nooks and trees, will be made bright as day if the \$25,000 appropriation asked by Assemblyman March of Sacramento today is granted.

ATTEMPT MADE TO ASSASSINATE PREMIER BRIAND

Unidentified Man Shoots From Behind Pillar in Chamber of Deputies—Strikes Director of Public Relief by Mistake.

PARIS, Jan. 17.—An unidentified man this afternoon made an unsuccessful attempt to assassinate Premier Briand. The would-be assassin fired from behind a pillar in the chamber of deputies while the body was in session.

The bullet missed Premier Briand, but struck M. Mirman, a friend, who was standing behind the premier. Mirman, who is a director of public relief, was hit in the right leg and painfully injured. In an instant the chamber was in an uproar and before the would-be assassin could fire a second shot he was disarmed and placed under arrest.

The attack is the second that has been made upon the present premier during the last few months. On November 20, M. Lacour, a royalist, assaulted the premier during the ceremony attending the dedication of the Jules Ferry statue. Lacour slapped the premier's face and only a few days ago was given a long term sentence for the assault.

EIGHT MEN DIE IN EXPLOSION

Boiler Explosion On Battleship Delaware—Men Scalded to Death—Were Imprisoned in Room Unable to Escape.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 17.—Eight men were killed this evening and one seriously injured by a boiler explosion aboard the battleship Delaware, according to a report just received here.

A wireless to the navy department states that the men were all scalded to death by steam following the explosion; that they were imprisoned in the boiler room without a chance for escape.

NEW BRIDGE IS COMPLETED

People Living Across Bear Creek From Phoenix Are Able to Reach Medford Without Driving Many Miles Around.

The new bridge across Bear creek in the neighborhood of Phoenix has been completed and East Side residents of the valley are thereby enabled to reach Medford this winter for the first time without driving many miles around, which in winter was most disagreeable.

Work on the structure was delayed through the summer by non-arrival of the steel.

JAPAN IS GIVEN A DIPLOMATIC SETBACK

LONDON, Jan. 17.—A diplomatic setback for Japan is the view generally taken here today of the tariff concessions offered England by Japan and which are now being made the basis of a new commercial treaty.

English merchants brought tremendous pressure to bear to have Japan recede from her stand of heavily increasing the duty on practically all lines of goods that England exports to Japan. It is now said that Tokio has yielded most of the material points.

Army Bill Passes.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 17.—The army appropriation bill carrying over \$1,000,000 for the year ending June 30, 1912, passed the house this afternoon.

\$26,000 ASKED BY SECRETARY TO BUY SITE HERE

Congress Is Asked to Make Available Portion of the \$110,000 Authorized Last Session—Location of Site Will Be Known Soon.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—The secretary of the treasury has asked congress to appropriate \$26,000 of the \$110,000 some time ago authorized for the purpose of acquiring a site for a federal building in Medford, Or., and starting work. He has also asked for the following amounts: Roseburg site, \$10,000; Albany building, \$40,000; Pendleton building \$35,000; The Dalles, \$16,000.

Until congress passes the bill actually appropriating \$26,000 of the \$110,000 some time ago authorized for a federal building here, it is not probable that the choice of a federal building site will be announced.

The next dozen classified ads you acquainted with a dozen phases which you answer, will probably get you acquainted with a dozen phases of this city's life that you never encountered before.

KERN ELECTED TO U.S. SENATE

Complimentary Vote of Republicans Goes to Beveridge—Threatened Attempt On Party of Machine Not in Evidence.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 17.—John W. Kern, former democratic candidate for vice president and the choice of the last democratic state convention, was elected to the United States senate today. The threatened attempt of the Taggart machine to disregard the instructions of the convention did not materialize. The complimentary vote of the republicans was given to Senator Beveridge, whom Kern succeeds.

UNCLE SAM TO EXPERIMENT HERE

Professor P. J. O'Gara Advised That Government Will Come Here Next Season and Experiment in Pre-cooling Rogue River Fruit.

That Uncle Sam will conduct a series of precooling experiments in the valley this coming season is the information reaching Professor P. J. O'Gara in a letter received from A. V. Stubenrauch, expert acting in charge of field investigations for the bureau of plant industry, department of agriculture.

Mr. Stubenrauch says that Medford is included in their plans and that extensive work will be done here.

Lodge Leads.

BOSTON, Jan. 17.—The Massachusetts legislature today voted in separate sessions on the candidates for the United States senatorship. Henry Cabot Lodge, who seeks re-election, polled 24 votes; Sherman Whipple, democrat, 14, and Congressman Butler Ames, Lodge's foe, got 2.

The division of the senate was about as expected and shed little light on the question of whether or not Lodge can be returned.

Forty Years Behind Dad.

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 17.—Just forty years from the day his father, Phineas Hitchcock, was elected from Nebraska as a republican United States senator Gilbert Hitchcock, democrat, was today nominated United States senator in separate sessions of the legislature.

LEGISLATURE FOR FIRST TIME IS SMOKELESS

Bourne and Chamberlain Are to Be Punched Up About Oregon's Share of Reclamation Fund—Want Oregon to Get Her 50 Per Cent.

MAY ABOLISH CAPITAL PUNISHMENT IN STATE

Resolution Introduced Demanding Investigation of State Agricultural College—Baily Under Fire.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 17.—For the first time in its history, an Oregon legislature will be smokeless. The senate this morning passed the anti-smoking resolution and the house enforced the long forgotten rule 63, that prohibits smoking during the sessions. Kellaher in the senate fought for the smokers but he fought nearly alone.

Bourne and Chamberlain are to be punched up about Oregon's share of the reclamation fund. House joint memorial number one, demanding that Oregon get at least 50 per cent of what it gives the reclamation service, passed this morning.

The memorial also urges on the Oregon senators and congressmen an immediate getting busy in this matter.

No Pardon for Murderers

Not only will there be no more capital punishment in Oregon, but governors want pardon murderers if Clyde's resolution introduced in the house this morning is passed. The resolution provides that imprisonment for life shall be the penalty for murder, and that unless new evidence showing conclusively the innocence of the convicted, is produced that no governor shall have pardoning power for murder sentences.

The legislature is on the trail of Food and Dairy Commissioner Bailey. The committee on resolutions this morning reported back on house concurrent resolution number one, advising that the food commissioner be investigated at once, and also advising that the board of health and the fish warden's office be left unbothered. Theoretical resolution provided for the investigation of these three offices, but the committee reported that it thought only Bailey needed investigation. The house thought so too, and unanimously upheld the committee's report.

Investigate Mr. Bailey. The same action is probable in the senate and since the committee must report long before the close of the session it is probable that the legislature will do more than investigate Mr. Bailey; anyhow that's the temper of the house as shown this morning.

A resolution was introduced in the house this morning demanding investigation of the Corvallis agricultural school.

The Kellaher senate bill validating every portion of the Broadway bridge initiative measure and enabling the city of Portland to at once proceed with the construction of this bridge, was not reported favorably and adopted in the senate this morning, but the bill was placed on third reading and probably will pass the senate this afternoon or tomorrow morning. This will finally end the Kernan tie-up of this bridge, that has prevented the bonds being sold for two years and more, though the bonds were approved by a large majority vote of the people of Portland.

Income Tax Passes

The income tax amendment to the federal constitution, that is now being passed on by legislators all over the nation, passed the house this morning. It probably will pass the senate tomorrow, as it has been made a special order for tomorrow morning. Not a vote was recorded against the amendment in the house, and on the preliminary skirmishing the senate has shown a safe majority for this amendment.

House joint memorial No. 3 was introduced this morning asking congress to pension all worn out workers in the life saving service and to put them on the same footing as are the superannuates in the army and navy.

SENSATIONAL TESTIMONY IN PITTMAN CASE

Patient in Hospital Says Pittman While Raving, Exonerated Robinson of All Blame—Verdict Is Reached by Coroner's Jury.

"Early Sunday morning, before he died," said W. M. Smith, a witness before the coroner's jury investigating the circumstances surrounding the death of Sidney Pittman, "he got out of his bed at the Southern Oregon hospital, came over to my cot across the ward and, holding his hand out as though clasp a knife addressed me as 'Charlie' and said, 'Well, I am to blame for the whole thing. I challenged you to fight and drew the knife. You only protected your mother as it was your duty to do.'"

This testimony, although not corroborated and coming from the mouth of a man friendly with Charles Robinson, the 15-year-old boy now held by the authorities to answer to the next grand jury for the assault on Pittman, made a noticeable impression on the members of the coroner's jury who, however, after viewing the body decided to pass the question of Robinson's guilt up to a higher court.

In their verdict, the jury found that "Sidney Pittman came to his death as the result of an encounter with and at the hands of one Charles Robinson on the 9th day of January, 1911, in which Charles Robinson struck one Pittman on the head with a blunt instrument."

A number of witnesses appeared who told the details that led up to the quarrel and told of Pittman's condition from a few minutes after the fatal blow was struck until the time of his death on Sunday morning. (Continued on Page 6.)

CZARINA IS SERIOUSLY ILL

Her Majesty's Recent Trip to Bad Nauheim Brought Only Temporary Relief—Nervous Troubles Are Again Returning.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 17.—Confirmation of reports that the Czarina is again in a critical condition was obtained today from attaches of the palace. Her majesty's recent trip to Bad Nauheim brought only temporary relief and her nervous disorder and melancholia returned simultaneously with her return to the palace.

It is feared that the empress has not long to live. She is hysterical much of the time, her condition amounting almost to insanity whenever the czarovitch is not in her sight. All court functions have been abandoned.

Perhaps most of your "bad luck" consists in failing to answer the want ads that contain opportunities for you.

TAFT HANDS ONE TO INSURGENT FORCES

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 17.—President Taft today dashed the hopes of national insurgent leaders by appointing Congressman Walker I. Smith of Iowa to the federal circuit bench to fill the vacancy caused by the elevation of Judge Vandewater to the supreme court. The insurgent leaders had endeavored to secure the appointment for Congressman Norris of Nebraska.

Sometimes a raise of salary can be secured only by a change of positions. So—watch the help wanted ads! The completeness (always) of a store's advertising is a reliable test of the completeness of the store service.

COMMITTEE TO PASS ON LEGALITY OF AMENDMENTS

bill Provides for Competent Men to Judge All Proposed Amendments to Constitution Under Initiative—Introduced by Eggleston.

SALEM, Jan. 17.—Amendments to the constitution proposed by the initiative will hereafter carry an explanatory note as to the purport and legality from a committee composed of the governor, attorney general and three circuit court judges to be designated by the governor and attorney general, if a bill presented today by Representative M. F. Eggleston of Jackson is passed. He is a statement No. 1 and anti-assembly man. "Said committee," reads a section of the bill, "shall be called to meet at the capitol at Salem, Ore., by the governor not later than ten days prior to the time prescribed for printing in pamphlet form of the true copy of the title and text of each measure so proposed by initiative petition and shall then and there consider every such initiative measure so referred to them, and shall after due deliberation thereon, prepare a written statement of their opinion as to the legal or constitutional meaning and effect of every such initiative measure, if enacted into law, as briefly as possible, and such statement shall be signed by the members of committee and shall be filed with each measure, to which it pertains and it is hereby made the duty of the secretary of state to cause the same to be published at the expense of the state in its appropriate place in the pamphlet printed for distribution to the voters. If the committee disagree a minority opinion may be signed and filed and shall be printed over the names of the disagreeing committeemen, the same as the majority opinion."

ADMIRAL BARRY NOW RETIRED

Without Even So Much as a Servant to Keep Him Company the Aged Commander Remains Closely in His Rooms.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 17.—Without a plan for the future, Rear Admiral Edward B. Barry, U. S. N. (retired), began life as a private citizen today. Without so much as a servant to keep him company, the aged commander, until yesterday head of the Pacific squadron, remained in his room at the Palace hotel. Practically no one called to see him except newspaper representatives. Admiral Barry will remain in San Francisco today and probably tomorrow. After that he will visit friends at Mare Island, he announced. From Mare Island he will go to New York.

"After I reach New York I have not planned what I will do," said Barry. "First of all I will take a long rest. Further than that I don't care to make a statement."

SOLONS FLEE FROM IMPENDING ARREST

CINCINNATI, Jan. 17.—Determined to maintain the deadlock in the West Virginia senate, sixteen republican state senators are here today after evading arrest by their democratic opponents, who sought to compel their attendance in the senate chamber at Charleston so that the upper house could be organized.

The refugees had been barricaded in the executive chambers at Charleston for several days before they were able to evade their guards and make their way out of the state. Someone's necessity—as indicated in a classified ad—is probably your opportunity.

CENTRAL BANK PLAN SPRUNG; ALDRICH IDEA

Scheme Is Designed to Centralize the Control of the Nation's Currency—Forty-Five Directors to Control Association.

HEADQUARTERS ARE TO BE IN WASHINGTON

Plan Provides for Fifteen Branches to Be Scattered Over County to Take Care of Districts.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—Senator Aldrich's central bank plan was introduced today.

The scheme designed to centralize the control of the nation's currency, provides for an organization of national banks to be called the Reserve Fund of America. Under the scheme the forces which now control the national banks of the country would be in the saddle in the case of the Reserve association of America. The association will be governed, if the Aldrich plan can be put through the present session of congress, by a board of forty-five directors and will gradually take over the privilege of issuing currency until it becomes the sole agency of that purpose.

Senator Aldrich was not present when the national monetary commission announced its plan. Vice Chairman Edward B. Vreeland presided.

The capital of the Reserve association, according to the plan, will be approximately \$300,000,000. The association is to be chartered for a term of fifty years. Its headquarters will be Washington, but the plan provides for fifteen branches to be scattered over the country to take care of districts. (Continued on Page 6.)

SUBMARINE AND CREW ON BOTTOM

Have Plenty of Air, However, and Efforts Are Being Made to Raise the Craft by Looping Huge Chains About It.

KEIL, Germany, Jan. 17.—The German submarine "US" went to the bottom of the sea during a practice maneuver today. Divers from her parent ship, one of the large battleships of the North sea fleet immediately began endeavoring to loop chains about the sunken boat. The full crew was aboard when the submarine went down.

As soon as the boat settled the crew detached the newly invented telephone arrangement which immediately came to the surface where it was picked up by a small boat from the warship. The officer commanding the submarine, phoned up that the boat was all right and that the crew had plenty of air. He stated that the machinery had been disabled and that the submarine probably would have to be lifted with chains. There is air in the tanks sufficient to supply the men for several hours.

HEROIC WORK OF FIREMEN SAVE 100

ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 17.—Heroic work by firemen resulted in the rescue of more than 100 girls from the third floor windows of a burning shirt waist factory here today. A score of the girls were overcome by smoke and the ruins are being searched in the belief that possibly some of the workers may have been trapped.

GRAVE TROUBLE IS AHEAD FOR TURKSY

CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 17.—There is grave trouble in sight between Turkey and a number of the world powers—the United States among them—over the question of foreign schools in the sultan's country.