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**THE WEATHER**  
Rain tonight and tomorrow.  
The Message of the Signs.  
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.

# MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

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## RAIN STORM IN WILLAMETTE VALLEY CAUSES \$70,000 PROPERTY LOSS

### ONE DROWNED; TRAIN SERVICE DEMORALIZED; ROGUE IS RISING

### PAPERMILLS ARE IN DANGER OF GREAT FLOODS

### ROGUE RIVER HAS RISEN SIX FEET SINCE 8 O'CLOCK

All Available Men Are at Work at Oregon City Trying to Save Pulp at Paper Mills—Man Lost in Stream Near Salem.

Bear Creek Coming Up—Shasta Limited Will Reach Medford About 5 o'Clock This Afternoon—Inch and half of Rain.

OREGON CITY, Or., Jan. 19.—All the mills here at noon today were hiring extra men to remove goods that be damaged by approaching floods. The damage in this city has already reached into the thousands and immense loss will result if the great masses of prepared pulp cannot be removed from the paper mills before the water washes it away. Despite extraordinary precautions paper mill people are extremely nervous and fear they may have to close down by tonight. Unusually large numbers of orders have been filled and a shortage of white paper likely will follow. Not one bridge other than the suspension bridge over the Willamette river is safe and all traffic with Estacada and other towns nearby is cut off. Several log booms in the Clackamas river broke away this morning.

Since 8 o'clock this morning Rogue river has risen six feet, or at the rate of about a foot an hour. The river continues to rise steadily and while no damage is expected, all previous records for high water may be shattered. Bear creek is also rising rapidly, and if it continues to gain in volume some damage may be done to property along the banks of the creek. A rising barometer this afternoon indicates that the storm center has passed this city and that the rain will cease falling within the next 24 hours. Owing to the rise in temperature and the rainfall the snow which has covered the hills about the valley for the past week melted rapidly, causing the floods.

SALEM, Jan. 19.—One of the most disastrous floods that has visited Salem in years is that which is raging at the present time and the conditions are growing worse hourly with no signs of abatement. Already many homes have been devastated, livestock killed, and one life is known to have been lost, and there were numerous narrow escapes from death by drowning and many sensational rescues were made. All of the bridges in the city, with the exception of two or three substantial concrete structures have gone down before the furies of the steadily increasing volume of water; water and gas mains have been washed out and broken, leaving scores of families without water and light, and many portions of the city are effectually cut off from fire protection by reason of the washing out of the bridges within the city limits. At a late hour this morning the stage of the river at this point, with a rainfall of over five inches in 48 hours, the greatest in years was sixteen feet, a rise of three feet in three hours, and it is still rising. The indications are that the record of over 21 feet above low water mark, attained last year, will be broken.

The present rain started about 9 o'clock last evening and has continued steadily since. Over one and a half inches of rain has fallen, making the total for the season nearly 16 inches. The downpour shortly after midnight became very heavy. The high wind which prevailed during the afternoon and evening died down about 10 o'clock, when the storm which had been approaching from the north, reached the valley. Reports from Grants Pass are to the effect that the river may seriously damage the repair work which has been under way for some time on the Ament dam. There is small likelihood of the dam going out, however, as it has been reinforced. Train service from the north has been very seriously interfered with. The Shasta Limited, which was due here at 5:50 this morning will arrive about 5 or 6 o'clock this afternoon. This is an excursion train from the north. The other trains from the north will probably get through some time this evening.

### WOULD REDUCE FARMER'S BAIL

### FISH AND GAME BILL INTRODUCED

Friends of the Alleged White Slaver Would Go On His Bonds if Sum Lowered—District Attorney Mulkey Will Oppose Move

Important Measures Are Introduced in Legislature—Sterilization Bill Is Again Before the House for Consideration

William Farmer, at present an inmate of the county jail awaiting the action of the grand jury on charges of "white slavery," made an unsuccessful attempt today to have his bail reduced from the sum of \$2000 set by Justice of the Peace Glenn O. Taylor.

The most important fish and game bill of the season was introduced today in the house. This is the bill backed by Governor West, the game association and the master fish warden. It provides for a non-political board of five to have entire control of the fish and game departments of the state; the board shall serve without pay and shall appoint all wardens and their deputies. It puts the salmon industry, the enforcement of fish and game laws and the regulation of every mountain and stream in the state in the hands of this board, and revolutionizes the entire system that has so far applied in Oregon.

Huge Aviation Prizes. NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—Aviation prizes distributed during last year amounted to \$940,000, according to figures compiled by the Aero club of France. Nine birdmen won more than \$20,000. They are:

A free ferry boat across the Willamette river at St. Johns is provided for in house bill No. 138, introduced this morning. The most important piece of legislation so far this session is that introduced in the senate this morning by Albee of Multnomah. It is the Owen Adair bill that four years ago was vetoed by Governor Chamberlain. The Adair bill provides for the sterilization of insane, the idiotic, the habitual criminal and those found guilty of the crime of rape. It provides for a board of two experts to be attached to each state penal reform or asylum institution to pass on these cases and to apply the scientific treatment provided by law, as deemed fit. The bill also denotes any one serving a third term for a

### YEAR BEFORE WORK STARTS FEDERAL B'LD'G

Site Chosen at Corner of Sixth and Holley—Was Offered by W. C. Gren and Bert Anderson for Sum of \$1—Plans Will Be Delayed.

### WEST SIDE BUSINESS MEN PUT UP CASH

The \$26,000 Asked by Secretary Will Be Used for Preparing Plans and Starting Work. WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—The treasury department announced last evening that they have chosen as a site for the federal building at Medford, Or., the one offered by W. C. Green and Bert Anderson at the corner of Sixth and Holly streets. The title will be perfected at once but it will be at least a year before the supervising architect will begin on the plans. The \$26,000 asked for by the secretary of the Treasury will be used for preparing the plans and starting work. In making his request, the secretary stated to congress that he would need no further funds for this building until June, 1912.

### OFFICIALS QUIT; MIKADO ALONE TO FACE STORM

Thousands of Protests Pour In Following Sentencing of 24 Socialists to Death—Premier and Three Powerful Ministers Quit Their Jobs. TOKIO, Jan. 19.—Daunted by a storm of protests which poured in since the sentencing to death of 24 socialists here yesterday for alleged conspiracy to assassinate the mikado, Premier Katsura and three of the most powerful ministers of his cabinet today tendered their resignations to the emperor. Those who joined with Katsura in the effort to shift responsibility for the government's condemnation of the socialists were Minister of the Interior Hirata, Minister of Education Komatsudara and Minister of Commerce and Agriculture Ora. The action of Premier Katsura and his ministers is hailed by the socialists of Japan as an important preliminary victory in the fight they have already started to save Denjiro Kotoku, his mistress, Suga Kano, and the other 22 socialists condemned to die. It is believed that their fate now being directly in the hands of the mikado, the protests against their execution will be more likely to succeed than if Katsura stood his ground. To the emperor now will come direct world-wide demands that a commutation of the death sentence be granted. To add to the socialists' confidence, it became known today that a powerful anti-Katsura party will seize the occasion of the premier's tendering his resignation to make desperate efforts to oust him from imperial favor. Any change in the government, they say, must be to the advantage of the condemned, as Katsura's pursuit of the alleged conspirators has been particularly bitter.

### Portland Chamber of Commerce Rebuked

The Medford Commercial club unanimously adopted the following resolution: Whereas, the city of Medford is endeavoring, through the offices of the railroad commission of Oregon—a body established in the interests of, and for the welfare of the general public—to secure a more reasonable and equitable basis of freight rates over the lines of the Southern Pacific company, between this city and Portland, commensurate with the necessities of trade conditions and with the view of enabling proper development of Jackson county and other territories that are naturally tributary to Medford, and with the view of reducing the present basis of rates upon various commodities, now so excessive and prohibitive as to be a serious obstacle in local and general development, and, Whereas, the Portland Chamber of Commerce, an organization representing the business interests of Portland, has intervened in these proceedings by means of legal process, and is undertaking to have the same enjoined and dismissed to the detriment of Medford and its surrounding territory. Now, therefore; be it Resolved, that the Medford Commercial club, an organization representing the business interests of the city of Medford, and the county of Jackson in general, protests against, and deplores such action on the part of the Portland Chamber of Commerce as unfair, selfish and prejudicial towards Medford, and as a serious obstacle to the development of one of Oregon's most progressive and resourceful counties, and be it further Resolved, that the attitude of the Portland Chamber of Commerce in the matter is in direct opposition to the principles and spirit of commercial bodies located at different points throughout the state of Oregon that are organized and working in harmony in the interest of their local communities, and the welfare of the state at large.

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### MUD FESTIVAL ONLY ACTIVITY IN LEGISLATURE

House Defeats Columbus Day Bill—Governor Signs Broadway Bridge Measure—Many Bills Are Introduced in Both Branches.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 19.—There was not much doing in Salem yesterday except the mud festival in the senate. The house defeated the Columbus Day bill providing October 12, as a holiday, but it probably will pass later. The house and senate each attempted to save time and confusion and expense by having duplicate bills and resolutions barred, but aside from the time spent in arguing whether or not to do this there was little accomplished. The governor signed the Broadway bridge bill that finally would give the East Side a badly needed outlet. A lot of bills were introduced in the house and senate. One of these provides that foreign corporations that don't report promptly their earnings and who don't pay their fees, can't do business. Another is to establish the naval militia. Another takes February 22 and election days out of the list of school holidays but provides that an election day when the teacher is a legal voter, school may be closed at 2:30. Clemens' bill relative to the initiative system was slaughtered quickly yesterday morning. The bill to establish trade schools for dependent girls has been lost. Clyde's free book bill is well on its way to passage.

### PORTLAND HAS NO RIGHT TO "BUTT IN" SAYS BUREAU

Answer Is Filed With State Railroad Commission by Medford Traffic Bureau to Petition of Portland Chamber of Commerce.

The Medford Traffic Bureau plaintiff, filed before the state railroad commission its answer to the petition of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, which butted into the case as an intervenor and is trying to thwart Medford's efforts to secure lower rates and distributive rates. "The shifting and varied reasons for Portland's intervention, first opposing, then advocating with the injection of complex issues, indict, arraigns and convicts the purpose of intervention as of ulterior design to obstruct justice," declares the Medford answer. "Portland's intervention does not ever allege complaint against established rates or even allege loss of traffic for Portland or any decrease in volume of business, but it merely voices a fear that merchandise and other goods will be consolidated into carload lots, and because of this economical method of transportation, a method highly beneficial to a consuming territory and far more profitable to the carrier, a hue and cry is raised that operation of this saving principle will work an injustice and a discrimination," continues the answer. Said plaintiff admits the filing of a complaint in which the location of Medford is stated as being 329 miles from Portland; that Medford is advantageously situated for the distribution of articles of commerce; that the defendant carrier has fixed and maintains carload commodity rates at variance with the carload classification ratings; that a list of articles was set out in the petition upon which no such carload commodity rates are made by defendant for service and haulage from Portland, Oregon to Medford, Oregon; that certain rates, minima and carload mixtures are prayed for; that no complaint is made against less than carload rates from Portland, Oregon, to Medford, Oregon; but denies the right of any person or party to appear as intervenor in this proceeding and make part of this complaint or proceeding the issue of less than carload rates for transportation of freight from Portland, Oregon, to Medford, Oregon, or to any other city or town, and have such issue considered at the same time and in connection with the investigation and finding of the commission upon the complaint of said plaintiff.

### CLUB TO ISSUE LABOR BULLETIN

To Satisfy Demand for Up-to-Date Information Concerning Work and Wages Here—Commercial Club Will Issue Semi-Monthly Bulletin.

In order to fill the demand for reliable information on the conditions existing from time to time on the local labor market, the Commercial club will commence issuing a semi-monthly bulletin. The information, in the form of a multigraph copy with the different trades and kinds of workmen and women there is a demand for classified under separate headings, will be sent through the mail to any person asking for it. It will show the prevailing wage scale and also predict, insofar as possible changes likely to occur within the near future. In a short preface a general resume of existing conditions, financial, business and climatic, is given.

### SUBSCRIPTIONS TO ROAD FUND SHOULD BE PAID

Commercial Club Adopts Resolution Urging Subscribers to Crater Lake Highway Fund to Pay Up So That Work May Go On Without Delay. SITUATION CRITICAL ONE; SUBSCRIPTIONS MUST BE PAID

### President Colvig Agrees to Bring Suit to Collect Money in Order to Make a Test Case.

At its Wednesday night meeting the Medford Commercial club adopted a resolution urging subscribers to the Crater Lake highway fund to pay up subscriptions due last June, so that the work of constructing the grade that obviates the Pumice hill grade, may be carried to completion. A contract has been let for this work upon the supposition that the subscribers would pay up, and as many had not done so members of the committee had had to borrow money from the banks upon their individual notes in order to keep the work going ahead and prevent suit for damages by the contractor. Sufficient had been subscribed to complete the contract, if the signers paid up. President Colvig agreed to bring suit to collect a subscription in order to make a test case. He stated that subscribers had signed promissory notes as subscriptions and all were collectable. The secretary of the committee in charge stated that the committee preferred to appeal to the patriotism of signers, rather than to the courts, but that if necessary suit would be begun. None of the members of the committee have handled any of the funds. The collections are deposited in the Medford banks, expenditures are approved by Engineer Heidel, the government engineer in charge, and vouchers signed by members of the committee. The situation is a critical one, as the subscriptions must be paid at once or work discontinued.

### MRS. SCHENK IS OLD SELF TODAY

Shows Little Effect of Ordeal of Yesterday—Prosecution Rests—Mr. Schenk Wanted to Come to Aid of His Wife. WHEELING W. Va., Jan. 19.—The prosecution in the case of Mrs. Laura F. Schenk, who is accused of poisoning her husband, rested at 11:30 o'clock. When she entered the court room today, looking bright and chipper, Mrs. Schenk displayed little evidence of the illness that caused yesterday's sudden adjournment. "I'm feeling fine," she said. "It was the stifling atmosphere that made me ill. Collapse? Do I look it?" and she smiled widely as her eyes swept the court room's curious crowd. The first witness of the day was Landy Wilson, the chauffeur who told of Mrs. Schenk's alleged improper relations with Dan Phillips. Asked why he had not informed Schenk of his wife's infidelity, Wilson replied: "It was none of my business. He wouldn't have believed me anyway." Alma Evans, one of the detective-nurses, was recalled. She described the scene at Schenk's bedside when the millionaire heard that his wife had been arrested. "Mr. Schenk," she said, "was very much affected. He sprang out of his bed and wanted to aid her. When restrained, he wept."

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