

BANK CLEARINGS
TODAY
\$44,576.71

Medford is the Best City in the State Says John M. Scott

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

THE WEATHER
Fair 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.

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REGULATION OF SALOONS PLAN OF CITY DADS

Model License Law Is Being Drafted Which Will Put Local Boozers Under Much Stricter Supervision.

ALL SCREENS AND CARD TABLES PROBABLY GO

New Ordinance Will Probably Be Introduced at Next Session of Council—Early Closing

The mayor and members of the city council are working upon a model license law, which is being designed for the purpose of more strictly regulating Medford saloons. The members of the council are consulting with various business and professional men in the city and giving the matter a great deal of thought. In all probability the new ordinance will be presented at the next session of the city council.

Three points in particular are being given much consideration. One is for an earlier closing hour, one does away with card rooms and tables and one provides that all screens shall be removed.

In the opinion of many who have given the matter thought, it will be a decided change for the better if the barrooms of the city close at an earlier hour than at present. In all probability the saloons will be forced to close either at 10 or 11 o'clock in the evening whereas they close at 1 o'clock now and at 12 on Saturday nights.

Card rooms, chairs and card playing will probably be eliminated, as these are said to constitute considerably to drunkenness and loafing in saloons.

All screens are to be removed with the exception of those five feet in height which will prevent children looking into barrooms. But above five feet in height the view must be unobstructed.

The details of the law have not as yet been fully agreed upon but the councilmen feel that the saloons should be more rigidly regulated and are working toward that end.

NEW RAILROAD IN ALASKA TO BE OPENED SOON

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 20.—According to advices from Cordova today, the Copper River railroad Alaska's greatest system will be opened on March 15, the date originally set two years ago when the construction work began to assume material proportions.

Only 35 miles of track now remain to be laid into Kennecott, the terminus of the line.

Grading into Kennecott is practically completed and rail laying is being pushed by day and night crews.

California Girl Meets Kaiser.

BERLIN, Jan. 20.—Mrs. Dartimovitch, wife of the Russian consul general here, who was Miss Jones of California, today enjoys the distinction of being among the few Americans who have intimately conversed with the kaiser. Mrs. Dartimovitch, with her daughter, was presented at last night's drawing room and for some minutes talked with the emperor.

"SIMPLE LIFE" TOO MUCH FOR HER

Declaring that she preferred a strenuous business existence in Medford to a quiet and simple life in Ashland, Mrs. J. L. Stone, who, after purchasing a carload of furniture over a week ago went from Medford to the latter city to embark in the hotel business, returned and will reopen the rooming house at 10 North Grape street which she formerly ran.

She purchased the old Vendome hotel in Ashland but only remained there seven days.

CARNEGIE GIVES MORE TO ENDOWMENT FUND

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—Andrew Carnegie today announced the addition of \$10,000,000 to the Carnegie Institute endowment fund. This makes a total of \$25,000,000. The addition was made, he said, because the work of the institute had been unexpectedly satisfactory.

STORM CAUSED A \$60,000 LOSS IN PORTLAND

Willamette Still Steadily Rising but Weather Bureau Says It Will Soon Fall—Dozen Homes Are Washed Away.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 20.—Flooding of the lands along the upper reaches of the Willamette river have practically removed all possibility of a bad flood in the vicinity of Portland and though the high waters and rains combined have caused an estimated damage of \$60,000 in Portland and its suburbs it is believed today that but little further harm will result. The Willamette is still rising slowly but the weather bureau predicted today that it will soon begin to recede. A few of the lower docks are flooded.

Reports from Oregon City indicated that the paper mills, endangered yesterday, are now safe.

It is believed that the crest of the flood will strike Oregon City some time this afternoon and Portland this evening.

The heaviest damage sustained from flood waters in the vicinity of Portland was at Lents, a suburb. Johnson creek, a tributary of the Willamette river, overflowed its banks and carried away a dozen homes and rendered over two score persons temporarily homeless. The damage was estimated at \$40,000.

TO INVESTIGATE ASYLUM EXPENSE

Bowerman in Senate Attacks Present Asylum Regime—Says Wanton Extravagance Has Held Sway of Late.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 20.—It is probable that a demand will be made for an investigation of the administration of Dr. L. E. Steiner, superintendent of the Oregon insane asylum, as a result of the outburst in the senate yesterday afternoon, when Senator Bowerman attacked the present asylum regime and charged that wanton extravagance obtained since Steiner took control. In an interview Steiner admitted that the cost of operating the asylum is higher than it has been previously, but he excused himself by asserting that the "higher cost of living is responsible."

Bowerman's speech was delivered in upholding his action in appointing Dr. J. D. Plamondon as superintendent of the Eastern Oregon branch asylum while he was acting governor. Plamondon was removed by Governor West immediately after West was inaugurated, as was expected by both Bowerman and Plamondon.

Bowerman asserted that the cost of caring for the asylum patients has increased practically one-third since Steiner took charge, and that while he was acting governor he was compelled to tell the asylum superintendent that he would have to cut down his expenses materially.

In support of his contentions Bowerman read a large number of vouchers which showed among other things that \$12,000 had been spent in completing the furnishing of two physicians' cottages for which the legislature appropriated \$7500. Wine glasses, automobile up-keep mounting into the hundreds, expensive walnut furniture, lace curtains and valuable rugs, all figured in the vouchers as read off on the senate floor.

MEDFORD TO BE SUPPLY BASE FOR SOLDIERS

Camping and Maneuver Grounds Containing 126 Square Miles, Is to Be Set Aside Within Crater Lake National Forest.

PACIFIC & EASTERN WILL CROSS GROUNDS WANTED

General Maus Makes Request Following Exhaustive Examination Made Late in Summer.

In order to establish a camping ground for the troops assigned to the department of the Columbia, the secretary of war and the department of the interior are in communication relative to the turning over to the army of a territory of 126 square miles now a part of the Crater Lake national park and the Crater Lake national forest.

Brigadier General P. H. Maus, commanding the district of the Columbia, visited the site of the proposed camping ground last year and it is believed that the present negotiations are the outcome of his recommendations.

The territory embraced in the proposal consists of townships 30, 31, 32 and the northern half of 33 south, in range 6 east, and it comprises 16x6 miles of the Crater national park and 7x6 miles in the national forest.

The location at the headwaters of Klamath lake and on Seven-Mile and Anna creeks will, when the P. & E. railroad is completed through there, place the grounds in direct proximity to Medford. This, together with the establishment of proper freight rates, will mean that Medford will not only become the largest jobbing center, with the exception of Portland, in Oregon, but also a supply base for the army.

Considerable talk of establishing the camping ground on the Indian reservation near Klamath Falls was made prior to the visit of General Maus to the site at present under advisement, but since that time no mention of such a move has been made.

The selection of the local site will mean that the soldiers stationed at the encampment will, upon the completion of the P. & E., come to Medford to spend their leave of absence. This feature alone promises the monthly circulation of large sums of money in the city.

MIKADO TAKES SEVERE ACTION

Demands That His Ministers Keep Their Places—Action Is One of the Most Momentous in the History of the Japanese Empire.

TOKIO, Jan. 20.—Indication that the mikado has decided on the most severe action to date in the history of socialism in Japan came today when he summoned Premier Katsura and Ministers Oura, Hirata and Komatsudara and refused to accept the resignations of their portfolios, tendered as a result of the condemnation of 26 socialists alleged to have conspired against the life of the emperor. The action is taken here as being one of the most momentous in the history of the empire.

EPIDEMIC OF ROBBERIES STARTLES LOS ANGELES

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 20.—Following scores of robberies which have occurred during the past three weeks, a street car was held up at Forty-eighth street and Arlington avenue by two masked and armed men early today. Conductor Greer and Motorman Patton were relieved of \$45 and two gold watches.

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

LOCAL TRAFFIC BUREAU SEEKS CHANGE IN LAW

Jackson County Delegation In Legislature Is Requested to Amend Serious Defect In Railroad Commission Law, Now Hardship.

WANT TESTIMONY FILED AT OPENING HEARING

Present System Gives Railroad Great Chance to Stall Around and Keep Justice at Bay.

Jackson county's legislative delegation has been requested by the Medford traffic bureau to amend a serious defect in the railroad commission law, which at present works greatly to the disadvantage of complainants and to the advantage of the railroads. It is to compel both parties to file their testimony at the opening hearing, as is done in civil cases.

At the hearing of the Medford cases the complainant made its case fully at the opening hearing, but no attempt was made by the defendant railroad to introduce any evidence or swear any witness. An adjournment was asked for and all delay possible secured. This gave the railroad three weeks in which to analyze the evidence of the complainant and resulted in great disadvantage to Medford, working an injustice in permitting the defendant to have all the evidence of the plaintiff before answer.

Medford urges that the law be amended so that principal evidence of both parties is submitted at the opening hearing, as in civil cases.

A RANCH FOR STRIKERS PLAN

From Thirty to Fifty Thousand Acres to Be Purchased On Which Strikers or Men Out of Employment Will Be Taken Care Of.

SAN RAFAEL, Cal., Jan. 20.—A committee to be appointed at the session of the state building trades council here late today will be entrusted with the purchase of a big ranch to be used as a base of supplies in times of industrial war, according to Secretary Tveitmo of the council.

Thirty to 50,000 acres will be purchased and strikers or men out of employment will be cared for on the ranch, according to the plan. Funds of the council in times of peace will pay for the original cost.

"We hope to secure the ranch within the present year," said Tveitmo. "Not only do we expect to employ idle members on it but its products will increase our strike funds."

Tveitmo said the ranch plan had been widely discussed in labor circles before this, but so far as he knew had never been put into operation.

CREST OF FLOOD PASSES IN YAMHILL

M'MINNVILLE, Or., Jan. 20.—It is believed that the crest of the flood in the Yamhill river has passed. The river gauge registered 44 feet shortly after midnight and the waters are falling. While the sky is clouded, indications are that only a little rain will fall, if any. The lowlands are inundated and several homes in the lowlands have been washed away. There was a small loss of livestock.

To find a better furnished room—perhaps at even less rent than you now pay—is surely a task worth a few hours of your time. Arm yourself with some clipped ads—and start on a "little journey!"

MEDFORD BEST CITY IN STATE SAYS J.M. SCOTT

Assistant Passenger Agent of Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation Company Has High Words of Praise for This City.

GREAT INFLUX DUE FROM MEAST THIS YEAR

Says Special Train Will Be Provided for Medford Excursion to South Next Year.

That Medford is the best city in the state in enterprise and the "do something" spirit, is the belief of John M. Scott, assistant passenger agent of the Harriman lines in Oregon, who arrived in the city last evening with the Canadian excursion south. Mr. Scott is unstinted in his words of praise for Medford, classing it among the front ranks of the progressive cities on the Pacific coast.

Mr. Scott states that in his belief the year 1911 will see a greater influx of people into the northwest than ever before in history. The railroad offices are being flooded with inquiries, he asserts.

The colonist rates for 1911 will probably go into effect in the spring, he says, as they will be agreed upon at a meeting to be held at the first of the month in Chicago.

Medford will in all probability, says Mr. Scott, have a special train next year to the annual January excursion to Los Angeles, as the showing this year is remarkable, 212 people leaving Thursday night.

"This is the largest excursion," states the railroad man, "ever leaving a town the size of Medford that I know of. It shows that Medford people are the 'ready money' kind."

BEAR CREEK IS SAFE NOW

Danger From Logs Great While High Water Was On—Creek Goes Down Three Feet During the Night—All Danger to Property Is Now Past.

Fears for the safety of property along the banks of Bear creek were dispelled this morning when it was discovered that the waters had gone down about three feet during the night. Up until last night, the creek remained at the high water level, about six feet higher than under ordinary conditions.

Fearing that the logs in the stream might jam at the bridge approaches, Street Commissioner W. P. Baker put a crew of men to work with pike poles to keep the logs from piling up. Several jams occurred that proved difficult to dislodge, but this morning all danger was found to be over.

EVERY DOG SHOT IN DURKEE BY CITIZENS

BAKER CITY, Or., Jan. 20.—Following a charge of rabid coyotes into the village of Durkee last night, citizens armed themselves and until early today hunted down and shot every dog that they could find. Not a live canine could be found on the streets today. Several persons were attacked by the mad coyotes according to a telephone message received here and it is probable that they will be sent to Portland for the Pasteur treatment.

The dogs were killed as a number of them were bitten by the coyotes and it was feared that they would go mad. This is the first time in memory of the oldest inhabitant that mad coyotes banded together.

SOME BELIEVE IN MR. PEARY, ANYWAY

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 20.—The house committee on naval affairs this afternoon submitted a report declaring that members believed Robert E. Peary had reached the North Pole and was entitled to official recognition at the hands of his countrymen.

RAYNOR PLEADS FOR DIRECT VOTE ON U.S. SENATORS

Urges Every Member of Senate Favoring Direct Vote to Prevent Unnecessary Obstacles Being Placed In Way of the Measure.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 20.—Pleading that every member of the senate in favor of direct election of members to the upper house of congress do everything in his power to prevent unnecessary obstacles being placed in the way of the measure Senator Raynor of Maryland spoke today.

"It is evident that every member of the senate has already decided how he will cast his vote on this proposition which will mean its death. I urge the mtg give their earnest and sincere support to the measure."

HIST! 'TIS GOING TO CLEAR UP SOON

Local Weather Man Dopes It Out On His Little Barometer—Rogue River Falling Rapidly—Reached Twelve Foot Stage.

It is going to clear up. At least that is what Professor P. J. O'Gara, the local weather man, says, and he doped it out on a little clock looking arrangement he calls a barometer, which has moved up two points since yesterday and now registers 30. By tonight the weather should clear, he says, and the Rogue River valley get some of its ordinary weather.

Reports from the north today show that the backbone of the recent storm has broken in the Willamette valley. Rivers are falling and matters are being again adjusted.

Rogue river is down to the six-foot level today. The crest of the flood was reached about 8 o'clock last evening when the 12-foot stage was reached. Since then the stream has been falling steadily.

Bear creek is also falling steadily. The stream at no time was high enough to do any damage.

HINTON RESIGNS FROM POLICE FORCE

Patrolman William Hinton of the police force tendered his resignation to the mayor last night. It will take effect when a relief is appointed to fill the position.

Hinton gave as his reason the fact that he did not care to serve longer in the department since all of his former associates have been replaced by new men.

NO LATE APPOINTMENTS IF THIS BILL IS LAW
SACRAMENTO, Cal., Jan. 20.—Governor Johnson today sent to the legislature making a law which would prevent eleventh hour appointments by outgoing governors. He referred specifically to Gillett's naming of Alden Anderson as bank inspector, T. F. Grant, Jr., labor labor commissioner; Charles Curry and Jacob Transue, building and loan commissioners, characterizing it as "appropriating the public service of the state."

BITTER FIGHT IS NOW ON IN LEGISLATURE

Eaton Attacks Buchanan, Fouts Thompson and McKinney and Makes Specific Charges of Extravagance and Spite.

McKINNEY SAYS EATON IS BOLD LADY KILLER

Roww Occupies About Half Morning Session—Insurgent Fight oLoks Imminent In the House.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 20.—All chance of there being any harmony in the house this session vanished this morning, when Eaton, defeated candidate for speaker, attacked Buchanan, Fouts, Thompson and McKinney, leaders of the organization, and made specific charges of extravagance, spite and favoritism against them.

In return Buchanan charged Eaton with telling untruths, McKinney said an extra female help hired had been employed because of Eaton's lady-killing propensities. Thompson said that Eaton was obstructing the house because he was sore over his defeat.

The row occupied about half the morning session and was occasioned over the unfavorable report of the resolutions committee on Eaton's resolution demanding that all resolutions be reported back from the committee in the order received.

During the hot debate other supporters of Eaton took a hand and frankly stated that if the leaders wanted an insurgent fight, that would go through the entire session, they could get it any time.

Food and Dairy Commission Bailey's job is likely to go, as well as Bailey. A legislative investigating committee is already on his trail and this morning Malarkey of Multnomah introduced a bill in the senate that does away with the position of food and dairy commissioner and puts the work into the hands of the state board of health. Inasmuch as the house and senate have already unanimously decided to investigate Bailey, there is every indication that this measure will pass, and the entire work be handed over to the health board within three months.

Judge McGinn's policy of pardoning first offense culprits will be the policy of all the criminal courts in the state, if Clyde's resolution introduced in the house today is heeded. The resolution states that the term ex-convict is not fit term for any man who might be honest if he had a chance, and urges that McGinn's policy on the serious attention of all Oregon judges be paid.

Bryant, Bonebreak and Mann were named by Speaker Ruak as the house committee on the investigation of the Pendleton asylum site. This gives a majority of the committee to the Bowerman supporters and to the assembly forces. Mann himself is from Pendleton, and the chances of Baker City getting a chance to have the site matter again considered is mighty slim.

From the house and senate bills already in it is certain that more laws will be considered by the present legislature than by any previous session. Instead of decreasing, as expected, the number of legislative measures, the initiative is increasing greatly proposed legislation, chiefly because a large per cent of the members have bills either enlarging or curbing the Oregon system.

TOO MUCH HAIR PUTS WOMAN TO THE BAD

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 20.—Too little hair put Sampson to the bad, but it is because she has too much scalplock that Rose Burns, after beating up three husky policemen, is today starting a "thirty" in the county jail.

Rose, who is no fragile flower, juggles schooners of beer in a dance hall for a living. When the three cops saw the dance hall patrons coming out of doors and windows as though shot from a gun, they but-