

BANK CLEARINGS

Today: \$57,521.73.
 Saturday: \$28,018.76.
 For week ending January 21:
 \$206,641.88.

Rogue River This Year Will Harvest the Greatest Fruit Crop In Its History

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

THE WEATHER

Rain tonight; warmer.
 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.

FIFTH YEAR.

MEDFORD, OREGON, MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 1911.

No. 261.

MODIFICATION OF ROGUE FISH LAW UNLIKELY

Solons Realize That Some Injustice Has Been Done to Hume Interests but They Feel That If an Inch Is Given a Mile Will Be Taken.

EGGLESTON IS VERY BUSY IN THE HOUSE

Eggleston Will Introduce a Bill Providing for a Branch Experiment Station for Southern Oregon.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 23.—The efforts of Messrs. Hume and Humason to secure a modification of the initiative law closing the Rogue river are not very bright in the house. It is realized that some injustice has been done by the law, but most of the legislators are chary of repealing a law so strongly endorsed by the people. Besides it is realized that any modification in the interests of the Humes would arouse Josephine county fishing interests, who would also demand privileges and open the door for further abuse and evasion of the law.

Captain Eggleston introduced the first road bill Thursday evening and had it passed to third reading and up to a vote on adoption, but some of the grangers objected to the section which provides for expenditure of the money under supervision of the highway commission. He didn't want to amend this section, otherwise he could have gotten it through the house then, the plan being to have this section amended in the senate in case the highway bill failed. The principal opposition will be centered on the highway bill. There are a few grange members represented in the house here and they can be depended upon for opposition to any efficient measure for road construction and road administration in this state. It is believed, however, that the principal road bills will get through the house.

Constable Bill Recommended. Eggleston's constable bill has been recommended for passage by the revision of laws committee with certain amendments, which he recommended himself.

Saturday Eggleston was before the committee on elections at their request, and his bill providing for a committee to advise voters on initiative measures. They will recommend the passage of the bill, amended so that this committee shall prepare the ballot title instead of the attorney general as now provided by law. Iren is inclined to oppose the bill, but he is the only man so far seen who objected to it.

Eggleston will introduce the bill the first of next week providing for the establishment of a branch experiment station in southern Oregon. This means a station for Jackson county.

Insane Asylum Grilled.

The feature of the week was the grilling that the insane asylum administration received. There were also criticisms of one or two other institutions. There is politic exaggeration on the Bowerman side. The trouble with the administration of these state institutions is that they have not had any proper supervision. Too much has been put upon the state board, and the state board has comprised only one man for part of the time. Benson has really been unable to attend to it, and Steele has paid no attention to his duty as a member of the board. The result has been that the secretary of state's office, governor's office and the board of administration have been controlled by a lot of clerks. Members of the legislature with a 40 days' session are unable to gain the information that they should have relative to the management of these public institutions. The state makes no money by paying legislators \$3 per day and limiting the sessions to 40 days.

The other night the ways and means committee had a joint session with the senate and listened to the Astorians asking for \$100,000 for their centennial celebration. Albee, who was in the chair, attempted to commit the members by assuring the delegation that he felt there was no member who would not gladly give

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PROSPECTS FOR CROP THIS YEAR MOST BRIGHT

Pears and Newtowns Set Well, and Trees Give Promise of Surpassing Themselves, States Professor P. J. O'Gara, Who Is Closely Watching.

PLENTY OF WATER IS STORED TO ASSURE CROP

With Opening of Spring Trees Will Be Ready to Start Out for Record Breaking Season.

That the year 1911 will witness the harvesting of the greatest fruit crop—apples and pears—the valley has ever seen, is the prediction of P. J. O'Gara, pathologist, who bases his statement upon conditions now existing. Never before since his arrival in the valley, he states, has climatic and other conditions promised more for a crop. While he has as yet been unable to get over the entire valley, he has seen enough to warrant his prediction.

"The pears and Newtown apples are already heavily set with buds and, judicious thinning will cause this fruit to fill out and color highly."

"There is a great reserve supply of moisture in the ground. The snow storm worked a great benefit. In fact, everything tends to assure the greatest crop in the valley's history. "Many additional acres will come into bearing this next year, which will increase the number of cars to be shipped. I have noticed many predictions that 1911 will be a banner year for building in Medford, I want to say that the year will be a banner one from the fruit standpoint also."

LAST DAY OF MONTH WEST'S "PARDON" DAY

SALEM, Or., Jan. 23.—Governor Oswald West has set apart the last day of every month for the purpose of hearing petitions for pardons. The governor says he will not be bothered with petitions for pardons on any other day of the month unless the matter is urgent, but that he will gladly devote the entire day on the last day of each month to pardon matters if it is necessary. Such a rule has been established in other states, but never before in this state. Persons bearing pardons for executive clemency have made it a practice to come with them to the governor whenever they could get a hearing or find him at the capitol.

ANTI-RACE LAW KNOCKED OUT

New York Supreme Court Rules That Law Is Confiscatory and Is Therefore Void—Newcomers in Private Dispatches.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 23.—Private dispatches to racing men here today report that the state supreme court of New York has ruled that the anti-racing law fathered by former Governor Hughes is confiscatory and therefore void.

No Senator Yet In Colorado.

DENVER, Col., Jan. 23.—Failure of a democratic caucus called here for tonight to select a United States senatorial candidate to succeed the late Senator Hughes is predicted today through the alleged back of progressive inclinations in Eper and Adams, the principal aspirants.

Twenty-one of the democratic members of the legislature are pledged to vote for no candidate for senator until assured that certain progressive legislation demanded in the last platform will be passed. As no assurance of an agreement on these matters have yet been reached, it is believed there will be a deadlock on the senatorial selection.

Judge Blair, Undaunted by Death Threats, Continues To Punish West Union (O.) Vote Sellers.



PHOTOS BY AMERICAN PRESS ASSOCIATION. SCENE IN WEST UNION, O. Judge A. Z. Blair of West Union, O., is going ahead with the filing of the hundreds of citizens of Adams county who have confessed to selling their votes for many years. The number of bribery cases is sure to reach 3,000, Judge Blair declares. Threats have been made against his life, but they do not seem to worry him.

RUNAWAY TEAM HURTS OLD MAN

John Shankler, Elderly Rancher of Thompson Creek Suffers Painful Injuries When Buggy He Was Driving Is Crashed Into.

John Shankler, 65 years old, a rancher near Thompson creek, sustained severe injuries last Friday when a buggy in which he was driving was run down by a runaway team.

The injured man was badly cut about the head and face and suffered a severe shock. He was driving along towards his home and had just crossed the lower ford when another team, in charge of Henry Knutzen of Jacksonville, became frightened when the wagon to which they were attached broke down half way across the ford. When the team started to run towards Shankler's buggy Knutzen endeavored to attract the old man's attention but as Shankler is partially deaf he knew nothing until the frightened team dashed into the rear of his buggy.

A physician from Jacksonville who attended Shankler at his home said that his injuries are serious but not fatal.

NOTED AUTHOR IS SHOT DOWN

David Graham Phillips Is Seriously Wounded in Club—Five Shots Fired Into Writer's Body — Man Kills Himself.

NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—David Graham Phillips, the author, was shot and seriously wounded at the Princeton club, on East Twenty-first street today by a man who afterward committed suicide by shooting himself through the head.

The shooting occurred in front of the Princess club. The assailant fired five shots into Phillips' body, and used the sixth to kill himself. Newton James and Frank Davis, members of the club, were descending the steps of the building at the time and caught Phillips as he was falling. The author gasped: "Some fellow shot me." He was carried into the club and later rushed to Bellevue hospital. His condition is critical. Pending the arrival of the coroner, no attempt has been made to identify Phillips' assailant.

Medford Mail Tribune Want ads are business bringers.

J. PLUV O'GARA SPOILS IT ALL

Just as the Valley Was Beginning to Flower Under the Rays of an Effulgent Sun, He Comes Along With a Rain Storm.

J. Pluvins O'Gara has spoiled it all. After letting Medford and the Rogue River valley bask in the rays of as fair a sun as the world has ever seen, he comes along with a gentle little announcement that tonight it will rain. But one extenuating circumstance takes the edge off the ultimatum and that is that it will be warmer.

During the past two days the Rogue River valley has been enjoying its usual fine weather. It was hoped that it would continue for a week or two at least but the weather man has spoiled it all.

TRY ALLEGED HOG RUSTLER

Case of State Against John O'Connor Begun in Circuit Court This Morning—Charge of Grand Larceny Preferred Against Defendant.

The trial of John O'Connor, charged with grand larceny, was started before Judge F. M. Calkins in the circuit court in Jacksonville this morning.

O'Connor, who lives near Butte creek, is alleged to have stolen a number of pigs from F. Y. Allen of Trail last September and to have disposed of them as pork. In the warrants sworn out for their arrests, Everett Edsall, O'Connor's brother-in-law, was named as an accomplice. Both men disappeared before the warrants were served, but O'Connor was arrested by the police authorities of Vallejo, Cal., and brought back. Edsall is still at large.

At the session this morning work of empanelling the jury was commenced, but it is not expected that the jury list will be filled until tomorrow.

District Attorney B. F. Mulkey is prosecuting the case and Attorney Gus Newberry is appearing for the defendant.

If the real estate ad "reads all right," go and see the property, and you'll probably find that the ad is "straight" and candid.

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

UNITED WEST IS VS. SOLID SOUTH

President Receives Over 30,000 Telegrams From West Urging Him to Work for San Francisco as Site for Exposition.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 23.—As a result of announcements published in western papers today, President Taft received this morning telegrams from 509 commercial organizations demanding consideration of the United west as against the "solid south" in placing the site for the Panama fair in 1915.

At noon more than 30,000 telegrams had been filed in western communities for the president, according to an announcement from the headquarters of the San Francisco boomers. All the messages presented the demands of the west that President Taft vigorously aid in securing the fair for the coast.

Activity of the western boomers today makes the efforts of the New Orleans backers appear tame. The capital has seldom seen such a fire of demands, pleas and protestations as San Francisco concentrated on congress today preparatory to tomorrow's contest, and it is generally said: "If hustle will get the fair, San Francisco will win."

RE HEARING IS GRANTED RUEF

Supreme Court of California Gives Frisco Boodler Another Chance—Appellate Court Turned Him Down Some Months Ago.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 23.—The state supreme court today ordered a rehearing before the appellate court of the plea of Abraham Ruef for a new trial on the indictment under which he was convicted of bribery and sentenced to 14 years imprisonment at San Quentin.

The indictment was brought in the "trolley" cases and was tried before Superior Judge Lawlor.

Ruef was convicted in November, 1907, and since then has had his case on appeal. The appeal was denied by the appellate court eight months ago.

MARSHFIELD, Mo., Jan. 23.—Admitting only of a verdict of first or second degree murder, Judge Skinner read his charge to the jury at the trial of Walter Dibley and Goldie Smith, charged with the murder of Middleweight Champion Stanley Ketchel today.

WILL PUT BAN ON SALE OF ALL FISH OF ROGUE

Bill to That Effect Is Introduced in Legislature—Eleven New Would-Be Laws Are Introduced in as Many Minutes.

EXPERIMENT STATION FOR ROGUE IS ASKED

Clyde's Free Text Book Bill Passes—New Masonic Body Is Hit by Buchanan's Measure.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 23.—Eleven would-be laws hit the house in ten minutes this morning. This makes 184 in one branch of the legislature in two weeks, which is a record down this way. A southern Oregon experiment station, new and higher bonds for the treasurer of Multnomah county, a ban on the sale of all fish caught in the Rogue river, and forbidding the pursuing of any business under an assumed name, unless said name is registered with the county clerk, are among the things provided for in the new measures.

Clyde's free textbook bill passed the house almost unanimously this morning and favorable action from the senate is expected. This bill gives the voters in any school district the right to decide whether the district shall provide books free to all the pupils or not and to a certain extent curbs the present graft of the school book trust by taking out of the hands of the book clique the selection of textbooks.

House bill number 6 by Buchanan passed this morning in the house. The measure is directly aimed at the new Masonic body that is operating in Oregon and that claims it has its authority direct from the Scottish charter body. This bill provides penalties for the use of the insignia, passwords or other secret lodge credentials by anybody not authorized by the state grand lodge. This affects practically only the Masons, makes the Oregon grand lodge the controlling body of the state, and makes it illegal and a misdemeanor for any other body of Masons to seek or accept members.

House bill No. 173 introduced this morning will give Multnomah county two more circuit judges at the same salaries—\$4000—the present judge receive. This will give Multnomah county seven judges, and the material increase, costing more than \$10,000 a year, was neither expected by members of the Multnomah delegation, nor so far as can be discovered here, regarded as necessary even by the Multnomah Bar association. The two additional judges could be appointed by the governor to serve until the next general election.

WILL BURY MAN WHO DIED ALONE

Aged Carpenter, Who Was Found Dead in Bed, to Be Interred in Catholic Cemetery with Catholic Rites—Sister Telegraphs

George Boggs, 65 years old, who was found dead in bed at his lodgings at 796 South Oakdale street a week ago last Saturday, will be buried tomorrow in the Catholic cemetery at Jacksonville.

Boggs' death was caused by an attack of heart failure, suffered during the night, and he was found to have expired when called for breakfast.

The deceased was a carpenter by trade and formerly a member of the union, but investigation after his death revealed that his union card was not up to date, and on those grounds the local lodge of the organization refused to assume the responsibility of the interment.

From his effects, Deputy Coroner John A. Perl, who took charge of the body, discovered that Boggs had a sister in Chicago, and a telegram to her brought an answer this morning

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PROGRESSIVE REPUBLICANS GET TOGETHER

Formal Announcement of the National Republican Progressive League Is Made—Senators, Governors and Congressmen Sign.

BOURNE IS PRESIDENT; NORRIS, VICE PRESIDENT

Object of League Is Promotion of Popular Government and Progressive Legislation in Nation.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 23.—Formal announcement was made today of the organization of the national republican progressive league. It was formed by progressive republican senators, governors, congressmen and others to make a nation-wide, systematic fight for popular government.

Plans that have been under way since the opening of congress were consummated at a meeting Saturday night, when a declaration of principles was signed and a constitution adopted and the following officers elected:

Bourne Is President.
 President, Senator Bourne of Oregon.
 First vice-president, Congressman Norris of Nebraska.

Second vice-president, Governor Osborne of Michigan.

Treasurer, Charles Crane, Chicago.
 Executive committee — Senators Clapp of Minnesota and Bristow and Lenroot of Wisconsin, Representative-elect William Kent of California, Gifford Pinchot of Pennsylvania, George L. Record of New Jersey.

Want Popular Government.

The declaration of principles was signed by nine republican United States senators, the governors of six republican states and 15 members of the house.

"The object of the league is the promotion of popular government and progressive legislation. "Popular government in America has been thwarted, progressive legislation strangled by special interests which control caucuses, delegates to conventions and party organizations, and through the control of the machinery of the government, dictate nominations and platforms and elect administrations, legislatures, representatives in congress, United States senators and control cabinet offices," says the declaration.

Public Interest Thwarted.

"Under existing conditions, legislation in the public interest has been muffled and defeated. This is evidenced by a long struggle to secure laws but partially effective, for control of railway rates and services and a revision of the tariff in the interest of the producer and consumer; statutes dealing with trusts and combinations, based on sound economic principles as applied to modern industrial and commercial conditions; wise, comprehensive and impartial construction of the banking and monetary laws; conservation of coal, oil, gas, timber, water power sites and other natural resources belonging to the people, and for the enactment of all legislation solely for the common good.

States Point the Way.

"Just in proportion as popular government has in certain states superseded the delegate convention system and the people have assumed control of the machinery of government, has government become responsive to the popular will and legislation been secured.

"The Progressive Republican league believes that popular government is fundamental to all other questions. To this end it advocates:

"1—Election of United States senators by direct vote of people.
 "2—Direct primaries for the nomination of all elective officials.

"3—Direct election of delegates to national conventions with the opportunity of the voter to express his choice for president and vice-president.

"4—Amendment of state constitutions providing for the initiative, referendum and recall.

"5—A thorough-going corrupt practices act."

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