

WEATHER
CLEAR AND WARMER

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

CLEARINGS
Bank clearings today were \$38,554.27

FORTIETH YEAR.

MEDFORD, OREGON, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1911.

No. 270.

GREAT FLOODS BLOCK TRAINS IN CALIFORNIA

Southern Pacific Has Operated No Trains Out of Stockton via San Francisco for Past 12 Hours—Western Pacific Suffers.

RIVER TWO FEET ABOVE ALL PREVIOUS RECORDS

Southern Pacific Bridges Damaged—Communication With Sacramento Is Cut Off.

STOCKTON, Cal., Feb. 2.—The Southern Pacific Company has operated no trains out of Stockton via San Francisco for 12 hours. The Western Pacific is tied up by wash-outs and probably will be unable to operate trains for three days.

The Santa Fe has the only line which has not suffered from the floods sweeping the San Joaquin Valley. Water in the San Joaquin River is subsiding today and the situation is beginning to clear up, although the lower island districts near the junction of the Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers have not yet received their highest water. Yesterday the river at the Lathrop Bridge rose to 21 feet, two feet above previous records. Two breaks in the levee, one on district 17 and one on the Kasson place near Banta, have relieved the pressure and caused the river to fall. District 17, the largest reclamation in San Joaquin County comprising 15,000 acres, is inundated.

The French Camp section and the Moss tract, South West of Stockton are flooded.

One of the Southern Pacific steel bridges between Lathrop and Tracy is damaged and the line between here and San Francisco is blocked. Between Stockton and Lodi there is a washout on the Southern Pacific cutting off communication with Sacramento. The Central California Traction Company has not seen its rails for three days on a mile stretch north of the Calaveras River and yet it is operating trains. The third rail system is out and a steam engine is being used to pull cars through the flooded district. Communication with Oakdale, Milton Angels Camp and the Mountain section will be cut off for some time. A number of bridges have been swept out.

DEATH RIDES STORM CLOUDS

Over Two Hundred Deaths Reported as Result of Storm Raging Along Coast of Spain—Death List May Increase.

MADRID, Feb. 2.—Two hundred deaths were reported today from a storm that raged along the coast of Spain. When reports from outlying towns now cut off are received it is expected that at least fifty more will be added to the death list. There was no abatement today in the storm, and shipping is at a standstill. It is feared that a number of wrecks have occurred. Hundreds of craft have sought refuge in harbors.

DIED IN SALEM; BURIED AT HOME

The funeral of Thomas H. Gilson, formerly a resident of Jacksonville, who died last Tuesday in a hospital in Salem, took place in the Jacksonville cemetery this afternoon. Mr. Gilson is survived by two daughters, Mrs. William Deneff and Mrs. Chris. Ulrich of Jacksonville.

Germany Alarmed Over Emperor William's Health.



BERLIN, Feb. 2.—The entire German people are alarmed today over a report emanating from the palace that the Kaiser is seriously ill. Three specialists were summoned at a late hour last night. At the palace it is claimed that Wilhelm is suffering only from a slight attack of indigestion. For some months, however, he has not been well.

TO MAKE THIS CONVENTION CITY ELECTRIC PLANT FOR EAGLE POINT

Commercial Club, Aided by Ed. Warner, Has Already Secured Oregon Merchants Association Convention for Next Year—After Others. Engineers Complete Surveys—Present Plans Call for Completion of Plant by Early Fall—Much Work Being Done in Little City.

With a hall in the Natorium building capable of seating comfortably 2500 people and the prospect of having one of the finest hotels in the state before the coming fall, Medford will next year endeavor to become a "convention city" and has already completed arrangements for the holding of the convention of the Oregon Retail Merchants association convention here next January.

As a delegate from Medford to the convention of the merchants recently held in Salem, Edward Warner, a member of the firm of Warren, Wortman and Gore of this city, secured the choosing of this city for next year with the result that, some time next January, Medford will entertain about 500 Oregon merchants and their wives and families for a period of three or four days.

At the convention in Salem almost 300 delegates were in attendance but it was prophesied then that by next year the membership of the association will have grown to about 500.

The Commercial Club, through Secretary Malboeuf, is communicating with a number of other associations and has already succeeded in placing the advantages of Medford before them in such a way that several have promised to give this city serious consideration.

ALL WEIGHT CARRYING RECORDS ARE BROKEN

PAU, France, Feb. 2.—Aviation weight carrying records for all countries went to smash today when Aviator Lemartin, with seven passengers, in a four seated Blériot monoplane, flew over the Pau aerodrome.

The combined weight of Lemartin and his passengers was 1,112 pounds this being by far the greatest weight ever conveyed by a heavier than air machine.

REBEL ATTACK ON JUAREZ IS BLOODY AFFAIR

Long Lines of Riderless Horses With Blood Stained Saddles Stampede Into American Territory—Passengers Were Marooned.

500 TROOPS ARE NOW BUSY WITH DYNAMITE

Great Force of Rebels Engage in Battle With Federal Troops—Trains Are Detained.

EL PASO, Texas, Feb. 2.—American Consul Edwards at Juarez this afternoon ordered all Americans to leave the city. He believes mines have been planted under the government buildings to blow up the rebel force if it attempts to sack the city.

EL PASO, Texas, Feb. 2.—A rebel attack on Juarez, Mexico began today. 500 cavalry and infantry are engaging the attacking force of the rebel under General Pascual Orozco, whose soldiers on the advance between Juarez and Samalayuca.

Evidence that the first clash of the forces was a blood one are seen today in the long lines of riderless horses with the blood stained saddles which are stampeding across the border into American territory.

Orozco's force reached Samalayuca yesterday on two commandeered Mexican Central trains. They detained there, retaining two engines and enough cars to convey them toward Juarez.

Garfield at Front. Passenger trains bearing 100 Americans, including James R. Garfield, arrived at Juarez at midnight and gave the alarm after they had been marooned three days in the Mexican desert.

The Juarez military authorities rushed 500 troops with dynamite to destroy the five mile bridge between Juarez and Samalayuca and succeeded in blowing it up just before the arrival of Orozco's train with the rebel force aboard.

Orozco, seeing his advance discovered, then abandoned the trains and the rebels advanced on foot in a crescent shaped formation.

The desperate nature of the battle which has been in progress since the forces clashed is indicated by the fact that of 114 Mexican infantrymen which left Juarez this morning only 68 had returned at 10 o'clock. Four of the contingent, badly wounded, arrived on a handcar. Two soldiers are known to have been killed by the rebel forces, and it is said, at this hour, it is unknown how many others have fallen.

There is every evidence of the reports that the returning soldiers that the rebels are winning.

Juarez, terror stricken at near approach of real fighting, is under martial law and the street cars connecting it with this city have been stopped.

Ultimatum Delivered. It is reported that General Orozco has delivered an ultimatum to American Consul Edwards at Juarez and to Mexican Consul Lombi here, demanding that Juarez be surrendered to prevent further bloodshed.

Orozco threatened to attack the city in earnest this afternoon unless his terms were accepted. At noon the rebels were reported to have advanced to within four miles of Juarez, where they were preparing for a concerted attack.

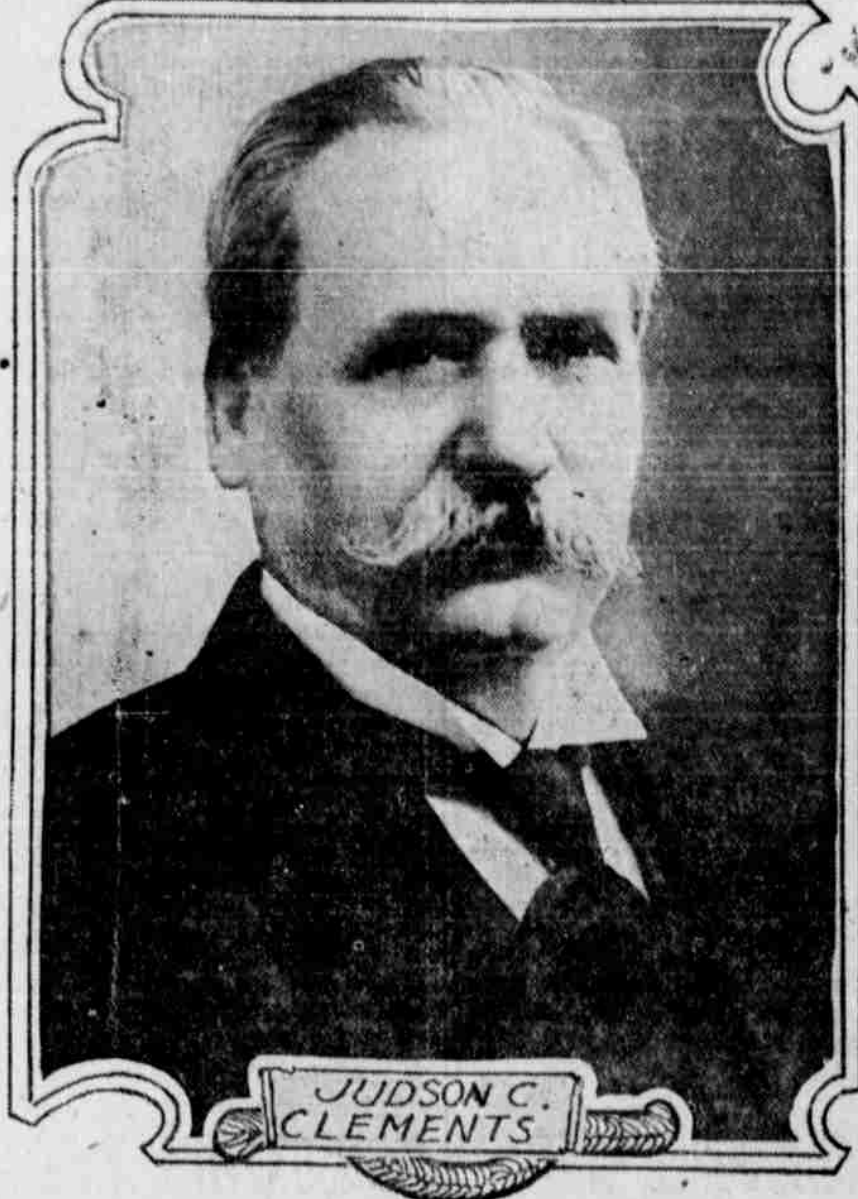
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No Change in Levy. SACRAMENTO, Cal., Feb. 2.—The Panama International Exposition stands as a bar to every attempted amendment of the state revenue laws, according to Senator Curtin.

Radical Member Is Chosen Head Of Interstate Commerce Board.



In Judson C. Clements the interstate commerce commission has elected one of its most radical members chairman. He succeeds M. A. Knapp, now presiding justice of the new court of commerce, but it is said President Taft was anxious for the selection of Commissioner Edgar E. Clark of Iowa, a Republican. The commission, however, followed its rule of choosing the ranking member. This elevates another Democrat to a high office. Mr. Clements was a strong supporter of the interstate board's fight for jurisdiction over the railroads some ten years ago. It is said that none of his written opinions has ever been overturned by the supreme court. Judge Clements served in the Confederate army and then in the Georgia legislature and congress. He was made an interstate commissioner in 1902 by President Harrison. He is a strong advocate of the physical valuation of railroads.

BODIES BURNED BY WHOLESALE

Plague Victims Are Piled Up Like Cordwood and Burned—Pyre Soaked in Kerosene—Dead in Two Hours.

PEKING, Feb. 2.—Stacked up like cordwood, the bodies of plague victims have been burned by the hundreds at Harbin and other scourge-stricken cities today. Several hundred coffins, containing the dead, were placed, end up, frozen, uncoffined bodies piled on top, and the torch applied by soldiers after the pyre had been soaked in kerosene.

The burning took place two miles outside the city. The wholesale cremation of bodies continued all day.

Dr. G. Raham Ashland, of the Church of England, mission, who, with his wife, is at Harbin, telegraphed today that "the virulence of the disease is simply incredible. Men are walking about and declaring themselves in perfect health, when suddenly they develop a temperature as high as 40 degrees centigrade. In two or three hours they are dead."

The fatalities in the native city average 150 a day. Of these from 40 to 60 occur at the isolation hospitals. The remainder are persons picked up in the streets by the sanitary force.

ANOTHER BRIDGE TO SPAN ROGUE RIVER

The county court yesterday granted a request of a number of Gold Hill citizens for a bridge across the Rogue River at that place. Work will probably be started on the structure next summer.

The bridge will cost approximately \$1500 which will be taken from the road tax money.

If you are sure that your store offers better values than any other in your line, be equally sure that it is better advertised.

CHILDREN ARE SOLD FOR FOOD

Famine Stalks Through Chinese Provinces—Two Hundred Thousand Families Without Food—Unburied Dead Line Roadways.

NANKING, China, Feb. 2.—Declaration that 2,500,000 people are affected by famine in Kiang Su and Anhui provinces, and that children are being sold for food by famishing thousands are made here today by missionaries who have just arrived from the stricken region.

Tales of shocking conditions in the famine country are told by the missionaries, and many of the details are unprintable. Two hundred thousand families, they say are without food, shelter or clothing, and in the rural districts the unburied dead line the roadways, and famine, fever and loathsome diseases are decimating the gaunt and starving victims.

The famine is due to a flood of the Kwai River, which destroyed all the crops in the region.

RURALES ARRIVE TO GUARD TIA JUANA

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Feb. 2.—Seven mounted rurales arrived from Eusemada today, across the Mexican border here and 50 more are expected tonight to aid the citizens in guarding the town from attack by rebels.

The seven Diaz soldiers reported that their detachment had scattered after leaving Eusemada in order to make sure that Desencano, Russian Guadalupe and other towns were safe.

Lieutenant Governor Larroque has ordered all Americans on the Mexican side to remove guns and ammunition across the border to prevent seizure by the rebels. Governor Calvo Vega of Lower California has arrived in Guadalupe with 60 soldiers and will proceed either to Tia Juana or Tecuati and Mexicali.

OCTOBER 12 IS FULL FLEDGED LEGAL HOLIDAY

Rockliff's Measure Abolishing Treating in Saloons Killed by Senate—House Passes a Large Amount of Bills During This Morning's

KELLAHER SLIPS ONE OVER ON COLLEAGUES

Wordy War Is Expected This Afternoon in Senate—Will Try and Have Protest Expunged.

SALEM, Feb. 2.—The twelfth of October is now a full fledged legal holiday in Oregon. Governor West today signed the bill which passed both houses' without much opposition.

Fouts' bill to create a judge for the juvenile court of Multnomah County, and Rockliff's measure abolishing treating in saloons were killed in the house this morning.

Senators Abraham, Malarkey, Nottingham, Bowerman and Carsou were incensed this morning when they made the discovery that Kellaher put one over on them by having his famous protest made a matter of record. The five senators were severely castigated by the Multnomah man, and an effort will be made to have the entire protest expunged from the senate journal. Bowerman asked that the question be made a special order of business for this afternoon's session, and it is expected that a large crowd will be on hand to see the fireworks.

The following bills passed the house today: H. B. 280, Jones, repealing license for sale of opium; H. B. 228, Clemens, making it a crime for a non member to wear a badge of a fraternity; H. B. 95, Peterson, relating to levying of taxes for schools; H. B. 75, Thompson, relating to salary of judge of thirteenth Judicial District; H. B. 180, Carter, providing for the eschewing of money belonging to patients of Oregon Insane Asylum; H. B. 123, Miller, of Columbia, providing for additional costs in actions for wages; H. B. 140, Hollis, to create a board of fish and game commissioners.

FISH AND GAME ACT IS PASSED

House Passes Measure Designed to Place Fish and Game of State in Hands of a State Board of Commissioners.

SALEM, Feb. 2.—The house today passed the bill providing for a board of fish and game commissioners.

For an act to create a state board of fish and game commissioners; to prescribe and define their rights, powers and duties; to provide for their salaries and expenses; to provide for the better protection and propagation of fish and game and non-game birds in the state of Oregon, and to repeal all acts or parts of acts in conflict with this act.

Be it enacted by the people of the state of Oregon:

Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

Section 1. There shall be and it hereby created a state board of fish and game commissioners, which shall consist of five members, each of whom shall be a citizen and resident of the state of Oregon; four of said members shall be appointed by the governor (no more than two of whom shall be of the same political party), and the fifth shall be the president of the Oregon Agricultural College. The term of office of the members of said board shall be four years, but of those members of said board first appointed one shall be appointed for one year, one for two years, one for three years, and one for four years, and each member of said board shall hold office until his successor shall (Continued on Page 5.)