

CLEARINGS Bank clearings today were \$44,191.10.

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

WEATHER Clear tonight.

FORTIETH YEAR.

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MALARKEY BILL FINDS FRIENDS IN COMMITTEE

Public Utility Measure is Reported Favorably and is Made Special Order of the Day—Kellaher Says Proposed Law is Full of Jokers.

OREGON SOLDIER BOYS GAIN BIG INCREASE

Bailey Hangs on to His Job—Senate Tables Changes—Charges Hurlled in Senate Over Bill.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 8.—Malarkey's public utility bill was reported favorably in the senate today by the railroad commission. Senator Kellaher, chairman of the committee, brought in a minority report in which he charged that Malarkey's measure was "full of jokers."

National Guard Gets Coin. His bill No. 72, which increases the annual appropriation of the Oregon national guard from \$45,000 to \$70,000, went sailing through the house at this morning's session.

Governor West today received a telegram from the Seattle chamber of commerce asking the state organization to assist the plague sufferers in China.

Bailey Hangs On. All the charges against Dairy and Food Commissioner Bailey may be dropped. The senate today followed the example set by the house yesterday by tabling the charges.

Charges and counter-charges were hurled back and forth this morning in the house during the debate on Bowerman's bill creating the office of assistant secretary of state.

"A Fat Job." "This looks like a scheme of the old machine to provide a fat job for somebody, and the members of this house should vote it down," said Brownhill.

McKinney accused those who opposed the bill of not being good republicans, and Fouts promptly retorted that the republican party in Oregon met defeat for passing such laws as the one before the public.

MENACE TO ALFONSO CROSSES GREAT DIVIDE

MADRID, Feb. 8.—One great menace to the reign of King Alfonso was removed today when Juan Costa, leader of the Spanish republicans, died here.

Times Suspect Released.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Feb. 8.—Charles Smith held here several days as a suspect in connection with the dynamiting of the Times plant in Los Angeles last October, is at liberty today.

He was released after a brief conversation with a representative of the Los Angeles district attorney's office.

YOUNGEST COUPLE EVER WED IN THIS COUNTY GET LICENSE

Son of Rev. Robert Ennis to Wed Sister of Dr. T. W. Hester—Each Seventeen Years Old.

The Rev. Robert Ennis, pastor of the Presbyterian church of Jacksonville, accompanied by Dr. T. W. Hester, also of that place, visited the office of County Clerk William R. Coleman this morning and gravely informed Deputy Clerk Flora Thompson that they had come for a marriage license.

After the first shock, Miss Thompson ascertained that the license was for the marriage of Worden Ennis, the 17-year-old son of the minister, to Miss Mary Hester, also 17, and the sister of Dr. Hester.

The wedding ceremony will take place this afternoon at the home of the bride's parents in Jacksonville.

The two principals, who date the beginning of their romance back to the days when the nether garments of each were abbreviated close to the knees, are the youngest to have ever secured a marriage license at the Jackson county courthouse, and, so far as the memories of the oldest of the old timers in this vicinity date back, are the youngest couple to launch a matrimonial craft ever known in southern Oregon.

The bridegroom, who appears much older than 17, is employed in the mines near Jacksonville, and the youthful bride came home from Newburg, where she has been attending school, only last Sunday.

The wedding will be a quiet home affair.

ANARCHY SPREADS THROUGH EUROPE

High Officials of Russian Police Say Their Agents Have Warned Them of Great Trouble Which is to Come in the Near Future.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 8.—Europe is on the eve of a desperate struggle with anarchy, according to high officials of the Russian police today, who say their agents have warned them of trouble in the near future.

The arrest in Buda Pest of Dr. Pater Saranoff of Moscow for a plot to kill Czar Nicholas, the breaking up of a Charlottenburg conspiracy to assassinate the kaiser, the renewal of bomb outrages at Barcelona, Spain, and the activity of the anarchists in France and Italy, the police say, all point to a renewal of the terrorist activity.

CHARGES WIFE WITH CRUELTY

Charles M. Rexford Asks Divorce From His Wife, Alice, on Grounds That She Abuses Him in Presence of Children—Married Here in 1880.

Charging his wife, Alice Rexford, with having treated him in a cruel and inhuman manner, and alleging that for several months past she has refused to live with him and that she has boasted to neighbors of the humiliation and personal indignities that she has heaped upon him, Charles M. Rexford, of Jackson county, filed papers in the circuit court yesterday asking for an absolute divorce.

According to the complaint, the couple were married in this county in 1880. They have five children, the youngest of which a girl, is now fourteen years old.

Rexford asserts that he has at all times provided for his wife and family to the best of his ability, but that of late his wife has developed an ungovernable temper.

SAN FRANCISCO WINS IN SENATE

Senate Committee on Expositions Votes Unanimously in Favor of Pacific Coast City For Panama Exposition.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 8.—The senate committee on expositions today voted unanimously in favor of San Francisco for the Panama Fair. The action of the committee virtually ends the opposition of New Orleans to the selection of San Francisco. It is believed the resolution reported favorably by the senate committee will soon be adopted by the senate.

TAFT TO FORCE CONGRESS TO ACT

Will Stand No Dilatory Tactics By Congress in Any Attempt to Hold Up a Vote on Legislation He Favors.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 8.—President Taft today made it plain that he will stand no dilatory tactics by congress in any attempt to hold up a vote on legislation he desires.

The president summoned Senators Crane (Massachusetts) and Carter (Montana) and placed upon them the responsibility for an extra session, described as "an informal talk on legislation." It was learned at its conclusion that the president came out flat with the declaration that he must have certain of his measures passed, even if it required another session.

The senators said they would attempt to secure consideration of the various measures.

HIGH COST OF SISKIYOU GRADE

Southern Pacific Officials Testify Regarding the Expense of Mountain Operation as an Excuse for Resisting Ordered Reduction in Rates.

PORTLAND, Feb. 8.—General Superintendent J. M. Davis of the California division of the Southern Pacific railway, told a story of almost insuperable difficulties encountered by the company in operating over the Siskiyou mountains to Examiner Ward Prouty of the interstate commerce commission today. He gave this recital to prove that the company could not afford to haul lumber across this formidable range for \$3.40 and \$3.60 a ton, as ordered by the commission.

The maximum grade on the Siskiyou is 3.3 per cent, and for 52 miles of the mountain section the curvature ranges from 6 to 14 degrees. In a distance of 297 miles there is 197 miles of the track on a curve, only 100 miles of the reach being left on a tangent.

In the matter of brake shoes alone the general superintendent declared the company underwent a heavy expense at this point, because of the extraordinary grades. In the past year he said that 11,179 shoes had been removed from company trains at Ashland, whereas only 164 were removed at Red Bluff, on the southern run. Shoes are about two inches thick when put on, but when it is found at Ashland that they are worn to 3/4 inches thickness, they are removed, because it is found that crossing the mountains will wear out more than a half inch shoe.

New York Senatorial Fight May Cause Downfall Of Present Big Chief of Tammany Hall Braves.



An unexpected phase of the fierce battle for the senatorial seat of Chamney M. Depew was the revolt against Charles F. Murphy, boss of Tammany Hall, which may result in his dethronement from the powerful office he has held for the last ten years.

GOOD ROADS BILLS OVER TO FRIDAY

Representative Westerlund is Given a Chance to Acquaint Himself With the Work Laid Down by Captain Eggleston.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 8.—Consideration of the good roads bills went over in the house until Friday, following some test exchanges between members indicative of the warmth of the battle which will be waged over the subjects when they come up for passage or defeat.

Chairman Mann of the roads and highways committee made the request that the bills be considered at a later date because of the death of Captain M. F. Eggleston of Jackson and the fact that Representative J. A. Westerlund of Jackson, who succeeded him on the committee, has not yet familiarized himself with the bills.

AUSTRIA AND ITALY MAY WAR

Outlook is Regarded With Uneasiness—On Paper Armies is About Equal—Afraid of Intervention—Italians Are Hopeful.

ROME, Feb. 8.—War between Italy and Austria which was recently predicted as inevitable by Admiral Chirri of the Austrian navy, is admitted by Italian statesmen to be near. In official circles here the outlook is regarded with uneasiness, but the Italian people generally regard their country as more than a match for Austria and are determined to force the government into a conflict to recover the Italian provinces now under Austrian rule.

On paper the strength of the two armies is about equal, but the Italians believe their forces are the better organized. On the sea Italy is easily the stronger.

EUROPE FEARS SPREAD OF PLAGUE

Premonitory Plague Which Has Denastated Manchuria is Said to Have Reached Peking—London Papers Fear Spread of it to England.

LONDON, Feb. 8.—Dispatches from China saying the pneumonic plague that has been devastating Manchuria has now reached Peking have alarmed the London papers and today they urge editorially that the most stringent precautions be taken to prevent the spread of the plague to Europe.

ASSEMBLY WAY GET POWER TO INPEACH

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Feb. 8.—Assemblyman Brown will introduce a constitutional law which would compel the assembly to prefer impeachment charges against judges upon petition of 25 per cent of the voters. The senate would try the cases as under the present procedure. He prefers this to the recall of the judiciary.

NEGRO MURDERER IS SURROUNDED IN SWAMP

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 8.—After a two days man hunt Lewis West, negro slayer of Deputy Sheriff Sanford, was surrounded by a posse today in a swamp near Ridge Springs. West is armed.

LOCAL MEN ASK THAT BILL BE NOT CHANGED

Representatives of Rogue River Fish Association Appear Before Fisheries Committee in Legislature and Plead That Bill Be Not Altered.

NOT THOUGHT THAT PLEA WILL BE HEEDED

Strong Fight Against Tampering With People's Law Will Be Made—Will Come Up Soon.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 8.—Representatives of the Rogue River Fish Protection association yesterday appeared before the Fisheries committee of the house and made a strong plea against the bill to repeal the Rogue to commercial fishing. Despite their arguments, the bill will be reported favorably to the house and the fight be transferred there.

The bill placing fish and game central under a commission, which passed the house last week, will probably be adversely reported by the senate committee on game, but friends of the measure claim sufficient strength to pass the bill over the head of the committee.

The Rogue River bill, as amended, opens the river for commercial fishing to Grants Pass, instead of the county boundary as heretofore. This puts the amendment in closed territory.

FOUR GO OUT BY GAS ROUTE

Entire Family Perish by Intent—Struggle for Existence Became too Hard—Parents and Two Children Die.

BROOKLYN, N. Y., Feb. 8.—Four lives went out here today by the gas route when their existence became too fierce. They were Frank Bernard, 32, his wife Marnie, 30, and their two children, George 4, and Daniel, 2 years old.

Unemployed and with all his savings gone, Bernard decided to end the struggle. His wife agreed, and the gas was turned on in their apartments on the third floor of a Brooklyn tenement.

Footlights Call Dr. Cook.

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—Dr. Frederick A. Cook who "thinks" he discovered the North Pole and who is pretty sure that Peary didn't, will start his campaign to reconquer the public of the truth of his position next week on the vaudeville stage with a moving picture show as an adjunct.

Woman Dies By Knife Route.

OMAHA, Neb., Feb. 8.—Mrs. Anton Chuman, the wife of a Bohemian laborer, was stabbed to the heart here today and died in a few minutes. Her husband says the woman was killed when a knife with which she was cutting bread slipped and buried itself in her side. The police doubt the unusual explanation and are keeping Chuman under surveillance.

Killed Father With Lamp

NEW CASTLE, Ind., Feb. 8.—Because he hurled a lighted lamp at his father's head a charge of murder was placed today against William Shields, 23, of Brookville. The lamp knocked the elder Shields unconscious and covered him with burning oil. He died in a hospital several hours later.

Burglars Kill Porter.

BAKERSFIELD, Cal., Feb. 8.—Surprised in the act of looting an East Bakersfield saloon, burglars today shot and fatally wounded Morgan Cumbly, a porter.