

CLEARINGS Bank clearings today were \$31,961.00.

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

WEATHER Occasional showers.

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OREGON TAKES A STAND AGAINST RECIPROCITY MEASURE

Amme Bill Fixing Responsibility of Telephone and Telegraph Company's Passes House By Narrow Shave.

SEVERAL CHANGES ARE MADE IN GAME LAWS

Governor Vetoes Bill on Ground That It Would Simply Encumber Statute Books.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 9.—The Amme bill fixing the responsibility of telephone and telegraph companies passed in the house today by a close shave. The measure makes void the printed contract on the back of each telegram blank and compels telegraph companies to repeat messages without making an extra charge.

Several bills passed in the house this afternoon make numerous changes in the state game laws. House bill 68, by Fouts, provides a penalty for anyone having over 35 ducks in his possession at one time, and the Church bill amends the game law to allow sportsmen the privilege of killing five deer regardless of sex.

An amended bill prepared by W. L. Finley, the Oregon naturalist, which creates refuges for birds and game, passed without opposition. The bill provides that all lands owned by the state shall be bird and game preserves and the state game warden is empowered to make contracts with owners of private lands for the creation of additional preserves.

Senator Nottingham's bill to prevent the adulteration of lincseed oil was voted today by the governor. This is the second time the governor has exercised the veto power, the other measure turned down by him being also a Nottingham bill.

The entire morning session of the senate was taken up today by the debate of Maloney's public utility bill. Senator Joseph of Portland spoke against the measure and occupied the senate floor for an hour in discussing it section by section.

Senator Kellaker accused the author of being under the influence of certain corporation men, and declared that President Joseph Joselyn of the Portland, Railway, Light and Power company, was backing the bill.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 9.—In an "official" message "dog-headed" over the government telegraph wires, President Porfirio Diaz of Mexico has declined to turn over Lower California to Richard Ferris, of Los Angeles. "I cannot accept your proposition; must refuse energetically," the message said.

HOLD ON THERE, JUAREZ! MEDFORD CAN SPRING A REVOLUTION, HERSELF

As Bloody a Battle as Was Ever Waged in City of Juarez Is Indulged in on Outskirts of Town.

Their minds fired by thrilling tales of the doings of their patriot brothers across the border, Jose Cardina and Antonio Ciston, Mexican laborers employed at the oil tanks at the north end of town, yesterday accomplished the Mexican equivalent of "hickering up" and as the result were both landed in the city jail by Constable Singler and former city policeman Joe Memisic.

The session began when Cardina, his vocal organs almost paralyzed from the effects of a perforation delivered in condemnation of Diaz the Oppressor, discovered the where-withal to purchase plenty amoberei and immediately proceeded to do that.

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HOUSE DEFIES PEOPLES' LAW

Humes Rogue River Fish Bill Nullifying Peoples Measure is Passed By the House—Thirty-two in Favor

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 9.—The house today defied the people's will by passing Hume's Rogue River fish bill, nullifying the measure passed in November by the people by a majority of over 16,000 votes.

The bill was passed by the following vote: Ayes 32, nays 13. Representatives Westerlund and Buchanan spoke in opposition to the passage of the measure.

STORM BREAKS IN LOWER HOUSE

Assistant Secretary of State Bill Passes After Fight—This Gives Corey Power to Vote at all Board Meetings.

STATEHOUSE, Salem, Ore., Feb. 9.—With the tension at breaking point, the deep silence being jarred metaphorically by the voice of the reading clerk and the responses of members, the house yesterday, by a vote of 32 to 25, passed Senator Bowerman's bill making the chief clerk in the office of the secretary of state the deputy of that official and allowing him, in the absence of the secretary, to sit as a member of the state boards. Politics cut a large figure in the debate, and the deliberations of the house were at times stormy and at others dramatic.

Thompson accused Governor West of sending his private secretary into the chamber to "throw the fear of God into members." Neuner rebuked Fouts vehemently for saying that Secretary of State Benson probably would not recover from his illness, declaring his remarks not only to be unkind but entirely out of place. McKinney branded Fouts as a politician who registers as a republican and votes as a democrat, and made a forceful appeal to republicans to show their colors. Brownhill absolutely defied Speaker Rusk when ordered to take his seat, making it necessary for the sergeant at arms to be ordered to seat him.

AIRSHIPS SCOUTS DO DUTY ALONG BORDER

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Feb. 9.—Despite a narrow escape from death at Fort Sam Houston, where he made a hazardous descent after the engine of his aeroplane clogged while 1600 feet high, Lieutenant Foulis of the United States signal corps intends to continue his flights along the Mexican border. Foulis has been ordered by the war department to watch the developments in the Mexican revolt. He will do scout duty along the Texas and Arizona lines.

RATE CASE BE HEARD FRIDAY

Examiner Prouty of Interstate Commerce Commission Will Reach Medford Tomorrow Morning and Will Hear Case at Once.

MEDFORD SEEKS LOWER RATES ON 23 COMMODITIES

Medford Traffic Bureau Will Put in Much Testimony—Railroad Officials Also to Come.

Examiner Prouty of the interstate commerce commission will arrive in Medford Friday morning for the purpose of taking testimony in the Medford traffic bureau's commodity rate case. The hearing is scheduled to begin at 11 o'clock at the Commercial club rooms.

The Medford traffic bureau is seeking lower rates on 23 commodities and some time ago lodged the complaint. A large number of local men will appear as witnesses.

It is expected that the Southern Pacific will have a large number of their representatives present for the purpose of testifying.

FAMINE RIDDEN CHINA FREEZES

Terrible Cold Spell Adds to Horrors of Famine Situation—Babes, Once Food, Now Drug on Market—Million Starving and Deceased.

NANKING, Feb. 9.—That 1,000,000 people are starving and another 1,000,000 are dying of disease in the plague-ridden sections of China is the estimate here today of the Rev. E. C. Lohentz, who has just returned from the stricken districts.

Only one-third of the population of An Hui province, Rev. Lohentz says, will be able to sustain life unassisted and other workers in the famine districts report conditions increasingly terrible as the days pass. So grave is the famine that even children who have been sold by their parents for food are now a drug on the market and not enough food remains to feed those who formerly purchased the little ones.

To add to the horrors of the situation, a cold wave has set in over the famine district and hundreds of those at the last stages of exhaustion from famine and freezing to death.

UNMARRIED MAY PAY LICENSE

Ellensburg Councilman Plan Ordinances Taxing all Unmarried Men and Women \$25 a Year—Only Unproposed May Escape.

ELLENSBURG, Wash., Feb. 9.—There is concernation among the bachelors and the women who wear no wedding rings in Ellensburg today. The reason is that the Ellensburg councilmen may adopt an ordinance taxing unmarried men and women \$25 a year each. The proposed ordinance was introduced in the council meeting last night.

The measure provides that men who shall swear that they have proposed to three unmarried and unbetrothed women and give their names shall be exempt from the tax, and women who have never received a proposal shall also be exempt while those that have refused a proposal shall be taxed an additional \$10.

Sheehan Still Has 75

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 9.—The senatorial situation was unchanged today when the ballot was taken. Sheehan had 75 votes.

GRANTS PASS WET MONDAY

Saloons Prepare to Open Doors Early Next Monday Morning—Will Carry Question to Highest Court is Rumor—Move Made on "Q. T."

WILL TRY OUT HOME RULE AMENDMENT

Will Operate Under City Ordinance Fixing License at \$800 a Year—Claim They Have Right

Regardless of the recent ruling of the circuit court which upheld the decision of District Attorney B. F. Mulkey that the election at which the town was voted "wet" was illegal, Grants Pass will be wet on Monday, if the present plans of the wet element of that city are allowed to materialize.

According to a local man who returned here from that city this morning, there is a movement on foot among the adherents of the wet cause in Grants Pass to make a test of the recent ruling of the court, to carry the question of whether or not the local option law of the state invalidates the recently enacted home rule amendment.

Under the local option law Grants Pass is dry, and must remain in that condition for two years from last November before another election can be held. This contention is based on the ruling of the state attorney general.

The "wets," however, claim that the home rule amendment carried at the last election nullifies the provisions of the local option law in so far as they affect what, under the home rule amendment, constitutes a unit.

The people of the city of Grants Pass are almost solid in their demands for a wet town, but are kept in a dry state by the county vote.

No intimation has been received by the authorities this morning of the proposed move by the wet forces, and until such time as the saloons are actually thrown open on Monday no action can be taken.

The city council recently enacted ordinances for the controlling of saloons and fixed the liquor license at \$800 a year. Any action taken Monday will be at the hands of the county authorities, as the city is virtually under a "wet" administration.

LETTERS TO SOON BECOME SCARCE

Telephone and Telegraph Communication Will Soon Become so Cheap That Mail Will Be Discarded for Faster Method.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—That telephone and telegraph communication in the United States will be so cheap that letters and postal cards will become things of the past is the opinion expressed here today by President Theodore N. Vail of the new telegraph and telephone merger, which the government may prosecute as a combination in restraint of trade.

Mr. Vail declared that contracts had been signed by which the telephone wires would be used interchangeably in future, and that the consequently greater return for the capital invested by both the American Telephone and Telegraph company and the Western Union would decrease the comparative expense that sweeping reductions in tolls for both telephone and telegraph use was a certainty of the near future.

"At \$72 per mile for a telephone wire," said President Vail, "whenever a man in New York calls up Chicago he has use of our property, sending poles and equipment, to the value of \$125,000. At 6 per cent this must return \$50 per day. And the charges must be high enough to cover this. Under our new contracts these telegraph wires also will be used for telegraph and with the fixed charge the same the reduction in tolls would be great."

Arkansas Congressman Opposes Caleb Powers Being Given Seat.



A new opponent to Caleb Powers being given a seat in the national house of representatives has arisen in Congressman Robert B. Macon of Arkansas. Powers was secretary of state in Kentucky eleven years ago when Governor Goodell was slain, the shot being fired from Powers' office in the statehouse at Frankfort. Powers was tried four times for the murder and convicted three times and was pardoned in 1908. Since then he has campaigned for vindication through an election to congress. This he won last fall. Congressman Macon declares that if the Kentucky delegation does not take action against Powers he will present a resolution to have the matter taken up. "If the Republicans could not sit with Roberts of Utah because he was accused of being a polygamist," says Mr. Macon, "the Democrats certainly cannot sit with a member convicted on the charge of murder and who is enjoying his liberty only by favor of a partisan executive."

FIVE WOMAN DIE WHEN CAR DIVES AT TWAIN AUCTION

Street Car Plunges Through Open Draw into the Sheboyan River—Three Bodies Have Been Recovered.

SHEBOYGAN, Wis., Feb. 9.—Five woman passengers were drowned when a street car plunged through an open drawbridge into the Sheboyan river here today. Three bodies have been recovered. The conductor and motorman jumped just before the accident. One of the dead women is Anna Mathis, a music teacher.

RUSSIAN LION MEETS ZYBYSZO THIS EVENING

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—Promising to pin Zybzso to the mat twice within an hour and a half, George Hackenschmidt, the Russian lion, will meet the giant Pole here tonight. The promoters of the affair declare that if Hackenschmidt makes good he will have a chance to meet Champion Gotch.

N. Y. SOLONS MAY NOT PLACE TOGA

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 9.—Unless William F. Sheehan withdraws from the race, it is believed here today that the New York legislature will adjourn without election of a United States senator to succeed Dewey. Indications are that Murphy and Tammany Hall will insist on Sheehan's election. They failed to force the insurgent democrats at yesterday's conference to support him, however. The only thing dependent on to force action is the fear that the next legislature may be republican.

OROZCO MOVES ARMY CLOSE TO JUAREZ WALLS

Both Sides Today are Resting on Their Arms Making no Attempt to Renew Fighting—Cameras Are Bared by Federal Authorities.

RECRUITS COME DAILY TO AID OF OROZCO

Seems to Be a Method in His Delay—Scores Said to Be Crossing Boundary Daily.

EL PASO, Texas, Feb. 9.—Colonel Rafael Martinez, the jefe politico of Juarez, today denied that a reported engagement between Navarro and Blanco had occurred near Samalayuca. He said that so far as the federals in Juarez knew, Navarro had not been heard of since he and his force left Chihuahua.

Gaining confidence from the federal inactivity, Orozco today moved his outposts up to within easy range of the main plaza of Juarez, where he can easily pick off the guards outside the Church of Our Lady of Guadalupe, in case the fighting is renewed. Both sides today are resting on their arms and no attempt is being made to maintain even a semblance of warfare.

Fearing insurgent spies, the Juarez authorities today barred all cameras from the fortifications, and a number of picture machines and films were seized.

Three wounded insurgents who were shot in Sunday's engagement near Bauche Crossed the Rio Grande at Ysleta this morning and arrived here today. They had been without food or medical attention for four days and were practically walking skeletons when they dragged themselves into El Paso.

That there may be method in Orozco's delays is becoming evident to observers of his tactics. With every hour recruits, supplies cross the boundary line for his camp, and all the efforts of the American troops on guard fail to stop their passage. Nineteen recruits for the insurgents, including one American and a Mexican engineer, who will command the rebel engineer corps, crossed the river opposite the El Paso smelter last night and all along the border insurgents sympathizers are said to be returning to join in the fight against Diaz.

STILL NO BATTLE SHOCKS JUAREZ

General Orozco Has as Yet Made No Move—Anxiety Still Holds Mexican Town—New Fortifications Being Thrown Up.

EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 9.—The situation at Juarez was unchanged today. General Orozco of the revolutionary forces was still encamped in the hills west of the city and just across the Rio Grande from the El Paso smelter. He was apparently waiting for news from the south, where, it is said, rebel bands under Generals Blanco, Sanchez and Salsilla were in ambush waiting to attack the force of 2000 Mexican regulars which General Navarro was reported leading to the relief of Juarez.

While Orozco and his troops were inactive, the most feverish activity existed in Juarez. The federals there have worked night and day on new fortifications, as if they expected an attack. The streets and the public buildings of the town are now said to have all been mined and the intention of the federals, it was said, is to fight to the last and then flee across the river into Texas, blowing the city to atoms as their last men passed over the Rio Grande.

No news has been received here of Navarro since his force left Chihuahua City. Telegraph lines to the south have been down and if the federals in Juarez have received any news, it must have come by courier.

ROOSEVELT SPARED

Criticism by Mark Withdrawn at Last Moment at Estate's Request—In it T. R. is Called a "Showy Charlatan."

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—The sale of many of the manuscripts of the late Mark Twain at a Fifth avenue auction yesterday did not include, as had been advertised, an article he had written criticizing the career of Roosevelt.

It was withdrawn at the last moment by request of the estate. The 125 page autobiography manuscript of "A Double Barreled Detective Story" was sold to a dealer for \$740. Twenty-seven pages of the "Adams Diary" went for \$150. The total realized was \$2750. The withdrawn article on Roosevelt refers to him as a "showy charlatan," adored as perhaps "no impostor of his creed had been adored since the golden calf."

TAFT TO APPOINT OREGON MARSHALL

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 9.—It is understood today that President Taft will soon name a new man for United States marshal of Oregon, following the action of the senate, which reconsidered his recent adverse action on the nomination of Elmer B. Colwell as marshal. At the request of the president, the senate restored the nomination to the senate list, from which it was withdrawn by the president. This enables Colwell to retire as if there had been no objection.