

CLEARINGS
Bank clearings today were
\$20,209.36.

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

WEATHER
Occasional showers.

FORTIETH YEAR.

MEDFORD, OREGON, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1911.

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GOVERNOR WILL VETO PIERCE FISH BILL

GOOD ROADS IS TOPIC IN HOUSE SESSION TODAY

Strong Opposition Crops Out in Regard to Joseph Bill Creating State Highway Commission—House Considers it as Committee of the Whole.

CONGARS, WILD CATS AND BOOZE DEALT BLOW

Strenuous Struggle is on in House Over Highway Bills—Numerous Tilts Occur Between Members

SALEM, Or., Feb. 10.—Governor West will veto the Pierce bill passed yesterday in the house. The bill wipes out the people's initiative measure closing the Rogue river to net fishing, which passed by a large majority at the November election. Numerous friends of the initiative have asked the governor to step in and disapprove the Pierce bill.

A strenuous tussle is on in the house of representatives today over the various good roads bills which are up for discussion. The bills were made a special order for today and the house and lobbies are packed with friends and foes of the different measures.

Strong opposition has cropped out in the house to the Joseph bill creating a state highway commission, and much feeling was shown in the numerous tilts between its friends and enemies while it was under consideration in the committee of the whole this forenoon. Ex-Judge Webster of Portland, who is making a strong fight for this bill, was extended the courtesy of the house for 15 minutes to explain the real purpose of the measure.

House bill 230, introduced at the request of the state engineer, is diametrically opposed to the Joseph act in that it would have all road work supervised by the state engineer. Its passage would block the large appropriations asked for in the Joseph bill and would keep all road work under control of the different county courts subject to supervision of the state engineer.

It is probable now that the entire session today will be devoted to the discussion of these bills.

Congars, wild-cat and booze were dealt a blow in the senate today. Bills were passed in the upper house increasing the bounty on cougar scalps to \$15 and the bounty on wolves was raised to \$25. Another measure passed makes the possession of liquor on any railroad train a misdemeanor punishable by fine and imprisonment.

O'GARA'S BILL PASSES HOUSE

Measure Drawn By Local Pathologist Passed in House Without a Single Dissenting Vote—Sure to Become Law.

The insecticide and fungicide bill prepared by Professor O'Gara of this city and introduced by Representative Westerland passed the house Thursday without a single dissenting vote.

Taft Cancels Speeches.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Feb. 10.—It was announced this afternoon that President Taft had cancelled all his Columbus engagements, except his speech at the Corn Show here, on account of a sore throat.

RATE CASE IS BEING HEARD IN THIS CITY

Examiner Prouty of Interstate Commerce Commission Begins Taking Testimony in Medford Traffic Bureau's Case Against S. P.

LOWER RATES SOUGHT ON 23 COMMODITIES

Medford Would Enjoy Benefit of Lower Rates—Claim Present Ones are Exorbitant.

The case of the Medford traffic bureau against the Southern Pacific Railroad company for the establishment of lower freight rates between San Francisco and this city was begun shortly after 11 o'clock Friday morning before Special Examiner Prouty of the interstate commerce commission.

The case involves the reduction of the present rates on 23 commodities and is being pushed in an effort to give Medford an equal opportunity to buy in the open market that is now enjoyed by cities having a terminal rate.

McCune Is Counsel. The traffic bureau is represented at the hearing by Frank H. McCune of Portland, counsel, and Messrs. H. C. Garnett, Edward A. Welch and George F. Cuthbert, local merchants. The railroad's side of the hearing is in the hands of William D. Fenton, and Messrs. H. E. Lonsbury, S. N. Bostwick, J. K. Butler and E. C. Morrison.

Garnett on Stand. H. C. Garnett, the first witness called, testified in regard to the present rates in force between San Francisco and this city, and in answer to questions put to him from time to time by Mr. McCune and Examiner Prouty, endeavored to show that Medford merchants, because of the lack of terminal rates, are prevented from entering the jobbing field outside a district lying immediately adjacent to the city. In addition to this fact, the different in rates now existing between San Francisco by rail direct and from that city to Portland by boat, hence here by local freight, is so great that the local market can only secure its supplies through Portland houses or by using that city as a shipping point.

Can't Compete. Under examination by Mr. Fenton, counsel for the railroad, Mr. Garnett testified that under the present conditions it was impossible for local merchants to enter the jobbing field in competition with Portland and outside houses.

Operating expenses, wages and rentals in this city, he said, "are as high as they are in Portland, and while our company has kept pace with the growth of the city since its establishment in 1905, we have been prevented by high rates from competing for business in Roseburg, Salem and all other cities along the Southern Pacific railroad line by the fact that in addition to having to pay local freight rates on articles which we bring in here, he would have to pay local rates when shipping them out again."

Must Buy in East. A detailed list of the particular commodities in which Mr. Garnett's firm deals was gone over, article after article, and the difference in rates on these things shipped from Portland as against those shipped from other points was gone into. It was shown that in the case of many articles, local merchants were unable to purchase in the California markets, but were forced to do their business in the east.

Is Entitled to It. In answer to several questions by Mr. Fenton asking why Medford should receive terminal rates in preference to other cities along the line, Mr. Garnett stated that this city is situated approximately half way between Portland, the present jobbing

Luke Lea, Tennessee's Newly Elected Senator, Is Youngest Member In Congress' Upper House.



Luke Lea, the newly elected senator from Tennessee, is one of the youngest members ever elected to the upper branch of congress and is also the possessor of one of the shortest names that ever figured on its roll call. Lea is but thirty-two and will form quite a contrast to the eldest senator, Isaac Stephenson of Wisconsin. Senator Stephenson has not much of an age margin over Shelby M. Cullom of Illinois, but he has it, having been born in New Brunswick June 18, 1829, as against Cullom's Kentucky date of Nov. 22 in the same year. Lea comes of old Tennessee stock, is owner of a Nashville newspaper and has been admitted to the bar. He is credited with being the man who made former Governor Malcolm R. Patterson and also with being his detestor. Former Senator Edward W. Carmack, who was killed by the Coopers, father and son, was editor of Lea's paper at the time. Lea also had much to do with the election of Ben W. Hooper, a Republican, to the governorship on a fusion ticket last fall.

TAFT BOOSTS FOR NEW TREATY

Speaking at Annual Corn Show President Urges Adoption of New Canadian Reciprocity Treaty—Says it Will aid Farmers.

COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 10.—Speaking at the annual corn show here today, President Taft urged the adoption of the new Canadian reciprocity treaty.

"The greatest reason for adopting the agreement," the president said, "is that it will unite two countries of kindred people in a commercial and social union which would be of great advantage to both. Such a result does not need justification by a nice balancing of pecuniary profit to each. It is merely a truism to say that a country's farmers are the greatest wealth producing class and that it is most important that their welfare shall be conserved. Anyone initiating a policy injurious to the farmers has much to answer for before the bar of public opinion."

"I am a republican because the republican party always has pursued a policy of protection for American industries and manufactures, later limiting its purposes in the matter of protection to the difference in the cost of production here and abroad, with allowance for a reasonable profit for the American producer. Protection thus stated removes justification

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ENGLAND NOW WATCHES ALFONSO

Secret Agents Are Sent Out to Report on Escapades of Ruler While in Paris—Known to Travel Under Aliases.

LONDON, Feb. 10.—Despite official denials from the Spanish court that King Alfonso's escapades in foreign capitals brought about marital differences, government agents sent out to get an official line on the Spanish king's jaunts learned today that he traveled under aliases. In the cafes of Paris he was known as "Monsieur Lamy."

As it has been months since the United Press sent out the first reports of differences between Alfonso and Queen Victoria, it is pointed out that the royal couple have had ample time to become reconciled. It is intimated that a reconciliation was brought about, the king agreeing to forego another trip to Paris.

Now that all differences between the royal pair have been patched up, the Spanish court comes out with strong denials that any differences ever existed. They declare that the queen was aware that the reports of Alfonso's "unkingly" conduct in the Parisian cafes were circulated by political enemies.

The identity of two Spanish noblemen who made the rounds of the Paris cafes with Alfonso is being kept secret by government agents

BILLS ARE AIMED AT JAPANESE

Questions That Two Years Ago Shook Relations of United States and Japan are Again Introduced in California.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Feb. 10.—Three bills aiming against Japanese, Chinese and other Asiatics, reviving the questions that two years ago threatened the peaceful relations of the United States and Japan were introduced in the legislature today by Senator Finn of San Francisco.

One measure directs the district attorneys of counties to proceed against Asiatic owners of land within a certain period after the bill shall become a law.

The second bill provides for segregation of Oriental school children in buildings separate from those occupied by whites.

The third measure enables municipal or county authorities to restrict Asiatics to certain localities.

TRUST COMPANY NOW OPERATES AUTO VAULT

PATERSON, N. J., Feb. 10.—A local trust company today is operating a steel lined automobile with office equipment and a steel safe which is intended to gather up late receipts in the restaurant belt of large cities and catch wayside depositors in the country districts.

TOBACCO JUICE IS HURLED IN FAIR ONE'S EYE

Complaint is Laid Before Justice of the Peace Wertz, of Woodville Who Has Requested District Attorney Mulkey to Draw up Complaint.

IS ANOTHER EVIDENCE OF EVANS CREEK FEUD

District Attorney Mulkey is Planning to Bring About Change of Conditions in That Neighborhood

Jackson county's "Old Kentuck," as the settlement on Evans creek about twelve miles east of Woodville might well be called, is again in a state of turmoil, this time, it is alleged, because Bill Hillis ungalantly expectorated about a pint of tobacco juice in the eye of Jerusha, the wife of Bill D. Moore. The action was the outgrowth of a neighborhood feud.

Why Bill, the son of Hillis, resorted to go ungentlemanly a means of bringing an argument with a lady to a close in long story, but like in Old Kentuck, in the settlement to the east of Woodville everything that is anything bears a date line upon its commencement reading anywhere up to five years ago.

Inceded at the somewhat rude demeanor of Hillis towards his spouse, Moore Friday made objection, with the result that Justice of the Peace G. F. Wertz, of Woodville, requested District Attorney B. F. Mulkey to furnish him with the legal language necessary to the proper making out of a complaint in a case where tobacco juice was the weapon and the optic of a lady the target.

According to the brand of etiquette lived up to along the banks of Evans creek, one is not in style unless "toting" a gun of least a foot in length. In order to circumvent the state law against carrying concealed weapons, the guns are usually carried in such a manner that they may be swung into instant view so every effort of the state to secure convictions under the statute have proven a failure. It is also fashionable to be "goin ter git" somebody, but the inflexion to be rightly placed must always be on the "goin'."

Mrs. Grundy also permits much banter between the members of the settlement which on Fifth avenue tend to demoralize traffic.

It is considered quite "comme il faut" when two members of one clan meet one member of another, to hurl all manner of epithets at him and to make motions towards ones gun, and it is equally permissible, when haled into court for the offense, to smile blandly, declare that you only greeted the plaintiff with a polite "howdy" and to stoutly deny that you ever carried a gun. If properly brought up, your companion can always be counted upon as an excellent witness for you.

Nobody has ever got murdered in the settlement yet, due perhaps to the fact that the time specified by the term "goin" has not yet arrived, but District Attorney Mulkey is planning to bring about such a change in conditions there in the near future that the residents will "pack" an olive branch where now they "tote" a gun.

Wrong Girl Found.

BERLINGHAM, Wash., Feb. 10.—Dorothy Arnold, who was said to have been "almost" discovered in Vancouver, B. C., through letters forwarded to her there by a local attorney is still in Vancouver, but she is not the Dorothy Arnold of New York fame. The woman who was traced by the local sleuths lived in Bellingham for several years. She is the wife of O. H. Arnold of Winnipeg, formerly a book keeper for a local lumber firm. She is several years older than the missing girl and resembles her in name only.

FEDERALS TURN GUNSON WOMEN AND CHILDREN

General Luque is Again Defeated by Rebels With Which He Has Been Fighting Querrila Warfare for Week Past.

FEDERALS DESLIKE TO FIGHT IN COLD WEATHER

Telegraph Lines Down—No Direct Word From Navarro Who is Coming to Relief of Juevez

MARFA, Texas, Feb. 10.—Messagers here today from Mulato, Mexico, say that General Luque was again defeated yesterday by the rebels, whom he has been fighting querrila war for a week. The federals assailed the rebel trenches at Mulato and were repulsed after a five hours fighting. Troop H. of the Third United States Cavalry, which was on patrol duty across the Rio Grande, were several times exposed to the federal shells, and one man was killed while standing near Captain Williams of the cavalry.

After the fight it was declared by witnesses that the Mexican federals, furious at their defeat, deliberately turned their guns on groups of women and children who had fled to the American side of the river.

On the last charges of the federals, F. S. McCombs, an American, was at the head of the rebels who numbered about 200, and the 350 troops of Luques command were easily driven back. Only insurrecto was killed but eight federals and others were carried off the field. It is believed the fighting is still in progress today.

EL PASO, Feb. 10.—Colonel Rabago's troops made no attempt to dislodge Orozco today, preferring to remain warm in barracks to venturing on the chilly firing line and offering themselves as targets to the concealed rebels. As all telegraph lines are down, there is no direct word from General Navarro, but his command is expected in Juevez tonight or tomorrow to relieve the garrison in its strenuous duties of guarding the old church and carrying hot tamales and frijoles to the officers.

American army officers here declare the Juevez garrison will soon be increased to 2,000 and though none will admit it, the belief is strong that some news of the Mexican federals' movements has leaked to them across the line.

One company of infantry and two troops of cavalry were today rushed to Pelea and Noria, N. M., where the Mexican rebels are active. Captain O'Shea of the Fourth United States Cavalry went in command of the detachment.

OROZCO MAY BE DEPOSED

Rebels Suffer From Internal Troubles—Row on Between Commanders—Blanco Refuses to Join Orozco's Forces Near Juevez.

EL PASO, Texas, Feb. 10.—It was reported today that the Mexican revolutionary junta has decided to depose General Orozco and make General Solo commander of the insurgent forces besieging Juevez. This action is said to be contemplated as the result of a row between Orozco and Blanco, whose emity for the commander-in-chief is declared to account for his failure to join his superior officer. Provisional Governor Gonzales repeatedly has ordered Blanco to reinforce Orozco, but the rebel general has refused to obey.

What, In Your Estimation, Does Medford Need the Most?

What Medford needs the most is a mooted question. Therefore the Mail Tribune seeks to know just where its readers stand in this regard. For this purpose it will give all a chance to register their views. The answers will be compiled and published in the Sunday issue of the Mail Tribune Sunday, February 19. Your name, if you so signify, will be treated confidentially. Limit your answer to 15 words. Name the one thing which, in your estimation, this city needs more than any other one thing. Clip the following coupon and mail it to the Sunday Editor, Medford Mail Tribune, before the mail closes next Friday evening. This will give a chance for the compilation of the answers for the Sunday edition.

Medford, Or., 1911.
To the Sunday Editor, Medford Mail Tribune.
Sir: In my estimation, Medford at the present time needs more than any other thing
Can we use your Name? Yes..... (Signed)
(Mark with cross) No.....