

CLEARINGS Bank clearings today were \$18,305.32.

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COMMITTEE SPLITS ON ROGUE FISH BILL

WILL REPORT TO SENATE SOON

Three Favor Bill Opening Rogue River to Commercial Fishing While Three Oppose—Fight Will Be Close On Floor of Senate.

DEBATE IN COMMITTEE LASTS FOR MANY HOURS

Rush of Work Comes in Order That Legislature May Complete Work By Next Saturday.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 16.—Standing three in favor of and two against, the senate committee on fisheries will probably report to the senate this afternoon on the Pierce fish bill, reopening Rogue river, which was closed by the people at large at the election in November by a majority of 16,315 votes.

This report will precipitate a fight on the floor of the senate which will be exceedingly close. Great interest is being displayed in the bill, owing to the fact that it forms the first attack made by the legislature on a law passed by the people.

Hearing Lengthy. The hearing before the fisheries committee of the senate was held last night and lasted until after midnight, the debate beginning at 8 o'clock. J. E. Enyart, W. F. Isaacs, Gus Newbury, George Putnam of Medford, and W. M. Davis of Portland speaking against the bill, while Norton and Smith of Grants Pass, Pierce of Coos, Hume brothers, Keasey, Humason and Munsey of Gold Beach spoke in favor of the measure.

The usual arguments were made. Gus Newbury made a strong appeal to sustain the people's law. Bill is Postponed. Senator Kellaher's bill providing for regulation of perpetual franchise held by the Portland Gas company was indefinitely postponed in the senate this morning. Only seven senators—Dimmick, Kellaher, Miller, Oliver, Patton, McCulloch and Joseph—voted for the bill.

During the debate President Sellinger tried to explain his attitude in having the minority report against the measure substituted for the majority by making the statement that it was referred to the senators from Portland for their consideration and not to the Multnomah members of the lower house who approved of the measure. Kellaher accused the Portland senators of attempting to manipulate the bill to kill it. This brought Malarkey to his feet, who attacked the motives of Kellaher by accusing him of "playing politics."

Whipping Post Goes. The Oregon whipping post was abolished by the senate. Buchanan's bill doing away with this method of punishing wife beaters was passed in the senate over the governor's veto by a vote of 22 to 8. The bill was passed in the house Monday and now becomes a law without the governor's approval. The Annie bill, which provides that assignments of wages for loans by a married man shall be signed by the wife, and which the senate made ineffective by several amendments, was disapproved today by the house. This bill is aimed at the men who lend money to workmen who sign away all rights to their wages as security for the loan. It passed the house, but the senate eliminated the clause requiring the wife's consent to the transaction.

Rushed With Work. Only two days more remain of the 26th legislative session and both houses are swamped with business. Several bills yet remain to be acted upon and many of the committees are working night and day to get them out of their hands. The session

OREGON TRUNK WILL REACH MEDFORD IN THE NEXT TWO YEARS

So Says John F. Stevens, Who Heads Hill's Companies in Oregon—Work Will Be Rushed.

John F. Stevens, who heads all of the Hill lines and companies in Oregon, stated yesterday at the celebration at Madras that the Oregon Trunk line would be completed to Medford within the next two years.

This positive declaration on the part of Mr. Stevens assures the rushing of work on the Pacific & Eastern across the Cascades to an eastern connection, as to build this line fully two years are needed.

Yesterday Madras celebrated the opening of the railroad to that point. Work on the extension is being rushed.

ANNEXATION IS BIG BUGABOO

English Papers Warn Canada to Beware of Reciprocity Agreement With United States Unless She Would Be Swallowed.

LONDON, Feb. 16.—President Taft's flat disavowal of Champ Clark's speech in congress predicting the annexation of Canada as a certainty if reciprocity comes, is taken very differently by the Liberal and Conservative organs here today. The Liberal papers praise Taft and deny that America intends to absorb Canada. The Conservative papers declare that Taft's disavowal does not reflect the true sentiment of American statesmen.

"Naturally Taft repudiated Clark's referring to reciprocity as the road to annexation, but this repudiation covers only the president himself. The fact remains that the thought embodied in Clark's annexation talk seems to be one permanent in the minds of other Americans whose eagerness certainly will cause a storm of protest." The Conservative papers generally warn Canada to beware of reciprocity unless she is willing to be swallowed by the United States.

WHAT IS FORTUNE WITHOUT LOVE?

Young Girl Suicides Rather Than Give Up Young Man for Seven Long Lonely Years—Provision in Will Cause of Trouble.

UDALL, Kan., Feb. 16.—Katherine Haines, 18, heiress to a fortune, is a suicide today, having killed herself rather than comply with a provision in her father's will, which disinherited her if she married a certain young man before she was 25.

"POET OF THE SIERRAS" IS SERIOUSLY ILL

PORTLAND, Or., Feb. 16.—Called to Oakland, Cal., where his brother, Joaquin Miller, "the poet of the Sierras," is reported to be seriously ill at his home there, George Melvin Miller of Eugene, left for California today. According to the telegram received the famous California character is seriously ill.

McKinley May Be Senator.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 16.—Friends of Congressman McKinley are discussing the possibility of his becoming United States senator in case Lorimer should be ousted. It is generally understood here that when McKinley used his influence to elect Adkins speaker of the Illinois house he agreed to support McKinley in the event his ever making a fight for the senatorship.

LABOR UNIONS RAISE \$500,000 FOR BITTER WAR

Los Angeles to Be Scene of Greatest Struggle Between Unions and Open Shop Advocates Ever Seen in History According to Gompers.

WILL BE BIGGEST FIGHT OF ITS KIND EVER SEEN

It Is the Intention of Capital, They Say, to Stamp Out Unionism in Southern California.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 16.—Announcement that \$500,000 is being raised by the unions of the country to finance the struggle of the unions of Los Angeles against "open shop" conditions, was made here today by President Samuel L. Gompers of the American Federation of Labor. Its collection, it is said, will mark the opening of the biggest fight between capital and labor that the United States has ever seen.

Appealing to all union men to contribute to the war in the name of "justice and liberty," Gompers today is sending out an appeal for funds to various cities, and Secretary Frank Morrison of the federation announced that already contributions are streaming in.

Bitter Fight Ahead. The union leaders declare that the National Association of Manufacturers is backing the Merchants and Manufacturers' association of Los Angeles in its fight against unionism and it is the intention to utterly stamp out the union movement in the southern California city.

Although the labor leaders refused to confirm rumors that today's action follows a decision reached at a secret conference in St. Louis when the American Federation held its convention there last fall, it is generally accepted here as true that the movement is the culmination of carefully formed plans made at that time. At the time of the convention, representatives of the labor interests on the Pacific coast are said to have talked at length with Gompers and the executive officers and leaders of the federation urging that union labor concentrate its entire force for the fight in Los Angeles.

Gompers Asked to Act. Since the National Manufacturers' association was backing the "M. & M." of Los Angeles and the forces of the unions on the coast were hard pressed, the coast representatives are said to have asked Gompers to line up the forces of the workingmen for a fight to a finish.

The intimation is given out that a fight to the end has at last been decided on, and that the activity of President Gompers and his assistants means that the coast will see the biggest labor war in the history of the country.

Great Backing Given. All along the coast, from Seattle to Los Angeles, it is said, the labor unions have for some time been assessing their members 25 cents each per week in preparation for the struggle. To this fund, according to Gompers' admission today, will now be added the cash collected in the east. This will give the Los Angeles unions the greatest backing ever received by labor in any city for the struggle which will decide whether the southern California city—and the Pacific coast as a whole—shall be dominated by the principle of the open or the closed shop.

The intimation is given out here that the struggle in Los Angeles is to be only one of a series. The unions, it is said, have determined to "down" the open shop principle, and then, their fight won in Los Angeles, to carry the war up the coast to the Canadian border. They are determined, it is declared, that the coast must be unionized from Mexico to Canada, and will concentrate every effort of the labor forces of the whole country to start off the crusade.

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 the present time needs more than any other thing. Yes..... (Signed) No..... May we use your name? (Mark with cross)

REBEL DELAY IS NOW APPARENT

Navarro Having Been Drawn to the North is Now Out of the Way and March Will Start at Once Upon Chihuahua.

EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 16.—The puzzling indifference of the Mexican rebels to General Navarro's relief of Juarez is believed to be explained today by a score of reports coming in from the south that the insurgents are marching upon Chihuahua from all points of the compass. Friends of the revolutionary movement here declare that the city will be captured within ten days, leaving Juarez also at the mercy of the rebels.

It is now generally felt that Orozco's failure to give battle to Navarro on his march to Juarez was due, not to fear of an encounter, but in line with a cleverly laid plan to draw Navarro to the north, thus making it easy to take Chihuahua and thereby provide a rallying point for the insurgents of the interior of the state. From Chihuahua, the revolutionary junta says, it will be easy to capture Navarro and all his troops, as command of the Mexican Central railroad will cut off the federal general from his base of supplies.

Evidence that those in the inner councils of the revolutionists do not by any means regard their cause as hopeless is seen today in a flat refusal by the insurgent general, Castillas, who is in jail here for violation of neutrality, to renounce the cause of the rebels. Governor Ahumada, the federal chief in Chihuahua state, was an old personal friend of Castillas, and pleaded today with the insurgent commander to desert the forces of Diaz, return to Juarez and be reinstated in all his former honors. Castillas flatly refused, saying that he placed his duty before his friendship and that he by no means despised of the overthrow of the Diaz government.

FORGERY USED TO ELECT SHEEHAN

Assemblyman Receives Letter to Which Congressman's Name is Forged urging Him to Support Sheehan in Senatorial Race.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—That forgery is being resorted to in attempts to break the long senatorial deadlock at Albany to elect William F. Sheehan is asserted here today in special dispatches to the New York World from the state capital.

The World dispatches declare that Assemblyman Kennedy received a letter purporting to bear the signature of Congressman William Sulzer asking him to support Sheehan. Sulzer, the World declares, asserts that the letter is a "despicable and preposterous forgery."

COURT PROBE IS HALTED FOR TIME

Method of Procedure Delays Action By California Legislature—Both Houses to Take Hand in Investigation of Court.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Feb. 16.—Question of procedure by the legislature in its investigation of the state supreme court today temporarily halted the inquiry requested by the justices into their action in the Ruef rehearing decision.

When the communication of the justices requesting an investigation was received it was suggested that a joint committee of senate and assembly should undertake the probe. Today objection was raised to this because of the fact that as impeachment proceedings, if recommended, would begin in the assembly, the assembly members of any joint committee would be in an illegal position. Many of the legislators, therefore, favored a preliminary investigation by a senate committee, possibly by the committee on rules, so that if impeachment proceedings should follow, the assemblymen could be in a position of prosecutor without having previously acted on the evidence.

ANTI-ANNEXATIONISTS PLEASE JOHN BULL

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 16.—It was generally predicted by politicians today that the pro-reciprocity and anti-annexation speeches of Secretary of State Knox and James J. Hill, the railroad magnate, delivered at a banquet given by the Chicago Association of Commerce last night will do much toward quieting the fears of England that the sentiment of the American people favors the annexation of Canada.

WOULD HAVE TAFT NEGOTIATE WITH ENGLAND

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 16.—Congressman Bennett of New York introduced in the house today a resolution providing that President Taft be requested to continue negotiations with the British government to secure the annexation of Canada to the United States.

JOHN D. AGAIN FIGURES ON STREET

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—John D. Rockefeller, Rubin & Co., and the Deutsche bank absolutely control the Missouri Pacific railroad today, according to the New York News Bureau, a Wall street organization.

Force "Hope" to Fight.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Feb. 16.—In order to force Carl Morris, the "Oklahoma white hope," into the ring with him, Fireman Jim Flynn of Pueblo will follow the giant ex-railroader around the country issuing challenges from the ringside everywhere Morris appears.

Hold-Up Men Rob Prisoner.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Feb. 16.—The Wilkesbarre police today are searching for two masked bandits who broke into the jail at Warrior.

VLADIVOSTOK IS IN QUARANTINE

Reported That Pneumonic Plague Is Found—All Business to and From City Stopped—Railroad Transportation Under Medical Supervision.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 16.—Vladivostok is quarantined today following the reported discovery of a case of pneumonic plague there. The city traffic to a large extent with Manchuria, where hundreds of plague victims are dying daily, and it is believed the disease has been communicated as a result.

All business relations with Manchuria have ceased. Railway transportation between Vladivostok and the plague district is under medical supervision. Vladivostok authorities are taking every precaution to prevent a spread of the disease in that city.

No Boxing In Seattle.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 16.—Chief of Police Bamick has come out flat-footed against boxing exhibitions under the auspices of the various athletic clubs. An entertainment had been planned by the Ballard Athletic club, a local organization for tonight but the chief issued orders this afternoon forbidding the show to go on.

No Change, Says Solons.

OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 16.—The Canadian government has refused another request for a change in the reciprocity agreement. This was from book and writing scrap makers who affirmed that if paper up to 4 cents a pound value were admitted free to Canada they would be put out of business.

WHITE TO TELL OF PORK BARREL

Legislature Aroused Over Charges of Kansas Journalist and Asks Him to Come Before Committee and Explain.

TOPEKA, Kan., Feb. 16.—Aroused over William Allen White's charges that "the pork barrel" had been opened by the present session of the legislature, the state senate today asked White to appear before that body and explain.

White declared today that he would gladly explain his charges before the senate, and would ask each senator, under oath, to tell him he knew about "pork."

Snow In California.

RIVERSIDE, Cal., Feb. 16.—All records for snowfall in Riverside County were broken today when a precipitation of six inches in one hour fell at Hanning. Flakes nearly as large as saucers fell during the height of the storm. The mountains near Riverside appear to be under several feet of snow.

RUSSIA SERVES NOTICE SHE IS TO WAR ON CHINESE

Sends Formal Announcement to Powers—Will Force Celestials to Comply With Treaty of 1881—Preparations for Invasion.

IF CHINA RESISTS WAR WILL BE INEVITABLE

Russia's Intentions Are to First Seize Border Town—Chinese Hindering Merchants.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 16.—Practical certainty that Russia will be involved in war with China within a few hours is seen here today in a publication by the newspaper Retch that the Russian government plans to occupy the Ili region in Chinese Turkestan. Conferences at the war ministry today, it is believed, are over the preparations for the invasion.

Russia is aggrieved over China's alleged violation of the treaty of 1881 whereby Russia evacuated Ili province after an occupation of 10 years, in return for which China promised Russia commercial concessions in Ili, Mongolia and Manchuria. Russia asserts that these rights have been gradually curtailed.

To Seize Town.

Russia's intention is declared to be to first seize the town of Kuldja. Its occupation will be equivalent to a declaration of war, but actual hostilities are considered as unlikely, for it is considered certain that China will yield. If China resists war is inevitable.

Russia declares that China is hindering Russian merchants in selling tea in Chinese territory and that China refuses to permit Russian consuls in many of her cities.

INSURGENTS TO COLLIDE WITH TROOPS TODAY

EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 16.—On a report that the Mexican insurgents were massing at Guadalupe, General Navarro, the federal commander here, today sent three troops of cavalry with a machine gun down the valley to disperse them. It is possible that the insurgents may resist, though their policy of late has seemed to be to conduct a guerrilla warfare.

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Elks Get Busy.

PORTLAND, Or., Feb. 16.—Determined to raise an entertainment fund of \$125,000 to be used in the event that Portland is successful in securing the 1912 convention of the grand lodge of Elks, a number of canvassing committees of the local lodge began work yesterday. It is believed that the desired sum will have been subscribed within three days.