

CLEARINGS
Bank clearings today were
\$34,040.40.

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

WEATHER
Fair Tonight and Friday.
Bar. 29.80 Temp. Mean 50

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PINCHOT FINDS PLOT TO KILL FOREST BUREAU

Jokers Inserted Appropriation by Heyburn and Carter Would Cause a Complete Abrogation of Country's Forest Policy States Pinchot

FRAUDULENT MINING CLAIMANTS PROTECTED

Lumber men Protest Bill and Ask Taft to Veto—Sharp Trick of Interests.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 2.—Charges that Senators Heyburn and Carter were the chief movers in a plot to kill the national forestry service through jokers in the appropriation were made here by Gifford Pinchot today, former chief forester of the United States.

Nullify Forest Policy. Speaking to a convention of lumber merchants Pinchot said the Heyburn and Carter amendments would cause a complete abrogation of the country's forest policy.

"The Heyburn amendment," he said, "provides that all land upon which there is growing less than 400 feet of merchantable timber in contiguous areas of 160 acres shall be excluded from national forest reserves. This would practically end the use of the national forests by westerners, and would prevent the practice of forestry. The amendment was supported by arguments so false as to be ridiculous. It was obviously intended to destroy the national forest system which it will do if the bill is enacted.

For Fraudulent Miners. "Another amendment, this time in the interest of fraudulent mining claimants, was introduced by Senator Carter and was adopted. It prohibits the forest service from interfering with fraudulent claimants except when their claims include merchantable timber, which most claims do not. In other words Carter is netting with Heyburn to draw upon the national forests so as to injure conservation in the interest of western exploiters.

"These are examples of the way in which legislation hostile to the public welfare is secured in the rush of the closing days of congress. Everyone who knows anything about public opinion knows that the country does not want these things done." Pinchot urged the lumbermen to bring pressure to bear upon congress to defeat the Carter and Heyburn "jokers."

Stirred by Pinchot's appeal, the lumbermen adopted a resolution asking President Taft to veto the entire bill. The alleged "jokers" Pinchot denounced were adopted by the senate last night and the bill is now in conference. The lumbermen also selected a committee to urge the conference to eliminate both "jokers."

HARMON MADE ROAD ENGINEER

Former Construction Engineer of the Pacific & Eastern Put in Charge of Road Building for Jackson County.

W. W. Harmon, former engineer on the Pacific & Eastern railroad was Thursday appointed road engineer in charge of the roads and highway construction work of Jackson county by the county court.

Mr. Harmon is an engineer of experience in railroad and bridge building. His salary will be \$700 per month until November 1, and \$150 per month from thence to January 1, 1912, when his office expires.

PARIS, March 2.—Premier Muns, successor to Aristide Briand, presented his new cabinet to premier Fallieres this afternoon.

PROGRESSIVE LEGISLATION ASSURED TO WASHINGTON BY INITIATIVE MEASURE

Senate Passes Bill For Initiative and Referendum Which Will Soon Be Signed by the Governor.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 2.—Following the action of the senate which passed the initiative and referendum by a vote of 32 to 7 it is expected today that Governor Hay will soon sign the measure and Washington will join Oregon, California and other progressive states in the fight for more popular government.

Though the friends of the measure were plainly in the majority they feared that the measure might not pass and as a result three amendments were allowed to slip through to gain votes. The first amendment requires that 30 per cent of the total vote must be balloted on any initiative measure to make it legal and the other two changed the percentage of voters necessary to ten per cent and from six per cent on the referendum.

NEW BRIDGE FOR GOLD HILL

Regular Session of the Court Held in Jacksonville—Gold Hill Bridge Decision Postponed Until April Session—Orders Rock Crushers.

Following the transaction of the regular monthly routine business, the county court received the maps of the proposed Gold Hill bridge prepared by W. W. Harmon, civil engineer. The bridge called for in the plans submitted is of the same height as the railroad bridge which now spans the Rogue and was designed by Mr. Harmon to be sufficiently high to make it absolutely beyond the reach of high water. Owing to the fact that opinions regarding where the bridge should cross the river differ so largely in Gold Hill, the town being divided almost equally for two different sites, the court postponed action on the matter until the April term. Another cause for delay was that in placing the bridge on one site proposed, its cost will be about \$12,000, or about twice the sum that would be required to locate it a short distance away.

About the only unfinished business remaining to be concluded at the close of the morning session of the court this morning was the appointment by the court of a county road engineer. This matter will probably be taken up this afternoon, after which the court will adjourn until the next term.

At the session of court Wednesday afternoon, the court completed the passing of the regular monthly bills and received a delegation of citizens from Evans creek who petitioned the court to construct a bridge between Wimer and Woodville. The need of the bridge was admitted by the court and, as the material for it is already on hand, it will probably be built early this summer. The span will be about 100 feet long.

The court also ordered the purchase of two 12-ton per hour capacity rock crushers to be used on road work. They will cost \$1500 each and will be bought from the Beach manufacturing company of Portland.

A road was ordered established to connect the residents of Sams valley with the P. & E. railroad. According to the present conditions, a drive of 10 miles is necessary to reach the railroad while with the new road, the ground for which will be donated by Messrs. Dodge and Theiss, owners of the Riverside ranch providing the county will construct a bridge to span the Rogue river at a cost of about \$8000, it will be a distance of only two and one-half miles. The new bridge, if located so as to connect with this road will span the Rogue river at a point approximately six miles above the Bybee bridge.

The petitions for the new road were signed by Messrs. Dodge and Theiss, Frank Brown, of Eagle Point and many others.

30 PER CENT POSTAL INCREASE.

The receipts of the local postoffice for the month of February show an increase in business of thirty-one per cent over February of last year. The figures for the month show that business to the amount of \$2,406.32 was transacted, while in February, 1910 the figures were \$1,829.23.

TARIFF BOARD, PET OF TAFT, NOW DOOMED

Smoot Admits Commission Bill to Be Killed Under Compact Whereby It Will Be Left as Unfinished Business at Close of Present Session.

REPUBLICANS ABANDON HOPE OF A COMPROMISE

Democrats Urge That Only Logical Plan is to Frame a Tariff for Revenue Only.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 2.—Confession that a senatorial agreement existed whereby President Taft's tariff commission bill is believed to be doomed to defeat at this session of congress was made today by Smoot of Utah in the debate of the measure. Smoot flatly declared that a compact whereby the bill is to be left as "unfinished business."

When debate of the measure opened Smith of South Carolina took the floor and explained why he was opposed to the tariff board. He predicted that the board, if organized, would divide and return majority and minority reports. He urged that the only reasonable plan was to unite on framing a tariff law for revenue only.

Why Hurry Now.

Shively of Indiana, who followed, deprecated haste at this time. "Why should the republicans be in a hurry now?" he asked. "They had twelve years in which to create a tariff board and did not do so. Can it be that their haste now is because the next congress will be democratic?"

Then came Smoot's admission. Shively denounced the policy of preventing action on the appropriation bills, and thus forcing an extra session. "The plan is," he said, "to appoint a committee of arch-angels to determine tariff questions. Thus, they couldn't be mistaken in their conclusions."

Slap Made at Taft.

"The same president who declared the 1909 tariff bill the best ever enacted will make the appointments to this board. The Payne bill has been approved and eulogized by him. This bill now before the senate is an admission that previous enactments have been arranged on an entirely different basis than the relative cost of production here.

Republicans in the senate today abandon hope of compromising with the democrats on the tariff board bill and determined to fight to a finish even if an all night session is necessary.

This decision was reached after the democrats had replied evasively to overtures by Senator Hale for an agreement to vote on the bill tomorrow at noon and an alternative proposition by Senator Lafollette, who suggested 10 o'clock tonight.

RAILROADS SUBMIT TO RATE RULING

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 2.—Interstate Commerce Commissioner Franklin K. Lane today predicted that the railroads would fully submit to the recent rate decision of the commission within a week.

"Representatives of eastern and western railroads," Lane said, "already have informally notified the commission that they will comply with the decision, and there is no doubt in my mind that others will follow suit."

ELKS LODGE DEDICATE THEIR NEW HALL TONIGHT

The local lodge of the B. P. O. E. will hold their annual election of officers in the new hall in the I. O. O. F. building tonight. As this is the first meeting to be held in the new hall, upon which the order has secured a lease for a year, there will be a dedication ceremony after the regular business of the meeting is completed. A banquet will close the festivities.

ENGLISH POLITICIANS TO BLAME FOR BOER WAR ASSERTS BULLER

Commander of British Forces Says in His Memories that Englishmen Deliberately Brought

LONDON, Feb. 2.—That the machinations of English politicians were responsible for the Boer war is the startling charge in the autobiography of Sir William Buller, given out today for publication. Sir William was in command in South Africa just before the war.

He declares that he repeatedly warned the government that war was imminent but that his warnings were disregarded because he insisted on blaming the English people for the trouble. Because he refused to cooperate in a plan to force the Boers to fight, Buller says he was recalled.

He says that prominent Englishmen who were in South Africa tried to infuriate the Boers to the breaking point and then asked him to send false reports to the British government.

JAPAN STANDS BY PROMISES

Foreign Minister Komura in Speech States That Restrictions on Emigration Now in Force Will Continue—Government to Keep Pledge.

TOKIO, March 2.—Public declaration that Japan would continue to enforce her present restrictions on the emigration of Japanese laborers to the United States was made here today by Foreign Minister Komura in a speech before the lower house of the national diet. Discussing the new treaty between Japan and the United States Komura voiced a strong appreciation of the American government's spirit of friendly accommodation and declared it to be a fresh indication of the traditional expression of the good will between the two nations.

Referring to the omission of the immigration proviso from the new treaty, Komura declared that the Japanese government had no intention to depart from its established policy relating to the checking of any great wave of emigration of laborers to the United States. He said that in proceeding to the signature of the treaty, the representative of the Japanese government made a full declaration of that policy, which the government was fully prepared to maintain.

YOUTH STOPS FRANTIC TEAM

L. S. Beveridge Climbs Over Back of Wagon and, by Climbing Along the Pole, Pulls Frightened Team of Runaway Horses to Walk.

Frightened, it is believed by the noise of a passing automobile, a team of heavy gray horses belonging to C. H. Strunknitzer broke loose from their check strap, this morning, and after colliding with a wagon at the corner of Main and Fir streets, dashed madly up East Main street until brought to a stop near the Washington school building.

The team had been tied by their driver at the corner of Fir and Main streets but when they started upon their mad flight he was not in sight. L. S. Beveridge who was standing at the corner of Grape and Main streets was able to grasp the wagon as it passed him. He climbed over the body of the wagon and, after securing a hold to the harness of the galloping horses, he walked along the shaft of the wagon until able to secure the bridle reins, whereupon he pulled the team down to a walk. An automobile containing J. E. Barkdull, and Ed. Andrews, which had stated in pursuit of the team, came up and its occupants held the team while Beveridge clambered down from his precarious position on the pole.

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CRIME ROBS ITALY'S QUEEN OF ATTENDANT

Countess Giulia di Toigona Killed After Quarrel With Lover, Who Strangles Woman, Shoots Her, and Then Puts Bullet in Himself.

RELATIONS OF COUPLE HAVE LONG BEEN SCANDAL

Lieutenant Under Arrest in Hospital but Will Recover—Tragedy Causes Sensation.

ROME, Feb. 2.—Murder today cost Queen Helena one of her ladies in waiting when the Countess Giulia di Trigona was killed in a small hotel here by Lieutenant Paterno of the cavalry.

The tragedy has caused a great sensation, although the government at once suppressed all details of the affair further than that the murder and attempted suicide took place in the Hotel Rebecchino. Paterno is now in a hospital under arrest. He will recover.

The relations of the couple here have been a scandal for a long time. The Count di Trigona, who is high in court circles, recently sought a divorce from his beautiful wife, alleging that she was intimate with Paterno. The countess denied the charge but the queen ordered her retirement from the court.

Today the countess met her lover at the hotel, and papers found in their effects showed that she intended to force him to break off their relations. Shortly after the couple met, waiters heard them in a heated dispute, and heard Lieutenant Paterno threaten to kill the countess if she returned to her husband. Then followed screams and, breaking in the door of the apartment the hotel attaches found the countess dying and Paterno unconscious on the floor.

The woman had been strangled and then shot. With another bullet Paterno had pierced his own breast.

STOCK MARKET DULL; BONDS ARE IRREGULAR

NEW YORK, March 2.—Today's stock market opened dull and was inclined to heaviness. Union Pacific, Reading and United States Steel were down 3/4 to 1/2. Trading grew more active after the opening and prices declined a point or more on vigorous selling. Canadian Pacific lost 2 and General Electric and Westinghouse about 3.

Bonds were irregular. The market closed firm.

County Court Invaded by Cupid.

J. P. Leonard of Medford, and Miss Mary G. Hawkes were married at the county court house Wednesday by County Judge J. R. Neil. The couple secured the license during the afternoon and at the conclusion of the session of the county court in the evening secured the services of County Commissioner George Davis as witness and were united by the judge.

CAPTURED YOUTHS WERE KIDNAPED

EL PASO, Texas, March 2.—Charging that Edward Blait and Lawrence Converse, American youths arrested by the Mexican government as rebels, were taken on United States soil and dragged across into Mexico with their hands bound, friends of the two boys today took steps to have the captors arrested as kidnapers. An agent of the department of justice investigating the affair returned from Tornilla yesterday. He reported that the stories told by the youths of their having been taken in the United States were true. If this can be established, friends say, their release will be brought about speedily.

HOUSE OF LORDS TO BE REDUCED IN SIZE IF ASQUITH SUCCEEDS

Government Plan for Reforming Peers Made Public—Balfour Starts Uproar by Attacking Cabinet.

LONDON, Feb. 2.—Outlining the government's plan for the reform of the house of lords, Premier Asquith in the commons today said that the idea was to make the commons the dominant chamber with the Lords a "relatively small chamber, not resting on a hereditary basis and not governed by partisanship."

Following Asquith's statement, Arthur J. Balfour started an uproar by charging the government with fraud and with attempting to coerce the country by an alliance with the Irish Nationalists. He admitted that reform in the house of lords was necessary but deprecated the elimination of the hereditary principle. He also urged a referendum on the proposed changes, "to prevent any tampering with legislation."

PANAMA RATES TO BE ADJUSTED

Secretary of War Dickinson Calls Meeting of Parties Interested to Straighten Out Traffic War Raging on the Isthmus.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 2.—Secretary of War Dickinson today called a meeting for March 6 of all parties interested in the rates of freight handled between the Pacific and the Atlantic via the Panama Railroad which is expected to do something toward straightening out a rate war between the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, owner of the Southern Pacific Railroad, and an independent San Francisco line, the California and Atlantic Company. The independents allege that the Southern Pacific steamer line is trying to freeze them out and thus create a monopoly and San Francisco shippers have appealed to Dickinson.

RUEF'S APPEAL STILL IN DOUBT

Whether or Not Grafter Will Take Case to Federal Supreme Court Will Be Decided Today—Accepts Fate Philosophically.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 2.—Whether Abe Ruef will attempt to carry his case to the United States supreme court probably will be finally decided late this afternoon at a conference between the former political boss and his attorneys at the county jail, where Ruef is held pending his transfer to San Quentin.

Henry Ach, who has been chief counsel for Ruef, declared that he does not believe an appeal will be taken, and that if it is, George B. Keane, probably will be Ruef's chief attorney.

Ruef said today he believed he should take every possible action to avoid his fourteen years sentence, but if there were no legal grounds for appeal he would face the inevitable philosophically.

HIGHWAYMEN MAKE VICTIM CASH GIFT

SEATTLE, Wash., March 2.—A. L. Valonda, a salesman, 24 years of age, today told the police the strangest story yet of the epidemic of hold-ups and street robberies in Seattle. He was held up by two hand-dogs on a downtown street corner. "Please don't take my watch and money," he pleaded, while he held his hands above his head. "I have a mother and sister to support." "Well, let's let the kid go," said one of the thugs. The other assented and slipped \$3 into Valonda's pocket. "For the hunch at home," whispered the crook, as the pair hurried away.

HUMES' MAY RAISE ISSUE STATE RIGHTS

Threaten to Apply to Federal Courts for Injunction Preventing Enforcement of People's Law Closing Rogue River.

CLAIM GOVERNMENT ONLY HAS RIGHT OF REGULATION

Master Fish Warden Says Question Has Already Been Decided in Favor of the State.

An appeal to the federal court to prevent the regulation of fishing in the Rogue river by the state of Oregon, is the threatened move of the Hume interests, who have failed in their efforts to re-open the stream to commercial fishing. An injunction will be asked on the ground that the control of the waters of a stream are vested in the federal government instead of in the state.

Such at least is the information brought back by Ira J. Dodge from Portland, who states that this program was outlined by Ivan Humason, one of the Hume agents. Similar threats were made during the session of the legislature by the Hume heirs.

These contentions were then regarded as a bluff, to force the passage of the bill repealing the initiative bill. The master fish warden stated that the federal courts have repeatedly ruled that the state has the right to regulate fishing in its streams, and upon these decisions are based all of the fish laws of the various states.

However, if the threat is made good, and an injunction is secured, the Rogue River Fish Protection Association will be on hand to fight it to a finish.

WAR SCARE SCARES HOBSON

Congressman From Alabama Calls on President and Declares Japs Won't Let Us Finish the Canal Unmolested—Are on Brink of War.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 2.—While calling at the white house Congressman Richmond Pearson Hobson of Alabama reiterated his warning to prepare for a war with Japan, declaring that the country of the Kikado never will permit the United States to finish the Panama Canal unmolested.

Hobson unqualifiedly endorsed the sentiment of Sir Frederick Villiers, the British war correspondent, that "Americans are a misguided people, on the brink of war with Japan."

Hobson said: "Every well informed diplomat, every army and naval officer in America knows that war with Japan is inevitable, and that the United States is unprepared for the struggle. It must not be imagined for a moment that Japan will let us finish the gateway to the Pacific, the canal across the Isthmus of Panama."

MITCHELL FORCED FROM FEDERATION

NEW YORK, March 2.—John Mitchell, vice president of the American Federation of Labor today declared he made no plans for his future, following his resignation from the civic federation. "Because the United Mine Workers of America demanded it, he said, 'I resigned from the Civic Federation and will leave New York as soon as I can arrange the business of my office. Inasmuch as the officials of the minors' decided that a referendum of the resolution framed against me is impossible, there is nothing for me to do but quit. I intend to make no plans until I have closed up my civic federation work.'