

CLEARINGS
Bank clearings today were
\$31,916.10.

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

WEATHER
Rain tonight and warmer.
Temp., mean, 56; Bar, 29.45

FORTIETH YEAR.

MEDFORD, OREGON, FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 1911.

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TAFT FAVORS MARCH 15 FOR EXTRA SESSION

President Lets It Be Officially Known
That an Opening Day Has Been
Agreed Upon as Result of Compromise
Between Leaders.

EIGHT MILLIONS A MINUTE SPENT FOR THREE MINUTES

Committee on Insular Affairs Reports
That Charges of Graft in Sale
of Friar Lands Unproven.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 3.—That an extra session of congress is a certainty was believed here today following President Taft's official admission that he favors March 15 for the opening day. The date represents a compromise reached at a conference of republican and democratic leaders. It is now believed that all chance of a vote on Canadian reciprocity at this session has vanished.

A majority of the committee on insular affairs reported that charges of graft in the sale of Philippine friar lands to the sugar trust have not been proven. A minority report will be filed later.

All the republicans of the committee, with Rucker and Fornes, democrats, signed a majority report.

The report exonerates the Philippines officials and recommends changes in the law, removing the "burdens of limitations" from the sale of the lands.

A new record for spending is hung up in the archives of the senate today as the result of yesterday's legislative activities, when the senators spent an average of \$8,000,000 for three minutes. In that time the upper house passed the pensions bill, carrying \$150,000,000; the diplomatic bill, \$4,000,000, and the fortification bill, \$8,000,000.

DUCHESS OF MANCHESTER COMING TO CALIFORNIA

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., March 3.—Announcement that the Duke and Duchess of Manchester will make a long visit to California in the near future was made here today. Eugene Zimmerman of Cincinnati, father of the duchess, will accompany the party.

Typoid Epidemic at Ottawa.

OTTAWA, Ont., March 3.—The capital seems to be as far as ever from any solution of any cause of the typhoid fever epidemic. Today, as has every other day, shown an increase in the number of cases. There have been 771 reported to the health office since January 12, an increase over the number on Wednesday of 25.

REED BOOMED FOR PRESIDENT

Newly Elected Senator From Missouri Is New "Hope" of Democrats of Southwest States Haskell of Oklahoma.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 3.—In the person of James A. Reed, United States senator-elect from Missouri, a new "hope" in the democratic presidential race is being boomed here today as the result of a statement by former Governor Haskell of Oklahoma that the southwest will vote for him at the next White House election.

"The six democratic states of the southwest," said Haskell, "can control the democratic national convention next year if they pull together. Oklahoma and the whole southwest think as much of Jim Reed as Missouri does. He has always been ready to help us. He may be the next democratic candidate."

Haskell's southwest embraces Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana and Kansas. Haskell includes the latter because he says it can be reclaimed from republican control.

CHILE REFUSES TO SELL EASTER ISLAND FOR JAP NAVAL USE

Small Volcanic Isle, Easternmost of
Polynesian Group, to Be Kept by
Republic for Its Own Use.

VALPARAISO, Chile, March 3.—It was authoritatively stated here today that Chile has refused a secret offer from Japan to sell Easter island for a fortified naval base. Chile wished to use the island for her own naval purposes.

Easter island or Rapa Nui, is in the Pacific ocean 2300 miles west of the coast of Chile. It is small and volcanic and its highest point is 1970 feet above sea level.

It is the easternmost of the Polynesian group and is noted for its ancient statues and carved rocks, the works of a prehistoric people. The area of the island is about 50 square miles.

RUEF APPEALS MANY TIMES

Convicted Grafter Will Apply to
Federal Courts on Writ of Error
and Carry Case Through Supreme
Court to Seek Freedom.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., March 3.—"We shall apply to this state supreme court for an order of rehearing before night," said George B. Keane, attorney for Abraham Ruef today. "If we are denied this order we shall then be in a position to appeal to the United States circuit court of appeals for a writ of error. If that writ is granted I understand our client will be entitled to freedom on bail. If the writ is denied we shall appeal to Washington."

"The state supreme court may take our petition under advisement until Monday. It is possible that our client will go to San Quentin before we know whether the appeal will be taken to the United States supreme court. We shall, however, carry the case through until the rehearing is secured."

Judge Dietrich, now sitting in Oregon, is the justice of the federal appellate court to whom the Ruef appeal will be taken if the state supreme court refuses to again consider the case.

SENATOR CULLOM IS GRILLED BY STUDENTS

OREGON, Ill., March 3.—The faculty and students of Mount-Morris college, Senator Cullom's alma mater, adopted today resolutions denouncing Cullom for his vote in the Lorimer case, declaring that his vote whitewashing Lorimer "had covered his proud record with shame and also brought into disrepute the founders of the college as well as the people of the state, in setting before the nation a standard of conduct far too low for this generation to accept."

LOCATES MINERAL CLAIM AT LOS ANGELES DEPOT

LOS ANGELES, Cal., March 3.—Location notices covering a mineral claim which includes in its 20 acres the Arcade depot of the Southern Pacific and several millions of dollars worth of property, may be seen today posted in the back yard of Mrs. Margaret Hunter, opposite the depot.

Mrs. Hunter says she found "pay dirt" while planting a castor bean bush and that she will develop her claim.

The notice was recorded and is as legal a document as a licensed attorney could make it. Mrs. Hunter says work will be begun at once on her "mine," but she will wait until the value of it is proved before she insists on the railroad company removing its depot and rails.

RECIPROCITY DEBATE IN OTTAWA DRAGS

OTTAWA, Ont., March 3.—The reciprocity debate in the house dragged today and indications seem to point to a protracted discussion and a long session. In some quarters it is believed the coronation in London in June is the only thing that will prevent parliament from sitting all

BLOWS STRUCK BY PROFESSOR AND SCHOLAR

School Board Will Thresh Out Merits
of High School Scandal Tonight
and Case Will Also Be Heard Before
Jacksonville Justice of Peace.

BLACK EYES BEAUTIFY INSTRUCTOR AND PUPIL

Seely Hall and Professor Cudahy Exchange
Blows—Youth's Father
Files Complaint in Court.

In order to thresh out the scandal which broke loose in the high school Thursday when Professor J. P. Cudahy, teacher of the commercial courses, and Seely Hall, the 17-year-old son of Court Hall, and a pupil in the commercial class, engaged in a fist fight in the main corridor of the school building, the school board will cause both contestants and as many witnesses to the affair itself and the actions which led up to it as can be found to appear before it at the regular meeting tonight.

According to the findings of Superintendent of Schools U. S. Collins, who investigated the occurrence shortly after it happened, the blame seems to be equally upon the shoulders of both of the contestants. Both today exhibit discolored eyes.

In speaking of the happening this morning Mr. Collins said:

Mr. Collins' Statement.

"Thursday afternoon Hall came to me and told me that he wished to place a spotlight in position on the stage of the opera house for the use of the Junior class when they give their annual skit tonight, so I wrote him out an excuse from the first class of the afternoon session. He went to the opera house and, finding that he could not get the use of the stage, hurried back to the school and, although somewhat late for the recitation, hurried into the classroom. According to what I am told, in pulling a chair into place, he allowed it to drag along the floor in such a way as to make a noise, whereupon Mr. Cudahy, the teacher of the class, remarked: 'This is no basketball game,' and told the boy to do the whole thing over again, but with less noise."

"This started talk between the two with the result that Cudahy ordered the boy from the room. He obeyed, but in doing so replied: 'If I leave this room I go for good,' and Mr. Cudahy followed him out."

Hall Strikes Instructor.

"In the corridor, Hall, I believe, took up a stand alongside of the wall and Mr. Cudahy, walking up to him, put his hands under the boy's chin to raise his head back. The act caused Hall's head to come in contact with the wall, probably causing considerable pain, whereupon the boy shot his fist out and landed a blow on Cudahy's forehead that cut the flesh over the eye. Cudahy returned the blow and, I understand, struck Hall several more times. They broke apart and Hall rushed into my office, closely pursued by the teacher. Their faces were covered with blood and I made them wash and then tell me their story. Just as soon as I had heard Mr. Cudahy's side of the story he returned to his class and then, in order that he might hear of the affair while it was still fresh, I took Hall to the office of Mr. Cochran, a member of the school board, and let him revise his story there."

Father Issues Complaint.

As soon as Hall returned to his home his father, upon hearing the story, caused a complaint to be issued against the teacher, with the result that the scrape will be given an airing, besides in the presence of the school board, before Justice of the Peace Henry G. Fox in Jacksonville. The case will probably come up for hearing this afternoon.

At the hearing before the board tonight Miss Jessie Purdy, a pupil in the school who witnessed the encounter in the corridor will be summoned, as will any others whose presence in the immediate vicinity of the battle might fit them to know something about it.

In Trouble Previously.

About a month ago Meno Davis, another pupil in Cudahy's class, had

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HAREM SKIRTS FOR SUFFRAGETTES IS PLAN OF NATIONAL LEADER

Mrs. Barber Thinks Adoption of Garb
Would Result in Certain Victory
for the Cause.

NEW YORK, March 3.—Harem skirts for suffragettes is the plan announced here today by Mrs. A. L. Barber, national leader in the equal rights movement, which she declares would result in certain victory for the cause.

"I think it was one of the best possible movements on the part of the suffragettes to adopt the harem skirt," said Mrs. Barber. "It would single them out. In a short time we would be accustomed to the change and there could be no objection on the ground of immodesty."

Politicians interviewed agreed that the harem skirt would "single them out."

COSTA RICANS TO BE SHOT

Forty-five Suspects Charged With
Complicity in the Burning of the
Cuartel at Managua Are Condemned
to Death.

PORT LIMON, Costa Rica, March 3.—Forty-five suspects charged with complicity in the burning of the Cuartel at Managua, are to be shot, according to telegraphic confirmation received here today of advices brought by passengers from Nicaragua landing at Punta Arenas.

Most prominent among the condemned prisoners is Dr. Espinosa, a physician, who is known from Mexico to Argentina.

Influential citizens of this and neighboring cities are planning meetings of protest against the proposed condemnations, and telegrams have been sent to President Taft, Secretary Knox and the Masonic lodge of San Jose, the Costa Rican capital.

PEERESS VICTIM OF BLACKMAIL

Lieutenant Tried to Extort \$400,000
From Countess Trigona, and Shot
Her When She Refused Cash—
Husband Threatens to Kill Paterno

ROME, March 3.—Queen Helena is prostrated today as the result of the killing of the Countess Trigona by Lieutenant Paterno and the king is reported as inclined to censure her majesty for allowing the scandal to run so long before its bloody finale.

It developed today that Paterno, who is reported to be dying, tried to blackmail the countess and, failing, murdered her when she demanded that he break off their relations. Two blood spattered letters signed by Paterno were found in the corseage of the dead countess. They said Paterno would cease his attentions if the countess would pay him \$400,000 to enable him to pay his debts and intimidated that if the demand were refused he would make the scandal worse than ever.

The authorities are convinced that Paterno intentionally exposed his own liaison with the countess when he gave one of his creditors a check signed by her.

The countess' body was today taken to her husband's home, the king having partially reconciled the couple before the tragedy. Trigona threatens to kill Paterno. The assassin, who is closely guarded, refuses to discuss the tragedy.

JOHN CASEY IS NAMED ASHLAND'S POSTMASTER

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 3.—The president today nominated the following postmasters:
Oregon—Thomas Rancall, Oregon City; James Page, Eugene; John R. Casey, Ashland. Mr. Casey is re-appointed.

SUITS FILED TO BREAK UP 35 TRUSTS

First Step in Government's Campaign
Against Electrical Trust—Other
Suits Against Other Branches of
Combine Are Soon to Follow.

CONTROL OUTPUT OF INCANDESCENT LAMPS

Entire Output of Country Is Under
Control: General Electric and
Westinghouse Defendants.

CLEVELAND, O., March 3.—Big federal trust busting suits were filed here today in the United States courts against 35 lamp and electrical supply manufacturers. Twelve of the companies are located in Ohio, four being Cleveland concerns.

It is alleged that these companies handle 97 per cent of the country's business and that they are in a combination in restraint of trade.

United States Attorney Day filed the trust-busting suit. It charges that a trust has been organized to control the manufacture, sale and price of incandescent lamps.

The government's action is the result of years of investigation and is the first step of the department of justice in a general campaign against the electrical trust. Other suits against other branches of the trust are to follow.

The concerns named in the government's petition include the General Electric of New York, the Libby Glass company of Toledo, the Westinghouse Manufacturing company and the Westinghouse Lamp company of Pittsburgh, the Aetna Electric company, the American Incandescent Lamp company and the Bryant Marsh company of New York, the Columbia Incandescent and the Independent Incandescent company of St. Louis, the Sunbeam Incandescent company of Chicago, the Gilmore Electrical company of Boston and the Phoenix Glass company of Pittsburgh.

It is alleged that the trust's formation started soon after 1904, when American patents on carbon filament incandescent lamps expired, and by August, 1906, it is charged, practically the whole lamp output of the country was in the hands of the combination.

MYERS SENATOR FROM MONTANA

HELENA, Mont., March 3.—Chosen on the very last of the ballots when his name had not been before mentioned, Judge Henry Myers is the successor to United States Senator Carter of Montana.

The election barely came in time to prevent the legislature expiring by constitutional limitation.

The declaration of Ronald Higgins, a Missouri insurgent republican, to support a motion to dissolve the joint assembly since the vote attributed cause of the election of Myers. The motion was defeated when Higgins suddenly changed his vote from yes to no. Every democratic vote was recorded for Myers.

Senator-elect Myers said today: "Politically I am a thorough democrat and shall always stand with the democrats in the senate on party matters. On questions affecting Montana and the northwest, I shall vote for what I think is best for my constituents."

STOCK MARKET FIRM WITH UPWARD TREND

NEW YORK, March 3.—Today's market was active at the opening, gains and losses being distributed throughout the list, but fluctuations were narrow. At midday the market was on the upward trend. The market closed strong. Bonds were firm.

MAGAZINE WRITER CONVICTED OF FORGERY SENT TO SING SING

Broughton Brandenburg, Who Faked
Letter of Cleveland During Last
Campaign Sentenced to Prison.

NEW YORK, March 3.—Broughton Brandenburg, magazine writer, was convicted of forgery this afternoon and was sentenced by Judge Swann to not less than two years nor more than four years in Sing Sing.

In the last national campaign Brandenburg sold what purported to be a letter the late President Cleveland wrote denouncing William J. Bryan and the republicans used it as a campaign document until it was pronounced a forgery. Brandenburg was acquitted of the charge of having forged this letter, but convicted of passing a forged check.

When he was sentenced today Brandenburg collapsed.

POLICE CHIEF A MURDERER

Escaped Convict Serves Five Years
Under Assumed Name as Peace Officer—Recognized by Drummer,
He Returns to Prison.

DANVILLE, Va., March 3.—After escaping from a murderer's cell and serving five years here as chief of police under an assumed name, Edgar Stripling is today en route to Harris county, Georgia, to resume his life behind the bars.

After Stripling, who was known as R. E. Morris while chief of police here, was recognized as the escaped Georgia slayer, he bade farewell to his wife and family and started back to a cell. Petitioners are already in circulation for his pardon by Governor Smith of Georgia.

"I expected to be recognized some time," said Stripling. "In fact, I courted publicity, as I felt I did no wrong in killing William Corbett, who tried to outrage my sister. Corbett was trying to get out his gun when I fired. I simply got him before he got me, but his friends were in the majority at the trial and I was sent to prison for life."

NEGRO SLATED FOR REGISTER OF TREASURY

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 3.—James C. Napier, a Tennessee negro, today wins the endorsement of President Taft to be register of the treasury. With Napier's nomination, the president also recommended the promotion of Lieutenant Colonel John Biddle of the army engineer corps to be colonel.

FIFTH OF A MILLION TO ADVERTISE OREGON

PORTLAND, Ore., March 3.—Three hundred business men of Portland today are pledged to raise a fund of \$200,000 by public subscription to continue the work of exploiting the resources of Oregon and the Pacific northwest.

The men pledged themselves to undertake the work at a "ho-tee" banquet at the Commercial club rooms last night.

COMMISSION PLAN IS SUSTAINED BY COURTS

OLYMPIA, Wash., March 3.—The supreme court today sustained the principle of the commission plan of government.

The plan which is being carried out in Spokane, and which is already in operation in Tacoma, was attacked in the courts. Former United States Senator Turner made the final argument, pleading that it was unconstitutional to combine federal and legislative functions.

COURT REFUSES TO ENJOIN LEATHER TRUST

NEWARK, N. J., March 3.—Vice Chancellor Howell today decided against the Wall street firm of J. S. Bucke & Co., who asked an injunction preventing election of directors by the Central Leather company. Bucke & Co. represented a minority interest which desired to have the election conducted by inspectors appointed by the court.

\$125,000,000 NAVAL BILL IS CONSIDERED

Senate Spends Day Discussing Ap-
propriations—Refuses to Strike
Out Provision for Fortifying Pan-
ama Canal.

INCREASED POSTAL RATES FOR MAGAZINES ABANDONED

Tariff Board Ordered to Report on
Wool and Wooten Schedules
Before Next December.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 3.—When the senate re-convened today Senator Stone, democrat, Missouri, served notice that at the close of consideration of the naval appropriation bill today he would call up the reciprocity measure. The naval bill carries appropriations aggregating \$125,000,000.

Another Culberson amendment to the sundry bill ordering a report by tariff board on wool and wooten schedules before the first Monday in next December was adopted after much wrangling.

An amendment by Jones of Washington appropriating \$12,000 to suppress the liquor traffic in Alaska was adopted.

An amendment by Burton to eliminate the appropriation for the fortification of the Panama canal was defeated on a viva voce vote.

When the plan to increase postal magazine rates was taken up Penrose said he realized "it was impossible to pass it and would withdraw his amendment. He asked, as a substitute, the appointment of a commission thereupon notified the senate that he would discuss the subject at length if Penrose tried to press his proposal.

Senator Lodge's amendment to the naval appropriation bill, introduced to reward Captain Robert E. Peary for his polar expeditions, was killed today in the senate on a point of order. It was decided that the subject was not a proper one for a naval bill.

After three hours' discussion the sundry civil bill, carrying \$240,000,000, was passed. The Owen amendment, increasing the salaries of public health and marine hospital service officials, was adopted. It makes the salary of the surgeon general \$6000. An amendment by Senator Culberson reducing the appropriation for the present tariff board exports from \$400,000 to \$200,000 and limiting its use to one year was also adopted, 29 to 24.

The naval bill passed in 45 minutes, the house provisions for the eight-hour law applying to battleships being restored. The provision that the profit on armor plate be limited to 100 per cent was stricken out.

Owen declared that the prohibition against purchasing from the steel trust should remain, "or the conspiracy would be unbroken."

The postoffice bill next came up for consideration. Postmaster Hitchcock remaining on the floor during the discussion.

CORRAL OF MEXICO TO SOON RETIRE

MEXICO CITY, Mexico, March 3.—Vice President Corral is shortly to retire. His passing, according to a reliable statement today, will be the first step in a general re-organization of President Diaz's cabinet. Minister of Finance Limantour will be made minister of foreign relations, according to the report. Eurico Creel, present foreign minister, is to be elevated.

Congress meets April 1 and Corral's resignation, it is expected, will be presented then.

House Slate is Clean.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 3.—With its slate clean of important bills, the house today busied itself with odds and ends and local measures while awaiting the senate's conference reports for consideration.