

CLEARINGS

Monday \$63,888.61
Tuesday \$8,630.69

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

WEATHER
Showers—Max. 56.5; Min. 35; Mean, 46.

FORTY-FIRST YEAR.

MEDFORD, OREGON, TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 1911.

No. 11

RAILROAD PLANS TO EXPEDITE PAYMENT OF REFUNDS

Order is Issued for all Freight Bills on Which Refund is Due to Be Turned in for Purpose of Forwarding Them to San Francisco.

MOVE IS MADE IN ORDER TO HURRY THE PAYMENT

Local Office Has Been too Busy to Attend to the Matter So San Francisco Force Will Help

In order to expedite the refunding of amounts due local merchants and citizens on freight bills paid to them for the period of time between the order of the state railroad commis-

Agent A. S. Rosenbaum today issued a call for these freight bills with instructions for shippers to include only the freight bills for shipments originating at Portland and which bear waybill dates from October 13, 1910, to February 8, 1911, inclusive.

FOLK URGES RECIPROCITY

Says Middle West and North West is Over-Whelmingly in Favor of It—Regrets it is Not Broader Than it is.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 4.—Declaring that the farming interests as well as others would be vastly benefited by the ratification of the Canadian reciprocity, Joseph W. Folk, former governor of Missouri, is out with a statement here today in which he maintains that the measure would greatly benefit all Americans.

SAN JOSE PRINTERS THREATEN TO STRIKE

SAN JOSE, Cal., April 4.—Demanding a straight raise of 50 cents a day more printers here announced today that they would strike at noon Wednesday unless their demands were granted by that time.

CHAMP CLARK DID NOT DRIVE MULES TO CAPITOL BUILDING AS PROMISED

Despite Rain, Clark Uses Street Car Until Near Capitol Building and Then He Walks.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 4.—Champ Clark did not drive the mules. Reports that the new speaker would journey to the house of congress today behind a pair of Missouri camels failed. Despite the rain, Clark, ignoring the speaker's automobile, walked to a common, ordinary street car, rode in it until near the capitol and then walked there to take up his new duties of presiding over the national house.

JACK TO LOSE \$4000 SUIT

His Inability to Appear in New York to Defend Civil Case Will Cause Him to Be Parted From a Considerable Sum.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., April 4.—Champion Jack Johnson, who is confined in the county jail for having violated the speed law, stands today a good chance of losing \$4,000 because of his inability to appear in New York city April 10 to defend a civil suit pending against him for that amount.

PLAGUE HAS REACHED JAVA

Forty-Six Cases Reported in Vicinity of Malang—Batavia Loses Over 100 in Few Days—Officials Confirm Report.

THE HAGUE, April 4.—With the receipt today of official confirmation of the presence of the plague in eastern Java, it was learned that in the vicinity of Malang alone there have been 46 cases, 26 of which terminated fatally.

NEGROES FLOCK INTO CANADA

Dominion Considering Law Which Will Bar Blacks From Taking Up Homesteads on Ground That They Are Not Desirable Citizens.

OTTAWA, Ont., April 4.—The movement of negroes into Western Canada to take up free homesteads has reached such proportions that an attempt is being made on the part of some members to have parliament pass an act restricting their emigration.

On the floor of parliament yesterday Member Thioburn stated that hundreds of negro settlers had emigrated from the United States, and that this should be discouraged because the negroes were not suited to conditions in Canada and would not make desirable citizens.

NEW JERSEY POLITICIAN MURDERED IN MEXICO

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 4.—Shot from ambush on a ranch near Tuspan, George Critchenfield, a New Jersey politician, is dying today, according to word received by the state department from Consul Miller at Tampico, Mexico.

ROAD WORK IS NOW UNDER WAY

Crew Is at Work Near Ashland Putting on Worn Surface—Machinery Overhauled and is Ready for Active Service.

SURVEYORS NOW AT WORK ON MEDFORD-CENTRAL POINT

Will Soon Open Large Quarry on Desert From Which Excellent Material Will Be Secured.

With a large road crew at work near Ashland, with a surveying party running lines on the county road between Medford and Central Point preparatory to letting a contract for its construction, and with the county road building machinery overhauled and ready for business, the season's road building campaign in Jackson county may be said to be fairly under way.

Monday a crew of county road-builders started work near Ashland. They are rounding the roadbed and putting on the top dressing in order that it will stand up under a rain, which was not the case last winter.

County road engineer W. W. Harmon has a crew of surveyors now at work on the highway between this city and Central Point. As soon as this survey is completed bids will be called and a contract let for the construction of the road.

The session of the county court which opens Wednesday of this week will be of much importance from a road building standpoint as several matters are to be considered.

PRISONERS CRY THEIR THANKS

Wildly Applaud Witness in Camorra Trial Now on in Italy—Witness Readily and Plausibly Answers Queries By the Court.

VITERBO, Italy, April 4.—Gennaro Marinis, who is accused of having devised the Camorra plot for the murder of Gennaro Cuccolo and his wife, was the principal witness today at the Camorra trial in progress here.

De Marinis is specifically charged with having stabbed Cuccolo to death in the Torre del Greco and then leading his fellow murderers to Signora Cuccolo's apartment, where she was killed to death as her husband had been.

Jersey politician, is dying today, according to word received by the state department from Consul Miller at Tampico, Mexico. Washington officials immediately ordered a thorough investigation of the affair.

ECONOMY TO BE CLARK'S POLICY

Newly Elected Speaker in Brief Speech Following His Election Thanks His Constituents and Outlines His Policy.

WILL CUT DOWN EXPENSES SO FAR AS HE IS ABLE

Says Tariff Must Be Revised Downward—Also Favors Direct Election of Senators.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 4.—Both the house and senate convened today exactly at noon. Clerk McDowell called the house to order.

Immediately after business in the house was begun today Champ Clark of Missouri was formally elected speaker, receiving 217 out of a total of 365 votes.

Sixteen republican progressives voted for Congressman Cooper of Wisconsin. Cooper himself voted for Congressman Norris of Nebraska. James R. Mann of Illinois received 131 votes for the honor.

Clark's Keynote Speech.

Accepting the speakership of the house today, Champ Clark of Missouri thanked the members and urged decorum and order in handling the public business. He said in part: "My democratic brethren: Coupled with my joy at again seeing in this house a majority which is of my political faith is a keen sense of our responsibility to the country. We are put on trial, and the duty devolves upon us to demonstrate, not so much by fine phrases as by good works, that we are worthy of the confidence reposed in us by the voters of the land; that we are worthy of a still wider confidence. That we will prove equal to the emergency through our own efforts and our own desires I do not doubt.

Economy the Watchword.

"In literal fulfillment of our retrenchment promises we have begun by cutting the house's running expenses by \$188,000 annually. Economy, like charity, begins at home. That's where we began. We cannot, with straight faces and clear consciences, reform expenses elsewhere unless we reform that at the fountain-head.

"The Constitution gives the house practical control of the country's purse-strings, and the house should insist resolutely and firmly on exercising this control, to the end that the appropriation bills may be reduced to meet the needs of a government economically and effectively administered. It is our duty to provide every dollar needed for the proper and economical conduct of the government, but it is equally our duty to prevent waste and extravagance in the public expenditure, for we should never forget that it is difficult for millions of families now to live in decency and comfort. Surely it is the part of wisdom, statesmanship, humanitarianism and patriotism so to legislate as to regulate their burdens to the minimum.

Revision of Tariff.

"Our chief promises to the country," continued the speaker, are: "First—An honest, intelligent revision of the tariff, downward, in order to give every American an equal chance in the race of life and to pamper none unduly by special favor or privileges; to reduce the cost of living, eradicating the enormities and cruelties of the present tariff and to raise only such revenue as is necessary to support the government.

"Second—The passage of a resolution submitting to the states a constitutional amendment providing for the election of United States senators by popular vote.

"Third—Such change in the rules of the house as are necessary to a thorough and intelligent consideration of the measures which come before it.

ASK GRAND JURIES TO PROBE CENSUS FRAUDS

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 4.—Carrying on the department of justice investigation of recent census frauds, it was announced today that Special Federal Agent Newell would go to Seattle, Tacoma and Helena to ask grand juries in those cities to probe the matter to the bottom.

The New Speaker of the House



Photo by American Press Association.

HARRISON IN LEAD IN CHICAGO

Light Vote in Merriam Districts Indicates That Harrison Will Win in Today Fight at Polls—His Lieutenants Confident.

CHICAGO, Ill., April 4.—Light voting in the fashionable residential districts of the city where Charles E. Merriam, republican majority candidate is strongest early today made it seem probable that Carter H. Harrison democrat, would win. The Harrison men are most confident.

Serious injury Merriam's chances is admitted through a heavy down-pour which held down today's early vote. In the First Ward, Hucky Dink Kennel's ballcock, Merriam watchers are at every polling place and clashes were feared before the day ended.

The majorities candidates this year were nominated at the first direct primary ever held in Chicago. Harrison won by over 1,697 over former Mayor Duane, and Andrew J. Graham, the machine candidate, was third in the race. Merriam, the republican nominee, distanced all competitors, sweeping the city by 28,000.

Harrison, who is backed by the Hearst faction in return for a reported deal to deliver Illinois delegates to Hearst at the next democratic national convention, is running on a platform which calls for the strict regulation of public utilities. One of his principal planks is the reduction of gas rates from 85 cents per 1,000 feet to 70 cents.

Merriam, is generally speaking a "reformer." He has been attacked because of his prohibition leanings and the "personal liberty" element has fought him tooth and nail. The campaign which today's election ends has been one of the most bitter Chicago has ever seen and throughout has been marked by many riots and stabbing and shooting affrays. Heavy details of police, detectives and special officers are at all polling places today.

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WOMEN WAR ON SOCIALISM

More Than 10,000 Members of Fair Sex Expected to Cast Their Ballots Before Polls Close in Milwaukee Election Today.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., April 4.—Braving rain and generally inclement weather, Milwaukee's women voters today are streaming to the polls in an effort to defeat the socialist domination of the educational and judicial branches of the city government. More than 10,000 women are expected to cast ballots before the polls close.

The efforts of the women are prompted in part by the denunciation of socialism by priests and Lutheran clergymen, who for weeks have been pouring hot shot into the propaganda and its exponents from their pulpits.

Early indications today are that the heaviest vote in years will be polled.

VANCOUVER TO BE FIGHT MECCA

Petition Signed By 600 Business Men of the City is Presented and Council Acts—Several Important Bouts Will Be Staged in Near Future.

VAN COUVER, Wash., April 4.—Vancouver will be the mecca for fight fans following the action of the city council last night legalizing prize fights. The action was taken after the presentation of a petition signed by 600 business men of the city. No limitations were placed in the ordinance and the entire regulation of the contests will be left in the hands of the city authorities.

This ordinance has not been signed by Mayor Kiggins, but it is believed he will affix his signature without hesitation.

On account of Portland's proximity to Vancouver it is believed that some important bouts will be staged in the near future.

DEMOCRATS IN SADDLE AFTER LONG LONG YEARS

Congress Opens in Extra Session—Champ Clark Elected Speaker—Galleries Crowded—Wild Cheering Greets Newcomers.

MUCH IMPORTANT WORK TO BE DONE THIS SESSION

Senate Has Narrow Republican Majority—Reciprocity is First Matter Up.

HOUSE MEMBERSHIP

New democratic members .81
New republican members .45
New socialist member .1
Total number of new members .127
Seven new democratic and two new republicans served in former congresses.

SENATE

New democrats .11
New republicans .5
Total number new members 16
Total number of republican .50
Total number of democrats 41
Republican majority .9

Vacancies in New York and Colorado will be filled with democrats, making the republican majority 8.

WASHINGTON, April 4.—Legions of happy democrats today stormed the house end of the capitol, the prize of their November victory.

Stalwart Champ Clark was the star feature of the occasion so joyous to his party brethren. As he sank gracefully onto the highback chair, the Cannon throne, the climax of party triumph seemed to have been reached and the acclamation of the democrats on the floor and in the balconies was without bounds.

Since March 4, 1895, when Chas. F. Crisp, of Georgia, laid aside the gavel, there had been no democrat in the speaker's chair.

Over on the senate side of the house of government there had been a large shrinkage in the republican majority but no change in party control and so there was no demonstration to mark the dignity of the opening ceremonies. Senators were almost dazed by the number of strange men in their midst, mostly unknown and unsung political warriors, appearing as successors of battle-scarred veterans who had bossed the senate for years.

On the dot of twelve, gavel taps at both ends of the capitol signaled for order and the special session was under way. President Taft had mobilized the statesmen to get action on his reciprocity trade agreement with Canada, which was passed by the last house but neatly smothered by the senate.

Democrats in the house expected to reach the subject by and by and, in the meantime, will try their hands at a revision of features of the Payne-Aldrich tariff law. Reduced rates on wool, Schedule K, will be their first offering. Predictions of members, as to the length of the session range in time from July to September.

Interest centered in the house because of the turnover in control. Men were willing to give high prices for the privilege of seeing "Uncle Joe" Cannon with the minority on the floor and the valiant Missourian, with the national flag as a background and the terrible mace at his side, referee the doings in the pit.

There was an awful jam, folks who were children when the democrats

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