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Daily—Sixth Year. Forty-First Year. MEDFORD, OREGON, MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1911. No. 166.

ROAD BONDS HAVE A MAJORITY OF 1463 RESULT OF GREAT NAVAL BATTLE REMAINS IN DOUBT

WOULD HAVE CARRIED IF THIS CITY HAD NOT CAST A VOTE

LARGE PRECINCTS ALL IN FAVOR

Vote is Gratifying as it Means that Jackson County Has Pointed the Way to the Remainder of the State.

With every precinct in the county heard from the total vote for the good roads bond issue cast Saturday was 2812. Against the bonds 1346 votes were cast, the majority in favor of the bonds being 1463.

The majority given in Medford for the bond issue was 1271. But eliminating this majority, or the vote in Medford, and the bonds would have carried by 95 votes—showing that the country districts wanted good roads. Eliminating both Medford and Ashland, the two heaviest centers of population in the county, the majority in favor of the bonds would have been 329.

This proves that it was not alone the cities that wanted good roads but the country districts as well.

The Skidoo Precinct. One precinct—Meadow, far up on *Evans creek and back from Sam's Valley*—cast every vote against the bond issue, 23 being registered there. During the campaign that precinct was not reached and shows what the campaign for enlightenment carried on in the valley and other outlying districts accomplished.

With the exception of Ashland all the heavy voting precincts registered a majority in favor of the bonds. These precincts included the five in Medford, Talent, Phoenix, Central Point, Eagle Point, Gold Hill and the two in Jacksonville.

The good roads came down Rogue river with a good majority, Florence Rock and Trail both giving the bonds a good majority.

Big Butte which was conceded by the good road workers as being against the bonds sprung a surprise by giving the bonds a majority of 20 votes.

Woodville voted against the bonds but was the only precinct of any size in that end of the county to so vote.

Jacksonville a Surprise. Jacksonville was also a surprise, going heavily in favor of the bond issue, whereas it was predicted that the vote there would split even.

Talent was a surprise also, giving the bond issue a majority of 20 where as it was thought that the bonds would find an adverse majority there. Phoenix was counted on to offset this.

The benefit of the passage of the bond issue will be apparent early. From an advertising standpoint the county is today standing out boldly in the state. Saturday night the wires were kept hot telling the remainder of the state that Jackson county had pointed the way. Today many telegrams of congratulation have been received by men prominent in directing the fight.

That the bond issue passed is due in a great degree to William M. Colvig, W. H. Gore, W. R. Coleman and Ed M. Andrews. These men were tireless in their efforts to spread the good word, and their efforts bore fruit.

SELLS CARLOAD OF PIANOS AT KLAMATH

B. F. Palmer, the piano man, has returned from Klamath Falls, where he sold a carload of high grade pianos, and is again located in his salesroom at Cuthbert's. Mr. Palmer is to remain in the business in Medford, and so confident is he that local people appreciate the quality of his instruments and his plan of selling them that he has ordered a new carload of pianos for Medford. This carload will soon arrive.

Mr. Palmer has concluded to call his place of business the Palmer Piano Place.

VOTE BY PRECINCTS

Precinct	Yes	No
Autioch	3	33
Applegate	13	36
East Ashland	39	89
West Ashland	66	183
South Ashland	87	154
Barron	5	39
Big Butte	47	27
Central Point	138	73
Climax	8	9
Eagle Point	69	42
Florence Rock	74	13
Foots Creek	16	20
Gold Hill	99	49
North Jacksonville	74	18
South Jacksonville	117	13
Lake Creek	5	28
Mound	34	36
Meadows	0	23
Northeast Medford	133	23
Northwest Medford	309	32
Central Medford	473	31
Southeast Medford	81	6
Southwest Medford	508	41
Phoenix	98	46
Rock Point	14	9
Sams Valley	36	50
Sterling	4	18
Talent	106	63
Trail	51	20
Union	17	30
Watkins	15	4
Wimer	11	32
Willow Springs	32	12
Woodville	30	44
Total	2812	1346
Majority for	1463	

ESTIMATED DEAD AT AUSTIN, 200

Criminal Prosecution May Follow Catastrophe According to District Attorney of Potter County in Pennsylvania.

AUSTIN, Pa., Oct. 2.—Thirty-six bodies, mostly identified, is the total today recovered from the ruins caused by the bursting of the Bayless dam in the Sinnemahoning valley, which wrecked this town and the village of Costello Saturday. The state authorities are supervising the rescue work, and now estimate the dead at between 100 and 200. The majority of the bodies recovered are those of women and children.

Cries from the burning debris, which were frequent yesterday, have ceased today. Rain hindered the rescuers yesterday and also swelled the river at Freeman's Run, where it is unhampered. Thousands are watching the rescuers from the hillsides.

May Prosecute. Criminal prosecution may follow the catastrophe, according to the district attorney of Potter county, and John Birkendine, a state water commissioner, who are investigating the calamity in an attempt to fix criminal responsibility. T. Chalkley Mallon, designer of the dam, declares that if its owners had accepted his recommendations in regard to its construction the disaster would have been prevented. W. Everett Van Wert, manager of the Emporium Lumber company, and part owner of the dam, admits that the company knew the dam was weak years ago.

C. F. Hamlin, superintendent of the Bayless mill, is in a critical condition here as a result of nervous prostration.

The property loss is now estimated at \$3,000,000.

Toner Busy. HARRISBURG, Pa., Oct. 2.—Governor John K. Tener of Pennsylvania, returned today from Austin and is making arrangements at the capitol for an investigation of the Bayless dam horror with a view to criminal prosecution as soon as the responsibility is fixed.

WE DRINK LESS BOOZE



WILLIAM JEFF POLLARD
PHOTO BY STAMPA

DRUNKENNESS IN UNITED STATES IS DECREASING

According to St. Louis Police Court Judge Who Originated Pledge Parole System—Morals in United States are Improving.

NEW YORK, Sept. 2.—Drunkenness is on the decrease in this country, according to William Jeff Pollard, a St. Louis police court judge, who gained considerable fame several years ago as the originator of the "Pollard plan of pledge parole." He is now in New York on his way to The Hague as a special appointee of President Taft to the International Congress Against Alcoholism.

"The morals of the entire United States are rising," declared Judge Pollard, "as a study of police court statistics will show. There is only one arrest for drunkenness today in the larger cities where five years ago there were three, which compared with the records of 10 years ago the percentage increases."

SOCIALISTS TO AID STRIKERS

Special Meeting of National Committee Called to Endorse the Strike Against the Harriman Lines.

CHICAGO, Ill., Oct. 2.—A special meeting of the national committee of the Socialist party has been called for a week from Monday to endorse the strike against the Harriman lines and to urge all Socialists to aid the strikers by every means in their power.

Home prosperity depends upon home industry, and state-wide prosperity will be greater if factories selling "Made in Oregon" goods are patronized by the local merchants.

FAIR OPENS TOMORROW

Everything is in Readiness for Opening Day—Large Attendance is Expected from All Sections of the County.

EXHIBITS WILL BE NUMEROUS AND GOOD

Three Carloads of Racing Horses Arrived—Good Sport is Promised.

The Southern Oregon district fair opens in Medford tomorrow and everything is made ready for the opening—not a thing is there left undone, which will make of it the success it ought to be. There is expected a large attendance from all points of Southern Oregon.

Three carloads of running and driving horses arrived at the grounds yesterday from fairs which have closed in the northern part of the state, and these will all enter for the races here.

Several good shows have also arrived and are today pitching tents preparatory to opening tomorrow. Among these engagements is the Faris wheel which drew such large crowds in the largest wheel ever brought to Southern Oregon.

The Broadwicks are here with their balloons and parachutes, and the little girl of the company will make daily balloon ascensions and parachute drops.

The fruit, grain and vegetable booths will be well filled tomorrow, the day of entry, unless all indications are misleading. This also applies to stock entries, in fact there is considerable show stock now in Medford waiting for entry tomorrow.

NOTED PATHOLOGIST PLEASED WITH VALLEY

Geo. G. Hedgecock, a pathologist of the U. S. agricultural department, has been in Medford several days on a visit to his former class-mate, rPof P. J. O'Gara.

Mr. Hedgecock is connected with the department of forestry and his visit was officially to make an examination of the government forest reserves of this section to ascertain to what extent fungus diseases and insects are destroying the timber.

Mr. Hedgecock is also an experienced pathologist as that term applies to fruits and orchard culture, and while here he was shown the orchards of the valley, and he declared he had never seen orchards kept so clean, and the trees so healthy and vigorous and so free from diseases of all kind as they are here.

The gentleman has followed his profession in many states in the east and he could not understand the absence of blight affected parts in the trees here, especially did he marvel at this in the older orchards.

FEW MEN AT WORK IN SHOPS

Less than a Score Report for Duty in Portland Where 1500 are Usually Employed—No Disorder Marks Opening

PRACTICALLY EVERY SHOPMEN OUT IN OREGON

Reports Received by Union Leaders are Gratifying to Them.

Engineers Voting.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Oct. 2.—Assertion that engineers and firemen of the Harriman system are taking a referendum vote on the question of joining the striking shopmen was made by a prominent labor leader here today.

Refusing to allow the use of his name this man who is high in the councils of the strikers, declared that the vote had already been taken in Sacramento and that members of both the engineers and firemen's unions are unanimous for a walkout. He declares that it is probable that official count of the strike vote may be known before the week is out.

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 2.—Tied up completely by the strike of union shopmen the shops of the Oregon-Washington Railroad and Navigation company and the Southern Pacific in Portland attempted to operate this morning with less than a score of union men at the machines. The shops usually employ 1500 men.

At the Oregon-Washington Railroad and Navigation shops in Albina, five union men appeared for work. During the forenoon 25 strike-breakers were rushed inside the stockade, which is being strengthened by the addition of two inch planks on the west side.

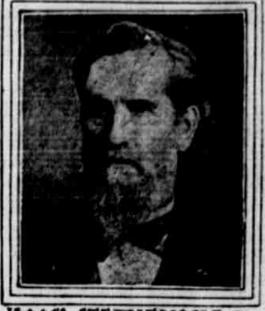
Special guards employed by the railroads and the union pickets chatted pleasantly and no disorder marked the formal opening of the strike here, which will result either in recognition of the system federation, or the wreckage of its power.

Reports from 10 divisions in Oregon and Idaho this forenoon state that practically every shopman went out. The exact number who appeared at work today could not be ascertained this forenoon, but it was reported that very few proved loyal to the railroads. Union leaders here claim that fully 2500 men in the northwest have obeyed the strike call, and they predict that train service will be badly damaged in less than a week.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Oct. 2.—

Encouraging reports all along the line (Continued on Page 4.)

SENATOR STEPHENSON TO BE INVESTIGATED



ISAAC STEPHENSON

STEPHENSON PROBE STARTS IN WISCONSIN

Charged With Contributing \$107,000 to Assure His Election, Senator Must Undergo Investigation at Hands of Senate Committee.

MILWAUKEE, Oct. 2.—An investigation ordered by the United States senate to discover whether Isaac Stephenson's election to that body in 1908 was attended with corrupt practices was begun in this city today. At the request of the Wisconsin legislature the senate last August appointed a committee to make the inquiry.

The charge is that Stephenson contributed more than \$107,000 for the promotion of his interests at a senatorial primary election in 1908 and that his political workers violated the law in the use of much of the fund.

Two hundred witnesses have been summoned to appear before the committee. Among those whose testimony is considered important are E. A. Edmonds, Appleton, Wis., Stephenson's campaign manager, who is alleged to have spread the aged millionaire's money broadcast to influence votes; John H. Puelicher, cashier of a bank, said to have been custodian of the Stephenson campaign fund; W. R. Knell, former sheriff, then of large political influence; three score or more witnesses who testified in a former state legislative probe; and half a hundred district lieutenants who worked under the directions of Campaign Manager Edmonds, and others.

Banker Puelicher was unable to undergo a full examination at an investigation by a former legislature because a doctor ordered him to a European health resort, the trip to be made without delay.

Senator Stephenson's friends declare he took no part in his campaign whatever, but admit he furnished whatever money his managers asked without protest.

Unusual interest centers in the possibility that Stephenson will appear on the witness stand. Intimations have been spread that he will claim to have contributed money to LaFollette campaigns a few years ago when they were political allies. The two senators now are very cordial enemies.

JAMES J. HILL TO VISIT CITY

Writes A. K. Ware that He will be in Medford in November—Regrets Inability to Visit Here During the District Fair

James J. Hill, the empire builder, has written A. K. Ware, secretary of the fair association, that it will be impossible for him to attend the present district fair but that he will visit Medford in November. His letter came in response to an invitation to visit the fair extended by Mr. Ware.

CONFLICTING REPORTS COME FROM FIGHT

Whether the Turkish Fleet Lies in Ruins or Whether the Squadron Succeeded in Getting Safely into Harbor is Mystery

EACH NATION MAKES CLAIM OF VICTORY

Holy War is Greatly Feared—Europeans Said to be in Danger

LONDON, Oct. 2.—Whether the Turkish fleet, battered by Italian guns, lies in ruins at the western entrance of the Dardanelles or is safe in the harbor of Constantinople, is today the biggest mystery of the gigantic struggle between the Turk and the Latin.

Dispatches from correspondents at Rome persist in the report that the Ottoman armada was practically destroyed in an engagement with the Italian squadron, only a single ship remaining afloat. The Italian minister of marine declares that the Italian fleet met a single division of the Turkish navy, sinking three battleships and damaging the others terribly. The Turkish marine minister admits the loss of only a single cruiser, declaring that the rest of the fleet is safe in Constantinople. Private advices here today assert that Admiral Bueknam of the Turkish fleet, and W. S. Leadbetter, his second in command, both Americans, have resigned their commissions in the Turkish navy rather than renounce their American citizenship as the Sultan required.

Natives March on Malta. Dispatches from Malta declare that the fanatical natives from the interior of Tripoli, are marching against the city.

Constantinople reports say messages from European rulers are reaching the Sultan, assuring him of their friendship for Turkey, but regretting their inability to interfere in the Italian war.

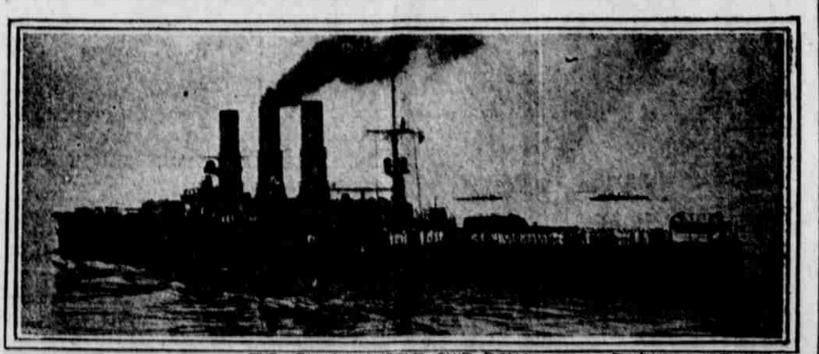
Diplomatic circles here today agree that Turkey is in grave danger of dismemberment. Austria is massing troops on the frontier of the Turkish province of Novibazar, indicating that she contemplates a grab; Russian warships remain off Trebisond and Bulgaria, Montenegro and Serbia are reported as preparing for the mobilization of all their available troops.

Fear General Strike. CONSTANTINOPLE, Oct. 2.—Indications that a general strike will be the outcome of the Italian-Turkish war, grew stronger here today. It is reported that dreading the possibilities of such a clash, Germany is urging Turkey to yield. German Ambassador Von Bieberstein is said to have submitted to the Porte peace terms which are acceptable to Italy, and though their terms are hard, he strongly urged that they be accepted with the objections of avoiding a general convulsion.

It is believed the Sultan has abandoned all hope that the powers will intervene to save the Turkish empire. Personally, it is said, he favors going to any extreme to secure peace. He fears, however, that the fanaticism of his subjects may force a rejection of any terms involving the cession of territory, and that, should Italian victory continue, the green standard of a holy war may be raised, and that the resulting massacre and rapine would mean the downfall of the Turk in Europe.

VIENNA, Oct. 2.—Private dispatches received here today from Milan say that the Italian government's silence regarding the siege of Tripoli is taken there to indicate that the Italian force is meeting unexpected resistance at the hands of the Turks.

Took Leading Part In Great Naval Battle



THE ITALIAN BATTLE SHIP ROMA.

Press reports state that the Italian battleships Roma took a leading part in the naval battle Saturday night before Tripoli, between Italy and Turkey.