

SECOND EDITION

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

WEATHER

Rain. Max. 40, min. 31.
Rel. hum. 91, precip. .17 in.

Daily—Sixth Year.
Forty-First Year.

MEDFORD, OREGON, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1911.

No. 232.

\$130,000 IS INVOLVED IN LAND DEALS

F. E. Merrick Has Practically Sold 171 Acres of His Orchard to Pasadena Man for \$75,000—Ninety Acres Is in Bearing Orchard.

JENNINGS PLACE ON ROGUE TO GO FOR \$55,000

Merrick Will Start Development of Additional 225 Acres Owned by Him at Once.

One hundred and thirty thousand dollars is involved in two large land deals which are now pending final closing. So far have negotiations proceeded, however, that each sale has been practically completed.

The larger and more important transaction of the two deals is the sale of the Merrick orchard at the base of Roxy Ann to a Mr. Bingham, formerly a large lumber dealer of Chicago and now of Pasadena, Cal. When this deal is consummated, Mr. Bingham will own 171 acres of Mr. Merrick's holdings in that vicinity at a consideration of \$75,000. Ninety acres of this tract is in bearing orchard, and has for some time been one of the show places of the valley.

The second sale is that of the old Jennings place on Rogue river near Table Rock to eastern men. The reported price of this place is \$55,000. The place is now owned by Colonel Ray and contains over 400 acres. Mr. Merrick has not disposed of his entire land holdings by any means. Adjoining the tract to be acquired by Mr. Bingham is one containing 225 acres, which Mr. Merrick will at once improve. Aside from this Mr. Merrick owns several other tracts in the valley. Mr. Bingham is buying the place for his son, who will reside on the tract.

John D. Odwell is handling these two transactions.

ENGLAND GRABS A NAVAL BASE

While Turkey and Italy Are Busy Fighting, Great Britain Steps in and Occupies a Very Important Harbor.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—Troops were sent by the British war office today to occupy Colium, a naval base on the coast of Crete, which Great Britain seized while Turkey and Italy were busy with their quarrel in Tripoli.

England has always claimed this port, Turkey resisting its occupation by the British. The English government announces that it intends to hold Sollum only until the end of the war, but there are but few statesmen in Europe who believe that Great Britain will ever relinquish the port.

Stocks Recede.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Small recessions occurred in the opening stock market today, the only issue to show marked strength being Canadian Pacific, which was up nearly a point. After the first hour, however, the list rallied with the exception of the Gould issues. Prices rose steadily until the leading shares were higher than at the close last night. The close was firm.

Bonds were irregular.

Taft Off to New York.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 19.—President Taft started from here for New York to do his Christmas shopping and to attend several banquets. He was accompanied by Attorney General Wickersham, who will visit New York en route to Panama. Tonight the president will be the guest of the Economic club at the Hotel Astor. Tomorrow he will lay the cornerstone of a settlement house for the blind.

SHOT AT DEVILS, IS PLEA OF SLAYER



Ocular delusion is the unique defense being made for Harry Kelly, of Council Bluffs, on trial at Des Moines charges with killing Deputy Sheriff Woolman of Council Bluffs, and "Ed" Starzinger, a Des Moines bartender. That Kelly, who at the time of the double killing was on the way to the State Insane Asylum, believed them to be shot down were black devils menacing his life will be one of the claims of the defense.

JACKSON COUNTY ROAD BOND CASE UP JANUARY 4

Supreme Court Sets Date for Arguments—Early Decision Is Expected to Follow, Which Will Allow Spring Work if County Wins.

The suit brought by Ed M. Andrews against Jackson county to enjoin the issuance of \$1,500,000 road bonds, authorized by Jackson county at a special election held September 30, has been set for argument in the supreme court on January 4, 1912, according to word received by A. E. Reames today.

The briefs in the case will be filed in the near future and the case argued. It is believed that shortly afterward a decision will be rendered, as the case is most important. Should the county win the suit in the higher, as it did in the lower, court Jackson county can start road work in the spring.

RUSSIA ANGRY AT UNITED STATES

Czar Will Probably Allow Treaty to Lapse With United States and Refuse to Negotiate New Convention With Us.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 19.—Taking the attitude that President Taft's abrogating the treaty of 1832 was undertaken to bolster up his weakened political popularity, government officials are expressing themselves bitterly against the United States government.

Anti-Semitic agitators are open in their denunciation of America and there is some talk of boycotting American goods in Russia and Manchuria.

Present indications are that Russia will allow the treaty to lapse and refuse to negotiate a new convention with the United States.

Desperate for Opium.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 19.—Opium fiends desperate for the drug and unable to get it as a result of the crusade here, are forging physicians' prescriptions as a last resort to satisfy their cravings.

Dr. C. C. Baker's name was forged five times. Attorney O'Connor, of the state board of pharmacy, says the forgeries are evidences that the crusade has shut off all other means of obtaining the illicit drug, and that it shows the probers another channel to be pursued in wiping out the vice.

Packers' Jury Complete.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 19.—The jury which will try J. Ogdon Armour and nine other millionaire Chicago beef barons for criminal conspiracy under the terms of the Sherman anti-trust law was completed today.

CITY ENJOINED BY W. M. SMITH

Proprietor of Apartment House on South Riverside Alleges That 50 Cents a Month Per Family for Water Is Too Much.

TEMPORARY INJUNCTION IS ISSUED BY CALKINS

City Cannot Shut Off Supply Until Case Is Thrashed Out in Court.

The city of Medford cannot shut off the water supply of the apartment house on South Riverside owned by W. M. (Tennessee) Smith, until it goes into court and shows cause. Smith has obtained a temporary restraining order to this effect from Circuit Judge Calkins.

Tennessee Smith believes his water rent is too high. He pays 50 cents per family a month to the city for water, or \$45 a quarter, there being 30 families housed in the building. This rate is exorbitant, according to the complaint of Smith, and he asks the court for relief.

Before filing suit Smith appeared at the city hall and tendered Recorder Telfer \$30 instead of \$45, which Mr. Telfer refused to accept.

The case will be heard soon in the circuit court. In the meantime the city is powerless to shut off the supply, although Smith is delinquent.

BURNS GIVEN \$5000 REWARD

County Board of Supervisors in Los Angeles Pay Reward, Which They Claim Is the Only One They Owe for McNamara Capture.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 18.—William J. Burns, head of the detective agency bearing his name, is \$5000 richer today as the result of the county board of supervisors paying his claim for that amount for the capture of the McNamara brothers. Burns' claim was approved and recommended for payment by District Attorney John D. Fredericks. This is the only reward the county is obliged to pay, according to Chairman Pridham of the board.

PUGILIST SMITH MAY RECOVER

If Wounded Man Does Not Suffer Relapse in Next Twenty-four Hours He Will Get Well, Say Hospital Physicians.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 19.—"Mysterious Billy" Smith, former champion welterweight pugilist, who was shot four times by Captain Albert Loomis, does not suffer a relapse in the next 24 hours, he probably will recover, according to the hospital authorities today.

Smith passed a fairly good night, and his vitality apparently was sufficient to tide him over the crisis, which was expected today.

Smith's given name is Amos Williams, and he is a native of Boston.

Receivers Appointed.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 19.—Receivers have been appointed for the Wabash Railroad company on application of the Westinghouse Air Brake company, United States Judge E. B. Adams of the United States circuit court appointed F. A. Delano, E. B. Prior and W. J. Bixby, with receivers' bonds of \$200,000.

The claim involved is \$18,000. The receivership is declared to be a friendly one, and simply used as the surest way of placing the Wabash on its feet.

TWO PROVINCES GIVEN REBELS

Premier Yuan Shai Kai Has Conceded Provinces of An Hui and Shan Shi and Has Ordered Imperial Troops Out.

NOW BELIEVED THAT PEACE WILL ENSUE

Yuan Shai Kai is Regarded as the Man of Power by Both Rebels and Manchus.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 19.—Premier Yuan Shai Kai has conceded the provinces of An Hui and Shan Shi to the rebels to the extent that he has rushed orders for immediate evacuation of the imperial troops now occupying those provinces. His action followed the suspension of the peace conference by the rebel and imperial envoys here upon the demand of the revolutionists that the two provinces be vacated.

The premier has ordered the imperial generals there to lose no time in removing their troops, as it is his desire that the peace conference proceed immediately. He is confident of an amicable adjustment, although even the imperial delegates here believe that total abdication of the Manchus dynasty is imminent.

It is the general impression that Premier Yuan Shai Kai will be the "man of power," no matter which way the pact goes. He is regarded by both Manchus and rebels as the strongest man to head the new government, however, there is a strong under current of feeling in certain quarters that his whole diplomatic handling of the situation has been solely with selfish motives. It is openly stated that the premier is secretly in sympathy with the rebels and that he believes the day of the empire has passed, and intends becoming the "strong man of China" under the new regime.

Apparently even the imperialist representatives expect the overthrow of the Manchu dynasty. If a constitutional monarchy is established, with Emperor Pu Yi at the head, the Manchu nobles will lose their power and emoluments.

SMALL FARMERS TO BE PROTECTED

Townsend Says Those Who Purchased Land From Railroads Will Not Lose It If the Government Wins Its Case.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 19.—That the small farmers who purchased lands in Oregon from the Southern Pacific and Oregon-California railroads will not lose their property as a result of the proceedings brought by the government against those corporations for the forfeiture of their lands is declared in a communication to the United States circuit court here from Special Prosecutor B. D. Townsend today.

Hundreds of farmers who purchased land in good faith for cultivation were made co-defendants in the suits with the oil companies and the railroads, but will be allowed to keep their property. The oil companies, which bought large tracts for purposes other than agricultural, probably will be prosecuted.

Pesacola to Be Sold.

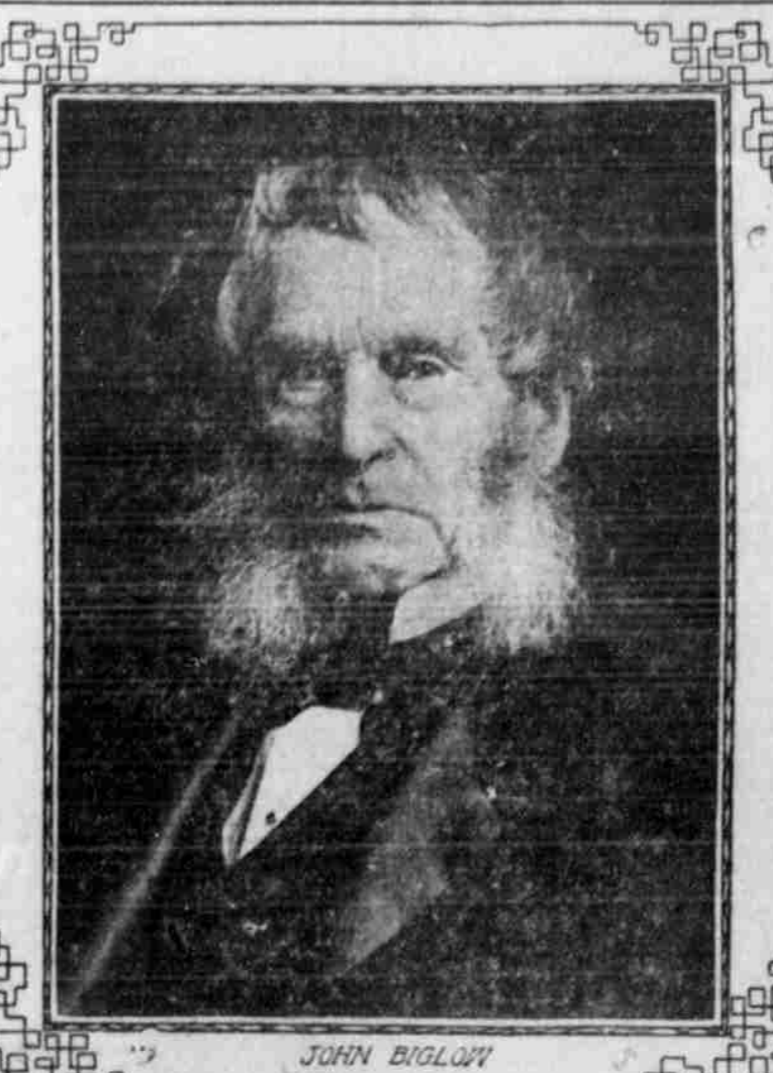
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 19.—Steaming away from Gont Island station for the last time after 12 years' service there as a training ship, the old frigate Pesacola, in the water since 1858, proceeded to Mare Island today to be stripped and sold at public auction.

The protected cruiser St. Louis superseded the Pesacola, whose naval recruits were taken aboard the former vessel yesterday.

The Pesacola was transferred from the Atlantic fleet to Pacific waters in 1898.

Apologies are perfectly satisfactory—to those who make them.

Noted Diplomat Passes Great Divide



JOHN BIGLOW OF DIPLOMATIC FAME HAS PASSED AWAY

President Taft Described Him, on Recent Return From Europe, as "The Grandest Old Man of the Age"—Was Friend of Webster.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—John Biglow, the celebrated author and journalist and diplomat, died today. He was born in 1817.

When Biglow returned from a trip to Europe early in the present year President Taft met him immediately upon his arrival and described him at the time as "the grandest old man of the age." Biglow was a contemporary of the late Daniel Webster, a partner of the late William Cullen Bryant and a friend of Samuel Tilden.

Biglow was a warm friend of Abraham Lincoln and was consul at Paris during the civil war. Afterward he was United States ambassador to France. He was the author of a number of biographies and historical works.

ASKS FOR PATENT FOR BLUE LEDGE

Congressman Hawley Given Hearing Before Land Commissioner Dennett in Regard to Southern Oregon Titles to Mining Claims.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Congressman Hawley had a hearing before Land Commissioner Dennett in the matter of the issuance of a patent to the Blue Ledge Mining company's claims near Medford, long held up by the forest service on account of timber on the land. The congressman said he had personally inspected over 3000 feet of tunnels on the property this summer and testified to the evident good faith of the company, which has expended over \$600,000 in developments. The company claims it will put 1500 men to work if given a patent.

Committeeman Williams and Hawley called on the president and talked over the Oregon situation.

TARRERS ARE GIVEN HEAVY FINES BY JUDGE

LINCOLN CENTER, Kan., Dec. 19.—Fines of 200 and costs were imposed here in the district court today by Judge Grover on Sherrill Clark and John Schmidt for complicity in the tarring of Miss Mary Chamberlain, a Shady Bend school teacher. The two men will stay in jail until the fines are settled.

"I ALONE AM TO BLAME," PLEADS WIFE OF JUROR

Mrs. Robert F. Bain Attempts to Absolve Her Husband of All Blame in the Matter of the Franklin Bribery Case at Los Angeles.

AGED WOMAN TELLS OF FRANKLIN'S PAST

Chauffeur Tells of Taking Franklin to the Home of the Bains Several Times.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 19.—"Don't, for Heaven's sake, blame my husband for this awful thing! I alone am to blame. I induced Bob to take the accursed bribe. My Bob, who had never stooped to a dishonorable deed in his life! Can't you understand that he is innocent?"

In these words Mrs. Robert F. Bain, wife of one of the permanent jurors in the McNamara murder trial, today at the preliminary examination of Bert H. Franklin on a charge of having bribed Bain, attempted to absolve her husband of all blame.

As Mrs. Bain, a sweet faced woman of about 60 years, told of the part she played in the alleged bribery, her husband, a rugged old rancher, lowered his head until his chin rested on his massive chest. Two tears trickled down his tanned cheeks. He arose as if to speak but the words would not come, and he was led to a seat by Prosecutor Ford.

"You see," continued Mrs. Bain, "we needed the money to finish paying for our little ranch. Bob had worked so hard all his life. We, I realized, were getting old, and from the way Franklin talked it seemed like a harmless thing to do. He said the McNamara boys were innocent, and that the \$4000 which we would be paid would fix us for life. "Bob said 'no.' That it was a dishonorable thing to do, and that he would be no party to the transaction. But I insisted, and finally we took..."

At this point in her testimony Mrs. Bain collapsed and was taken to an anteroom, where she recovered in a few minutes.

Touched by the aged woman's testimony, Ford asked the defense to agree to have the court room cleared to save Mrs. Bain from further embarrassment. Attorney Gago at first agreed to this procedure, but quickly changed his mind and said:

"I think I can avoid that by asking only one question."

Turning to Mrs. Bain, he asked:

"So you induced Bob to take the money?"

"I did," was Mrs. Bain's quick response, and she was excused.

Al McKelvey, a chauffeur, was the next witness. He told of taking Franklin to the Bain home on several occasions. Prospective juror Lockwood, who says that Franklin also attempted to bribe him, was the next witness. His testimony was practically the same as that given at Franklin's first hearing.

Mrs. Farley, a telephone operator, then told of conversations between Mrs. Bain and Franklin over the telephone. She said she had listened to these and frequent mention of money was made.

Seattle Labor Leader Called.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 19.—W. H. Pohlman, business agent of the local union of bridge and structural iron workers, has been summoned today to appear forthwith before the federal grand jury at Los Angeles. Beyond saying that he was glad of an opportunity to dispel false statements about an international conspiracy, Pohlman had nothing to say.

Several Killed in Wreck.

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 19.—It is reported here this afternoon that a trolley car on the Camden & Trenton railway jumped the track and fell into the creek in East Burlington. Several persons are reported killed and a number injured.

Rescuers are taking bodies from the water, four so far having been recovered.

UNCLE SAM WANTS PEACE IN CHINA

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 19.—The United States has joined the world powers in addressing a note to the Chinese peace conference at Shanghai, notifying the delegates that unless peace is agreed upon, the powers will intervene.

The note does not state this in so many words, but the diplomatic language is so interpreted.

DONNELL POSTMASTER AT GRANTS PASS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 19.—President Taft today appointed George W. Donnell postmaster of Grants Pass, Ore.