

NEW RECORDS COLD WEATHER FOR MEDFORD

Mercury Falls to Ten Degrees Above Zero, Coldest in a Score of Years
Water Pipes Burst Throughout the City—Skating at Gold Ray.

No Damage Done to Stored Fruit as Warnings Enabled Starting of Fires.

A regular back east cold wave descended on the Rogue River valley, along with the whole coast, Saturday night. Sunday morning the thermometer registered 12 above and early Monday morning all records for a score of years were broken when the official thermometer touched 10 above. Water pipes all over the city were frozen and the plumbers were kept busy reaping a harvest by mending broken pipes. Both Sunday and Monday were bright and sunny, ideal winter days.

Gold Ray Pond Frozen

Rogue River at the mill pond near the dam at Gold Ray was frozen over thick enough for skating for the first time in years. Water in the flumes at the California-Oregon Power company's power plant was frozen solid and caused the company some worry and extra work. In Medford the main damage occasioned by the cold was at the Sparta building where pipes burst on the second floor and flooded the building, staining plaster on the ground floor. In many neighborhoods water froze in the gas mains and shut off the supply of gas. Except for a small channel in mid stream Bear creek was frozen over Monday.

Professor O'Gara says that warmer weather is due Monday evening with snow as a strong possibility. This cold snap is the worst he has on record, a record of 14 above in 1910 being the closest approach.

Warehouses Warned

The only loss that orchardists will experience through the cold spell of Saturday, Sunday and Monday will be to fruit held in open storage. As warnings of the coming spell were sent out by Professor O'Gara in plenty of time, fires were started in most of the warehouses and this loss, if any, will be small. Those who have allowed stored fruit to become frozen are warned not to start fires now, as the fruit should be brought back to its normal condition as slowly as possible. The frozen fruit should be left strictly alone or else covered up with straw or blankets.

Buds on fruit trees are not hurt at all and there is no need for anxiety on the effect of the cold snap on the coming fruit crop. Orchardists should not prune in the early hours while the temperature is low and the pruning of all stone fruits should be delayed for some time. All nursery stock should be left alone, it being particularly important that this be not touched during the cold weather.

14 HOUR LAW FOR RAILROADS HELD ILLEGAL

PORTLAND, Jan. 6.—The temporary restraining order secured by the Oregon Washington Railroad and Navigation company in August, 1911, preventing the state from carrying out the provisions of the measure providing a 14 hour working day for railroad employes in the state, was made permanent by Federal Judge Bean today.

In his decision Bean contended that the bill conflicted with the federal laws covering railroad labor and also with like rulings of the interstate commerce commission.

The bill was passed by the legislature of 1911, but the O. W. R. and N. secured the restraining order before it became operative. The permanent injunction means that the 16 hour day now in vogue on all Oregon railroads will prevail.

REFORM ORDER OF THE DAY AT COURT HOUSE

New County Court Takes Office and Enforces Many Changes—Officers Must Turn Over Cash Receipts Daily—Must Observe Office Hours

Only Deputies Approved by Court Can Handle Funds—Court Will Do All the Buying Itself.

Sweeping reforms in court house affairs, the introduction of business methods in the conduct of offices, a concentration of authority in the hands of the county court, and an active supervision not only of all expenditures, but of the work of both court house and road supervisors is indicated as the order of the day at the first meeting of the new county court held today at Jacksonville. The session will last several days. All members of the court, consisting of Judge Tou Velle and Commissioners Leever and Smith were present. The old court met with the new to aid the members in becoming familiar with their work. Besides the ordinary routine business, the subdivision of present road districts, the appointment of road supervisors, approval of bond, fixing the tax levy and the drawing of the panel for the next jury will occupy the time of the court.

Many Reforms Ordered

Resolutions were introduced by Judge Tou Velle for adoption as orders of the court, to the following effect:

"All county employes must observe the state law, working eight hours a day, from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. with an hour off at noon, and court house offices must be kept open accordingly. All deputies handling county money must be approved by the court before appointment."

The sheriff, clerk and other county officials must turn over to the county treasurer all cash on hand at the conclusion of each day, and obey state laws regarding publication of reports.

Regulate All Purchases

All purchases of supplies must be through the county court and no bill will be paid unless authorized by the court.

The treasurer is instructed to keep money raised by road levy in the road fund as required by law. He is also required to keep separate funds for each of the road districts, which are to be drawn upon only upon order from the court and not from supervisors as heretofore.

Road supervisors are required to work wholly under direction of the county court, and not upon their own initiative as heretofore. It is probable that either Commissioners Leever or Smith or both will take active charge of road operations and devote most of their time to this work.

County Clerk to be Present

The matter of a county auditor, to work part of the time each month inspecting and experting the books of the various offices, was discussed and it is probable such an appointment will be made.

The new court insists on the count-

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HILL NOT SEEKING LINE TO FRISCO

PORTLAND, Jan. 6.—"There is absolutely nothing in the report that the Hill lines are seeking an entrance into San Francisco through a junction of the Oregon Trunk line and the Western Pacific," declared J. H. Young, chairman of the Hill interests in Oregon today. The statement follows reports that Young went to San Francisco to effect, if possible, an inland route from northwest points to the Pacific coast metropolis through the plan mentioned.

Young states he went to California with his family merely to spend the holidays and did not endeavor to effect any further improvement of the Hill system while away.

INTERESTING GROUP OF STRIKING GARMENT OPERATIVES WHO REFUSE TO WORK UNTIL DEMANDS ARE GRANTED



GROUP OF STRIKING GARMENT WORKERS.
The above photograph shows a group of representative garment workers, now on a strike, as they appeared at their mass meeting in New York. This picture gives a splendid idea of the large percentage of women strikers increased unless their demands are granted or a compromise is settled upon.

NEEDLE WORKERS TO JOIN GARMENT WORKERS IN STRIKE

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—As a result of more than 15,000 needleworkers, mostly of them storming the doors here to attend a meeting of the Ladies' Waist Makers' Union, prior to voting on a general strike, in connection with that of the Garment Workers' Union many are today suffering severe cuts and bruises. So violent was the crush that women were trampled under foot, clothes torn and heavy glass doors crashed. Police reserves formed a cordon from the doors and drove back the mob with their clubs.

Eugene V. Debs was listed among the speakers and Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont occupied a box during the meeting.

BALKAN ALLIES REJECT TERMS SULTAN OFFERS

LONDON, Jan. 6.—When the conference of representatives of Turkey and the Balkan states adjourned here this afternoon it was uncertain whether the plenipotentiaries would meet again. Nothing was accomplished at today's meeting.

One of the Turkish envoys said the delegates might meet again, but no definite date was agreed upon. This is believed to mean that a resumption of hostilities between Turkey and the Balkan allies is certain.

Reshid Pasha, one of the Turk envoys, said that they had received no orders to make further concessions and Premier Danefff of Bulgaria said that the terms advanced by Turkey were far from acceptable.

COUNTY RULED BY NEW OFFICERS BEGINNING TODAY

Jackson county began business Monday under a new regime, officers elected last November taking possession of the court house. Frank L. Tou Velle succeeds J. R. Neil as county judge, Con Leever and Joe N. Smith succeed James Owen and Frank R. Brown as commissioners. August D. Singler is sheriff in place of W. A. Jones, G. A. Gardner succeeds W. R. Coleman as clerk and Tom Osgood is now county surveyor. Other officers are their own successors. W. D. Grieve, assessor; Fred Colvig, recorder; James Cronemiller, treasurer, Percy D. Wells, school superintendent, and A. E. Kellogg, coroner.

E. E. Kelly succeeds B. F. Mulkey as prosecuting attorney for the first judicial district. He has appointed Attorney Johnson of Grants Pass as deputy prosecutor for Josephine county.

Judge Neil will return to the practice of law at Jacksonville, having finished his twelfth year as county judge, though there was an interval of 12 years between his second and third term. James Owen will devote all of his time to his farm near Welton and Frank Brown to his store at Eagle Point.

W. A. Jones will farm his fine ranch on Ross Lane. Coleman will assist his successor for a while to learn the ropes of his offices, and may be chief deputy for Singler, though the latter contradicts himself repeatedly upon the appointment, having asserted Saturday noon that Coleman would not be appointed, and later that he would be. Judge Tou Velle states that he will not approve Coleman's appointment as he is adverse to the retention of anyone who as a public officer, plead guilty to the misappropriation of ten thousand dollars of public funds.

B. F. Mulkey will practice law at Medford.

He has received a flattering offer from an eastern lyceum bureau for a series of lectures and may devote a portion of his time to this work.

SEVEN MEN LOST IN STORM OFF MEXICO

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Jan. 6.—Seven men are believed today to have been lost by the wrecking of the fishing launch Old Nick, the powerboat Elizabeth, and an unknown schooner Saturday night on the Mexican coast, a short distance south of the international boundary. The missing are Theo. Hill of San Francisco; United States Immigration Inspectors Gus T. Jones and Dan Kirkendall of San Diego; G. G. Gerolami, Anton Basil, Tim Good and a man known as Pete.

THIRTY BELOW ZERO REPORTED AT DENVER

DENVER, Colo., Jan. 6.—At 3 a. m. here today the street thermometers in some sections of the city registered 31 degrees below zero and 26 above at 7 o'clock. Outside of Denver the coldest spot in the state was Gillette, where the thermometer remained practically stationary at 29 degrees below zero.

All cities and towns in both Colorado and Wyoming averaged 10 degrees below zero, while at Cheyenne it was 15 below. The cold weather which was accompanied by a record breaking blizzard, has played havoc with all telegraph and telephone wires.

REFUSE TO APPROVE ESPEE DISTRIBUTION

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—In a decision handed down today the United States supreme court refused to sanction the proposed plan of distribution of Southern Pacific stock to the stockholders of the Union Pacific railway. The plan was proposed by the Harriman lines in compliance with the recent supreme court decision declaring illegal the merger between the two corporations.

REPAIR SHIP PANTHER IN PATH OF HURRICANE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—Coast wireless stations were today notified to locate the navy repair ships Panther, last reported Friday off Cape Hatteras in the path of a hurricane. The Panther sailed Thursday from the Brooklyn navy yard for Guantanamo with 120 persons aboard.

The navy department insists there is no danger.

ORANGE CROP SEVERELY HURT BY COLD WAVE

Coldest Weather and Heaviest Freeze in Twenty Years in Southern California—Smudge Fires Maintained in Hopes of Saving Citrus Fruit.

Reservoirs Frozen Over and Skating Parties Organized—Worse Cold Tonight.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 6.—The coldest weather and heaviest frost of the coldest and frostiest week, known to Sunny California in two decades is the prediction for tonight by Weather Forecaster Carpenter of the government bureau here.

Frost warnings were sent today throughout the citrus belts. Carpenter fears the frost of tonight will be more destructive than any that has ever visited this section.

OXNARD, Cal., Jan. 6.—Smudge fires are being maintained today by citrus growers, who fear entire destruction of their crops tonight. Last night's damage was severe. Irrigation reservoirs were frozen over during the night and the first skating parties in Oxnard's history were organized today.

Damage at Riverside

RIVERSIDE, Cal., Jan. 6.—Serious damage was done here by the heavy frost of last night and the coldest weather and heaviest frost of the winter is predicted for tonight. Expert fruit men today refused to estimate the percentage of loss without careful investigation but it is known to be very heavy.

CORONA, Cal., Jan. 6.

Heavy damage to citrus crops in the Corona district is reported today. Night temperature ranging from 21 to 25 was reported.

BAKERSFIELD, Cal., Jan. 6.

The coldest weather in half century is gripping Bakersfield today. During the night the mercury dropped to 18 degrees.

Lemon Crop Is Lost

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Jan. 6.—Reports today from Chula Vista, the great lemon producing section of this county, say that the entire lemon and orange crops have been destroyed by the bitter cold of last night. The temperature got as low as 14 above zero last night and today lemons and oranges were frozen stiff. It is feared that many of the young trees have been so damaged that they will have to be cut down.

POMONA, Cal., Jan. 6.

Contrary to usual conditions, the lower levels in Pomona valley escaped with practically no damage to the citrus fruits last night, but in the foothill sections, including the famous San Dimas lemon district, Laverne, Lordsburg and Claremont there was considerable damage, the frost being the heaviest in twenty years. The average temperature was 25 degrees.

WEST PROBING STATE SCHOOLS

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 6.—Governor West today started an informal investigation into the reports that Superintendent Will S. Hale of the state training school purchased a bad lot of fourteen dairy cows at \$100 each without the authority of the commission on state institutions, and that conditions were generally bad at the school.

An official investigation at which witnesses will be examined will be started Friday.

Dr. Frank Smith, superintendent of the feeble-minded home, is also cited to appear before the investigating board. West will not announce the charges against Smith, apart from the admission that they relate to "conduct."

Smith was appointed through the efforts of State Treasurer Kay, who refused to endorse the recommendation of the legislature to have Smith's official acts investigated.

DRASTIC LAW TO CONTROL ALL BIG BUSINESS

Bristow Introduces Bill Prepared by Progressive Party—Creates Industrial Commission of Seven With Full Power to Regulate Business.

Squeezes Water Out of Stock and Abolishes Promoters Fee for Merging Properties.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—The first and most sweeping of the series of bills prepared by the national executive committee of the progressive party as embodying the doctrine of its faith, is a measure introduced today by Senator Bristow for regulation of "big business" by an industrial commission of seven members.

This industrial commission would be empowered to deal drastically with large corporations doing any interstate business as is the interstate commerce commission with railroads and other transportation service.

Regulates All Trusts

It would have authority over all persons or corporations doing an interstate or foreign business of \$5,000,000 annually to investigate their financial condition; business operations and management, and require all to bring their capital stock and indebtedness down to not more than 10 per cent of the "fair and reasonable value of property on hand."

Three years are allowed as the limit in which the water shall be squeezed out of American industries.

Promoters looting of industry through promotion fees in merging small corporations is to be abolished, according to the Bristow bill, by a schedule of fees for this service, ranging from one per cent on capitalizations of over \$50,000,000 to five per cent on capitalizations below \$5,000,000. Other provisions in this bill were described today by Senator Bristow as follows:

All Trusts Unreasonable

Section 15 declares that any contract, combination in the form of a trust or otherwise, or a conspiracy in restraint of trade shall be presumed to be unreasonable. This is intended to remedy as nearly as possible the evil which grows out of the decisions of the supreme court in the tobacco and Standard Oil cases, in which the word "reasonable" was legislated by the court into the Sherman anti-trust law.

New features in this bill are proposals that the government take over the operation of industries where the executive heads are being prosecuted and the plan of having members of the commission removable by congress.

PATTON MUST STAND TRIAL FOR CORNERING MARKET

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—Declaring that "cornerers" in commodities constitute a violation of the Sherman anti-trust act, the supreme court of the United States today held James A. Patton, the Chicago grain and cotton speculator and his associates for trial in the United States district court of New York. It is charged that the Patton crowd "cornered" the cotton market in 1910.

Patton and others pleaded that cornering the market cannot be considered a violation of the Sherman act. In its decision today the supreme court denied this, saying:

"It has been shown that there was a conspiracy to corner the market, and this is a subject of interstate commerce. If a 'corner' is effective there could be no trading in that commodity, except as the conspirator elected. The Sherman law does embrace the offense charged."

Chief Justice White and Justices Upton and Holmes dissented.

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