

ORCHARDMEN PUT JACK FROST TO ROUTE

With temperatures ranging between 28 and 30 degrees for about two hours early today practically every smudge pot in the valley was fired and the frost king successfully routed. A falling barometer today indicates only a light frost tonight with warmer weather Thursday. No damage was done Tuesday night with the possible exception of out lying tracts where smudging was not used. Early indications Tuesday night pointed toward a temperature of 25 or 26. The dew point rose however which checked the severity of the freeze. In Medford the temperature hung around 30 for nearly two hours. In some sections the mercury dropped to 28. Firing started shortly before 3 o'clock and was continued until nearly 6 o'clock.

BUILD LATERAL TO DRAIN STREET

In order to successfully drain the storm water from Main street, O. J. Patton, street commissioner, has a force of men at work laying a lateral sewer which will connect a drain on Main street near the Southern Pacific crossing with the storm sewer on Sixth street.

For some time storm water has backed up in the neighborhood of the crossing, making it a great nuisance in the winter time. The new drain will take care of this.

SHERIDAN'S SON RETURNS FROM ISLANDS WITH BRIDE

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., April 23.—Lieutenant Philip H. Sheridan, son of General Phil Sheridan of Civil war fame, arrived here today on the steamer Lurline. Sheridan is returning from a honeymoon trip to Honolulu, where he was stationed some years ago. His bride was formerly Miss Isabella McGunnigle, daughter of Colonel McGunnigle of the Fifth Infantry, located at Honolulu. Sheridan is an officer of the Fifth Cavalry and was attached to the president's staff during the Roosevelt administration.

PLAN TO RUSH LAND BILL THROUGH

SACRAMENTO, Cal., April 23.—There is no question at the capitol today concerning the passage of an anti-alien land law.

Following the attitude expressed by Governor Johnson that it is California's right to enact legislation concerning the ownership of land in the state, it is admitted on all sides that an anti-alien bill of some sort will be rushed through before the legislature adjourns, even if other important legislation is sidetracked to make way for it, which, it is said, is not improbable.

Discussion of the Birdsall measure and pending amendments is not expected today on the floor of the senate. The matter may come up for discussion tomorrow.

POLITICAL STRIKE ENDS MEN VOTE TO WORK

BRUSSELS, April 23.—Following their victory in gaining manhood suffrage through the ending of a countrywide strike, the socialist leaders have voted to end the strike tomorrow. It is expected the strikers throughout Belgium will obey their mandate.

IOWA BANQUET WILL BE HELD THIS EVENING

The annual banquet of the Iowa Society will be held Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock, in St. Mark's hall. Mr. Fred H. Mears will act as toastmaster.

Program:
Speech—"Our Country," Rev. W. P. Shields.
Toast—"The Iowan's Birthright," Mr. C. E. Whaler.
Orchestra—Selected.
Toast—"The Homeland," Mrs. Myron Sheets.
Solo—Selected, Dr. Howard.
Toast—"When You and I Were Young," Mr. Hoon.
Orchestra—Selected.
Toast—"Our Mothers, Wives, and Sweethearts," Mr. Coffin.
Dancing will conclude the evening's entertainment.
All Iowans invited to attend.

SENATE TO PASS NEW TARIFF BILL

WASHINGTON, April 23.—Confident that all of the democratic senators will support the measure, with the possible exception of those from Louisiana and one eastern member who oppose free sugar and free wool, the senate democrats are preparing today to pass the Underwood tariff bill as it leaves the house. They believe the party must stand or fall by this measure.

The senate hopes to adjourn July 15, according to statements made by leading members today.

CHINESE MERCHANTS WOULD DEPORT GUNMEN

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., April 23.—Driven to desperation through the stagnation of their business, due to the partial blockade of Chinatown by the police, five prominent Chinese business men have appealed to the Chinese ambassador at Washington to stop the homicidal war, which is causing the blockade. It is declared that an embassy is on his way to Washington today with the appeal. The merchants, who met in fear of their lives in a secluded room, desire Minister Chong at Washington to urge the state department either to deport or criminally prosecute the tong gunfighters.



KILLS HUGE BEAR WITH A REVOLVER

Martin L. Erickson, supervisor of the Crater Lake National forest, has hung up a new record for bear killing in this section by dispatching a large, perfectly good bear, with his "six-gun." He has the hide as a testimonial of his prowess.

Recently Erickson was doing some topography work in the neighborhood of the Mill Creek ranger station when his dog began to bark at a huge snag. The dog began to dig and Erickson soon discovered Bruin at his winter nap. When the dog's barking aroused the bear he stuck his head out of the hole to see what all the noise was about. Then Erickson took his 38 Smith & Wesson special and, getting behind Bruin, laid him low.

MRS. BELMONT SAILS TO AID SUFFRAGETTES

NEW YORK, April 23.—To tender a check for several hundred pounds sterling to Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, leader of the militant suffragettes in England, Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont is en route to London today.

YOUR CHILD'S HEALTH YOUR FIRST THOUGHT

If you have children naturally you, first thoughts are for their health. You certainly will want to develop strong, healthy constitutions. The most careful attention must be given when children show the first symptoms of the many common ailments, perhaps they are weakly and thin, or grow too fast, thus sacrificing strength. These and other apparently minor ailments may be the forerunner to a weak constitution for life.

Such children need Jayne's Tonic, Vermifuge which is essentially a children's tonic. First of all, it will properly care for the child's stomach. It will also improve the appetite, and will add strength to the other organs of the body. In cases of thin or impure blood, it increases the number of red corpuscles enabling the enriched blood to keep the body healthy and strong.

Among the most common ailments that children develop is that of a disordered stomach, leading to an impaired digestion. In many cases this trouble is due to parasites in the intestinal tract. To correct such trouble, Jayne's Tonic Vermifuge is unsurpassed.

For more than 30 years millions of children have been restored to health through the use of this tonic. Insist upon Jayne's; accept no other. Sold by druggists everywhere. Dr. D. Jayne & Son, Philadelphia, Pa.

Mother should be photographed, but—Mother thinks only of the children when she thinks of photographs. Perhaps she'll need persuading—perhaps will call it vanity, but her pictures will prove she is still a beauty—will be in greater demand than those quaint pictures of younger days.
Make an appointment for her.
H. C. MACKEY
East Main and Central
Medford, Ore.

The Bonded Warehouse

GENERAL STORAGE
Oregon's Most up-to-date Fire-proof Warehouse with Burglar-proof Vault.

For rates apply
MEDFORD REALTY & IMPROVEMENT CO.
Managers

N. L. Townsend
PAINTER AND DECORATOR
Have Your Painting, Tinting and Paper Hanging Done by a Practical Mechanic. Prices Right. Satisfaction Guaranteed.
Phone 429-R
719 Bennett Ave.

BILL OFFUTT Automobile Expert

Now Located at the Crater Lake Garage
33 S. Bartlett Street
Reasonable Prices. Work Guaranteed
Best of References
Cars Washed and Tires Exchanged
Garage Phone 39-R.

Draperies
We carry a very complete line of draperies, lace curtains, fixtures, etc., and do all classes of upholstering. A special man to look after this work exclusively and will give as good service as is possible to get in even the largest cities.
Weeks & McGowan Co.

I have three sworn enemies--- the drunkard, heavy drinker, and the man who craves rough, strong, high-proof whiskey

Cyrus Noble

Bottled at drinking strength

W. J. Van Schuyver & Co., General Agents, Portland.

The Most Important Thing in the Valley

THE MEDFORD COMMERCIAL CLUB has undertaken to get contracts for 30,000 acres of land signed up for irrigation, upon 20-year basis, no payments required for the first three years. This acreage will insure the construction of an irrigation system covering the major part of the Valley at a cost of \$2,000,000.

R. K. Neil, Vice-President of the Rogue River Valley Canal Company, in an open letter, states the proposition:

Some sixty days ago a representative of English capital approached us, stating that they would be willing to take over our properties, develop the canal system, and give the people a 20 year contract, provided 30,000 acres could be signed up. The representatives stated that these people would take over the property, complete the canal system, build an electric railroad, and develop many enterprises here, and would bring a large amount of money into this valley, and prosperity would naturally follow a development of this magnitude.

After duly considering the proposition, we decided that if we were standing in the way of developments of this magnitude, and the prosperity that would naturally follow this development work, that we would give these English people a 90 day option on our holdings, which option expires the 20th of May.

Our company will not be able to finance the system of canals under the 20 year water contract, as contemplated by the English people. We do not think there is any money to be had in the United States on water bonds running 20 years without payments of any part of the principal for the first three to five years. But this can be done, we are informed, by English capital. It makes no difference to the people of this valley who furnishes the money. The reason the English company can give a more liberal contract is that they deal in a foreign money market where better terms can be secured. I have looked up the interests behind this English syndicate and know them to be sound and strong. If the people should sign up with them, thousands and thousands of dollars would be put in this valley and every one would be benefited.

We gave this option believing that the ranch owners desired a more liberal contract than we were able to

finance. If the fruitgrowers and ranch owners desire to purchase their water on a 20 year basis, we earnestly urge them to get busy and sign up for the acreage asked by the English syndicate.

The purpose of this letter is to notify the farmers and ranch owners that if they desire a more liberal contract than the 10 year contract put out by the Rogue River Valley Canal company, and published in the Medford press, they should at once sign up the contract and meet the requirements of the English syndicate, thereby enabling them to take over the property and holdings of the Rogue River Valley Canal company under their option, which expires on May 20th next.

It certainly behooves the land owner of the Rogue river valley to at once commence producing, if he expects to hold the present land values.

This in the finest opportunity the Rogue River Valley has yet had to secure the extensive development and increased production that irrigation will bring.

We appeal to the land owners of the Valley to sign up for water, and sign now. Information, contracts, etc., on application. Auto owners and land owners asked to assist as volunteer solicitors

Medford Commercial Club

See J. C. Brown, Secretary Irrigation Committee, Palm Block, Medford.