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**MURPHY CHOOSES
 M'CALL FOR MAYOR**

NEW YORK, Aug. 22.—Former
 Supreme Court Justice Edward E. Mc-
 Call, chairman of the public service
 commission, today accepted the offer
 of Charles F. Murphy to become Tam-
 many Hall's candidate for the nomi-
 nation for mayor of New York. This
 eliminates Mayor Gaynor as a pos-
 sible Tammany candidate and he now
 asserts he will run on an independent
 ticket. The republicans have en-
 dorsed John Furroy Mitchell for the
 mayoralty nomination.

**GERMAN ARMY AVIATOR
 KILLED MAKING FLIGHT**

HALBERSTADT, Germany, Aug.
 22.—Lieutenant Schmidt, an army
 aviator, was killed here today when
 his aeroplane collapsed near the end
 of a six-mile flight. Schmidt
 dropped more than 5000 feet.

RIVERSIDE RIPPLES.

Mrs. H. B. Nye has been enjoying
 a visit from her uncle, Mr. Gregory
 of Dinuba, Cal.
 Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Smith, Miss
 Bessie Daniels and Miss Dorothy
 Smith were calling on Riverside
 friends Sunday afternoon.
 Miss Bertha Woolverton is visiting
 Medford friends this week.
 Darleigh Stead made a fine catch
 of steelhead Sunday. Four all weigh-
 ing six pounds or over. He caught
 three of them inside of fifteen min-
 utes.
 The Misses Marguerite Carley of
 North Dakota and Ruth Nye of Med-
 ford are guests at the home of Mr.
 I. H. Porter. Miss Carley is a sister
 of Mrs. Porter.
 Mrs. Richard Swacker and daugh-
 ter, Avaril left Sunday for Idaho
 where Mrs. Swacker's parents live.
 They will make quite an extended
 visit.
 Mrs. W. W. Hittle is enjoying a
 visit from her mother who arrived
 from Portland Monday.
 George Jacobs is having a well dug
 on his place and will soon begin
 building a fine large barn.
 G. B. Alden marketed over one
 thousand pounds of tomatoes in Med-
 ford the past week, receiving five
 cents per pound for those sold at the
 public market.
 The Riverside Recreation club
 were very pleasantly entertained at
 the Rozah's ranch Thursday after-
 noon. Guests present were Mes-
 dames Pelton of Sams Valley, Reddy
 of Eugene and Early of Minneapolis.
 The Misses Bessie Daniels of Salt
 Lake City and Dorsey of Council
 Bluffs. Mrs. Sprague has a fine
 new victrola and some unusually
 good records which were much en-
 joyed. Professor Reddy gave sev-
 eral readings from James Whitcomb
 Riley which were so well rendered
 that laughter and tears were closely
 intermingled.
 Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Early and
 daughter Lois, who have been vis-
 iting at the G. B. Alden home the
 past eight months left Friday for
 their home at Eyota, Minn. They
 were much pleased with this part
 of the west and may return at some
 future date to make their home in the
 Rogue river valley.

TABLE ROCK

The Arrowhead carnival has been
 postponed until Saturday, August
 30th, owing to the fact that the By-
 bee bridge will be closed next Satur-
 day.
 There was an error in last week's
 items. Rev. Schwinley will preach
 here September 7th instead of Aug-
 ust 24th.
 Mrs. W. S. Reese and Mrs. Ringo
 left Thursday for the east.
 A crowd of Table Rock young
 people held a "crayfish stew" on the
 river one evening the first of the
 week.

**PAID WATSON \$500
 FOR WORKING FOR
 TARIFF COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22.—Testi-
 fying before the senate lobby investi-
 gating committee today, H. E. Miles
 of Racine, Wis., former chairman of
 the tariff committee of the National
 Association of Manufacturers, con-
 firmed testimony by Martin Mulhall
 that he had paid former Representa-
 tive James Watson of Indiana \$500
 for working to pass the tariff com-
 mission bill in 1909.
 Miles asserted that Mulhall, who
 started as a messenger boy for the N.
 A. M., worked his way up to a field
 agency. Miles insisted, however,
 that former President Van Cleave of
 the N. A. M., was a friend of Union
 labor.
 "Yes, he was," commented a mem-
 ber of the committee, "and he showed
 his friendship by trying to send a
 score or more union leaders to jail."

**WILSON WORKS
 ON SPECIAL MESSAGE**

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22.—Presi-
 dent Wilson worked today on a
 special message he probably will read
 before both houses of congress Mon-
 day relating in detail to the negotia-
 tions conducted through John Lind
 with the Huerta government in Mex-
 ico.
 The decision to make a compre-
 hensive statement on the situation to
 congress was reached today after the
 president had about concluded his
 negotiations with Lind and Huerta
 since the exchange of notes develop-
 ed no new basis for discussion. Two
 notes will be presented with the mes-
 sage.
 Should he read the message him-
 self it will be the first time since the
 days of George Washington that the
 president has communicated a matter
 of foreign policy to congress in per-
 son. The message is expected to be a
 partial answer to Huerta's intima-
 tion that President Wilson stands alone
 in his Mexican policy unsupported
 generally in congress.
 The first reputation of Huerta's
 supposition came in today when
 prominent republicans vigorously up-
 held the president. The expression
 of confidence came after Senator
 Penrose introduced a resolution re-
 quiring the president to place troops
 in Mexico to protect American lives.
 No action was taken on the resolu-
 tion.
 President Wilson said today he had
 absolutely no intention of taking
 drastic measures, denying that Sec-
 retary Garrison had been called back
 to Washington. Lind probably will
 remain in Mexico indefinitely and re-
 ports indicate he has not abandoned
 hope.

**SWEDISH WARSHIP
 SINKS A GUNBOAT**

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 22.—An arm-
 ed cruiser rammed and sank a gun-
 boat off Malmo today, according to
 advices just received here. It is
 feared several persons were drowned.
 Later reports stated that it was
 the battleship Oden and that the ves-
 sel it rammed was the Swedish gun-
 boat Urd. The accident occurred
 west of the island of Hven, while the
 warships were engaged in mimic war-
 fare.
 Many of the sailors on the Urd
 were picked up, but heavy loss of life
 is reported.

**ROGUE PEARS HAVE
 WIDE AND VARIED SALE**

That the Rogue River Fruit and
 Produce association through the
 Northwestern Fruit exchange are de-
 veloping new markets and covering a
 wide area is shown by the pear sales
 reported yesterday when two cars of
 Bartlett's were sold in New Orleans
 \$2.00 f. o. b. Medford and one car of
 Clairgoes were sold in Sioux City,
 Iowa for \$1.60 f. o. b. Medford. The
 prices are excellent particularly for
 the Clairgoes which while good look-
 ing pears are poor sellers rarely
 bringing more than \$1.00 f. o. b. ship-
 ping point.
 Mr. Norman of the Wagner Butte
 orchards has sold his crop of Maiden
 Blush apples at \$1.00 f. o. b. He
 has only three trees but he picked
 60 boxes from these netting him \$20
 per tree.

**Government Answers Critics of
 Its Methods of Fighting Pear Blight**

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 20.—
 The department of agriculture has
 received notice by telegraph from
 citizens in the state of Washington
 that certain people are spreading the
 idea that pear blight is not a bacte-
 rial disease, and that the depart-
 ment's recommendation that pear
 blight can be dealt with by cutting
 out the diseased portions of trees is
 not an effective measure.
 In the fear that these unscientific
 opinion may stop orchardists from
 following the highly successful prac-
 tical measures recommended by the
 federal specialists, and thus lose
 their own orchards and spread the
 disease among neighboring orchards,
 the department has issued the follow-
 ing special statement:
 "That pear blight is a bacterial
 disease of the pear tree is not open
 to question. The scientists have
 clearly established the existence of
 these bacteria by means of micro-
 scope examination, and have re-
 produced the disease by inoculating
 fruit and trees with them. The germ
 is the bacillus amylovorus. It is an
 oval-shaped body, and is 1-18,000 of
 an inch long and 1-25,000 of an inch
 across, and can be clearly seen with
 a high power microscope. Moreover,
 the scientists have raised these bac-
 teria in their laboratories and have
 used them a large number of times
 in experiments to infect healthy
 trees and fruit. Wherever this bac-
 illus has been introduced into a
 healthy tree or fruit the pear blight
 has followed. Scientists also have
 proved that the pear blight can be
 communicated from the blossoms of
 an affected tree to healthy trees by
 bees and other insects, and that the
 blight that is held over through the
 winter can be communicated to
 healthy portions of the same tree or
 to other trees by flies or other in-
 sects.
 Pear blight differs radically from
 the peach yellows in the way it af-
 fects a tree. The peach yellows
 does not show itself outwardly in a
 tree until the entire tree is affected
 and cannot be saved. The pear
 blight, on the other hand, has a
 purely local effect and attacks cer-
 tain blossoms, twigs, branches, or a
 section of the bark, and leaves the

rest of the tree uninjured except
 where girdling has occurred.
 In thousands of orchards, and in
 the case of hundreds of thousands
 of pear trees, especially in Califor-
 nia and Oregon, particularly in the
 Medford district, it has been proven
 that by cutting out the portion of
 the tree affected by the pear blight
 and washing the cut with a solution
 of one part of corrosive sublimate (a
 highly poisonous substance) to 1000
 parts of water, orchardists can save
 most of the individual trees and pre-
 vent the spread of the disease
 throughout their orchards. It there-
 fore strongly urges orchardists in
 districts affected by pear blight to
 continue to cut out affected portions
 of the trees and wash the cuts with
 this mixture. In cutting they should
 wash their tools in this disinfectant,
 so that the tool itself cannot com-
 municate the bacteria to healthy
 parts of the trees. Especially or-
 chardists are strongly advised to go
 over their orchards very carefully in
 their fall and cut out all cases of
 holdover blight, in order to prevent
 the spread of infections in diseased
 trees or the communication of infec-
 tion to other trees in the blossoming
 period.
 In addition to the cutting out and
 disinfecting process, the department
 advises orchardists to take steps to
 keep their trees healthy and strong,
 but not over-vigorous, so as to be
 highly resistant to pear blight. It
 warns orchardists to be careful in
 the use of manures and fertilizers
 around fruit trees, as anything
 which increases the rate of growth
 of the tree hastens the spread of the
 localized infection.

The department has thoroughly
 tested all known or suggested mea-
 sures for coping with this blight. It
 has found the cutting out and wash-
 ing with the solution the one reliable
 and practical measure and recom-
 mends it as a fully tested and suc-
 cessful remedy.
 This cutting out method will not
 save all trees, nor is it effective with
 certain varieties of pear trees which
 are particularly subject to the rav-
 ages of the pear blight. It has, how-
 ever, saved the pear industry of Cal-
 ifornia and portions of Oregon."

**Regarding Good Roads and
 Those of a Few Years Ago**

To the Editor: In the year 1906,
 when I just landed in Jackson coun-
 ty the town of Medford was a small
 place of about 1800, while Ashland
 was a place of from 4000 to 5000.
 At that time Ashland was pointed out
 on the map in large print while Med-
 ford would have to be sought
 with a magnifying glass. The
 roads we had at that time were
 simply lanes fenced off in the fields
 with a rail fence on either side.
 The only piece of good road I know of
 at that time was about three-quarters
 of a mile along the south side of up-
 per Table Rock, pumice sand being
 used, which came from W. M. Scott's
 place.
 The county at that time was as-
 sessed at \$4,500,000. The only
 means of transportation at that
 time was by means of sticky cart,
 consisting of the hind wheels of a
 wagon with every alternate spoke
 sawed out, a poll stuck in for a
 tongue. Then if it was really nec-
 essary for the lady of the ranch to
 come to town, Hiram would put two
 horses to the cart, pack three dozen
 eggs in oats, take a roll of butter,
 and a gunny sack full of hay for the
 team. He would load Naey in the
 cart who did the driving while the
 proud Hiram would walk knightly
 along with a sticky paddle and poke
 stickily from early morning until late
 at night before returning home.
 One man said: "Mary Jane, I only
 regret that God did not give me
 more language to curse the sticky!"
 Well such language brought on a
 crusade of agitation for good roads
 among the newcomers, which caused
 Hiram and others to raise up in
 arms against the movement and shout
 "ruin, disaster and bank-
 ruptcy!"
 About then a few Medfordites
 started the Medford Commercial
 club, chipped in a few shekels, passed
 around the hat, got a few hun-
 dred and decided that it was money
 well spent to advertise the valley's
 resources. So they got up the Med-
 ford Booklet and after the first ear-
 load or two went east it started a
 boom. At that time the best land
 averaged about \$40 per acre. Well,
 the more we advertised the more we
 raised the price of Hiram's land,
 consequently many Hirams were dis-
 placed with a live set of people who

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