

WEATHER BUREAU PROMISES VAGUE GENERALITIES ONLY

Washington, D. C., April 25. Medford Mail Tribune, Medford, Ore. Upon receipt this morning of a detailed statement regarding the Medford weather station, I telegraphed as follows: "Weather Bureau Chief Marvin just submits me this statement quoted later on we shall select some competent person to act as our special meteorological observer and continue the work at Medford station. The legitimate weather bureau work will be carried on in the future as efficiently as in the past. Am writing you fully."

I enclose you herewith a complete copy of the statement I have just received from the chief of the weather bureau. On the 21st instant I submitted to the secretary your letters to me and the editorial on the subject from the Mail Tribune together with a number of letters from local fruit growers and others interested in the subject. The enclosed letter does not mention these papers, and it is probable that I will receive a further communication from the department shortly in regard to them, when I will lose no time in again communicating with you.

Yours very sincerely GEO. E. CHAMBERLAIN, Hon. Geo. E. Chamberlain, United States Senate, My dear Senator: We have received your memorandum of April 16, transmitting letters from W. J. Hartzell, of Three Oaks Orchard, and Chester Fitch, both of Medford, Oregon, relative to the work of the weather bureau in the interest of the fruit growers of the Rogue river valley. In answer, permit me to assure you that the weather bureau has not taken, or contemplated taking, any action in connection with the Medford station that will in the least degree impair its efficiency or detract from the value of the service we have been rendering to the fruit growers of this important region.

No doubt you are aware that for a number of years a local organization employed Mr. P. J. O'Gara as pathologist to look after their interests, and incidentally he co-operated with the weather bureau in the distribution of our weather and frost warnings. Mr. O'Gara has recently resigned as pathologist, and the weather bureau sent one of its competent officials to temporarily maintain the weather bureau work at Medford during the present critical frost season. Later on we shall select some competent person to act as our special meteorological observer and continue the work at this special station. However, I am sure you will understand that this observer can not do the pathological work formerly directed by Mr. O'Gara, but I wish to repeat my assurance that the legitimate weather bureau work will be carried on in the future as efficiently as in the past, and there is no reason for alarm on the part of the local interests with respect to the possible impairment of the weather bureau service.

Trusting that the above will be satisfactory, I am Very respectfully, C. F. MARVIN, Chief of Bureau.

SCHOONER'S CREW REFUSES TO DESERT

FLORENCE, Or., April 30.—Although pounding heavily in the seas and leaking, the three-masted schooner Hugh Hogan, which broke away from her tow and went aground at the mouth of the Siuslaw river, was holding together this morning and hopes of saving her had not been abandoned. The seven members of the crew have steadfastly refused to desert the ship until all hope is gone. The wives of Captain Hill and Second Mate Simons were taken off by the lifesavers. Another attempt to pull the Hogan off with tugs will be made at high tide today.

PASADENA, Cal., April 30.—Rev. Fred H. Mathews, convicted of cruelly beating his stepson with a knotted garden hose, will be sentenced tomorrow. On the witness stand Mathews lashed himself with the hose to show that the noise of the blows was more noticeable than the injuries inflicted, but the jury was unimpressed.

PORTLAND MAN BUYS ORCHARD AT CENTRAL POINT

Page-Dressler company report the sale of the E. T. Neal fifty-acre orchard near Central Point to Herbert H. Clarke of Portland. This sale especially emphasizes the fact that the well-informed practical orchardist looks with favor upon the Rogue River valley orchards for investment. Mr. Clarke has passed nearly two years in the valley, gaining practical knowledge of horticulture, soils and methods. A large part of this time was passed as an employee at Sun-crest and Hillcrest orchards. Mr. Clarke is a graduate of Amherst college and has also taken two courses at Corvallis in horticulture. The Neal orchard consists of fifty acres, every foot of which is utilized in the growing of trees—3500 pears, 4 to 7 years old; 550 Newtown and Spitzenberg apples, 9 years old, and 1000 peach fillers, 4 years old. The soil is especially adapted for fruit and other crops. At the present time a heavy crop of wheat is growing on the land between the rows. This is near the Pacific highway and only a few rods from the Southern Pacific railroad station of Seven Oaks. Mr. Clarke is welcomed to the community.

WELSH-RITCHIE FIGHT CALLED OFF

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., April 30.—As the result of the exhibition staged in Los Angeles Tuesday night between Freddie Welsh and Leach Cross it was considered more than likely here today that Promoter Jas. W. Coffroth will call off all negotiations for a Willie Ritchie-Welsh match. All accounts received of the match were agreed that Welsh had lost ground and failed to show anything like championship form. Welsh and his manager, Harry Pollock, are due here from Los Angeles today and it was certain they would attempt to force Ritchie to agree to a match. The champion is willing providing suitable inducements are offered. "There are several reasons why I want to meet Welsh," said Ritchie. "In the first place, I want to settle the question of supremacy and wipe out that 20 round decision he was given over me in Los Angeles. Then he has done a lot of talking to the effect that cowardice was responsible for my throwing over the match with him in Vancouver. Welsh knows those charges were untrue but I want to convince the public that I am Welsh's master."

TOMORROW IS CLEAN-UP DAY

Tomorrow is May day and Clean-Up day, and everybody will be up early polishing up the back yard and collecting rubbish. When the sun goes down tomorrow night Medford is expected to be the neatest to a spotless town in the state. City Engineer Armstrong, who has charge of the Clean-Up day for the city, has divided the city into five sections, with five teams to haul away the refuse. He urges that all citizens have the rubbish collected and piled to be hauled away by 8 o'clock, so that unnecessary trips will not be necessary to each district. In many homes the preliminary work has been completed and are ready for the coming of the wagon. It has been called to the attention of the city officials that there are several spots in the business district alleys that need a thorough going over. Flies have begun to gather in the last few days, due to the warm sunshine, and the swat-the-fly campaign will be on in earnest soon.

IT IS SAINT LOUIS FROM THIS TIME ON ST. LOUIS, Mo., April 30.—It is done. The argument is settled. After today, forever and for aye, it shall be pronounced "Saint Louis." So said the pugnacious masters and committee who intimated that they did not care a hang even if the word "Saint" is given an English pronunciation, while the "Louis" follows in French. "Good-bye, 'St. Lewis,'" says the Mount City, "we cannot stand the Dual bias."

COUNTY COURT PROCEEDINGS

(Continued from yesterday.) Table listing court proceedings including witnesses, fees, and judgments. Includes entries for H. C. Stoddard, W. H. Smith, J. W. Weeks, etc.

Table listing various utility and service bills, including Electric Construction Co., Pacific Coast Tel. and Tel. Co., and others, with amounts due.

Table listing items drawn against various Road Districts (No. 1 through No. 14), detailing labor and material costs.

Those drawn against the various Road Districts, were as follows: Road District No. 1, Hubbard Bros. material, \$ 22.50; Jack True, labor, 235.12; Jack True, material, 163.80; Road District No. 2, Mrs. S. G. Van Dyke, for month of Jan., labor, 65.25; Mrs. S. G. Van Dyke for month of Feb., labor, 69.75; Road District No. 4, O. S. Weicher, labor, \$113.00; Road District No. 5, D. Boggs, labor, \$ 20.25; Hansen and McLinnahan, labor, 2.25; Harvey Walter, labor, 3.50; Woods Lumber Co., material, 50.84; Nick Kime, labor, 141.37; A. C. Allen, oil for road, 514.94; Total labor and material, \$733.15; Road District No. 6, Thomas Stanley, labor, \$ 19.50; Frank R. Neil, labor, \$ 23.25; Frank R. Neil, material, 9.45; J. E. Davidson, labor, \$ 28.75; Road District No. 9, John Grieve, labor, \$205.29; Road District No. 10, W. R. Garrett, labor, \$ 44.25; Road District No. 11, A. K. Earhart, labor, \$183.40; A. K. Earhart, material, 15.50; Road District No. 12, W. C. Chapman, labor, \$ 47.25; Road District No. 13, Carl Beebe, material, 11.73; Road District No. 14, D. W. Pence, labor, \$ 28.12; G. A. GARDNER, County Clerk.

12 chains and 21 links to the place of beginning. Also all of Donation Land Claim Number Forty-three (43) except eighty (80) acres described as follows, sold to Leah M. Collins; commencing at the northeast corner of said Donation Land Claim Number Forty-three (43); running thence south one hundred sixty (160) rods; thence west eighty (80) rods; thence north one hundred sixty (160) rods; thence east eighty (80) rods to place of beginning; all in township thirty-six (36) north, range two (2) west of Willamette Meridian. Also a sixty (60) foot road running through said eighty (80) acres heretofore conveyed to L. M. Collins through said tract from the east line to the west line and at a point on a line parallel with the north line of the Finley ranch. Also the following personal property: Three-fourths of one share of the capital stock of the Table Rock Ditch Company, formerly the Drum Bybee, Pickens, Hunsacker Ditch company. That the said real estate and personal property be sold in the manner provided by law, said personal property being first sold, and if the same do not bring the amount of the judgment heretofore prayed for, that the real property be sold, and that the proceeds of said sale be applied toward the payment of the said judgment as herein prayed for, and the over-plus, if any there be, be paid into court for the use and benefit of the defendants or such of them as may be entitled thereto in law and equity. Third: That the plaintiff be permitted to bid at said sale on the said real and personal property, and the purchaser thereof be put into immediate possession thereof and to receive the rents and profits therefrom, and that the defendants and each of them be enjoined and restrained from permitting any waste on said premises during the period of this foreclosure; that the defendants and all persons claiming any right, title, lien or interest in said real estate or personal property, or any part thereof, by through or under them, or either of them, be forever barred and foreclosed from any and all right, title, interest or claim in and to said property or the possession thereof, and that any and all parties claiming by, through or under the defendants, or either or any of them, be barred and enjoined from claiming or asserting any right, title or interest in or to said property or the possession thereof, and that the plaintiff may have a judgment for any deficiency which may remain after paying all the proceeds of the sale of said property properly applicable to the satisfaction of said judgment. Fourth: For such other and further relief as may be just and meet in equity. This summons is published by authority of an order of the above entitled court, made and entered on the 12th day of March, 1914; by Hon. F. M. Calkins, Judge thereof. Date of first publication, March 19, 1914. Date of last publication, April 30, 1914. JOHN F. LOGAN, Attorney for Plaintiff.

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