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# MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

**THE WEATHER.**  
Tonight and Wednesday—  
rain; cloudy. Monday—  
high, 60; low, 52, rain 56.

FOURTH YEAR.

MEDFORD, OREGON, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1909.

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## CRUISERS READY TO SAIL SOUTHWARD

### EVERYTHING READY FOR WAR

Gunboats Being Overhauled and Transports Are Fitted for Use at Moment's Notice—Princeton Steams South.

### MEXICO MAY AID IN QUELLING DISTURBANCE

France Sends Cruiser to Protect Her People—Situation is Growing Very Tense.

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 30.—The contents of a long cipher message from Washington to Admiral Thomas Phelps, commander of the Mare Island navy yard, are believed to contain orders that may dispatch one or more of the army transports now in port to the Nicaraguan coast.

The message, which is the longest official telegraphic communication received at Mare Island since the Spanish-American war, is not to be opened until Wednesday, according to instructions that accompanied it. At Mare Island and in this city it is rumored that this is the first crucial play against the Zelaya government.

The gunboat Princeton, steaming southward from Seattle for the Central American trouble zone, is due to arrive in this port tomorrow. It has been suggested that the long code message bears instructions to the Princeton's commander.

Troops, supplies and ammunition are ready at the Presidio to be transported to Central America at a moment's notice, and should the message contain instructions for a move in that direction, not a moment's time would be lost.

**Overhauling Gunboat.**  
NAVY YARD, Puget Sound, Wash., Nov. 30.—Anticipating orders from Washington directing that the gunboat Wheeling be placed in commission to hurry to the Nicaraguan coast, that ship, which has been out of commission here for several years, is now alongside of pier No. 7 and workmen have begun overhauling her guns and engines. The Wheeling carries the same armament as the Princeton.

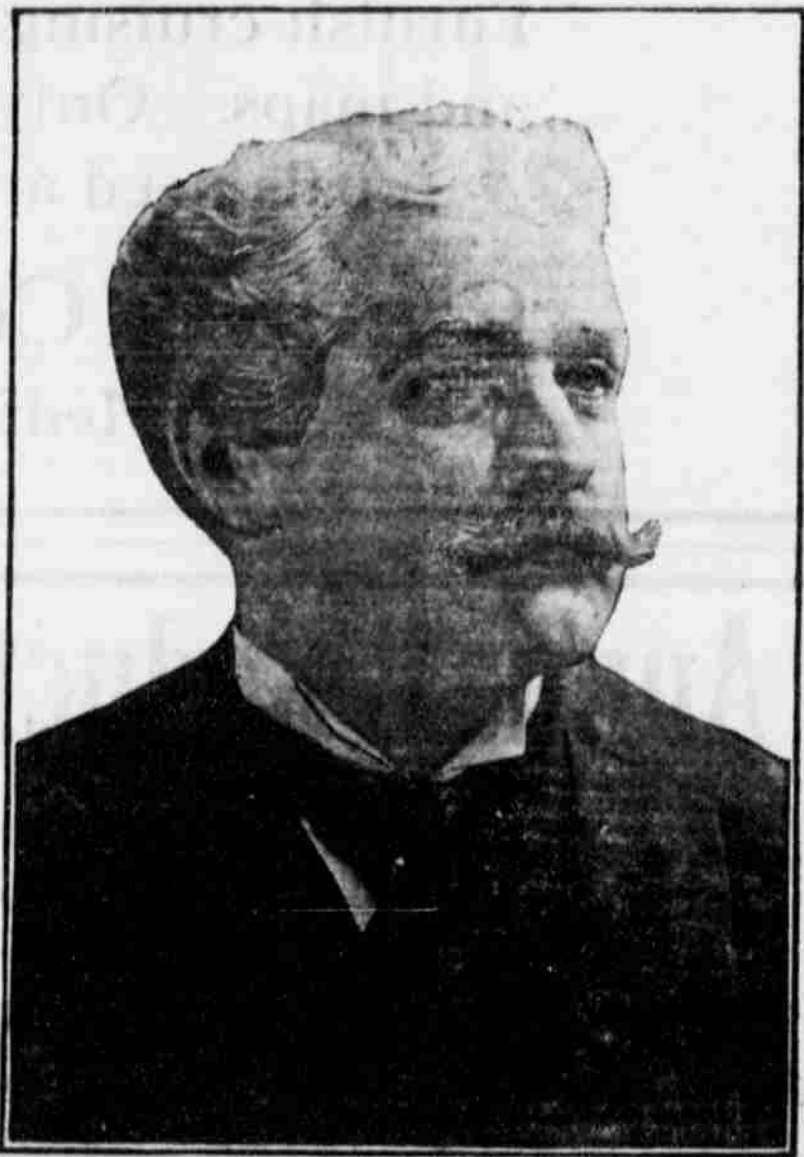
**Mexico May Aid.**  
MEXICO CITY, Mex., Nov. 30.—That Mexico and the United States may act in conjunction to put an end to the civil strife that is rending Nicaragua was the statement today of Senator Mariscal, minister of foreign affairs. He further stated that Mexico probably would intervene in the event that Nicaragua became embroiled with any of her neighbor republics.

Reports that the Mexican government would exercise supervision in the appointment of a president to succeed Zelaya were denied by the foreign minister. He declared that such procedure had not been suggested.

Francisco Castro, Nicaraguan minister to Mexico, today received a cable from Zelaya denying emphatically the rumor that he had resigned. He confirmed Mariscal's statement that Mexico might be asked to effect an amicable settlement of the dispute.

**Zelaya May Surrender.**  
WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—Minister Castillo, diplomatic representative of the provisional government of Nicaragua today received a cable message from Provisional President

### SHERMAN'S CHOICE FOR SUPREME BENCH



**JUDGE ALFRED C. COXE, VICE PRESIDENT SHERMAN'S CHOICE FOR UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT.**

Judge Alfred Conkling Coxe, whom Vice President Sherman recommended for the vacancy on the United States supreme bench, is a native of New York, and his residence is in Utica, where the vice president lives, but the federal circuit where he presides is in New York city. He was appointed to the federal court by Theodore Roosevelt. Judge Coxe is the son of the Rev. Samuel Hanson Coxe and a nephew of Roscoe Conkling and Bishop Arthur Cleveland Coxe. He was graduated from Hamilton college in 1878 and received the degree of doctor of laws from Columbia in 1884. From 1868 until his appointment to the federal bench he practiced law in Utica.

### INTERNATIONAL COMPLICATIONS NOT FOR SHEARER

Chief Declares to Interfere in Domestic Difficulties of Sam Ling Dun and His Caucasian Wife.

Chief Shearer averted possible international complications Monday morning when he refused to interfere in the domestic difficulties of Sam Ling Dun and his wife, Sam is a follower of Confucius, while his spouse is of the Caucasian race. They have several children and have been residents of Medford for the past several months. Monday morning Sam came to the conclusion that a little discipline, a la Chinese, would be good for his white wife, so proceeded to administer it.

The oldest son of the couple fled to the street and, encountering Chief Shearer, told him that his father was beating his mother. The chief, having knowledge of the peculiar racial relations of the family, and not desiring to involve the government in a controversy concerning the international questions likely to be involved, told the youngsters that if his mother would swear to a complaint against Sam he would proceed to act. Sam's exemplification of oriental system was so forceful that Mrs. Sam could not appear or he had convinced her of the error of her ways in the meantime, for the required warrant was not sworn out, and peace temporarily reigns in the Chino-American household.

Fred H. Hopkins is spending a few days in Portland on business.

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### DUCK HUNTING ABOUT RUINED BY HIGH WATER

Flood Spreads Over Such An Era of Low Land That There Is Flood in Great Abundance.

Duck hunters are thinking of cleaning up the guns to put away for the rest of the season, for the sport has been about killed, and unless a change comes soon it will be hard to get the birds. The flood spreading over a such a large area of low land has scattered duck hunting to the winds and even the most optimistic of the tribe of local nimrods have little hopes of the sport picking up after the freshets go down for the winter rains have just started.

The flood came at a time when there was every prospect of duck hunting picking up. A full flight of canvasbacks had yet to arrive and populate the tules of the Rogue, although there have been some fair kills on stray bands.

With ponds of water everywhere in the low sections and the sloughs and tules well supplied the birds from now on will have abundance to feed on, which will keep them scattered.

Old Jupiter Pluvius had an awful time this year. For the first two weeks of the season he held off his offering with a surprising bashfulness and as a result the birds went elsewhere to get fresh food and water. Then the rain bag was opened. This brought hunting to a fairly high standard and for a week limit bags were secured with more of a frequency than any time previous, and the hunters were smiling. But these conditions lasted only a few days,

### KIDNAPPERS ARE AFTER JOHN D.

Elaborate Plot Discovered Whereby Bold Kidnappers Were to Make Away With Oil Magnate.

### OVERHEARD AT THEIR PLOTING; POLICE BUSY

Walls of Rockefeller's Estate is Closely Guarded and All Strangers Are Stopped.

CLEVELAND, O., Nov. 30.—The police today are seeking two men, said to have been implicated in a plot to kidnap or assassinate John D. Rockefeller. Messages have been sent broadcast advising the police of the country to apprehend the suspects.

The information was furnished to the police by Sawyer Smith of Minerva, O., who says that he overheard the men talking of the plot at Alliance, O., on Sunday night. He says that the plotters discussed elaborate plans for doing away with the oil king.

Rockefeller has abandoned his plan of attending a farewell meeting at the Euclid avenue Baptist church. The walls of his estate are being closely guarded to prevent the approach of any stranger from any direction.

It is reported the kidnapers were to hold the magnate for a ransom of \$1,000,000.

A. R. McLean of Grants Pass is among the arrivals at the Nash.

### FINAL FOOTBALL GAME SATURDAY

Medford Will Clash With Grants Pass in Final Game of Season Saturday on Local Grounds.

Next Saturday will be the last game of football of the season in Medford and at that time Medford high school team will meet Grants Pass high school. This game bids to be the best game ever played on the local grounds as the teams are evenly matched and the Grants Pass team has the loyal support of all the students and has excellent coaching and it was only after repeated efforts that Medford was able to score the one field goal against them in the game three weeks ago. It seems impossible for either team to cross the goal line of the other.

Coach Hall of the Medford team said at a recent interview, "The coming game without a doubt will be the hardest game of the season and I am afraid if we do not have the loyal support of both the high school and the citizens of Medford that we will meet our Waterloo, and the title of championship which we have almost won for Medford will go to the town that supports her team. I know the boys will do their part but they must have support."

When copious showers falling steadily put too much wetness in the marshes. This was the beginning of the end. For the recent storm took a foot about then and has since played havoc.

Attorney A. L. Reames of Jacksonville was a Medford visitor Tuesday.

### TAX RATE FOR NEXT YEAR LOWER

Council, After Informally Confering and Going Over Finances of City Reach Decision Rate Will Be Half Mill Lower.

### THIS IN SPITE OF THE REDUCED ASSESSMENT

Large Amount of Work Has Been Done But Council Sees Way to Lower Rate.

In spite of the fact that the assessed valuation of Medford is lower than it was last year, and that never before have such strides been taken towards civic improvement, the tax rate for 1910 in the city will be lower than this year. The council has reached this decision after several informal meetings and after much pausing over the finances of the city.

The tax rate next year will in all probability be 17 mills in the city. During 1909 the rate was 17 1/2 mills. While the reduction is only a half mill, still this represents much when it is remembered that the assessed valuation of the city is lower and that never before has there been a year during which greater strides have been made for civic improvement.

The council will meet in special session this evening.

### NEW EXHIBITS ARE PLACED ON SHOW

Many Citizens Bringing in Small Fruits and Vegetables for Show.

While the fruit men have been doing stunts in the way of winning prizes and bringing honor and fame to Jackson county, a few citizens have been progressing along other lines, as witness some of the samples shown at the exhibit building.

For instance there are some English walnuts grown by R. M. Clemens on the Dr. Geary farm on Griffen Creek which are on par with the product of any section of the country whatever.

J. S. Hamrick has a monster sugar beet on show that weighs 23 pounds, and was grown on Bear Creek bottom soil without irrigation.

George Jackson of East Medford matches him with a beet of similar size and adds another weighing 21 pounds for good measure. These last two were grown within the city limits and also without irrigation.

In the days before the attention of the people was attracted to the growing of record-breaking pears and apples an attempt was made to establish the sugar beet industry here, but about that time the orchard men began to get returns, and the land that would produce good beets—without an available market—was found to be capable of producing the fruit that always brings a price. It is not among the impossible things, however, that Southern Oregon will be producing a lot of the character of stuff above mentioned as a by-product of the young orchards now being planted or to be planted in the near future.

### NOVEMBER 1909 BROKE RECORDS FOR 23 YEARS

Rainfall Amounted to 8.40 Inches— Last Year it Was 2.22— In 1886 There Fell 9.07 Inches.



The weather man says:  
Occasional showers tonight.  
Cloudy, Wednesday, December 1, fair. Total rainfall to date for month, 8.40 inches.  
November, 1908, 2.22 inches.  
November, 1886, 9.07 inches.

When Miss November, year of our Lord, 1909, passes out into the night, making way for dear old December, she will go knowing that she will long be remembered, for while here she has shattered all November records for 23 years in the matter of rainfall, she has touched the lowest notch in temperature of any previous November, and has caused the old Rogue to act very roguish indeed, rising to its highest mark since 1961.

The coming of December alone is all that seemingly can stop her from going still higher, for rain is promised tonight, fair tomorrow. Monday night 70-100 of an inch fell, making the total rainfall for the month 8.40 inches. One year ago the fall was 2.22 inches. In 1866 9.07 inches of rain fell during the month.

For two days only did the temperature go down. It touched 25 one morning and the city and valley were keeping close to the fir, but old Sol soon came on and up jumped the mercury to 50 or 60 and there remained.

Rogue river, rejoicing in the little joke of November, went off on a little excursion of her own. Gathering force from all of the thousands of her tributaries, large and small, and calling for aid to the snow-clad hills, she rose until she was the highest ever known since 1861. Thirteen feet of water poured over the crest of the dam at Gold Ray and the workers in the power house stood on a floor six inches under water.

But tonight November must give way to her sister, December. And as is befitting, she promises to go in a shower, exerting every effort to increase her record. Her business manager, Mr. Weather man, says it will be cloudy with occasional showers tonight, fair tomorrow.

### JACK BLISS MEETS BAD ACCIDENT IN BALL GAME

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
STOCKTON, Cal., Nov. 30.—Catcher Jack Bliss of the St. Louis National League club, one of the star players who are touring the west, lies today at St. Joseph's Home in this city suffering from a severe fracture of the right leg, sustained in yesterday's game with Connie Mack's Philadelphia Athletics.

Bliss singled in the fourth inning of the game, scoring Mitchell. He tried for second on the throw to the plate and was compelled to slide. His long spikes caught in the ground

### RECORDS FOR RECEIPTS TOPPED

Never Before in History of Medford Were Postal Receipts as Large as for the Month of November.

### WILL RUN FAR OVER THE RECORD FOR OCTOBER

Last Month Was Heaviest But This Month Will Leave Them Far Behind.

Never before in the history of Medford have the receipts of the post-office been as heavy as during this November. Assistant Postmaster Woodford is at work today in compiling his monthly report, and what he has found so far has surprised him. The stamp sales alone this month will total over \$1400.

The receipts from money orders has grown by leaps and bounds since the large force of men have been put at work on the Pacific & Eastern. These men send considerable money home to relatives.

Last month the postal receipts were the largest ever known in the history of the local postoffice, topping by \$200 the Christmas month of last year. The receipts totaled \$1906.14. The receipts a year ago in October were \$1517.26, while for December, always heavy month, they were \$1733.49.

This month they will go over \$2000.

### HERE SEARCHING FOR INVESTMENTS

Arthur D. Coulter of Seattle, Well Known in Business Circles, Looking Over Rogue River Valley.

John A. Torney has returned from a business trip to Seattle and brings with him Arthur D. Coulter of Seattle, who is well known in business circles as a past master at interesting capital in new enterprises. He with two other men raised \$524,000 to build and equip the Arctic club at Seattle, the most elegantly equipped club on the coast. His object here is to investigate the opportunities offered for the investment of capital.

Mr. Coulter will be shown over the valley and made acquainted with its many resources. He no doubt, like many others, will become interested and aid not alone the valley, but himself and friends.

### PROMINENT MAN FACES A SERIOUS CHARGE

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
LOS ANGELES, Nov. 30.—O. F. Babcock, president of the Babcock Advertising company, is under arrest today on a felony warrant charging criminal assault of Meena Byler, a pretty 14-year-old girl, who is the sole support of an invalid mother.

twisting his leg, and snapping a bone a few inches above his ankle. Physicians stated that it is doubtful if the catcher will be able to do heavy work for his club when the 1910 season begins.