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BANDITS LOOT

Mail Car on the Rock Island in Tennessee.

ATTEMPTS TO DYNAMITE SAFE

Explosion Shook Houses in City—Thirty-three Indictments Returned—Arrests Expected Within Short Time.

(Special to The Evening News.) MEMPHIS, Feb. 7.—A party of seven bandits boarded and held up the Rock Island express and passenger train No. 43, westbound, two miles out of Hubert, Tenn., at an early hour this morning. They secured one package of registered mail. After making two ineffective attempts to blow open the car safe with dynamite they abandoned their work and took to the hills. The force of the explosion when the safe was dynamited shook the houses here. Posses were organized and are in pursuit of the desperadoes.

Arrests Looked For.

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 7.—Simultaneous arrest of men indicted for alleged complicity in 33 dynamiting outrages are looked for next week. Formal pleas of the accused men will also be made before the United States court here on March 12. As yet the government prosecutor has not announced the names of those indicted, but United States Attorney Miller has allowed the impression to go out that none of the union officials higher than those with headquarters in this city will be arrested.

Investigate Money Trust.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—The house democrats held a caucus last night for purpose of deciding what methods to pursue in the proposed investigation of the money trust.

COMMERCIAL CLUB ACTIVE.

Publicity Manager Schlosser's Report for January Is Vital.

During the month of January, 1912, the Roseburg Commercial Club mailed out 1,500 pieces of mail. This mail was sent to thirty-five states, the Canal Zone, Guatemala, Shanghai and Canada. The largest number of inquiries received from one state were from Oregon, with Washington second, Montana, Idaho and Colorado in third place, California fourth and Illinois fifth. The number of inquiries from Eastern people is increasing, and those who have looked over the Commercial Club mail the past two months comment on the fact that so large a proportion of the writers say they expect to come to Oregon this year to reside. During the past month letters have been received from 27 families, stating that they expect to come to Roseburg this spring or summer.

The inquiries show that 35 per cent of the correspondents asked for general information, 30 per cent are interested in general farming, 5 per cent fruit, 5 per cent in homestead lands, and the balance in the following lines in the order named: Poultry, truck farming, timber, stock, dairying, bees, hogs and goats. About 6 per cent of the inquiries ask for work of any kind and 8 per cent request the Commercial Club to find them positions of some kind for a time. There were 15 inquiries relative to business openings, 15 inquiries for copies of the local papers, 5 letters asked about the result of the suit against the Southern Pacific by the United States government.

Among the trades offered are city lots in Portland, timber land in Western Oregon, and a ranch in Colorado. One man says that he and his friends are in the market for some cheap land, provided they can buy from 10,000 to 40,000 acres. His idea of cheap land is ranging from 25c to 50c per acre, and there is very little of this available in Douglas county. Another man wants 1,000 acres in one piece, and another wishes to know if he and his friends can secure 50 homesteads all in one block.

Among the questions asked us are "Do apples blight?" "Can you raise peaches in Douglas county?" He was informed that we raise both kinds. "Are there any railroads in Douglas county?" "Is Roseburg near a large city?" "Can you furnish me full information about Canas Valley?" "Will you send us information about Coos county?" One man wishes to know where he can buy a milk goat, and another called at the office and asked where he could get an old pair of shoes. One wished to know if there were any stage lines to Coos Bay, and why there is no railroad. Another wishes a fairly accurate

description of some tract in Curry county that could be homesteaded. One man wanted to know if there were rattlesnakes or poison oak in the county. Another writes that it is 38 below zero at the time he was writing the letter, and wishes to know if it ever gets that cold in the Umpqua Valley. Another asks when construction will commence on the railroad from Roseburg to the coast, and we told them we hoped to see the same before the first of May. We are still strongly hoping that this hope will be fulfilled.

Among the trades, the largest number of inquiries were received from carpenters. Among the professions there seem to be more lawyers looking for locations than in other lines.

The colonist rates will continue through 46 days this year, a 16-day period longer than usual, and judging from the correspondence, there will be an unusually large number of people visit Oregon with a view to making it their permanent abiding place. There is reason to believe that Roseburg will receive a fair share of these newcomers. However, practically every town and city that has a Commercial Club connected with the Oregon Development League has announced that the publicity work for that particular community will be carried on with increased vigor this year, therefore, it is advisable that Roseburg continue its efforts along publicity lines if we expect to share in the increased wealth and population which is to be distributed through the state beginning the first of March.

In today's columns of The News will be found the announcement of Commissioner M. R. Ryan for reelection to the important office he has so faithfully filled for the past term and with entire satisfaction to his large number of supporters in every nook and corner of the county. It is conceded by all that Mr. Ryan will not have any opposition either at the primary or regular election, this fact being attributed to his painstaking efforts in the past to at all times keep pace with the progress and development of this great county and being ever alert to the vital interests of the people at large. His nomination and election is assured.

FAST CRUISERS

Will Protect British Fisheries From Poachers.

AMERICANS MUST KEEP OUT

Secured 65,000,000 Pounds Fish Last Year—Pardoned Bank Wrecker Is Getting Well—Sails For Europe.

(Special to The Evening News.) OTTAWA, Can., Feb. 7.—As a result of the plea of British Columbian members in parliament for better protection for Canada's Pacific Coast fisheries, three fast cruisers will be built to prevent American poachers from operating within the three mile limit. The cruisers will be fitted with wireless and it is expected will practically put end to poaching.

One member of parliament said that Americans had poached 65,000,000 pounds of halibut last season. The headquarters for most of the American fishing schooners is Seattle.

Morse Is Recovering.

ATLANTA, Ga., Feb. 7.—Charles W. Morse, the New York bank wrecker, who, when supposedly in a dying condition recently was pardoned by President Taft after he had served two years of a fifteen-year sentence for wrecking the Trust Company of New York, is reported to be able to travel. He is expected to leave New York for Europe some time this week.

HIS FIRST WEDDING.

Carl Wimberly Sealed With Stages—Fright—Makes Good.

No little confusion was in evidence at the city hall this morning, when Recorder Carl E. Wimberly was called upon to officiate at the wedding of Ann Lee Knight and Mabel Ella Lyons, both residents of Sutherlin. Having been employed in the capacity of deputy at the county clerk's office for several months, and being somewhat familiar with the marriage ceremony usually pronounced by the county judge, Mr. Wimberly set out with a determined effort to make good. He had hardly commenced the arduous task, however, when he was

"HEY, LOOK OUT, UNCLE: IT'S LEAP YEAR!"



—Wilder in Chicago Record-Herald.

VETO MILITIA

Aspirant for Governor Washington Alleges Graft.

H. G. IS AN EXPENSIVE LUXURY

State Has No Particular Use For It—Modern Woodmen Oppose Increase in Rates—Becomes State Monday.

(Special to The Evening News.) TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 7.—"I shall start a fight to wipe out the state militia, if I am elected governor," said Sheriff Hodges, of Seattle, progressive candidate for governor of Washington, in an interview here. "The militia costs the taxpayers \$200,000 annually," he continued. "For years it has been filled with corruption, grafting, and its only purpose has been to break up strikes. If elected governor I'll veto any bills carrying appropriations for tin soldiers."

Fight Increased Rates. MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Feb. 7.—Thousands of circulars have been issued by the Modern Woodmen assembly here to fight the adoption of increased insurance rates adopted by the Modern Woodmen of America. Leaders of the organization throughout the country are asked to send delegates to a mass meeting here February 22, when plans will be made for fighting the so-called Mobile bill adopted by the organization at the recent Chicago convention.

Arizona Becomes State Monday. PHOENIX, Ariz., Feb. 7.—As the first governor of Arizona George W. Hunt will take the oath of office at high noon of February 12. Announcement of the inauguration date has just been made. President Taft will sign the proclamation admitting Arizona to statehood next Monday forenoon.

WILL RECEIVE PENSIONS. Men Injured In Forest Service Likely Aided By Uncle Sam.

(Special to The Evening News.) WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—Forest service men who are blinded or otherwise disabled and the dependents of men killed in fighting forest fires can expect no compensation from the government. To remedy this condition Senator Dixon (rep. Mont.) is making a sturdy effort to have the forest service employees included in the law which awards compensation to victims of hazardous government employment. The law, with proposed amendments in behalf of employees of the bureau of mines and the forest service, is pending in the senate.

Speaking of the wide-spread fires of 1911, Senator Dixon said: "I was in the very center of the great forest fires of the Northwest seized with stagefright, and for a time it looked as though a postponement would be necessary. The recorder was not to be outwitted, however, and after regaining his composure continued with the ceremony, which was most impressive."

While unable to recall the exact nature of the ceremony, Mr. Wimberly says it was legal, and will stand the test of the most skeptical court. Major Joseph Mizell and Sam Jones acted as witnesses, and they were more than amused with the unexpected procedure. The happy couple will make their future home at Sutherlin, where the groom holds a responsible position.

BRIDGE MEETING

Is Held At Courthouse This Morning

OAK STREET BRIDGE OPPOSED

Petitions and Remonstrances Are Filed, As Are Maps and Other Data—County Court Listens to Appeals.

Denouncing the motives through which he claimed the "selfish interests" clamored for the Oak street bridge, Attorney Elbert Herrmann, representing the taxpayers opposed to abandoning the present Lane street structure, this morning delivered a most able and convincing address before the county court and a throng that fairly filled the court room.

Attorney Herrmann referred to the proposition as ridiculous, and claimed the present agitation relative to the abandonment of the Lane street bridge would never have been started had it not have been for persons desirous of serving selfish interests. "The persons desiring the Oak street bridge have presented a number of petitions," said Mr. Herrmann, "and in opposition, those opposed to abandoning the Lane street structure have filed remonstrances. The latter are specific, and simply set out that in abandoning the Lane street bridge the monies of the taxpayers will be wasted, to say nothing of the detrimental effect upon the business interests of the town."

Mr. Herrmann claimed there was but one conclusion to glean from the petitions submitted in favor of the Oak street bridge—that the selfish interests were at work, and were determined to enhance the value of their property to the detriment of the entire city.

"The signatures submitted today amount to naught," continued Mr. Herrmann, "unless you are satisfied that the signatures represent the masses, and that the taxpayers of the county favor abandonment of the present bridge, and the erection of a new structure at Oak street. You must consider these petitions at length, and you should also take into consideration the remonstrances which have been presented to your consideration. This is not a trivial matter, but on the contrary, is a proposition of intense interest to the taxpayers of this section of the county."

In reply to Attorney Coshow's remarks, which in point, were to the effect that the present bridge was a menace to life on account of the railroad crossing, Attorney Herrmann said this evil could be remedied with ease, considering that laws were now upon the statute books providing for the protection of all crossings. In this regard, he said it would be well for Mr. Coshow to take this matter up with the Southern Pacific officials, who were at all times ready and willing to assist in protecting life and limb.

In conclusion, Attorney Herrmann solicited the court to act in the best interests of the taxpayers, which was equivalent to a denial of the petitions.

F. E. Alley said he was astonished at the remarks of certain persons advocating the Oak street bridge, who claimed that one bridge would suffice the demands of this city for twenty or thirty years. "Is Roseburg going to remain a town of 6,000 people for twenty years?" inquired Mr. Alley, "or will it grow to a city of 15,000 or 20,000 people? I am of the opinion that two bridges should be maintained, one at the present site on Lane street and another on Douglas street. It would be a waste of county money to abandon the Lane street bridge, and I venture to say that such procedure would be strenuously opposed by the taxpayers. Let us have a new bridge at Lane street, and within two or three years, the city will be able to erect a second bridge at the foot of Douglas street. With these two bridges the city will be served to the satisfaction of all concerned."

A. C. Marsters coincided with F. E. Alley and advocated preservation of the present bridge at the foot of Lane street, and the erection of a second bridge at the foot of Douglas street. Mr. Marsters said the business interests of the city were growing rapidly, and that any attempt to abandon the Lane street bridge in the erection of the proposed Oak street structure would meet with strenuous opposition. Mr. Marsters contended that the present bridge should be maintained, and that within the course of a few years another bridge should be erected at Douglas street, thus equalizing the distance of all concerned.

Dr. E. V. Hoover said he was op-

posed to maintaining the bridge at its present site at the foot of Lane street, and was of the opinion that the new structure should span the Umpqua river at the foot of Douglas streets. Dr. Hoover said he spoke as a disinterested party, and was not swayed in his position by any so-called interests. "I have no personal interests to serve in this matter," said Dr. Hoover, "and simply advocate the Douglas street bridge with a view of better serving the people."

Persons speaking in favor of the Oak street bridge were Attorney O. P. Coshow, James Goodman, L. A. Ueland, R. E. Smith, M. L. Webb, Dr. A. C. Seely, Walter Hamilton and Reuben Marsters.

These gentlemen advanced the argument that the Lane street crossing was dangerous, and that the Oak street approach was in direct line with the city. It was also said that the cost of erecting a bridge at Lane and Oak streets was about the same, while the expense incurred in the erection of a bridge at Douglas street would be considerable more.

Other than an oral argument, the Oak street advocates submitted petitions bearing signatures of 373 persons, 160 of whom reside on the West side of the river.

While a number of the arguments were aptly advanced, there were few reasons advanced why the bridge should be located at Oak street, and consequently it does not seem probable that the county court will take any immediate action.

Probably the most logical address of those supporting the Oak street bridge was delivered by M. L. Webb, of West Roseburg, who claimed that the taxpayers of the road district abutting the bridge to the west favored the removal of the present structure.

The county court have in their possession both the petitions and remonstrances, and will probably consider the same at some future date.

E. N. Owry, accompanied by his brother-in-law and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Mahone, all of Akron, Ohio, are in the city. These people have come here for the purpose of acquiring a tract of fruit land, and are now looking over the country. They are much pleased with Roseburg and the valley.

IF "DRAFTED"

Roosevelt Will Then Make Race For Nomination

LAFOLLETTE IS CROWDED OUT

Formal Announcement of Position of Ex-President Will Be Made In The Next Few Days—Conference Today.

(Special to The Evening News.) NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Roosevelt's candidacy for republican presidential nomination will be announced within a short time. The definite statement, that he is in the race, will not come from Roosevelt, but will be made by progressive leaders who until now have been supporting LaFollette. The formal announcement of Roosevelt's candidacy will be signed by George Becond, of New Jersey, Gifford Pinchot, Amos Pinchot, former United States Senator Beveridge, Madril McCormack and possibly Governor Johnson, of California. All of these men were in a series of conferences in this city today, and they have been in constant communication with Roosevelt. It is understood that the Colonel has agreed to enter the race if "drafted". It is not known what position will be taken by LaFollette, but it is thought that he may become angry at his supporters for their abandonment and decide to make the fight in the convention alone.

Beliefs Getting Busier. MEXICO CITY, Feb. 7.—Official advices received here say that rebels have captured six cities in the state of Chihuahua.

ARE NOT LOCATED.

Unable To Find Bodies of Men Drowned Near Elkton.

According to a message received here at noon today, all efforts to locate the bodies of the two men drowned near Elkton late yesterday have failed. Additional information regarding the accident tends to indicate that the men were crossing Smith river in a skiff, when it suddenly capsized. William Rossman, who was rescued attributes his good fortune to a ferryman who came to his assistance as he was about to sink for the third time.

CHURCH PACKED

Evangelist Smith Delivers an Able Address.

SINGING PROVES A FEATURE

Evangelist Will Draw Some Lessons From the Story of the Fool In Tonight's Sermon—Brief Addresses Tomorrow.

(Contributed.)

Tonight Evangelist Smith will draw some lessons from the story of a fool. He promises some "straight shooting", and urges the all-wise as well as the foolish to be present. Mr. Roper will sing one of his great solos and two duets will be rendered. An after meeting will be held permitting those who wish to withdraw before the final invitation to do so.

Last night great interest was again shown by the large audience present. The five churches which have now entered the meeting create great enthusiasm and force, besides the evangelists' personal influence.

The singing was equal to any meeting, and evidently is almost as powerful a factor in this revival as mere preaching. Leader Smith demands that every word be sung so as to be understood, the way so many people like their music.

At 2:45 p. m. tomorrow the second of the "Progressive Life" talks will be given, the special subject being "Service". Mr. Smith will sing a solo. It will be followed by Mr. Roper's class in personal work.

No Conflict With Ople.

The meeting tomorrow evening will begin at 7 o'clock and close at 8:30 p. m., giving season ticket holders and others who wish it, a chance to attend the Ople Read entertainment. The subject will be "The one reason why you are not a Christian".

MUCH ICE USED.

By Pacific Fruit Express Company Last Year.

Sufficient ice to make an iceberg that would knock the corners off the Golden Gate if it were brought into San Francisco bay, was used in California by the Pacific Fruit Express Company, the refrigerated car service of the Harriman lines, during the fruit shipping season ending October 31, 1911. This same supply of ice, were each cake placed end to end, would cover a stretch of 993 miles and 22 inches wide. The Pacific Fruit express used in this state last year 1,467,433 cakes of ice, each 29 inches long, 22 inches wide and 11 inches in thickness.

The weight of all of this ice totals 220,115 tons, each cake weighing 300 pounds. If it were melted it would equal 75,588,374 gallons of water, sufficient to supply a small town for an entire year. If this ice were loaded into freight cars of average capacity and made into one train it would require 11,000 cars, which would cover a distance of about 92 miles, or about the same distance as that between San Francisco and Sacramento on the Southern Pacific. Of the 220,115 tons of ice used in California last year by the Pacific Fruit Express, 134,945 tons were manufactured at the Colton and Roseville plants. The remainder comprises small lots that are purchased in towns where the company has no plant, part of it being naturally frozen.

During this same period in 1911, 30,221 refrigerator cars were used by the Pacific Fruit Express at Roseville, and 11,186 cars were used at the Colton plant. The average number of cars used each day during the busy season is 124 at Roseville and 60 at Colton. This ice, if placed together in one solid block would be larger than San Francisco's largest skyscraper, and as heavy as three such structures.

COUNTY COURT MEETS.

Auditing of Bills Attracts Attention of The Court.

The members of the county court convened in regular monthly session this morning, but up to a late hour this afternoon little business of importance had been transacted. In fact, the members of the court were busy listening to the bridge arguments during the morning, while this afternoon they are auditing the usual list of county claims.

It is said that few road matters will be considered by the court during the present term.

Millidge & Pickens, the grocers, are busy today arranging their stock in the new Perkins building. They expect to have the store in readiness to open on Saturday.