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MORGAN LAKE IS NO LONGER USED

OLIVE LAKE ELECTRICITY MEETS REQUIREMENTS WELL.

"Juice" From Olive Lake Turned on and is Satisfactory—Voltage Equal to the Morgan Lake Power—Will Run on Olive Lake Plant for the Present, Saving Morgan Lake for Emergency Uses Only—Construction Itself Proves Well Done.

La Grande is being electrically lighted, and its factory motors are being operated by electricity that surges through 90 miles of conveying wires. The experiment with Olive lake electricity yesterday was so successful that the Grande Ronde Electric people have reason to feel elated over the careful workmanship of the construction recently finished. Yesterday noon the Morgan lake plant was shut down and the connecting switch at Union turned on with the result that the new "juice" was sent through the wires. Every detail has been properly attended to. Light is satisfactory. Even though yet in its tentative stage, the Olive lake voltage appears to be as satisfactory as the Morgan lake power. The power is even and sufficient.

Morgan Lake Idle.
Yesterday the Morgan lake plant was shut down, to remain idle for the winter, unless needed for emergency use. There is still water enough in the lake to meet requirements, but the management prefers to leave it alone for the present at least. Running as it does, the electricity crosses through the longest string of conveying wires in Oregon. The total distance, which it travels, is a trifle more than 92 miles.

Uncle John D. is rather forgetful yet, but remembers a good deal better than he did two or three years ago.

RULE THE COURTS

KANSAS TO NOMINATE UN-FRAMEELED MEN FOR BENCH.

Senator-Elect Bristow Stirs Up Sensation by Announcing Railroads Control Great Number of Federal Court Judges.

Lawrence, Kan., Nov. 30.—A declaration of United States Senator-elect J. L. Bristow that railroads control a greater number of the judges throughout the United States, is taken as an indication that he will insist that the Kansas congressional delegation recommend an untrammelled man to President Taft when vacancies occur in the roster of federal judges. Bristow said yesterday that the president usually appoints judges on the recommendation of the congressional delegation.

HAYTI SEAT OF AN OPEN REVOLT

Port Au Prince, Hayti, Nov. 30.—The advance guard of General Simon's army of rebels is expected to arrive here today. Great excitement is prevailing. Hundreds of persons are fleeing and hiding their jewels, fearing the city will be looted.

Washington, Nov. 30.—Reports from Hayti say General Simon is advancing upon Port Au Prince with a strong force. A fierce fight is expected within 24 hours. The government troops are mutinous. Men were tied together during transportation by water to prevent desertion. President Alexis is firm in his resolve to fight, despite the pleadings by his cabinet.

The cruiser Tacoma is at Port Au Prince, and the Des Moines is expected to arrive today. A meeting of the diplomatic corps at the Haytian capital was held today.

The arguments of those who oppose election of senators by the people have been reduced to a "frazzle."

DEATH LIST IS STILL UNDECIDED

REPORT OF MINE HORROR VARY IN NUMBER OF DEAD.

One Hundred and Twenty-Five Conceded to Be Minimum of Pittsburg Mine Explosion Fatalities—Nearly a Hundred Bodies, Some Terribly Mutilated, Have Been Recovered—One Escaped. Says Foreman of the Mine—Estimate Places Number at 243.

Marianna, Pa., Nov. 30.—Estimates of the number of dead as the result of the great disaster Saturday in a mine of the Pittsburg-Buffalo Coal company today vary from 125 to 243. The officials insist there are not more than 120, but the foreman says 244 were in the mine, and only one escaped. Eighty-three bodies have been recovered.

A rescue party says 150 bodies are still in the shaft. Identification Often Impossible. Seventy-eight of those recovered have been identified. The other five were decapitated and mangled so as to be impossible to identify them. Thirty more bodies were in sight of the rescuers this morning and will be recovered today some time.

Pope Slightly Worse.
Rome, Nov. 30.—All audiences at the Vatican were suspended indefinitely today owing to a slight change for the worse in the condition of the Pope. His cold is worse and a fever has developed. His physicians say it is not serious.

HAINS RECITES ANNIS CRIMES

MURDERED PUBLISHER STOLE HAINS' WIFE.

For First Time Peter Hains Tells His Story—Has No Recollection of Being at Bayside Where Murder Took Place—His Mind Blank Wherein Details of Annis Murder Are Concerned—Recites How Annis Taught Wife Smoking and Drinking.

New York, Nov. 30.—Captain Peter Hains, who killed William Annis, the magazine publisher, at the Bayside yacht club in August, today told his story for the first time. In as far as remembering the tragedy, his mind is a blank. He declared it as his belief that he has never been at Bayside. He said Annis taught his wife to drink, smoke and indulge in orgies while he was in the Philippines. When he confronted her with the stories regarding her relations with Annis, he said she broke down and confessed she loved the publisher.

Call for Bank Statements.
Washington, Nov. 30.—The comptroller of the currency today issued a call for a statement of the condition of national banks at the close of business November 27.

FLOODS MENACE LIFE AND PROPERTY

Guthrie, Okla., Nov. 30.—Seven persons are dead, many missing and thousands homeless today as the result of the floods in Oklahoma, Texas, southwestern Missouri and southern Kansas. The rivers throughout the whole section are rising rapidly and the worst flood in years, which have been numerous, is expected. A constant rain for 30 hours is responsible. Scores of rescuing parties

HEAVY DEFICIT IN POSTOFFICES

TOTAL LOSS BY THE DEPARTMENT IS \$16,873,225.

Better Roads and Postal Savings Banks Recommended by Postmaster General to Make Up Deficits in Post-office Department—Mail Delivery in New York a Problem—Wants New Position Created in the Department—Six Killed.

Washington, Nov. 30.—The largest deficit in the history of the postoffice department is shown in the annual report of Postmaster General Von Meyer. The report covers the fiscal year ending June 30, this year. The department has been run at a loss of \$16,873,225. A recommendation is made for the improvement of country roads and for the betterment of the rural deliveries.

Requests for legislation creating postal savings banks and the creation of the position of director of posts, are also features of the report. The director of posts is required for the purpose of maintaining a continuous policy for the benefit of the department. The maintenance of a suitable service in New York city is one of the problems facing the department, according to the report.

Each year there is a heavier congestion of mail matter. Figures show four railway clerks and two substitutes were killed in wrecks during the year, and 104 were seriously and 536 slightly injured.

OCTOPUS RULES WESTERN TRADE

VICE-PRESIDENT ARCHBOLD EXPLAINS COMPANY'S PLANS.

One Portion of Gigantic Oil Trust Governs Pacific States—Another the Intermountain Section—Still Another Holds Sway in the Middle West—Vice-President Exonerates Himself by Testimony in Trust's Big Operations.

New York, Nov. 30.—John D. Archbold, vice-president of the Standard Oil company, resumed the stand in the federal suit for the dissolution of the oil trust, and told of the company's growth. He declared the Pacific states market is controlled by the Standard Oil company of California, Michigan and Minnesota by the Standard Oil company of Indiana, and the Rocky Mountain territory by the Continental Oil company.

In answering a question put by Attorney Rosenthal for the trust, Archbold was given opportunity to establish his own innocence in the formation of the trust agreement in 1882. After the dissolution by the Ohio courts, the Standard, in New Jersey, was formed. This company was owned by 70 lesser corporations, whose stock was its only tangible assets. The

COFFER IS EMPTY

PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT UNABLE TO PAY EMPLOYEES.

Revolutionists Take Advantage of the Stringent Money Conditions to Foment War Troubles—Government Bank Refuses Appeal for Loan.

Lisbon, Nov. 30.—The Portuguese government today made an unsuccessful effort to borrow \$5,000,000 from the Portugal state bank to pay the salaries of government employes, who are unpaid for recent services. The treasury is impoverished and the resources for realization of cash are exhausted. The revolutionary party throughout the country is using the situation to foment trouble.

JAPANESE-AMERICAN AGREEMENT IS SIGNED

Washington, D. C., Nov. 30.—The Japanese-American agreement, the greatest of its kind in modern times, was signed at 3:30 this afternoon by Secretary Root and Ambassador Takahira.

The agreement is in the form of notes which were exchanged as soon as the signatures were officially affixed. The notes merely embody in a concrete form the sentiments held a long time by both nations. It was found desirable to reduce them to writing. The text of the notes will be given simultaneously to Japan and Washington tomorrow.

Robbers Crack Safe.
Olpe, Kan., Nov. 30.—Robbers today blew the safe of the state bank here, and escaped on a handcar with \$2000.

Many Good Roads Delegates.
Seattle, Nov. 30.—Twenty-five delegates to the good roads convention at Kalma leave Seattle tomorrow on a special train. The delegates are from Whatcom and Snohomish counties will also gather here to take the train.

PRAYS FOR CO-OPERATION.
Washington Senator Says Coast Solons Should Work in Harmony.

Seattle, Nov. 30.—Discussing the importance of the Pacific coast lawmakers working in harmony at Washington, United States Senator Piles said today that he is certain the coast members will keep close touch with each other at the coming session. They realize that what helps one coast state helps all. He says all have matters of interest affecting them. With the proper reciprocal spirit he thinks much can be accomplished.

trusteeship was decided upon as the simplest means of maintaining and administering business in various states.

The witness said the Acme Oil company of Pennsylvania, was organized to operate two refineries. Afterwards these refineries were taken over by the Atlantic Refining company, and the Acme disbanded.

NEW BANK FIRM OWNS STRUCTURE

ONTARIO PROPERTY TO BRING \$7000 OR MORE.

United States National Bank Concerns Now Actual Owner of the Farmers & Traders' National Bank Building—Deal Closed Today, as No Higher Bids Were Presented—Stockholders Meeting About December 10—No Announcements Yet.

The Farmers & Traders' National bank building is now the property of the United States National bank, a local association formed for the purpose of conducting a general banking business in this city. Following out the procedure prescribed by law, Receiver Walter Niedner closed the deal today by notifying T. J. Scroggin that the bid of the U. S. N. had been accepted in view of the fact that no higher bids had been presented during the five days which Circuit Judge Knowles set aside for that purpose.

When the bid of \$25,000 was made by the new banking firm, a certified check of \$1000 accompanied the bid. This sum has been turned in on the purchase price, leaving \$24,000 which must be paid on or before January 2, 1909.

Stockholders' Meeting Soon.
From the ranks of the new bankers, nothing as to future plans can be ascertained today, but at the meeting of the stockholders to be held at a nearby date, steps will be taken for the public announcement of permanent officers and future policies. December 10 is the likely date of this meeting.

Values Ontario Property.

Receiver Niedner was in Ontario Saturday looking after the Farmers & Traders' National bank property there which has been listed as worth \$8000. It consists of four lots and a large hotel building. In the opinion of the receiver the property is worth between \$7000 and \$8000 and when he is able to realize a sum within these limits, he will apply for an order of sale. While there he was offered \$5000 in cash, but refused it, believing a larger sum can be realized. The matter of sale is now in the hands of a real estate firm at Ontario. Niedner is confident of being able to secure \$7000 for the property, at least. This is an asset of the defunct bank.

Any security is now the Ottawa notary public and depositors can make affidavits without cost to them.

GANS DECLINES FIGHT.

Coffroth Unable to Pull Off McFarland Gans Bout New Years.

San Francisco, Nov. 30.—Fight Promoter Coffroth received a telegram from Joe Gans today in which the latter declines to meet Paaky McFarland here on New Years day. Gans says he is making too much money in his Baltimore resort to come to the coast for a battle. McFarland is willing to meet Gans.

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