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HORSE RACING IS ON THE DECLINE

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE EXPECTED TO KILL IT.

Magnificent Speedway for Automobiles Will Take Place of Prominent Race Track at Los Angeles—Expect Next Legislature to Pass Death Bill—State of Washington is After Race Track Gambling—Horsemen Give Up Hopes.

Los Angeles, Dec. 2.—An announcement was made today that Ascot Park, where a race track is located, is to be converted into one of the finest auto speedways in the world. This is practically an acknowledgment by the race horse men that the next legislature will kill horse racing here.

The manufacturers of the White Steamer automobile have deposited money to secure an option on the park. The track has been idle ever since that territory was annexed to Los Angeles a few months ago, but up to the present time the racing interests had hoped to reopen.

Something in Washington. Seattle, Dec. 2.—The Beason Hill Improvement club last night instructed State Senator Allen and Representatives McInnes and Hanson to support the bill abolishing race track gambling in the state of Washington.

Tag Day in Mill City. Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 2.—Altruism was in the atmosphere of the "mill city" today, owing to the celebration of a "tag day," having for its object the swelling of a fund for building in Minneapolis a commodious hospital and sanitarium for incurables. A veritable flood of coins, big and little, is pouring into the coffers of the organization and it is expected that the total will reach several thousand dollars.

TIRED OF DELAY

BELLINGHAM CITIZENS HELP GOVERNMENT BUILD.

Clare Under Government Red Tape and Decide to Finish Federal Building Themselves at Once.

Bellingham, Dec. 2.—At a meeting of the Bellingham chamber of commerce last night, the citizens decided not to wait for an additional appropriation from the government for the construction of a federal building in this city. A total of \$120,000 has already been appropriated. The work on the building will commence immediately.

CORNER PENNIES FOR RIVERSIDE PARK FUND

SCARCITY OF COPPER IN LA GRANDE MENACING.

Total of 79,200 Pennies Required to Fulfill Mile of Pennies Scheme—Becomes Necessary to Call in Pennies From Elsewhere.

The activity among the young people to secure a mile of pennies for the Riverside park subscription has resulted in making pennies very scarce in this community. Pennies as a medium of exchange have always been more or less limited, and when it is considered that to make the mile no less than 79,200 pennies will be required to complete the task, it can readily be seen that unless steps are taken to release a portion as collected, that the scarcity will retard the movement, if not making it necessary to ship in a new stock of pennies. We have not now nor never did have 79,200 pennies in circulation in this city.

GOVERNMENT'S PRICE GROWING

CONVINCING PROOF THAT UNION COUNTY FARES WELL.

Government Raises Cost of Water Rights in Umatilla County—Regular \$60 Per Acre is Maintained and Cost of Yearly Maintenance Fee is Increased—Positive Proof That Union County Has Cheap Project on Hand.

Every day—were one on the alert for evidence—it becomes more and more apparent that the irrigation project being formulated in this valley is so far below the average cost of similar projects, and so much less than the government's price, that it is really remarkable.

Members of the Waterusers' association in the dry sections of Umatilla county are confronted with another rise in price. In a circular letter issued to the land office here, and duplicates of which will be published in various newspapers of the state, sets forth the regulations governing the Umatilla government project. Parts of the letter are published herewith.

Raise 30 Cents.

Aside from paying \$60 per acre under conditions similar to those which Union county subscribers are to pay \$20 per acre there is a maintenance fee tacked on the government project, and this itself has been raised according to the instructions mentioned. Where it was formerly \$1, it is now \$1.30. This, of course, will be unpleasant news to the farmers of arid Umatilla county, but should assure Union county farmers that there is occasion for real thanksgiving that the Grande Ronde river project is "dirt cheap." Parts of the letter follow, and tell in convincing words of the remarkable difference to our advantage between Umatilla and Union county's blessing in the way of water:

"Notice is hereby given that for the irrigation season of 1909 and until further notice the portion of the installment for operation and maintenance will be \$1.30 per acre of irrigable land, whether water is used thereon or not, the charge for the season of 1909 being a portion of the installment due and payable December 1, 1909, and similarly for subsequent years. No water will be furnished in any year unless the portion of the annual installment for operation and maintenance then due shall have been paid on or before April 1. Accordingly no water will be furnished for the irrigation season of 1909 for any land unless the portion of the installment for operation and maintenance due and payable on or before December 1, 1908 (\$1 per acre), has been paid on or before April 1, 1909, and no water will be furnished in 1910 unless the portion for operation and maintenance due and payable on or before December 1, 1909 (\$1.30 per acre), has been paid on or before April 1, 1910.

Charges may be paid to the special fiscal agent of the U. S. Reclamation service at Hermiston, Ore., on or before the dates specified for payment at the local land office, but in case this privilege is availed of, the necessary charge for the transportation of the cash, as determined by the special fiscal agent, must accompany the payment of such charges.

Business Woman Drops Dead.

Seattle, Dec. 2.—Mrs. M. E. May, age 45, who conducted a pastry stand in the public market, dropped dead in her place of business last night.

FIRST PAYMENT OF ASSESSMENT

SALEM ATTORNEY ESTABLISHES A COMMENDABLE PRECEDENT

Though Not a Bona Fide Stockholder, Conditions Are Such That He Must Pay Assessment and Does It Willingly—Lends All the Stockholders—Niedner Commends Him Highly—A Precedent for Other Stockholders to Follow.

The first payment on the 100 per cent assessment levied by the comptroller of the currency on stockholders in the defunct Farmers & Traders' National bank, was received today from W. M. Kaiser, an attorney of Salem. Demonstrating as it does that funds with which to make subsequent dividend payments to the depositors are accumulating, it nevertheless has another significance, which will be noticed by bona fide stockholders who complain at the payment of a bona fide indebtedness. As is brought out in his letter, Mr. Kaiser is not a bona fide stockholder, though the account stands in his name. For all that, he is the first one of the stockholders to respond to the call for assessments, and disregards the provision that would have made it possible for him to make partial payment on December 19 and wait several weeks after that to make full payment as the department permits. Kaiser's actions are magnanimous and highly commendable. So pleasing has the payment been to Receiver Niedner, that he has forwarded a personal letter warmly expressing his thanks for liberality and precedent of the Salem attorney.

The letter is self-explanatory, and the depositors of the suspended bank owe it to themselves to be heartily thankful to the attorney who was willing to pay the heavy assessment under conditions which others would have objected to seriously:

"Salem, Dec. 1, 1908.
"Mr. Walter Niedner,
"Receiver of the Farmers & Traders National Bank,
"La Grande, Oregon.

"Dear Sir:
"I herewith enclose you check in your favor for the sum of \$2,000.00 in full payment of assessment on 20 shares of the stock of said bank made by the comptroller, appearing in my name on the books of said bank. While the stock appears in my name I never owned any of it. Mr. Tilmon Ford, now deceased, paid for the same and had the same taken in my name, and the certificates of stock were endorsed in blank by me to him, but the transfer, I presume, was never made on the books of the bank. The whole of said bank stock belonged to Mr. Ford and is enumerated and set out in the inventory of his estate. Mrs. Dr. Angie L. Warren of Portland and myself are the co-executors of said estate, and therefore we herewith enclose you said check for the payment of said assessment against the said stock in full.

"Please send receipt and oblige,
"Yours truly,
"W. M. KAISER."

A Commendable Precedent.

If other stockholders will follow the precedent of Mr. Kaiser and meet assessments on December 19 to the fullest extent of their ability, depositors will have a substantial sum in the bank for distribution within a very short time. In a large measure, it is now up to the stockholders to give depositors as prompt relief as possible.

A MINER MOOSE

DEATH OF MOOSE GIVES OPENING TO BIG MINE.

Alaska Has Newest Story in Methods of Discovering Gold Mines—Innocent Moose Precipitates Rush.

Bellingham, Wash., Dec. 2.—That the death of a big bull moose, sought by hunters many months, has led to the discovery of a gold mine that is now bringing in thousands of dollars, is the story which has reached this city from Alaska. Oscar T. Nelson, a former floor manager of a skating rink, made the strike. He wrote his brother that he recently killed a moose. When the animal was being cut into quarters Nelson discovered a rock which was exposed from under the layer of moss torn loose by the convulsions of the dying animal. It bore gold in large quantities. A rush for the vicinity of the strike has been started.

PORT AU PRINCE IS SEIZED BY CITIZENS

PROVISIONAL HEAD IS EFFECTED WITHOUT BLOOD.

Believed Now That Hayti Revolution Will End—Open Rebellion Against President Alexis—Seized Capital City Without Bloodshed.

Port au Prince, Hayti, Dec. 2.—Port au Prince rose in revolt against President Alexis today. The people seized the city and established a provisional government, General Legitime acting as temporary president. The seizure was accomplished without the resistance of troops.

Government troops are in complete sympathy with the revolutionists. The sentiment of the people is against a continuance of the struggle with General Simon. It is believed a revolt at the capital will end the revolution. Simon will probably attempt to become the head of the government.

BANKER PARKER OF BAKER GUILTY

PUNISHMENT CONSISTS OF FINE OR IMPRISONMENT.

Former Vice-President of Baker City National Bank Found Guilty of False Swearing in Land Connection—Jury Out 22 Hours—His Family in Comfortable Circumstances as Baker—An Old Miner is the Principal Witness.

Portland, Dec. 2.—J. H. Parker, former vice-president of the First National Bank of Baker City, who was accused of swearing falsely in connection with a land claim, has been found guilty. The verdict was announced at 9 this morning, but was reached at 3 o'clock this morning. The jury deliberated 22 hours.

No other action in the case has been taken so far. The maximum penalty is a fine of \$500 and two years' imprisonment.

A motion for a new trial is expected. Fred Wunder, an old miner, who was working on a mining claim since 1882, was the principal witness against Parker. Parker filed on land under the timber and stone act, and swore the claim was more valuable for its timber than for mineral. The district attorney showed that before the filing was made Wunder went to Parker and told him he had a mining claim on the land. He would not take it up. The contention of the prosecution was that Parker made a non-mineral affidavit contrary to law.

A Baker Pioneer.

Baker City, Dec. 2.—(Special.)—Though less than 50 years of age, Parker has been in business here as a banker for 20 years. His business career, of various natures, extends back a period of nearly 30 years. His family of a wife and one child live here, but will not suffer by the fine or imprisonment as their financial standing is capable of keeping the family in luxury during any term of imprisonment that may be inflicted on the husband and father for the offense in question.

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Our Full Line of New Dolls, Toys and novelty Xmas goods Will be on Display Tomorrow

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"Satisfaction or Your Money Back"

BIGGY RESIGNED BEFORE HIS DEATH

San Francisco, Dec. 2.—That Chief of Police Biggy, who disappeared from a patrol boat in the bay Monday night, offered to sacrifice his position to avert the attacks of the administration, is shown through the publication of a statement by Police Commissioner Kell in which it developed that Biggy called at Kell's home on the night of the suicide to place his resignation in Kell's hands. Kell advised Biggy not to withdraw under fire and that the mayor and police commissioners were

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AIM TO FORBID SALE OF NEAR BEER—HOT SESSION TONIGHT

A red hot council meeting is in store tonight. Honorable citizens are up in arms over the liquor question and will have a strong petition to present. It requests the passage of an emergency bill forbidding the sale of near-beer. The anti-bicycling ordinance will be attacked by another strong petition. Then, too, there is the report of the retrenching committee, which was appointed to ferret out some means of conducting the city's affairs on a less expensive scale. Over and above these highly important matters there is a grist of routine business of more than usual interest. An occasion like this is when a commodious city hall, where the taxpayers could listen to the proceedings, would be appreciated. It is understood that the retrenching committee will recommend that the power of the water superintendent and street superintendent be limited. Until spring at least, they must apply to the chairmen of their respective committees and one other member of each committee before hiring men. The matter of reducing the police force will be referred to the council as a whole for their consideration.

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La Grande, Ore.