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C. W. FULTON IS HERE

Charles W. Fulton, United States senator from Oregon, is in this city accompanied by his son, Fred C. Fulton. The two will remain here for a day or two in order to look over this section of the country with a view to finding a suitable location for a fruit ranch for the young man.

Mr. Fulton did not waste a great deal of time when called upon by a representative of The Morning Mail in explaining that his visit to Medford at this time had nothing whatever to do with politics. He stated that his son was determined to be a farmer, and that he was showing him various sections of the state before allowing him to settle upon any one place.

"This trip is for the sole purpose of letting my son see this section of the country," said Mr. Fulton, "and there are no politics mixed up with the trip. I am not having anything to do with the political game at the present time."

"What do you think of the chances of Mr. Taft?" he was asked.

"Taft has a splendid show and there is absolutely no doubt but that he will be elected. I see that the Democrats have practically conceded New York and other eastern states already, and claim that they will carry the middle west, where the campaign is to be fought out this year. This is wrong, for they can never do it in the world. Taft will easily be elected as anyone would know after being in the east and seeing how he is regarded there. And he will make a splendid president, for he is a splendid man."

"How about the vote in Oregon?" "I do not believe that Taft will carry the state by as large a majority as did Roosevelt, but it will safely be for Taft. Bryan will never carry this portion of the United States. This state is Republican strong when it comes to presidential elections."

Mr. Fulton was asked regarding the place which, according to report, he had been offered in the cabinet of Mr. Taft.

"That is a matter," he answered, "that is too far in the future to consider at the present time. We will first attend to the election of Mr. Taft. Such a position is not to be lightly considered, for it is too great an honor for any man to just about. But until after election the matter will have to remain where it is at the present time."

Mr. Fulton stated that he believed that the choice of Mr. Hitchcock as the chairman of the National Republican committee was a wise move. "He certainly demonstrated his ability as an organizer and a shrewd politician at the Chicago convention as the manager of the Taft campaign for the nomination."

Mr. Fulton also stated that there was never, at any time, any doubt that Mr. Taft would be nominated in the minds of those on the inside. He stated that, of course, there were those on the outside who thought that the matter was not settled previously, and also that there were many rumors started which disconcerted a number of delegates, but none of the leaders were ever alarmed.

Mr. Fulton was asked if he was through with politics. "That is a hard question to answer. I have nothing in view at the present time, although I will probably go on the stump this fall for Taft in this state. I will not go east in order to speak. For a man to say whether or not that he is through with politics is a hard matter."

STRAWBERRIES PROFITABLE.

G. A. Miller, the local strawberry man, has about a fifth of an acre of strawberries that yield him a neat income every year. Last year he sold between 475 and 500 gallons of berries from this small piece of ground and realized \$187.50 after the expense of marketing them was paid. The crop this year is nearly as good as last, although slightly damaged by a late frost.—Wallowa Sun.

MINING CONGRESS MEETS.

DENVER, Col., July 14.—Special members of the American Mining congress will meet tomorrow evening to discuss plans for the enlargement of the work of the organization. Some amendments to the constitution and by-laws will be considered. One amendment provides for the expulsion of members who bring discredit to the congress. Plans will be prepared to bring about a greater uniformity in mining laws in the various states.

PIRST MURDERER HANGED.

CANON CITY, Col., July 15.—Calling maledictions of "Most high upon Roman priesthood" and shouting in Italian "Long live Italy; long live Protestants," Giuseppe Alla, murderer of Father Leo Heinrichs, was carried to the death trap at exactly 8:30 tonight and paid the extreme penalty for his crime. Perhaps a more sensational and thrilling scene was never beheld by any of the 90 persons present than the execution of this misguided murderer, whose cries were only hushed by the automatic springing of the mechanism which forever silenced his tongue that cried for vengeance against those Alla considered to be the destroyers of his home and happiness. At 4 o'clock, Warden Cleghorn, through an interpreter, read the death warrant to Alla. Contrary to expectations, he showed not the slightest emotion. When the reading was finished he said: "All right; I am ready to die now." At 6 o'clock supper was served the prisoner. This he apparently relished. At 7 o'clock Alla was notified that the execution would take place in an hour. Alla said he had no regret for killing the priest. He said he was certain that Heinrichs was the man he had been hunting for; that he had worked for him in Portugal, and he was sure he had killed the right man. He said he did not believe in God, for if there were one he would not have been permitted to be in the present predicament. He had no fault to find with the law, but said the priest did wrong in breaking up his family. Just before 8:30 Alla was conducted to the execution house, where the black cap and noose were adjusted. During this procedure Alla became frantic and rent the air with yells and curses against the priesthood. Alla was placed on the trap, and after a prayer by Chaplain Blake, the dripping water of the automatic mechanism released the great weight and at exactly 8:30 the body was jerked into the air. Unfortunately, his neck was not broken and he died of strangulation. After 19 minutes the body was cut down and he was pronounced dead.

TO TEST MOISTURE.

Has the Rogue River valley a rival of Wizard Burbank of Santa Rosa? It would seem so, if the claims made by Henry Stevenson prove all that on their face they now appear. He has invented a "moisture tester," he says, so simple in construction that any farmer may make one for himself, and by means of this delicate instrument and a table of moisture at which crops thrive best, under various conditions, the farmer may be assured of double the yield now possible by the ordinary methods of irrigation and fertilization.

Mr. Stevenson has been a life-long student of agriculture and is, in addition, a skillful mechanic, with a bent for invention. He has already had considerable success in the mechanical field, but this is his first effort to reduce farming to a scientific basis.

"All the land in this valley now is being cultivated for purposes as easily worth \$2 for every \$1. If farmed according to the plan I have in mind," is Mr. Stevenson's startling remark. "For many years," he continued, "I have been a patient observer of soils, crops and all that, and delight in nothing more than to see what farmers are doing. I have made careful notes of what I have seen, and finally hit on an idea of the 'moisture farming'."

"There is no reason why farming should always be hit and miss, as it is throughout the world. And, of course, the farmers of the Rogue River valley are in the same rut as are the agriculturists elsewhere. Briefly my plan is based on the use of a moisture tester, an invention of my own. As the thermometer is used for measuring heat and cold, so mine is for determining the amount of water in various kinds of soil. So simple is the instrument that in five minutes you may determine accurately the amount of moisture in the soil to a depth of six feet.

"No, the instrument is not patented, and I have nothing to sell, not at all—it is for the good of agriculture. I never thought of making money out of it and expect to lay my full plans before the agricultural department at Washington. No doubt the instrument will be commented on and adopted generally.

"By means of the moisture tester a knowledge of soils and amounts of moisture, which I am now studying out and setting down in the form of comparative tables, it will be possible for any farmer to double his crops without going into expensive fertilizer or anything like that."

Mr. Stevenson says the amount of moisture varies greatly, even within the distance of half a mile or less, and too much confidence must not be placed in the actual appearance of the soil. One with 10 per cent may look very wet, while another soil with 20 per cent may look very dry. He is now making investigations along this line also.

DEER SEASON HAS OPENED

Today the season of 1908 opens for the killing of deer in this state, and many sportsmen are making ready to take to the mountains after the elusive buck. A number of parties are already in the hills and doubtless there are many out with their 30-30s this morning tracking. It is highly probable, however, that there will not be a great number of the old hunters out for some time yet. With bucks reported scarce and the "dough" wherewith to hunt the long-pronged animals of the hills still less plentiful; with hot weather and an unusual amount of brush and undergrowth coating the mountain sides and canon vents, the prospects for a large turnout of deer-hunters is far from probable.

For the last two years conditions have been exceedingly favorable for the breeding of deer; the water holes were numerous, and the ranges covered with thick brush, making the access to deer haunts quite difficult; the large number of watering and feeding places scattered the attention of the huntsmen, affording added protection to the deer.

Yet rangers and trout fishermen returning from the higher reaches and ranges of the surrounding country have not reported the number of deer signs as numerous as was to be expected in the existing circumstances, and sportsmen are at a loss to explain the apparent absence of the game. Some attribute the scarcity of the deer to the recent wave of hot weather, saying that the deer have retreated to the cooler fastnesses of the higher mountains, where the water is still more plentiful and forage better. Certain it is that a tramp in the right direction and an observance of proper precaution should take the gunner to productive territory; and several parties at least have faith to believe that a well-planned excursion to the well-known deer haunts will bring the desired reward.

A number of the more experienced hunters will delay their operations until the weather is more inviting, and rest on the assertion that the damage done by the early season hunter will not materially affect the game market.

The choice of the local sportsmen in regard to deer hunting is in the direction of Crater lake. Here is one of the best ranges in Southern Oregon and probably a large number of successful hunts will be conducted in that section this summer. There is also an abundance of trout streams in that neighborhood and the news that the steelheads are beginning to take the flies comes as good tidings to the local Nimrods. No camping party will take to the hills this year without their fishing tackle.

The small-game hunting prospects are of the brightest for this year. The shotgun will soon be heard abroad in the land to the sorrow of the domestic fowls.

MEDFORD HAS JAP CITIZEN.

At there, "Frisco!" Guess Medford is on the map. Guess Medford is going to butt right into this Pacific-coast-Japanese-war scare—a-la-Hobson controversy.

Medford has a full-fledged Americanized Japanese. His name is Albert Tatsuma—which in itself shows that he is both American and Japanese. He received his naturalization papers yesterday. Attorney Holbrook Withington obtained them for him.

Mr. Tatsuma is very well known about Medford. He has a repair shop on Seventh street, near the bridge, where he repairs most any old thing that is taken to him. He is favorably known as an earnest, honest worker. Many people in this city have employed him at various times in the past. His many friends will be pleased to know that he is an American citizen.

TO RAISE FINE STOCK.

L. E. Hughes of origin, Or., arrived in this city yesterday with a view of finding a location for a first-class stock ranch. Mr. Hughes contemplates starting a stock ranch that will be the equal of any in Southern Oregon and supplying the ranchers in this part of the country with blooded animals. He will look over this section of the state during the next month and his remaining here will depend upon what kind of a place will be available.

Mr. Hughes is a practical stock raiser. He has raised blooded horses for some time past and is fully capable of taking hold of such a proposition and making a success out of it.

Mr. Hughes will raise both roadsters and draft horses. He intends to equip a place with all of the latest improvements and enter the proposition right.

SOLD MANY LOTS.

The sale of lots, or small tracts of land in Pierce & Son's Medford Heights addition, east of Medford, began yesterday morning and will continue all of today. Fully 100 prospective buyers visited the tract and a dozen or more lots were either sold outright or were contracted for. Mr. Pierce says that the success of the sale was due to the Morning Mail.

This tract of land is situated just two miles east of the center of Medford, or a little better than one mile from the corporate limits of the city. It contains 370 acres of land and is most admirably located for a colony of small homes. It has been divided into tracts of from two to 20 acres, and these are being sold at from \$90 to \$150 per acre. The soil, Mr. Pierce, who has investigated, states, varies in depth from three to nine feet. The most of it is very suitably located for tree planting and homemaking; it has been provided with streets, or lanes, so that each tract has an outlet to a country road; there is a school house on the land, and an old, bearing orchard on a few acres of it. The owners of the tract have reserved about 30 acres of the tract for park purposes. This is situated on the south part of the land, and here they propose clearing out all underbrush, leaving only the oaks and other shade trees standing, and maintain a park for the pleasure of those buying tracts of land from them.

This park land lies quite high, all of it overlooking the main part of the tract, while near the center of the park tract there is a high bluff, from which a view of six towns of the valley may be had, as well as all the prominent orchards, as well as the full length and breadth of the valley. This entire park reserve is covered with oak trees and the ground lies so high that all of it is well drained. Messrs. Pierce & Son do nothing by halves, as was evidenced yesterday. They furnished four automobiles and carriage transportation to all prospective buyers, to and from the tract, and at the noon hour a free luncheon was served.

Today these same conveyances will be furnished, and more if needed, and they want us to extend an invitation to everybody to enjoy a ride to this very beautiful tract.

DOUBLE SHOOTING.

NORTHPORT, N. Y., July 13.—Standing within a few feet of where a little more than two years before he had shot and killed his father-in-law, Dr. James Waddell Simpson, a dentist of New York, was shot and perhaps mortally wounded today by his mother-in-law, Mrs. Bartley Horner, whom he had made a widow. Dr. Simpson's wife, from whom he had been estranged for many months, was near when the shot was fired, but she was not a witness to the shooting.

Upon learning it was her husband who had been wounded she refused to go near him, and Dr. Simpson had to crawl to a house 200 feet away to have his wounds attended to. Mrs. Horner was later arrested and held in \$8000 bail, while Dr. Simpson, with the assistance of two of his friends, made his way to Roosevelt hospital in New York. The bullet lodged in his liver and an immediate operation was performed to take the bullet out. The doctors said tonight that Simpson has only a small chance of recovery.

Statements from Simpson and Mrs. Horner as to the circumstances attending the shooting disagree. The dentist says he had received word from his wife that she intended to sue him for divorce and that she went to the Horner home to talk with her about it. He says he rang the door bell and upon receiving no response peered through the door pane. He saw Mrs. Horner, he says, and called upon her to open the door. Then Dr. Simpson says she grabbed up a revolver and shot him. The bullet entered his body about the abdomen and he fell back against the door sill. The second shot was fired at him, he declares, but the bullet went wild. Mrs. Horner did not deny she did the shooting, but claims justification.

Through her lawyer, Poland Miles, she said Simpson had several times called at her house and his visits were unwelcome. When he came today she says she ordered him away, and when he refused to go she took up a revolver and shot at him. Constable Hanson, who arrested Simpson in 1905 when the dentist shot Mrs. Horner's husband, arrested Mrs. Horner this evening.

This second tragedy is only another chapter of unhappy domestic events of the last few years. The shooting of Horner by Simpson aroused the countryside and when the dentist was put on trial for his life his wife took the stand against him, as did his mother-in-law. Dr. Simpson was going through the manual of arms with a shotgun when he shot Horner.

—Don't forget the Medford Pharmacy, next to the postoffice.

NO DANGER FROM BLIGHT

There is practically no pear blight in the orchards of the Rogue River valley at the present time. Such is the statement made by County Commissioner of Horticulture Taylor. All of the patrols which have been on the outlook for early indications of the blight have been taken off, as there does not seem to be any reason to justify the expense when the orchards are in the splendid shape that they are at the present time.

Mr. Taylor stated that at the first of the present year, especially just as the trees came into leaf, there was considerable fear that the blight had gained a foothold in this valley. He says that blight failed to appear and make any headway, and now there is absolutely no doubt but that the orchards are safe from the blight. Patrols have been watching the orchards in order to get after the blight immediately in case it should appear, but now it is so far along in the season that he has felt justified in taking off the patrols.

Mr. Taylor, in speaking of the matter, paid a high tribute to the orchardists in this valley, stating that they had co-operated with him in a splendid manner to prevent any disease breaking out among the trees. At the present time there is absolutely no diseased trees in the orchards of the Rogue River valley and there is no prospect that there will be any in the immediate future.

In the opinion of Mr. Taylor, the crop this year in the orchards of the valley will be a heavy one. He spoke especially optimistically regarding the pear and apple crop. He says that there has been a great deal of talk of the frost hurting the trees, but that this was not the case, with the exception of one or two orchards on the lowest lands in the valley. He says that at the present time there is near Medford apricots which are as large as ordinary pears.

Owing to the position held by Mr. Taylor, he should know more regarding the status of the orchards in this valley than any other resident.

NEW FIRM FORMED.

(From Thursday's Daily.) This morning a new firm will begin operations in this city. It is a consolidation of the firm of E. N. Warner and Wortman & Gore, butchers. The two firms will occupy the quarters in which the Warner grocery is situated, the partners having purchased that property some time ago.

It is proposed to have the butcher business, owned by Wortman & Gore, which has been operated on Central avenue, removed to a site in the establishment of E. N. Warner. The two firms will hereafter be run as one.

For some time the gentlemen have been working on the deal, but it was not until yesterday that all matters were adjusted so that the new firm could start operations. Now that the partners own the property where the grocery is at the present time the place will be improved and the establishment made one of the finest in the city.

Both of the business firms are favorably known in this city, and their host of friends will have the chance this morning to call at the store and wish them success in the new undertaking. After this it will not be E. N. Warner, groceries, but rather Warner, Wortman & Gore.

ROUND TOP MILL REPAID.

During the noon hour Thursday the Round Top lumber mill, on the Obenchain range, near Big Butte, was burned to the ground. The origin of the fire is unknown. About 500,000 feet of lumber was burned at the same time. There was no insurance and the loss is complete.

The Round Top mill was built about three years ago and was owned by Messrs. Hamblin, Ashley and Stepp. The mill was a fair-sized one with a capacity of about 12,000 feet a day. It represented an investment of about \$5000. The lumber that was burned increases the amount of the loss to a considerable extent.

Very few particulars could be obtained regarding the affair. It was reported from Eagle Point, however, that no one was injured, although there were a number of rumors to that effect about this city yesterday. No one in Eagle Point could be found who knew anything of the particulars as to the cause of the fire. It is thought that the men were careless about smoking or something of that nature.

Just the lumber and the mill were burned. The houses about the mill were saved.

Miss Rita Lee, of Yreka, was visiting friends in Medford last week.

CONFIDENCE COMING BACK.

Victor A. Johnson, the Pacific Coast representative of the McCormick Implement Company was in this city yesterday. He is making an auto tour of the country from San Francisco to Portland and incidentally looking after business in the grain growing sections of the country which he traverses. He is most optimistic regarding the outlook for the remainder of the year as regards business and says that confidence has been restored through out the United States in all lines. This year's crop is to be a tremendous one and it is his prediction that money will be cheap and easy to obtain as it has been in the past in good years. To a representative of The Morning Mail he said:

"The tendency so far this year has been towards improvement, with some fluctuations, until the readjustment in prices were made early in June, when the placing of orders in most lines was practically suspended. This was because many of those who were contemplating purchasing farming implements were in doubt as to whether or not there would be further adjustments of prices.

"All that is required at the present time to bring about satisfactory business conditions is the restoration of perfect confidence, and that appears to be near at hand.

"In many lines of business there is no ground for complaint. In some departments of the agricultural implement trade, for instance, the sales per diem are now the greatest in the history of the country. "This shows to a demonstration two things: That the farmers, the great wealth producers of the country, have confidence in financial conditions and that they are satisfied with the crop prospects for the year.

"The basic conditions of the country are sound. First of all the moral tone of the people has been elevated. Multitudes have been thoroughly converted to the doctrine of a 'square deal.' I am of the opinion that President Roosevelt has tentative of the Morning Mail he done much towards raising the standard in business and in arousing a keener appreciation of the old maxim that 'Honesty is the best policy.'"

"This is a presidential year. I think that Taft is the man for it will carry out the famous Roosevelt policies. This year's election will have a lesser effect on the business of the country at large than any presidential election held so far in my opinion."

LAND TRIALS TODAY.

PORTLAND, July 15.—Robert A. Booth, ex-state senator; James H. Booth, ex-register of the Roseburg land office, and T. E. Singleton, their brother-in-law, will be placed on trial in the United States court tomorrow in indictments charging conspiracy to defraud the government public domain. The specific charge is that they conspired to procure I. Thomas Agee to make false affidavits and proof of homestead entry of 160 acres of public land in Lane county during the year 1903.

FIRE IN CALIFORNIA.

SANTA BARBARA, Cal., July 15.—Two men were killed and property valued at about \$100,000 was destroyed by fire in the Santa Maria oil fields at Orcutt, the principal pumping and shipping station of the Union Oil company and Standard Oil company, today. The fire is still raging, but it is believed this evening that the town can be saved from the flames. Four high tanks, each holding 36,000 barrels of oil, have been consumed. In the explosion of one tank two workmen fighting the fire in an effort to keep it off the pumping station, were overwhelmed by burning oil. One was instantly killed and the body was consumed by the flames. The other, crazed with pain and blinded with oil, broke from his rescuers and rushed madly back into the burning oil. The fire started at midnight, presumably from crossed electric wires.

The fourth and last tank exploded about 5 o'clock this evening, throwing a sheet of flames about 500 yards in every direction, and enveloping the pumping plant of the company in flames. It was totally destroyed. Oil is still burning on the ground, but no further damage is likely.

ACCIDENTAL DEATH.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 15.—The coroner's jury sitting the case of John Buchniff, a lad whose body was found Friday under a garbage bin at the Sanitary Reduction works, today returned a verdict of accidental death. It was shown that the boy was digging in garbage for candy when a load of garbage was dumped in on top of him and he smothered.

August Delmonte, held on suspicion, was released.

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JIM HILL'S MAN HERE

During the latter days of last week James J. Hill, the great railroad and steamship magnate, had a representative in this city. As it is known that he was shown at least three different coal prospects near this city, it is to be presumed that "Jim" Hill is looking for a place in Oregon where he can obtain coal for his great steamships which ply between Seattle and the Orient over the Great Northern Route.

Major Anderson, the gentleman who was in this city, is the right-hand man of James J. Hill. His headquarters, as are those of his famous chief, are located in St. Paul, Minn. Mr. Anderson is a well-known figure in all of the railroad and financial centers in the United States and whenever he appears the rivals of Mr. Hill begin to keep their eyes open for possible developments.

The visit of Major Anderson to this city was kept very quiet. Had it not been for the fact that there are two gentlemen in this city who know him and saw him here, it would probably not have been known that he was in this city. However, he was recognized and it was found that he had looked over no less than three coal prospects near this city. If the prospects pleased Mr. Anderson, and they should, for the local coal is known to be of a high grade, it is highly probable that Mr. Hill will take steps to have it mined and supplied to him at Seattle.

Mr. Hill owns three of the largest steamers on the Pacific. They are large passenger boats and run from Seattle to various ports in the Orient. For these, vast quantities of coal are needed, and no doubt the recent coal famine in the state of Washington has led Mr. Hill to turn his attention to those sections of Oregon where coal of sufficient quality and quantity is to be found.

If James J. Hill does come to this section of the country to start mining operations, it will mean the speedy development of one of the industries which is bound to become one of the leaders in this valley.

STATE HAS ON HAND \$375,000.

SALEM, Or., July 15.—The semi-annual report of State Treasurer Steel, issued today, shows the cash on hand in the several funds of the state, June 30, was \$374,203.62, as against \$116,377.08, at the close of the previous semi-annual term, January 1, 1908, and shows a gradual and healthy increase of the state funds in all departments, and all accounts over the same period of a year ago.

The report shows that \$642,726.02, or over half the state taxes, had been paid in up to the close of the report, a record at this time of year, which demonstrates the good financial condition of the state generally. The tax on foreign insurance companies, being two per cent of their net premiums during the period covered by the report, amounted to \$660,039.01, and the state income for inheritance taxes totaled \$117,162.88, the largest amount ever collected in six months before.

The total amount of the income from the loan of the Irreducible school fund during the year closing June 30, from all sources, was \$227,792.07, of which amount \$6169.94 was paid out in warrants, and \$119,100.00 was apportioned among the several counties in April of this year, leaving a balance of 102,522.12 on hand, to be apportioned August 1, and it is estimated that this balance will be increased by at least \$40,000 before the close of this month, making the largest annual school apportionment ever made. The cash on hand in the Irreducible school fund January 1, 1908, was \$233,231.69, and this has been increased to 273,995.85 up to July 1.

The total amount of the Irreducible school fund, including outstanding first mortgage loans, school district bonds and certificates of sale of state lands, is \$4,953,204.32, and this will be increased to the \$5,000,000 mark before the close of the present year.

RECEPTION TO KERN.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., July 15.—The reception given John W. Kern, Democratic nominee for vice-president, held tonight, was as hearty and generous and spontaneous as citizens of Indianapolis, regardless of party, could make it. Fully 5,000 people gave Kern a hearty welcome and cheered him enthusiastically. The candidate addressed the crowd for about 20 minutes after being presented by Vice-President Fairbanks. Four years ago Kern presented Fairbanks to a big non-partisan gathering under similar circumstances.

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