

MAYOR IS ATTACKED BY BARNUM WITH AX FOR FIRE ORDINANCE

President of R. R. V. Railroad Assaults Dr. Reddy who is Forced to Flee to Save Life--Escapes in Mud and Ax is Thrown at Him--District Attorney Acts.

In the presence of State Railroad Commissioner Oswald West, President W. B. Barnum of the Rogue River Valley railroad Wednesday morning attacked Mayor J. F. Reddy with an ax, and the city's chief executive only saved his life by fleeing into the muddy street, while his assailant, frenzied with rage, hurled the ax at him, narrowly missing its mark. Bystanders caught and held Barnum, who struggled wildly to free himself. Previous to the assault, J. C. Barnum, son of W. S. Barnum, had attacked Mayor Reddy, but had been put to flight when the mayor swung at him. The mayor refused to charge his assailant's arrest, but Deputy District Attorney Clarence Reames will file an information against the older Barnum, charging him with assault with a deadly weapon.

Commissioner West came to Medford Tuesday night from Grants Pass, where he has been conducting an inquiry into the Southern Pacific train service. He asked Mayor Reddy to accompany him Wednesday morning while he made a tour of inspection of the local railroad yard. He stopped to ask Mr. Barnum to permit the building of a depot for the accommodation of his patrons in accordance with the orders of the commission some time since. Mr. Barnum said that he was preparing to move his old depot to a site across the track from the new express office on Seventh street when the city council passed an ordinance placing the railroad right-of-way in the fire limits, preventing the removal of the old building and erection of anything except a fireproof structure, and this, he swore by all that was holy, he wouldn't do.

ASKS \$11,000 FOR NEW ROADS AND TRAILS TO BE BUILT AT CRATER LAKE

Secretary of the Treasury Makes Recommendations for Annual Expenditures Based Upon Superintendent Arant's Report for National Park.

The secretary of the treasury has recommended an appropriation of \$11,000 for the construction of new roads and the maintenance expenses of the national park at Crater Lake. This is the regular annual appropriation and has nothing to do with the proposed improvement of the road through the forest reserve promised by Secretary Garfield. The report of the secretary of the interior is anxiously awaited here, as it is expected to recommend a substantial appropriation.

TO CANCEL PATENTS TO TIMBER LANDS

United States Attorney Cole has filed in the federal court 12 suits against an equal number of defendants for the cancellation of patents to 1920 acres of valuable timber land in Linn county, acquired through the land fraud operations of the Pater-McKinley-Watson gang. Of the dozen defendants, nine are fictitious persons, the three actual settlers being Mand Witt, Frank H. Wagoner and Harry C. Hart. When the patents to these lands had been obtained, it is alleged they were transferred by forgery to Mrs. Emma L. Watson and afterwards decided by her to Frederick A. Krebs.

RATES OF INTEREST MUCH HIGHER NOW

Interest rates have raised somewhat as a result of the tightness of the money market, and borrowers are compelled to pay 8 and 10 per cent per annum, where a few months ago loan money was plentiful.

WHEN WE EXISTED IN PREHISTORIC TIMES

Writing in a Jackson county paper, C. B. Watson of Ashland says that at one time the ocean extended to the present city limits of that town and there was a broad expanse of water down through what is now western Oregon. He does not express the hope, however, that the inland sea will be restored as a means of getting satisfactory transportation between Ashland and the Columbia river. Even a jerk water train is to be preferred to the flooding of western Oregon, Oregonians.

EXPECT BETTER MARKET FOR CHRISTMAS TURKEYS

Portland merchants look for better turkey prices at Christmas than prevailed Thanksgiving, but some of the dealers here have been fully booked yet as to the shipments.

JACKSONVILLE ITEMS

Mr. Will Warner of Medford is now visiting friends and relatives in town Monday. Mr. J. H. Thompson is home again, having finished a successful term of school near Woodville.

ORCHARD PRINCIPAL WITNESS

Multi-Murderer Testifies in Pettibone Case--Tells How He Dynamited Miners.

BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 11.—Harry Orchard was the first witness in the Pettibone trial today. The witness was dressed in a neat suit, and his general appearance showed but little change since the Haywood trial. Pettibone and Meyer watched him closely, but the witness merely glanced in their direction. Pettibone's name was brought into the testimony for the first time when Orchard said that the defendant told him in 1904 that the guns used in the 1899 riots were shipped in piano boxes by him from Denver. Orchard described the taking possession of a train by miners going to Warden, Idaho, and told how he touched off one of the boxes of dynamite and blew up the Bonker Hill Sullivan to pieces. Afterwards he went to Grapple Creek and engaged in "high grading" at the Vindicator mine.

PARTY CONVENTIONS TO CHOOSE DELEGATIONS

That Oregon republicans and democrats will hold state conventions next year to choose delegates to their respective national conventions and nominees for presidential electors, seems certain. The direct primary law is silent on these two functions, therefore it is practically agreed among leaders of each party that conventions are necessary. A state convention, a convention for each congressional district, to choose two national delegates for each district. The state convention will select in addition for delegates at large.

ASHLAND ELECTION ON NEXT TUESDAY

Ashland will hold its annual municipal election on Tuesday, December 17, for the election of a mayor, five councilmen, recorder and treasurer. The question of license or no license for saloons within the city for 1908 will also be submitted to popular vote. Candidates for the city offices are nominated by petition instead of by convention or primaries, and it is not likely that the slate will be finally completed until the approach of the five days before election limit for filing nominations and acceptances. The only candidates thus far on record are W. P. Loomis, who has filed an acceptance of the nomination for mayor, and M. P. Eggleston, who will stand for reelection as recorder. Other petitions are being circulated to be filed later.

BIG SALE OF SHEEP IN HADNEY COUNTY

Joseph Fuller, representing David Eiler, a big sheep man of Lake county, last week closed a deal in which he purchased all the sheep of J. H. Neal of Card. The transfer was completed in this city Monday and it took \$25,000 in money. We are informed the price was \$4.85 per head with a certain cut of a full cull.

Hay Going Up in Price

Hay was the cheapest of farm products in 1906, and as a result there was little effort to produce that crop in 1907. Now hay is soaring and it is reported that a large increase is being seen to wheat and vetch in the valley.

SITUATION AT GOLDFIELD TENSE--IMPORTATION OF STRIKE-BREAKERS BEGINS

Efforts Made by Mine-Owners to Have Colonel Reynolds, Commanding the Troops, Declare Martial Law--No Disorder or Disturbance Reported.

GOLDFIELD, Dec. 11.—The situation here is becoming more tense and nearly everybody anticipates trouble of some sort tonight or tomorrow at the latest. Captain Swain of the Thielde detective agency has left for San Francisco to bring 500 miners here, who are mostly strikebreakers from Idaho and California. It appears that efforts are being made by the mine-owners association to induce Colonel Reynolds, commanding the troops, to declare martial law. Reynolds is unwilling to take the action until some act of violence is committed by the arrival of General Funston. Reynolds was shown specimens of ore taken from men charged with "high grading." Three more "high graders" were captured today. The mine-owners' association officers still assert that the mines will be worked tomorrow and that they will work the men engaged to work them.

TIDAL WAVE CARRIES LOADED STAGE TO SEA

MARSHFIELD, Or., Dec. 11.—Fifteen passengers had a miraculous escape from death and several were in great Monday in a most unusual accident on the Dram stage line. The coach was lost in a tidal wave, but the passengers, after being carried 100 feet down from shore, were dashed back on land and all saved. For a distance of about 25 miles from a point opposite Marshfield to the mouth of the Umpqua river the stage runs along the coast at low tide on the wet sand between the sea wall and the water. This morning while the stage was about two miles out, without warning an enormous wall of water enveloped the conveyance. It came so quickly that there was no escape. Almost at the same moment a log struck the stage and dashed it to pieces. The passengers were carried out to deep water by the receding wave, and the three women and a child who were among the passengers were pinned under a part of the wrecked stage.

HONOR BERA MEEHAR BY NATIONAL HIGHWAY

It would be a fitting reward for his services if Bera Meehar's name should be bestowed on a coastal roadway from the Atlantic to the Pacific coast, says the Salt Lake Republican. The man drove to the far northwest many years ago, following the Oregon trail--helping to make it. In the present year he has driven east to New York and later to Washington with his ox team and covered wagon. His plan is to interest the government in the making of a highway across the continent. His driving does not add anything to the evidences of its need. But his feat has had the effect of calling attention to the need of such a road, and in the common acceptance of that sentiment lies the hope that it may be built.

UMBRELLA PIERCES BRAIN ASSAILANT UNDER ARREST

Nearly 24 hours after his brain had been pierced by the steel point of an umbrella, Thomas McCarthy, head of a detective agency in San Francisco, died. He received his injury as a result of a quarrel with Dr. B. B. Lee, who has been arrested.

MERGERS OF ELECTRIC COMPANIES IN VALLEY

William G. Bryan of Indianapolis, one of the directors of the Gold Hill Canal company, is here on business connected with the merger of his company with the Condon Water & Power company under the name Rogue River Electric company, which was recently organized as a holding company, capitalized at \$700,000. Mr. Bryan is also heavily interested in dredging and extension plans now under study to be under way.

SALE OF MUNICIPAL BONDS

Sealed proposals will be received by the city council of the city of Medford, Oregon, at the office of the city recorder, at 501 1/2 street, until Friday, January 10, 1908, at 6 o'clock p. m., for the purchase of \$250,000 in ten-year, 5 per cent coupon bonds of said city, in denomination of \$500 each, interest payable semi-annually. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check for an amount equal to 10 per cent of the amount of such bid, payable to the city of Medford, and said city council reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Dated at Medford, Oregon, December 11, 1907. BENJ. M. COLLINS, City Recorder.

RAILROAD HEARING A FIZZLE

Few Witnesses Air Grievances at Pass--Little Fault with Service.

That a better case for the railroad than for the people has been established by the inquiry into the removal of trains 11 and 12 by the state railroad commission is the opinion of most of those who have attended the hearings at Grants Pass and Ashland. The Grants Pass hearing was particularly disappointing to those who hoped to compel the railroad to restore the removed trains. As yet the railroad side of the case has not been heard, but only a weak and wavering case has been made against them. Freights Good Enough. The secretary of the Grants Pass Commercial Club invited the commission to sit there, assuring them that 200 witnesses were ready to testify, but they couldn't be found when the time came, and many of those who were put on the stand had better have stayed off. Deputy District Attorney Reames did the best he could with the material offered, but complainants were lacking, and it is evident that a majority of the people of southern Oregon do not desire or desire a better service than that now given--three hours between trains and a 21-hour wait for the next, and a freight between. At Grants Pass Postmaster Harpign testified that the mail for the star and rural routes were somewhat delayed under present conditions. Eastern mill, which made the connections, which came on No. 12 from Davisville, now came on No. 14, reaching Grants Pass at 10:30 a. m. against 6:30 p. m. formerly. A. C. Hough and O. S. Blackard, attorneys at Grants Pass, testified to being inconvenienced in going to Roseburg. They stated they made the trip to Roseburg three or four times a year. R. L. Wilson of Harb & Son stated the drummers were somewhat inconvenienced. T. K. Anderson, a miner from Gillette creek, stated that he made from six to eight trips a year from Merlin to Grants Pass (fare 30 cents) and found No. 11 a convenience. Andrews a Disappointment. H. L. Andrews, secretary of the Commercial club, was a good witness for the railroad. He found No. 14 a convenience to come to Medford, but stated that for the few times he came, he did not expect the company to operate the train, if it was doing so at a loss. He thought the company was in the best position to know whether trains paid or not, but he would urge upon the company, if possible, to separate trains No. 13 and 14. He stated that the Grants Pass Commercial club had taken no action in the matter, but had been asked by Ashland to send delegates to Ashland and had invited the commission to come to Grants Pass. Andrews stated that he expected some 200 witnesses would attend the Grants Pass hearing, but they did not show up. Those present were Commissioners Melhorn and West, Attorney Reames, H. L. Andrews of Grants Pass Commercial club, Attorneys Hough and Blackard. Others present were W. D. Pennington, L. E. Shields, William McMurray, John M. Scott, W. H. Jenkins of the Southern Pacific officials. Mr. West is in Jacksonville today looking over the Rogue River. A. B. Rowsham, the Southern Pacific agent at Medford, was asked to explain the resolutions passed by the Medford Commercial club. SOCIALISTS OBJECT TO RAILROAD RESOLUTION

WHITES SHOOTING BLACKS

Fierce Race War in Progress in Alabama--Thirty Dead Others Burned.

MEMPHIS, Dec. 11.—A special to the News-Scimitar from Columbus, says that 25 or 30 negroes are dead, five whites and as many negroes wounded and five negro lodge rooms burned in a fierce race war that is in progress in Pickens county, Alabama. Five negroes were burned to death in a lodge room near Reform, Ala., last night, when whites attacked the place. Firing rifles and shotguns, the mob fired in the shooting of the whites. Those not killed in attempting to escape were burned alive. Near Oglethorpe three negroes were shot to death when a posse of white men attacked a large room. The trouble started Monday with the arrest of a negro on the charge of stealing cotton. SENATOR JEFFERSON DAVIS IN MAIDEN SPEECH GRILLS TRUSTS AND COMBINATIONS

NEW ARKANSAS SENATOR CHALLENGES LEGISLATOR TO STEP FORTH AND DEBATE WITH HIM--DECLARES HIS BILL RIGOROUSLY ENFORCED, WILL KILL COMBINES.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Senator Jefferson Davis went to the capitol today carrying a suit case filled with arguments he wished to have on his desk for reference in his speech against trusts. When the senator secured the floor and began his address all senators, both republicans and democrats, were in their seats and gave strict attention. Davis delivered a passionate address. He declared his bill, rigorously enforced would kill the trusts, and with dramatic effect challenged any senator to step forward and contest the issue with him. OBSCURIANS TO VOTE UPON NUMBER OF LAWS

PEOPLE TO BE VOTED ON ARE

Annual appropriation of \$125,000 for state university. The four bills offered for the initiative by the People's Power League are as follows: People to have power to discharge incompetent or unworthy officials, after an election, called by 25 per cent of voters, at any time during their term of office; known as recall amendment to constitution. Political parties and organizations to be represented in legislative bodies in proportion to their voting strength in elections; proportional representation. Limiting campaign expenses of candidates for candidates for state nominations and of state central committees by the state, and punishing corrupt practices in primaries and election. (Statutory act.) Inviting candidates for legislature to subscribe statement No. 3, as to election of United States senator, and to vote for candidates receiving highest popular vote. (Statutory act.)

DONNELL LEADS IN RACE FOR POSTOFFICE

The question of who is to be the next postmaster of Grants Pass is arousing considerable interest. C. E. Harmon, present postmaster, has closed his second term, having served eight years. For the honor of being named by the president and the \$2100 a year salary there are three applicants, and each has strong backing among the business men and the patrons of the office. These are W. A. Newell, G. W. Donnell and W. M. Moore. Mr. Newell held that position for the past three years, and prior to that he was in the railway mail service for 12 years, running out of Portland. Mr. Donnell was, until last spring, roadmaster on the Grants Pass division of the Southern Pacific. And since then has been superintendent for the Pacific & Eastern at Medford. Mr. Donnell is said to have the lead in the race.

REMEMBER NATIONAL BUYS PANAMA BONDS

The First National bank of Medford was one of two Oregon banks which were successful bidders for Panama canal bonds. It secured \$500,000 bonds at 102 1/2. The other Oregon purchaser is the Benton County National bank of Corvallis, which secured \$25,000 at 104. The average price paid for the bonds was a small fraction over 102. The highest price paid for any considerable amount was 106.875 for \$60,000 of bonds by the Farmers' & Merchants' National bank of Olney, Va. The lowest price realized by the government was 102.125, and a considerable amount of the issue was allotted at that price.

TO PERMIT HOMESTEADERS TO SPEND WINTER AWAY

A bill has been introduced in the United States senate by Senator Hansbrough of North Dakota which permits homesteaders to be absent from their claims during the four winter months. By permitting absence during that period, the government can reasonably be expected to have a more permanent residence during the rest of the year. As a matter of fact, it is all a man's life is worth to try to live on a homestead in the middle west in winter. Even on the Pacific coast, where the winters are much warmer, there is no reason why residences should be required in that season.

COOS COUNTY MONSTER DEAD

Thomas Walker, a pioneer of Coos county, met his death in the smoke and flames of his own home, where he lived alone. The cause of the fire is not known, but is supposed to be an overturned lamp.

SLAYTON JUBILEE SINGERS ON FRIDAY

Grand Rapids (Mich.) Herald: The Slayton Jubilee Singers entertained a big audience in the Auditorium last night. The first half of the program was composed of plantation and jubilee songs, which were sung to the gratification of all. The second part consisted of solos and specialties. The ensemble work was all interesting, and the company sang the plantation jubilee and modern "coon" songs in a very pleasing manner and only as "darkies" can sing them. The company made an excellent impression and the audience was highly entertained. Medford opera house, Friday, December 13. Seats now on sale at Haskins'.

MEXICAN WAR VETERAN PASSES TO GREAT BEYOND

David Lindsay, one of the oldest residents of Josephine county, died December 4. He was 87 years old, a veteran of the Mexican war, and also fought in the Confederate army. He leaves a widow and the following children: James W. Lindsay of Klamath Falls, David A. Lindsay, Richard B. Lindsay, Jeff B. Lindsay, Mrs. Martha J. Mosenger, Mrs. Luella B. Dean, Mrs. Laura B. Herbig of Coos county, and Mrs. Emma Taylor and Mrs. B. Cole Carr of Portland. Mr. Lindsay owned a farm for many years in the Applegate valley and also was proprietor of the hotel in which the last big fire that Grants Pass has had started.