

CITY COUNCIL BUYS CAST IRON PIPE FOR DISTRIBUTING SYSTEM

Contracts for Water Works Along Seventh From Bridge to School--New Water Rate schedule Agreed Upon More Money Needed for Cast Iron Lines.

At Thursday afternoon's meeting of the city council, after months of procrastination, purchased cast iron pipe for the first section of the new water system at a cost of \$8000.

ORCHARD RETELLS HIS GRUESOME TALE.

Assassin Repeats Story of Murder and Crime--Admits Burning Cheese Factory, Collecting Insurance and Running Off With Another Man's Wife.

BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 13.—Harry Orchard concluded his direct testimony in the Pettibone trial today. He says that he was placed under arrest the afternoon after the murder of ex-Governor Steunberger.

BANKER CONFESSES TO HENEY

Head of Failed San Francisco Bank Tells What He Knows.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 13.—Assistant District Attorney Cook today advised that the bail of J. Deibel Brown and W. J. Barnett, officers of the California Safe Deposit & Trust company, be raised from \$75,000 to \$200,000 each.

NO RIOTS YET BY GOLDFIELD MINERS.

Nothing Occurs to Justify Presence of Troops in Nevada--Funston Working on Secret Report--Attempt to Reopen Mines Proves Failure.

GOLDFIELD, Nev., Dec. 13.—The number of men working on the Consolidated and Mohawk properties today is greater than yesterday, claim the mine-owners.

ADVERTISED BY APPLES AT CHICAGO

Rogue River Valley Fruit Attracts Much Attention at Great Livestock Exhibit.

That Southern Pacific officials are doing what they can to advertise the Rogue River valley in the east is shown by the fact that William McMurray, general passenger agent, has personally spent \$135 for 30 boxes of fancy apples, which at his own expense he has placed where they would do the most for this section.

HEAVIEST RAIN FALL OF YEAR

Inch of Moisture Falls in Twelve Hours Last Night--Hills Covered with Snow

The heaviest rainfall of the season occurred Thursday night in Medford, when an inch of water fell between 9 p. m. and 6 a. m. The total for the storm is 1.5 inches, with more predicted.

TONIGHT LAYTON'S SUPPER SINGERS OF JUBILEES

This company is without question the ideal of colored artists of America. They will be at the opera house tonight, and you may hear the up-to-date as well as the old-time jubilee and plantation melodies.

True to their name, the company are genuine jubilee singers, giving negro selections without number, while on every occasion and again graciously responded to lengthen the program by half.

EIGHTEEN CORPSES STILL IN MONONGAHE MINE

MONONGAHE, Dec. 13.—The results of the house census shows 238 men missing in the mine disaster. In addition to a number of contractors, hired men are believed to have been in the mine when the explosion occurred.

SEVERAL BIG SALES IN SPITE OF HOLIDAYS

T. W. Stanley, late of Saratoga, Wyo., recently bought of A. L. Atkins of Ashland a tract of land lying on Rogue river not far from Tola. The price paid was \$10,000.

INTEREST IN TRIBUNE CONTEST INCREASES

Interest is increasing daily in the Tribune's prize contest and a large number of school children are busily engaged in securing new subscribers for the Tribune as a way to earn one of the many beautiful premiums offered to the contestants.

HILL IS REMOVED AS PORTLAND BANK RECEIVER

George B. Hill has been removed as receiver of the Title Guarantee & Trust company by Judge Charles E. Wolcott, in the United States circuit court at Portland.

WATSON IN CONFERENCE WITH CONTROLLER RIDGELEY

PORTLAND, Dec. 13.—A special to the Evening Telegram from Washington states that President J. Frank Watson of the Merchants National bank had a conference with Controller Ridgeley concerning affairs of the bank and plans for reopening today, which, if they meet the approval of the controller, Watson can carry into effect.

NEW BILLS INTRODUCED AT NATION'S CAPITAL

Bills have been introduced at Washington by Oregon's delegation as follows: Authorizing an appropriation of \$300,000 to be added to a like amount appropriated by the state for canal and locks at Oregon City.

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SIX-DAY BICYCLE RACER DASHES INTO A RAILING

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Urban McDonald, while sprinting in the six-day bicycle race, dashed into a railing, was hurled to the floor, picked up unconscious and bleeding from a deep gash in his head and taken to the hospital in a serious condition.

TO RELIEVE MINERS OF ASSESSMENT WORK

Miners throughout southern Oregon and elsewhere will be interested in the movement to secure the passage of a bill in congress to relieve small miners of the necessity of doing their annual assessment work this year.

FISH WOULD OUST HARRIMAN IF HE COULD

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—In an affidavit filed in the supreme court today, Stover Fish says that if he had a majority of proxies to be voted at the annual meeting of the Illinois Central, he would depose Harriman as a director.

CORLEY WOULD NOT RESIGN FROM CABINET

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Replying to a question regarding reports that he had gained some headway that he would resign from the cabinet, Secretary Corley replied: "That is another lie."

PEACH TREES BLIGHT CAN BE CONTROLLED

Interesting results are given in the report of the secretary of agriculture just issued of experiments conducted during last fall and winter in California in an effort to control peach blight.

CUTS WIFE'S HEAD OFF; USES RAZOR UPON HIMSELF

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 13.—C. M. Colby, janitor in the Oxford flat building, early today killed his wife, nearly severing her head from her body with a razor, and then attempted suicide. He cannot recover. Trouble over property transactions was the cause.

Reduced Rates for the Holidays.

Rate of a fare and a third will be granted by the Southern Pacific company for the coming Christmas and New Year's holidays. Round trip to Oregon points, "Lines in Oregon" tickets will be on sale December 23, 24 and 25 for Christmas, and December 29, 30 and January 1 for New Year's.

SAN FRANCISCO FIRM SUPPLIES CANAL LUMBER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The Olson-Mahoney Lumber company of San Francisco was the lowest bidder for furnishing the Isthmian canal commission with 6,000,000 feet of lumber of various sizes at \$124.372.

HIGHWAYMEN ROB BANK IN MISSOURI

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Dec. 12.—Two highwaymen entered the bank at Aldrich, near here, and at the point of rifles forced the cashier and vice-president to hand them \$2900 cash from the safe. They drove off in a buggy. A posse is in pursuit.

LET PEOPLE BURN UP WHILE HORSES ARE SAVED

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—While fire men labored to extinguish a fire to save the horses this morning, one man was burned to death and another man and woman narrowly escaped suffocation. Firemen declare that they were told by the police that the house in the rear of the stable was vacant.

Kaiser Visits Dutch Queen

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 13.—Emperor William arrived here today on the Imperial yacht Hohenzollern to visit Queen Wilhelmina.

MRS. LONGWORTH LOSES HER VERIFORM APPENDIX

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Mrs. Longworth passed a good night and was in excellent condition this morning. She had her appendix removed Thursday.

FLEET IN READINESS TO SAIL FOR COAST

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—President Roosevelt has been formally notified by the Atlantic of its readiness to proceed on a cruise of the Pacific coast.

Kidnapped Child Is Found

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—Lillian Wolff, 10 years old, who was kidnaped from her home last Saturday afternoon, was found today at Monmouth, Ill. The man and woman with her were arrested.

A WELL-ESTABLISHED RETAIL BUSINESS FOR SALE IN MEDFORD

The new \$50 10000 mile scrip books are now on sale by the Southern Pacific company. These have been in demand and the demand has been supplied.

LATE LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

J. J. O'Leary spent Thursday in Medford. He is engaged in logging in Douglas county on an extensive scale. M. Knapp, who is engaged in the sawmilling business in Woodville district, made Medford a business visit this week.

Contest Manager, Daily Tribune, Medford, Or.

I desire to enter your Grand Prize Contest and earn one of the prizes you offer. Please send me full particulars immediately so I may win a prize before Christmas.

LEWIS' West Side Confectionery An Ideal Xmas Present Kiser's Oregon Art Calenders Large assortment--Many designs