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PAMPHLETS SHOWING CITY ON THE MAP

Southern Pacific Prints Thirty Thousand Showing How to Reach Medford From all Parts of Country

In addition to the amount of advertising agreed upon with the Sunset Magazine, Medford is to secure without additional charge 30,000 pamphlets, containing a map of the United States, showing how to reach Medford from all points in the United States.

Oklahoma Gets New Flag. WASHINGTON, March 5.—A joint resolution was adopted by the house...

JAPANESE REFUSE TO RECEDE FROM POSITION ASSUMED IN MACHURIA

New Ambassador Hopes that China Will Back Down—Senate Adjourns Out of Respect for Proctor—Crane Comes Out for Taft.

WASHINGTON, March 5.—Takuhira, the new Japanese ambassador, called on Secretary Root today and discussed briefly the trouble that has arisen between his country and China.

The senate today adopted resolutions on the death of Senator Proctor of Vermont. Then the senate adjourned out of respect for the dead statesman.

In discussing today the statement issued by Senator Crane, urging that the Massachusetts delegation go to the republican national convention unopposed, Senator Lodge came out flat-footed for Secretary Taft.

The house judiciary committee today reported favorably on a bill providing that the government pay owners of the ships seized at the closing of the Behring sea.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—Attorney-General Bonaparte has directed various United States attorneys to institute suits against 26 railroad companies in different sections of the country to recover penalties incurred by them for 91 alleged violations of the safety-appliance laws.

168 BODIES OF VICTIMS OF CLEVELAND HOLOCAUST RECOVERED FROM RUINS

First Intimation That Fire Was of Incendiary Origin Comes at Inquest—Janitor Who Lost a Child, Collapses on Stand—All Fire Victims to Be Buried in One Field and a Single Monument to Be Erected.

CLEVELAND, O., March 5.—Up to noon 112 bodies of victims of the fire had been identified. Investigation leads to the belief that the total number of deaths may exceed 180.

The first strong intimation that the schoolhouse fire which resulted in the death of so many pupils yesterday was of incendiary origin was given today at the inquest by Dr. Williams of the Lake Shore railroad.

TILMON FORD, PIONEER POLITICIAN, PASSES AWAY

SALEM, Or., March 5.—Tilmon Ford, pioneer Oregon politician and attorney, passed away at the home of his cousin and partner at law, W. M. Kaiser, of paralysis, aged over 62 years.

Tilmon Ford was born in 1845 and lived with his parents on a farm in Marion county until 1865, when he went to Idaho to try his luck in the mines.

CASH BALANCE ON HAND FOR UNCLE SAM'S BUSINESS

WASHINGTON, March 5.—The monthly statement of the public debt shows that at the close of business February 29, 1908, the debt, less cash in the treasury, amounted to \$990,421,746.

The debt is recapitulated as follows: Interest-bearing debt, \$598,753,790; debt on which interest has ceased since maturity, \$4,887,095; debt bearing no interest, \$415,626,465.

This amount, however, does not include \$1,293,409,869 in certificates and treasury notes outstanding which are offset by an equal amount of cash held for their redemption.

WOMAN SMOKES CIGARETTES IN FAIRMOUNT HOTEL LOBBY

SAN FRANCISCO, March 5.—To the feminine worshippers of the goddess nicotine, another devotee has been added in the white and gold lobby of the Fairmount hotel.

While her husband sat with his feet comfortably, if rudely, perched on the crimson plush of the chair opposite, enjoying a Havana, Mrs. McCreery, totally oblivious to the curiosity her act was exciting among the hotel guests, encircled her huge Gainsboro in a halo of fragrant cigarette smoke.

he thought the fire was the result of the fiendish work of a fire-bug. He also stated that the fire might have started in a closet near the furnace pipes, from crossed electric wires.

The state fire marshal was questioning the janitor when the latter uttered a loud shriek and collapsed. Hirter was immediately carried from the room and later revived. He lost a daughter in the fire.

One field will contain all the bodies. One solitary monument will mark the spot. The monument will be purchased with money from a common fund donated by the city. The graves of the unidentified dead will be numbered.

HARRIMAN'S DAUGHTER IS GIVEN BRILLIANT WEDDING

NEW YORK, March 5.—In the presence of a notable assemblage of persons prominent in the social life of New York and many other cities, Miss Cornelia Harriman, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Harriman, became the bride of Robert Livingston Gerry, son of Commodore and Mrs. Elbridge Gerry of New York, Tuesday.

ADMIRAL BOB'S SAILORS TO WITNESS BULL FIGHTS

SAN DIEGO, March 5.—A contract was let today with a local commission for 75,000 pounds of onions, to be supplied to the ships of Rear-Admiral Evans' fleet, upon arrival in San Diego harbor.

As a part of the entertainment provided for the sailors, it is announced today that places have been made to hold three big bull fights at Tin Juana, just over the line in Mexico, during the stay in this port of Admiral Evans' fleet.

JOHN F. MILLER ELECTED AS MAYOR OF SEATTLE

SEATTLE, Wash., March 5.—John F. Miller will be Seattle's next mayor by 5099 plurality. Every precinct is heavily republican. Even in the precincts supposed to be Moore strongholds, Miller is leading.

Nearly 90 per cent of the registered vote, 35,090, was cast, for the day was perfect and voting started early, crowds in some sections being on hand when the polls opened.

NAVY MARKSMANSHIP DISGRACE TO SERVICE

WASHINGTON, March 5.—Commander William S. Sims criticized construction methods of the American navy before the senate investigation committee recently. Open ammunition hoists he pronounced a grave source of danger.

Sims said the marksmanship at Santiago was disgraceful. "The gunners missed as often as they possibly could," he said.

EXPLORING SCHOONER IS SIGHTED OUT AT SEA

PORTLAND, Or., March 5.—Captain Lockwood of the French bark, Alouard Detaille, which reached here this morning from Europe, reports that he spoke the exploring schooner J. R. Charrot with the French Antarctic exploring party, headed by Raller du Baty, on board.

PORTLAND, Neb., March 4.—The illness of W. J. Bryan is pronounced trivial. He will address the state convention tomorrow.

COMMERCIAL CLUB TO MEET TWICE AS OFTEN TO BOOST FOR VALLEY

No Increased Dues for Members—Another Bunch of Live Ones Added to the List—Railroad Committee Discharged for Inaction.

The Medford Commercial club held its regular monthly meeting last night, with President Colvig in the chair. The monthly bills were approved, subject to action by the finance committee.

The publicity committee was increased to five, George Putnam and S. A. Nye being added. The question of a float in the Portland rose festival and representation in the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition at Seattle were referred to this committee.

Dues Not Increased. The committee on increasing the dues reported adversely, and the report was accepted. It was unanimously voted to turn the rear clubrooms over to ladies of the Greater Medford club for use as a public library, free of charge.

The committee on securing a right of way for the entrance into the city of the P. & E. railway was discharged for inaction and a new committee, composed of Messrs. Osgood, Vawter and Wortman, named to report at the next meeting. A motion was made to amend the bylaws so that regular meetings will be held bi-monthly instead of monthly.

Railroad Is Thanked. A resolution was passed extending to the Southern Pacific Railroad company and General Passenger Agent William McMurray the thanks and appreciation of the club for the unsolicited free advertising given Medford in the 30,000 folders printed and in the full-page advertisement in last Sunday's Oregonian.

DISCIPLINE AT PORTLAND SCHOOL SAVES 1200 CHILDREN

PORTLAND, March 5.—A repetition of the Cleveland holocaust was narrowly avoided in the Central high school today by a fire in the laboratory. A flashlight picture was being taken. The children were warned not to be alarmed, which probably saved a panic.

It is believed that the fire started under the stair and not from the furnace. The janitor says there was no rubbish under the stairs. Officials are trying to locate three little girls who were reported by the janitor to have informed him of the fire. The janitor is being censured, but he himself lost three children in a holocaust recently.

RAILROADS MAKE THREATS OF REDUCING SERVICE

CHICAGO, March 5.—Representatives of western railroads and labor organizations met today to adjust the working conditions of employees affected by the new nine-hour service law, which went into effect yesterday on all the railroads.

The railroads have made many threats within the last few days. Some of them declare they intend to discharge many men, others threaten to reduce the number of trains, while others are talking of installing a telephone service and throwing out the telegraph wires and reducing wages. The unions insist that no reductions will be accepted.

COOS BAY APPROPRIATION TURNED OVER TO DREDGER

WASHINGTON, March 5.—Senator Bozard has introduced a joint resolution providing that the unexpended balance of the appropriation heretofore made for improving the entrance to Coos bay may be applied to the operation of the dredge now being constructed, and in maintaining the channel and dredging the inner harbor.

The senate passed the Bozard bill to reimburse H. Green of Oregon City for money erroneously deposited in the United States treasury.

Bryan's Illness Trivial.

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WATER PLANT IS SAFEST OF INVESTMENTS

A. A. Davis Offers to Take \$25,000 Stock in a Big Butte Proposition and Would Retire Wealthy.

"I will subscribe \$25,000 for stock in a \$250,000 company to bring water from the Big Butte creek to supply Medford," said A. A. Davis, the well-known capitalist, this morning.

Mr. Davis was one of the first to subscribe to stock in the Medford & Crater Lake railroad and was the largest local investor. He has shown his faith in the city's future in many ways and probably done as much to build up the city as any one man.

"I am in favor of securing a water supply from Big Butte, if possible," said Mr. Davis, "and am so sure that the venture will be a success financially that I am willing to help organize a corporation to bring the water down and sell it to the city. Medford wants an ample supply for all time, and Big Butte is the natural source."

William Hart Hamilton, who has recently made heavy investments in Medford and the valley, is also willing to become a large stockholder in such a company as that proposed by Mr. Davis. As a money-making venture, he states there could be few safer investments.

The proposal to bring down Big Butte water has found many friends among business men, and there is a possibility that some such company as that suggested by Mr. Davis may be organized. The general sentiment, however, favors municipal ownership, regardless of the size of the initial investment, and the immense profits yielded by the water plants of Spokane, Portland, Baker City and other city-owned concerns are cited as justification of any expense needed to secure an adequate supply.

RAILROAD COMMISSION OBJECTS TO FULTON BILL

WASHINGTON, March 5.—Many of the supporters of the Fulton bill to amend the railway rate bill with respect to proposed higher rates are indignant at the position in which the measure has been placed by the giving out of a letter from the interstate-commerce commission condemning the bill severely as putting too much additional work on the commission and as likely to unsettle railroad business by permitting a single shipper to force suspension of a proposed rate.

The facts are said to be that when Fulton introduced the bill the commission itself suggested an amendment—that when a shipper protests a rate it should be suspended if the commission deemed suspension advisable.

Senator Fulton accepted the amendment, and several weeks elapsed, during which time a general agreement was reached that the bill be changed to suit the commission's suggestion.

Now that old antedated letter, which was written before the amendment was agreed on, is given out by Chairman Elkins of the senate interstate-commerce committee, the objection is interpreted to mean that Elkins wants to kill the bill and the friends of the measure charge that he has taken an unfair advantage.

HUME MAY BE MADE MASTER FISH WARDEN

SALEM, Or., March 5.—The name of R. D. Hume of Wedderburn, Curry county, the well-known sportsman of the Rogue, has been put forward by Samuel Elmore, publisher and owner of Astoria, and others, as successor to H. G. Van Dusen as master fish warden. In answer to a telegram asking if he would take the place Hume said he would under these conditions:

Complete control of the office, subject to the board of fish commissioners. All salaries to go into one fund, with three deputies to be appointed and the salary, including his own, to be divided among them.

A secretary's office in the capitol. The Fishermen's union of Astoria, it is said, will oppose him.

You must look good if you wish to make good and feel good



Mr. Dresser: We want to sell you that New Spring Suit you wish and that Overcoat.

We say this only to those few dressers who have not dealt with us so far. Those who have been buying their Clothing from us know where to come.

We would fire the first clerk who would sell a man who came into our store a suit of Clothes that did not fit. But our clerks stay with us because they have no trouble in fitting the man who wants Clothes from our big stock of Clothing made especially for us by the Washington Co., of New and York Schloss Bros., of Baltimore.

If your purse is lean \$15.00 will buy you a good Spring Suit or Overcoat. If your purse is large around the Belt pay us \$25.00 or \$30.00 for a Suit or Overcoat that will make you look like you own a Bank.

THE TOGGERY LEADING HATTERS & OUTFITTERS.