

JACKSON COUNTY TAX SALES IN A HOPELESS MUDDLE

THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS LOST TO COUNTY BY IGNORANCE OF OFFICIALS

Records Show Sales of Property for Delinquent Taxes Made to Judge Geo. W. Dunn Instead of to the County as Law Requires--Sales a Nullity in Consequence and County Out Money.

Jackson county has thousands of dollars outstanding for delinquent taxes, and it holds as security lands bought at tax sales by the county. Under the law the land on which taxes is not paid is sold and in the absence of other bidders, the county is required to purchase the lands.

TRIBUTE OF RESPECT BY W. R. C. LADIES

At a regular meeting of the Chester A. Arthur W. R. C., No. 34, April 1, 1908, the following resolutions in memory of Sister Mrs. O. Hall were adopted: Whereas, Sister Mrs. O. Hall was a member of Chester A. Arthur W. R. C., No. 34; and

BIG ELECTRIC SHOVEL FOR CENTENNIAL MINE

The big electric shovel for the Electric Gold Dredging company, has arrived at the Central Point depot and will be transported to the Centennial mine just as fast as it can be moved, says the Gold Hill News.

MANY ENJOY MUSIC AND ELABORATE MENU

Sunday's musical program by the Hazzard orchestra was greatly enjoyed by the many who dined at the Hotel Nash. In addition to the regular hotel guests, many Medfordites took advantage of the opportunity to enjoy an elaborate menu and at the same time hear talented airs from popular operas and other music delightfully rendered.

Lowell for Fulton

PENDLETON, Or., April 6.—Judge Stephen A. Lowell of Pendleton, who has heretofore been opposed politically to Senator Fulton, has issued a public statement declaring himself favorable to the reelection of Mr. Fulton, giving three reasons.

ELECTION RIOTS MADE STREETS GUN WITH BLOOD

LONDON, April 6.—There has been no official statement as to the number of dead or wounded in last night's election riots when the troops fired into a mob, but one observer says that the streets were red with blood.

JACKSONVILLE TEAM WINS FROM MEDFORD BY CLOSE SCORE

Interesting Game From Spectators' Standpoint—Sexton's Work Feature of the Game—E. Donegan's Batting Is Excellent.

In a closely contested game at Jacksonville between Medford and Jacksonville baseball teams, Sunday, the latter team won by a score of 9 to 10. The game was an interesting one from the spectators' standpoint, there being plenty of free hitting and fancy fielding. The feature of the game was Sexton's work at short and E. Donegan's batting for Jacksonville, while Pug proved himself to be the same as "star" in Medford's center field.

Score by Innings

Table with 2 columns: Team, Innings 1-9, Total. Medford: 4 0 1 0 0 2 0 2 0 9. Jacksonville: 2 0 0 0 0 0 1 1 10.

THORBURN ROSS SECURES A CHANGE OF VENUE

PORTLAND, April 6.—J. Thorburn Ross and his fellow officials of the insolvent Title Guarantee & Trust company will not be tried in Multnomah county on the felony charges growing out of the alleged wrecking of the bank.

SPORTING NEWS

Packie McFarland, the Chicago light-weight, who meets Jimmy Britt at Colma on the afternoon of April 11, has settled down to the hard grind and will leave nothing undone to put himself into the best possible condition.

KLAMATH WATER USERS ELECT NEW OFFICERS

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., April 6.—The annual meeting of the Klamath Water Users' association elected as directors for the coming year Alexander Martin, Jr., O. A. Stearns, R. H. Andorson, W. C. Dallas, J. G. Stevenson, E. R. C. Williams, John Irwin, James Dixon and James Ruck. The board organized by the election of Alexander Martin, president; Jacob Ruck, vice-president; and Claude P. Chastain, secretary.

WATCH DEER BROWSE FROM HOTEL PORCH

FRENCH GULCH, Cal., April 6.—Three or four deer are seen every afternoon from the front porch of the Empire hotel as they browse peacefully in the brush across the creek on the mountain side east of town.

OPERATORS AND MINERS CONFIDENT OF FUTURE

KANSAS CITY, April 6.—The Southern Coal operators and the miners' representatives, were in conference this afternoon to discuss the new wage scale affecting 95,000 men now out of work. Both sides are confident of an amicable settlement being reached.

New Public Printer

WASHINGTON, April 6.—The president has sent the nomination of John S. Leach of Illinois to be public printer.

PUBLIC PRINTER APPOINTED TO SUCCEED STILLINGS

WASHINGTON, April 6.—John S. Leach of Illinois, now public printer in the Philippines, was today appointed public printer to succeed Stillings, whose resignation was accepted some days ago, his appointment being in the nature of a surprise, as his name has not been mentioned in connection with the office.

CAMBRIDGE WINS FOR THIRD SUCCESSIVE YEAR

PETNEY, April 6.—Three years in succession has Cambridge won the variety boat race, defeating Oxford by two and a half lengths and leading from start to finish.

KILLS GIRL HE LOVED THEN SELF

Pittsburg Man Shoots and Kills Young Maid He Was Infatuated with as Result of Jealousy.

PITTSBURG, April 6.—Samuel L. Gardner, a prominent resident of Church avenue, McKee's Rock, a suburb here, shot and killed Dorothy Bradney, a 16 year old girl, then fired a bullet into his own head, with probably fatal effect. Gardner, aged 50, had lost his position last month, and it is believed that brooding brought on insanity.

It develops that Gardner, who has a wife and several grown children, has been infatuated with the Bradney girl a long time. It is said he was enraged last night when Miss Bradney went to church with a young man.

Gardner, who left his home this morning, purchased a revolver and then went directly to the kitchen of the Bradney home, where Dorothy and her mother were engaged in household duties. Walking straight up to the young girl, he pressed the revolver to her breast and fired one shot through the heart. The mother attempted to seize Gardner, but he escaped her hand and ran to his own residence, next door, where he shot himself.

OPERATORS GATHER TO DISCUSS WAGE SCALE

INDIANAPOLIS, April 6.—The coal operators of the central competitive field, consisting of Western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois and Indiana, gathered here today in conference with the representatives of the United Mine workers of America to take initial steps to revive interstate wage movement by issuing a call for a joint convention to fix the wage scale for these four districts on which wage scales in other districts are to be based.

DAVIS IS PLANNING EXTENSIVE PLANTING

A. A. Davis, the Medford capitalist, is planning extensive planting of orchards the coming year. This past season he set out 4000 apple and pear trees on his ranch at Big Sticky and has purchased 8000 more for next season—2000 pears and 5000 apples. In addition, Mr. Davis has other plans under advisement which may increase the total acreage materially.

ITALIANS AND AUSTRIANS RIOT NEAR SPOKANE

SPOKANE, April 6.—In a riot between some Italian and Austrian laborers at a railroad camp southwest of Sprague yesterday the Italians fired 50 shots. The Austrians appeared unarmed. Mike Tomish, foreman of the Austrians, was shot and perhaps fatally wounded, and Milos Jurjic was shot through the arm. Three Italians were taken to Riverview for trial. The Austrians have quit the camp.

FIGHTING BOB ROUND TO RETURN TO FLEET

PASO ROBLES, April 6.—Admiral Evans continues to show signs of improvement. Although his condition is gratifying, it is a question whether it would be wise to permit him within a short time to rejoin the fleet at San Diego and participate in the festivities and various functions in his honor and perhaps thereby invite the relapse, has not yet fully been decided. The naval admiral insists that he will be on the bridge of the Connecticut when the fleet is welcomed by Governor Gillet.

FIRST ARRIVALS OF FLEET AT MAGDALENA BAY

MAGDALENA BAY, April 6.—Six torpedo boats arrived here at sundown, one day ahead of schedule. The Australian has not yet arrived.

Vote for No Legislative Candidate Who Fails to Sign this Pledge

Statement No. 1 of the direct primary law, which insures to the people the right to elect United States senators, is as follows: "I further state to the people of Oregon, as well as to the people of my legislative district, that during my term of office I will always vote for that candidate for United States senator in congress, who has received the highest number of the people's votes for that position at the general election next preceding the election of a senator in congress, without regard to my individual preference."

TAFT AND BRYAN SWING AROUND CIRCLE IN QUEST OF VOTE

Big Bill at Omaha and the Nebraskan in Denver—Both Accorded Hearty Receptions by Supporters—Speeches Scheduled for Each Tonight.

OMAHA, April 6.—Secretary Taft arrived here this morning and was received at the station by General Gardner, commanding the department of the Missouri, and his entire staff in full-dress uniform, and by the usual reception committee.

DENVER, April 6.—William J. Bryan arrived in Denver today. He was accompanied from Colorado Springs by a reception committee. Mr. Bryan was driven to the Denver university, of which Governor Huelsiel is chancellor, where he made a nonpartisan address. He later lunched with the directors of the Bryan club. Eight hundred and fifty tickets were issued for tonight's banquet at the El Jebel temple.

ROOSEVELT THREATENS TO VETO PUBLIC BUILDING

WASHINGTON, April 6.—A report regarded as authentic affirms that President Roosevelt has threatened to veto the public buildings bill if congress refuses to authorize two battle ships in addition to the two recommended by the naval affairs committee, of which Representative Ellis of Oregon is a member.

It is alleged that the president argues that if it is extravagant to build four battleships this year, then it is extravagant to erect public buildings to cost \$15,000,000 or \$20,000,000.

Oregon has public buildings bills for Astoria and half a dozen other towns, which would go by the board if the bill were passed and then vetoed.

JOHNSON BOOMERS AFTER PEERLESS LEADER'S SCALP

CHICAGO, April 6.—The boomers of Governor John A. Johnson of Minnesota for the democratic nomination for president have served notice upon William Jennings Bryan that they are after his scalp.

This notification was contained in the first letter from the Johnson headquarters here, issued to the voters of the country. The circular is printed on stationery of the "Minnesota Democratic Committee."

Bryan is not mentioned by name, but the letter by inference calls him an "autocrat" and asserts that his nomination would spell defeat. Here is a paragraph referring to Bryan: "The democracy of the nation has for 12 years been losing ground and the belief is general that, under the old conditions, defeat is certain. For months the party has been drifting toward an inter-state convention where a popular choice is to be substituted for personal will."

The letter then continues: "Rebelling against the doctrine of despair, we take it for granted that there is no necessity for the ravens of defeat to perch upon the banners of democracy in 1908, simply because they did in 1896, 1900 and 1904."

The letter reached Chicago demagogues just before the local leaders met to decide how to select Bryan delegates to the state convention from Cook county.

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SAN JOSE, Cal., April 6.—The jury in the criminal libel suit brought against C. M. Shortridge, editor of the Times, by Congressman Hayes, returned a verdict of guilty. Shortridge received the verdict quietly and informed the court he was ready for sentence at any time.

NEGROES BURNED AT ATLANTA

ATLANTA, Ga., April 6.—Police reserves were called out here today to quell a riot among negroes at Twelfth and Charles streets. Mac Freyres, a negro, was fatally shot by the police.

LIABILITY LAW PASSED BY HOUSE

Truce Between Republicans and Democrats Declared—Measure is Almost Unanimously Passed

WASHINGTON, April 6.—A truce between democrats and republicans for the time being was declared today. Under a suspension of the rules, the house took up for consideration and passage the employers' liability bill. The democrats broke out in loud applause when the reading of the measure was concluded. The democrats also applauded Henry of Texas when he said the bill was meritorious and constitutional, and that not a democratic vote would be recorded against it. The vote stood, yeas 209, nays 1—Littlefield casting a negative vote.

OREGON BEATS WORLD AS PROSPEROUS COUNTRY

PORTLAND, April 6.—"Oregon is today in the best condition financially of any state in the union," said A. L. Mills, president of the First National Bank. "This state is not in bondage to the east. The people are living easy on the proceeds of our big crop. Decreases in the bank deposits throughout the state indicate that people are drawing on this crop wealth to some extent. "There is every reason to believe that the coming crop will be even bigger than the last, when 65,000,000 bushels of wheat were harvested in the three states. Unless unexpected unfavorable climatic conditions arise, it is thought that this year's crop will exceed this figure by 10, and perhaps even 15 per cent. Prices are high and our wheat farmers will be millionaires. "Financial conditions get rockier the farther east from Oregon you go. Westerners are not altogether happy in the eastern money centers. Advice from there are not wholly reassuring, but it can be said safely that the conditions there are not working as any particular hurt in this state. "The banks here are loaning their regular people all the money they need in their business, but are not seeing new business that requires advances. The business of wholesalers is better today than it was at this period last year. Collections are good."

JUMPS FROM WINDOW TO ESCAPE BURNING BUILDING

NEW YORK, April 6.—Julia Isola, aged 22 years, lost her life with nearly a score of men and women who were injured, and as many more rescued from a four-story building which was destroyed by fire early today. Julia Isola jumped from a fourth-story window after her nightgown had taken fire. A moment after firemen succeeded in raising an extension ladder other members of the family were removed safely. Most of the injured were forced to jump from windows.

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