

HUNDREDS ARE LOST IN SINKING OF JAPANESE CRUISER

INTEREST IN DEBATE INCREASES

Wet Versus Dry Town Argument Talk of the City --More Challenges Received and List Grows.

The Wet vs. Dry debate announced in The Tribune last night has aroused a great deal of interest and a packed house is expected.

"I am anxious for the debate," says Shorty Garnett, the business leader of the Prohibs, "but I object to charging an admission fee."

"But where do the prohibs get all this money?" was asked Mr. Garnett. "The law" columns in nearly all county newspapers at so much per line, send canvassers about the county and hire speakers to stump the towns?"

"Well, a good share of it is coming from me," replied Mr. Garnett.

The wet forces object to the free admission, claiming the Commercial club needs the money, but all are ready for the affray.

Several others have signified their willingness to enter the debate, among them J. P. Hutcheson of the Baker Hutcheson company, who proposes to meet H. C. Kentner.

Editor Bliton of the Mail, a prohibition advocate, has been challenged by Editor Patnam of The Tribune to join in the debate, and other challenges are looked for.

PROBATE

Estate Joseph G. Wiley; order made admitting will to probate and appointing John Wiley executor.

MARRIED

LAWRENCE JORDAN--In Jacksonville, April 28, by Judge Dunn, John D. Lawrence and Ethel M. Jordan.

POLITICIANS FLEE FROM GUATEMALA

MEXICO CITY, April 30.--Odysseys were received here today from Tapachula and other points near the frontier of Guatemala that scores of political refugees have fled into Mexico from Guatemala during the last few days and that a state of terror exists among the people who have been identified with the element who are opposed to the Cabrera administration.

The recent execution of a number of prominent citizens in addition to eight students of the military academy who were alleged to have been implicated in the plot upon President Cabrera's life has intensified the feeling against Cabrera and an open uprising is looked for within a few days.

SELECTING QUEEN FOR CARNIVAL

Contest Begun to Find Who is Most Popular Girl in Medford--Ballots at all Stores in Town.

The following names have been entered by their friends in the contest for carnival queen now on: Miss Maud Allen, Miss Edna Effert, Miss Prudence Angle, Miss Lou Hartzell, Miss Hamilton, Miss Mabel Kent, Miss Casidena Plymmer, Mrs. C. T. Gaddis, Mrs. Anna Danielson.

Voting Booths.

The following places have been decided upon for voting booths. Votes will be on sale at the voting booths.

- Hotel Nash. Toggery. Russell's. Shortie Garnett's. Washam & Brown's. Baker-Hutcheson company.

Below is a reproduction of the voting coupons now in the hands of the merchants of Medford, and are to be filled in by the merchant as follows:

***** This stub shows that ONE vote has been issued on the corresponding coupon. ***** Merchant's stub ***** No. 101 Good for ONE vote for Miss ***** for QUEEN OF ROSE CARNIVAL if presented at my VOTING BOOTH on or before Wednesday, May 27, 1908, at 9 p. m. Issued by Baker-Hutcheson Co. ***** No. 102 Miss ***** ONE vote File at voting booth. *****

If the customer is entitled to more than one vote the number should be written in parenthesis, two, three or as the case may be.

Ask your merchant for votes. Every purchase of \$2 entitles the purchaser to one vote.

Votes will be sold by the merchants at the rate of 10 cents each. Anyone desiring to sell votes will please call on secretary of Commercial club.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

- Levy Loden to F. N. Streets, 1 acre between Woodville and Wimer 400 Emma J. Roberts to Nellie Roberts (all, 40.30 acres in section 29, township 35, range 1 W 1 John Williford to Violet Williford, N E 1/4 of N W 1/4 section 1, township 36, range 1 W 1 John Williford to Bernetta Williford, N W 1/4 of N W 1/4 section 1, township 36, range 1 W W. W. Taylor to C. C. Taylor, land in township 36, range 1 W 3280 John A. Williams to Sarah S. Van Dyke, N E 1/4 of S E 1/4 section 12, township 37, range 1 W 10 Matthew N. Flock to James G. Chomson, property in McCall's addition to Ashland 10 Royal Serran to Mary E. Serran, 5 acres in township 37, range 1 W 7 Ben A. Lowell to W. H. Headline, land in section 16, township 36, range 1 W 150 Benton Brown to George A. Knoblauch, lots 12, 13, 14 and 15, block F, Railroad addition to Ashland 2000 George A. Knoblauch to Camilla E. Owen, lots 12, 13, 14 and 15, block F, Railroad addition to Ashland 10

OFFICERS WITH CREW PERISH IN DISASTER

DYNAMITE USED TO BLOW UP HOME OF QUARRY FOREMAN

Failed to Re-Employ Foreigners and Several Attempts Made on Life as Result Wife and Family Escape.

BUTTE, Mont., April 30.--The home of J. G. Wicklund, foreman of the quarries of the Washoe Smelting company, near Anaconda, was demolished by giant powder at midnight last night. Wicklund was seriously injured, though his wife and child were unhurt.

GOVERNMENT TO BUY HOUSES FOR EMBASSIES

WASHINGTON, April 30.--The house committee on foreign relations decided to report favorably on the bill providing for the purchase abroad of the American embassy, legation and consular buildings and providing that not more than \$1,000,000 be appropriated each year for this purpose.

LATE LOCAL NEWS

Mrs. William Hanson of Spokane, Wash., is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bellinger near Jacksonville. Mrs. Hanson once resided in Medford.

Harry Childers, who has been in Los Angeles for the past six months working at his trade, that of brick laying, has returned to Medford.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Hafer and Miss McDevitt left Thursday morning for San Francisco, where they will spend the coming two weeks.

F. A. Stewart of Minneapolis, Minn., is a new arrival in Medford and is well pleased with the city and the entire Rogue River valley.

James W. Miller, an old resident in Medford, who has been in Portland for the past 10 months, returned to Medford Wednesday. He has been building residence properties in Portland for investment and says that he will dispose of his property here and return to Portland.

T. B. Goodpasture was in Medford recently. He is improving a 40-acre tract of land in Willow Springs district.

John A. Graffis, of Phoenix precinct, has returned from a trip to Bremen, Ohio, his former home. Oil in large quantities has been discovered on land adjoining the old homestead, and there is every prospect that Mr. Graffis will be among the fortunate ones.

J. H. Carlton, one of Eagle Point's leading merchants, did business in Medford one day last week.

Lawson Winner and his family have returned from the Willamette Valley, after an extended absence and are now residents of Medford.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Morrison of Griffin Creek district, were among the many who spent Saturday afternoon in Medford.

Fred Davidson, the genial miner, is in Medford again, after an extended absence.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Anderson of Phoenix precinct, were in Medford Saturday, trading with our merchants.

E. P. Raymond of Griffin Creek, did business in Medford Saturday. He is improving a 35-acre tract and will have a fine orchard in due course of time.

J. Fryer, the well known pioneer, Mr. and Mrs. John Louden of Big Applegate, have been visiting in Medford.

Coal for Sale. We are now prepared to furnish hard picked coal at the mine, five mile east of town, in any amount desired at \$5.00 a ton.

WRECK CAUSED BY EXPLOSION

Among the 58 Gadets Lost in the Wreck are the Sons of Baron Chinde.

TOKIO, April 30.--While the cruiser Matsushima was coming to anchor in the harbor of Makung early today an explosion of the stern magazine occurred, sinking the vessel so only the bridge is visible. Efforts at rescue by boats from the cruisers Hashidate and Itsukushima continued until 9 a. m., saving 141 men and officers. The majority of the officers were not saved, and at the time went down with the crew of 200 men, including 58 cadets, among whom were the sons of Baron Chinde, Vice Minister of the foreign office, and of the Prince Oyama, field marshal, who is believed to be lost. The cause of the explosion is unknown.

CONTRACT FOR WATER WORKS

Stipulations of Agreement Entered Into With Jacobson-Bade Company Provide for Work of Mains to Be Completed by Month of August.

The contract which the city of Medford has entered into with the Jacobson-Bade company for the construction of a water distributing system for Medford reads in blank as follows:

This agreement, made and entered into this day of 1908 by and between the City of Medford, a municipal corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Oregon, the party of the first part, hereinafter called the City, and of the second part, hereinafter called the contractor.

Witnesseth, that the said contractor, in consideration of the covenants, agreements and payments hereinafter mentioned to be performed and made by said City, hereby covenants and agrees, under the penalty expressed in the attached bond, bearing even date herewith, to construct the waterworks for said City, in accordance with the attached proposal and specifications, which are hereby declared and accepted as parts of the agreement, and to accept payment for the material furnished and labor performed at the prices named in said proposal as full compensation under this contract.

What the Contract Prices Include. The contract prices shall include the work of excavating and backfilling the trenches, hauling and placing the pipe, hydrants, valves, valve boxes and special castings, making the joints and the connections with the old mains, testing the pipe system, and furnishing all labor, tools and appliances necessary to complete the work according to the attached proposal and specifications and the plans on file in the office of the City Recorder of Medford, Oregon, and to maintain the work in good condition until accepted by the engineer.

Extra Work. No allowance will be made for extra work of any kind unless such work shall have been ordered in writing by the Mayor and the City Council of Medford, Oregon.

Failure to Pay for Labor and Material. If the contractor fails to pay the men employed upon the work or for the material to be furnished by the contractor, the engineer may deduct from the payments due the contractor the amount necessary to pay such claims for labor and material.

Claims for Damages. The contractor shall not be entitled to damages on account of delay, but if such delay is occasioned by the City, the contractor shall be entitled to an extension of time in which to complete the work, to be determined by the engineer.

Precautions to Prevent Accidents. The contractor shall take all necessary precautions to prevent accidents and shall indemnify and save harmless the City from all suits or actions brought

RUEF AND CALHOUN REFUSE TO ANSWER QUERIES BY HENEY

Mullally Staying Out of Court and in Hiding--Prosecution's Case Weakened Through Witness' Actions--Court Sustains Railroad Magnate.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 30.--The trial of Tiley L. Ford, chief counsel of the United Railroads, accused of offering former Supervisor Coleman \$1000 to vote for the trolley franchise, was resumed in Judge Lawlor's department of the superior court this morning. The effort by the prosecution yesterday to obtain evidence from Patrick Calhoun, president of the United Railroads, proved futile, owing to the vigorous protests of his attorneys, who claim that the prosecution was attempting to secure from his line of testimony the line of defense in his own case, which will come up later. The prosecution asserts that it only seeks the truth and that it wants the guiltless freed and the guilty punished. The court upheld Calhoun.

The Ford case for the people was completed today, Assistant District Attorney O'Grady offering proof that the prosecution had made due and diligent effort to locate Thornwall Mullally, assistant to Calhoun, indicted with Ford and Calhoun, in order that the state might use him as a witness against Ford. The defense offered in the place of Mullally the same category as Ruef and Calhoun, by stipulating that he would have refused to testify upon the same grounds as the co-defendants. The state would not agree to such stipulation. So the evidence before the jury shows that Mullally is staying out of court and both Ruef and Calhoun are refusing to answer questions.

against the City for or on account of any injuries received or damages sustained in the construction of said work or due to negligence in guarding same.

Time for Completion. The contractor shall complete all of the work to be done under this contract on or before the first day of August, 1908; and it is hereby agreed that if the work is not completed at that time the City may deduct from the amount due the contractor the sum of fifty dollars (\$50.00) per day for each and every day that the work remains unfinished after that date, which said sum of fifty dollars per day is, in view of the difficulty of estimating such damages, hereby agreed upon by the parties hereto as liquidated damages that the City will suffer by reason of the failure of the contractor to complete the work within the time agreed.

Subletting and Assigning. The contractor shall not sublet any part of the work or assign the contract or the money due under the contract without the written consent of the Mayor and the City Council of Medford, Oregon.

Payments. A partial estimate shall be issued by the engineer at the end of each calendar month for the amount due the contractor for the work done during the month, and the City shall pay the contractor eighty (80) per cent. of the amount of said estimate and retain twenty (20) per cent. until the completion of the work and its acceptance by the engineer.

When the contractor has completed the work to the acceptance of the engineer, then the engineer shall issue the final estimate for the balance due the contractor, including the retained percentages, and the City shall pay and the contractor shall receive the amount of said estimate as full compensation for all work done and material furnished under this contract.

Contract Binds All Parties. This contract shall be binding upon the heirs, executors, administrators and assigns of the contractor and upon the City of Medford, Oregon.

Changes in Plans. The City shall have the right to change the plans or to reduce or increase the amount of work to be done, after the contract has been awarded, by notifying the contractor, in writing, of such changes, and the contractor shall be paid for only the actual amount of work done at the contract prices.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Mayor of the City of Medford, Oregon, has made and executed this contract on behalf of said City and has caused the seal of said City to be hereunto affixed, in pursuance of a resolution adopted by the City Council of said City, and the contractor has hereunto set his hand and seal the day and year first above written.

SENATORIAL CANDIDATE CAKE HERE

Republican Nominee to Speak at Eagle Point Tonight and Tomorrow at Talent and Gold Hill

Hon. H. M. Calk, republican nominee for United States senator, arrived in Medford Thursday morning en route to Eagle Point to address the voters, Friday afternoon he speaks to the voters of Talent, and in the evening those of Gold Hill.

Mr. Calk expresses himself as confident of election and much gratified with the results of the primaries. He attributes his success over Senator Fulton solely to his championship of Statement No. 1 and not to his personality.

"I expect to receive the support of all Statement No. 1 men," said Mr. Calk. "There is surely no reason republicans can give for voting for a democrat in preference to me, for on Statement No. 1 I have made my campaign. I expect to receive the support of all republicans and do not look for any personal fight waged against me by any faction, for I have kept clear of party discords and petty fights."

GOVERNOR HUGHES' NAME NOT TO BE WITHDRAWN

NEW YORK, April 30.--The name of Governor Charles E. Hughes will not be withdrawn from the presidential canvass until the national convention at Chicago has made a choice of candidates, is the statement made by President Woodford of the Hughes league of the United States, who presided at a conference of delegates elected to the national convention from New York state, called for today in the interest of Hughes' candidacy.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING REFUSES TO TAKE ACTION

WASHINGTON, April 30.--The committee on banking currency held a brief meeting today. It declined to proceed for the purpose of taking up the new Vreeland currency bill. A vote for adjournment stood 12 to 3, the negative vote being cast by Burton, Weeks and McKinney. It is supposed they will represent the strength of the new bill, and it is inferred the measure will be tabled as was the first Vreeland bill, if it ever reaches a vote in the committee.

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POLITICAL DISTURBANCE CAUSES LOSS OF LIFE

FORT DE FRANCE, April 30.--Several people, including the mayor of Fort de France, were killed in a political disturbance here yesterday.

BATTLESHIPS LEAVE SANTA BARBARA

SANTA BARBARA, Cal., April 30.--The thirteenth battleship fleet sailed at 6 o'clock this morning for Monterey, where the anchors will be dropped tomorrow morning at 7 o'clock.

DAMAGING FROSTS IN FAR EAST

Heavy Snow Storms and Freezing Temperature is Likely to do Considerable Damage to Fruit.

PITTSBURG, April 30.--There is snow here today. The temperature is only two degrees above freezing.

CLEVELAND, April 30.--Heavy snow was felt practically all over the state.

ST. JOSEPH, April 30.--A heavy frost did much damage to the fruit of northwestern Missouri and northeastern Kansas.

LA CROSSE, Wis., April 30.--The frost in the western part of Wisconsin and southern Minnesota will do much damage to the fruit and vegetables.

LEXINGTON, Ky., April 30.--There is snow in the eastern and central part of Kentucky. It is believed there will be no great amount of damage. Dog races here today will be declared off.

DES MOINES, Ia., April 30.--A killing frost was felt in several sections of the state and a good deal of damage done the fruit and vegetables.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., April 30.--A windstorm a few miles east of the city razed tobacco sheds and barns and other wooden structures and did considerable damage to the crops.

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Mr. Roosevelt will not make a world tour, nor will he visit the capitals of Europe. He will not, as reported, visit Australia and New Zealand. His one plan is for South Africa big game shooting, and it will take a radical reason to keep him away from that, such as re-election, for instance.

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Not that he dislikes the idea of being mayor of a saloonless city, because he is a believer in temperance, but he declares that when the people voted to drive the saloons out of Mattoon they also drove away \$10,000 yearly in revenues that were paid by the saloonkeepers.