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LOCAL MAN MURDERED NEAR GRASS LAKE

KELLY ANSWERS CRITICS REGARDING SALMON RACKS

MINE STRIKE HAS COLLAPSED

Miners Are Returning to Work Pending Further Discussion of Wage Scale

BUTTE, Mont., Sept. 17.—The strike of the United Mine Workers of Wyoming practically collapsed today. Miners in the northern part of the state are returning to work today pending a further discussion of the wage scale, and it is thought that before the end of the week every miner that walked out ten weeks ago, tying up every mine in Wyoming, will be back at work.

Seven thousand miners walked out when the strike was called, but discontent at the slowness of the mine owners and their apparent determination to hold out until they won the strike, caused the mine workers to adopt a change of tactics.

The men were quietly advised by their leaders to return to work, and this morning hundreds applied at their old places and asked to be given back their former jobs at their former wages.

It is understood that the question of the wage scale will be taken up by a committee of the miners and mine owners next week. Meanwhile the men will work at the old wage.

JUDGE FRANK DUNN TO BE ISSUE OF CAMPAIGN

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Sept. 17.—The democrats of this city and the Lincoln-Roosevelt leaguers are today preparing to make Frank Dunn, the judge who sentenced Schmitz to jail, an issue in the coming campaign for the superior bench.

Judge Dunn was turned down for the republican nomination at the convention here last night. His name was presented amid hoots and jeers from the "regular" delegates to the convention, and wild cheering from the galleries and spectators.

The republicans nominated Judges John Hunt, George A. Sturtevant and John J. Van Nostrand without any opposition for the long term, and Isidore Golden for the short term; but the fight came when Judge Dunn was placed in opposition to Judge Carroll Cook.

After scenes of disorder, Cook received 110 votes and Dunn 64. The Lincoln-Roosevelt leaguers say that they will elect Dunn if he is nominated by the democrats.

Mrs. Rudolph Haekel of San Francisco arrived Wednesday evening for a visit with her brother, F. L. Ton Velle.

TOGGERY BILL'S FISHING RECORD IS SHATTERED

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Sept. 17.—A huge shark, eight feet one inch in length, weighing 77 pounds, caught with an eight-ounce split bamboo pole and outfit, is proudly exhibited at Sausalito today by William E. Lynn, who made the difficult catch late yesterday.

Lynn, with two companions, was fishing for cod off Lime Point, when an unusual tug at his line announced that a Leviathan of more than ordinary size had been hooked. For three quarters of an hour a battle raged between the angler and the finny monster, and it was not until the skill of the Nimrod had proclaimed him the victor in the contest that the character of the fish on the other end of the line was known. Even after the fish was exposed to view a hard fight ensued before it was landed.

SAYS THEY ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR SCARCITY OF TROUT

Offers to Meet Committee of Three to Fish Above and Below the Racks to Determine the Number of Steelheads.

H. L. Kelly, Jr., connected with the bureau of fisheries, has been the recipient of much adverse criticism regarding the placing of salmon racks in Rogue river and in the following communication he answers what they have had to say:

To the Editor: I beg the use of your columns to discuss the benefit of the public work that is now being done on the river by the bureau of fisheries and to give a summary of the year's work, which ended June 30, 1908.

There seems to be a general belief, especially among the anglers, that the racks, which are placed across the river for holding the salmon, are stopping the steelheads, and they give this as the reason for the poor steelhead fishing this year. That is erroneous. The pickets on the rack are placed two inches apart and will permit the passage of all fish weighing three pounds or under. This is an admission that steelheads larger than this are stopped by the rack, but as there is no run of steelheads on at this season of the year the very few fish of this kind that are stopped does not make the slightest difference in the fishing. Last year the racks were installed at the same place, and were put in the latter part of August, and not taken out till the end of November—three months. During this time there were less than 100 steelheads taken by our seine, which swept the grounds clean two and three times each day, and the major portion of these were fish weighing less than three pounds, and which would have easily slipped through the rack had they not been caught by the seine before reaching it. There is about 75 miles of river between the rack and the mouth of Big Butte Creek, steelhead fishing all the way, and even above the mouth of the Big Butte. Then if these 100 steelheads had been evenly divided over this stretch of water they would have added just 1-12 steelheads to each mile of water for the three months. Twenty-five fish for each mile could have been added or taken out and there would not have been a single fisherman the wiser, unless he were told about it. Fishermen at the Pass and at Medford have told me that the steelhead fishing last year was the best they had known in years, and some say that they had never seen it better since they were on the river.

The fishing spoken of was in September and October, and it would appear from this that the racks which were constructed the last of August had not interfered any. To test this matter more fully I have fished with fly below the rack and have also given the men at the hatchery instructions to do so, and thus far our efforts have not been rewarded with a strike from anything larger than 12 inches. It is possible that we do not understand the art as well as some of the rodmens, who have complained that the racks are "destroying the steelhead fishing" and I hereby make the following offer: I agree to meet a committee of three men—one man each from Grants Pass, Gold Hill and Medford—and we will fish the waters between the racks for four hours, providing they will fish the same number of hours on grounds selected by myself above the racks, and if the catch of steelheads below the rack exceeds one-half the number we catch up the river I will pay the expenses of the trip, if it is less than one-half, then the committee I sto pay the expenses.

Bureau Works for Better Fishing

It is the business of the bureau to watch such things closely, and when it is taken into consideration the amount of time and money that is spent each year in propagating the steelhead by the bureau, it would seem very absurd for it, to then turn around and destroy the very work it is trying to do. It is perfectly natural that there should be off years with the steelheads, or the salmon, just the same as off years in fruit and grain, and no one man, or a government itself, in the least to blame. I am surprised that the fishing has remained as good as it has on the Rogue river thus long. We would all be surprised if we knew the thousands of trout that are caught each year with the hook and line, and to make up for this drain on the streams there should be a trout hatchery, which would be for the special purpose of collecting trout spawn and rearing the fish to a proper age and distributing the fry to the Rogue river and its tributaries. The hatcheries now in the river were established for the salmon work pure and simple, but as much time as possible is devoted to the propagation of the trout. This helps some but does not help as much as a trout hatchery should. Besides the fish taken with hook and line there is a loss of hundreds of thousands, even millions, of young fish through the failure of the owners of the mining and irrigation ditches to provide screens at the intake of their ditches. No two or three hatcheries could make up for this loss, and it behooves all that are interested in the trout and salmon fishing, to exert themselves and secure a law which will compel owners to screen ditches.

Work Starts September 30
The work of taking the spawns from the chinook salmon will begin at the river during March and April. The

TO FORM BRYAN CLUB TONIGHT

Large Number of Local Democrats to Meet This Evening in Redmen's Hall

A large number of local democrats have signified their intention of being present at the Redmen's hall this evening to perfect the organization of a Bryan club. State Committeeman Canon urges all who desire the election of William Jennings Bryan to the presidency to be present at the meeting tonight, where work will be outlined for the purpose of carrying on an active campaign in this part of Oregon.

The club will take steps to secure some of the best orators taking part in the present campaign to speak in Medford. An endeavor will be made to have the vice-presidential nominee, John W. Kern of Indiana, speak in this city.

salmon enter the river early in the spring and their spawning season begins in July and continues up into December. It will be seen by this, that during the summer months, when the racks are in, that there is no run of steelhead which they interfere with. It may be asked then "Where do the steelheads come from that are caught in the summer?" There is a portion of the steelheads which remain in the river the year round. Some probably never go to the ocean at all, while others spawning may remain in the river a year or more before they again go to the ocean. Further the fish do not leave for the ocean immediately after spawning. It is natural for them to watch their nests for a few weeks and guard them from the trout which prey upon the eggs, and during spawning they become very weak and run down, and they start for the ocean, I think they feed along down the river slowly, probably stopping for days in places where food is abundant. I have observed schools of them above the racks during the summer months. Fish that had spawned and were working toward the ocean, but were held up stream by the rack, and from this I have come to the conclusion that there are as many, if not more, fish going down stream at this season than are coming up.

Mrs. Cagle Here.

Mrs. Cagle resides in this city at 118 North G street. She stated today that her husband contemplated stopping off at Grass Lake for a hunt and that he had about \$400 in cash on his person. It is presumed that he was murdered by some tramp for this money. The letter stated that nothing had been found upon the body of any value. It also stated that there was no doubt of the man having been murdered.

COMMITTEE HAS RAISED \$750 FOR RACES AT FAIR

The committee in charge of raising the money to be used in purses for the races at the Southern Oregon District fair report that so far they have succeeded in raising \$750. They are meeting with great success and the purses will be really worth while.

BELIEVE THE VICTIM IS O. M. CAGLE

Body Found in Brush With Head Battered In—Letters on Body Show Man Was Resident of Medford

The body of a man with the head battered in was found Wednesday lying in the bushes near the depot at Grass Lake, Cal., which the authorities of this city have every reason to believe is the body of O. M. Cagle of this city, who left here during the early part of the week on his way to Dorris, Cal., where he contemplated opening a butcher shop. While there was no name found upon the body to disclose the identity of the murdered man, part of an envelope showing the Medford postmark and business cards of various firms in Medford were found, showing that the man was either a resident of this city or had visited here recently.

Believe It Is Cagle.

It is known that Cagle left this city for Dorris. He left a wife and two small children in this city and Wednesday Mr. Cagle received a letter from her husband stating that he intended to stop off at Grass Lake for a hunt. As he is the only Medford man in that section of the country, as far as known, it seems almost certain that he is the victim of a brutal murder. Mr. Cagle was for some time employed in the West Side stables, and for some time past has been looking for a suitable location for the opening of a butcher shop. He decided upon Dorris as a suitable location and started for that place.

Notified by Letter.

The first that was known of the matter was the receipt of a letter on Thursday morning by the chief of police. The letter evidently had been written by some uneducated person, for it was almost impossible to make it out. The signature was not legible.

From the letter it appears that the body of an unknown man was found. Upon the body was a political card of W. T. Grieve, a card of the West Side stables and one of the Hodson Auto company, all of this city. A part of an envelope was found upon which the postmark of the local office appeared. The letter asked what action should be taken in the matter.

The chief of police went to work on the case, and as far as can be determined, O. M. Cagle is the only Medford man in that section of the country. There will be some person sent to Grass Lake to determine the identity of the body.

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IN AGAIN; HOME AGAIN; GONE AGAIN,--ROBERTS

TO MAINTAIN WHITE PACIFIC

Australian Federal Session Opens--Americanism the Dominant Note

MELBOURNE, Sept. 17.—Pro-Americanism is the dominant note in the Australian federal session, which opened here yesterday.

The entire country is convinced that the United States fleet's recent visit inaugurated a kind of unofficial alliance between Australia and the great American republic. In the white and yellow struggle which so many Australians deem inevitable for the control of the Pacific, it is the general conviction that Australians and Americans will fight side by side.

Dissatisfied as the majority of the lawmakers are with the Anglo-Japanese alliance, there is every indication in fact that their deliberations will be distinctly unfriendly in tone to the home government.

Members Prepared.

Many of the members are understood to be prepared to argue that it was practically useless for the colony to prepare for war, alone, but that with American assistance assured, they will maintain, there is every reason to count on the maintenance of white dominancy in Oceania, provided the white men are ready and armed to fight in their own defense.

The cabinet is doing its best to keep unfriendly references to the mikado out of the debates, but that such references can be prevented when the time comes to discuss the creation of an independent Australian navy and the strengthening of the country's land force is more than doubtful.

Other Questions Insignificant.

In the face of these conditions and the war of oratory the question of selecting a site for the new capital and localizing the new protective duties have shriveled into comparative insignificance.

Ever since the great welcome given the Yankee sailors here and the exchange of expressions between the officials of this country and the officers of the fleet, as well as the cordial messages sent to Australia by President Roosevelt, there has been a constant discussion of a prospective American-Australian alliance for the maintenance of the "white Pacific."

DENNY HAZEL ESCAPES GALLOWS BY NARROW MARGIN

YREKA, Cal., Sept. 17.—Denny Hazel was found guilty by a jury at 11 o'clock last night of murder in the first degree and the jury fixed his punishment at life imprisonment. Sentence will be formally imposed by the court in a few days.

The attorneys took up the entire day arguing the case and a night session was held. The case went to the jury at 8:30 o'clock and two hours and a half time was devoted to consideration of the testimony and facts of the case. It is understood that the jury for some time stood six for a death sentence and six for life imprisonment. M. J. Knox was foreman of the jury.

Hazel will be remembered, killed Joseph Silva, Jr., at the old Ball ranch near Klamath on June 25 because his (Hazel's) wife had gone to keep house for Silva.

Services in Ashland.

Grand mission at the Catholic church from Sunday, September 20, till Sunday, September 27. Up-to-date treatment for Catholics and non-Catholics. Dr. McDonald of St. Louis, Mo., will preside at the different services Sunday, 10:15 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Week days, 9:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. On the 27th his grace, the most Rev. Alex Christie, D. D., archbishop of Oregon, will confirm a large class of candidates and will address the congregation at the morning service.

BACK FROM SURVEY OF LITTLE APPLAGATE OFF TO FISH LAKE

Says It Is Possible to Get Water Into the City From Little Applegate, Provided Intake Is Raised 250 Feet—Will Visit Big Butte.

Engineer Roberts returned Wednesday afternoon from his trip to the Little Applegate, taken in order to thoroughly inspect the proposition and make a report to the city council on the merits and demerits of the Sterling Mine company's offer to furnish the city with 500 inches of water at a total cost of \$230,000. The engineer left again Thursday for Fish Lake and will also investigate the feasibility of bringing water in from Big Butte. The engineer expects to be back in about a week and if there are other propositions to investigate by that time he will look into them.

To Make Written Report.

Mr. Roberts expects upon his return to make a detailed report in writing to the city council. He will go into each and every proposition, summing up all of their merits and demerits, and then allow the council to make their decision. Until that time Mr. Roberts declines to express himself regarding the different propositions.

The Applegate.

Mr. Roberts was asked Thursday morning whether it would be possible to bring in water from the Little Applegate.

"If the intake is raised 250 feet above the present location, this would be possible," answered the engineer.

"Then the water can be brought into the city?"

"Yes."

"How much water is there available at the site of the proposed intake?"

"There is as yet no record."

"Do you think the proposition feasible?"

"That I cannot say as yet. All that information will be given in a written report, which I shall submit to the city council, together with the other propositions."

Mr. Roberts was reminded that the public interest in the matter was at a high tension, and information would be appreciated by the citizens of Medford.

"I realize that," he replied. "I would like very much to give out the information, but it is impossible at the present time. They shall have my report and in the meantime they must wait."

Fish Lake and Big Butte.

Engineer Roberts explained that the trip to Fish Lake would not consume a great deal of time, as there was only the quality of the water to determine. He explained further that there were several surveys to be made near Big Butte, the nature of which he did not know at the present time.

DIRECTORATE OF C. M. & ST. P.

RAILROAD TO PACIFIC COAST
MILWAUKEE, Wis., Sept. 17.—The entire directorate of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad, including some of the most prominent financiers and railroad men in the country, are planning a junket to the Pacific coast over the coast extension of their road as far as it is completed and by other lines the rest of the distance.

The stockholders and directors will meet in Milwaukee next Friday and on the following day the directors will start on the trip. In the party will be J. Ogden Armour, Percy A. J. Earl, and others whose names are not so familiar to the public. It is predicted that the stockholders will re-elect the present directorate.

NO NOTICE SENT OUT. HENCE NO MEETING

There was no meeting of the Commercial club last evening owing to the fact that Secretary Miller failed to send out the usual notices. A few members remembering that it was the night for a regular meeting, showed up, but no quorum was present at any time.

AUNT CARRIE AFTER TAFT

Famous Hatchet Welder Endeavors to Discuss National Issues

CINCINNATI, O., Sept. 17.—Carrie Nation today delivered herself of an old time harangue to W. H. Taft, abusing him severely and promising to use all her powers against him and the republican party.

The candidate received the famous saloon smasher with courtesy and smiled pleasantly and politely at her tirade. After the interview Carrie declared that Taft was made out of putty by Roosevelt and designated him as a coward, saying he was afraid to discuss the questions which she asked him.

Army Canteen Butts In.

When Carrie was received by Judge Taft she at once asked him whether he favored the restoration of the army canteen. Taft explained that he must refuse to discuss the matter with her, as he was handling national issues, and smiled courteously. This made the great wielder of the hatchet angry, and she let out:

"Well, so am I discussing national issues. I have come to tell you that I am strongly and distinctly anti-Taft. I believe you represent the liquor interests and I am going to do all I can against you and the republican party."

The candidate was not disturbed by her fierce attack and listened to all she had to say. Mrs. Nation herself terminated the interview, coming out of the Taft residence with her eyes spitting fire and her fighting blood up. She announced her intention of making a speaking tour against Taft.

Taft Getting Seared.

Taft's front porch campaign was officially abandoned today by the failure of a delegation from the Fifteenth Ohio district to secure railroad rates to visit the candidate at this city.

The proposed speeches from the front porch will never be delivered. Taft is anxious to start on his tour and will give all his time between now and the 23d of the month to making preparations for the trips.

PYTHIAN SISTERS GIVE PLEASANT ENTERTAINMENT

The Pythian Sisters gave a very pleasant social evening Wednesday night in the Pythian hall, entertaining a large number of local people. The gathering was the first of many planned for the present season. The committee in charge of last evening's affair was composed of Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Schermerhorn, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Perry, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lay, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hutcheson, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin M. Collins and Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Hilton.

BISHOP SCADDING WILL SPEAK TONIGHT AT ST. MARKS

The Rt. Rev. Charles Scadding, bishop of the diocese of Oregon, will administer the rite of confirmation at St. Mark's Episcopal church this evening. A special service will be held, at which the bishop will speak. All are cordially invited to be present.

OCTOBER 2 WILL BE 'ASHLAND DAY'

Superintendent Andrews of the Southern Oregon District fair was in communication with the mayor of Ashland Thursday morning by telephone and arrangements were made to have October 2, the second day of the fair, be "Ashland day."

The program will be formed to make this day a particularly attractive one. A large number of Ashland people have signified their intention of being present on that day.