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STATEHOOD IS BARTERED FOR TIMBER

New Light Thrown on the New Mexico Land Deal--Andrews Surrendered Timber If Bill Passed

WASHINGTON, Oct. 28.—In regard to the New Mexico land deal alleged to have been a scheme to secure valuable timber land for almost nothing through congressional legislation, William F. Wright, secretary to the late Senator Quay of Pennsylvania, today made a statement throwing a curious sidelight on the bill, which he declares was traded for the New Mexico statehood bill. Wright said: "The report that James S. Sherman was the author of the timber lands bill is wrong. The real author of the bill was W. H. Andrews, at present territorial delegate from New Mexico. Andrews had entered into an agreement with Sherman and other members of the house of representatives involving the transfer of options on timber lands which he held. It surrendered his option on the lands conditionally. One of the terms of the agreement was that the New Mexico statehood bill pass congress."

Went Bad for Andrews. "The bill virtually went bad for Andrews, as the statehood bill scheme was blocked in the senate. Meantime, it looked as though the bill already passed in the house making the grants would pass the senate and Andrews would lose his options."

According to Wright, Andrews then told his troubles to a friend, who said he would kill the bill for him. Andrews inquired: "How will you do it?" The friend replied: "Never mind; I'll do it."

Later this man, according to Wright's statement, informed Andrews that he had accomplished the death of the bill in the senate by sending the following anonymous note to a number of senators: "Beware of house bill 11,962. It is a scheme to 'bull' Andrews and Matt, say to grab a lot of Indian land."

KEPT HORSES AT UNCLE SAM'S EXPENSE; IN TROUBLE

DETROIT, Mich., Oct. 28.—Colonel Gorman and Captain Charles G. French of the tenth United States infantry are on trial here today before an army court martial. Their friends are discussing the relevancy of the testimony furnished by Captain Toffey and Lieutenant Peck in connection with the charges that privately owned horses were being kept on government feed. The army officers testified that they both bought horses from army contractor Surgeon J. L. Barkhart for \$1 and later resold them to the doctor for the same amount. Both officers admitted that they had a legal right to sell the horses to anyone else but felt morally bound to return them to Dr. Barkhart. They declared that they did not use the horses. In the charge against Gorman and Captain French it is alleged that Dr. Barkhart's animals were used by officers at Fort Wayne and fed at government expense.

STOPPED TO TIE SHOE THIEF STOLE HAND BAG

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Oct. 28.—Mrs. W. F. Appleby of this city was the victim today of a thief who adopted an unique method. Mrs. Appleby was walking on the street when her shoe became unlaced. She laid her hand bag which contained money and jewelry of considerable value on the ground beside her and bent over to tie the laces.

At that instant a man who had been quietly following her gave her a shove and she was sent prostrate on the pavement while the thief bolted with the hand bag. Because she did not see her assailant, Mrs. Appleby was unable to give any description of him to the police. The fair victim announced that hereafter she will wear button shoes.

SEATTLE'S POLICE TO RECEIVE A SHAKE UP

SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 28.—If an investigation just started under order from Mayor Miller reveals gambling in the city, Seattle's police department will receive its most severe shake up. The mayor declared today that he is determined to root down the rumpus to the effect that gambling exists in the city. He added that if the investigation shows that the evil existed under his administration at any time several policemen and officers are bound to lose their stars.

JACKSON COUNTY WORTH OVER 26 MILLION AFTER EQUALIZING ASSESSMENT

As Equalized Roll Totals \$26,669,946--Summary of the Roll Shows Many Interesting Figures--Tillable Land Valued at \$6,313, 529--Improvements Worth \$709,136 on Cultivated Land of County

The board of equalization has completed its summary of the assessment roll of Jackson county for 1908. The gross value of all taxable property totals \$26,669,946. The summary follows: Number of acres of non-tillable land is 85,516, valued at \$6,313,529. Number of acres of non-tillable land is 1,108,269, valued at \$11,110,847. The value of improvements on deeded or patented land is \$709,136. There are 78 blocks in the county the average value of each being \$57,200, totaling \$2,137,701. The value of improvements on town lots amount to \$2,027,481. The improvements on land not deeded or patented amount to \$9575. There are 362 miles of railroad bed, telegraph and telephone lines, etc., in the county, valued at \$1,961,948. The rolling stock of the roads is valued at \$171,200. Manufacturing machinery is valued at \$230,741.

The value of merchandise and stock in trade is fixed at \$475,001. Farming implements, wagons, carriages and the like, total in valuation \$122,288. There is \$422,686 in money assessed in the county. Notes and accounts amount to \$192,335. Shares of stock are assessed at \$17,000. There are five dogs assessed at a value of \$105. Household furniture, watches, jewelry, and the like are worth \$227,237 in the assessor's books. Horses and mules number 4693 and are valued at \$258,900. Cattle, numbering 10,114, are valued at \$198,755. Sheep and goats are found to the number of 10,935, valued at \$28,631. Of hogs there are 4116, assessed at \$12,973. The gross value of Jackson county totals \$26,669,946, and is equalized amounts to \$29,669,946.

COST OF RIGHT-OF-WAY IS LOWER; CONDOR COMPANY PROTECTS CITY; WHAT'S WRONG WITH PROPOSITION?

RIGHT OF WAYS. What are the right of ways going to cost the city along the proposed pipelines? The Hafer proposition is estimated to cost the city \$262,419; how much more is the right of way going to cost the city? The Hamilton proposition will cost the city \$254,100. How much more will the right of ways cost? The Condor Water & Power company proposition will cost much less than the others, and it offers the city free of charge whatever right of way it possesses along its power lines.

PROTECTION FOR THE CITY OF MEDFORD. The city proposes to put in a water system estimated to cost from \$197,800 to \$292,410. How is it going to be protected in the expenditure of this large sum of money? The Condor Water & Power company offers an un-qualified check for \$5000. Hamilton says the Fish Lake Ditch company will guarantee 300 inches of water and says his assets are — and puts up a certified check of \$5000. Hafer offers 300 inches of water and puts up a certified check for \$5000.

MEDFORD'S WATER SYSTEM. The water system has already cost over \$65,000 and does not supply one third of the population. If the city puts in a gravity system and exhausts its credit, how is it going to extend the water mains in the city? If the city distributing system is not extended, what good is the gravity proposition going to be to the people and how is revenue sufficient to pay bond interest and sinking fund going to be raised? The revenue from the present water system does not pay operating expenses, much less interest.

TAXPAYERS. Under a gravity system and city management \$30,000 additional taxes annually for 30 years stares you in the face. The city's past management shows that it never paid operating expenses, much less interest or principal. There is no excuse in the past, because the water could be made good by filtration and plenty of water was obtainable. With credit exhausted by a gravity system with the bad management of the past to judge by, what is the hope in the future?

THE PUMPING PROPOSITION. If the land owners surrounding Medford are willing to pay for the pumping charges in consideration of Medford building the pipeline from Rogue river, what is wrong with the pumping proposition?

WOOD PIPE. Do any of the gravity propositions guarantee their wood pipe over one year? What is it going to cost Medford to keep up the wood pipe lines? The Condor Water & Power company proposition proposes wood or steel pipe, but recommends steel pipe.

BUSINESS MEN OF MEDFORD. Why not enrich the farmers and fruit growers, who support you by voting for the pumping proposition, the only proposition which will do this. Rogue river will furnish 50,000 inches of water. Irrigation will pay the pumping charges. Will you vote for only 300 inches of water by gravity which costs you more money?

A GREATER MEDFORD. The farmer, the fruit grower and the gardener will make a Greater Medford if supplied with water. Rogue river and the pumping proposition assures an ample and unquestioned water supply, and the irrigation charges will pay for the pumping. The cost is less than any other proposition. What more does Medford want? CONDOR WATER & POWER CO.

OHIO MAY LANDSLIDE FOR BRYAN

Wellman Says Situation is Close With Possibilities of Landslide in Commoners Favor

CHICAGO, Oct. 28.—In his review of the political situation in Ohio in the Record-Herald Representative Walter Wellman says: "Ohio is close, with a chance for Taft or Bryan to get the verdict by a slender plurality, or for its going for Bryan by a landslide plurality. If the vote had been taken three weeks ago the state would have gone to Bryan. During the last fortnight the republicans have gained and now feel hopeful. The democrats feel sure that they will win the state for the national ticket. There are many uncertain elements. The most probable outcome is a close election, like that of 1882. The republicans complacently observed the conditions without realizing the danger until a few weeks ago. Then they decided an active campaign was necessary. They raised money from Cincinnati capitalists and sent hard workers among the dissatisfied laborers, trying to end the dissatisfaction of the labor vote. Taft was brought into the state for a tour of the industrial sections. The tour was partially successful, but it did not affect the particular vote that it was desired to reach. Since then the employers have been appealed to, and they are now working among their employes, without an attempt at coercion, telling the men in friendly personal talks that the election of Bryan probably would mean reduced time in the factories. This is effective. Bryan is showing unusual strength among the farmers."

TEACHERS IN MEDFORD IN GREAT NUMBERS

The teachers of Josephine and Jackson counties have besieged Medford until the town is overflowing with them. They began to arrive in the city Tuesday, and a great number arrived Wednesday morning from Josephine county. Between 200 and 250 teachers are here. The annual institute opening in the Baptist church Wednesday morning and the three days' work entered upon. A most instructive program has been arranged and the teachers will no doubt be much benefited. Wednesday evening the teachers will listen to Dr. J. Whitcomb Brongher of the White Temple of Portland, who will speak on the topic, "The Chief Idea in Education." The program for tomorrow is as follows at the general session in the Baptist church: 9:00 to 9:45—J. W. Brougher, "9:45 to 10:35—"Some Little Points," L. R. Traylor. 10:45 to 11:10—Music. 11:10 to 12:00—"The Problem of School Attendance," Harry M. Shafer. The afternoon will be devoted to department work at the high school.

DENNY HAZEL ESCAPES FROM JAIL IN YREKA. YREKA, Cal., Oct. 28.—Twenty armed men have been searching the hills about here all night for Denny Hazel, a colored murderer who escaped from the jail last night, locking jailer E. C. Dudley in the cell behind. Today no word had been received from the posse and it is supposed that the murderer made good his escape. He had a good start before his escape was discovered. Hazel was sentenced to be hanged for the murder of Joseph Silva last June. Jailor Dudley was taking some trunks to the jail late last evening. After the last man was inside, Hazel slipped out of the door and locked it behind him. It was dark and no one noticed the fleeing prisoner. Dudley hammered on the door until he attracted the attention of the deputy sheriffs and the door was opened for him. He was a prisoner for nearly a half hour. As soon as it was discovered that Hazel had escaped, twenty armed men made up a posse and started in search of the murderer. Hazel was sentenced to be hanged on Oct. 29.

A. C. Spence was among the many in Medford during the last week. H. L. Young returned Tuesday from his homestead above Brownsboro.

"THE LITTLE CHURCH AROUND THE CORNER" CELEBRATES ITS SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY



GOTHAM'S 'GRETNA GREEN' AND PASTOR. NEW YORK, Oct. 28.—The Church of the Transfiguration, known popularly everywhere as "the Little Church Around the Corner," has just celebrated its 60th anniversary. In this church over 20,000 marriages have been recorded and from this fact it derives its name, "Gotham's Gretna Green."

NEW CHAPTER IS INSTITUTED BRYAN LEAVES NEW YORK CITY

Central Point Has Branch of O. E. S. Installed-- Many Go From Medford Concludes Most Remarkable Campaign Gotham Has Ever Seen

The officers and a number of the members of Reames chapter, O. E. S., visited Central Point last night for the purpose of assisting the W. G. M. Mrs. Jennie E. Reames instituted an Eastern Star at that place. The new order is known as "Nevita chapter, No. 93." Following are the names of those who attended from Medford: Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McGowan, Mr. and Mrs. D. Pichel, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Woodford, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Kentner, Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Vawter, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Williamson, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Garnett, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Alford, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Straung, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Perry, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Merrill, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Nye, Mr. and Mrs. Charles King, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Rosenbaum, Dr. and Mrs. F. C. Page, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Watt, Mrs. E. D. Elwood, Mrs. A. E. Woodford, Mrs. H. L. Orr, Mrs. Miss Benjamin Collins, Mrs. L. J. Sears, Miss Frances Haszins, Miss Kentner, Gertrude Welch Hazel Eysart, Inez McCray, Helen Watt, Messrs. H. T. Platt, J. F. White.

HOFER PRAISES TRIBUNE

Colonel E. Hofer, known as the great booster in the state of Oregon, owner of the Capital Journal, published at Salem, president of the Willamette Valley Development league, and who is probably the best known private citizen in the northwest, spent Wednesday in Medford, arriving Tuesday evening from Ashland, where he went in the interests of the state normal at that place. Colonel Hofer has a great gift of enthusiasm people on various matters tending to improve the state, and whatever he takes hold of he stays with until it turns out a success. Colonel Hofer had much of a complimentary nature to say regarding Medford and the Rogue River valley and spoke of many changes that had taken place in this section since his visit here some five years ago. In speaking of The Tribune, he said: "You have without doubt the finest edited paper in the state of Oregon. Not so large as some, but, however, it is quality before quantity in newspapers as well as in other matters, that count. I have been reading the paper for some months and have learned to single it out of the exchanges when in search of news relating to southern Oregon. You should take pride in putting out such a paper. Medford, Salem and Eugene are the three towns between Sacramento and Portland that one hears of. They lead all of the rest. Your people here are up-to-date and in ideal community for an educational center. The normal school at that place is well situated and we hope in time to place it on the level of any similar institution in this state or any other. I am a worker for good roads, and between now and the first of January we will hold a booster meeting here. We want a state highway from Portland to Ashland, and we will have it. It will

BOND HOUSE HAS BEST OF MEDFORD

Attorney Reames Gives Opinion Regarding Interest on Bond Issue Taken by John Nuveen & Co.

In accordance with instructions issued by the city council to obtain from A. E. Reames an opinion regarding the recent mixup over the interest on the bond issue, H. Withington is in receipt of Mr. Reames' written opinion. Mr. Reames goes into the question thoroughly and has prepared an opinion of some length. In regard to the question as to whether the city can issue the bonds only as the money is required, and whether the bonds will draw interest before the money is advanced, Mr. Reames says: "The published notice calling for bids states that interest is not to accrue until bonds are delivered. Possibly the strictest construction of the term 'accrue' would be that interest was not to become due until the bonds were delivered, but I think the subsequent records herein referred to will make it clear that the meaning was that the sums advanced on the payment of the bonds were not to draw interest except from the time of advancement."

In the contract the company says that for \$365,000 bonds dated July 1, and bearing 5 per cent interest, they will pay par, or \$365,000. "Now," says Mr. Reames "to pay 'par' for the bonds would be \$365,000 and the accumulated interest at the time of the delivery. But evidently trying to get the city into a hole in this matter, the company qualifies the word 'par' by stating a specified amount. If there was no other statement in the contract hearing upon this matter, the company would have decidedly the best of the position, because the contract requires the bonds to be dated July 1 and to draw interest at 5 per cent, which of course would mean from date, and they agreed to pay for a subsequent clause; \$365,000. However, a subsequent clause in the same statement provided that the bonds are to be delivered and money furnished as needed. This makes it clear that the city did not intend to deliver the bonds except as it required the money. It must be admitted that the company has the best of the interest proposition, still the contract is ambiguous, but a court will inquire into the intention of the parties, and it is shown that the intention of the city is to take the money as needed."

Mr. Reames suggests as a way out of the trouble a remedy as follows: "The bonds are all lithographed and to them will be attached interest coupons for each six months' interest period. If you could arrange so as to call for the money only at these interest periods, you would have a clear right to clip the coupons for interest back of that time. If the company is going to be crooked it would be best to sever relations, though this will be somewhat difficult."

In answer to the question whether the city could use these bonds if the city could change from a gravity system and if not, what would be the measure of damages, Mr. Reames says: "The bonds could not be used for any other purpose. The measure of damages would be the \$18,000 commission and any interest which the company could show it was required to pay or which it did not receive. I believe that communication should be given to the company, shutting off the interest. Since the money is only to be furnished as needed, and then only upon certified expenditures, the city should have an opportunity to call for the money whenever it wanted to." "I believe that communication should be given to the company, shutting off the interest. Since the money is only to be furnished as needed, and then only upon certified expenditures, the city should have an opportunity to call for the money whenever it wanted to."

Colonel Hofer is a great advocate of free locks and canal on the Willamette and is succeeding in making the matter a success. This will make 50 cents' difference on every ton shipped along the Willamette.