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WHO IS TO BLAME FOR FAILING TO NUMBER HOUSES

500 DAYS SINCE START

Buck Passed to City Engineer Who Has Been Too Busy

Who is to blame? Medford houses are unnumbered. Medford streets are untagged. People have to go to the postoffice to get mail instead of having it brought to them. The Commercial club has passed resolutions. The city council passed ordinances. Still nothing done. Who's fault? It has just been 500 days since the city council ordered the city attorney to draw up an ordinance providing for the numbering of the houses of the city and providing for placing street signs upon street intersections. The ordinance was drawn, but nothing done yet. Ordinance Is Adopted. It has just been 344 days since the ordinance was adopted to enforce the numbering of houses. And nothing has been done yet. Why? The mayor says to see the street committee. The street committee says to see the recorder. The recorder says to see the street commissioner. The street commissioner says to see the city engineer. The city engineer says he has been too busy to see his reports, they show what his office has been doing. He has planned the original townsite, but no use has been made of his map. Ad finitum.

WHY IS IT NOT ENFORCED? ORDINANCE NO. 136. The people of the city of Medford do ordain as follows: Section 1. It shall be the duty of the owner or tenant of every residence or place of business or other structure opening up or having access to the streets of the city of Medford, Oregon, to cause to be placed in a conspicuous place upon the main entrance or at the principal place of ingress to such premises a number, such number to be ascertained as hereinafter provided. Section 2. It shall be the duty of the engineer of the city of Medford to prepare or cause to be prepared, with all reasonable expedition, a map or maps of said city, and to clearly indicate upon such map or maps the several respective numbers which shall be used to designate the corresponding premises as provided in section one hereof, and to file such maps with the city recorder. Section 3. It shall be the duty of each property owner or tenant, as provided in section one hereof, to ascertain from the said city engineer the number so assigned to his, or her, respective premises, and to cause such number to be affixed thereto forthwith in figures not less than three inches high, such figures to be so placed as to be easily legible from the adjoining sidewalk or street. Section 4. It shall be the duty of the chief of police and of the street commissioner of the city of Medford to cause written notice to be given to either the owner, agent or occupant of each residence and place of business within the said city which shall not have been numbered as herein provided by the 1st day of January, 1908, which said notice shall designate the proper number to be affixed to said premises and shall require the same to be affixed within ten days from the date of service of such notice upon such owner, agent or occupant, and upon the failure of such owner, agent or occupant to so affix said number within said ten days, the city council of said city may cause the same to be so affixed, and the costs thereof shall be declared a lien upon the particular lot or parcel of land upon which said costs are so expended, which lien shall be recorded upon the city lien docket and thereafter enforced against the property therein described in all respects in like manner and with like effect as a lien for the improvement of any street.

GOMPERS ONCE MORE REELECTED

Federation of Labor Vindicates Course of President Working for Bryan-In Politics to Stay

DENVER, Col., Nov. 21.—Samuel E. Gompers, who has been president of the American Federation of Labor since 1882, with the exception of one year, was re-elected to that office by the delegates to the annual convention here today by an almost unanimous vote. But one delegate voted against Gompers—Charles Jeske, president of the Wisconsin State Federation of Labor. Gompers' re-election comes as vindication of his course in taking the American Federation of Labor into national politics and working for the election of William J. Bryan during the last national campaign. Although the convention has been in session for two weeks and several attempts to organize opposition against Gompers have been made, they all failed, and the president was swept into power with a great demonstration. James Duncanson was re-elected first vice-president by acclamation. Daniel Keefe, one of the vice-presidents of the federation, was forced to decline re-nomination by the recommendation of the committee on Gompers' report, which stated that all who do not agree with the political policy of the executive council of the American Federation of Labor should resign from office. Keefe said: "I have voted the republican ticket for 32 years and will continue in that faith until my conscience tells me to do otherwise." Keefe stated he had no personal quarrel with the executive council.

COST OVER THREE MILLION TO ELECT TAFT PRESIDENT



A COLLEGE PRESIDENT FOR FORTY YEARS. Dr. Charles William Eliot, who has recently resigned as president of Harvard to take effect next May, will have been at the head of that institution for forty years, a longer period than has been covered by any other American college president with the exception of the famous Mark Hopkins of Williams.

BIG GIFT OF BROTHER

Small Cost of Campaign as Compared With Other Fights -- Carnegie and Morgan Gave \$20,000

NEW YORK, Nov. 21.—When the report of the treasurer, George R. Sheldon, of the republican national campaign committee, is filed with the state auditor at Albany, it will be found that the republican campaign fund was \$3,100,000, to which George H. Taft, the largest contributor, gave \$160,000. The statement will be complete and in detailed form. It will include the report of S. W. Upham, assistant treasurer of the national committee, who had charge in the west. Upham's report is to be filed with Sheldon's in New York will show that he collected nearly \$300,000 of the total contributions. The fund is much smaller than usual. Four years ago the contributions reached \$4,000,000, and eight years ago the sum reached \$8,000,000, exclusive of amounts sent by state organizations. The report shows the following contributions: Theodore Roosevelt, \$100,000; Andrew Carnegie, \$25,000; J. P. Morgan, \$25,000; Whitelaw Reid, \$25,000; William Nelson Cromwell of New York, \$25,000; Adolphus Busch of St. Louis, \$25,000; H. C. Kerens of St. Louis, \$20,000; W. C. Dickey of Kansas City, \$50,000. Outside of these large amounts, most of the fund is made up of small contributions from approximately 20,000 contributors.

CZAR TO GRAB ALL OF PERSIA

Sultan of Turkey Expects Seizure of Country Any Minute-Agreement Made

CONSTANTINOPLE, Nov. 21.—Formal announcement of a Russian grab of all Persia is expected here daily. The official family of Turkey bases its opinion on reports from its agents at St. Petersburg, London, Paris, Berlin, Vienna and Tobras. They are said to corroborate one another so fully as to remove all doubt concerning the nature of the czar's plans. It is believed firmly that Nicholas will begin by occupying the capital and filling the country with his troops under the pretense of restoring order and that virtual if not actual annexation will speedily follow. Haste is predicted, not alone because all reports indicate it, but also because of the fact that the rest of the country is deeply involved in the Balkan controversy as to make it difficult for the powers to interfere with the scheme. Besides the territorial questions, the issuance of an outlet to the Persian gulf is involved. Russia, England, Germany, France and Austria have been trying to get the Persian gulf for years. Turkey cares less for the gulf than for Persia itself. The grab would be the gravest possible menace to the sultan. Agreements with the powers is believed to have been arranged by Russia.

THIRTEEN MEN KILLED IN GAS MAIN EXPLOSION

BROOKLYN, N. Y., Nov. 21.—Thirteen men are believed to have been killed in the explosion of a gas main here today that buried under 30 workmen who were working beneath the surface of the street in a manhole. One man was immediately burned to a crisp and 12 are believed to have been covered with debris. The others were rescued after a hard fight. The explosion occurred when the man hole was full of workmen repairing a water pipe. There is supposed to have been a leak in the gas main and this filled up the chambers of the subway with gas. The workman who was killed was smoking a pipe. He was blown to pieces by the shock of the explosion as soon as he entered the chamber of death. Windows were shattered by blocks around by the force of the explosion and the side of the street walls on the block were caved in, making escape for the men almost impossible. Those who were nearest the manholes got to the surface alive.

Animal Belonging to W. R. Bullock Meets Death on Seventh Street

A team driven by W. R. Bullock became frightened Saturday noon at the west approach to the Seventh street bridge across Bear creek at a farm wagon loaded with hogs, and started to run away. As the wagon blocked the bridge, the team, which to one side and one of the animals crashed through the rail and fell onto the ground ten or 15 feet below, breaking his back and dying in a few minutes afterward. The breaking of the neckyoke and harness alone saved the other animal from a similar fate. When the horses started, Mr. Bullock grabbed the bridle of one, keeping it from following its mate. The team has run away several times before. The dead horse was tan colored and weighed about 1300 pounds. The body was hauled away a few hours later.

CITIZENS SUING WATER COMPANY FOR \$17,000,000

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Nov. 21.—Alleging that there would not have been a general conflagration on account of the earthquake of 1906 if the water mains of the Spring Valley Water company had been properly placed in the ground, a suit for over \$17,000,000 against the water company was filed in the supreme court today. The suit represents 1800 claims of property owners of this city. They all have been assigned to Harry Ripley and all the claims will be contested in one action. It is intimated that similar action will follow against the local gas company for damage resulting from explosions of gas from the leaky pipe on the first day of the fire. It is admitted that the Spring Valley will fight the suits on demurrer into the highest court in the land. A decision against the company would mean the loss of its entire capital and heavy drains on the liabilities of the stockholders.

WE WILL BE THANKFUL THE PRICE IS NOT HIGHER

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Nov. 21.—As the day approaches when there will be a grand march from the banyard to the Thanksgiving table, the turkey market has assumed an air of uncertainty and it is stated here today that the Pacific coast will pay as high as 30 cents a pound. The price is now 28 cents a pound for the dressed bird, and charitable organizations are making arrangements for purchasing turkeys for their dinners to the poor before the price goes higher.

PUT OUT FIRE AND MAY LOSE HIS LEG

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Nov. 20.—Herbert Bassett, husband of Mme. Blanche Artal, the concert singer, is threatened with the loss of a leg today as the result of his heroic action in smothering a fire that threatened to burn his wife to death last week. Bassett was shot in the knee in an encounter with a footpad November 10, and did not secure medical attention for the wound. It was getting along well, when his wife overturned a chafing dish while preparing a supper for her husband last week. Bassett jumped out of bed and smothered the flames that had caught fire to his wife's dress. The bearing of his weight on the leg made it worse and he was removed to a hospital last night. It was discovered that the knee was infected, and a consultation is to be held tonight to determine whether the leg shall be amputated or not.

At Christian Tabernacle. Great meeting last night, six confessions, fine sermon, inspiring singing. Subject tonight, "The Three Thrones." Tomorrow at 11 a. m., "The Old Love." At 3 p. m., a union temperance rally. Subject, "Christian Citizenship." Evangelist Whiston will deliver the address. Great meeting tomorrow night. Come early and get a seat. 7:30 p. m. They're all coming.

Wellborn Beeson of Talent spent Saturday in Medford. He reports an active demand for fruit trees of all kinds.

Bids to Be Called For

The plan is now to have bids received for the work and then to empower the successful bidder to do the work and do it right. In the meantime persons are directed according to size, shape and color of the houses they wish to build. "Go three blocks this way, four blocks that, then look for the middle house with a green roof"—that is a typical directing statement. But the engineer says that he has the time at last. Let us sincerely hope so.

John Wilkenson is making a visit in Portland with friends.

DEMENTED MAN FOUND

Charles Roper, Who Disappeared a Week Ago, Found on Klamath River

Charles Roper, a miner residing at Talent, became suddenly demented last week and arming himself with a 30-30 automatic Remington rifle, fled to the hills to escape imaginary enemies, whom he thought sought his life blood. A searching party was organized and, after a week's search, word was received today that he had been found in a cabin near the Klamath river, south of Sterling mountain, where he had been forced to seek refuge during the storm. In the searching party were his brother, F. P. Roper of Loeb, Cal., who had been wired for upon the disappearance of the demented man; George and John Robinson and Bert Turner, all of Talent. He was located by means of a phone from miners, who saw the fugitive, but were afraid to approach him, lest he use his rifle. The cabin in which Roper took refuge belongs to the forest rangers. Roper spent the summer with Orin Wilson on the Glade fork of the Little Applegate. News of the successful result of the search was brought to Medford by Wellborn Beeson, the Talent nurseryman.

RIVAL WIRE CONCERNS WAR

Postal and Western Union Fighting in Courts Over Desired Territory

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Nov. 21.—Open war between the Postal and the Western Union Telegraph companies that has been brewing for some time has been declared in the courts here, and it is stated today by those who are in a position to know that the two companies are in the struggle for the possession of territory in the United States and Mexico now partly covered by both concerns. It is asserted that neither company will be content with anything less than the absolute elimination of the opposing company from the disputed territory. The trouble was brought to a focus yesterday through the granting by Judge Beach of a temporary injunction restraining the Postal company from relaying messages received from the Western Union for transmission over the Postal cables. Wherever the Postal has been receiving these messages at cable terminals, it has been making an extra charge of \$1 a word or \$5 a message. The injunction restrains the Postal from collecting the additional charge until the whole matter can be thrashed out in the courts.

WELCH ACCEPTS THE CHALLENGE OF WEST

Jack Welch has accepted a challenge issued by W. H. West to meet him for \$100 a side in private. Welch prefers a public match, but will wrestle in private. The two men are to have the money deposited with Judge Kelly by Saturday night.

SALEM PHYSICIAN SHOT BY FOOTPAD

SALEM, Or., Nov. 21.—Dr. C. H. Robertson, the well known physician who was shot by a footpad on the street about 8:30 o'clock last night as he was going to answer a call, is resting well and will recover. Dr. W. B. Morse, his professional partner, was at his bedside at the hospital until early this morning, and when he left Dr. Robertson was sleeping soundly. A man giving his name as Homer Black was taken last night shortly after the shooting, by Sheriff Minter and W. W. Johnson, a liveryman, near the fair grounds.

THUG SHOOT OFFICER, THEN HANGS SELF IN CELL

SAN JOSE, Cal., Nov. 21.—After a fight with a desperate thug in which he was twice shot, Detective W. Starbird is lying in a precarious condition today at the city hospital. George Ballard, ex-convict, and morphine fiend, who did the shooting, when Starbird called to arrest him in his home last night, hung himself in his cell at the city jail today 20 minutes after his capture. Mrs. Ballard, the wife of the dead man, is being treated for a shot wound received in the right arm when she attempted to wrestle a revolver from the hands of her husband during the fight with Starbird.

JAPANESE MISSIONARY ADDRESSES STUDENTS

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Cal., Nov. 21.—The interest resulting today from the explanation of the relations of Japan and America made by Dr. Elino, the noted Japanese missionary, in a talk to the students last night may cause a second invitation to be given him to again address the students. "When the American people abolished slavery they did their noblest work," said Dr. Elino. "Japan has abolished distinction and has done away with aristocracy. The growth of aristocracy among our people has been wonderfully rapid. America and Japan, by combination of their forces, can push on the work of God. We are willing and you are more able. You start, and we will follow. The people of Japan are following the American and we are in this way brothers and sisters. Japanese see much in humanity and they learned to love their enemies. You have a great task before you in Americanizing the whole Japanese nation."

Methodist Episcopal Church, B Street.

"That great prayer meeting, where every sinner in Medford will be present and get down on his knees and pray" will be the subject next Sabbath evening. In the morning the subject will be "Most Significant Question." Epworth league at 6:30 p. m. Sabbath school at 10 a. m. All are invited.

Out this out and mail it with one dollar to Dr. Louis Bundy, treasurer, Medford, Or.

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Enclosed find one dollar, one year's dues, for membership in the Rogue River Fish Protective Association, organized to protect fish in the Rogue river and its tributaries, secure needed legislation and restock the streams.

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