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The Weather
Increased cloudiness tonight; possible showers; northeasterly wind.

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WOULD HAVE MORE ARC LIGHTS

Council Discusses Terms of Franchise With Electric Company and Will Enforce Contract

Dr. C. R. Ray and the Rogue River Electric company was the principal theme under discussion at the regular monthly meeting of the city council held Tuesday evening. The whole review of the history of the electric light situation since the granting of a franchise a year and a half ago were discussed. It seems that the company has not placed the different lights in the parts of the city where they are needed, as they have been requested to do, and the council thinks that it is a time that this be done. Another matter that came out during the discussion was the fact that Dr. Ray owes the city \$18 for water and that he refuses to pay the bill. The city attorney was instructed to sue him for it. City Electrician J. H. Fitzgerald and City Attorney Withington were instructed to get after the company and enforce the terms of the contract. Report of Chief of Police. Chief Shearer of the police department reported 14 arrests during the month of November, eight fines imposed, netting the city \$35, and seven cases dismissed. The town in the estimation of the chief has been very orderly for some time. City Engineer's Report. J. W. Osgood, city engineer, reported the construction of 19,015 square feet of concrete sidewalk during November and 4579 linear feet of plank walks. The plant of the Warren Construction company was set up ready to operate on November 5, 1908. The top coat on Seventh street pavement was first laid at 1 p. m. November 6. The work on paving is progressing slowly, due to weather and shortage of crushed rock. Considerable work has been completed on the trunk sewer. The engineer urged that the council take early action in making final arrangements for right of way and for the septic tank site. Mr. Osgood recommended that street signs and numbering houses be advertised and let by contract. The engineer is having prepared a plat of the unnumbered portion of the city. City Recorder's Report. Recorder Collins reported the receipts and disbursements as follows for November: Receipts. Disbursements. General fund, \$619.23, \$476.21. Light and water, \$632.29, \$1,184.44. Street and road, \$594.15, \$1,658.74. Contingent, \$35.00, \$35.00. Park, \$37.94, \$47.43. General sewer, \$292.26, \$167.38. Sewer Dist., \$1,924.11, \$1,593.21. Seventh St. Imp., \$175.30. Total, \$4,072.89, \$3,162.68. Liquor Licenses Granted. Licenses to sell liquor for a period of 12 months were granted to Young & Hill, O. M. Seldy and to Adams Brothers. Permission was granted to Joe Caskey to erect a corrugated iron building on the corner of Eighth street and River side avenue, to be replaced in six months by a brick or stone building. A petition to build a crossing on Eleventh across the city avenue was referred to the city engineer. A committee, composed of Wartman, Ebert and Troutbridge, was appointed to take up the matter of getting the city abstracted. The plat of the Anderson-Toft addition was approved and accepted. The plat of Taylor's addition was approved and accepted. SHIPPERS ENTER FIGHT WITH WELLS-FARGO CO. SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 2.—The shippers throughout the Pacific coast territory are preparing today for their fight before the interstate-commerce commission against the increased express rates imposed by the Wells-Fargo company, following the formal filing of a complaint in Washington yesterday. The complaint sets forth that a notice has been given by the Wells-Fargo company that on Dec. 10 rates on large lots of goods shipped between New York and California will be raised from 125 per cent. on 500 pound lots to 928 per cent. on 2000 pound lots and that no reduction will be granted for combined carload shipments.

INVESTMENT COMPANY FORMED

Old Tou Velle Property Is Sold at Fancy Figure to Owners of Pellet Place Near Talent

The purchase of the "Gold Range" or Tou Velle orchard, a mile north of Medford, at a fancy figure Tuesday marks the formation of a new investment company for Medford that will make a specialty of buying, planting and subdividing orchards into small tracts to be sold to those desiring to live the independent life of the horticulturist and reap its rich financial rewards. The purchasers are A. C. Randall, J. E. Skewis and George Hilsinger, owners of the Talent orchards, formerly the Pellet grove, near Talent, and L. D. Harris of Medford, one of the best known horticulturists in the state. The name of the new company, which will be incorporated within a day or two, is Southern Oregon Investment company. The new storeroom next to the Savoy theater on D street has been leased for offices and will shortly be occupied by the new concern. The Tou Velle orchard, as it is widely known, was purchased a year ago by W. C. Hobson of Umatilla county from Frank E. Tou Velle. It consists of 143 acres of orchard, all in apples and pears of the choicest varieties. Twenty-five acres are old trees, 20 or more years old. Eleven acres are in 10-year-old Comice pears. A hundred acres are in young orchard. The orchard has the name of producing the finest fruit in the valley, and Comice pears from it sold for over \$8 a box in New York last year. Newtowns from it were sold last week for \$1.65 net f. o. b. orchard, to Sam Haines, the English buyer. Second Venture of the Men. The purchase of this grove marks the second venture these men have made in buying, subdividing and selling orchard property, the first deal being the purchase of the Bollevier tract (the L. B. Brown place), three miles northeast of Medford, consisting of 122 acres, 60 acres of which is in orchard. The land was cut up into seven tracts and sold to many parties in Minnesota and Iowa, who will take possession in two years, when the trees reach bearing stage, the new company agreeing to care for the property until then. Messrs. Randall and Skewis are from Minnesota, and Mr. Hilsinger from Iowa. All are associated together in the grain commission and shipping business at the Twin Cities and Winnipeg. They will probably keep the Talent orchard intact as an investment and home place for themselves. They are "live wires" and an acquisition to any community. Mr. Harris has a wide reputation as a scientific fruit culturist and his opinion is much sought by authorities in the state and elsewhere. He is himself an authority upon all diseases and pests that afflict the fruit of this section and has conducted numerous experiments, proving theories he entertained. He was formerly manager of the Lewis Bear Creek orchard, and it was under his management that the top notch in orchard records, both for price and quality, was reached by this famous grove. Mr. Harris will act as a consulting horticultural specialist for the Southern Investment company, both for the company and for intending purchasers of company property. The benefit of his experience and advice will be at the call of customers. He will also supervise the planting and care of orchards and look after their welfare until turned over at hearing stage to the purchasers. Mr. Harris has just received an invitation from the Oregon horticultural college at Corvallis to address the student body next month upon fruit growing in southern Oregon.

BIGGY HAD BEEN DRINKING PRIOR TO DISAPPEARANCE

REPORT WAS FALSE ALARM

Ashland Medium and Rusling of Brush Give Rise to Report

An Ashland medium, who claimed she saw "things," the rustling of the brush and the too vivid imagination of two searchers, resulted in the circulation of a report circulated in Medford Tuesday that L. W. Fancher, who has been missing since November 21, had been found. The telephone report to this city was to the effect that Fancher had been seen, running to elude parties of friends who were looking for him, in the woods between Ashland and Talent. Immediately large searching parties went out to assist in the capture of the man, but with their return came the facts of the case. Fancher has not been seen and his friends are as far as sea as ever in their endeavors to locate the missing man. How the Tale Started. Two of Fancher's friends who have faith in a medium of Ashland consulted her as to the whereabouts of Fancher. She directed them to a hollow near the old Golden Pleece mine, where she said he was sleeping. The two men set out and as they neared the place they heard a rustling in the bushes. They then hesitated finally going around a knoll and coming in a different way to tracks of a man, but this was enough to start the report that Fancher had been found. Many persons joined in the search on Tuesday, but have not succeeded in uncovering anything as yet. Friends are still searching, however, for a trace of the missing man. Biggy Had Resigned. That Biggy offered to sacrifice his position to avert the attacks made upon the administration was shown today with the publication of a statement by Police Commissioner Hugo D. Keil, Biggy's close friend. Keil told Mayor Taylor yesterday that the purpose of Biggy's visit to Belvedere, where Keil's home is situated, was to place his resignation in Keil's hands. Before leaving for Belvedere Biggy prepared the resignation in his own handwriting. It set forth the reasons for his quitting the department and a denial of all charges against him. The resignation of the chief was given to Mayor Taylor by Keil. It sets forth in detail the motives that inspired him in the administration of his office and defends the propriety of his acts, and severs his critics for their injustice.

HAD RESIGNATION WRITTEN TO HAND TO MAYOR TAYLOR

Had Indulged in Many Night Orgies and Was Given to Make Spectacular Raids Single-Handed—Theory of Suicide Is Supported.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 2.—Following an exposition of the reason given by the commission for the strange disappearance and probable suicide of Chief of Police William J. Biggy, who was lost from the police patrol launch in the bay Monday night, the Daily News this afternoon says: "There has been a big effort on the part of Biggy's friends and the members of the police commission to deny stories of the chief's escapades prior to his disappearance. The public is entitled to know the truth. "Biggy had been drinking heavily for weeks prior to his death. On numerous occasions he became mixed in night orgies which became known all over town. He imagined that every man he saw on the streets after dark was a holdup man and on numerous occasions on going home in his automobile after a night of drinking in downtown saloons would halt his machine, roughly stop innocent pedestrians and threaten them with arrest on the suspicion that they were footpads. "He was given to making spectacular raids single-handed and at times the peculiar things that could be attributed only to drink. "Biggy was never accused of being dishonest so far as money was concerned. He appeared to his friends to be trying in the main to do what was right, but did not seem to accomplish much."

KAISER'S SLAP CAUSED DEATH

Intimated that Emperor is Grieving for Death as Cause of His Anger.

LONDON, Dec. 2.—While the air is filled with rumors that the illness of the kaiser is much more serious than is admitted in Berlin, the announcement of the newspaper John Bull that he is grieving for the death of Graf von Hoesel-Haeseler, following a serious quarrel, is being circulated here today. According to the John Bull, von Hoesel-Haeseler upbraided the emperor for having been, as he declared, trapped into an interview with Dr. William Bayard Hale, a man who desired the statements for commercial use. This, it was declared, made the kaiser seem ridiculous in the minds of European diplomatic bodies. One word led to another and finally, according to John Bull, the kaiser slapped his advisor's face. Graf immediately rushed from the imperial presence and shot himself through the heart. According to the story here, the kaiser is absolutely inconsolable. Von Hoesel-Haeseler was the personal friend and unofficial adviser of the kaiser. His death from "heart disease" was recently announced.

IDLE MONEY AND IDLE MEN MENACE THE COUNTRY

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—E. H. Harris made an impromptu speech at the "prosperity dinner" of the Economic club at the Hotel Astor last night, referring in particular to the alleged fulfillment of a prediction which, he said, he made to the president of the United States three years ago, when he warned him that, in passing the present interstate-commerce act without changing the Sherman act, he was inviting a great deal of trouble. Harris expressed the conviction that Roosevelt had now come to his way of thinking and was ready to recommend the very thing which he suggested at that time. "There are two things that menace the prosperity of the country," said the railroad magnate. "One is idle money and the other is idle labor. One is as mischievous as the other. It should be the object of the government to create a condition whereby each may be used properly and fairly."

TALENT WOMAN IN SMASHUP

Hurled from Carriage into Creek—Injuries are not Serious.

Mrs. Weldon Hartley had a very narrow escape Monday afternoon while on her way to Medford. At the bridge across Anderson creek the horses became frightened at one of the men throwing dirt out of the car and ran to the next bridge. There they collided with the corner of the bridge, throwing Mrs. Hartley out. At first it was feared that the lady was quite seriously hurt. Dr. Shaw was summoned, but found her injuries not of a serious nature. She was taken to the home of C. Carey, where she was made comfortable until she was able to be taken to her home in North Talent.

SHERIFF'S BADGE SAVES NELSON, BUT NOT FOR LONG

CHICAGO, Dec. 2.—To his quick wit and ability to grasp an advantage when it came rolling his way, Battling Nelson, the champion lightweight pugilist, owes his escape for a time from the grasping hands of the law. Nelson, in company with 500 men, made the trip from this city last night to the nearby village of Burnham to attend a fight between two ball terriers. Just when the fight was at its height the fastest of the village, accompanied by a dozen armed deputy sheriffs, rushed into the hall in which the men were clustered around the dog pit. The sudden appearance of the officers caused the spectators to make a wild rush for the doors and windows. In order to stop the stampede several shots were fired in the ceiling by the deputies, but this did not stop the rush of the crowd, and all except nine escaped. It was during this melee and wild flight that Battling Nelson called his wife into play. He recalled to mind that he had a deputy's badge which had been presented to him by an admirer of Mexico, and that he had it in his pocket. Pinning the star on his coat, he mingled with the rabble and pretended to help them make arrests. When the deputies were deeply engaged rounding up the spectators Nelson slipped from the hall unobserved.

COLVIG TALKS TO AD MEN

In Humorous Speech Treated Subject of Apple as an Advertisement

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 2.—Rival apple growers of the Willamette valley, the Rogue River valley and Hood River have proclaimed the apple Oregon's greatest medium for advertising purposes. The keynote of the addresses made at last night's meeting held here was "Oregon and Oregon Apples." The occasion was a special meeting of the Portland Ad club, when the visitors to the horticultural conventions held in this city were the guests of the ad men. C. C. Chapman, president of the Ad club, presided as chairman of the meeting. Judge W. M. Colvig of Medford introduced the discussion and elaborated at considerable length on "The Apple as an advertisement for Oregon." He became decidedly humorous in treating with the subject and explained that any surprise which might have followed the selection by the Ad club of the apple as an advertising feature was easily dispelled when it was remembered that it was an apple that drove Adam and Eve from the garden of Eden. KEEFE APPOINTED TO PLACE OF SARGENT WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—Daniel J. Keefe, president of the longshoremen's union, has accepted the position of commissioner general of immigration.

MANY SIGN INITIATIVE PETITION

Meeting With Much Favor Among Business Men of the City Who Would Have the Fight Ended

The people who are circulating the initiative petition in order to have the wet or dry question submitted to a vote of the people in January and thus end the factional liquor fight report much progress in obtaining signatures. The petition reads as follows: To the Honorable Benjamin M. Colvins, recorder for the city of Medford, Oregon: We, the undersigned citizens and legal voters of the city of Medford, Jackson county, Oregon, respectfully demand that the following proposed amendment to the city charter: An ordinance to amend the act incorporating the city of Medford in Jackson county, Oregon, define its powers and duties, and repeal all acts and parts of acts in conflict herewith, enacted by the 25th legislative assembly of the state of Oregon, filed in the office of the secretary of state February 7th, 1905, by adding a new section to be section 116 of the charter of the city of Medford, regulating the prohibition and sale of spirituous, malt, vinous and intoxicating liquors in the city of Medford: "The people of the city of Medford do ordain as follows: Section 1. That there is hereby enacted and adopted by the people of the city of Medford a new section to be added to and become a part of the charter of the city of Medford and to be section 116 thereof, and to be in the words and figures following, to-wit: Section 115. The sale of spirituous, malt, vinous and intoxicating liquors in the city of Medford shall not be prohibited by the common council or except by the majority vote of the electors of such city upon an election on such question, but such question shall be submitted only at the general city election of the city of Medford and not oftener than annually; and until prohibition shall be voted for at such an election the common council shall license the sale of such liquors for an annual license tax of seven hundred dollars per annum, payable semi-annually in advance, and provided that, if this amendment shall receive a majority of the votes in its favor over those cast against it, the question of prohibiting the sale of such liquors shall not be submitted or voted upon until the next general election of the city of Medford to be held on the second Tuesday of January in the year 1910; and provided further, that the council shall have the right to refuse a license hereunder in the event that any applicant for a license hereunder shall fail or neglect to so arrange the front wall of his place of business as to enable the police officers of the city of Medford to obtain an unobstructed view of the entire space between the front bar and back bar of his place of business at all times during the first day of the week, commonly known as Sunday." Shall be submitted to the legal voters of the city of Medford for their approval or rejection at the regular city election to be held on the 12th day of January, A. D. 1909, and each for himself says: I have personally signed this petition. I am a legal voter of the state of Oregon and of the city of Medford. My residence and postoffice are correctly written after my name. Name. Residence. Postoffice. POUND FAULT WITH THE TABLE MANNERS OF VISITORS SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 2.—Word reached this city simultaneously with the return of the party of San Francisco commercial men and their wives from the Japanese tour, that a certain Tokio editor had found fault with the table manners of these representative Americans. The oriental social censor did not describe the sins of commission or omission which he attributed to the visitors, but he intimated darkly that something dreadful was done by the Yankees at a reception tendered them by the Maple club. But Nelson's freedom was short-lived. His identity and means of escape were divulged to the police and today he was arrested in this city by Constable Smithski, who came from Burnham to serve the warrant. He was charged with disorderly conduct.

SOLON SAYS IT WILL BE GEORGE

State Senator Nottingham Has Seen no Indication of Pledge Repudiation

That there is no doubt of the election of Governor George E. Chamberlain to the United States senate by the legislature when it convenes in January, thus carrying out the voice of the people as expressed in the June election, is the opinion advanced by C. W. Nottingham, state senator from Portland, independent republican, and a statement No. 1 man, who arrived in Medford Wednesday morning on a business trip. Mr. Nottingham states further that he has not seen any indication that any of the Statement No. 1 men will violate their pledges when the legislature convenes, and as he is closely in touch with the political situation in the state, his views are of more than passing interest. "I do not care to discuss the situation at length," said Mr. Nottingham, "as I do not care to speak for publication, but I have yet to see any indication of a Statement No. 1 man repudiating his pledge. The moves taken by the small organizations in Portland are premature and may be considered as such." Mr. Nottingham expressed himself as greatly pleased with what little he has seen of the Rogue River valley and with Medford. He declined to reveal the nature of his business in this city. ROSEBURG GROOM IS WELL KNOWN IN MEDFORD A wedding in which two of Roseburg's most popular and highly esteemed young people played the all important roll occurred at the Episcopal church at Albany, Or., shortly after 7 o'clock Sunday morning, November 29, when Mr. Lysle Yockey and Miss Edna Jackson were united in marriage. Rev. Archdeacon Chambers of Portland officiating. The ring ceremony of the Episcopal church was used. Both Mr. and Mrs. Yockey are well and favorably known in this city, the groom being at present employed in the mechanical department of the News, while his estimable bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Jackson, highly respected citizens of Looking Glass. Mr. and Mrs. Yockey were the recipients of numerous gifts from their many friends in this city. The happy couple have a host of friends in this vicinity who wish them many happy years of wedded life.—Union Valley News. The groom is the son of Mrs. M. E. Yockey of this city and is well known locally. Many friends in Medford wish the young couple a long and happy life.