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TO COLONIZE COMPANY'S LAND

Col. Ray Has Hnge Scheme to Bring New Families Into Valley-Orders Many Trees for Next Year

When Colonel Frank Ray arrives in this city from the east in the near future it will be for the purpose of formulating more plans for the improvement of the lands owned by the Gold Ray Realty company on the west side of the valley near Tolo on what is known as the old McDonough place. It is the intention of Colonel Ray to eventually subdivide this property into small orchard tracts and sell it on easy instalments to employes of the American Tobacco company of which Colonel Ray is a director. In this way he will colonize a large portion of that section of the valley.

It has been with this plan in view for the past year that the improvement of the property has been steadily carried forward. Tuesday a largo order for 5000 apple and 2000 year trees was placed with L. E. Hoover, which makes the total number of trees ordered and planted so far amount to 15,000 or 16,000 and cover some 800 acres.

Have Ordered 75,000 Trees.

An order for 75,000 trees has already been placed for next year, and the planting will be kept up until the company will have planted some 10,000 acres of land. It is planned to place the trees under irrigation and the property will in the course of a few years become some of the most valuable in the valley.

The colonization scheme has long been a favorite one with Colonel Ray and he means to carry it forward to completion. His scheme is not one so much to enrich himself as to provide small country tracts for employes of the American Tobacco company when they wish to get away from the factories in the east.

The plan is one that means much for the valley. What is needed is not huge orchards, enriching a few individuals and giving employment to a few only, but small tracts of 10 and 20 acres that will support a family and build up the valley. And 10,000 acres subdivided means 1000 new families.

A Highly Successful Entertainment.

The concert last night at the Christian tabernacle was first-class in every particular. Every number was the work of an artist. Everybody in attendance was enthusiastic in praising the work of every participant. Over 500 tickets were sold. Following is the program as given:

Orchestra selection, Olin brothers; reading, "The Legend of the Organ Builder," "The Volunteer Organist," Mrs. W. L. Mellinger; solo, "Sing Me to Sleep," Longman; violin obligato; reading, "My Uncle," "Jennie," Mrs. W. L. Mellinger; violin solo (Traumerei), Olin; solo, "Happy Days," Edmeads; reading, "Sister and I," "How Salvator Won," Mrs. W. L. Mellinger; solo, "The Wishing Well," Longman; piona duet, "The Poet and Peasant," Mrs. Della Jones and Miss Maud Jones; "America," audience.

Nearly $140 was realized from the concert.

The Christian church thanks the public for their generous support and interest in the concert and the work of the church.

Don't forget the reception tonight at the tabernacle. Everybody invited. A good program will be given. Reception free.

FIREMEN PLAN GREAT BALL FOR NEW YEAR'S

The firebovs are making great preparations for their ball on New Year's eve in the Angle opera house. The dance is in the nature of a benefit for the money is to be used to purchase rubber coats with for use by the boys in time of fire. A jolly evening is promised.

WELL KNOWN FARMER SHOOTS SELF ACCIDENTALLY

THE DALLES, Or., Dec. 9.—Roy Daily, a well known Wasco farmer, was accidentally shot and killed by himself today on returning from a hunting trip as he was cleaning his rifle.

FIRE DESTROYS BARN AND SIXTY HEAD OF STOCK

WOODBURN, Or., Dec. 9.—Sixty head of fine stock and this year's grain crops were consumed by the fire that destroyed the barn of the Burkhart farm east of this city last night. The loss is $10,000. The barn was the largest in this section.

NEW CLUB TO MEET TONIGHT

Permanent Organization Will Be Affected and the Directors Appointed

The new club of Medford's business men will hold a meeting this evening for the purpose of effecting a permanent organization. A large number of local people have signed the roll and there will be enough money in the treasury when the initiation fees that have been promised have been paid in to keep the club going for considerable time and will allow the club to get started right.

The most important business before the club at their meeting tonight is that of electing a board of directors who are to secure a suitable location for the club and take charge of fitting up the rooms. As soon as these men are selected and have secured club rooms the matter of furnishing them with modern conveniences will be considered.

STIRRED UP OVER REPORT OF CONTEST OF ENTRIES

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Dec. 9.—R. W. Tower, who is in the city from Keno, states that quite a feeling has been stirred in that place by the visit of a land inspector and the report that has been circulated that he intends to contest a number of the homesteaders in that section. Mr. Tower did not konw if there was any truth in the report, but he stated that it was to be regretted if any action should be taken, as it would work a hardship on many who had comyplied with the law to the best of their ability and could ill afford to stand the expense of a contest.

There are about 12 homesteads which have been investigated, a number of which have been proven up on for two years. Most of the people here are familiar with the case of Dick Kearns. He took up a homestead near Keno and he or his family has lived on it continually for four years. He has been sick a good deal and when not able to work himself his wife has taught school for a time to help pay expenses. They were unfortunate in losing their two children and it seems that they have had their share of misfortune. Now it is reported that the government will contest their claim. They are not afraid of losing, as they have a part of the place in cultivation, but it seems unnecessary that they should be compelled to go to the expense of defending a contest, when they have all they can do to raise sufficient money for expenses.

Another case is of an old couple over 80 years of age, who proved up on their homestead two years ago. The old man was taken sick and went to Ashland to live, supposing that he had a good title and owned his ranch. The people cannot see any justice in the government taking his only property away from him now.

IMPORTANT DECISION BY GENERAL LAND OFFICE

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Dec. 9.—The assistant commissioner of the general land office has rendered a decision in one of the land cases acerning from the rush of the fall of 1907. The decision is the first of its kind received and establishes a precedent for the decision of other like cases that are still pending.

The case is one wherein four parties made settlement on the same land at the same time. Three of them remained on the land and established homes, while the fourth, Urban W. Casebeer, at once went to Lakeview and took his place in the line and by so doing secured the first filing. The decision cites that he was on the land the same time as the others and that by going to Lakeview and standing in line awaiting the time of filing he showed more diligence than the others and thereby secured the first filing, which entitles him to the land in question.

BLANK HAND SOCIETY INJURE FIVE WITH BOMB

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—The dropping of a bomb from the roof of an adjoining building by a Blanck Hand society today wrecked a tenement building and seriously injured five persons. It is reported that the society was angry because the families living in the house refused to contribute money to the society.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS ELECT ANNUAL OFFICERS

The annual election of officers of Talisman lodge, No. 31, Knights of Pythias, took place Monday night. The following were elected: Chancellor Commander, G. F. Lindley; vice-chancellor, H. Ellison; prelate, J. F. Hale; master of work, W. W. Woods; K. of R. and S., B. W. Gregory; master of finance, W. T. Goulder; amster of exchequer, R. J. Trowbridge; master at arms, Ray Bench; inner guard, L. J. Roberts; outer guard, J. F. Hutchason.

GUN INVENTOR VISITING HERE

E. E. Redfield of Glendale Has Just Completed New Device for Loading Rifle

E. E. Redfield of Glendale, inventor of automatic shotguns and rifles and of half a dozen ingenious devices, is in Medford visiting his daughter, Mrs. C. A. Wilson, wife of the manager of the Woods Lumber company. Way back in 1883, when Medford was in its beginning, Mr. Redfield opened a jewelry and repair shop here, but did not stay long, though his brother was in business here for years.

Mr. Redfield has just returned from Chicapee Falls, Mass., where he made arrangements with the Stevens Arms & Tool company for the manufacture of his latest invention, the "visible loading repeating rifle," a model of which he carries with him. This new gun will be placed upon the market next year and it is expected to become the best selling small bore rifle ever manufactured. It consists of but a few parts and is extremely simple in operation.

Breech Mechanism Simplified.

The construction of the breech mechanism is simplified so as to reduce the number of parts, lessen the cost of manufacture, diminish the liability of mechanism getting out of order and improve the operation. A simple and effective means is provided for detachably connecting the grip piece with the breech block and locking the same in position. The extractor, breech block and a portion of the magazine tube are formed by a single piece, and the cartridge is inserted in plain sight.

The breech block is provided with a narrow, upright slot extending from the bottom, in which is arranged a lifter that is pivoted at its rear end on the pin. Extending downwardly from the rear end of the lifter is a lug or nose that is adapted to abut the hammer when the breech block reaches the last part of the rearward or extracting movement, thereby causing the lifter to tilt on its pivot and raise the forward end of the same to eject the fired cartridge and elevate the succeeding unfired cartridge to the proper position for recharging. The nose is also adapted to engage on its forward movement the abutment that preferably takes the form of a screw bolt extending transversely in the frame. By abutting the screw, the lifter is caused to be lowered at its front end so that its upper edge will lie even with or slightly below the bore of the magazine or tube portion of the breech block, so as to permit the next cartridge to be advanced by the spring in the magazine tube, in the usual manner.

The firing pin is located in the breech block in a position above the lifter and is suitably connected therewith so that, as the lifter is elevated, the firing pin is retracted in order to permit the succeeding cartridge to be lifted into position without its coming in contact with the pin.

Mr. Redfield has some very fine photos of hunting and fishing in the Rogue River valley, which he has consented to loan the Commercial club for use in the new pamphlet.

MANY ENJOY CARROLL'S ACTING IN "WE ARE KING"

A fair sized house enjoyed Mr. Edmund Carroll's rendition of "We Are King" at the Medford Theater Tuesday evening. Mr. Carroll is a finished actor and delighted the audience with his interpretation of the dual role of Gustavus Venner, the journalistic soldier of fortune, who finds himself upon a throne, and Hector, king of Kahnburg, tyrant of his small principality.

The story is along the line of that of the "Prisoner of Zenda," the plot similar in many ways. The part of the Princess Olivia of Baronia was pleasingly rendered by Miss Maud Shaw. Count Sexendorf the prime minister, made so much noise and ranted so loudly that it made your ears ache. Several others of the performers were on the barn storm hero order, notably "The Raven," and none were in the same class with the principals. The play itself went far to atone for the lack of art among the minor characters, and those who attended spent a most pleasant evening.

WAITER DIES OF POISONING AFTER EATING IMPURE FOOD

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 9.—James Reynolds, a waiter, who served luncheon to guests of Vallejo at the launching of the collier Prometheus on Saturday, died early today of ptomaine poisoning because he ate sandwiches at the luncheon. He told the caterer that the meat was rotten, but the caterer said that it was good enough at 50 cents a head.

SAFE CRACKERS GET AWAY WITH $6000 FROM BANK

MAIZE, Kan., Dec. 9.—A band of safe crackers dynamited the State bank here today and escaped with $6000. A posse is in pursuit.

REAL VALUE ASKED FOR LAND

Secretary Garfield Makes New Ruling Regarding the Entries for Timber Land--To Appraise Land

Secretary Garfield of the interior department has recently made a new ruling which provides that entries made under the timber and stone act can no longer be secured for a song, but must hereafter be sold for an amount somewhere near the real value of the land. In the past the minimum paid for timber land was $2.50 per acre, and unless those filing upon the land can so show that the timber is not worth more than that, they will be forced to pay the full value of the land as appraised by government officials.

The local land office has not been notified officially of the new ruling and Land Commissioner Canon is still making entries in accordance with the old regulations, although the new ruling provides that any applications for timber land so made during the current month will be suspended and the applicants notified that they may within 30 days file application in conformity with the new ruling. Failure to make application will result in their rejection. All of the filings made prior to November 30 are not in any way affected by the new regulations.

Will Do Away With Work.

The establishing of the new ruling will do away with much of the business of the different land offices throughout the country, as it is to be doubted if many will take up timber land and pay for it at the prices appraised by government inspectors. Still the ruling will do away with the securing of large tracts of land by corporations.

The important features of the new ruling are:

Whenever a satisfactory appraisal has been made, the local land officers will note the price on their records, and thereafter the lands will be sold at such price only, and under the provisions of the timber and stone act, unless, for some reason, there shall be a subsequent reappraisal.

Whenever no appraisement is made within nine months after the filing of an application, the applicant may, without notice, within 30 days thereafter, deposit the amount, not less han $2.50 per acre, specified in his application as the reasonable value of the land and the timber thereon, with the receiver of the local land office, and thereupon will be allowed to proceed with his application to purchase, as though the appraisement had been regularly made. Failure of the applicant to make the required deposit within 30 days after the expiration of the nine months' appraisement period, will terminate his rights without notice.

Must Put Up Cash.

The register and receiver, after noting the appraised price on their records, will immediately inform the applicant that he must, within 30 days, deposit the appraised price of the land and the timber, or within that time file protest against the appraisement. If he protests he must deposit a sum sufficient to defray the expenses of a reappraisement, never less than $100, and he must agree to bear the entire expense of reappraising the land. Any application for reappraisement must be supported by affidavit, corroborated by two credible and disinterested persons, tending to show the official estimate is too high.

A request for reappraisement must follow the same channel as the original application, but a reappraisement, before it is accepted, must have the indorsement of both the local land officers and the chief of field division, or in case of disagreement between them, of the commissioner of the general land office. When reappraisement is noted on the records of the local land office, the applicant has but 20 days in which to make full payment at the reappraised price. Failure to pay up within that time forfeits all his rights under his application.

WOMAN ATTACKED IN HOME BY BURGLARS

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 9.—Bleeding from an ugly wound in her head, with her hands bound behind her back and with a cloth tied over her mouth, Mrs. Millie Harris staggered into a saloon near her home after midnight this morning and asked for aid. She said that burglars had entered her home and attacked her. They bound her to her bed, but she managed to free herself. Her furs were stolen by the burglars, who escaped without leaving any trace.

RIDICULOUS TO TRY RUEF

So Asserts Attorney Johnson in Making Closing Argument in Trial

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 9.—"It is the height of the ridiculous for us to be here two months trying this man, who confessed, going through a complicated trial to determine whether he be guilty or not after he has admitte guilt. Are you prepared in the face of this confession to declare him innocent? If you are, by the living God, we know the reason why," shouted Prosecutor Hiram Johnson today in making the closing argument in the trial of ex-Boss Abraham Ruef.

Mincing no words, the attorney dwelt upon the attempts to bribe the jury, and of other attempts made by this "conspiracy to twhart justice."

Johnson made a masterly plea for the state and handled his subject through out without gloves.

The fate of Ruef will be placed in the hands of the jurors tonight.

NEW EVIL CONFRONTS DISTRESSED LUMBERMEN

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 9.—"Lumbermen of the northwest have just gotten through fighting for lower rates in freights each, and now a new danger confronts them in the matter of removing the $2 a thousand duty on lumber," said E. E. McClaren of the Cowlitz Logging company. "The $3.25 raise threatened by the railroad companies put us out of business for the better part of a year, and now there are Bryanites east who are determined to shut down the sawmills and logging camps out here by placing lumber on the free list. The agitation has already made itself felt in the closing down of a number of logging camps along the lower Columbia and in preventing new camps from starting.

"The loggers and sawmill men will be heard before the committee on tariff revision, but it is by no means positive that their protests will be heard in a manner that will do any good. Should the tariff be taken off, however, the industries of the whole coast will suffer, because they all depend, more or less, on the leading industry of the northwest—the lumber and logging interests."

NORTH YAKIMA HAS OVER 12,000 ACRES BEARING ORCHARDS

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., Dec. 9.—That North Yakima is entitled to the claim of being the greatest fruitraising section in the Pacific northwest is borne out by the compilation of government statistics which have just been made and will be used for advertising purposes at the big apple show at Spokane next week.

These figures show that North Yakima has 12,000 acres of bearing orchards, 30,000 acres of young orchards not bearing and from 300,000 to 400,000 acres of available fruit land that is not settled.

Hood River is shown to have 9000 acres of bearing orchards, 12,000 acres of young fruit trees that have not yet begun to bear and 5000 acres of fruit land that has not been put under cultivation.

The figures for Wenatchee show 6000 acres of bearing fruit trees, 10,000 acres of land set out to trees, but not old enough to bear and 4000 acres of available fruit land not under cultivation.

SALOON ON WHEELS FOLLOWS RAILROAD CONSTRUCTION CAMPS

WINNEMUCCA, Nev., Dec. 9.—In order to move along with the construction camps of the Western Pacific and participate in any mining rush that may occur in that part of the state, C. R. Webster of Humboldt house, near here, has built a saloon on a wagon, and has already operated it in two camps. He has a state and county license, and calls the outfit the "rolling saloon." Whenever business becomes slack in a camp he has a team of horses hitched to the saloon and has it hauled to some other camp.

MURDERER BILLIK GRANTED REPRIEVE UNTIL JANUARY

SPRINGFIELD, Dec. 9.—Herman Billik, who was sentenced to hang on next Friday for the murder of the Vreal family, was today granted a reprieve until January by Acting Governor Sherman. The condemned man's daughter, Edna, has started an endless chain of letters to all parts of the state getting children to appeal to the governor to spare her father's life.

ROCKEFELLER IS TO JOIN LONDON'S FASHIONABLE SET

LONDON, Dec. 9.—That John D. Rockefeller is to become a member of London's fashionable set at least a part of every year is evidenced by his purchase of a house at 2340 Anne's Gate, where workmen are to erect a marble palace for the oil king.

WILL REFORM GAME LAWS

Many Amendments Proposed For Game Laws at Next Session

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 9.—Officers of the Oregon Fish and Game association will propose extensive amendments to the existing game laws of the state at the coming session of the legislature. A committee, representing the association, of which A. E. Gebhardt is secretary, is revising the various sections of the code with reference to the protection of fish and game. It is the purpose of the committee to simplify the state's statutes on this subject so that the average citizen by reading the law will be able to place an intelligent construction on its provisions.

"The committee expects in about two weeks to complete the first draft of the law, as we will seek to have it amended," said Mr. Gebhardt yesterday. "We are taking considerable pains and devoting a great deal of our time that laws which will protect our fish and game may be formulated for the consideration of the state's lawmakers. A mistaken impression prevails that those laws in the past have been framed in the interest of the city sportsman exclusively rather than for the protection of the fish and game. In its work the committee is doing everything in its power to dissipate that idea. What is needed in this state is legislation that will protect and multiply the state's fish and game regardless of any selfish interest. What is more it is the intention of the committee to suggest uniform laws tht shall apply in all counties alike. Endless confusion we find has resulted from the laws as they are now constituted from the fact that different restrictions are imposed in practically every county of the state."

In response to a general demand alike from the hunters and the farmers, the committee will recommend a law establishing a closed season of at least two years for the protection of the Chinese pheasant. Another law will be suggested prohibiting the killing of elk for a period of five or six years.

The legislature also will be asked to provide for a bounty fund on crows, wolves and cougars. Between crows and the animals named it is asserted by members of the committee that more birds and other game are killed annually than by sportsmen. It is for that reason the committee believes the state should make provision for this sort of protection. Under the present law the county courts are empowered if deemed expedient to provide such a bounty fund, but the members of the committee feel that the expense should be borne by the state directly rather than by any one county or group of counties since the benefits following such a policy are state-wide and not confined to the community in which such a tax is levied.

KLAMATH FARMERS OBJECT TO PAYING HIGHER RATES

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Dec. 9.—The directors of the Water Users' association at their regular monthly meeting yesterday afternoon took a determined stand not to pay over $18.60 per acre for government irrigation. They will gather hundreds of affidavits showing that the water users were promised water at $18.60 per acre, including maintenance, and that the cost would not exceed $20 per acre in any event.

If the reclamation service insists on the payment of $30 per acre and 75 cents maintenance charge, the association will go before congress with a release bill for the difference.

CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS ORGANIZED HERE

A chapter of Royal Arch Masons was organized in this city last week and application will be made for a charter as soon as the consent of the chapter in Jacksonville is obtained. Clarence Reames was elected high priest, W. M. McGowan king and M. Purdin scribe. It will be known as the Crater Lake chapter.

NATIONAL APPLE SHOW IN SPOKANE IS OPENED

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 9.—The national apple show was opened in this city yesterday at 10:30 by President Touching a button at the White House, Louis W. Hill made the formal opening address and was followed by Mayor Moore and F. E. Goodall, president of the chamber of commerce.

Five million apples are displayed.

ENGINEER BEGINS WORK OF SURVEYING DITCH

LA GRANDE, Or., Dec. 9.—Civil Engineer L. A. Pickler today commenced the running of preliminary surveys for the route of the big irrigation ditche. The crew started at Orodell dam and will work northward, establishing the future route of the ditch, heading toward Sand Bridge.

WILL EXPERT COUNTY BOOKS

Work Will Start About February 1 If Expert Will Agree to Terms of County Court

In all probability the work of experting the county books will be undertaken February 1, the only thing which is apt to hold the matter back being that of agreeing upon a contract with the expert accountant, T. M. Wilson who is at the present time engaged upon such work at Corvallis. The county court at a recent meeting decided to have the work done, provided that Wilson would agree to a contract which they drew up. It is believed that there will be no hitch, as a letter written by Mr. Wilson to the county court was along the same lines as that followed by the contract.

The experting of the county books was made an issue of the June election, and since that time Judge Neil has constantly urged upon the two commissioners the necessity of doing the work, but until recently his efforts have been of no avail, the commissioners refusing to give their consect, although the people of the county have nearly unanimously expressed a desire that it be done and the county officers have asked that it be undertaken so that a new system of bookkeeping could be installed in the place of the antiquated methods now in vogue.

The contract has been forwarded to Mr. Wilson, and if he accepts it the work will start about February 1, that being the earliest date that he will be free to undertake the task.

ELKS IN NEW YORK ARE TO HAVE FINE CLUBHOUSE

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—Elks in New York are to spend $1,000,000 on a new clubhouse, hotel and theater to be erected at Forty-third street and Sixth avenue. Work on the structure, which will be built by New York lodge, No. 1, will begin within 60 days. The building, according to present plans, will be 12 stories high and will be dedicated on Christmas eve, 1909. The chairman of the board of trustees, in speaking of the project, said:

"It is to be a general meeting place for the 250,000 Elks who are residents of the United States, 10,000 of whom live in the city of New York. One hundred and twenty-five rooms will be provided for local or transient Elks, who will also have their own theater, with a seating capacity of 575; billiard-rooms, bowling alleys and a huge restaurant. The lodgeroom will have a seating capacity of 1000."

TAFT "WILL NOT DRINK AGAIN, EVER"

HOT SPRINGS, Va., Dec. 9.—Comment was made at a small dinner on the fact that Mr. Taft's wine glass was turned down.

"Yes, and it is going to stay turned down," he said. "I am not going to drink anything again, ever."

"You never did drink enough so that anyone could notice it," said a boyhood friend present.

An organization invited Mr. Taft to a banquet "any time before you are inaugurated."

"What is the matter with these people?" the president-elect exclaimed. "Do they think I am going to be any different after I am inaugurated?"

TEAMSTER SHOOTS ACTOR, WHOM HE FINDS WITH WIFE

BAKERSFIELD, Cal., Dec. 9.—Hovering between life and death, Adrian von Plank, a Portland actor, today made an ante mortem statement admitting that he had had improper relations with the wife of Newton Meeker, a teamster, who shot him on sight after finding him in a room in a hotel with his wife. The woman maintains that her relations with the actor were not improper and that her husband's suspicions were unfounded.

"Sis Hopkins."

"Sis Hopkins" is the most difficult character on the stage today to dress. Miss Rose Melville, who created the part and who will be seen again the coming season as the Posey county girl, uses old-fashioned calico dresses, striped stockings and poke bonnets, the kind that were worn 20 years ago. They all have to be made especially for her. At the Medford Theater tomorrow night.