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WOULD HAVE STEEL VISIT THE CAPITOL

To Urge Appropriation With Which to Construct Road From This County to Crater Lake.

The passage of a resolution by the Commercial club at their regular meeting Wednesday evening endorsing the sending of Will G. Steel to Washington to urge an appropriation for the Crater lake road was the most important business to be considered.

Whereas, The building and construction of a first-class wagon road from some point on the line of the Southern Pacific railroad in Jackson county to Crater lake will be of great and inestimable value to the people of Jackson county, as it will not only be a thoroughfare for practical use by a large number of the inhabitants of said county who live in the vicinity of said road but will, at the same time, furnish the best and most desirable route to the great forests of the upper Rogue country, and to the unparalleled scenery of that region; and

Whereas, Crater lake is justly regarded as one of the great natural wonders of the world, and its reputation as such is rapidly becoming known to tourists and others, the numbers of which are increasing yearly, and who expend a large amount of money among the people of Jackson county; and

Whereas, There is not at this time any good practical road leading from the settled portions of the county to Crater lake; and

Whereas, We believe that the location of Crater lake and the beautiful and sublime scenery along the line of said road and in the vicinity of said lake is a valuable asset to the material resources of Jackson county and its people;

Endorse the Movement.

Therefore, we, the Commercial club of Medford, Oregon, in regular meeting assembled, and being fully advised as to the importance of having a first-class road leading from Rogue River valley to Crater lake or at least to the western border of the forest reserve at or near the falls of Rogue river; and being further advised that now is the time to urge the construction of such a road, and to enlist financial aid from the general government, and from the coming session of the Oregon legislature; and believing that it is of the highest importance that some well informed person, who is thoroughly conversant with said region of country, and the necessity of having a first-class road there to, be sent at once to Washington city and there confer with the governmental departments in reference to the same, and to secure, if possible, such financial aid as will insure the construction of such a road through that portion of the country that is within the present forest reserve and the Crater Lake national park; and believing that no person in the state of Oregon or elsewhere is better informed on the subject than Mr. Will G. Steel, who has devoted years in a close and careful study of the Crater lake region, and who is an enthusiast in everything pertaining thereto;

We therefore most heartily recommend and urge that Mr. Steel be appointed by the county court of Jackson county as a representative of Jackson county and its people, and that such reasonable appropriation be made as may be necessary to defray his expenses to Washington city and return.

W. M. COLVIG, President.

Attest: A. H. MILLER, Secretary.

Other Business.

Report of the finance committee was read, stating that they had found the proposition of Mr. Grover, representative of the Peek-Idaho company, made at the meeting of December 2, would be too expensive for the club to handle. On motion the report was accepted.

Committee appointed to meet with the park committee of the Greater Medford club was also read. Report being that Mr. Harriman had been asked to donate to the city of Medford the piece of ground between A and B streets.

The following bills were presented to the club after being reported by the finance committee: J. K. Gill & Co., \$2.56; Wm. Colvig, expenses to Portland, \$11. On motion these bills were ordered paid.

The names of J. A. Waterland, R. W. Northrop and E. B. Westerman were presented for membership. On motion the rules were suspended and these men

PROVES UP ON CLAIM; DISAPPEARS

Relatives Searching For Edward Swartz Who Disappeared In November--No Trace Is Found.

Relatives of Edward Swartz, who proved up on a homestead on Evans creek November 10 and who left shortly afterwards from his home in Prosser, Wash., are keeping the telegraph wires hot in an endeavor to locate the man, who has not been seen since he left this city in the early part of November. Swartz owns considerable property in Washington and there, as far as is known, no reason for his sudden disappearance.

Swartz came to this city some time ago and was located upon a homestead by A. B. Saling, the homestead being on Evans creek. On November 10 Swartz went before County Clerk Coleman and made final proof upon the homestead, his witnesses being A. B. Saling and E. C. Pomeroy of Beagle. Swartz borrowed \$30 from Mr. Saling with which to prove up and left for Washington promising to return the \$30 as soon as he reached home. Mr. Saling was careful to inform him that he made the loan only for a short period and must be repaid soon. This Swartz promised to do, and left, presumably, for his home in Washington.

After the two weeks went by Mr. Saling wrote to Swartz and received no reply. He then wrote to a real estate dealer in Prosser and asked regarding Swartz. The reply came back that Swartz had not returned to his home in Washington and that a neighbor was still caring for his team. Then Mr. Saling wrote to the real estate man and told him the facts in the case. In a letter which was received a few days ago the real estate man of Prosser said that he was about to write to relatives of Swartz who lived in Aberdeen, N. D. It is thought that they have just received this letter and are now wiring to locate the man.

The police in the different cities throughout the northwest have been notified of Swartz' disappearance and an endeavor will be made to locate him. All of the man's affairs are said to be in perfect order.

Swartz was a heavy set man, rather tall, smooth face and about 30 years of age. He was unmarried.

PYTHIAN SISTERS ELECT OFFICERS FOR YEAR

On Wednesday evening, December 16, the Pythian Sisters elected the following officers: Post chief, Mrs. Lay; most excellent chief, Mrs. Dr. Ray; senior, J. N. Hamilton; junior, Miss Edna Eifort; manager, Mrs. E. Trowbridge; mistress of records, Miss Eardart; mistress of finance, Mrs. J. Butler; protector of temple, Miss Corwin; guard, Mrs. A. Hubbard.

BERLIN LIKES BRAINS IN AN ENVOY, NOT BOODLE

BERLIN, Dec. 17.—"We rejoice that Mr. Hill has been appointed ambassador by the United States," declared Radcliff Representative Haussman in the reichstag today, "and that he has remained here. We differ cherish the hope that the reception which he, as an eminent and intellectual personality, deserved and found in Berlin will prove to him and the United States that the incidents prior to his coming were based on a misunderstanding in which the German people did not share, but which caused the impression that only millionaires are acceptable at Berlin as representatives of a great state."

"That may be true of St. Petersburg, but in Berlin, as a counterbalance to the materialistic conception often connected with the dollar, we must insist that it is the intellectual pre-eminence of a foreign representative which not only gives him the right to such a position, but guarantees an interchange between the two powers much more useful than can be had by the spreading of the most lavish banquets."

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BELIEVE THAT COSGROVE WILL FULLY RECOVER

PASO ROBLES, Cal., Dec. 17.—It is believed here today that Governor-elect Cosgrove will recover from the attack of Bright's disease and that he will be able to take the oath of office on January 1. He is on a liquid diet and has stopped the hot baths.

SURVEY OF PIPE LINE COMPLETED

Roberts Decides on Route --Reservoir Will be Over 1500 Feet Above the City.

As soon as Engineer W. J. Roberts is able to get out the profile of the pipeline to Little Butte creek he will get out the right of way maps and have the water committee of the city council take up the matter of securing rights of way for the line immediately. He has completed the field work of the survey and now all that he has to go is to work out his figures.

The contract for the excavation of the reservoir will probably be undertaken at once, as this season of the year is in no way a drawback to the accomplishment of this work. The reservoir is in sandstone entirely with the exception of probably a foot of surface soil, so there will be no hard rock to excavate.

The route of the line has been determined by Mr. Roberts as follows: Starting some 500 or 600 feet above the Hanley ford on railroad land, the line will cross the Hanley place, then the Slinger ranch and across the lower Hanley ranch. It will then cross to the south side of Butte creek at the dividing of the roads, where one goes across the prairie before reaching the Hanley and Slinger ranches and the other follows the creek. The line after crossing the creek follows along the south side of the Fish lake ditch across the McDonald place, Charley place, and makes the turn towards this city on the E. H. Tucker place. Here a tunnel may be put in which will reduce the length of the line if the cost is found to be no greater than the distance needed to round the point of the hill.

From the Tucker place the line comes almost directly towards Medford, crossing the Carlton, Walsh, Von der Helten, Astbury, Owens, Stinson, the "401," Hansen, Wilkinson places, then following the county road for a mile below the Bates place, and from there across the Stewart, Pierce and McAndrews places. Upon the latter the reservoir is to be placed.

The reservoir will have an elevation of 1586 feet above the service in the city, which will insure a splendid flow. The distance to the reservoir from Roosevelt avenue, where connection is made with the distributing system is 6218 feet.

The total distance of the line is approximately 115,502 feet, although this may vary to a small extent.

REPORT AGAIN THAT EMPEROR BILL IS INSANE

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—The German press of Chicago has received translations of articles published by the Dresden Nachrichten, a leading conservative newspaper in Dresden, openly charging that Emperor William of Germany is insane.

The publication avers the emperor has acute religious dementia. According to information the editor claims to have learned from attaches to the royal household that the ruler spends many hours in bed daily reading religious books and making prayers for recent outbursts of popular indignation against him.

JANITOR GOES INSANE AS RESULT OF PAIN

REDDING, Cal., Dec. 17.—Adam Spuler, janitor of the Elks' clubroom, has been held in the insane ward for four days. He is suffering intensely from a gathering in his head. He is crazed with pain. Spuler was taken to the insane ward when he was picked up wandering about in a listless way. He became so violent that he had to be put in straps to keep him from doing himself bodily harm and to prevent him from destroying the insane ward itself.

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VENEZUELA FORMALLY SAYS WAR

Takes Up Gauntlet Hurlled at Her Feet In Defiance and Will Fight--Castro Is In Germany.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Venezuela has formally declared war against Holland.

The state department was so advised this morning by Paxton Hibben, the secretary of the American legation at Bogota, Colombia.

The message says that the Colombian minister of foreign affairs received a following message from Caracas: "In view of the blockade established and the capture by the blockading vessels of Venezuelan vessels, the heads of government for Venezuela after assuming extraordinary powers for the defense of the country, have declared a state of war."

The fact that President Castro of Venezuela is in Germany in order to undergo an operation for cancer makes the matter all the more serious.

3000 JOBS AT DISPOSAL OF REPRESENTATIVES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The republicans in the house today put themselves on record as in favor of the spoils system and against any enlargement of the scope of the census bureau which would show the extent of American exportation of protected products.

The bill providing for the taking of the 13th census was passed almost as it came from the committee. All amendments proposed to it were defeated by close votes except those minor changes which the committee itself proposed.

The 3000 additional clerks to be employed in the work will be appointed on recommendations of members of congress and not from the civil service list.

Representative Hitchcock of Nebraska has proposed an amendment requiring the census director to get accurate data on the extent of American exportation. He said it was common knowledge that American manufacturers, protected by the tariff, sell goods abroad cheaper than at home. Republicans, headed by Chairman Crumpacker, lined up to a man against the amendment, and it was lost.

GREAT CROWDS ATTEND THE IRRIGATION CONGRESS

BAKER CITY, Or., Dec. 17.—The great crowds attending today's session of the state irrigation congress mark it as one of the greatest gatherings in eastern Oregon. The keynote of all the speeches is the conservation of Oregon's resources, especially as to water power in relation to irrigation.

HARRIMAN AND GOULD DIG UP THEIR HATCHETS

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 17.—What may be the indication that the commercial peace pact between the Gould and Harriman interests is broken was revealed today by the report that Gould's Western Pacific railroad was negotiating for the leasing of several piers for the accommodation of a number of steamships to ply between this city and oriental ports. The Western Pacific officials say that without a trans-Pacific service the freight department of the road faces a serious problem.

NUMBER OF PERJURY CHARGES ARE THROWN OUT

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 17.—Upon motion of the district attorney, John McCourt, the perjury charges against J. Gilpin, indicted with Louis Kohlman of Astoria, and others by the last grand jury, were dismissed by Judge Wolvorton today.

COMPANY CONTINUES TO MISREPRESENT LAND

That the theft of Medford's booster pamphlet by a St. Paul concern has not been stopped as reported is shown by half-page advertisements appearing in different papers in the east. J. A. Westlund of the Western Oregon Orchards company is in receipt of the Svenska Amerikanska Posten (Swedish American Post), the Editor Bonerret, and the Minneapolis Veckoflad, all papers of Minneapolis, each carrying large ads of the Oregon Realty Unit company. He has written the papers telling of the fraud, which will probably have the effect of stopping the misrepresentation.

TO DEVELOP IRON MINE AT GOLD HILL

If Tests Are Satisfactory Steel Plant Will Be Constructed--Work to Begin February First.

In its issue of tomorrow the Gold Hill News will say: J. D. Mennach and Maxim Schumann of Seattle, Wash., week looking over the Gold Hill iron mine, which is owned by Mr. Mennach, and if the tests to which this ore is now being subjected prove satisfactory these men will immediately begin the construction of a steel plant at Gold Hill. On Tuesday they shipped 1000 pounds of the ore to their plant at Hoquiam, Wash., where these tests are being made. If, as stated before, the tests are satisfactory, work will be commenced upon the plant before the first of February. Under present conditions they will install only a single unit plant, and will increase the capacity as the demand comes. The furnace will be of the latest type, and oil and electricity will be used as fuel. An electric road will be built from Gold Hill to the mine, a distance of two and one-half miles.

MARRIED PEOPLE'S CLUB TO GATHER THIS EVENING

The Married People's club will meet this evening for a social evening. Dancing will be in order. The club members are: Messrs. and Mesdames A. A. Dana, A. S. Rosenbaum, E. C. Gaddis, G. E. Baker, Carl King, C. M. Kidd, G. L. Schermerhorn, John Barneburg, M. L. Alford, G. Miller, H. G. Nicholson, Charles Hazelrigg, J. P. Neff, Ed Trowbridge, M. Luke, John Orth, J. A. Perry, Jesse Honck, W. T. Yorke, F. E. Merriek, H. C. Stoddard, Will Bates, I. C. Hamilton, John Butler, E. D. Kentner, Drs. and Mrs. Page, Butler and Irving.

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Mrs. J. Rose, Mrs. Carolina Furry, Miss Grace Rose, Charles McClain, Slim Risse, Matthew Calhoun, Owen Dunlap and many others were Monday shoppers in Medford.

The steam heating plant is being installed in our new school. William A. Aiken has the contract, and when it is installed we'll have as nice and neat and safe and good a heating plant as any of those schoolhouses around here. The assembly hall is nearing completion, and it would be a credit even to Talent.

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CONGRESS WANTS TO BE SHOWN

Calls Upon President to Submit to That Body all Information Upon Which He Based "Insult."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The select committee of the house appointed to outline the action to be taken in connection with the president's alleged insult to congress, today agreed upon a report calling upon the president to submit to congress the information on which he based his insinuation that the members of congress were afraid of being investigated by the secret service.

It is believed the president has the matter ready to submit and that the whole matter will be aired.

The resolution offered by the select committee asking Roosevelt to submit to congress the information concerning his insult to congress was adopted unanimously by the house today. The vote was 270 to 14.

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JONATHAN WOULD PAY TAFT MORE

Oregon's Senator Introduces Bill Providing For Increase In President's Salary.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Senator Jonathan Horner of Oregon today introduced a bill into the senate providing for an increase of the president's salary from \$50,000 to \$100,000 and that of the vice-president from \$12,000 to \$25,000. He says the salaries are inadequate to permit the maintenance of an official establishment by anyone except wealthy presidents or vice-presidents.

"JIM" WOOD MAKES BIG SALE OF LAND NEAR BYBEE BRIDGE

J. B. Wood has sold to R. W. Gray of this city a tract of land known as the B. C. Gleason place, near the Bybee bridge, for the sum of \$12,000. The tract consists of 293 acres of land and will be improved by being planted to orchard. Mrs. Louis Gleason has purchased the residence property of D. L. Day in this city, paying for it the sum of \$3700. This sale was also made by Mr. Wood.

JOHN D. WHITMAN FORMER MEDFORD RESIDENT, DEAD

Word reached this city Thursday morning of the death in Klamath Falls of John Doty Whitman, who was formerly one of the most prominent citizens of Medford. Mr. Whitman was born in the state of New York on August 24, 1824, and came to the Rogue River valley in 1855, where for many years he was one of the leading citizens. He leaves one son, Bert Whitman of New York. His daughter-in-law, Mrs. D. R. Andrus, is living in Medford.

Circuit Court News.

Thomas Moran vs. George D. Dodson; appeal from justice court; defendant given judgment for his costs and disbursements.

Thomas Moran vs. George W. Dodson; demurrer overruled.

Elford Harzoe et al. vs. John Wintz; suit to quiet title; dismissed.

State of Oregon vs. C. E. Roach; larceny; grand jury returned a true bill.

Os Newbury, administrator estate A. Pool, vs. George B. Wilkerson; order made confirming sale of real estate.

State of Oregon vs. Earl Jackson; assault and battery; grand jury returned a true bill.

State of Oregon vs. I. M. Williams; grand jury returned a true bill.

State of Oregon vs. John Deey; grand jury returned a true bill.

Sarah J. Eidman vs. Adolph Erdman; suit for divorce; decree by default.

SENATE ASKS FOR THE RECORDS OF DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—A resolution introduced by Senator Foraker calling upon the war department to produce all the information regarding the employment of detectives who shadowed the supposed ring leaders in the Brownsville affair was adopted by the senate today. There was no discussion.

WILSON CHARGED WITH THE MURDER OF BOSS

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 17.—John Wilson was charged into yesterday by the coroner's jury with the murder of Harry Boas, the electrician who died two weeks ago after swallowing "stomach powders" sent him through the mail in a mysterious letter purporting to come from a friendly doctor.

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