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LOCAL APPLES SUPERIOR OF ANY SHOWN

L. D. Harris Back From Spokane--Says Medford Could Easily Have Captured \$1000 Prize

"The Rogue River valley would have had no trouble whatever in taking the \$1000 prize for apples shown at Spokane," states L. D. Harris, who has returned from the apple show, "and it is to be regretted that we did not have a suitable exhibit there. The show was well worth attending and some 15 carloads of fruit was on exhibition.

"The local Spitzenberg and Newtown Pippins are the equal of those of Hood River, which were shown at the exhibit, though it would be presumptuous to say that they are better. These apples from Hood River were easily the finest at the national show, but the method of judging was such as to allow apples of inferior commercial value to be judged the equal of Spitzenbergs and Newtowns.

"But in regard to the prize of \$1000 for the best car of commercial apples, this prize could easily have been obtained for this valley."
"The only display from this section was a few boxes from the Grants Pass Fruitgrowers' association of poor varieties, and worse pack. Over these was strung a banner several times the length of the display labeled 'Rogue River Valley.' It was a poor showing and made one feel ashamed. It was worse than no display at all."

THE COMING WEEK DAY BY DAY.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Among the important events on the calendar for the coming week are the following:

Monday. Seventh annual chess tournament between Columbia, Princeton, Harvard and Yale will be commenced in New York and continue three days.

Jim Flynn of Pueblo and Sam Langford, the negro boxer, will fight at the Coliseum in San Francisco.

Mrs. Florence Erb and her sister, Mrs. Catherine Beisel, charged with the murder of the former's husband, will be placed on trial at Media, Pa.

Tuesday. Sun will enter the sign of Capricorn, marking what is astronomically the beginning of winter and the shortest day in the northern hemisphere.

Wednesday. A total eclipse of the sun, visible only to observers in the southern hemisphere, will take place.

Thursday. Annual Boston sportsmen's show of the New England Fish and Game association opens in Boston.

Sixty-third birthday anniversary of George L. King of Hellenes, will be celebrated by Greeks everywhere.

Friday. Christmas will be observed as an universal holiday in all the Christian nations of the world.

Saturday. Fourth Pan-American scientific congress will be formally opened in Santiago, Cuba, and will extend its sessions through two weeks.

Admiral George Dewey will celebrate his 71st birthday anniversary.

VAWTER URGES EXTENSION OF LIMITS OF CITY

Sends Communication to City Council Calling Their Attention to the Necessity to Such Action.

Hon. W. I. Vawter on Saturday forwarded a communication to the city council calling the attention of that body to the fact that the limits of the city should be extended, and to do this the matter should be taken up by the legislature at their session next month. If this be not done the matter will go over until 1911.

Mr. Vawter's communication follows:

Medford, Dec. 10.—To the Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council: It is now at least some six or eight years since the corporate boundaries of Medford have been enlarged. It is apparent to all that a considerable portion of Medford proper is not within the confines of the city limits. The legislature meets in regular biennial session next month. The government census will be taken in 1910. If Medford is to make the showing in population that it ought to make, that portion of the city outside of the present boundaries should be taken into the city. If the change in boundaries is delayed until the session of 1911 we will of course be without the benefit of a proper showing as to population.

There may be a question as to the proper method of enlarging the boundaries of our city—whether by legislative act or by a vote of the people, etc. This is a matter that should have the attention and investigation of the city attorney. Permit me to say, however, that during the 1907 session of the legislature I had a conference with the Hon. W. S. U'Ren (father of the initiative, etc.) and he gave it as his opinion offhand that the proper way to increase the boundaries of a city was by an act of the legislature and that in that particular the law had not been changed. I merely mention this for what it may be worth as Mr. U'Ren himself did not seem entirely clear on the subject.

W. I. VAWTER.

An Extraordinary Sabbath.

That is what it will be next Sabbath at the Methodist Episcopal church, B street, at 11 a. m. The district superintendent's Supper will follow the morning sermon.

At night the Christmas cantata given by Mrs. Krause and the choir has been training for two months for this occasion. You can't afford to miss it. Bring your friends and enjoy this musical treat. Sabbath school 10 a. m. Love feast 6:30 p. m. All are invited.

SOCIAL SEASON AT THE WHITE HOUSE ELABORATE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Everything in and around the White House has been put in the best possible order for the opening of the last and most brilliant social season under the Roosevelt administration. The opening event will be the cabinet dinner this evening, and the season will close with the army and navy reception on Thursday, February 18. During the intervening time there will be a round of diplomatic receptions, diplomatic dinners, judiciary receptions, the usual supreme court dinner and congressional receptions, all to be given on Thursday evenings, interspersed with many other, less formal social functions, prime among them the ball to be given on the evening of December 23 in honor of Miss Ethel Roosevelt's social debut.

The old historic mansion has witnessed many interesting social events under the changing administrations, but probably never a season quite as strenuous and brilliant as will be the closing season of the present administration. Next winter Mrs. Taft will be the "first lady," and Washington society is already speculating over the prospects of the first "Taft season."

URGES NUVEEN TO PAY \$831 BACK INTEREST

W. I. Vawter Wires Bond House Regarding Action of Council--Urges Them to Meet Request of City

W. I. Vawter of the Jackson County bank on Friday wired John Nuveen & Company, bond buyers of Chicago, and advised them of the action taken by the city council Thursday afternoon, when they decided to resell the bond issue, thus putting an end to the quibbling which has been in progress some weeks regarding the payment of accrued interest on the bonds.

Mr. Vawter in his telegram urged the bond house to pay the accrued interest on the first issue, amounting to \$831, thereby meeting the demand of the city. He advised them further that if this be done he thought the city would place the remainder of the bonds with them.

What Nuveen's action will be in regard to the matter is difficult to determine. It may be that he will act as advised by Mr. Vawter and meet the demand of the city. In this event it is probable that the council will not make a resale as ordered.

AUTOMOBILES NECESSITY UPON FARMS OF KANSAS

The extent to which the automobile is being recognized as a necessity on the farms of the west is indicated by the fact that in central Kansas alone more than 600 motor cars are owned by farmers. A dozen years ago the farmer in this region who owned an extra team and had a spring wagon had the standing of a man of means in his community. Now those who then looked covetously upon the spring wagon are driving about in automobiles.

Kansas roadways are so level that they are a standing invitation to the automobilist, and this has contributed largely to the welcome given the automobile by those who live in the state.

So keenly is the automobile felt to be an agricultural essential that agitation has been started both in Kansas and Missouri to have instruction given at the state agricultural colleges in the general use and adaptabilities of the motor car. The agricultural school of Iowa at Ames has already decided to have a short inter course of instruction of this sort.

The students will as a preliminary be taught the structure and operation of gasoline engines and will learn the many ways in which such an engine can be made use of to make farming easier and more profitable. Then they will be instructed in the dismantling, rebuilding and operation of motor cars so that they may become skilled operators of such vehicles, which, the state educational authorities are convinced will perform a large part in the development of the farming interests in the next two decades.

SLIGHT INJURY HAS A SERIOUS RESULT

PORT JONES, Cal., Dec. 19.—A few days ago while spitting kindling with a hatchet the blade took off the bull of Will Luttrell's thumb, barely grazing the bone.

CAN COSGROVE QUALIFY WHILE IN CALIFORNIA?

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 19.—The question whether Governor-elect Cosgrove can qualify at Paso Robles, where he is ill, will probably be tested in the supreme court of the state of Washington. Cosgrove's legal advisers say he can qualify outside of the state and others say his presence in Washington is necessary.

SECOND STAY OF SENTENCE IN RUEF CASE

Judge Lawlor Gives Defense Until Next Thursday to Offer Motion but no Further Delay

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 19.—Judge Lawlor's courtroom was packed with humanity this morning, who came to hear the court impose sentence upon Abe Ruef, ex-boss and arch grafter, who was recently convicted of the attempted bribery of Supervisor Purdy, but the crowds left disappointed as Judge Lawlor postponed the passing of sentence until next Thursday, December 24.

Ruef's attorneys were notified, however, that they must take definite action in the meantime, as no further postponement would be allowed.

Owing to the crowding of the courtroom, it was intimated by the jurge that he may not allow any spectators in court when he hands Ruef his Christmas present.

Ruef appeared in court this morning joking with friends and seemingly at ease with all the world.

SACK OF MAIL STOLEN FROM DEPOT AT WEED

DUNSMUIR, Cal., Dec. 19.—Wednesday night upon the arrival of passenger train No. 13 at Weed, it threw off the mail sack onto the platform. When the postmaster went to get it, it was not to be found. A search was at once started and after some time the sack was found cut open and the mail scattered. It is not known if the thieves got away with any of the mail or not. The postmaster does not think they did. There is no trace of the men who did it, but the officers are trying several clues.

GOOD SHOWING MADE BY HARRIMAN RAILROAD

Despite the great business depression which resulted from the panic, the gross earnings of the Union Pacific railroad for the 12 months ended June 30, published yesterday, show a decrease of only \$269,373. After dividends were paid on the preferred stock, the balance remaining for the common shares, which are now on a 10 per cent basis, equaled 16.24 per cent, as compared with 16.4 per cent for 1907.

This showing is particularly interesting in view of the persistent report that the assets of the Union Pacific are to be separated from the railroad, and that total dividends on the two classes of shares, amounting to 12 per cent, are to be paid. The company's income from investments showed the remarkable increase during the year of \$4,790,467. The income from these investments for the year was \$16,763,574, as compared with \$11,973,106 in 1907. The company, after the payment of dividends and all charges, had a surplus of \$12,188,751.

The feature of the report, which was very interesting, was the fact that the Union Pacific profits on its original Northern Pacific investments increased from \$34,665,000 to \$45,586,000 as a result of the sale of \$9,972,260 Great Northern and \$4,730,000 Northern Pacific.

WELL KNOWN MINING MAN SUFFERS PARALYSIS

PORT JONES, Cal., Dec. 19.—A few days ago "Grandpa" Sleep of Quartz Valley, a pioneer and well known mining man, who for three years has been partially paralyzed, suffered another stroke of paralysis and there appears little hope of his recovery.

GOMEZ TAKES CASTRO'S JOB IN VENEZUELA

Gastro Immediately Buys Rifles and Ammunition With Which to Fight--Will Return Home

LONDON, Dec. 19.—Vice-President Vicente Gomez has declared himself president of Venezuela and will assume complete charge of the government, according to a dispatch received here today.

Particulars are very meager, but it seems that he took the step to quell internal strife in order to concentrate Venezuela's strength upon Holland.

BERLIN, Dec. 19.—After receiving a cablegram today announcing that Vice-President Vicente Gomez had declared himself president of Venezuela, President Castro opened negotiations for the purchase of 50,000 rifles and other munitions of war.

Apples Coming Less Freely.

Shipments of apples to this market have fallen off materially within the past week, says the Telegram and a considerable improvement in the condition of the local trade has been the result. Stocks in all quarters have been reduced to some extent, but as yet there has been no stiffening of prices. Poor to medium grade fruit comprises the bulk of stocks on hand, and most of the current sales are at prices ranging from \$1 to \$1.25 a box. Small shipments of fancy Hood River apples have come in during the week, and they go rather slowly at \$2.25 to \$2.50 a box. From this time on dealers look for a steady reduction in the apple surplus, but no material price changes are expected for a month or more.

NATIONAL CIVIL SERVICE REFORM LEAGUE SESSION

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 19.—After a two days' discussion of various measures, the National Civil Service Reform league brought its annual session to a close today. The delegates are jubilant and declare that the reforms advocated by the league will soon be accepted in all departments of national and state governments.

THE PETITION TO ENJOIN THE EUGENE CITY COUNCIL

EUGENE, Or., Dec. 19.—Representative citizens of Eugene today filed an injunction to restrain the council from proceeding with the project to construct a power plant on the McKenzie river. Mayor J. D. Matlock is one of the defendants.

The action follows a rebuke administered the council October 1 by the voters in defeating a proposed half million dollar bond issue to finance the proposed Ritehey creek municipal gravity system.

OFFICE BUILDING, NOT A ROCKEFELLER PALACE

LONDON, Dec. 19.—The report in New York that John D. Rockefeller has bought land at Queen Anne's Gate on which to build a marble palace for his London residence seemed today to amuse the secretary of the Anglo-American Oil company, a subsidiary of the Standard Oil company.

"The report probably originated from the fact that our company has acquired a site for new offices," said the secretary. "The building will be of marble and six stories high. The architects have not yet fixed on many details yet, but we hope to move into the new quarters in a year."

MRS. MARTIN MUST SPEND LIFE IN JAIL

Convicted of Dynamiting Home of Judge Odgen Is Sentenced to Life Imprisonment

OAKLAND, Cal., Dec. 19.—Mrs. Isabella Martin, who was convicted of dynamiting the home of Judge Odgen in this city, was today sentenced to life imprisonment by Judge Wells.

The story of the crime is a familiar one, being the most sensational of its kind on the Pacific coast. The woman did not place the dynamite under the porch of the judge's home herself, but instructed her son, known as "Baby John" Martin, to put it there.

The lad testified that his mother held him under her influence and compelled him to commit the outrages in which the explosives were used.

The dynamiting remained a mystery until "Baby John" was caught trying to poison the people of Westville, Cal. When arrested the boy confessed all the grievances held by Mrs. Martin against Judge Odgen dated from the time she was interested in a lawsuit in which a decision was given by him against her.

WHO WILL BE TAFT'S NEW ATTORNEY GENERAL?

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Much speculation is indulged in today regarding the probable choice of an attorney general by Taft following the official announcement that Senator Knox is to be secretary of state. Undoubtedly the attorney general will be picked from this list: Frank Kellogg, the "trust buster"; Charles Nagel of St. Louis; Henry Hoty of Ohio; Taft's college mate; George W. Wickersham of New York; George Knight of California.

NEW POWER PLANT IS PLACED IN OPERATION

REDDING, Cal., Dec. 19.—The fourth power plant of the Northern California Power company was started up yesterday for the first time, adding 3000 horse power of electrical energy to the company's system, making a total of 13,000 horse power.

The new plant is in the Shingletown country, near Volta, where the company has two other plants. Still another plant is at Kilroe, east of Redding. A fifth plant is under construction on South Battle creek, where 5500 horse power will be developed electrically. A sixth plant will be put up five miles below this one, or at the foot of Inskip Butte, and 8500 horse power will be developed there. In other words, then, the company's plans call for double the amount of power that is now developed at its four power stations, including the new one that was started up yesterday for the first time.

ARCHBISHOP IRELAND'S CHANCE TO BE CARDINAL

PARIS, Dec. 19.—Archbishop Ireland's brief visit to Paris caused a certain stir in circles where it is believed he is to receive the "red hat."

One indiscreet interviewer bluntly asked the archbishop if he expects to be made a cardinal.

Mgr. Ireland only smiled and said: "I will tell you when I return from Rome what I think about it." Naturally, after the Theodore Roosevelt-Bellamy-Storer episode the subject is most delicate.

Too Late to Classify. FOR RENT—Rooms for light house-keeping. Mrs. Joe Thomas, Holly street.