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VAWTER IS TO ARBITRATE FOR NUVEEN & CO.

Receives Instructions From Bond Buyers to Negotiate With the City Council for Them

John Nuveen & Company of Chicago have instructed W. L. Vawter of this city to meet with the city council and negotiate for them in the matter of the sale of the gravity water bonds...

CHINA EXPORTS YEARLY MANY TONS OF BRISTLES

SHANGHAI Dec. 21.—One of the peculiar industries of China, characteristic of the extreme care of the Chinese to save and utilize everything, is the hog bristle business.

The business is showing a tendency to centralize in this and other of the larger ports, one of the reasons being that the bristle buyers in small places are not able to secure the labor to sort them fast enough to make it worth while.

The export of bristles from Shanghai last year amounted to 3,948,346 pounds, valued at \$1,858,600. In 1907 the customs statistics show that the United States took 5794,630 worth of bristles.

DR. WISE SAYS TO SEND FAITHFUL OREGONIANS APPLES

Dr. Stephen S. Wise, rabbi of the Free Synagogue of New York city, retains an ardent affection for the Pacific northwest, his residence for several years. In commenting on the prize apples recently sent to European rulers and exhibited in New York, he writes: "Why is this fruit sent to such indifferent Oregonians as Edward, Wilhelm, Nicholas and Mr. Fallieres? If you really want Oregon apples to count, don't waste them on European monarchs, but get them into the systems of Oregonians who love and treasure everything Oregonian from little to big apples."

CRISIS IN CALIFORNIA BASEBALL FIGHT MONDAY

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 21.—The crisis in the State and Coast League baseball imbroglio will come tonight when a second conference will be held here. All signs point to the falling through of negotiations, in which event there will be merry baseball war next year.

Miller & Farbank's cash grocery will be open after supper every night before Xmas.

SOCIALISTS IN THE FIELD WITH A FULL TICKET

Nominate Candidates for Each Vacancy in City Offices--Will Make Hard Endeavor for Election

Local members of the socialist party gathered Sunday afternoon in their club rooms on South Central avenue and placed the following ticket in the field for the coming election: Mayor—Ernest Walters of North Medford.

The party will make a fight for as many votes as possible in the January election, though in the words of D. B. Reame, candidate for election from the Third ward, the nominations were not made with a hope of carrying the offices, but to give members of the party a chance "to vote for the great fundamental principles of socialism."

Ernest Walters, candidate for mayor, is a resident of North Medford and is a carpenter by trade, and was picked by his party as being the most fitted to fill Dr. J. F. Reddy's shoes when the latter steps out.

J. L. Wonderley, candidate for councilman from the First ward, is also a carpenter by trade. His evident that should this ticket be elected the city ship of state will be well equipped with carpenters.

Joe A. Thomas, candidate for a seat in the council from the Second ward, is probably the best known of any on the ticket, he having been a candidate for other offices.

D. B. Reame, the third candidate for councilman, is well known in the city. He is a tinner employed by J. A. Smith on the West Side.

At the present time it is a race between J. A. Perry and Ernest Walters.

WILL PROTECT THE BIG REDWOOD TREES

SAN JOSE, Cal., Dec. 21.—The committee of ten appointed at a recent mass meeting of members of the Semipervirens club of California and other citizens to urge a change in the policy of managing the California redwood park met here last night and adopted a memorial which will be presented to the legislative assembly and forestry commission. A committee consisting of Judge John E. Richards and A. P. Murgotten of San Jose and Arthur R. Briggs of San Francisco, were appointed to go to Sacramento and confer with the governor and other members of the forestry commission. Briggs was elected permanent chairman of the committee of ten.

It is desired that the cutting of timber in the park be stopped, a state highway constructed into the park and sewer and water works systems be built.

CARNEGIE BOOK GIVEN TO THE FRENCH PREMIER

PARIS, Dec. 21.—Henry White, the American ambassador, called on Premier Clemenceau today and reiterated the assurance given to the French government by Henry Vignaud, the first secretary of the American embassy, on November 25, that there is no truth in the rumor that the ambassador is to be transferred to London. Mr. White told the premier that he had no desire to leave Paris and go to England. Later, the ambassador, in behalf of Andrew Carnegie, presented the premier a copy of Mr. Carnegie's dedicatory volumes.

ROBERT, EYE WITNESS, ON STAND IN HAINES CASE

FLUSHING, L. I., Dec. 21.—Charles L. Robert, a member of the Bussell Yacht club, was the first witness at the beginning of today's session of the trial of Thornton Jenkins Haines accused with his brother, Captain Haines, of killing William Annis, the publisher. Robert was an eye witness. He said the defendant threatened to kill him if he interfered.



MME. MARISKA-ALDRICH, NEW MEZZO SOPRANO OF THE MANHATTAN OPERA.

Among the operatic "finds" credited to Oscar Hammerstein of the Manhattan Opera House, New York, is Mme. Mariska-Aldrich, the mezzo soprano. When Mr. Hammerstein was in Paris looking for talent he accorded a hearing to Mme. Mariska-Aldrich in the presence of Mella. Neither was particularly impressed with the stranger until she began to sing, but she had not half finished her first number when Mme. Mella nodded her approval to the impresario. When the song was concluded the singer found a five year contract ready for her to sign.

NEGLECTED FAMILY TO WRITE BOOK

Child Dies of Starvation As Father and Mother Endeavor to Work Out Theory of Land Tenure

PASADENA, Cal., Dec. 21.—One child is dead, physicians are trying to save the life of another, while a third lies ill in the home of Warren Brockew, who was at one time the editor of the Single Tax Courier of St. Louis, and an intimate friend of Henry George, the great single tax advocate, as the result of neglect on the part of the parents.

Brockew admitted today that while he and his wife were writing books on "Balanced Land Tenure" the children went hungry and were allowed to shift for themselves, the parents locking themselves away from where they might hear the pitiable pleadings of the children for food and care.

Leonard, the 8-year-old boy, who died as the result of neglect, had not touched food for three days before his death. The second child would have been dead in another day.

TALENT WOODMEN ELECT OFFICERS FOR NEXT YEAR

The Modern Woodmen of America held their regular annual election of officers last Saturday evening at Conway hall, says the Register, and initiated two new members to that order. Alva Vana Horn and Lily Briner. The officers elected for the ensuing year were: Jay Terrill, counsel; H. A. McDonald, adviser; Fred Danlan, banker; Charles Sherman, clerk; Bert Turner, secretary; J. D. Brown, watchman; Alva Van Horn, sentry; J. L. Garvin, manager. After the business of the evening the members enjoyed a fine supper in the hall.

MANY APPROVE WATER BOARD SUGGESTION

Probable That Vawter Enyart and Deuel Will Be Appointed a Commission to Handle Affairs

The Tribune's suggestion that the management of the new Medford water works be left to a water commission of three members, composed of representatives of the three banks, has met with the universal approval of business men of Medford. All are favorable to the proposal to give the management of the system to the leading business men of the city.

W. J. Vawter, president of the Jackson County bank, whose name has been suggested as a candidate for mayor, said: "I cannot consent to serve as mayor, as I could not spare the time that the exactness of the position demand, but I can and will serve as a member of the proposed water commission, provided representatives of the other banks also serve. I recognize the fact that business men must devote a part of their time to the community if its welfare is to be looked after."

J. E. Enyart, president of the Medford National bank, said: "I am willing to serve on a water commission with Messrs. Vawter and Deuel and think it a good suggestion. The water works should be placed in the control of a commission. It has been found necessary in Portland and other places. Moreover, our debt is so large that it is going to require good business management to prevent an annual deficit. Medford never has received the money it should collect for water, and it must in future."

It is understood that Mr. Deuel of the First National, who has also been mentioned as a business man's candidate for mayor, is willing to serve the city upon the water commission, where it is generally conceded as such business ability is needed as in the mayor's chair.

XMAS RUSH IS ON IN MEDFORD IN FULL BLAST

Shoppers Throng Streets of City--Spirit of Good Cheer and Happiness Seems Universal

Christmas week commenced Monday in Medford with one of the greatest rushes of shoppers that has been seen in this city for some time. Every store, from those that rival in beauty and fitting those of a metropolis to the smallest shops were packed with a mob of eager humanity, intent on their Christmas purchasing. As in past years, the warning to "do it early" has passed unheeded and the great majority of local residents will do their shopping on the first four days of this week.

Good old Santa Claus in years gone by has shown that he remembers the Medford people pretty well and there is ample evidence that there will be good things of Christmas for all and that young and old alike will bask for a season in the sunshine of unstinted generosity and enjoy his share of good cheer.

Throughout the city all indications point to an abounding merry Christmas. The good humored throngs of buyers give little sign of any necessity to stint in their purchases. In many of the shops the stocks are already depleted of Christmas goods and the odds and ends are now going. None seem too poor to purchase some expression of good will.

If there are any in Medford who are not in accord with the Christmas spirit they are not to be found. Even the overworked clerks in the postoffice, with their great task of handling the Christmas mail, have all their smiles of good cheer and many a "merry Christmas" is exchanged through the little windows that they utilize in transacting business.

The holiday rush will probably find its climax on Thursday, and then it is to be hoped that Christmas day dawns bright and fair, so that all may enjoy the day that marks the beginning of the greatest fact in history—Christianity.

CALIFORNIA MAY BLOCK WHEELS OF DIVORCE COURT

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Dec. 21.—The divorce evil is due to withstand another attack at the approaching session of the legislature. If Senator Charles W. Bell of Pasadena has his way the wheels of the mills that grind so fast now and so exceeding coarse will be spoken in several directions, so that marriage and its too frequent sequel will cease to be the mere frolic that a loose system of laws has gone far to encourage.

In thus taking up the cudgels, Senator Bell is only continuing the work of Senator Anderson of Santa Ana, whose bill to hedge these two institutions about with restrictive measures was shelved by the last legislature, because its newness caused it to be looked upon as too revolutionary.

Senator Bell will have at his back the support of the international commission of marriage and divorce, which is a by-product of southern California, consisting of three delegates from each of the church denominations, with objects to correct wrongs that have to do with the marriage relation.

The most important provision of the bill will go to the cause of so many unhappy marriages, viz: Hasty marriages. By removing the cause the friends of the measure count on removing the effect. By forcing reflection upon thoughtless ones bent upon thrusting their necks into the matrimonial noose the divorce habit will at least be checked.

TAFT MAY RECALL AMBASSADOR REID

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Persistent rumors have been revived that Whitelaw Reid, the American ambassador to the court of St. James is to lose his place when the Taft administration is inaugurated. Both Taft and Roosevelt are said to be displeased with the extravagant manner in which Reid entertains.

LOCAL CONCERN REACHES OUT FOR BUSINESS

Branch House Established in Eugene by Oregon Granite Company--Industry Increasing

Owing to the fact that the excellent qualities of southern Oregon granite are gaining a reputation in other sections of the state and in California, the Oregon Granite company has found it necessary to open a branch office and shop in Eugene and are already contemplating one in Portland. The monuments that have been erected by the company in the Willamette valley have attracted attention as being an Oregon product and so many inquiries have been made that the company has taken steps to open the branch office.

To Erect New Shops.

The company is contemplating the erection of new shops in the near future north of the city, where it will be possible to run a spur track from the Southern Pacific line into the yards. Here modern machinery is to be installed and sheds erected of a sufficient size to accommodate a large force of workmen. The opening of the new county road northwest of Medford will make it only a four-mile haul to the quarry owned and operated by the company in the mountain range west of the valley.

Rushing Development Work.

At the present time the company is rushing the development work in their quarry, keeping a force of men constantly at work. Much stone has been quarried here in the past, but as the stone improves as depth is acquired the company is going further into the mountain side, and lately have uncovered a ledge of exceptionally fine granite for monumental purposes. Unlike much of the granite found in southern Oregon, this ledge shows no trace of iron, which ingredient of stone will cause it to rust when exposed to the weather.

An Expert's Opinion.

V. C. Brown, who has been in the granite business throughout the east, more especially at St. Cloud, Minn., was taken to the quarry Sunday to look over the ledge. Mr. Brown had heard of the stone while in Portland, and being interested along such lines, visited Medford for the purpose of looking over the local product.

"It is evident," said Mr. Brown, upon his return to Medford Sunday, "that the granite industry will become a great factor in the business of southern Oregon. The stone is the equal of any that is found in the west, and I have visited nearly every quarry. Nowhere have I seen better prospects for the quarrying of monumental stone."

"It may be that you do not realize what the granite industry is. In St. Cloud a score of years ago there was nothing where today thousands of men are employed in vast quarries. In Rome, Vt., a little quarry was opened up and in six months 1500 men were employed in the town in the granite business alone. As this stone is bound to gain recognition over the west, the industry will grow and local quarries will become extremely valuable. I was surprised at what I found. And those who urge the patronage of Oregon industries can do so in buying monuments and obtain for their money stone that equals that shipped in from the east."

Just Another Payroll.

The local company since it was incorporated in March of this year has been crowded with work, so that the contemplated enlargement of their plant is made a necessity. But in their present quarters, where they can employ but a limited number of workmen their payroll has averaged over \$1000 a month, all of which is turned back into the pockets of the local merchants. With the enlargement of their plant a part of the payroll will be correspondingly increased, and after all, it is payrolls that count—for it is money that talks.