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WORK TO START SOON IN MEDFORD COAL FIELD

TESTS SHOW LOCAL COAL BEST ON PACIFIC COAST

Two Companies Have Been Organized-- Cascade Coal Company Controls 3600 Acres of Land--Vein 12 feet Wide

The immense bituminous coal field adjacent to Medford extending along the east side of the valley from near Ashland north to Roxy Ann and on toward Sams Valley has attracted the attention of eastern capital and is about to be developed on a large scale by Colonel J. F. Mundy of Lincoln, Ill., and his associates.

The vein is 12 feet in thickness and extends for miles. The quality of coal is pronounced by eastern experts to compare favorably with the Rock Springs, Wyo., or Georges Creek, Md., coal and better than that of Coos Bay or Wellington, B. C., which is claimed the best coal on the coast. Samples certainly show the coal all that is claimed for it.

High Test is Made. A shipment recently made to Swift & Co., Chicago, to test in their boilers gave satisfactory results and the following analysis was reported:

Table with 2 columns: Sample No. 2, Moisture, Ash dry, Commercial, Vol. matter-dry, Com., Carbon-Dry, Com., B. T. U.-Dry, Com., Sulphur-Dry, Com.

Colonel Munday has organized two development companies, one known as the Cascade Coal company and the other as the Western Coal company. The Cascade company controls 3600 acres of land and development is rapidly progressing on what is known as the Broadbent property, lying north of Roxy Ann.

Controls Much Land.

The Western Coal company controls 3120 acres and development is progressing on the Herrin property north of Roxy Ann, two and one-half miles south of Ashland. Double track tunnels are being driven at both the Broadbent and Herrin mines. At the Broadbent there has been a 35-foot shaft sunk, and the double track tunnel is being driven below. At the Herrin mine the tunnel is in 360 feet on the vein. The coal from both mines is of excellent quality.

"This is purely a development proposition," states Colonel J. F. Mundy, who for the past three months has been engineering the coal properties, "and there are no stock or bonds for sale. It is not a stock jobbing proposition. We believe there is a great coal field adjacent to Medford, and propose to develop it. Back of the first vein, we think there is a second one. This is the case in other coal fields. Back of this there may be a third. We are going to find out."

Company Could Not Deliver.

Colonel Mundy and his partner, Mr. Murphy, a wealthy coal miner of Springfield, Ill., recently attempted to purchase the Medford coal company's mine east of Phoenix, now bonded by the Pacific Coal company of Los Angeles. They organized the Sunset Coal company to acquire the property but the deal has hung fire, owing to the inability of the Pacific Coal company to deliver title. The Medford owners have endeavored to hasten the deal, but so far without success. If the Pacific Coal company refuses to complete the deal, Messrs. Murphy and Mundy will continue the development of the other properties they have acquired. So far, all the development work done at the Medford mine has been in the surface workings.

What the Work Means.

Colonel Mundy and associates are confident of success in their undertakings and expect to build a railroad from Medford to their coal properties before the distant future. They hope to acquire the Medford mine in addition to

the Cascade and Western coal mines. The development of the local coal fields will probably mean more to Medford than any other one movement that has ever been brought to the attention of local people. There is a tremendous market for coal in the valley and aside from that there are iron lands which need only fuel to have great smelters erected thereon; there is also a vast acreage of the finest marble lands, where coal is needed to burn it for cement and lime. And the payrolls that coal mines would bring to Medford is the one thing badly needed in the valley.

AUTHOR OF "DEARIE" HAS PURCHASED YAKIMA LAND

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., Dec. 23.—Clare Kummer, the New York author of the song "Dearie," has purchased five acres of raw land west of here.

BIG DEAL IN KLAMATH CO.

E. R. Reames and D. B. Campbell Purchase 3300 Acres for \$80,000

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Dec. 23.—

One of the largest real estate deals, considering the amount of money involved, that has ever been made in the Klamath country was consummated in this city a few days ago, when E. R. Reames and D. B. Campbell purchased the Miller ranch and the townsite of Midland. The Miller ranch comprises 3300 acres, all under the government ditch and the townsite of Midland is located six miles south of Klamath Falls, on the California Northeastern.

The exact amount of money paid is not known, but it is generally understood that it was between \$75,000 and \$80,000. Campbell, one of the purchasers, came here some four years ago and has since been closely identified with the development of the Klamath country and with the growth of the city of Klamath Falls, which he has made his home and where he is interested in the well known Hot Springs addition. Reames, the other purchaser, has resided in this section for more than a quarter of a century, during which time he accumulated a large fortune and is now the wealthiest citizen in this entire section.

It will be the policy of the new owners of this large ranch to dispose of it in 40-acre tracts to settlers who will move onto the lands and farm them.

MAINE AND NORTH CAROLINA ON WAY TO VENEZUELA

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—It was admitted in the war department today that the battleships Maine and North Carolina were on their way to Venezuela waters.

Pleasure First. From the Medford... Zabby did... cake to little... Yes, you... first."

FIRE RENDERS 4000 HOMELESS IN BROOKLYN

Many Are Driven Out Into the Snow Swept Streets Where Biting Cold Renders Them Unconscious

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Four thousand men, women and children were driven from their burning homes in Brooklyn early this morning, and out into the snowstorm that is sweeping the streets.

Scores have been overcome by the fire, being penned in the narrow streets. Others are unconscious in the biting cold.

Heavy snowstorm has the town in its grasp and it is very difficult to render aid to the homeless. Many are destitute and it is feared that tonight's toll will be heavy if shelter be not provided.

The catastrophe has thrown a chill of horror over the entire city, checking the Christmas gaiety, just as it was approaching its greatest height. The number of dead is unknown, and it is impossible to estimate it.

INSURANCE SCANDAL CLAIMS ANOTHER VICTIM

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The insurance scandals are believed to have claimed another victim in the suicide today of Frederick A. Burham, formerly the president of the Mutual Reserve Life Insurance company. He inhaled gas in his apartments in this city.

His company was involved in the investigation of insurance companies by the authorities. While it has not as yet been determined, it is thought that several matters have been uncovered which show that Burham had used the funds of the company for private purposes.

Before taking the fatal step Burham carefully destroyed all of his private papers in the fire of his apartment. Nothing else was disturbed in the apartment.

WHEELER GETS PAT JOB IN SAN FRANCISCO

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—It has been unofficially announced that William R. Wheeler, the assistant secretary of commerce and labor, has been appointed to the position of manager of the traffic bureau of the Merchants' Exchange. The salary is \$12,500 a year.

COUNT BONI WILL NOT GET CHILDREN FROM MOTHER

PARIS, Dec. 23.—A decision favoring Princess De Sagan, formerly Anna Gould, in the suit brought by Count Boni for the custody of the children was indicated today in an address before the court by the public prosecutor, who recommended the children be left with their mother.

JACKSONVILLE ITEMS.

H. D. Kahl of Applegate spent Tuesday in town.

Misses Fay Sears and Anna Wendt spent a few hours in Medford Tuesday afternoon.

L. L. Holt came down from Ashland Tuesday on business in the circuit court.

Mrs. James M. Wilson was visiting Medford friends recently.

R. G. Smith, the Grants Pass attorney, was a business caller at Jacksonville Tuesday.

Mrs. E. J. Kahl left for Portland Tuesday evening where she will spend the holidays with her children.

NEWS THROWS CASTRO INTO FURIOUS RAGE

Copy of Gomez Proclamation Forwarded to Him by Cable From Venezuela--80 Signers

BERLIN, Dec. 23.—Cipriano Castro, the deposed president of Venezuela, was thrown into a furious rage today when he received a cable copy of the proclamation of Acting President Gomez, announcing the overthrow of Castro, and warning him that his property would be confiscated if he attempted any retaliation. He was also informed that if he should attempt to return to his country he would be arrested and charged with embezzling the public funds.

The proclamation was signed by 80 prominent citizens. Castro, though furiously angry, says that he intends to return to Venezuela and take with him arms and ammunition with which to overthrow the usurper and regain his office.

ST. NICK REAL IN NEW YORK

Letters Sent to Santa Claus Through Mail Are Answered by Parties

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—This is a long day, a feverishly busy day and a hard day for Santa Claus on earth, particularly in New York. And a warm day for them, no matter how cold it may seem to fingers and toes of the little people who have only just to fidget around and expect the appearance of Christmas day. Arms and wagons full of packages. Streets full of wagons and loaded teams—arms peacefully loaded. Ten thousand things going on so hastily and feverishly that a pagan from Timbuctoo would certainly have to seize the fact at a glance that there were to be mighty revelries day after tomorrow.

A letter for Santa Claus has turned up at the general postoffice, just in time. The clerk picks it up in a matter-of-fact way, with scarcely a glance at the inscription. One would think that he believed in Santa Claus. He does in a way. He drops it into a great box filled as deep as you could reach down, all with letters to the same honest gentleman.

Letters Will Be Called For.

These letters will be called for, too. Thanks to some persons, among the busiest of the engineers of St. Nick, the letters will be opened and read—a terrible task, yet fascinating. Many of the queer little pleas, for toys or other Christmas necessities will be granted up by hasty messengers riding up to awfully doors and leaving gifts, at the last moment, with no trace of where they came from.

Santa Claus will be a reality for these little children of the poor, who write pitiful missives to the good saint and wait in all faith for the fulfillment of their desires. And some of them, too, want so little—a doll, or a rattle, rattle for baby or a new calico dress for mama. There is patient faith expressed in these ill-spelled, ragged missives and there is also the cynicism of youngsters who do not believe in Santa Claus, in a way in anything, but holidays.

MITCHELL GETS NINE MONTHS; MORRISON SIX

Case is the Development of One of the Bitterest Fights in the History of American Federation

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Justice Wright of the supreme court of the District of Columbia today found President Samuel Gompers and Secretary Morrison of the American Federation of Labor and John Mitchell, former president of the Federation of Miners, guilty of having flagrantly violated an injunction granted by Justice Gould to the Buck Stove company.

Punishment was fixed in Gompers' case at one year in jail, in Mitchell's case at nine months, while Secretary Morrison was given six months.

The case is the development of one of the bitterest fights in the history of the American Federation. At the head of the fight against the Federation was James Vane Cleave, president of the Buck Stove company, who is the most prominent enemy of organized labor.

Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison were in court when the opinion was read, and gave notice of appeal. Gompers was released on \$5000 bonds, Mitchell and Morrison on bonds of \$4000 and \$3000 respectively. The justice pointed out that before the injunction was issued Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison declared that would not obey it.

VERDICT RETURNED IN FAVOR OF DR. KEENE

Instructions with the instructions given by Judge H. K. Hanna, the jur. in the case of Reddy vs. Keene in the circuit court, on Wednesday morning, returned a verdict in favor of the defendant.

The suit was brought by Dr. J. P. Reddy against Dr. J. M. Keene for commission on a sale of real estate. Dr. Keene claimed he had no agreement with Dr. Reddy to that effect, so suit was dropped.

The instructions of the judge to the jury were:

"Gentlemen: I am compelled to do in this case what the court always dislikes to do—that is to take the matter under consideration away from the jury. We would rather, in every case, where there is any evidence to warrant it, submit the case to the jury for determination; but as in this case you have heard me say as your hearing, there is such an entire lack of evidence that if the matter were submitted to you and you should find for the plaintiff in this case, I would have to set the decision aside and grant a new trial. Rather than there should be any chance taken of that, I will submit this form of verdict to you. It is not necessary that you should retire. You may select some one of your members right there in the box as foreman and authorize your foreman to sign this verdict, which I will read before submitting it to you. It is entitled In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Jackson County—Verdict: We, the jury in the above entitled action, find for the defendant. This you will sign by your foreman after you have elected a foreman."

Thereupon the jury elected William Ulrich foreman, who signed and returned the foregoing verdict.

ask little because they expect little.

For many of the children in the various hospitals and home of the city—little crippled wretches and wee tots sick to the point of death, whose days are filled with pain and their nights with dread—Christmas will begin to dawn. The hospital authorities have decreed that one day of Christmas cheer is not enough for these "luckless" tots mired in the making, and their Christmas will last through two or three days.

SOCIALISTS FAVOR CITY OWNERSHIP

Adopt Resolutions Which are Practically Their Platform in the Coming City Election

The socialist party in Medford on Tuesday evening adopted resolutions which are practically their platform in the coming city election. The salient points are:

Abolition of private contracts. Establishment of public bathhouse, gymnasium and billiard hall. Striking out property clauses in the charter.

Public ownership of public light plant. Throwing open of all street crossings on Southern Pacific right of way. Ernest Wolters is the candidate for mayor. J. S. Wonderley and D. H. Reame for councilmen, with one to be chosen.

The resolution as adopted was: Endorse Socialist Principles.

We the socialists of Medford, in convention assembled, again endorse the principles of international socialism. We call the attention of the people of Medford to the fact that all governments are essentially class governments, and that all legislation is primarily class legislation. Taking this for a starting point, it is unreasonable to expect the profit taking employing class to legislate in the interest of the wage-earner.

If the producing class are to receive any benefits from legislation they must organize politically in order that they may elect their own representatives to city, county or state legislative bodies. This is the essence of class consciousness which our president so much deprecates.

Realizing this truth, we come before the workers of this city in the interest of the working class. And if it should be our good fortune to be elected to any office we shall be found working for the interest of the working class.

As measures to the immediate interest of the workers, we offer the following:

For Immediate Relief.

First—The abolition of all private contracts on public work. Men to be hired direct by the city, thereby doing away with the large profits to wealthy contractors, which should go to the wage-earner in increased wages.

Second—We demand the eight-hour workday on all public work, and that union wages be paid.

Third—We demand that the city establish a public bathhouse, gymnasium and billiard room, so that men will have a place to go other than the saloon.

Fourth—We demand that the property clauses in the city charter be stricken out. It is unconstitutional for property to be made the basis for the holding of office. It is also class legislation.

Fifth—We favor the establishing of a city electric and power plant and furnish consumers with light, heat and power at cost of production. But we call your attention that public ownership can only be a success when its friends are behind it.

Sixth—We demand that all street crossings on the Southern Pacific track be thrown open.

If you favor these measures there is only one way to get them—that is by voting for socialist candidates.

MARRIED.

BONNEY DANIELSON—In Medford on December 20 Mr. H. C. Bonney and Miss Anna Danielson, Rev. G. LeRoy Hall officiating. A host of relatives join in congratulations and well wishes.

WHITLEY-VOGEL—In Medford, Cal., November 29, Mr. J. S. Whitley of Plouffe Rock and Miss Ora Vogel of Illinois.