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## WOULD TAKE CHARGE OF MINE

### Pacific Coal Company Has Not Done Work Enough to Hold the Coal Mine Near This City

Upon the grounds that the Pacific coal company has not done the necessary amount of work on the coal mine southeast of this city to fulfill the requirements of the contract under which they have been in possession of the mine, the Medford Coal company has had the papers drawn up and are contemplating sending out a man to take possession of the property at once. The act of taking possession has been delayed for the time being, owing to negotiations pending between Colonel J. E. Mundy of the Cascade Coal company and the Pacific Coal company. As soon as these negotiations are completed the Pacific Coal company will either go to work on the property or the Medford Coal company will take possession.

For some time there has been trouble in the ranks of the Pacific Coal company, who have the mine in their possession at the present time. The company obtained control of the mine by making two payments, one of \$10,000 and the other of \$15,000. A third payment was to be made in the future of \$25,000, which would make the total paid for the mine \$50,000. In the meantime the company was to do a certain amount of development work on the mine. This work has not been done, according to members of the Medford Coal company.

It is probable that the local company will regain possession of the mine within a few days. They may then turn it over to Colonel Mundy or may decide to work it themselves.

## DECISION IS TARGET OF UNIONS

### Big Parade Is Scheduled for Saturday in New York to Show Disapproval at Wright's Decision

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Two hundred thousand workmen are to parade throughout the streets of this city on next Saturday in order to illustrate the protest of union labor against the recent decision of Justice Wright of the supreme court of the District of Columbia, in which he sentenced Samuel Gompers, John Mitchell and Frank Morrison to serve terms in jail for contempt of court. Preparations are progressing favorably to make it the most gigantic parade of its kind New York has ever seen. Steps are being taken in Chicago to have a like demonstration made.

The American Federation of Labor has announced that they will temporarily cease publishing the "We Don't Patronize" list in their official organ.

### Comedy at Bijou.

Mr. and Mrs. Blessing are again appearing at the Bijou for a short engagement ending Wednesday night. The packed house greeted their return to the Bijou last night. A more enthusiastic and well pleased audience than that of last night is seldom to be seen. The appreciation that the theater going public has shown for the acting of Mr. and Mrs. Blessing prompted the management to secure them for a short return engagement. Tonight's bill is brimming over with the very best of comedy. It is a laugh throughout. Comedy songs are one of the features. An exceptionally strong musical number for the last of the week commencing Thursday.

"In Wyoming," H. E. Pierce & Co.'s great play of western ranch life, will be the attraction at the Medford Theater tonight. The selection of his drama of the west will meet with wide approval in Medford, and the production itself promises to be one of the most pretentious that will be seen here during the present season. "In Wyoming" is a genuine American play, replete with virility and strength. Willard Mack, the author, has combined his ingredients of dramatic interest with the proper admixture of comedy, and has succeeded in evolving a rare play wherein swiftly alternating laughs give place frequently to moments of intense pathos. The scenes are laid near Casper, Wyo. The management has furnished a complete scenic production, which will be used in its entirety during the engagement.

### "Jane Eyre," Dramatized, Coming.

"Jane Eyre," a very ingenious dramatic version of Charlotte Brontë's famous novel, by Peter C. Piatti, contains a broad message to all kinds and conditions of people. It is broad in its appeal, and touches upon one of the great questions of the day, viz: the marriage tie. This it does in a quiet, delicate manner, without shock to the sensibilities or offense to the most fastidious. "Jane Eyre" will be the attraction at the Medford Theater Wednesday, December 30. Miss Dorothy Turner is the leading woman, portraying the character of Jane Eyre.

### COGROVE MAY TAKE OATH OF OFFICE IN CALIFORNIA

PASO ROBLES, Cal., Dec. 28.—The condition of Governor-elect Cosgrove is steadily improving. He came downstairs today and took hot baths. His wife says that if Cosgrove is well enough, as the indications show he will be, he will be inaugurated here. The governor-elect coincides in this view. The hotel authorities under Cosgrove's instructions have refused to reveal any plans for the ceremony.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—A honeymoon in the clouds is planned by Millionaire C. A. Cocy, a daring aviator, who married Carrie Hume Lewis at Kansas City on Saturday. The couple will go to Los Angeles, where Cocy's balloon awaits to take them back to Chicago.

## ATTEMPT ON GRANTS PASS MUST PAY LIMIT

### Persian Shah Enter Cabinet Chamber and Fire at the Ruler--Both Arrested

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 28.—It has been authentically reported here that two men disguised as priests today entered the cabinet chamber of the royal palace in Teheran during a conference and attempted to assassinate the shah of Persia by shooting. It is reported further that the bullet pierced the epaulet on the uniform of the heir apparent. Both of the men were arrested.

TEHERAN, Dec. 28.—This city is in the wildest excitement following a report that an attempt had been made on the life of the shah while he was in conference with his cabinet. He appeared this afternoon on the streets for a few moments evidently to calm the fears of the populace that he had been injured.

No particulars can be obtained.

## CLUB HOUSE NEARLY BURNS

### Gold Ray Structure Damaged by Flames Caused by Defective Construction

The Gold Ray club house, recently rebuilt and refurnished as a residence for Colonel and Mrs. Frank Ray of New York city, narrowly escaped destruction last week, when fire, which caught from the immense fireplace, smoldered for two days in the 12x12 beams that support the structure before being discovered. A slight odor of smoke had pervaded the house, but it aroused but little suspicion, as the origin could not be traced. When discovered, a space six feet or more in diameter had been burned across and the fire was spreading rapidly.

The cause was defective construction. The builders had built the 12x12 beam in as one side of the firebox, and the only wonder is that the building was not destroyed years ago.

### An Attractive Home.

The clubhouse as now fitted up is one of the most attractive places in the country, either for a permanent home or for occasional residence. All that could be desired for comfort and even luxury has been supplied. The entire structure has been redecorated, new floors laid and walls re-papered. Located in one of the most charming spots in the land, with a picturesque view that few places in America can surpass, overlooking the dam, with its tumbling torrents, snow-capped Mt. Pitt looming across the placid waters of the lake on the one side and the Rogue winding like a silver ribbon through its narrow verdure-clad valley towards the sea on the other, with the waterfall constantly murmuring its thousand voiced music, Colonel Ray has a home that might well be the envy of artist or millionaire.

### House of 1000 Candles.

The clubhouse might well be called the house of a thousand candles—several thousand of them—and the candles those of the modern world—incandescent lights. Every use that it is possible to put electricity to is utilized. Water is pumped, ice is made, cold storage equipped, heat and light furnished and cooking done by the aid of modern electric devices.

The capacity of the power plant is being doubled. The surplus power will be used to put water upon the hills and

## GRANTS PASS SUICIDED IN EARTHQUAKE

### Italian With \$2000 on His Person Blows Out His Brains in Depot Hotel in Ashland

Not alone, it seems, is Ashland in having to meet a heavy tax levy the coming year, for from Grants Pass, on the north, comes a wail similar to that from the city on the south. The Pass is up against it, too, and lays the blame on the fact that the revenue from saloons has been lost, causing the council to make the tax levy for the next year as heavy as the charter will allow.

Grants Pass must pay the limit. The Oregon Observer of Grants Pass tells the story thusly:

Last May, when the local option question was before the people, amongst other arguments against prohibition that were advanced here in Grants Pass it was stated that the closing of the saloons would reduce the revenue of the city by \$6000, and that as no appreciable reduction could be made in civic expenditure, it would be necessary for the city to balance this loss of revenue by increased taxes. This argument could not be refuted, and was made good at the city council meeting last Thursday evening, when the city tax levy was raised to the limit allowed by the charter—8 mills on the dollar. The worst feature of the local option transaction is that while the saloon revenue has been lost, the consumption of spirituous liquors within the corporation has increased, with no benefit, but only evil to the general citizenship.

### Six Mills Last Year.

Last year the city tax levy was six mills. A property assessed at \$1000 therefore, paid the city a tax of \$6. By the action of the county court in adding 50 per cent to the assessment, the same property is now assessed at \$1500; and by the action of the city council in adding two mills to the levy for city purposes this property will now have to pay \$12 for civic taxes. This is just double, and will not be at all a pleasant prospect to most city property owners. But with the passing of the local option law increase in taxes was inevitable, and we are bound to assume that the city council is not making any higher levy than the municipal needs call for.

### County Increase Also.

Of course city property must also pay the school tax, and county and state tax. The school tax last year was more than one-third higher than the city tax, but ought not to show any important increase this year, as the school district has lost no revenue. Last year the county and state tax was double that of the city, and some increase may be anticipated, as the county lost about \$3000 of saloon revenue. Moreover, increased assessment invariably invites increased taxes. Moreover, there is a substantial increase in the state levy.

On the whole, Grants Pass property owners appear to be up against considerably increased taxes. But they must take it cheerfully. Every intelligent citizen perfectly understood on the 2d of last June that the city would have to resort to higher taxes in order to make up for the \$6000 of license revenue that was voted out on June 1.

### BRITISH STEAMER WITH ALL ON BOARD

NEWCASTLE, Australia, Dec. 28.—The British steamer Advance and the barque Teirns collided near here today. The Advance went down with all aboard, except the first officer.

valleys in the vicinity. Orchards are to be planted and the terrace below the clubhouse made a veritable hower of roses and garden of fragrant flowers. Colonel and Mrs. Ray, who recently arrived from the east, will make Gold Ray their summer residence. Mr. and Mrs. Gage, father and mother of Mrs. Ray, will make it their permanent home. Miss Boyd, daughter of Mrs. Ray, will return east with her mother in the spring, after a visit with her to California.

## ASHLAND HOTEL UPHEAVES ITALY

### Thousands Are Rendered Homeless--Havoc Terrific in Rome--Prisoners Escape From Jails

ROME, Italy, Dec. 28.—All Italy has suffered from a tremendous earthquake which has worked terrific havoc throughout the land. Rome is a severe sufferer. Thousands of people are homeless and many prisoners have escaped, as the jails were wrecked by the shock. The loss of life is thought to be heavy, but as means of communication have been destroyed, but little information can be gathered.

The shock was a very heavy one and some of the finest buildings in Rome are in ruins.

No fire has been reported.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Enyart and F. E. Tou Velle spent Sunday at Gold Ray, the guests of Colonel and Mrs. Frank Ray.

### Blows Out His Brains.

Immediately upon leaving the chief of police Fazio walked into the toilet of the depot and there, with his own revolver, blew out his brains.

The loud report brought many of the bystanders to the side of the unfortunate man at once, but death had been instantaneous. The chief of police took charge of the man and notified the coroner.

In Fazio's socks and in a money belt he had nearly \$2000 in currency. The belt was full of gold and the socks full of paper money.

The chief of police is endeavoring to get into communication with friends of the dead man in Sacramento. The Anaconda police have also been communicated with.

### HUSBAND LOVED ANOTHER; ATTEMPTED TO KILL HERSELF

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 28.—Crazed by her husband's confession that he loved another woman, Mrs. Mary Planna of Oakland yesterday jumped from a ferry boat. Her condition is serious. Leaving a son 5 years old, the woman sprang into the water and then decided she wanted to live. She managed to keep her head above water until a boat reached her. She was married in Hawaii six years ago and lived happy until her husband confessed his affinity.

### DOWLING IS EXAMINED BY FEDERAL GRAND JURY

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—Henry C. Dowling, the department manager of the Nelson Morris company, members of the meat trust, is undergoing an investigation by the federal grand jury concerning the firm's accounts, which were seized by agents of the district attorney's office a last week.

### ENTERTAINED FRIENDS WITH LEAP-YEAR DANCE

Misses Lucille and Star Marshall entertained some 15 couples of the younger set at a leap-year dance on Saturday evening at their home, the Oaklawn orchards. A most enjoyable time was had, the leap-year idea being fully carried out. Dainty refreshments were served, the party breaking up at a late hour.

Lewis' home-made candies, 20 per cent off during holidays. 20¢  
A. E. Reames has returned from Portland and will take up the adjudication of the bond interest for the city with W. I. Vawter.  
L. A. Rose of Phoenix was a recent Medford visitor.

## SOCIAL DANCE TOMORROW

### Ladies of Greater Medford Club Give Third Social Affair

Tomorrow evening, December 29, the ladies of the Greater Medford club give their third social dance of the season in the Angle opera house. For some weeks the preparations for this dance have been under way and a good time is assured.

The proceeds of the dance will be used in bettering the public library, the cause therefore being a most worthy one. No doubt a large number of couples will attend.

### OH! WELL, THERE ARE OTHERS IN THIS CLASS

Merlin has many things to be proud of and does not hesitate to brag on anything in which it excels. Just now she presents to the world a man here who is convinced that the proposed electric line from Merlin down the Rogue river to the coast will kill the town, that a new schoolhouse will never be needed, and that if the district is put under irrigation nine-tenths of the farmers will go broke trying to pay taxes. He can also see dire failure following every man who is clearing land for the purpose of putting out fruit trees and the utter uselessness of any effort to improve the town. There are other things concerning which he has original ideas, but these we will keep in reserve until some other district contests his right to be considered champion.—Courier.

## BIG TRAVEL TO NORTHWEST

### Holiday Trade Good Everywhere--Progressive Convention for Gilliam

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 28.—The greatest holiday trade ever enjoyed by Portland and the other cities and towns of Oregon closed on the evening of December 24. It was estimated that there were exceeding 60,000 actual shoppers in the stores and upon the streets of Portland at 4 o'clock Christmas eve. The entire downtown district was a mass of moving vehicles and the aisles of the larger retail houses were almost impassable.

The year 1909 will be the travel year for the Pacific northwest. The most advantageous rates are in this direction. All of the great railroads of the country are going to bend their efforts toward presenting the resources of this portion of the United States throughout the east Canada and Europe. The Portland rose show and the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition will be two important features and railroad men in all the large centers of population predict an enormous travel.

The enterprising people of Gilliam county will hold a big progressive convention under the auspices of the Gilliam County Improvement association. It is the intention of the people of this county to begin one of the most active advertising campaigns ever carried on by any Oregon county.

Don't forget that it is the duty of every reader of this paper to write to some friend at a distance and tell him of the advantages of Oregon both as to climate and production. Remember that the people of the older states, where the weather is cold, are huddling around the fire and have lots of time to read—get busy.

President Jacob Gould Schurman of Cornell university and chairman of the first Philippine commission, one of America's noted educators, is making a tour of the country, being entertained by the commercial and educational organizations. He was a guest of the Portland Commercial club at luncheon Saturday and was given a dinner at the University club Saturday evening.

The Roseburg Commercial club, after a year of most intense activity, will dedicate their new club rooms on Tuesday, January 12. There will be representatives present from various sections of the state.