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THIRD YEAR.

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GOVERNMENT ESTIMATE: 120,300 DEAD

F. L. TOUVELLE BOOSTS CITY

Is Quoted in Telegram as Saying Many Nice Things About Medford--Tells Them of Our Streets

Colonel F. L. Tou Velle, who has in a few years amassed a snug little fortune in this valley and is imbued with the prospects of Medford, is quoted in the Evening Telegram of Portland as follows:

"I'm afraid to write the truth about Medford to my people back in Ohio because they won't believe me; conditions are so different between Ohio and Oregon that the folks back home consider what I say about this state as exaggerated," said F. L. Tou Velle of Medford. "We have the biggest little metropolis in the west. It is the only town in the extreme southern part of the state having paved streets. We have hard surfaced pavements and plenty of them.

"Good streets mean much to a town, but we have other things. We are putting in a \$350,000 water system, which will bring pure mountain water to Medford. We have already installed a cast iron distributing system, the best of the kind in Oregon. There are about 150 automobiles in the place and more coming all the time. One agent sold five machines last week, and several citizens have come to Portland to buy cars. In the motors we can go to Crater lake in one day and see the greatest piece of scenery in the United States. A day going, a day at the lake and a day returning gives a tourist a great trip. This formerly took a week at least, and now it can be covered in three days. There is a new road to the lake, and it is being improved all the time.

"A 12-foot vein of coal has been discovered running from one end of the valley to the other. It starts at Sams Valley and runs to Ashland. Three companies have been organized to work the vein. An experienced coal miner from Springfield, O., is working on the development. This coal can scarcely be distinguished from Rock Springs coal.

Chief Pride in Fruit

"Of course our chief pride is in fruit, although we can grow anything in the country. I do not know of a place in the west where a person can double his capital faster. It takes money to start in, but given capital of a few thousand dollars and good judgment, a man can soon accumulate a substantial fortune. Three years ago I bought a place and later sold it at an advance of more than \$20,000, to say nothing of about the same amount of fruit I took off it. There is one orchard of 40 acres, bearing pears, which sold a crop for \$60,000 last year. The owner shipped a trainload of pears receiving \$1500 a car. Another fruitgrower sold his place for about \$150,000.

"Easterners cannot realize the price of good orchard lands in the Medford country, the price being so much higher than where I came from back home. Why, my people in Ohio never heard of using gasoline engines in orchards, and since I wrote them about the engines, they keep warning me of the danger. Every time they see a piece in a paper about gasoline exploding they clip it out and mail it to me.

"Any man with a little capital and sound business sense can double his money in a few months in the Medford country. The time has passed when a man could go in there, however, on a shoestring and pick up good land for nothing. There are plenty of bargains for men with means to invest. Easterners are dropping in Medford constantly, and they are all provided with funds. An easterner, while waiting for a train a few days ago, bought a place for \$10,000 and decided to remain at Medford for the rest of his life."

MATHEWSON TO COACH THE CRIMSON BALLTOSSERS

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 31.—Christy Mathewson will coach the crimson players next year. New York's great pitcher will assume his duties at Cambridge tomorrow and will have full charge, but will devote the greater part of his time to his own team. Mathewson's contract with Harvard will not expire before the college season ends in June, so that the New York Nationals will not have the use of his skill until this time. It is reported that Mathewson may retire permanently from professional baseball.

FRUIT MEN TO MEET JAN. 2

Discussion on the Most Profitable Varieties of Fruit to Be the Main Topic of the Meeting

(By Charles Meserve.)

The statement has been made by Hon. W. K. Newell, president of the Oregon state board of horticulture, in a public address that Rogue River valley can grow to perfection more kinds of fruit than any other section of the Pacific coast. And the sales returns have proven year after year, since fruit began to be shipped from here, that Rogue River valley can grow more kinds of fruit that lead in making record prices in the world's best markets than any other district in the United States, and that the profits on some orchards and vineyards are so big as to sound like fairy tales to east coast fruit growers.

This variety and excellence of fruit that Rogue River valley produces is all due to the remarkable diversity of soils and other physical conditions and to the perfect climate. For this same diversity of soil, altitude and other conditions that enables so many different kinds of fruit to be grown to such perfection is also the cause of many of the orchard and vineyard failures that can be seen in this valley.

Favorable Conditions Needed.

The progressive fruitgrower has learned by experience that when there is the right combination of soil, altitude, location and variety of trees or vines that the yield is large, the fruit perfect and the profit all that could be wished for. While if the fruit tree or grape vine has unfavorable conditions there will be no profitable returns to the owner.

Meeting on Saturday.

The problems above outlined that confront the fruitgrowers of this valley will be the topics that will be discussed at the meeting of the Rogue River Horticultural society at its meeting to be held at the Medford Commercial club room on this Saturday at 2 p. m. The discussion on varieties of fruit that have been found most profitable will be opened by an address by J. A. Perry, manager of the Rogue River Fruitgrowers' union. The discussion on the soil problem will be opened by Charles Meserve. As manager for the Fruitgrowers' union Mr. Perry has handled the bulk of the fruit that has been shipped from this section of Rogue River valley for several years past, and he has learned what are the best soil varieties and what have brought the best prices. The facts that he will give pertaining to the market demands and prices is the much sought information that all want to know who are interested in the fruit industry in this valley. Mr. Meserve, for the past six years, has made a special study of the soil conditions of Rogue River valley as affecting the growth and productivity of fruit trees and grape vines, and the information that he will give will materially aid fruitgrowers to solve one of the most difficult problems that they here find confronting them.

Discussions Are Open.

The discussions will be open to all, and prominent orchardists will be asked to give their experience in the problems that will be considered. The talks will all be short and to the point, and no one will be allowed longer than ten minutes. Questions may be asked by those desiring further information. The meeting will be open to the public and all who are interested in the development of the fruit industry in Rogue River valley are invited to attend, and this invitation includes the ladies. All must bear in mind that, owing to the shortness of the days, the meeting will begin promptly at 2 o'clock.

Big Automobile Show in New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Prominent automobile manufacturers and dealers, officials of motoring organizations and representatives of the press were given a private view of the Grand Central Palace motor car show this afternoon prior to the "gala night" opening of the exhibition to the public this evening.

PRESS ESTIMATE: 200,000; CONSUL ESTIMATE: 240,000

KAUFMAN PUTS BARRY TO SLEEP

Took the Big Boy 39 Rounds to Win Out--Kaufman for Johnson

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 31.—Al Kaufmann knocked out Jim Barry in the 39th round of what was to have been a 45-round fight at the Jeffries Athletic club in this city last night. Barry was knocked down and out in the 39th round, his seconds throwing up the sponge.

Kaufmann had all the best of the fighting from the start to the finish, although Barry at times made some terrific efforts to retaliate. The result of the fight decides the white heavyweight championship. Both men had won numerous battles, and both were heralded by their respective supporters as winners. Kaufmann was the bigger of the two, and in this had many advantages, while Barry, one of the cleverest that ever donned a mill, seemed to lack the hitting qualities of his opponent.

This result is a big feather in the cap of Billy Delaney, and adds one more to his string of champions, such as Curbett, who defeated the great John L. at New Orleans, and Jim Jeffries, who is now resting on his laurels, having made enough out of the game to pass them all up, so he says. But Jeff is foxy, and it may be predicted, if the purse for a battle between him and Johnson is large enough, he may change his mind and return to the ring.

JURY FINDS FINCH GUILTY

Only Deliberated 28 Minutes--Finch Says He Will Fight Case

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 31.—After deliberating but 28 minutes, the jury in the case of Lawyer James A. Finch, slayer of the late prosecutor for the State Bar association, Ralph B. Fisher, returned a verdict of murder. There was but one ballot taken. Finch was overcome, but soon regained his composure. Judge Bronaugh, who presided, said he would pronounce sentence on Saturday morning. Finch was then taken in charge by deputies and remanded to the cell for prisoners convicted of murder in the first degree. Finch declares that he will fight his case clear to the United States supreme court and, although he may finally hang, he declares it will take two years in which to bring about this result.

Deputy District Attorney J. J. Fitzgerald began the closing argument for the prosecution, and in little over an hour's speech he summarized the case from the state's standpoint, and then in graphic terms he turned his attention to the lawyers for the defense, arguing them in the most scathing terms. Judge Bronaugh, upon the convening of court at 2 p. m., delivered his charge in less than an hour, giving the case to the jury at 2:55 o'clock.

The crime for which Finch stands convicted was cowardly and atrocious. He had been disbarred by the supreme court of the state for conduct unbecoming a lawyer and a citizen, and seemed to think Prosecutor Fisher was the direct cause. Finch visited Mr. Fisher's office on November 25 and, without warning, or giving him a chance for his life, attacked Fisher from behind, shooting him down.

FIREMAN DANCE THIS EVENING: ANGLE OPERA HOUSE

The firemen's hall will come off to night at the Angle opera house. The time is proposed for 8 o'clock.

SOUTHERN ITALY IS TURNED INTO ONE VAST MORGUE

ROME, Dec. 31.—The Italian government has issued the following official estimate of the dead: Reggio, 40,000; Messina, 50,000; Monteleone, 1800; Bagnascio, 1000; Gazzini, 1000; Palmi, 600; Zocanara, 400; country districts, 24,000; total, 120,000. The press is unanimous in placing the estimate at 200,000.

Estimated at 240,000.

MANCHESTER, Eng., Dec. 31.—The Italian consul here estimates the number of dead as the result of the earthquake in Calabria and Sicily at 240,000. He bases his estimate upon dispatches and his personal knowledge of the cities.

One Vast Morgue.

ROME, Dec. 31.—A dispatch from Messina says the whole of southern Italy and Sicily is one vast hospital morgue.

The suffering in Messina and Reggio is appalling.

The streets have been made into temporary hospitals. There is no means of moving the injured.

Soldiers raised the roof from a wrecked railway station in Messina and found scores of corpses packed solid.

No effort is being made to count the dead.

The burning of bodies continues, though relatives are protesting bitterly. In one case the body of a husband was taken from the widow and thrown into the fire. The widow, crazed, leaped into the same fire and was burned to death.

The odor of burning flesh is adding to a new horror.

Queen May Collapse.

PALESTINE, Dec. 31.—King Emanuel and Queen Helena have been constantly at work in the fire-swept streets of this city. Both have taken little rest, and it is feared that they will collapse. The queen shows the strain of the past few days in a marked degree.

May Send Fleet.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—The state and navy departments are now discussing the advisability of sending the Atlantic battleship fleet to Sicily so that the men might aid in the relief work. The fleet is now in the Red sea and will be near Sicily in four days. King Emanuel will be communicated with and his wishes in the matter learned.

United States Sends Beef.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Commander Rose of the navy supply ship Celtic has been ordered to proceed at full speed to Messina with 6000 tons of fresh beef and other supplies, which were intended for the Atlantic fleet.

PROHIBITION STRIKES SOUTH IN A BUNCH

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 31.—North Carolina's state-wide prohibition law becomes effective tomorrow.

JACKSON, Miss., Dec. 31.—All liquor licenses now in existence in the remaining eight wet counties of Mississippi will cease today, and the entire state will go "dry" tomorrow.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Dec. 31.—Under the new prohibition law, after today no liquor can be manufactured, sold or given away in the state of Alabama except in the following cases: The serving of liquors in ordinary social intercourse, in private residences, on the prescription of a doctor, with the amount limited to one pint a day to each person, intended for the use of arts, and wines for sacramental purposes.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 31.—That liquor cannot be sold to whites and negroes in the same building is the principal provision of the Gay Shattuck liquor law which goes into effect in Louisiana tomorrow.

OVER 200 STARTERS IN A NEW YORK MARATHON

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Fully 200 runners are expected to start in the twenty-mile Marathon race to be held at the Empire hotel, Yonkers, tomorrow under the auspices of the Mercury A. C. Included in the list of men who are in active training for the event are Jim Crowley, the Irish-American runner, who won the Thanksgiving day event; Sam Miller, the veteran who finished second in the same race; Bobby Fowler of Cambridgeport, who finished

PAYS \$1500 AN ACRE FOR LAND

Highest Price Ever Paid in Jackson County for Fruit Land

Frank Weston of Cavina, Cal., has purchased 12 acres of orchard land at Plainview of W. H. Norcross for the total sum of \$18,000, or \$1500 per acre. This price is the highest ever paid for land in Jackson county.

The orchard is situated east and north of Central Point and is one of the best known in the state. The predominant varieties are Ben Davis, Spitzenberg and Newtowns, and in 1907 Mr. Norcross realized from the 12 acres \$6335. The orchard is in its prime, thus adding to its value with each succeeding crop. There are about 40 more acres adjoining this tract just sold which produce apples and pears of the finest quality and for which he will, if he desires to sell, get a good price.

The sale was consummated by U. W. Sharpe.

New Cases.

F. H. Cobb vs. Pearl Calahan; suit to compel defendant to convey title. George W. Colvig, attorney for plaintiff.

F. H. Cobb vs. Henry Andrews; suit to compel defendant to convey title. G. W. Colvig, attorney for plaintiff.

Carl von der Hellen vs. Myrtle von der Hellen; suit for divorce. Vawter & Pordis, attorneys for plaintiff.

JOLLIFICATION HAS BEGUN

New York Is Observing Passing of Old Year According to Traditions

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—New York began its annual New Year's debauch this afternoon and it is conservatively estimated that by 1 o'clock tomorrow morning a third of the city's adult population will be "soused."

As usual, the Broadway restaurants will be the scenes of the most hilarious greetings to the infant 1909.

To thus welcome the New Year in any of the popular resorts is an expensive pleasure. For a fee of from \$5 to \$50, according to the world-be-guest's means, a table is reserved for him and his party. Often this reservation is made in July or August, because every year the rush for tables on the night of December 31 grows greater.

And, as if giving a party to all were not enough, most of the big places have a rule that nothing is to be served except champagne. Indeed, some proprietors go even further and stipulate that nothing less than a guest may be brought.

Big Crowds Are Out.

To the person who has not had the forethought of the dealer in hire a table and add to the profit of vintners, Broadway is on New Year's eve a moving picture. The sidewalks are jammed with a merry mob, moving aimlessly north and south, blowing horns, shaking "banners," blowing confetti and using those "finklers" against which new police commissioner called in vain, although certain waggish spirits had imitated the custom of concealing a sharp tack or nail at the head of the stick among the feathers. It is early in the evening that this out-of-door celebration begins. Patrolmen are detailed at the rate of two to a block, and although the crowd is in the main good natured, there are always fights to be settled by the arm of the law plus the night stick. This year matters will be facilitated by the night court, and it will be interesting to witness the "less night" will begin 1909 by

GRANTS PASS FORAKER AND TAFT OUT OF RACE

Citizens Object Strenuously to Recommendation of Oregon Conservative Commission

Grants Pass is taking considerable interest in the matter of protecting the steelhead fishing in Rogue river, and the citizens of that city are joining the ranks of the Rogue River Fish Protective association. Editor Galbraith of the Oregon Observer, summarizes the feeling in Grants Pass in this regard as follows:

Sore at Commission.

Some time since the Oregon conservation commission made its report to the governor. In this report they give data on the different resources of the state and how they can be improved. That part of the report that is not well taken in this city is entitled "Fisheries." It seems that the commission in making their report only thought of commercial fishing and its protection and did not take into consideration that the sport of fishing was one of the greatest advertisements that the state has, and especially is that true of southern Oregon, but from the commission's report it would seem that they had only consulted the big fishing industries of the state in regard to bettering conditions. They made several recommendations for improving the fishing conditions that are very commendable, but paragraph 4 of their report on "Remedy Proposed" is what many people of this city object to. The paragraph is as follows:

The Objectionable Paragraph.

"The steelhead trout should be kept out of all hatchery streams. They are not on salmon eggs and fry and recent investigations show that the loss by this means is prodigious. We are credibly informed that practically the whole output of some of the hatcheries has been devoured by schools of trout that lie in wait for the feast thus provided for them by the paternal government. The fishermen, with as much truth as sarcasm, compare the present methods to those of an orchardist who should make no attempt to combat scale and codlin moth, but rely on enlarging his nursery to replace the ruined trees. Removal of the close season against trout on hatchery streams would probably suffice. If not, the hatchery men might be empowered to do a little judicious gillnetting for trout in the neighborhood of hatchery grounds. These measures should not affect the protection of the prince of game fish on other streams."

Would Kill Fishing.

"The Rogue river is a hatching stream and there are several hatcheries on the river. To do away with the festive steelhead would work a great hardship in this locality and would not only deprive thousands of people of one of the greatest sports on earth, but would abolish one of the greatest advertising features that we have, and would turn the Rogue river into a breeding stream for the benefit of one or two big canneries in other parts of the state. It would kill the Rogue river for the sportsman and fishing with rod and line would be a thing of the past. Rogue river is known all over the United States as one of the best fishing streams, and people of note from different sections of the country have written its praise in all the leading magazines, and to have this great feature of southern Oregon killed off for the benefit of a few canneries is not well taken by the followers of Jack Walton in this city."

Beautiful Chimes.

And while the street crowds hail the midnight bells with clamor, the patrons of some of the restaurants have a pretty custom that has grown up through the years. Just as the hands of the clock are within a moment of overlapping all the lights in the restaurant are turned out. The orchestras stop playing. Everybody keeps silence. Thus with the flashing forth of the lights once more everybody knows that the new year is a fact, and a toast is drunk standing. But this isn't the only toast for New York, and more especially the "white light" region, sees to it that the year has almost risen before the festivity closes.

NEW RATE TO GERMANY IN EFFECT TOMORROW

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—A new postal arrangement will be effective tomorrow, providing for a 3-cent letter rate between the United States and Germany on letters included in the mails exchanged between the two countries by sea direct.

On and after tomorrow letters for Germany paid at the reduced rate will be despatched only by steamers sailing from New York for German ports, and letters for Germany despatched via Great Britain and France must be paid at our postal union rate of 5 cents for the first ounce and 3 cents for each additional ounce.

FORAKER AND TAFT OUT OF RACE

Clear Field Before Burton for Ohio Senatorship--Reasons Not Announced for Withdrawal.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 31.—Charles P. Taft, the Cincinnati newspaper owner, capitalist and brother of the president-elect, withdrew today from the senatorial contest. Within one hour after his withdrawal Joseph Benson Foraker made a similar announcement, leaving the field open to Theodore E. Burton, who will, almost beyond a doubt, be elected.

Matters looked most favorable for the election of Mr. Taft, and his withdrawal came as a great surprise, though it followed a caucus of his friends, during which the matter was talked over.

Foraker declared that with Taft beaten he would withdraw. It is thought that the two effected some compromise leaving Burton the field.

PRESIDENT AND MRS. ROOSEVELT TO RECEIVE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—For the last time President and Mrs. Roosevelt will officiate at the New Year reception at the White House tomorrow.

The niceties of diplomatic etiquette will be religiously observed in the conduct of that part of the reception that has grown during the last hundred years and is more to partake largely of the nature of an official function.

In this way but without appearance of pre-arrangement, the president greets first the vice-president and then the members of his cabinet, then each foreign nation represented in the person of an ambassador or minister; the judiciary, through the personnel of the supreme bench, and the judges of the local federal and district courts; senators and representatives in congress; officers of the army, navy, marine corps and militia of the District of Columbia; heads of the bureaus and members of commissions; organizations of veterans, including the Society of the Cincinnati, Aztec club, 1874 Associated Veterans of the War of 1846-47, military order of the Loyal Legion of the United States Grand Army of the Republic, Medal of Honor Legion, Union Veteran Legion, Union Veterans' union, Society of the Army of the Santiago, Spanish War Veterans, Army and Navy union, Minute Men, Sons of the American Revolution, and Oldest Inhabitants' association of the District of Columbia, and then the public.

VERNON VAWTER ENTERTAINS MANY OF HIS FRIENDS

Mr. Vernon Vawter, on Wednesday evening, entertained many of his friends at his home on West Seventh street, the affair being in honor of the many members of Medford's younger set who are home from college for the holidays. Two bands of "50s" were played, the young people then dancing in the ballroom on the third floor. The evening was most enjoyably spent, the party breaking up in the wee hours' hours. Those present were: Misses Ruth Merrick, Alice Stevens, Ma Lee Kenner, Don Kenner, Hazel Davis, Fern Hutchison, Lella Bonerick, Fay Sears, Inez McCarty, Lucille Marshall, Star Marshall, Helen Worrall, Freda Hoskenoy, Blanche Wood, Gertrude Vance and Messrs. Wilson Watt, Don Colvig, Vance Colvig, Sterling Rothermel, Fred Strang, Virgil Strang, Fay Lane, Ben Dymally, Percy Cochran, John Porter, Joe Estep and Carl Glasgow. An elegant luncheon was served at 11:30.

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