

NEW CHURCH BLESSED BY ARCHBISHOP

Impressive Ceremonies Held at Catholic Church in West Medford--Archbishop Speaks

With impressive ceremony the new Catholic church in this city was on Friday morning dedicated. Archbishop Christie officiating, assisted by Monsignor Laund of Portland and Father Van Clarenbeck of this city.

The regular dedication services of the Catholic church were used. The music was exceptionally fine and everything lent pleasure to the services.

The archbishop spoke at some length in regard to the Catholic work in the city and expressed his pleasure at the progress that has been shown.

Regarding the Hospital. In regard to the hospital that is planned for this city by the Sisters, the archbishop stated that the business men of this city had never paid what they had arranged towards the new school.

MARRIED.

PANKER-GRIMES--At the home of the groom's father in this city, Thursday evening, December 24, Mr. Ernest D. Panker and Miss Effie Grimes were united in marriage.

KELLERMAN-LEWIS--Mr. J. J. Kellerman of Ashland and Miss Nema Irene Lewis, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Lewis of this city, were quietly married at 9 o'clock yesterday morning at the Lewis home by Rev. T. M. Jones.

PRESIDENT AND MRS. ROOSEVELT GREET MANY

Brilliant New Year's Reception Held at White House--Many Notables Attend

WASHINGTON, January 1.--Neighbor Roosevelt, surrounded by his family and a few invited friends, kept open house today, and there wasn't one of the thousands who paid their respects and wished the best a "Happy New Year" who didn't say it was the most successful "at home" given by the Roosevelts since they moved into the White House with their belongings seven years ago last September.

Many distinguished folks, including what is recognized as the "Four Hundred" in these parts--the diplomatic corps--were among the specially invited guests, as were also all those fortunate enough to be in the select social and official circles of the manly host and charming hostess.

All vied to make the occasion a memorable one, from the distinguished representatives of crowned heads, in various colored uniforms heavy with gold braid, and with courtly bow and a near touch of the finger tips in greeting, to the quietly clad "plain people," with cheerful well wishes and hand clasp like a vise.

Pumped Many Hands. The genial host, cured to great physical strain, finally stood his ground throughout the trying ordeal of over three hours, and generously pumped-limed each and every guest without fear or favor and regardless of race, color, previous condition of servitude or soot.

The fixings added much to the success of the event--music by the marine band, floral decorations and palms of tropical luxuriance.

On the stroke of 11 o'clock, four buglers from the band stepped from their seats and followed stationed in the main entrance and sounded the call "The President," as they paraded the foot of the stairs leading to the family apartments on the second floor.

Following the brilliant diplomatic procession came the cover justice and the associate justice of the supreme court other members of the judiciary, former members of the cabinet and United States senators and ministers.

"DARE DEVIL" DUKE WEARS MAYOR'S TOGA

Writes and Offers Jeff Heard Position--Will Sell Barnum a Right-of-way for \$1000

George L. Duke, familiarly known to Medford people as "Dare Devil Duke," ex-official number of Medford houses, sign painter, advertising agent, etc., etc., has been elected mayor of Hotchkiss, a town in Colorado. In a letter upon official stationery, the dare devil boy mayor writes as follows:

"Just a few lines to wish you a merry Xmas and a happy New Year. Tell Doc Reddy that he hasn't got anything on me, as you will notice by the enclosed clipping. I am Mayor of this burg.

And the Judge--well, being city attorney of Medford may be quite an honor, but nothing compared with being a mayor. Now I am even with the Judge.

Mulligan in Grand Junction. Karl Rickel and Mulligan run the town of Grand Junction. Mrs. Mulligan is the society queen there.

Hotchkiss Statistics. Here are some facts for the Medford Comptroller club about Hotchkiss, Colo. Population--1950. Niggers--10. Dogs--1,000,000,000,000,000.

Chief industry--Real estate sharks catching eastern sucklers. Railroads--Jerkwater of D. & R. G. arrives and departs once in so often.

Wishing everyone in Medford a very New Year. G. L. DUKE, Mayor.

and other military organizations, all wearing the regulation full dress. At 12:15 the procession of well wishers took on a more sober color.

The great band, which had been discharging blundering airs, burst forth in a blaze of "See the Conquering Hero Come," as the column fairly leaped in side. Slowly at first, but faster moved the throng, and more joyous became the band, skipping from one lively air to another. At one time it was "Listen to My Tale of Woe" and at another

WARSHIPS AID IN CHECKING MESSINA FIRE

Bombard the City to Stop the Flames--Pestilence Is Spreading Rapidly--Islands Disappear

CATANIA, Jan. 1.--The warships off the coast of Messina began bombarding the burning sections of the city this morning as the only possible means of fighting the flames, which are spreading constantly in spite of all efforts to check them.

The latest refugees say that there is but little hope of rebuilding the city.

Destitution reigns throughout the city and hundreds are in imminent danger of starvation. Pestilence is spreading rapidly and adding fresh horror.

King Goes to Reggio. MESSINA, Jan. 1.--King Emanuel went to the city of Reggio today, but the queen remained in this city, as the horrors of the city across the straits are too great for her to stand.

Islands Have Disappeared. ROME, Jan. 1.--According to advices from Vita the Lipari islands near the coast of Sicily have disappeared and 25,000 inhabitants have perished.

There'll Be a Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight. "Step lively there, step lively there, and see the elephant peek his trunk," came the melody, but not the words, as the band broke into the familiar "Mayor of Tokio." Even Neighbor Roosevelt could not repress a smile for all the good people of every rank and from almost every clime had been wishing him a successful hunt on the African trip which is to follow his retirement from public life.

Column Moves Quickly. More rapidly moved the column. Now a quick step from the band. Then a joltle quick from the callers. The neatly uniformed file, placed at different parts of the room to keep the course clear, took a hand and by an instantaneous gesture gave a tap there, livened up the following ones. Other gentlemen's attendants observed that there were no packages carried in the ranks and saw to it that the cue against a caller greeting his host with one hand behind his back or concealed in his overcoat pocket was not violated.

It was a cosmopolitan gathering, from first to last, and not less so after the disappearance of the royal trappings, the front coats and the handsome gowns for in the "people's column" were old age and youth, "Willie boys" and simpering maids, maiden ladies and wash-crowns, the gentle laborer as well as the fellow who looked as if he had not known profitable toil for years; the white and the black, the freshly scoured as well as those who had long hoisted their toilet.

They hurried along, the embodiment of Shakespeare's Seven Ages, with all intermediate grades that he could have conceived of and others not dreamed of in his philosophy. Through it stood Neighbor Roosevelt, with an older air, apples to disposition, but having a cheery salutation for all, a pat on the shoulder for an acquaintance here and there in the line and with nobody missing a hearty grasp of that white-gloved hand, showing evidences of soil, but no indication of a tremor or weakness in the energy behind it.

This came to a close the last New Year's reception of a seven years' administration.

LOAN ANGRILES, Cal., Jan. 1.--Fifty thousand dollars is the amount Jack Wren of Melbourne, a fight promoter, is willing to give Jeff's outright if he will agree to meet Jack Johnson, the negro, in Melbourne next November, according to a cablegram made public today.

JOKER FOUND IN PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Clause for \$800 License Inoperative--Inserted to Fool Voters and Secure Passage of Measure

The charter amendment proposed by prohibitionists to amend Medford's city charter, so as to make it comply with the general local option law, contains a joker cunningly inserted to secure votes for it from those who favor high license. Under the impression that they are voting to increase the minimum license to \$800 per annum, many are supposed to vote for the amendment. As a matter of fact, if the amendment to the charter carries, the high license provision will be operative, because the high license provision will be taken away from Medford.

Upon the official ballot the initiative petition proposed by the prohibitionists reads as follows:

Proposed by initiative petition. Charter amendment making the local option law of the state of Oregon apply to the city of Medford and fixing the minimum license at \$800 per annum. Vote yes or no.

The clause in Medford's charter which now gives the city council power to license, tax regulate or prohibit bars, etc., where spirituous, malt or vinous liquors are kept for sale, "regardless of general or state laws," and which is local self-government, and hence the true local option, is changed under the proposed amendment to read as follows:

License, tax, regulate, or prohibit bars, drinking shops, billiard rooms, bowling alleys, dance houses, and all places where spirituous, malt or vinous liquors are sold or kept for sale, subject to any and all general laws of the state of Oregon heretofore enacted or which hereafter shall be enacted by the legislature or by the people of the state of Oregon, provided that no license for the sale of spirituous, malt or vinous liquors shall be granted for any less amount than eight hundred dollars (\$800) per annum, payable semi-annually in advance.

It therefore follows that the clause containing the \$800 license will be inoperative when the charter complies with the general local option law, and that it was ostensibly inserted to deceive voters and secure support for the amendment taking away the power of licensing from the city. As the public voted for the local option law supporting it to be a true local option bill instead of a county prohibition measure, so it is hoped to secure votes for the amendment amending the city charter.

WINE AND WOMEN ADD ANOTHER TO LIST OF VICTIMS

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 1.--From bright lights and wine dinners to full darkness, the life of George H. Levey, former cashier of the George H. Levey Theatrical company, who was arrested here today charged with robbing \$1000, he confessed and will be taken back to Chicago.

ROBBER FATALLY WOUNDED IN ATTEMPTING A HOLDUP

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 1.--Theodore Adams of Anacostis, Mont., was probably fatally wounded this morning while trying to hold up a street car. He was shot in the head by C. F. Smith, a civil engineer, who was a passenger on the car. Smith reached for his gun when the robber entered the car. In the shooting Smith received a scalp wound. Adams' companion escaped. A panic among the women passengers followed.

Will Make Report on Water.

Peter Applegate has been engaged by the water committee of the city council to prepare and submit a report to that body on the most feasible plan for securing an adequate supply of water for the town, together with the cost of the plant. Mr. Applegate was here last Thursday conferring with the committee and expects to have his report ready within a few days.

Mr. Applegate is a civil engineer of wide experience and, being a former old time resident of this town, has a comprehensive understanding of the general conditions and needs of the town, which will be of great benefit to him in getting at the true facts and conditions.--Herald.

PALMER MAY BUY ASHLAND COAL MINE

Dr. Reddy Obtains Option on Property and Submits Proposition to Chicago Capitalist

Dr. J. F. Reddy of this city has secured an option on the Ashland coal mine and has submitted the proposition to Honore Palmer, the Chicago capitalist, and it may be that he will take hold of the property. D. H. Jackson is associated with Dr. Reddy in the deal.

The Ashland Tidings in its last issue published a story to the effect that Palmer has already bought the property, this, however, not being the case, an option having been taken and the proposition forwarded to Palmer.

Medford Coal Deal. Mr. Murphy of Chicago, with whom Colonel J. F. Munday is associated, is expected to arrive in this city on Monday. It is thought that at that time an understanding will be reached with the Pacific Coal company whereby the Medford Coal company's property will be taken over by the Cascade Coal company and development started.

The Ashland Tale. The article appearing in the Tidings follows:

A deal was consummated on Tuesday by the Ashland Coal company which may mean a great deal for the development of the coal prospects in this end of the Rogue River valley in particular. The company gave a working bond on the property to Mayor J. F. Reddy and D. H. Jackson of Medford, who it is understood are the representatives in the matter of Honore Palmer, the Chicago millionaire, who is making extensive investments in the Rogue River valley, his most recent land purchase being the big Ryker ranch on Rogue river in which he invested some \$40,000.

According to the best information obtainable, Palmer has been attracted by the recent favorable reports of the coal prospects in this section and particularly by the prospects of the Ashland company at its property just south east of this city, and is desirous of taking hold and developing the coal mining industry. He is not associated with the parties that have been handling and locating coal prospects all the way from Ashland to Rogue river in the past few months, it is stated.

Will Examine Coal. Under the terms of the bond taken upon the Ashland property, an expert examination is to be made at an early date, and if satisfactory as it is reasonably certain it will be, it is said, development work is to be taken up not later than February 15 and pushed. Then time is given until May 1 to take up the stock issued by the Ashland Coal company at the price of 25c per share at which it is issued. The outstanding stock aggregates about 100,000. The bond also covers the lease of land belonging to the coal company.

At the time when the deal was made with the coal company, working lease was also secured on two hundred acres of land adjoining from J. J. Murphy. The coal development prospects of this section, furnished as they are at the present time by the Illinois company represented by Colonel Munday and by the Lee families concern, together with the interest now taken by Palmer, are certainly looking up.

WILL INSTALL NEW OFFICERS OF THE G. A. R. TUESDAY

There will be a public installation of the officers of Chester A. Arthur post, G. A. R., and of the Women's Relief Corps in convention with the post on Tuesday evening, January 5, 1909, at Angle opera house, commencing at 7 p. m. sharp and to which all old soldiers and their immediate families are cordially invited, whether members of the post or not; also members of the Women's Relief Corps and their immediate families; we also extend to any ex-coffee-fight soldiers and their wives a cordial invitation to come and meet with us, assuring them a genuine welcome. After installation there will be a short program, consisting of vocal and instrumental music, recitations and selections on the drum by an old veteran, after which supper will be served. Come and let us renew old acquaintances, which have been sealed so many a battle-field. Remember the exercises will commence at 7 p. m. sharp.