

CRATER BILL STRIKES SNAG IN SENATE

MIDNIGHT RUSH LETS BILL GO TO WRONG COMMITTEE

ADVOCATES ARE STILL HOPING TO WIN FIGHT

Bill Referred to Ways and Means Committee Several of Whose Members Are Openly Against Measure—Transfer Defeated

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Director Newell of the reclamation service stated today that orders had been issued to shut down work on the Klamath irrigation project, pending adjustment of differences between the government and the settlers.

A motion was made by Senator Mullt this morning to have the consideration of the bill transferred to the ways and means committee.

The house passed three bills, this being the last day bills can be considered. It is probable the house will be in session all night to vote through the legislation blocking the wheels.

The senate received one veto message, the governor returning a bill increasing the salary of County Judge Neil of Jackson county, who is a warm democratic supporter of the governor.

TRYING TO FIND WHO DISCOVERED CHLIFORM

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—The claim of Dr. Samuel Guthrie as the discoverer of chliform is being investigated by the Chicago Medical society. A committee has been appointed to delve into the records of the past.

GERMAN AND CHINESE NEWSPAPERS AT WAR

TSINGTAU, China, Feb. 15.—A newspaper war has broken out here between the German Staatschen Post and the Chinese Public Opinion over the recent trial of a Krupp gun at Peking.

President Howard Elliott of the North Oregon Pacific says that the Alaska-Yukon Pacific exposition is much farther advanced than was the St. Louis fair at a similar period of its existence.



CRATER LAKE Where Placid Waters Mirror Oregon's Soft Summer Skies.

WILL STOP WORK OR GET MONEY GREGORI BACK INTO PRINT

Government Will Dig no More Dirt Unless Klamath Falls Pays Up Says Mme. Steinhil Is Responsible for Murder of President Faure in '99

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PARIS, Feb. 15.—Louis Gregori, who shot Captain Dreyfus during the celebration in memory of Emile Zola, the writer, wrote today to Magistrate Albinet formally accusing Mme. Steinhil of murdering former President Felix Faure, on February 16, 1899.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—The new postal sea service between this country and France was inaugurated today on the French line steamer Le Bretagne, sailing for Havre.

WIDOW TO CLAIM LAND VALUED AT \$250,000

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—During the negotiations for the purchase of a site for the new \$20,000,000 passenger station for the Chicago & Northwestern railroad it was discovered that part of the land desired was owned apparently by one "Tim" Sullivan, who could not be found.

WED IN SHOW WINDOW BEFORE BIG CROWD

TAMPA, Fla., Feb. 15.—In the big show window of a local furniture store last night, Miss Bessie M. Phillips, a popular young lady of this city, and Victor A. Gustafson, attaché of the Tampa Morning Tribune, were united in marriage.

New York will erect a fine building on the grounds of the Alaska-Yukon Pacific exposition to be held at Seattle next year.

LIFE CLAIMED BY CHICAGO STORM KING CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—The worst storm of the year or experienced in the last decade has paralyzed the middle west, according to reports received today.

NEW SCHOOL IS IN USE

Short Program Rendered at High School Building Before Classes Enter

Medford's new high school building, erected at a cost of \$40,000, was placed in use Monday morning and henceforth will house Medford's high school boys and girls.

The separator of the occasion was Hon. William M. Oshy, who spoke along the lines of encouragement to the pupils, spurring them on to better work.

WORKING TO OBTAIN A NEW WAGON ROAD

Four and a half feet of snow is reported on the west fork Gold Beach trail at Three Mile, says the Courier, and the United States mail is delayed for an indefinite period.

JACKSONVILLE ITEMS

The dance given by the Jacksonville Masque club last Friday evening proved successful in every way. About 200 people were present.

GRANT PERMIT TO "DEADHEAD" LIBERTY BELL

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 15.—The Interstate commerce commission has granted a permit for the free transportation of the Liberty Bell and a guard of Philadelphia policemen to the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition at Seattle, Wash.

WOULD BUY MEXICAN LAND TO END DISPUTE

PHOENIX, Ariz., Feb. 15.—A bill was introduced in the Arizona legislature Saturday asking the United States to purchase a large section of land south of Yuma in the valley of the Colorado river from Mexico and annex it to Arizona.

BIG DAM DEAL HAS BEEN CLOSED

Purchase of Big Golden Drift and the Grants Pass Orchard Company By Irrigation Company

GRANTS PASS, Or., Feb. 15.—Sixteen thousand acres of arid lands in and around Grants Pass will be placed under irrigation this season.

By the terms of the contract, water will be supplied at a flat rate of \$5 an acre. The irrigation company is given an option on the plant to purchase it within two years for \$300,000.

The directors of the irrigation company, composed of leading business men and ranchers: H. L. Gilley, manager First National bank, president; G. J. Riggs, secretary.

The plant is one of the best, both for power and irrigation in Oregon. The dam lifts water of the Rogue river 200 feet, giving 10,000 horse power.

There will be eight ditches, four on each side of the river, six highline and two gravity. The water will be lifted into the highest ditch 250 feet at the dam, allowing it to reach all the upper benches, meads and mountain dunes.

ATTORNEY TRIES TO BRIBE JUDGE FINED AND JAILED

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., Feb. 15.—Acting Judge Neffinger of the district court today fined Attorney Schwartz \$50 and committed him to the county jail for ninety days for offering the judge a bribe.

SUES MOTHER IN LAW FOR \$25,000; ALLEGES ALIENATION

PORT COLLINS, Cal., Feb. 15.—Charging that his wealthy mother-in-law, Mrs. Laura J. Witt of Loveland, had meddled in his domestic affairs and alienated the affections of his wife, Eugene D. Thatcher has brought suit for \$25,000 in the district court.

STOCKTON SUICIDE WELL KNOWN IN COPPER CAMP

KENNETT, Cal., Feb. 15.—Thomas McCarthy, who committed suicide in Stockton by shooting himself Monday night, as told in the Sacramento Bee next day, is well remembered in Kennett, where he was for several months foreman of the riggers in the smelter.

SUCH A BIG NAME FOR SO SMALL A CHILD PADUCAH, Ky., Feb. 15.—Satisfied that their youngest child, weighing two pounds, is probably the smallest baby in the world, E. H. Lady of this city decided to name it after William Howard Taft.

HANLEY TO SUE CITY

Tenders City Deed For Wasson Canyon Water Matter Comes up Tuesday

As an aftermath of the water election last fall, M. P. Hanley has filed with the city recorder a notice that he has tendered to the city of Medford a deed to Wasson canyon waters, which the city contracted for nearly a year ago.

The matter will come up before the council for consideration on Tuesday evening. The move was not unexpected, as Mr. Hanley stated some months ago that he would take such a course provided the city did not fulfill the contract he has with them.

TALENT TALES TERSELY TOLD

John Caster was a Talent business visitor Tuesday, where he purchased some hay.

James McDonald of North Talent was a Phoenix caller last Tuesday.

Hay is getting to be a scarce article hereabouts, and there is at least three months yet to feed before the new crop comes in.

Fred Wheeler, the Medford furniture man, was up in North Talent Wednesday having carpet for W. W. Hartley.

D. W. Hammer, a one time resident of Talent, but now engaged in the livery business in Ashland, was in Talent on Phoenix and Medford Wednesday.

E. G. Coleman and wife were Talent visitors Thursday, returning by way of Phoenix.

John Ethell was up in North Talent purchasing hay from C. Carey last Thursday.

Mrs. George McClain of North Talent went down to Medford on Thursday morning's train on business.

Miss Ora Shideler of Talent and Mrs. Ada Lovelace were Phoenix visitors on Friday.

E. A. Dunsop of the new electric light proposition here and in Phoenix has not left the country, and was somewhat surprised to find that rumor had even hinted that he had.

MAN CAUGHT IN PUEBLO RETURNED TO FACE TRIAL

LAPORTE, Ind., Feb. 15.—Chief of Police Bain arrived at Brazil, Ind., by day from Pueblo, Colo., bringing with him Edward D. Miller, who is charged with the abduction of Edward Byrne, an Indiana man, of \$300 and fled from the state, abandoning his wife and family.

MINERS LOOK FOR HEAVY OUTPUT

Southern Oregon Surface Mines Will Break All Previous Records—Output Is Splendid

It now seems certain that the output of placer gold from the surface mines of southern Oregon will be greater for the present season than it has been since the palmy days of pioneer mining.

The harvest of gold is already pouring in from the smaller properties that have had cleanups. The local banks report an unusually heavy purchase of virgin gold, and the express company has made many shipments to the mint.

Twenty tons of ore milled at the Willow Springs mine as a test gave returns of \$1030. The Willow Springs is located in the Gold Hill district. It is the property of George Davis, Jacksonville banker, but is operated and managed by Foster & Co.

It is quite evident that the Blue Ledge copper mine of upper Applegate district, on the Oregon-California line, will soon be as active as it was before the suspension of operations last fall. It now seems certain that a large smelter will be built on the property this summer, preparations being well under way for the construction of a reduction plant.

ALL IS LOVELY ONCE MORE WITH VENEZUELA

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—William Buchanan, special American commissioner to Venezuela, has signed a protocol with that government for the adjudication of the disputed claims between the two countries, thus paving the way for a final settlement of the issues that led to a rupture of diplomatic relations last spring.

Three claims go to The Hague tribunal for arbitration, the fourth is to be settled by a small cash payment, and the fifth has been settled directly between the Venezuelan government and the claimants. The protocol is equally satisfactory to the United States and Venezuela. It saves the dignity and honor of Venezuela, while as for America, the troublesome claims that have led to so much negotiation are disposed of.

RIVER ACCIDENT ENDS IN DEATH

MONTAGUE, Cal., Feb. 15.—Word was brought here yesterday afternoon of the sudden death at noon yesterday of Arthur Simon, cashier of the local bank.