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CRATER BILL IS FAVORABLY REPORTED

BOOSTS THIS VALLEY IN EAST

John M. Sweeney Carries Two Page Advertisement in Magazine to Attract Eastern Capital

The Bookkeeper, a monthly publication issued in New York, has two full pages devoted to advertising the Glen Rogue Orchard company's holdings near Jacksonville. This is the company in which John M. Sweeney is interested. The Bookkeeper has a wide circulation among clerical men throughout the middle west and should do much good. Following are a few extracts from the advertisement:

"I know there is a beautiful valley in southern Oregon where climatic and soil conditions are so perfect that certain fruits, especially pears, apples and grapes, grow so luscious and perfect in color, size and form that they are in a distinct class by themselves, and have created a market among the fancy fruit buyers of the world that no other section seems able to supply.

"I know that the profits derived from intelligent fruit culture in this beautiful valley are so large that a two-acre orchard in full bearing will support any ordinary family—that with five acres in full bearing any family can have all the comforts of life, and with ten acres they may roll in luxury, so to speak.

"I know that there is a limit to good orchard land in the Rogue River valley, but there is apparently no limit to the market for this fruit, and therefore that the danger of over-supply is very remote.

"Therefore it is certain that there are a number of men engaged under very pleasant circumstances in carrying on a very profitable business, and they have not, nor can they supply the full demand of the market."

Mr. Sweeney then outlines his plan. The company issues with each block of stock purchased a 6 per cent bond note, with interest coupons attached, for the amount invested, and redeem these notes from the earnings of the property, besides paying interest and dividends. These bond notes will constitute a lien against all of the assets of the company until paid.

The publicity work carried on by the company will doubtless do a great deal towards attracting attention of outsiders to the valley.

WOULD HAVE COURTS DECIDE FOR TRUSTS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—A bill introduced by Representative Washburn of Massachusetts yesterday proposed to amend the act of 1890, "to protect trade and commerce against unlawful restraints and monopolies" and would change that act so that it will not "prohibit any act or contract in restraint of trade or commerce among the several states; provided that such restraint be reasonable." This would impose on the courts the duty of determining whether a "trust" or monopoly was restraining trade only to a reasonable extent or otherwise.

NO MORE WILL SAMMY DON SHORT TROUSERS

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—Sammy Green a chubby 14-year-old boy of Brooklyn, is no longer embarrased at having to wear tight-fitting short trousers to school. Although he is nearly six feet tall, his mother insisted that he wear the juvenile garb. Mr. Green, the father, however, sympathized with his son, and a domestic branch resulted which finally brought the case before the attention of Judge Porkey in the children's court, Brooklyn. After looking Sammy over carefully, the court ordered that long trousers be purchased by all means. Sammy delightedly obeyed the court's order almost immediately.

AUSTRO-HUNGARY LOAN STORY HAS BEEN DENIED

VIENNA, Feb. 18.—The report in this city yesterday that Austria-Hungary was about to issue a loan of $75,000,000 to prepare for any contingency with regard to Turkey is untrue. It arises from the fact that the government is considering the pledging of a portion of the monetary issue already sanctioned by the delegations.

MAYOR PUTS KIBOSH ON FRANCHISE

Oregon Observer Discusses Passage of Ordinance Giving Franchise to the Independent Company

Relative to the telephone situation in Grants Pass, where the Independent Telephone company made an effort to secure a franchise, the following quotation from the Oregon Observer of that place may be of interest to the citizens of Medford:

"This paper announced last week that in all probability Mayor Kinney would veto the ordinance granting a franchise to the new telephone company. He has done so and his veto is now on file with the city auditor and will be read to the city council at their meeting tomorrow night. It may be that an effort will be made to pass the ordinance over his veto, and it is a question whether there will be enough of the council men that are in favor of the franchise present to pass it. It is likely that all the council will be present at tomorrow night's meeting, as Councilmen Tuffs and Myers have returned from their hunting trip, and it is understood that they are opposed to the franchise. There are several reasons set forth by the mayor why he vetoes the franchise, but at the present time only he and the city auditor know what these reasons are. However, it is conjectured that some of them are that the franchise calls for a higher rate than those offered by the old company, the strong remonstrance by the leading business men of the city who would have to carry the burden of two telephones in their places of business, and the fact that there is no necessity of the city being burdened with two telephone lines. The mayor has been in communication with other cities where two lines are in operation and the reports from those cities are against two telephone lines. If the ordinance granting the franchise is passed over the mayor's veto it is likely that the measure will have a referendum instituted against it, and in that event it will be held up until the next city election in December unless the promoters of the new telephone company would agree to pay the expenses of a special election. The star chamber session held in the office of Arthur Conklin a week ago Sunday has not helped the cause of the new company any."

The following editorial discussion of the proposed law compelling long distance connections for the benefit of little local companies appeared in the same issue of the Observer:

"Senator Norton of Josephine has introduced a bill in the senate at Salem to compel long-distance telephone companies to connect with local telephone lines on terms to be decided by the state railway commission. The bill was condemned in committee, but was nevertheless brought before the senate and carried by a vote of 17 to 10. Probably the principle of the bill is correct, but many people in Grants Pass cannot understand why Senator Norton should seek such legislation at the present time, when practically all the business men are contending against a possible infliction of two telephone systems here. The mayor of Grants Pass has vetoed an ordinance passed by the city council granting a franchise to a local telephone company fathered by the United States Independent Telephone company and of which local company Mr. Norton is one of the incorporators. His action suggests personal interest, and his argument that the bill is for the relief of the citizens of Grants Pass is a misrepresentation of the position here."

STABS WOMAN WHEN SHE REFUSES HIM MONEY

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—Mrs. Caroline La Hart is believed to be dying at the Bellevue hospital today after having been found unconscious in a hallway of her home in Tompkins avenue, Brooklyn, last night, from a deep gash in her throat. She was found by her son. An examination of the interior of the house indicated that there had been a struggle. Samuel Hagaman, the woman's grandson, who made his home with her and the son, is being sought by the police. Mrs. LeHart was able to gasp out that Hagaman stabbed her when she refused to give him money.

LOOK FOR ACTION LATE TODAY, AFTER NORMAL BILLS

NORTHERN END OF VALLEY IS ON BIG BOOM

Realty Transfers Becoming Lively-Roadwork Undertaken-Moorehouse Place Changes Hands

The northern end of the valley is experiencing a healthy boom in realty circles. A number of transfers have been reported and now comes the glad tidings that the new residents are to see that their roads are kept in good condition.

Colonel Frank Ray has a force of men putting in a splendid roadway from his place at Gold Ray to Tolo. This road is to be covered with crushed rock and kept in good shape. He has offered to the residents of that section all of the material they desire provided they will haul it upon the roads. A movement is on foot to have this work done, extending the road to Central Point at least.

Mrs. Wood, the widow of the third governor of Oregon, who also was appointed governor of Utah by President Grant, has purchased a portion of the Morehouse place, as has also J. P. Hoagland.

Colonel Frank L. Ten Velle purchased 97 acres of C. I. Q. Bentrager, making his holdings total 250 acres, a mile and a half northwest of Central Point, all of which is devoted to alfalfa. The price paid was in the neighborhood of $15,000.

BABE HELD BY DOCTOR AS LIEN FOR BILL

DENVER, Col., Feb. 18.—Charged with holding a baby two weeks as lien for a bill its father cannot pay, Dr. Charles Graf has been arrested at the instigation of the father, J. S. Miller, and will have a hearing today. The infant, it is alleged, is being held at a "baby farm," where it was born. The mother was a patient there for more than two weeks and Graef claims that she has not paid for the treatment and attendance given her. The complaint is one of the most peculiar ever filed with the district attorney, who could find nothing in the law on the subject of babies when used as liens. It was finally decided to arrest Graef on the technical charge of listurbing the peace, and he will be heard on this charge.

MORE PROBING INTO WISCONSIN PRIMARY

MADISON, Wis., Feb. 18.—A committee consisting of three members of the senate and five members of the assembly today began an investigation of the primary election held September 1 last to elect a United States senator. The investigation is the outcome primarily of charges of alleged bribery and corruption made by State Senator John Blaine against United States Senator Isaac Stephenson, who received the highest vote on the republican ticket over his three opponents. While Mr. Stephenson will be the main object of the inquiry, every senatorial candidate of all parties has been invited to appear before the committee.

UNKNOWN MAN FOUND DEAD IN A BARN

ARLINGTON, Or., Feb. 18.—An unknown man was found dead yesterday in an old barn about one mile from Blalock, on the O. R. & N. line. Deputy Sheriff Sweelen, District Attorney Burdett and Dr. Irvine went to identify the body. It was found to be a hobo. The authorities were unable to learn anything more than that he had died from exposure. The body will be brought to this city today for burial.

WILL FIGHT DOUBLE DUTY ON OLIVE OIL

NAPLES, Feb. 18.—The chamber of commerce today decided to interest Italians abroad and at home in an endeavor to induce the United States government to refuse the proposal of the producers in California to place a double duty on imports of olive oil.

COMMITTEE REPORTS UNFAVORABLE UPON THE THREE NORMALS

Would Have Only One Normal School After This Year—Ashland Will Lose Hers—Portlanders Aiding Crater Road Lobbyists.

STATE HOUSE, Salem, Feb. 18.—The senate committee of ways and means have returned a favorable report upon the Crater road appropriation bill. The bill will probably come before the senate late today for action after the normal school bills have been acted upon.

The committee also reported adversely upon the three normal school bills passed by the house and recommended one normal school for the state and an appropriation of $75,000 to enable the present schools to finish the year and the maintenance of the schools until the people vote upon the proposed new normal.

The report will precipitate a bitter fight in the senate, and the friends of the normals are already planning to tie up all of the senate bills in the house to force a reconsideration of the three schools.

E. V. Carter of Ashland is leading a gallant fight to save the schools, but admits that it is a tough proposition. He has also aided materially the Crater road bill.

Senators Mulit, Norton and Merriman are doing strenuous work in the senate for the measure.

C. S. Jackson of the Portland Journal and many other prominent Portlanders are aiding. Grants Pass, Ashland, Central Point and Klamath Falls have all had lobbyists here, while Medford has never been absent.

If persistent efforts count, the bill will pass. The advocates of the Crater road bill are also the partisans of the normal bills, hence the bill has been between two fires and its position is an extremely delicate one, as the opposition to the normals control the senate.

BLANCO, CALLED COWARD, MAKES LIVELY DEFENSE

MADRID, Feb. 18.—Following the publication of certain cablegrams exchanged between the Spanish government and General Blanco about surrendering Cuba to the United States in 1898, it is now learned that fear of an American attack upon Spain's coast and a subsequent revolution in this country were the official reasons for Premier Sagasta's decision to make peace with the United States, which decision was reached before negotiations for surrendering Santiago were concluded.

These facts have been disclosed by the publishing of correspondence between General Blanco and Premier Sagasta at the instigation of Blanco as a defense against the charge of cowardice made against the Spanish army in Cuba by a Catalonian deputy.

A dispatch received by the Spanish government July 9, 1898, from General Blanco insisted that the army, although crippled by the loss of Cervera's fleet, was ready and anxious to continue the war. But both the minister of war and Premier Sagasta replied July 12 that as the Americans were masters of the sea and were preparing to attack the Balearic islands and the Spanish coast (which would be certain to produce an uprising in the interior) peace was imperative.

Protesting to the last, General Blanco finally agreed to obey orders and surrender.

TO MAKE PORTO RICANS WEAR SHOES AND COATS

SAN JUAN, P. R., Feb. 18.—Porto Rico will be a profitable place for shoemakers and tailors if a bill in the house of delegates becomes a law. It provides that after June 1 anybody going barefooted or in shirt sleeves shall be arrested. For the first offense the penalty is a fine of $5 or one day's imprisonment. Punishment for subsequent infractions of the law is heavier.

"I'll bet the leather and clothing trusts are behind this measure," said a politician today. "Putting shoes and jackets on Porto Ricans is like compelling ducks to wear bathing suits. The majority of the islanders are poor. They shed all excess wearing apparel during the insufferably hot spells. If the government tries to enforce such a law there won't be jails enough."

SOCIAL DANCE THIS EVENING IS BIG EVENT

Needs no Recommendation to Public as Ladies Have Established Enviable Reputation as Hostesses

The big event of the social season comes off tonight at the dance given by the ladies of St. Ann's society at the Angle opera house.

These dances need no recommendation to the public, as they are decidedly the most popular in every respect. A new feature will be introduced at the dance. The Hazelrigg orchestra, for half an hour previous to the dance, will render several new pieces of music, and a treat is in store for those who come early. The supper has been prepared with an eye to satisfy the most fastidious, and the ladies of the society will sustain the enviable reputation they have gained in this direction.

Promptly at 8:45 Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Bigham will lead the grand march.

The following gentlemen will officiate as floor managers: H. S. Dudley, A. S. Rosenbaum, T. E. Daniels, M. J. Reddy, Joe Murphy, F. L. Ten Velle, R. J. Conroy.

The patronesses are: Mrs. B. Paul Theiss, Mrs. F. H. Hopkins, Mrs. John D. Olwell, Mrs. Nicholas Cooke, Mrs. C. Hunt Lewis, Mrs. J. D. Heard, Mrs. George P. Mims, Mrs. J. Stillman Vilas, Mrs. John S. Orth, Mrs. Josephine Russell, Mrs. W. Hyde Stalker, Mrs. A. A. Davis, Mrs. J. F. Reddy, Mrs. W. I. Vawter, Mrs. Edgar Hafer.

"RELIGIOUS SHRINE MAY BE SOCIAL LABORATORY"

CHICAGO, Feb. 18.—Dr. Francis Greenwood Peabody, of Harvard university, president of the Religious Educational association, was the principal speaker at tonight's session of the association's convention. His theme was "The Social Conscience and the Religious Life." Pointing to the new work of the modern church, with its clubs, gymnasiums and social settlement, he said:

"The awakening of the social conscience has been so abrupt and startling and the reaction of an individualized and self-centered religion so marked and compelling that the church as a religious shrine may be easily supplanted by the church as a social laboratory and the practice of the presence of God may be forgotten in the practice of the service of man. Is the Christian church to teach an industrial revolution instead of a spiritual evolution? Are we to be so busy in doing good that we have no time to be good?"

LAUNCH ERIGO JAMMED BY RUNAWAY LOG RAFT

RAINIER, Wash., Feb. 18.—A log raft containing 1,500,000 feet broke loose just below the Cowlitz last night and struck the gasoline launch Erigo, which was conveying passengers to Kelso, and was at the mouth of the Cowlitz when overtaken. The Erigo was jammed against a log boom belonging to the Weyerhaeusers and three other companies, and her signals of distress brought launches from Rainier, which took off her passengers. She got free without any damage.

BLUE LAW MANIA IN IDAHO HOUSE

BOISE, Idaho, Feb. 18.—Following the passage of the county local option bill, a wave of blue law legislation is sweeping through the house, and a bill has been passed doubling the state license for saloons, and a statewide prohibition bill is pending.

FULTON GIVES ANNUAL SALMON BANQUET

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18. — Senator Fulton gave his annual salmon feast to the members of the senate today. Practically the entire senate disposed of two chinook salmon served in the senate restaurant.

PEOPLE WILL VOTE ON BILLS

Constitutional Amendment Goes to People-Clash Between House and Senate Patched up

SALEM, Or., Feb. 18.—The senate today passed two amendments to the constitution, providing for the segregation of the state and county taxes and providing a classification of the property so as to apply different rates of taxation to different classes. The amendments were asked for by the grange and will go to a vote of the people in 1910.

The house passed a senate bill requiring guarantee title corporations to deposit $100,000 bond to do business in Oregon.

A clash between the house and senate which threatened to tie up all legislation was adjusted temporarily by the senate agreeing to accept all house bills passed up to date. The sterilization bill to destroy procreation in criminals, incurable insane and idiots has reached the governor, who will likely sign it.

LEGISLATURE WILL FEED STARVING ELK HERDS

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Feb. 18.—Members of the legislature have received word that 20,000 elk are starving in Jackson hole, Wyoming. The deep snow covered with a hard crust prevents the elk from getting to the grass beneath, and in their search for food they are breaking into the haystacks of farmers. The farmers are on guard day and night. The legislature will make some provision for feeding the elk.

THREE WASHINGTONIANS WALKING TO NEW YORK

SEATTLE Wash., Feb. 18.—Five hundred men, women and children witnessed today the departure of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Hildebrandt of this city and Mrs. Hildebrandt's brother, Frederick Lange of Olympia on their 3000 mile walk to New York city by way of the southwest. The route will be through Portland to San Francisco, thence through northern Texas, etc. It will take at least a year to reach New York.

WAVES FLAG AND CUTS HIS THROAT

RICHMOND, Cal., Feb. 18.—Edward McGann, who, according to his brother, has long been threatened with insanity, cut his throat with a razor today in the presence of scores of terrified school children who were leaving the building. McGann waved an American flag and attracted the attention of the children by crying "God bless the flag." As they gathered about him he drew the razor out and cut his throat.

HAWLEY WORKING TO AID TILLAMOOK HARBOR

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—At the request of Representative Hawley, the river and harbor committee has passed a resolution asking the board of army engineers to go over data now in their possession and report to congress a feasible project for improving the Tillamook river from its mouth to Tillamook city. Before making its report the board is instructed to confer with the commercial bodies of Tillamook.

WILL SKID HOUSES ACROSS LAKE ON ICE

NEWTON, N. J., Feb. 18.—Tests having been made which showed that the ice is strong enough, two large sized cottages on the bank of a lake near here are to be placed on runners and skidded across the ice. The cottages will travel in all half a mile, and are being removed at the request of owners, who have picked out what they consider a more desirable location.

SEAMAN COMMENDED FOR AID IN SAVING LIVES

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—Secretary Newberry has written a letter to Charles Day, a seaman on the U. S. S. California, commending him for his heroism for jumping into the sea while the vessel was at full speed and assisting in the rescue of two officers who had fallen overboard.

FREIGHT HITS PASSENGER; 21 DEAD

Mistaken Orders Responsible for Wreck Near Atlanta, Georgia-Trains Are Destroyed by Fire

ATLANTA, Ga., Feb. 18.—A freight and passenger train collided early today eight miles west of this city. Twenty-one persons are dead and a score injured.

The crew of the freight train were endeavoring to "steal" time on the passenger. When within a half mile of the siding she was endeavoring to reach, the passenger train crashed in upon her.

Both engine crews are dead. The injured were brought to this city and given medical aid.

The wreck caught fire and was nearly consumed. The conductor of the freight and a brakeman on the passenger alone escaped of the officials.

SHOT WIFE AND THEN BLEW OUT HIS BRAINS

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 18.—Dick Bennett of Los Angeles shot and killed his wife and then fired a bullet into his own brain at 6 o'clock this morning. He had followed his wife, who deserted him in Los Angeles, to Seattle and found her living with another man. This morning he entered the kitchen where she was preparing breakfast. He fired four shots at her, killing her instantly. Bennett died at the Wayside hospital.

LIQUOR QUESTION HOT ISSUE IN PENNSYLVANIA

PITTSBURG, Feb. 18.—While Pittsburg voters are determining today who shall be their mayor for the next three years, 14 boroughs and 16 townships in Allegheny county will decide whether liquor shall be sold in their boundaries in the future. Most of these townships are already "dry," but the majority of the boroughs have license. In nearly all these elections the liquor question is the only issue.

SMITH AND WILLIAMS WILL FIGHT EXTRADITION

INDIANAPOLIS Ind., Feb. 18.—Delavan Smith and Charles R. Williams, owners of the Indianapolis News, who were indicted by the federal grand jury in Washington today, announced that they will contest extradition to the District of Columbia for trial on the ground that it was committed in Indianapolis, the place of publication of the News.

BETTING ON RACES IS STOPPED IN MONTANA

BUTTE, Mont., Feb. 18.—In observance of the law signed last night by Governor Norris prohibiting poolselling in Montana, the pools in Anaconda are not operating today. In Butte while the sheriff has issued no statement, the rooms will close tomorrow. For the first time in its history betting on horse racing has been driven from the state.

GIRLS, PANIC STRICKEN, ROLL FROM BUILDING

CHICAGO, Feb. 18.—Three hundred and fifty women and girls, panic stricken, fell or rolled downstairs today when a fire started in the Kisly baby carriage factory. Scores were bruised. The loss is $200,000.

ADVERTISED LETTER LIST.

The following letters remain uncalled for at the Medford, Oregon, postoffice February 17, 1909:

Mary Aldridge, Will Ball, Mrs. Belle Bastess (2), Bertha Bryan, John Dean, Mrs. Thos. Finn, A. D. Findley, H. E. Ford, J. W. Hill, Mr. Hinseman, Wm. Jackson, W. M. Jackson, J. F. Morrison, Filomene Marco, Capt. Morse, Geo. E. Morris, Wm. Sams, H. M. Scott, J. T. Sarin, J. E. Smith, Mrs. Nettie Stevenson, Sam Summerland, Arthur Walker, Mrs. Wm. Williams, L. A. Williams, C. H. Woods.

A charge of one cent will be made upon the delivery of any of the above letters. Parties calling for any of the above letters will please say "advertised." A. M. WOODFORD, P. M.