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RETARDING DEVELOPMENT.

During the past few days the agents of a foreign corporation have been active in Medford and vicinity, and as a result several thousands of dollars, which have been on deposit in local banks have been withdrawn and sent into other fields. The promoters have tales of fabulous dividends and have found it easy to take many local people into camp.

The concern is one that is but little known locally. Still the tale of the agent has been so guided as to conjure up visions of large and speedy returns. While a word of warning might be in order, it is scarcely worth while to give it—it would not be heeded.

Why local people, who should have every interest in upbuilding the city and valley, consent so readily to send their money abroad is a question not easy of solution. Here at home we have a dozen enterprises—safe, sound and certain of paying splendid dividends, which only lack capital to carry on and develop their resources. They are constantly striving to get more capital and, worthy as they are, in many instances they have difficult work in keeping pace with their growth. To illustrate—there is a certain business in Medford paying 8 per cent on their capital stock. The past year has been a profitable one, but in order to increase the capacity of the plant to take care of the business that is theirs for the asking, they must have more capital. This they find difficult to obtain, in spite of the fact that they are sound financially. A working capital, in order to branch out, is what they need. But it seems that local people would rather place their money in foreign fields—to them the argument of the local payroll has no weight—though the company cited pays out over \$1500 a month to their men, and this amount will be trebled as soon as they are able to handle all of the business they could control.

Local money should be used for local purposes. The industries of the valley should be built up. Its resources should be developed. Those who use their money in other fields are but a dead weight, retarding the growth of the city and the upbuilding of their valley. Money should be flowing in, and not out, of the Rogue River valley.

COUNTRY NEEDS LABOR, BUT LACKS FARES

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—For lack of funds for transportation many thousands of men who are living in the congested centers of the country and who appeal for work are deprived of obtaining remunerative employment. From all parts of the country the cry comes for efficient help, but the laborer in many instances is unable to answer the call because he has not the means to go to the work.

This is the serious situation which is confronting the bureau of information of the department of commerce and labor. It was said today by an official of this bureau that within the last few weeks fully 14,000 laborers could have been sent out to different parts of the country if they had had the means to travel. Thousands of applications are being received for work from the unemployed, but the vast majority of them are handicapped through an inadequate supply of money.

One suggestion that has been put forward is that some fund be set aside by congress for the use of the division in transporting laborers from one place to another, with the understanding that those who receive this aid shall return it when able to do so. It is probable that in the near future the matter will be presented to congress for action.

GOV. HADLEY TO TRY NEW PLAN TO CURB MONOPOLIES

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Feb. 18.—In a few days Governor Hadley will transmit a message to the legislature asking for legislation to regulate the prices charged by monopolies.

"A rigid enforcement of the anti-trust laws of Missouri," he said, "would drive fully one-third of the business enterprises doing business of one kind or another out of existence."

He declared that these are monopolies that it is better to control than to destroy, as they are so interwoven with trade conditions that their destruction would be little less than a public calamity.

He has not worked out all the details of his plan yet, but there is no doubt that he will ask for legislation that will make Missouri a pioneer state in showing other commonwealths how it is possible to regulate and not kill business enterprises that under corporate charters have grown into monopolies.

FALL OF COAL KILLS TWO CARBONADO MINERS

TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 18.—John Marvin and James Ross, miners, were killed by a fall of coal in the mines of the Carbonado Coal company in this county last night. There was no explosion and the officers of the company do not know the cause of the accident. The bodies were recovered. Both men were experienced miners and had been with the company several years. State Mine Inspector Hurling and Coroner Shave will make an investigation.

WIRELESS FINDS TORPEDO BOATS MISSING AT SEA

NORFOLK, Va., Feb. 18.—A wireless message reporting the "loss at sea" of the torpedo boat Stockton and Shubelick was sent broadcast tonight to wireless operators on land and sea by the navy department. The little vessels are bound from here to Charleston. Anyone was urged to answer who might know anything of them.

Wireless messages searching for the boats were flashed up and down the coast and to vessels far out at sea. Later a wireless message reached the Norfolk navy yard that they were safe, but their location was not revealed.

Severe winds, accompanied by heavy rain and thunder and lightning, had increased the anxiety felt for the vessels.

GIRL'S MOTHER CAUSES ARREST OF ELOPING PAIR

BOSTON, Feb. 18.—Henry E. Spricer, aged 30, of Irvington, N. J., and Miss Isabel C. Nallet, 20, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Nallet of 311 Tremont street, East Orange, N. J., were arrested in Wenham today.

Miss Nallet was a stenographer in Newark, N. J., and disappeared from her home April 30, 1906, about the time that Spricer left Newark suddenly. Under the names of Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Jewell the couple lived in Beverly until about six months ago. Since that time they have lived in Wenham.

Through correspondence with her girl friends the whereabouts of Miss Nallet became known to her mother and the arrests followed a complaint to Chief of Police Bell of East Orange.

LARGER MILITIA FOR CALIFORNIA

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Feb. 18.—State Adjutant General Lusk says the renewed activities in his department at the request of the war department at Washington for the organization of 10 militia companies of artillery for coast defense, were not the result of the passage by the assembly of the anti-Japanese school bill. It was on January 1 that the war department appealed to Governor Gillett to organize the 10 companies. An effort is being made to raise 14 companies in San Francisco and two in San Diego, the principal strategic points on the California coast.

WOMAN DIES OF BURNS INFLICTED BY SPOUSE

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—Mrs. Amelia Zschornik, who with her 8-year-old daughter was taken to Bellevue hospital suffering from third degree burns on the face and body, which she said were inflicted by her husband, expired yesterday. The child will probably recover, and she has not been told of the death of her mother. The father has not been seen since the act was committed last Saturday.

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