

JUDICIAL DISTRICT DIVIDED

Jackson and Josephine Counties No Longer Combined With Klamath and Lake in District

Klamath and Lake counties now compose the Thirteenth Judicial district. The governor has approved the bill dividing the First district, which has passed both the house and senate.

The First judicial district was constituted by Josephine, Jackson, Klamath and Lake counties. Because of poor transportation facilities the district for a number of years has been divided into two divisions, designated as the First and Second prosecuting attorney districts.

At present Judge Hanna and Judge George Nolan are the judges in the district, and the former will be judge in the First district and the latter in the Thirteenth until successors are elected.

This division of the districts will make no change in the conduct of business before the courts, as heretofore the business has always been entirely separate.

PROSPECTOR MISSED FORTUNE WHEN HE SKIPPED FEW INCHES

PORT JONES, Cal., Feb. 25.—Ben Neal and the Atterberry brothers have uncovered in Quartz valley what promises to be one of the richest ledges in this region. They stripped 100 feet of the vein, which averaged about 12 inches in width, and the whole runs above \$25 per ton, and much of it is speckled rock.

Cuts made on the ledge at different points for several hundred feet show the rock holds its value wherever touched.

As the ledge crosses the Gardner & West patent ground, Gardner has purchased the Neal interest and will doubtless secure that of the Atterberry brothers.

In this discovery there is manifest what the miners call "luck."

Some prospectors in the early days of California found a trace of this ledge and ran a cut for 50 feet up to within one foot of the ledge. Then for some reason, skipped about two and a half feet, and again trenched a short distance, and finally abandoned the search, after being so near to a fortune. The two and a half foot he skipped held the ledge he was looking for, and it was gleaming with yellow gold.

JACKSONVILLE ITEMS.

Mr. Sabin of Portland is busy at the hearings engaged in transferring a map.

Attorneys W. E. Phipps, P. Neff, William M. Colvig of Medford and R. G. Smith of Grants Pass were in town on professional business Tuesday.

J. H. Bowman of Gold Hill was a Jacksonville caller Tuesday.

ASHLAND IS VICTOR IN LAW SUIT

City Can Now Resume Its Work on \$80,000 Municipal Electric Power and Light Plant

Judge Hanna of the circuit court on Wednesday afternoon issued a decree dissolving the temporary injunction against Ashland in the suit of the Ashland Electric Light company to prevent the city from putting in a municipal power plant, and the city is relieved of interference in prosecuting the work. The case involved an \$80,000 bond issue by the city.

The hearing on the motion to dissolve consumed three days last week. Colonel Wood of Portland and Ed Briggs of Ashland were attorneys for the city and Hough of Grants Pass and A. E. Reames of Jacksonville for the light company.

NEGROES HOLDING GREAT PROHIBITION CONVENTION

ATLANTA, Ga., Feb. 25.—Representative negroes from all over the country are in Atlanta today and make up the attendance at the first national prohibition convention ever held by the colored race. It is declared by delegates that liquor is the greatest foe to the progress of the race, and they will seek to add their influence to the prohibition campaign which has been waged in the south by the whites and which has already resulted in making Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee and North Carolina wholly "dry."

Resolutions especially pointed at the manufacture of "nigger gin" and other cheap liquors, especially designed for sale in the negro resorts of the south, will probably be passed.

Prominent white men, as well as negro clergymen, educators and physicians, will address the sessions during the next three days. The leaders in the movement make this announcement regarding its purpose:

"It is intended to make the meeting an epoch in the history of the negro race in the south, and we are determined to prove to our worthy white friends that we are as profoundly concerned in the great moral movement as any others."

"This is the first general effort made by our people in this direction, and it is our purpose to make it in every way a memorable one."

CARBARN HOLDUP TURNS OUT MOTORMAN

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 25.—"What's the use of being in a motor man," confessed James Miller, a motorman, who was taken from his car today and charged with being the masked bandit who, single-handed, tried to hold up the cashiers of the Washington Water Power company early yesterday morning. After capturing the watchman who locked the door of the office, where two clerks had been checking the night's receipts of about \$5000, and the robber left without getting a cent. He was formerly a convict at Walla Walla.

BURGLARY INSURANCE RATES TO ADVANCE

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—Burglary in insurance companies throughout the United States have decided to substantially increase their rates, because of the many recent burglaries. This was decided upon at a recent meeting in Philadelphia, although it did not become known until yesterday. The increases are to include the rates to banks all over the country and all classes of burglary insurance in New York city.

PORTER BILL IS KILLED BY UNITED STATES SENATE

The Porter bill, which aroused the ire of the northwest fruitgrowers, has been killed by congress, thus pleasing the apple men of this section, who recently, in conjunction with those of other places, passed resolutions against it.

TREMBLERS SHAKE BIG DISTRICT IN SPAIN

ALFACENTE, Spain, Feb. 25.—Severe earthquake shocks were experienced throughout the whole district of Alfacente this morning. The shocks began early, the first occurring about 4 a. m. The most serious disturbance which came about without disturbance about 8 a. m. While the people were assembled at mass in the village church, caused a panic among the congregation, who rushed to the doors, throwing down and trampling under foot a score or more of women and children.

LEASES ARE GIVEN BY RAILROAD

Lumber Company Given More Land for Yards--Pleased by Crater Lake Bill Passage

"Medford is growing so fast and her prospects are so flattering for increased railroad business, that we have been forced to refuse many requests for land along the right of way for the use of lumber yards and similar purposes," said Superintendent W. A. Fields of the Southern Pacific railroad, who spent Thursday in Medford examining conditions. As a result, he gave the Medford Lumber company and the Woods Lumber company tracts along the right of way north of Eighth street and to the Big Pines lumber company a tract adjoining their present yard, south of Sixth street. The leases will enable the Medford Lumber company to move their yards from South C street and provide extensions for both the other lumber yards.

"These are the last leases for lumber yards that we can give at Medford," continued Mr. Fields, "and we have several other applications, but all the land will be needed for warehouses in the immediate future. It has been estimated that a thousand carloads of fruit will be shipped from here this year, and as the rate of increase grows with each year, the railroad will need all of its land not covered with warehouses for switching purposes."

Mr. Fields was very much pleased with the passage of the Crater Lake bill and land asserts that it will mean more to this country than any one thing that ever happened. Within a year, he predicts, all railroads will be advertising Crater Lake in every magazine and newspaper of the country, as they have in the past advertised the Yosemite and Yellowstone.

POLICE CAPTAIN KILLED IN DUEL WITH ROBBER

OLEAN, N. Y., Feb. 25.—In a hand to hand pistol duel with Nelson Dessler of Berlin, Ont., whom he caught in the act of robbing the office of the Droney Lumber company today, Police Captain Timothy Hassett was killed by a shot through the head. Dessler was shot four times. He escaped, but was captured.

REBEKAHS HONOR THEIR STATE PRESIDENT

Initiate Three Candidates--Jovial Reception Is Held--Over Twenty-five Visitors Present.

Olive Rebehah lodge, No. 28, held a special meeting at their hall on Wednesday evening in honor of the state president, Mrs. Mary Smith of Grants Pass.

Three candidates were initiated into the mysteries of the order. Following lodge a reception was held, there being present about 25 visitors from Jacksonville. A short musical program was rendered, after which all retired to the banquet room, there to complete the festivities of a most pleasant evening.

DECISION AGAINST POOL TECHNICALITY

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 24.—The supreme court has decided against the city of Seattle in a damage suit brought by John W. Wuester, whose 10-year-old son was killed by a live wire. The superior court of King county threw the case out because the plaintiff had failed to state in his complaint his place of residence for a year previous to the accident. The supreme court held that this was unreasonable and ordered the case to be tried.

PRESENT PUNCH BOWL TO "WATER WAGON" MAN

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Representative James E. Watson, who has for governor of Indiana on a "dry" platform, is to be presented with a punch bowl by his colleagues in the house. The gift will not be in the nature of a job because the Indiana members of the "water wagon" club, but it will be a testimonial of the respect in which he is held by the republican members of the house.

TO OPERATE NEW QUARRY AT GOLD RAY

Superintendent Fields of Southern Pacific Gives Rates and Will Put in Side Track

The stone quarry at Gold Ray is to be operated on a larger scale, according to Dr. C. R. Ray of the Condon Water and Power company. Superintendent Fields of the Southern Pacific spent Wednesday looking over the quarry and it is understood satisfactory rates have been secured for shipping the rock. The granite is of a fine quality, suitable for building. Crushed rock for road purposes, for track ballast, as well as decomposed granite, will also be supplied. A centrifugal pump will be installed and gravel pumped from the bed of the stream and lake for ballast and road building, and loaded on cars.

Superintendent Fields also has arranged for the building of a switch at Gold Ray, and the installation of a system of block signals, so that all danger from crossing the track to reach the bridge will be eliminated. The block system will release compressed air from the power house, which will blow whistles to warn those approaching the track, as well as flash danger signals.

The railroad at present rounds the bluff quarry, which is situated upon the bluff above the dam on the west side. As the work on the quarry progresses, and the rock is removed, it will enable the railroad to abolish the dangerous curve now rounding the bluff.

WOMEN RESIEGE THE NEW YORK LEGISLATORS

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 25.—Women of all sorts, sizes and conditions, room in to all walks in life, from scrubwomen to fair professionals and millionaires' wives, women of all ages, clad in all sorts of clothes, pretty young women in the fluffiest ruffles and hard-angled stokers of doubtful age—hundred of women, bound together by the ties of a single-hearted purpose, swarmed into Albany today and besieged the legislative halls to demand of the mere men who make the laws the sacred right of the ballot. There were also and suffragists, the dogs in the manger, who did not want to vote and who demand that all other women shall be kept from voting, and those made all kept as much of a vapor, although fewer in number than the suffrage sisters. The senate judiciary committee was the stern winter and the publicity making the senator Hill's proposed constitutional amendment, which would give the fair sex the right to vote in the Empire state, was the cause of all the trouble.

"DON'T MEET ME ANY MORE IN SAN ANTONIO"

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Feb. 25.—Tourists who flock to San Antonio, or stopped over en route to Mexico, by past winters, attracted by the lure of "the widest open town in America," are this winter suffering with disgust and "booming" the Alamo city as a "holer town." It is all because a wave of moral reform has struck the city, with the result that the famed gambling houses, once wide open, are now operating under cover, and each fighting, under the light of torments from the north, has been abolished. Other amusements for which San Antonio was famous have fallen under the ban of the law, and the refrain of the popular song, "I'll Meet You in San Antonio," is no longer warbled by the southward-bound tourists. Whereas the tourists army once stopped for weeks, it now rushes on the train, grabs a hamlet, takes a peek at the Alamo and rushes on for Mexico.

"SHORTIE" GARNETT GETS "WHITEUP" IN TRADE JOURNAL

The February issue of the "Hardware World," a trade journal, appears with a half page out of "Shortie" Garnett of this city and a writeup of Medford and local hardware business. The cut is followed by the following tribute to Mr. Garnett:

"H. C. Garnett, better known to his friends as 'Shortie' Garnett, the newly elected president of the Oregon Hardware Dealers' association. While his friends familiarly call him by his nick name, yet it is only in the name that he could be so called, for he is long on business, on energy, on enterprise and on the things that count for work for the betterment of their conditions, and by the highest and best ethical conventions that should apply to all in the jurisdiction of the industry."

WILL PLANT MANY TREES ON STREETS

Ladies of Greater Medford Club Confer With Superintendent Smith Regarding Matter

Ladies of the Greater Medford club are planning to plant more than 10,000 shade trees some day in the near future along the streets of the city. Mayor Cannon will issue a proclamation setting the date as a holiday and Superintendent Smith of the public school will be asked to have all the school children of the city co-operate. A fund for supplying the trees will be raised.

The city engineer will be asked to establish grades and lay off lines so that the work will be uniform throughout the city. Certain trees will be designated for certain streets and the work be done in a scientific manner.

WESTON NORMAL PEOPLE WILL NOT MAINTAIN SCHOOL

WESTON, Or., Feb. 25.—Weston normal will not continue if the citizens here must maintain it. The general feeling is that Weston residents have given the state enough already, having donated ten acres of ground and a brick building and subscriptions in money at different times. They care no longer to support a state school.

WANTS DAMAGE FOR TREE ON WHICH NEGRO HUNG

MOBILE, Ala., Feb. 25.—Suit will be filed in the law and equity court against the board of public works for cutting down a tree on the property of Mrs. F. Haas. It was on this tree that the negro Richard Robertson was lynched on January 24. The board of public works ordered the tree cut down because of morbid curiosity seekers flocking to the tree with hatchets and knives.

JAPANESE PROVINCES WILL ATTEND EXPOSITION

TOKYO, Feb. 25.—Ashikaga and Kiru provinces of Japan, have cancelled their previous action in deciding not to attend the Seattle exposition, and today took steps to send a large delegation. The change in sentiment is further shown by the request by the government to the diet asking for a large expenditure for Anglo-Japanese contributions.

GREATER MEDFORD CLUB GIVES DANCE TONIGHT

Pleasant Time Is Promised for All Who Attend--Committee Has Been Very Busy With Preparations.

The ladies of the Greater Medford club give another of their pleasant social dances at the Angle opera house tonight. The committee on arrangements has done everything possible to make the affair a success.

INTERESTING PICTURES SHOWN OF EARTHQUAKE

Four hundred and sixty-seven local people visited the Savoy theater Wednesday evening to see the 1500 foot film portraying the effect of the earthquake and tidal wave in Baggio and Messina, the two cities which were entirely destroyed by a convulsion of nature in January. The film is exceptionally interesting, giving a splendid idea of the horrors of the greatest calamity in the history of the world, in which 230,000 died in a consecutive estimate.

GOVERNMENT GUARANTEES BONDS FOR RAILROAD

EDMONTON, Alberta, Feb. 25.—The Alberta government today decided to guarantee the bonds of the Canadian Northern Grand Trunk railways for a total of \$27,425,000 for the construction of 1651 miles of track through the province.

TO KEEP UP SCHOOL TO YEAR'S END

Ashland Resident States Plans are Being Made to Raise Subscription to Maintain Normal

"Ashland citizens are planning to keep the normal school alive until the end of the school year by popular subscription, but it is doubtful if the effort will be made to continue it longer," states Robert Leonard of Ashland, who was a Medford visitor Thursday.

"Ashland people are most loyal to the school," he continued, "but of course if the sentiment of the state is against normals, and all are to be killed, the hopelessness of the cause is apparent. Yet if we decide to go ahead, the school can be kept open. The trouble will be that our big bond issue for a municipal lighting and power plant and our program of paved streets will make any additional expenses, like the normal, a hardship upon the people."

"If the school is closed the property which is now in the city limits will probably be decided to the city and will in all probability continue to be used for school purposes, either as a public school or rented as a private or boarding school. In any event, there will be a school there."

The student body and teachers at the Ashland normal are loyal to the school and are co-operating with the citizens, but, according to Secretary C. L. Starr of the board of normal school regents, the final action of the board was to turn over the three normal schools to their own resources. Should the schools, Ashland among them, be so inclined and able, they will continue until June and the present senior class will be able to complete their course. Otherwise the schools will be directed by the board to graduate their classes, disorganize and close their doors.

ASSETS OF DEFUNCT BANK INCREASED

LA GRANDE, Or., Feb. 25.—Unless the insurance secures the assets of the defunct Farmers & Traders' National will soon become richer by \$18,000, Walter M. Pierce, president of the light company, has a check of approximately \$8000 ready to turn over to the receiver, and Henry Striker is expected to produce \$10,000 tomorrow morning.

Ex-Cashier Scriber arrived last night to hurry along the settlements started by Attorney McMahon. In return for the check from Pierce it is said that McMahon is to give Pierce \$8000 in Electric Light company bonds and about 400 shares now in possession of Scriber.

Dearborn was a native of New Hampshire and had been engaged in real estate business here for more than 30 years. He was noted for his many acts of philanthropy.

SEATTLE MAN LEAVES MONEY TO THE POOR

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 25.—By the terms of the will of Henry A. Dearborn, a well known pioneer, who died recently, the deserving poor of this city are bequeathed property valued at \$50,000. The bequest is left in charge of three trustees, who are empowered to either improve the property and devote the income to the object specified or to sell it at once.

HISTORIC OKLAHOMA CVASE IS DISMISSED

PERRY, Okla., Feb. 25.—A suit for \$800,000 damages for alleged false imprisonment in the Kansas penitentiary, filed by Ira N. Terrill against Ferguson of Oklahoma territory, and other officials, has been dismissed. Terrill was formerly territorial leader of the Oklahoma territorial assembly.

GOVERNOR CHAMBERLAIN LEAVES FOR EAST SOON

SALLEN, Or., Feb. 25.—Governor Chamberlain is working hard to complete the work of his term before he goes to the east. He will leave for Washington to attend the date of the United States assembly. He will go to the east to attend the date of the United States assembly. He will go to the east to attend the date of the United States assembly.

CENSUS OF MEDFORD BE TAKEN

City Council Takes Matter Up at Request of Elks to Secure Local Lodge--Will Soon Organize

At a special meeting of the city council held Thursday afternoon a census of the city of Medford was decided upon, and Mayor Canon instructed to employ census enumerators. The action was taken at the request of the Elks, who desire to establish a local lodge. Before such a lodge is installed, the population of the city must be shown by official census to exceed 5000. All expenses of the enumeration will be borne by the Elks. The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a census of the city of Medford be taken forthwith for the purpose of determining the total number of inhabitants of said city.

Resolved further, That said census be taken under the direction of the mayor of said city, and that he be and is given authority to secure and employ such enumerators, and other assistance as he may deem necessary for said work and also to procure the requisite blanks, stationery and supplies therefor.

The foregoing resolution was declared adopted on the following vote: Welch aye, Merriek aye, Emerick aye, Workman aye, Belfort aye, Demmer absent.

Attest: BENJ. M. COLLINS, City Recorder.

WOMEN OF HIGH SOCIETY GO TO JAIL

LONDON, Feb. 25.—A number of suffragettes of high social position in the United Kingdom were today sentenced to jail for participation in yesterday's demonstrations, when scores of women attempted to force their demands upon the premier.

Mrs. Patrick Lawrence, the leader in the riot, was convicted, and sentenced to three months in jail. Lady Constance Lytton, a sister of Lord Lytton, Daisy Solomon, a daughter of the former premier of South Africa, and others were given terms of from one to two months in jail.

FRENCH GOVERNMENT WILL CONSIDER RATES

PARIS, Feb. 25.—The delegation of exporters which yesterday called upon M. Crippi, minister of commerce, in connection with American customs duties, visited Premier Clemenceau and Foreign Minister Plehon today. The premier stated that the French government already had been occupied with the consideration of the questions arising out of the proposed increase in the tariff and would give special attention to the delegation's demands.

WILL MAKE NEW SURVEY OF THE WILLAMETTE RIVER

VANCOUVER, Wash., Feb. 25.—Will B. DeBois, chairman of the Commercial club deep waterway committee, received a telegram this morning from Congressman Jones saying that \$5000 had been secured for the new survey of the river between Vancouver and the mouth of the Willamette and that a fund for the maintenance of the present channel had been provided for in the river and harbor bill, this available fund being \$17,000.

TWO BURGLARS LOOT STORES AND SALOONS

OAKLAND, Feb. 25.—Eight stores and saloon burglaries, which bear the marks of being the work of the same two men, and the cracking of a safe kept by Harbor lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Alcatraz hall, Seventh and Perata streets, were perpetrated in this city last night.

In Alcatraz hall, where the lock of the safe owned by the Odd Fellows lodge was smashed with a sledge hammer, the result of the burglary was \$87 in silver.

RESTORE MARINE CORPS TO SHIPS FOR PACIFIC

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—The house today adopted the conference report on the naval appropriation bill, carrying nearly \$130,000,000. Further conference with the senate committee was ordered relative to \$250,000 over the establishment of a repair base outside of San Francisco and restoring the maintenance of ships so that the Pacific coast be guarded by the half fleet.