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MEDFORD, OREGON, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 1909.

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GREAT STANDARD OIL CASE WIPED OUT

ASHLAND CITIZENS TO SALEM FOR THEIR NORMAL

PRIEST SHOT DOWN IN HOME

GOVERNMENT ABANDONED CASE FOLLOWING RULING

S.P. PAYS ITS COUNTY TAXES TO THE SHERIFF

MEDFORD MENTO ASSIST IN WORK

SAMUEL HILL TO VISIT CITY LATER IN YEAR

Housekeeper Tries to Prevent Crime and Was Tramped on--Cause of Shooting Unknown

TELEPHONES PLACED ON EXHIBITION

ACQUITTAL BY JURY ENDS THE TRIAL

CENTRAL POINT PLANNING TO GREET TRAIN

Over \$48,000 Goes Into The County Treasury--The Rebate Amounted to \$1600

Not Letting Any Chances Get by Them on This Deal--At Least 20 Leading Citizens Will Visit Capital

Writes That He is Unable to Fix Date--Compliments Medford on The Progress Made Regarding Roads

NEWARK, N. J., March 10.—Reverend Erasmus Ansari, the priest in charge of the St. Stanislaus Polish cathedral, was shot down in the rectory of the church this morning and died en route to a hospital. Miss Toniato, his housekeeper, who tried to prevent the assassination, will probably die as the result of injuries inflicted on her.

Work of Putting in New System for City Going Ahead Rapidly - Large Force of Men Areat Work

Government Attorneys Abandoned Case After Judge Anderson Made Rulings

Every Business Man in Neighboring City Enthusiastic and Big Crowd Is Assured

Sheriff Wilbur A. Jones on Friday received from the Southern Pacific tax department the charges assessed to the corporation in this county on account of current taxes. The total aggregated approximately \$48,000, upon railroad bed, rolling stock, land and all property in this county. One-half of the tax was paid in gold double eagles and the other half was paid by check with yards of vouchers attached to be filled out by the clerk in the sheriff's office, and involving not a little work on their part.

Ashland citizens are not intending to overlook any bets during the special session of the legislature which will convene in Salem on next Monday, March 15. A delegation of citizens numbering about 20, are planning to visit the capital and see if they cannot manage in some manner to induce the legislature to keep their school alive and at the very least get money enough appropriated for the school to keep going until the end of the year.

Samuel Hill, the famous good roads advocate and millionaire, who has given thousands of dollars in constructing roads in various sections of the United States, is unable to fix a date at this time to visit Medford, but will do so later in the year. He is, according to a letter received by the Commercial club, swamped with engagements—but desires to come later.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., March 10.—The supreme court of Missouri has refused to accept the partnership suggested by the Standard Oil company with reference to ouster proceedings against the Waters-Pierce Oil company, which, to the satisfaction of the state court, was shown to be a subsidiary concern of the Standard. The court overruled a motion for a modification of judgment filed by the Standard through Attorney Hageman. A motion for a specific time to show the severance between the companies was overruled.

The Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company have arranged a very attractive telephone exhibit in their windows in the Exchange building, near the postoffice, where they are showing the various styles of new telephone equipment that Medford will be furnished as fast as workmen can install it. The work is rapidly going ahead and will be kept up until Medford has as good a system as can be found in any other city of the state.

CHICAGO, March 10.—The great Standard Oil case, in which a fine of \$29,240,000 was imposed by Judge Landis in the first trial, was wiped out today, and now belongs to history. The government attorneys abandoned the case this morning following a ruling of Judge Anderson, stating that it would be impossible to obtain a conviction under the circumstances.

The Central Point Herald in its next issue will say: C. A. Malheof, district freight agent of the Southern Pacific, was in town Tuesday afternoon promoting the demonstration train exhibit which will be given here on the morning of Tuesday, March 23.

The rebate on the Southern Pacific company's taxes in this county amounted to the sum of \$1600. Taxes have been pouring into the sheriff's office at a lively rate the past week, but this week will witness the greatest rush, for after next Monday the three per cent rebate allowed for payment in full of taxes on or before the 15th of March will be a thing of the past this year.

The Ashland Commercial club has written to Dr. J. M. Roene, J. D. Beard and George Pitman of this city asking for their aid in Salem when the matter comes up next week. The three men will comply with the request of the club and see what they can do in the way of lobbying for the normal schools.

The commercial club will keep in touch with the famous builder, whose headquarters are in Seattle, and have him here at a later date.

OIL OUSTER HELD UP IN MISSOURI

Three phones are shown—the office wall phone, the office desk phone and the residence phone. All of them are of the latest model and are said to represent the highest attainment of the phone manufacturer's art. They will work upon a central energy switchboard by which it will be possible to call central by simply removing the receiver from the hook. The old laborious cranking of the bell will be done away with. With this system it is also much easier to cut off one connection and get a second one, and assures the patron of the most rapid service.

The Standard Oil company's attorneys immediately following this announcement moved for an acquittal. The jury was brought in and instructed and then returned a verdict of acquittal. The government abandoned the case following a ruling of Judge Anderson dismissing all the counts referring to shipments from Chappelle, Ill. The government attorney, Wilkinson, asked the court if it was true that on the evidence so far presented it would be impossible to convict defendants. The court replied in the affirmative to Wilkinson, who said: "Then there is no use going on. The government rests." The defense then motioned that a verdict of acquittal be brought. The court explained that he dismissed the counts because of a fatal variance between the indictment and the evidence. The verdict of acquittal wipes out completely the famous \$29,000,000 fine imposed in the first trial by Judge Landis.

This train will reach Central Point about eight o'clock in the morning and will remain here for an hour and a half. During that time lectures on horticulture and other topics of interest to the farmers will be given. Practical demonstrations in pruning will be given on trees carried on the train for that purpose and the latest appliances for spraying etc., will be shown.

JUDGE BALDWIN MAY BE MAYOR OF KLAMATH FALLS

WHEW! BUT JOHNSON HAS AN AWFUL CASE OF BIG HEAD

CHIEF WEATHER MAN SQUARES HIMSELF

ASHLAND HOSPITAL BURNS PATIENTS CARRIED OUT

U. S. KEEPS MONEY AND STOLEN LAND

LOS ANGELES, Cal., March 10.

NO SIMPLIFIED SPELLING FOR PRESIDENT TAFT

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., March 10.—Taxpayers and residents generally of this city are now casting about for a man to be placed at the head of the municipality for the ensuing year. It is generally realized that 1909 is to be a year of great advancement for Klamath Falls, and therefore the selection of a chief executive is of vital importance.

Ashland is working hard for her school, and with the assistance of the other southern Oregon centers, which she will have, will be able to put up a stiff fight for the school.

Professor Moore admitted that he had waited for several days in some timidity before attempting to "pay his respects" to Taft. Moore had an explanation which he brought to a climax with all sorts of proof that no such "high" and "low" ever before produced such a snowstorm.

Fire, which started from a defective fuse in the attic of the Southern Oregon hospital at Ashland Tuesday morning, enveloped the entire upper portion of the frame structure, which was badly gutted before the flames were gotten under control. Eight patients, bedfast, were carried out safely on litters, and all occupants and attendants at the hospital escaped without injury. The damage to the building and furnishings will perhaps reach \$4000, with little insurance.

WASHINGTON, March 10.—Secretary of the Interior Ballinger has announced that the government's suit against the Union Pacific railroad involving coal lands in Wyoming valued at \$19,000,000, which was settled out of court by Attorney General Bonaparte and Secretary Garfield last Monday, was for the recovery from the company of 4450 acres of land alleged to have been acquired through "dummy" entries.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., March 10.—While purchasing a ticket at the Los Angeles theater tonight, Charles Volkmann, 55 years old, and formerly of San Francisco, suddenly fell to the floor. Several persons rushed to his aid and found him dead. Heart disease is supposed to have caused his death. He was a representative of the General Benevolent society of San Francisco and had been here only a short time.

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