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20,000 CHRISTIANS BUTCHERED

MASSACRE IS CONTINUED DAILY

Towns Are Wiped Out by Fanatics Applying Torch—Adana and Tarsus Districts Suffer the Most.

ENTIRE COUNTRY IS A SMOKING WILDERNESS

British Cruiser Lands Men in Endeavor to Quell Riots—No Mercy Shown.

SMYRNA, April 22.—Dispatches received today indicate that the massacre in Asia Minor will number 20,000 Christians to date.

Disorder is increasing and the butchery continues.

Whole villages have been wiped out of existence by fire. Fanatical Moslems are showing mercy to no one and are applying the torch on every hand.

Men have been landed by the British cruiser Diana off Alexandrette in an effort to quell the mutiny in that section. The civil and military authorities seem powerless to quell the riots.

The cruisers Montana and North Carolina are awaited with great anxiety, as it is thought that their presence will have great influence in protecting Americans.

No less than 150 of the slain are missionaries who have labored in Asia Minor for years.

OFFICERS OF TELEPHONE COMPANY ARE ELECTED

The Medford & Butte Falls Telephone company held an election on Wednesday and named the following officers and directors: B. H. Harris, Medford, president; C. P. Briggs, Butte Falls, vice-president; J. H. Carlin, Medford, secretary; C. O. Baker, Butte Falls, treasurer. At the meeting it was decided to begin the construction of the line at once. C. A. Edmondson was named foreman of the construction.

THOMAS IS DIRECTOR OF CONCESSIONS AT THE FAIR

SEATTLE, Wash., April 22.—William F. Thomas of Washington, D. C., who was the manager of the inaugural balls from Cleveland's first administration to Taft's, has tentatively accepted the position as director of concessions of the exposition here.

YOU CAN'T BEAT THIS IN ANY SEVEN OF THE STATES

Some time ago Mrs. Schnitker, who resides on the corner of Eighth and Holly streets set 55 eggs under four hens and got 53 young chickens. Mothers and chicks are doing well. Who says that Medford and the Rogue River valley do not lead the world?

A Nebraskan has been granted a patent upon rings bearing prolonged plates to enable a baseball pitcher to impart a twist to balls and increasing his ability to pitch curves.

GOLD HILL OIL COMPANY IS TO GET BUSY SOON

Rig Will Be Taken Down From Medford Within Next Thirty Days—Local Company Is to Carry on Work.

\$5000 IS RAISED TO CARRY ON WORK OF SINKING WELL

John O'Brien Declares That He Will Secure Oil In That Field—Formed Company.

John H. O'Brien on Thursday made arrangements with Harry Troxel, who is engaged in sinking a well for artesian water south of this city, to move his drilling outfit to Gold Hill in the next 30 days and start an oil well in that neighborhood upon land that a company of Gold Hill capitalists have under lease. Indications of oil have been found in that neighborhood, which encouraged the local people to take the matter up. Under the guidance of John H. O'Brien a company was formed and the land leased.

The company, which includes among its members William Hawkins, Edward Cobury, Stephen Jones and Joseph Beeman, has provided \$5000 to carry on the work. They have under lease many thousands of acres.

Mr. O'Brien was long associated with eastern capitalists in boring for oil in eastern fields and is thoroughly conversant with the work. Under his guidance the work will move along rapidly. He is certain of success.

EDITOR PAYS BIG FINE FOR HANDING IT TO COURT

VANCOUVER, B. C., April 22.—Editor Stanley of the Fernie Ledger, who published a front-page story to the effect that all a man needed to do in British Columbia to dodge justice was to belong to the lodge and stand on the right side of the political fence, was officially disciplined this morning by the court of appeals, sitting in Vancouver. He made a humble apology and the court sentenced him to pay \$100 or spend an indefinite period in jail.

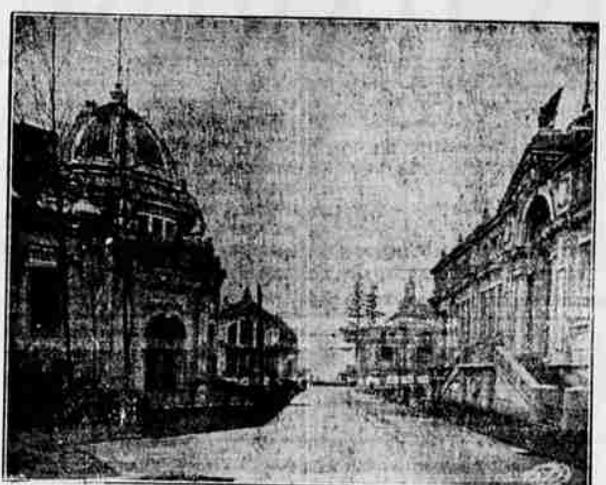
RESIGNED RATHER THAN ORDINANCE REGARDING CARDS

BELLINGHAM, Wash., April 22.—Rather than sign an ordinance permitting the playing of cards on the basis that the loser buy cigars for the crowd, Mayor Elder of Lynden handed his written resignation to the council on Monday, but changed his mind and stated that he would withdraw it, and veto the measure. He was under the impression that he had to sign every ordinance passed.

SALT LAKE CAPITALIST PURCHASES OIL LAND

R. G. Wilson, a wealthy mining man of Salt Lake City, who has been spending several days in Medford, today purchased 320 acres of desert land beyond Eagle Point. He purchased the property as a speculation, as it is possible oil territory. He is closing a deal for the purchase of a large orchard.

JOLLY TIME PROMISED WINNERS OF THE TRIBUNE TRIP CONTEST



CONTEST NOTES.

Many are becoming deeply interested in The Tribune's free trip offer to the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition. Never before has such a chance been given to the public in southern Oregon. It only means a few weeks' work and then—oh! joy! The fair is advertised as the "fair that will be ready." Well, so will The Tribune's contest party. On July 10 six lucky young ladies of southern Oregon, with their chaperon and a Tribune representative, will board the Pullman car at Medford and Ho! Ho! for a jolly ten days in the north.

Many Interested.

Many letters of inquiry are received by the contest department every day, and the race bids fair to be one of the hottest in the history of southern Oregon newspapers.

Nomination Prizes.

There yet remains but three weeks until the time set for the awarding of the nomination prizes. YOU had better hurry up and nominate your favorite and then see that she stands high enough to entitle you to the cash award. All that is necessary is to turn in her name and address and leave the rest to the contest manager.

Now Is the Time.

There is no time like the present, either nominate someone or enter the contest yourself, and be one of the exposition party.

"It Isn't Work: It's Fun."

"Why, I think it is just fun to go around and tell my friends what I am doing and surprise them," said one dainty little miss, and that is just what you would think, too, if you just got interested and got to work.

About Two Weeks.

In about two weeks' time the first lineup of contestants will appear and then watch for the excitement portrayed by the changes from day to day.

Get into the race now, and then get to work and be one of those to first have their names in the contest ranks.

You will be surprised how many of your friends will come to your aid and help you win the TRIP of your life. You may never have such a good chance to show your friends and relatives what you can do when you want to.

For any information in regard to the contest, the plans and so forth, just phone, call, write, or see the Contest Manager, The Tribune.

WESTERLUND RETURNS TO MAKE HOME HERE

J. A. Westerlund, president of the Western Orchards company, owners of a 1000-acre orchard east of Medford, arrived in this city Thursday and will make Medford his home. Mrs. Westerlund, her mother and sister, and Mr. Westerlund's secretary accompanied him and a carload of furniture is on the way. He is also moving the company's headquarters from Chicago to Medford, and the office fixtures have been shipped here.

Mr. Westerlund will spend a week on the ranch, after which he will buy or build a home here. Both he and his wife are delighted to return, and report disagreeable and cold weather in the east.

I. L. Hamilton is the busiest man in Medford now, with all of the work on the gravity water system on his hands.

STATE FILES ITS BRIEF IN THE FINCH CASE

The state of Oregon has filed its brief in the case against James A. Finch, convicted of the murder of Ralph Fisher. In reply to the contention of the appellate court the verdict and judgment of the lower court are contrary to the constitution of the state, in that it sought to take appellant's life and therefore render reformation impossible. The state's attorney says:

"No authorities are cited by the appellant in favor of this contention, and we doubt that any court ever held such a doctrine. It has always been conceded that some persons and especially assassins, are beyond reformation in this life, and it seems rather strange that it has taken 50 years to make the discovery that the punishment prescribed by the laws of the state of Oregon for murder in the first degree is unconstitutional."

PATTEN FLEES FROM CHICAGO TO SAVE LIFE

Received Many Threatening Letters During Past Few Days and Was Forced to Fly for His Life.

SAYS HE WANTS TO ESCAPE THE REPORTERS

Plot Uncovered by Which He Was to Lose His Life—Feeling Bitter Against Him.

CHICAGO, April 22.—It was learned today that James Patten, the wheat king, whose manipulations of the market have caused the prices on bread stuffs to soar during the past few weeks, and who disappeared yesterday following a heated battle in the wheat pit, fled in fear for his life.

During the past few days he has received many threatening letters. One plot was uncovered by the police by which his life was to have been taken by a society of men on the West Side, who blamed him for the rise in bread.

Seen in Kansas.

HUTCHINSON, Kan., April 22.—James Patten passed through this city today en route to Trinidad, Col. He stated that his object in flying was to escape from the reporters. He is accompanied by two men, who are said to be acting in the nature of body guards.

MEDFORD PAMPHLET DUE HERE FRIDAY

Because the ink was not dry enough on the Medford pamphlet cover to ship, the booklets will not leave Portland until tonight. They will come at the rate of 1000 a day until the entire shipment of 63,000 is received.

The Commercial club soliciting committee is visiting business houses today to secure subscriptions to pay for the pamphlets and operate the club through the year. So far everyone approached has given something, and public spirit is at so high a pitch in Medford that but little difficulty is expected in securing the needed subscriptions.

AUTOMOBILE FEVER RAGING IN ASHLAND

Senator Mullet and O. Winters of Ashland drove down this morning to secure the new Chalmers-Detroit "30" purchased by the former from the Valley Auto company. The car arrived Thursday from the factory and is a beauty.

Mr. Winters states that the auto fever has struck Ashland. He himself has purchased a Ford model T, as have J. A. Harvey, George Owens and Father La Vesque.

DIED.

POOR—Mrs. Joseph Poor, of Oakland, April 21. Mrs. Poor was a resident of Ashland and was aged 43 years. She was a member of a pioneer family of Jackson county. Funeral in Ashland Thursday.

A surveying crew left Wednesday for upper Butte creek.

TO BUILD AUTO ROAD UP SIDE OF MT. SHASTA

Sisson Business Men Not to Overlook Attraction for Tourists—Stock Company Is Formed.

AUTO LINE TO EDGE OF TIMBER BELT AND REST HOUSE THERE

Travel Should Increase by Leaps and Bounds and Make Sisson Great Outing Resort.

SISSON, Cal. April 22.—Several of Sisson's prominent business men have organized "The Mount Shasta Automobile Ascension Company," a corporation organized under the laws of the state of California, with a capitalization of \$50,000.

The directors for the first year are Henry McGuinness, J. M. Schuler, William B. Hunt, A. J. Barr and E. B. Butler.

The corporation will cater to the tourist trade, and will build an automobile road and stopping place near the timber line on Mt. Shasta.

Sisson, "in the shadow of old Mt. Shasta," long has been the headquarters of tourists desiring to climb the magnificent mountain. But the trip is a hard one and at time attended by danger. These facts have discouraged travelers more or less. But with an auto line to the end of the timber belt and a comfortable resting place there, conditions will be greatly changed for the better. Needless to say, the experience of riding up the noble old mountain in an automobile will prove very attractive. The experiences will be unique and exhilarating. If the venture proves a success, and it should, the travel to Mt. Shasta should increase by leaps and bounds, and Sisson, as a result, will become a very popular resort.

TO ESTABLISH LARGE PAPER MILL IN SPOKANE

SPOKANE, Wash., April 22.—"I am here to co-operate with C. B. Bride in his efforts to establish a paper mill in Spokane," stated W. H. Goodenough in a speech at a luncheon of the chamber of commerce today. "I want to tell you, gentlemen, that I believe with your aid we shall build and operate a paper mill here. The paper mills of the east ship thousands of carloads to the Pacific coast annually. You have plenty of material for the manufacture of that product. Cottonwood, of which you have large quantities, makes excellent paper and many other varieties in your forests can be used."

Mr. Goodenough is an extensive paper manufacturer. He lately sold a large plant in Appleton, Wis.

LOWER RATES ORDERED ON NORTHERN PACIFIC

SALEM, Or., April 22.—The state railroad commission has issued an order promulgating a new schedule of rates on the Goble branch of the Northern Pacific railway. In most cases material reductions are made.

The matter was taken up by the commission on its own motion, after complaints had been made by shippers at Houlton and Seapoose. A hearing was held at Salem recently.