



## PROSPECTS ARE VERY BRIGHT

### A Smelter May be Constructed in the Near Future Near this City--Man on His Way to England to Interest Capital in the Enterprise.

The reporter was handed two letters last Saturday from a man in New York addressed to a mining engineer in this county in which he said that he would leave this country for England about the first of this month for the purpose of interesting capital to the extent of building a smelter near Jacksonville.

The party who sent the letters is interested in some mining property also some timber land which is located within a few miles of this city.

It is thought that the company is interested in the Blue Ledge property but nothing was mentioned in the letter about this property. The engineer did not want any names mentioned in the paper at this time but promised an interview at the proper time.

This will call for a railroad from the smelter through Jacksonville to the main line of the Southern Pacific. Jacksonville will be the distributing point.

## WORK BEGINS ON RAILROAD

Work has already commenced on the railroad to connect the coal mines of the Murphy interests with Medford.

Monday morning W. T. Beveridge, the locating engineer for the Sunnyside Coal company, took a level party out for preliminary work. Tuesday morning a transit party also went out, the two parties comprising eight or ten men. The two gangs will be out a matter of ten days or so.

The line is to run from some point on the P. & E., probably from the switch on the other side of Bear creek, which is known as Kulus. From that point it will make a big turn to the right and run south of Roxy Ann to the old Furry workings. It is thought that the line will pass near the J. N. Hockersmith place and hug the hills from there on to the terminus.

Successful closing of the deal will mean the extension of the P. & E. to Butte Falls in the near future, with an ultimate terminus at Crater lake. It will mean the taking over of the big timber holdings of the Iowa Lumber company and those of Edgar Hafer in the Butte Falls country. The deal also includes the acquiring of the timber holdings of W. S. Dewing and the Michigan interests behind him,

which hold large areas also in the Butte Falls district.

Messrs. Murphy and Mundy, who left for the east Sunday, will in all probability meet Mr. Dewing and arrange for the transfer of his timber holdings, and it is said that he will become a member of syndicate. It is known that negotiations by cable with English capitalists interested in these properties have taken place in the last few days.

For some time the Murphy interests have had an option on the P. & E. and the timber holdings of the Iowa Lumber company. Just what the terms are as to consideration and length of time which the option will hold good has not been made known to the public.

Confirmation of the fact that the deal is pending and practically completed is found in the fact that during the past week Edgar Hafer and his attorney E. A. Reames, have been in daily conference with the Murphy people.

Another fact that further proves that the deal is practically closed is that the members of the survey gangs have been employed with the understanding that they will have an all-summer's job. That means that there must be a great deal of work contemplated in the way of mapping out railroad lines.

## GUILTY IN SECOND DEGREE

The trial of Will Mack for the shooting of Miles Carter in the Layton hotel in December, commenced Friday in the circuit court before Judge Hanna. The defendant is without means and the court has appointed A. C. Hough and W. C. Hale to defend him. They endeavored to obtain a postponement, but in view of the fact that the chief witness for the state is dangerously ill, the court refused to grant it and announced that if necessary he would hold court in the sick man's room in order to have his testimony directly before the jury. An interesting development of the case is the affidavit put in by defendant for a postponement, wherein he states he had been buying whiskey all day in Grants Pass, a supposedly dry town.

Will Mack, charged with the murder of Miles Carter, was convicted before a jury in Judge Hanna's department of the circuit court at Grants Pass Saturday afternoon. About thirty minutes after the case was closed Judge Hanna instructed the jury. The jury deliberated for four hours and thirty minutes when they brought in a verdict of guilty in the second degree.

The courtroom was packed by women, who managed to crush their way through to the space usually occupied by the bar.



From a painting by Sargent. JOSEPH PULITZER, EDITOR OF THE NEW YORK WORLD.

Joseph Pulitzer, who drew the president's fire through editorial criticisms of the Panama canal purchase, has for the last thirty years been one of the most conspicuous figures in American Journalism. The New York World, of which he is the proprietor, has for two decades been a potent factor not only in national politics, but has wielded a powerful influence in public affairs in New York city and throughout the Empire State. Few men have a firmer grasp upon matters of worldwide importance than Mr. Pulitzer, and his newspaper reflects his views in the most minute particular.

Mack took the stand in his own defense and made the plea that he was insane when he shot Carter. He said hard drinking caused him to have crazy spells, during which he was irresponsible. He also declared that Carter was kicking him when he fired. Mack admitted that on former occasion when he had had the "tremens" he was always sick and in bed.

He explained how a friend had given him the pistol and in the morning he went hunting and on returning he took to drinking. He remembered nothing of the crime from 5 o'clock until next morning he woke up in jail. It was at this juncture of his story that the state, upon cross-examination, attempted to draw out that the defendant's lapse of memory was due to his reading the report of the Finch trial in Portland, but this he denied.

Mack was defended by Attorneys A. C. Hough and Judge J. C. Hale of Medford, while District Attorney Mulkey was assisted by Robert G. Smith.

The case was bitterly fought. In outlining the case to the jury Prosecutor Mulkey declared that the nature of Mack's crime was such as to make but one verdict justifiable, that being a verdict of murder in the first degree. Mack's attorneys expected to prove that Mack, besides being "crazed" with drink, notwithstanding Grants Pass is a prohibition town, was obliged to shoot in self-defense. Witnesses whose testimony was calculated to prove this assertion were brought on the stand and their testimony was to the effect that Carter the barkeeper of the Layton saloon had ordered Mack out of the place, when the latter refused to pay for the "temperance beer" given him, and at once began to kick him in an attempt to put him out. The two were in combat, so it was asserted, when Mack pulled his revolver and shot Carter through the lungs.

Mrs. Nicholson who lives north of this city met with quite a serious accident last Friday while she was cooking. She fainted away and fell upon the hot stove and was seriously burned. Mrs. Nicholson is the mother of Art Nicholson.

## TO PROTEST PORTER BILL

Hood River apple growers are up in arms against the Porter bill, which has been introduced in congress and proposes to increase the size of the apple box used by northwest growers. In addition to the resolution which was recently passed by the local horticultural society protesting against its adoption, the Oregon delegation in congress has been formally asked to work against the measure, and the applemen of Washington have sent J. L. Dumas, owner of the big Pomona apple ranch at Dayton, to the capital city to use his influence to bring about its defeat.

It is stated that the matter will be taken up officially by the Hood River Apple Growers' union, which will communicate with other similar organizations in the state, asking that they use their utmost efforts to prevent the bill from passing; and also for their co-operation in raising funds to send a representative of the apple growers of the state of Washington to work with Mr. Dumas in opposing a measure which it is stated will mean an annual loss to growers on the coast of \$1,000,000.

One of the probable courses of action will be to prepare a memorial to congress showing that the present box in use in the northwest, which was adopted several years ago as the standard box of the fruitgrowers' organization, contains 400 more cubic inches than the Winchester bushel, at present accepted as the standard in the United States. It will also be shown that a change such as the one proposed will disorganize the present method of

packing and shipping apples and place growers on the coast under unfair competition until an altogether new system could be inaugurated.

Apple growers also object to the passage of the bill in whole or in part, particularly a provision in it which states that boxes not conforming to the larger size stipulated in the Porter bill shall be marked "short box." This, they say, is placing an unfair restriction on the apple products of the northwest. It is also said that the apple box now in use contains over a bushel of apples that are salable and as near perfect as it is possible to have them, and that dealers who are pushing the Porter bill are taking an unjust course to compel the grower to give them more fruit in order for the buyers to take profits which justly belong to the grower.

## PETITIONS WERE CIRCULATED

Four petitions were circulated last week asking the Town Board of Trustees to prepare a charter for the town of Jacksonville to be submitted to the voters at the next city election. This is a good move and the people should have the privilege of voting on the matter at the coming election. The charter was passed by the legislature in 1860 and the conditions at that time were different than they are now.

Some changes were made by the council in the charter which are illegal. One being the election of a street commissioner. Ordinances have been passed regardless of charter provisions, and it is doubtful whether the next city election will be conducted in accordance with charter provisions.

The charter provides that elections must be conducted in the same manner and under the same conditions that state elections are held. If something is not done within the next few days it will be too late to hold the election according to law. Who will be blamed for this neglect.

There is a provision for publishing ordinances in a newspaper at a certain rate. There was a library bill presented to the council a few months ago which provided for a half mill tax, the general public should know about this hence the provision in the charter to publish all ordinances. This tax cannot be collected or voted out of the general fund. It is illegal. We believe that the bill was good and Jacksonville should have a library but let the ordinance be published.

A franchise was asked from the city at a special meeting last Friday granting to the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company a franchise to lay wires in the city. The people should know something about this franchise they may remonstrate. The Post will remonstrate for one against the flimsy document. Evidently it was drafted by the company's attorney and you show me an attorney who will draw up a document favoring the other side and I will show you a man who don't draw a regular salary.

## NEW PAPER IN THE FIELD

"The Rogue River Fruit Grower" is the name of a paper published at Medford by Charles Meserve. The Fruit Grower is devoted to the interest of the fruit raisers of the valley and will no doubt be of great benefit to the fruit industry. Mr. Meserve said in his opening editorial "While the fruit interests will be the dominant feature of the Rogue River Fruit Grower, yet all the other industries of Southern Oregon will receive full recognition and be given every encouragement possible."

Mr. Meserve is well acquainted in this county, having for several years published a paper in this city and later embarked in the real estate business at Grants Pass. The Post extends to the Fruit Grower a cordial welcome in this field and wish for the management the success due the enterprise.

## MARRIED

WELCH-MITCHELL - At the court house in Jacksonville, January 14, 1909, William L. Welch and Della J. Mitchell. Judge J. R. Neil officiating.

There is some talk of a system of passenger automobiles being put on between Central Point, Medford, Jacksonville and Phoenix. The cars will accommodate 16 passengers. It is proposed to put two cars in service, one to start from Medford early in the morning and another from Central Point, Phoenix or Ashland, this is not definitely decided. If the system is put in operation there is no doubt but that the people will patronize the cars liberally.

## BANK ROBBERS QUICKLY CAUGHT

### Two Young Men of Klamath Falls Succeed in Getting \$3500, But Are Soon Captured and Part of the Booty Is Recovered.

Two masked men entered the Klamath County bank shortly after noon Saturday and at the point of pistols ordered Cashier Alexander Martin and two depositors, Don J. Zumwalt and C. C. Brower, to throw up their hands. One of the thieves handed a bag to Martin and told him to fill it. Two trays containing \$3500 were emptied into the bag. Four hours later both robbers were in custody.

One of the robbers was left to guard the three men while the other hurried away with the booty. At the expiration of a few minutes the remaining highwayman coolly left the bank and ran up Conger avenue. Martin, Zumwalt and Brower recovering from their surprise followed after seizing arms that were hid beneath the bank counter. The bold criminal was fired upon and the shots attracted many persons who joined in the chase. The fugitive being hard pressed took refuge in an old barn and tried to hide under a pile of hay. He was captured and said to be Riley Beever a mere boy, who worked here for years.

At 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon the second highwayman was captured in a haystack south of town. He proved to be John Hall, a young man well known about Klamath. When questioned he refused to give any account of his reason for committing the deed.

The police searched a room that had been occupied by the pair in the Klamath hotel and found \$2200 of the stolen coin, a mask and a revolver in a work chest.

Roy Beever, the first robber captured, broke down and confessed. He was immediately indicted by the grand jury which is now in session.

The two boys pleaded guilty in the circuit court and were sentenced Thursday to ten years in the penitentiary.

## LOCAL NEWS

Blake Adams the cashier of the Blue Ledge mine is spending a few days in this vicinity.

Frank Tracy and bride were over from Medford Monday visiting friends in Jacksonville.

Mrs. W. R. Stokes of Medford was the guest of Miss Grace Henry the first of the week.

## A HARD STRUGGLE

### Many a Jacksonville Citizen Finds the Struggle Hard

With a back constantly aching. With distressing urinary disorders. Daily existence is but a struggle. No need to keep it up. Doan's Kidney Pills will cure you. Jacksonville people endorse this claim:

Jesse Freeman, living at Sterling Mine, Jacksonville, Ore., says: "I actually believe that Doan's Kidney Pills saved my life. I suffered from kidney disease for a long time before I realized what it was. I thought at first the symptoms would pass away, but instead they increased in severity until I was suffering untold agony. I was treated by physicians and used many remedies but obtained no relief. My worst troubles were pains in my back and limbs and irregularity of the kidney secretions. I was unable to rest or sleep well on account of the pains and was stiff and lame at times as to be unable to get about. At one time I was laid up for several weeks and unable to work. I finally learned of Doan's Kidney Pills and as they were so highly recommended, I procured a box at the City Drug Store and began using them. This remedy seemed to be just what I required, for in less than two weeks the beneficial results were apparent. I continued using the remedy, improved steadily and by the time I had used seven boxes I was better than I had been for years. I am now absolutely free from any symptom of kidney trouble and give the credit to Doan's Kidney Pills."

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