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## PROPERTY CHANGES HANDS

### Gold Hill Ranch of 280 Acres, Sold to St. Louis Man.

Frank Parent of St. Louis, has purchased through Huntley & MacClatchie a 280-acre ranch near Gold Hill. The ranch is on the Gold Hill road between Tolo and Gold Hill and belonged to the Gold Ray Realty Co. Mr. Parent, who hails from St. Louis, is associated in the venture with his father Frank Parent, Sr., and his brother, George Parent. The sale brings three or four families to the valley and no doubt more will follow. The ranch has exceptionally fine soil for fruit or grain and will be developed into a show place of the valley.

Mr. Parent has already started a fine bungalow and will soon start two more. One feature in connection with this sale which speaks well for the valley is that on account of Mr. Parent's poor health he has traveled extensively during the past year through Mexico, Arizona, California, Colorado, and Oregon looking for a place to locate and after a stay of several weeks here decided to go no further.

Mr. Parent has been a prominent hardware man of St. Louis and is a thoroughly modern business man. He is already a strong booster for the valley. The household goods for the three families have been shipped and the families are expected soon.—Tribune.

## COMMITTEES APPOINTED

### Jackson County Men to Serve on Various Committees.

Salem, Ore., Jan. 14.—Dr. T. L. Perkins of Multnomah county was today placed at the head of the ways and means committee of the senate, the committee that will pass on all bills appropriating the money of the taxpayers.

President Malarkey announced the complete list of committee appointments. Gus Moser of Portland, becomes chairman of the judiciary committee; Geo. Neuner of Douglas county is chairman of revision of laws; C. F. Lester, of Clatsop county, heads the fisheries committee; R. R. Butler of Wasco county will preside over banking affairs; W. H. Ragsdale of Wheeler county is chairman of Agricultural and Forestry, and H. Von der Hellen of Jackson county will be at the head of the roads and highway. Joseph and Kellaher, who fought

Malarkey for the presidency, have been stowed away on two harmless committees.

Jackson county fared well in both houses in committee assignments. Senator Von der Hellen is chairman of the roads and highways, and on the following senate committees: Penal institutions, fisheries, banking, county and state offices.

In the house C. L. Reames is chairman of the railroads and transportation committee and also on the judiciary and fish committees. Carkin is on the important ways and means committee. Westerlund is on the roads and highways and horticulture. Howard of Douglas, a former Medford man, is also on fisheries.

## RAILROAD NEWS

### Letting Contracts For Grading of Grants Pass Line.

Grants Pass, Ore., Jan. 13.—Clearing the right-of-way on the Pacific-Interior railway is progressing rapidly, and Camp No. 1 has been moved across Allen creek and the men are now working to the west of that stream.

The engineer and those in charge have been considering the advisability of letting a contract to local parties for the clearing of a three-mile stretch of the right-of-way, and bids were asked for that work. Saturday afternoon twelve separate bids had been filed with the engineer's office, all from local people. The clearing covered in this contract will be that extending to Jerome prairie, a point 6½ miles from this city. To Allen creek the right-of-way has been cleared the full one hundred feet in width, but from there on the clearing will be only of such width as will be necessary to the making of the grades and the moving of dirt in the cuts and fills.

From the city out across Jerome prairie very little grading will be necessary, there being no cuts or depth. The engineering department is therefore contemplating the letting of a great number of individual contracts, each of a few hundred feet only, to individuals at a stated price per yard of earth moved. Much of this grading is shovel work, and by taking a contract in this way men can work as they please and know that they are being paid according to the effort they put forth. By this method more men could be put on the job at once.

The American Bonding Co. of Baltimore will go on your bond and write burglary insurance.

D. W. BAGSHAW, Agent.

## POSTAL ROBBERS CAUGHT

### Bold Thefts in Southern Oregon Oregon Committed by Man and Woman.

Chief of Police Hittson Monday afternoon received a telephone message from Roseburg that the thieves who have been robbing various postoffices in the Rogue River valley for the past fortnight, were captured there Monday afternoon. They prove to be a man and woman, traveling together. Plunder of all kinds was taken upon them, as well as a complete outfit of skeleton keys and railroad switch keys.

The watches secured at Rogue River as well as other plunder secured in their series of burglaries, the marked \$2 bill, and the stamps and pennies stolen were found in their possession.—Tribune.

## SNOW 40 FEET DEEP

### In Cascade Mountains. Rail- roads Blocked.

Seattle, Jan. 13.—At dark tonight the Northern Pacific cleared its wreckage east of the stampee tunnel, where the North Coast limited ran into a rotary plow early today. The trains are now running, but not on schedule. The snow has ceased falling in the mountains.

The Great Northern is still tied up on its mountain division. The Milwaukee had ten miles of track covered with slides today. The Milwaukee has established a wireless telegraph service.

The snow is piled forty feet high at altitudes where the railroads cross the mountains. When the thaw commences there will be a more serious enemy than the snow to contend with. The weather in western Washington is warm and rainy.

## Balkans Massacre Turks.

Berlin, Jan. 14.—A dispatch from Rome quoting an unnamed diplomatic representative of an Oriental power, who, referring to the alleged atrocities committed upon defenseless Turks in the Balkan states, declared:

"The number of those massacred is estimated at 240,000. I consider this figure is not too high."

For the next sixty days, 25 per cent off on all wall paper. Fred J. Fick.

## FOUGHT WITH UMBRELLA

### Daring Attempt to Hold-up Preacher and Depotmaster at Phoenix.

Opposing his umbrella to revolvers and bullets of four highwaymen who attacked him Sunday evening on his way home from the depot with the day's receipts upon him Station Agent Leonard of Phoenix made a gallant and successful fight though struck over the head repeatedly with revolvers, blinded by the blood from his wounds, and his umbrella shot to pieces by a bullet. As the shooting attracted a crowd, the bandits fled into the brush, leaving the aged depot master with the money still upon him.

A few minutes previously, the same men held up Rev. J. K. Baillie, on his way to church, but the approach of citizens frightened them off, while the minister was arguing with them the absurdity of trying to rob a country parson.

Early Monday morning, three hoboes, two of whom answer the description of the robbers who have burglarized five postoffices in Southern Oregon during the past fortnight, were pulled off a southbound freight by railroad detectives, and Sheriff Singler with the victims of the Phoenix hold-up went to Ashland Monday to identify the men, who are believed to be responsible for the attempted robberies there.

Sheriff Singler was notified as soon as the attempted robberies occurred, and left at once for the scene, spending the greater part of the night seeking the bandits. As impromptu posse was organized and the region between Phoenix and Talent scoured. On account of the rain, the sheriff's bloodhounds were not put on the scent.

A good description of the men was secured by the Rev. Baillie, as it was not quite dark when he was held-up. Two of them answer the description of the post office robbers. All were roughly dressed and had holes burned in their coats, which had evidently been hung up to dry before fires. The suspects arrested at Ashland also had holes in their coats.

Mr. Leonard has been station agent for many years at Phoenix and is nearly 70 years of age.

Sheriff Singler at Ashland Monday rounded up all the hoboes in the freight yards at 2 o'clock. 12 men were in the Ashland jail booked as suspects.—Tribune.

## APPOINTS DEPUTIES

### E. M. Wilson and "Curley" Wilson to Aid Sheriff Singler.

Sheriff Aug. Singler this week appointed E. M. Wilson of Medford as chief deputy in place of W. R. Coleman and "Curley" Wilson of this city as second deputy. It is understood that these appointments are satisfactory to the county court. The new chief deputy, E. M. Wilson, is an expert accountant and will look after the office and tax collection work. A number of people have confused him with J. H. Wilson of Corvallis who recently experted the county's books. Although of the same name the two men are in no way related.

"Curley" Wilson, who received the appointment of second deputy, is young, energetic and well-liked. He has had considerable experience in different offices at the court house and is in every way well fitted to fill the position to which he has been appointed.

## Another Proposed Railroad.

Portland, Jan. 14.—Articles of incorporation have been filed for the Portland & San Francisco Railroad company, the expressed purpose of which is to build a stretch of railroad from Marshfield, Ore. to Trinidad, California, connection to be made there with the San Francisco & Northwestern Railroad company.

The incorporators are E. N. Chester of Portland, representing eastern interests; H. N. Tinker, president First Trust company, Portland; J. G. Riggs, banker, Grants Pass, Oregon; Henry A. Davis, attorney, First Trust company, Portland. The new company is capitalized at \$2,000,000, stock being divided into 20,000 shares, of the par value of \$100.

Incorporation articles also provide for a branch line road from Grants Pass up Applegate river to the Blue Ledge mining district.

"The Portland & San Francisco Railroad company contemplates the expenditure of about \$14,000,000 in construction work," said Mr. Chester this morning. "I am not at liberty just now to say who is backing the proposition, though it is largely eastern capital. An order has been placed already for a spring delivery of steel, and preliminary surveying and clearing for the new road is under way. There are billions of feet of standing timber tributary to the company's right of way, and the handling of this product will be made a feature of the road's operations."

"The branch line into the Blue Ledge mining country is also planned because of the apparent returns which would follow the opening and development of that country when transportation facilities are offered it."

Mr. Chester says that the San Francisco & Northwestern line running from Trinidad south, is within 80 miles of San Francisco, so that completion of the proposed Portland line and its connection with the San Francisco & Northwestern road will give practically direct coast line connections between Portland and San Francisco.

Mr. Chester said that the proposition is being undertaken independent of any of the large railroad corporations.

## Charged by Daughter with Crime

District Attorney E. E. Kelly went to Grants Pass Monday to probe a case of incest brought against Wm. F. Pettit, of Merlin, arrested Saturday upon complaint of his 17-year-old daughter Julia and his bed-ridden wife who is being cared for by the county.

The mother admits knowledge of the father's unnatural crime, and the girl says that it had continued during the residence at Merlin, but that both the mother and the daughter feared the father's wrath if they made the situation public.

Pettit is a man about 50 years of age and has worked off and on at day labor in the Merlin neighborhood. Under the Oregon statutes the crime with which he stands charged is punishable by imprisonment in the penitentiary for from one to three years, or in the county jail from three months to one year, and a fine of from \$200 to \$1000.—Tribune.

## 2000 Homeless in Ohio Valley.

Louisville, Ky., Jan. 14.—As a result of the flood in the Ohio river here, more than 2000 families are homeless today. Many houses in the lowlands are inundated.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Jan. 14.—Much of the suffering following the flood of the Ohio river is being relieved today. The register was at 61.9 feet early this morning.

Cincinnati, Jan. 14.—Five floors of the building occupied by the Standard Extract company here weakened as a result of the floods, collapsed today while 35 persons were in the building. So far as the police have learned all the occupants escaped from the ruins.

## Lounsberry Case Goes to Jury.

Kansas City, Jan. 16.—The trial of Wells Lounsberry in the federal court in Kansas City, Kan., for the robbery of a mail car on the Union Pacific train near Lawrence, Kan., last August, will go to the jury late this afternoon. Mrs. Lounsberry, wife of the accused man, was present in the court room when the evidence was presented. Two small children brought here from Oregon, have not been allowed to learn the nature of their mothers' mission in Kansas City. She left them at a hotel while she attended the trial.

Lounsberry's defense was insanity. The government in rebuttal placed specialists on the stand who testified the accused was sane.

## Apple Crop, \$6,430,000.

Oregon's fruit crop was worth \$6,430,000 to producers during the last year. It was the greatest fruit crop by far that the country's premier growing state ever produced. It was likewise worth more money, even though prices obtained were unusually low everywhere this season.—Sun.

Don't be surprised if you have an attack of rheumatism this spring. Just rub the affected parts freely with Chamberlain's Liniment and it will soon disappear. Sold by all dealers.

## MEDFORD CITY ELECTION

### W. W. Eifert Elected Mayor. 2200 Votes Cast.

By receiving 37 per cent of the vote cast, W. W. Eifert, for many years a member of the city council and long prominent in the growth and development of Medford, was Tuesday elected mayor by a plurality of 100 votes over C. E. Gates, his nearest competitor; in the mayoralty race for all. J. W. Mitchell was third, J. E. Watt, fourth and John Reter, socialist, fifth. It was the first election in which women participated.

George W. Porter was elected councilman in the first ward by 37 plurality; J. E. Stewart, councilman in the second ward by 122 plurality, and G. H. Millar, councilman in the third ward by 25 plurality.

For mayor, 2200 votes were cast. The registration was 2274. There were 250 votes sworn in. The early closing of the polls, 5 o'clock, prevented many from casting ballots. The election was a quiet one, the principal workers being the candidates themselves, some of whom did not hesitate to openly rebuke the corrupt practices act by their activities.

Women exercise their new rights, nearly half the ballots being cast by the fair sex.

Two years ago, 1171 votes were cast in the mayoralty contest, Cahoun received 444, Eifert 408, Wolters (socialist) 235, Bittner 97.

Close contests occurred in the first and third wards for councilmen. Porter defeated Berrian by a narrow margin in the first. In the second, Stewart easily defeated the field, and in the third Millar, incumbent, socialist, secured 25 more votes than Hilton, with Democrat third.

The socialist vote showed a surprising falling off, Eifert receiving but 251 votes, including both men and women. Two years ago, Wolters received nearly as many from the men alone. Millar ran far ahead of his ticket with 257 votes against 98 cast for the head of the socialist ticket in his ward.—Tribune.

## Live Crab Sent by Parcels Post.

A Portland man sent the first limburger cheese through the parcels post, a Gold Hill man sent a lanky can of varnish, but it remained for a Medford man to add the final touch by sending a live crab through the mails. The crab was sent by the local Fish Market and was consigned to Gold Hill. As the package was insecurely bound the crab had an opportunity of gazing about causing no end of commotion among the postal clerks. Articles of clothing, egg cases, implements, fruit boxes, and dry goods; are among the parcels post shipments of the past few days.—Tribune.

## Heavy Rains Sends Streams Up.

An inch and a quarter of water either sank in the ground or was carried away by the creeks and rivers Sunday night, bringing the total precipitation for the season, from September 1, up to 9.35. The total normal precipitation for this period is 12.81 inches, showing that this season is yet 2.46 inches below normal.

Three quarters of an inch of Sunday night's precipitation was rain the other half inch being melting snow. Had the rain and warm weather extended to the hills where the snow is deep, a flood would have been looked for but it is not thought this was the case. Bear creek is now higher than at any time this year but Monday afternoon had not reached a dangerous stage. Rogue river is also raising and a continuance of the rain and melting weather may yet mean flood waters. The snow in the city has almost entirely disappeared. Predictions are for more rain with no change in temperature.—Tribune.

## Mিনney Co. Files Check.

Monday afternoon M. T. Minney filed and acceptance of the franchise recently granted by the city and filed a certified check with City Recorder Foss or \$2500 on the First State Bank of Sutherlin, Oregon.

Mr. Minney and associates will ask for a franchise patterned after the Medford franchise, from the Ashland city council this week. W. L. Vawter will appear for the company before the Ashland council.

Mr. Minney left Tuesday for Portland and says the company proposes to start work in Medford soon.—Sun.

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