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EXPLORATION PARTY PERISH

Explorer Scott and Party of Five Frozen to Death.

London, Feb. 10.—Captain Robert F. Scott, British south polar explorer, and all his party of five who made the dash to the pole, were frozen to death at the depot in McMurdo Sound after Scott had planted the British flag beside the Norwegian banner left there by Captain Roald Amundsen, his successful rival.

This information, flashed by wireless from the relief ship Terra Nova today to Wellington, New Zealand, reached London within an hour afterward and created sensation exceeding anything the city has seen in a decade.

Only a brief outline of the polar tragedy has so far been received. The Terra Nova wireless that records, with the dead bodies of the explorer and his men, told the story of their achievements and of their fate. After reaching the pole, these records declared, Scott and his party returned to their depot at McMurdo Sound, but arrived there in the midst of a howling blizzard with the temperature so low that human beings could not survive the cold.

No details have yet been learned of who wrote the last few words of the tragic story and but little information has been gleaned as to how the bodies were found. Only laconic messages from the Terra Nova that she was returning after a "great calamity" and the unsatisfactory information that Scott and all his companions were dead has yet reached the world as a grim foretaste of the greatest of polar tragedies.

And the End is Not Yet.

The contested strip of European Turkey presents a pastoral scene compared to the road strip on the south line of the J. W. Boosey ranch just north of Jacksonville. The Turks and the allied Christians have an occasional armistice, but "grim visaged war" hath never smoothed her wrinkled front on the Boosey road strip since hostilities opened about a decade ago.

When the government made its original survey of that section, by some engineering inadvertence, it left a strip of land about seventeen feet wide and worth about seventeen cents be-

tween what is now the Boosey tract and the A. Nicholson tract and the battle for the title to this strip has been grimly waged in every court of competent jurisdiction in Oregon to say nothing of the appeals on the part of Boosey, to the secretary of state, the governor, the commissioner of the general land office, secretary of the interior, surveyor general, the various presidents since McKinley, a full line of British consuls, Queen Victoria and Kings Ed and George.

Boosey's appeal to the mother country was based upon a claim unalienated allegiance to the crown, but upon a showing that Boosey had participated in various Oregon elections, besides serving on a grand jury, the king refused to dispatch a fleet of his war vessels up the Rogue to maintain the status quo of his erstwhile subject, and Boosey after a futile appeal to Judge Colt has just put one over that threatens to embroil the county, the present owner of the contested strip, with Uncle Sam.

Boosey's latest trump play is to put a United States mail box squarely in the middle of the roadway so as to block the use of the road to teams, the road being the contested strip.

Judges object to being Abolished

Salem, Ore., Feb. 11.—If the office of county judge is abolished by the present legislature it will apparently be under a compromise measure that will leave all county judges in office until the next general election in 1914.

This amendment to the Latourette bill, which substitutes the superior court system in Oregon for the present circuit courts, and would legislate county judges out of office as soon as the bill becomes a law, will be recommended by the judiciary committee of the house which now has the bill under consideration. Latourette is a member of this committee and the amendment has his approval.

There are 34 county judges in Oregon, and they and their friends have developed a powerful opposition to the measure in its original form. Many of the judges were elected in 1912 after arduous campaigns, and they declare it would be unjust to them to abolish their office and salaries within a few months after they had been elected to serve four years. By giving them two years in office it is hoped to allay much of their opposition. The full terms of many other county judges will expire in 1914.

WILL STAY IN JACKSONVILLE

Local Ball Player will not Return to Western Tri-State League.

"Curley" Wilson, has decided not to return to the Western Tri-State League this season. In January "Curley" was tendered a contract from the "Round Up" city, for \$100 a month. He refused to consider the offer, and returned the contract, seeing that he was not justified in signing at that figure. A few days later he received a flattering offer to be financial manager of the Bucks this season for \$125 a month. He has also turned down this offer and will remain in the sheriff's office as second deputy, and will play ball here in the valley this season. He has already been asked to play with the Medford club as he played with that city in 1911.

"Curley" has not entirely made up his mind to quit the game but rather expects to rest a season or so.

At present he is acting some what as a scout for the Bucks, having signed Ralph Burgess of Medford this week.

Grants Pass Now After Cannery

T. E. Hill, manager of the Leonard Orchard company, introduced the subject of a cannery in Grants Pass to care for the surplus fruits and vegetables of the valley. He had recently returned from a visit of some of the canneries of the Willamette valley and told of the success that had attended the operation of the institutions there. He believed that the time was now opportune for the rejuvenation of the old cannery, and that upon the installation of a canning plant would depend the financial success of the Rogue river farmer.—Rogue River Courier.

Court to Resume Grind Soon.

After a quiet period extending over several weeks, Judge F. M. Calkins will resume the work of grinding out cases in the circuit court on next Monday, Feb. 17. The court will probably remain busy until March 17 when the grand jury meets for the March term. There is a long list of civil cases on the docket, most of them minor ones.

CEMENT PLANT FOR VALLEY

\$600,000 to be Invested. Fletcher Linn Interested in Proposition.

A cement plant to cost \$600,000 is to be constructed in the valley in the near future if the plans of J. A. Burch, Fletcher Linn, A. D. Nicholson and other capitalists and big cement manufacturers do not miscarry. Already \$550,000 of this amount has been subscribed. Mr. Linn is now in Medford making arrangements to secure the other \$50,000 and start the work.

Their plan to build a huge cement manufacturing plant has been discussed for some time. Since its inception \$300,000 has been raised in the east for the purpose and \$200,000 in Portland. In addition to this \$500,000 additional has been subscribed and now \$50,000 is asked of residents of the city and valley.

The plan does not include any promotion or "expense money," the proposition being strictly a legitimate one. Stock subscriptions amounting to \$50,000 is asked of local people.

"The proposition of Messrs. Burch, Linn and Nicholson is a good one," states W. I. Vawter, who is interested in the matter, "and should be given serious thought by the residents of the valley. With \$550,000 outside capital available the additional \$50,000 should be easily secured. There is no question as to the standing of the men back of the proposition."

It is understood that the railroad has granted satisfactory rates making it possible to ship cement over this section. The plant is to be erected near Gold Hill.

Mr. Linn is a native of Jackson county and still has large property interests here. He is well known throughout the state and has been making his home at Portland.—Tribune.

BUYS VALLEY PROPERTY

Dr. Keene Pays \$40,000 For 200 Acres of Land.

Having recently returned from a trip of inspection of California points, Dr. J. M. Keene is convinced that no place has a better or brighter future and affords safer opportunities for investment than the Rogue river valley, and he has shown his faith by purchasing the 200 acre tract of D. H. Barneburg, two miles southeast of Medford, for approximately \$40,000. The tract is a splendid one, containing considerable bottom land, which is devoted principally to alfalfa.

Dr. Keene states that it is purposed to subdivide the tract and place it upon the market. The proposed interurban line between Medford and Ashland will run through a portion of it.

"All the valley needs to make it the finest in the world is irrigation and good roads," says Dr. Keene. "All they have in California is climate, good roads and tourists. We have the climate, give us the good roads and the tourists will come and the valley can be made a garden spot with a quarter of the money they spend in California."—Tribune.

Road Work in Crater Park.

Portland, Feb. 10.—With the object of making accessible the principal points of interest in the Crater Lake National Park by the summer of 1915, when the Panama exposition is under way at San Francisco, the United States engineers are planning to start the construction of roads and trails in that wonderland as soon as the weather conditions will permit.

Captain H. H. Robert, corps of engineers, U. S. A., in temporary charge of the first harbor and river district, says that \$47,000 is available for the project and he hopes that this will be increased by \$100,000 or more by the next congress. Assistant United States Engineer Goodwin, who has been looking after the construction of The Dalles-Celilo boat canal, will have charge of road building in the park. He arrived from the Big Eddy yesterday to familiarize himself with the plans.

Active field operations will be started about April 1. It is the intention to utilize the Natron cut-off, built by the

Southern Pacific from Klamath Falls to Kirk, a distance of about forty miles. From Kirk a temporary road will be built to the northern boundary of the park.

The engineers propose to do the work by hired labor instead of following the old method of awarding contracts. The project involves the construction of sixty miles of macadamized roads and 100 miles of trails, a task which will require four or five years.

By June 1 the engineer in charge expects to have a large number of teams, probably 100 head of horses, as a part of the outfit which will be employed in pushing the enterprise to completion. Experimental sections of roadways will be built on the start to determine just what sort of finishing material to use on the highways.

COUNTY OFFICERS SALARIES

Sheriff is Given Raise in Wages by Salary Bill.

The Jackson county salary bill, introduced by the Jackson county delegation, leaves salaries as they are, except in the sheriff's office, where \$50 a month additional is provided for a jailor, and traveling expenses totalling \$800 per annum for the sheriff authorized.

The bill reads as follows: Sec. 3075. The county officers of Jackson county shall receive as compensation for their services the following salaries:

1. County judge, \$1800.
2. County commissioners, \$4.00 per day for each day employed in the transaction of county business.
3. County treasurer, \$1200.
4. County clerk, \$2000; (a) deputy \$1000.
5. Recorder of conveyances, \$2000.
6. Deputy, \$9000. It shall be the duty of the recorder to report any appointment of a deputy to the county court for its approval at the next term thereof following such appointment.
7. Sheriff \$2,500, (a) chief deputy \$1500; (b) jailor, \$50 per month; (c) the sheriff shall appoint such other deputies as may be necessary, but whose compensation shall be determined and fixed by the county court.
8. The sheriff shall make out monthly a statement of the necessary traveling expenses incurred in the discharge of his duties, which claims shall be audited and paid as other claims against the county; provided, that such sum shall not exceed eight hundred dollars per annum.
9. Assessor, \$1500; (a) the assessor shall appoint such deputies as may be necessary, but whose number and compensation shall be determined and fixed by the county court.
10. County school superintendent, \$1800.
11. The county school superintendent may at his discretion, employ a clerk or stenographer, and shall be allowed a sum not to exceed three hundred dollars per annum in payment for the services of such clerk or stenographer. Any claim for the services of such clerk or stenographer shall be certified to by the county school superintendent and shall be paid by the county court out of the general fund of the county.
12. The county school superintendent shall make out quarterly a statement of the necessary traveling expenses incurred in the discharge of his duties, which claims shall be audited and paid as other claims against the county; provided, that such sum shall not exceed \$200 per annum.

Paint Store Guffed by Fire.

Fire at an early hour Thursday gutted the paint shop at the corner of Fifth and Grape streets but owing to the isolated location of the establishment the flames were easily checked. It is owned by D. J. Stull. The loss will range about \$3000, covered by insurance.

The oils inside the building burned fiercely for a time but a liberal use of water subdued them.—Tribune.

Cured of Liver Complaint.
"I was suffering with liver complaint," says Ira Smith of Point Blank, Texas, "and decided to try a 25c. box of Chamberlain's Tablets, and am happy to say that I am completely cured and can recommend them to every one." For sale by all dealers.—Advertisement.

CRISIS IN CITY OF MEXICO

Battle in Streets of City. U. S. Prepares to Intervene.

Mexico City, Feb. 12.—Bursting shrapnel from the cannon and machine guns of the opposing Madero and Diaz forces threaten to wreck the business district of Mexico, one of the world's most modern cities.

Since President Madero gave the order at 7 a. m. today for the attack on General Felix Diaz' arsenal stronghold, a number of the city's skyscrapers have been hit by exploding shells and badly damaged, streets torn up and hundreds of persons killed.

The center of the city is shaking with the roar of cannon and machine guns, and the foreign residents are in a panic. Expert gunners who have joined the Diaz revolt are shelling the city's high buildings, where many of the Madero guns are mounted.

A shell struck the wall of the cable office, where the United Press correspondent was writing dispatches, wrecking an adjoining building, and tearing a hole in the structure. Rifle bullets are splattering against walls that house thousands of Americans as well as the countrymen of the combatants.

Washington, Feb. 12.—The United States has made every preparation to intervene in Mexico. President Taft's word to cross the border alone is lacking.

This admission was made in the government offices here today. The transports have been prepared at Galveston to take troops to Vera Cruz and other points in eastern Mexico, and should the word be given 6,000 men will be rushed immediately to strategic points to seize railroads and supplies. The American intervention plans contemplate mobilizing the main American army at El Paso, Texas, Eagle Pass, Texas, Nogales, Ariz., The Presidio of San Francisco, Fort D. A. Russell, Wyoming, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and Fort Sam Houston, Texas. The troops at the latter post probably will be the first to move when the order comes.

It is estimated by the war department that 30,000 men can be mobilized within a week. Of these 10,000 would proceed south over the Mexican International railroad from Eagle Pass, an equal number would leave El Paso, and about 5,000 would leave Nogales for Sonora.

Grants Pass Can't Sell Bonds.

Grants Pass, Feb. 11.—Monday, the time limit for the advertising for the sale of \$200,000 city bonds for the building of a railroad was up. One bid was received, for a portion of the bonds at par. Communication from other bonding houses requested that additional time be given for bids, in order that the representatives could satisfy themselves upon the legality of the issue and the council extended the time of opening bids until Saturday evening next.

Mayor Smith states that he has received assurance from Chicago, Cleveland and Boston bond houses that they are satisfied with the validity of the bonds, having examined this feature thoroughly, and the reason for not having received more bids is due to the fact that the charter prevents the sale of bonds below par, other wise the entire issue would have been disposed of at this time.

A large number of inquiries regarding the bonds have come from firms that deal in such securities, and no fear is entertained in the making of a satisfactory sale. Several firms have been represented by personal representatives on the ground so that all are familiar with the conditions.

Blind Flgs Still Hold Out.

The dragnet which has been thrown out in this city during the past few months closed about three more alleged illicit liquor dealers this morning and shortly before noon today Sheriff Bodine arrested Jack Miller, Frank Albrecht and Van Riley, all of this city, on warrants charging them with selling liquor here in violation of the local option laws.—Albany Democrat.

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