

CALIFORNIA MEN PURCHASE TRACT

Syndicate, Headed by Los Angeles Capitalist, Spends \$1,500,000 in Portland.

PURPOSE STILL MYSTERY

Twenty-eight Deeds Filed for North Eng. Realty Bought by John W. Craig and His Business Associates.

FACTS ABOUT BIG DEAL

Property to the value of approximately \$1,500,000 figured in realty transfers yesterday.

Deeds were recorded late in the afternoon to the number of 28, for most of the ground in the tier of blocks between Twelfth and Thirtieth streets and from Hoyt street to Quimby.

The deeds were made out to John W. Craig, who is a resident of California.

Charles K. Henry & Son, who negotiated the deal for the California syndicate, are appointed agents in Portland to handle the property.

Mystery surrounding the purchase of a large tract in the North End warehouse district was solved to an extent yesterday when it became known that the property was acquired by a syndicate of California capitalists headed by John W. Craig, of Los Angeles. It is not definitely known for what purpose the property was bought, nor the names of the other men in the syndicate. The consideration is approximately \$1,500,000, and the deal is one of the most important ever closed in Portland.

Although rumors concerning this transaction have been prevalent for some time, the first definite information became public yesterday when the filing of 28 deeds in the office of County Clerk Fields. The transfers affect practically the entire tier of blocks between Twelfth and Thirtieth streets, extending from Hoyt to Quimby. The transfers in each instance were entered for the nominal consideration of \$10.

List of Pieces Sold

The principal pieces transferred, and their former owners, are as follows:

Loewenberg & Going Co., corner Thirtieth and Hoyt.

Marshall-Wells Company, Thirtieth, between Johnson and Irving.

McMillan Grain Company, Thirtieth, between Johnson and Kearney.

Zan Bros., Thirtieth, between Lovejoy and Kearney, also Tull & Gibbs' warehouse.

W. P. Fuller & Co., Thirtieth, between Lovejoy and Marshall.

Other blocks on which dwellings are erected or which are partially improved are included in the deal. In the list given the property is improved with warehouses of from two to four stories, and in most of the cases the firms selling their present holdings have secured other sites on which new buildings are to be erected or already have been started.

After the deeds had been placed on record, C. K. Henry, who negotiated the sales, was asked to make a statement to the press, but he refused to do so, saying that he had been commissioned by the California syndicate to make the investment, but declined to make any statement as to the purpose of the transaction. He said that all he knew of the transaction is that Mr. Craig represented the syndicate and had commissioned him to invest the amount given—about \$1,500,000—in the locality. He asserted that he knew of no railroad company being involved in the transaction. He said further that since he was appointed agent to secure the property he had been given a power of attorney to act for Mr. Craig and associates to handle the tract in any manner he deemed best.

May Be New Railroad

Mr. Henry said that since signing up the properties he had been asked to lease some of the improved pieces for from two to three years. This fact lends credence to a rumor that has come up in the last few days that if a railroad company is back of the deal, it may be one that has not yet been figured on as a possibility, and one that is in no particular hurry to acquire actual possession.

In addition to the conjectures already given publicly, there is another one, suggested yesterday. Some time ago it was announced unofficially that Hill intends to extend his lines into California, either by a coast road or by acquiring the electric lines now being extended in that direction. In case this proves to be a fact, there is reason to believe that more terminal facilities will be needed than those now controlled by the Hill interests.

A study of the block book will show that from Quimby street south to Front there are two blocks and a triangular lot not included in the present transaction. These are noted as belonging to the Spokane, Portland & Seattle Road. The ownership is suggestive, to say the least, of Hill's interest in acquiring the whole strip.

Mr. Craig, who is a resident of Los Angeles, spends much of his time in the East. He is represented to be a capitalist interested in large enterprises and became acquainted with Mr. Henry some months ago when the latter was in California. When asked last night about the manner of the transaction, Mr. Henry said that the blocks were paid for by his personal checks, the amount of the entire transaction having been placed with him for investment.

Investment, Says Mr. Henry

The way in which Mr. Henry referred to the deal as an "investment" gives weight to an opinion expressed in several circles that the purchase is in reality contingent upon future use of the land acquired.

PLANS FOR ADMISSION DAY

Oregon to Celebrate 50 Years of Statehood at Salem Feb. 14.

At a meeting at the State Capitol at Salem last Monday evening, held between the committees appointed under joint resolution of the Senate and House for the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the admission of Oregon into the Union, and at which meeting Frederick V. Holman, as president, and George H. Himes, as assistant secretary, of the Ore-

gon Historical Society, were present by invitation, the programme was agreed on for the celebration.

The celebration will be held at the Capitol at Salem, Monday, February 15, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, in the rooms of the House. The meeting will be called to order by Senator M. A. Miller, chairman of the committee on arrangements, and Senator Jay Holman, President of the Senate, will preside. The speakers will be Governor Chamberlain, representing the state; Frederick V. Holman, representing the Oregon Historical Society; and Judge George H. Williams, of Portland, representing the pioneers. Judge Williams is one of the surviving members of the convention which framed the constitution of Oregon. The formal address will be delivered by Hon. Frederick N. Judson, a distinguished lawyer and publisher of St. Louis, Mo. A band will be provided to furnish the music.

Without any authority from Congress, the Oregon constitutional convention was held and adopted the constitution, which was signed by the members of the convention September 18, 1857. The constitution was adopted by popular vote at an election held November 9, 1857. February 18, 1859, Congress passed an act recognizing the constitution and admitting Oregon into the Union as a state.

TIDE THEORY IN QUESTION

IS "CUBE" OR "SQUARE" USED IN MAKING COMPUTATION?

Student Calls to Account Expert McNulty, Who Refers to Government Publication.

PORTLAND, Jan. 27.—(To the Editor.)—I greatly enjoyed Mr. McNulty's able and scientific article in The Sunday Oregonian, in explanation of the recent abnormal tides. In the article, however, he says: "As the tendency to produce tides at a given station varies inversely as the cube of the body's distance from the earth's center, etc. Should this not read 'inversely as the square of the distance,' etc.?"

ARE TIDE TABLES IN ERROR?

Do Not Agree With "Watson's Physics," Says Expert McNulty.

The foregoing communication was handed to Mr. McNulty yesterday, and for the benefit of student and the readers of The Oregonian, the office in charge of the hydrographic office has prepared an explanation. Mr. McNulty contributed an article on the phenomenon of high tides which was published in The Oregonian of last Sunday. His reply to student follows:

BRANCH HYDROGRAPHIC OFFICE, Portland, Jan. 27.—(To the Editor.)—I am very glad that student called my attention to the statement of the law of the tendency to produce tides as being possibly mistaken. That it should have been said to be "directly as the masses of the bodies and inversely as the squares of their distances" is a mistake. The law is "inversely as the square of the distance" between the bodies in the law of gravitation, which is one of the proofs of the truth of the "electric theory" of matter.

But, but, but, as my attention has been called to this, I looked up a work on the subject of matter, and found that the law is "inversely as the square of the distance" between the bodies in the law of gravitation, which is one of the proofs of the truth of the "electric theory" of matter. This work is compiled and published by the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey, and I shall take pleasure in sending it to you if you will send me the price of the book. It is in this office for anyone to make use of when they desire.

JOHN MCNULTY, Nautical Expert in Charge.

AWAIT VERDICT ON BELL

EVERYTHING POSSIBLE DONE TO SECURE RELIC.

Festival Association Is Encouraged by Fact That Little Opposition to Plan Has Arisen.

Delays such as usually attend the deliberations of legislative bodies are keeping the management of the Rose Festival "up in the air" as to whether the finance committee of the common and select committee of the City of Philadelphia will commit the City of Philadelphia to the festival of the Liberty Bell to visit the Festival and other Pacific Coast points next summer, without interference by Mayor Beahm, who is strongly in favor of having the historic trophy make the journey.

The Festival Association feels that it has done all that human power could do to secure the great attraction for the festival next June. It has secured the support of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition of Seattle, the Million Club of San Francisco, the commercial bodies of Los Angeles, Sacramento and San Diego, the authorities of the following cities: Salt Lake, Ogden, Denver, Omaha, Spokane, St. Paul, Kansas City, St. Louis, New Orleans, together with the Mardi Gras management, the Chicago Press Club and a score of other cities and organizations which have appealed to the Congressional delegations of no less than a dozen states to use their influence with the Philadelphia officials.

Out of all the discussion that has arisen as to the desirability of sending the precious relic out here, all forces have been in favor of the project save one lone newspaper in Philadelphia and one in Seattle. Otherwise, the entire country west of the Quaker City has raised the voice in favor of allowing the great empire of the West to welcome the Bell.

Appeals to the city to allow the "Arch of Welcome" to remain in its present form until next Fall will be made to the Executive Board by the Portland Elks, the Peninsula Rose Association, the Rose Festival, the Oregon League, the Retail Grocers' Association and a number of other organizations which will entertain large conventions in the Pacific Northwest during the coming summer. Each of these bodies is willing to decorate and embellish the structure in a becoming manner and they will send delegates to appear before the Board at its next meeting.

J. M. Bruner Dies

OREGON CITY, Or., Jan. 27.—J. M. Bruner, aged 53 years, died at Salem yesterday and the body was brought here today for burial. Deceased was a member of the Woodmen of the World, and members of that organization will attend the funeral, which will be held tomorrow morning at the home of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Bruner, of 302 Madison street.

Your prescriptions filled at Eysell's Pharmacy, 223 Morrison, 4th and 5th.

SUCCESS OF NEW LEAGUE GERM

Fans of Inter-Mountain Cities Welcome Chance for Organized Baseball.

BUTTE ALONE HOLDS OUT

Salt Lake and Ogden, Where Some Opposition Was Expected, Assure Lucas That They Will Support Movement.

The organization of the Inter-Mountain League seems assured and President Lucas, of the Northwestern League, who is the moving spirit in the new combination, expects a most successful outcome of his plans. The territory of the new league has been formally protected by the forwarding of the necessary fee to the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues.

When the league was inaugurated considerable opposition was expected from Salt Lake and Ogden, which cities had hitherto been successful as centers of a popular Utah State League, but the chance to become enrolled in a regularly organized Inter-Mountain League proved welcome news to the fans of those cities. This was emphasized in a letter to President Lucas from John S. Tobin, a well-known business man and prominent fan of Salt Lake, who was president of the Utah State League last season. He pledges his support to the promotion of the interests of the new league.

Mr. Tobin announces that he has decided to see Salt Lake represented in a baseball league which will have recognition from the members of the baseball association. The spirit displayed by Salt Lake City has been evidenced also by Helena, Ogden and Boise City. The only city to be comprised in the circuit which is yet cool towards the new league is Butte. However, Con. Struthers, who has been successful in organizing several other leagues, announces that he expects but little opposition toward putting a good team in Butte and lining up the fans of that city with the Inter-Mountain organization.

The principal objection to the Inter-Mountain League in Butte seems to be that the circuit will be recognized only as a Class D League, and this really seems to be an injustice to some of the cities affected. But the baseball classifications are given out according to the United States census and the two high class organizations of as much importance as do the Eastern League, American Association, and other central minor leagues to the major organizations in the matter of developing players.

Manager Pearl Casey, of the Portland Northwestern League team, announces that he expects great things from Salt Lake, the city manager who is scheduled to try out for third base on the new Portland team. "Stanton has the ability to become one of the greatest baseball players in the country," said Casey yesterday, "and it will be one of my objects to develop him into a star. I never saw a more promising ballplayer in my life than this young fellow, and he is scheduled to play a couple of years ago. He can field and throw with any of them, and the only reason he quit that season was that he must have been homesick for his love. He has written me for another chance, and I think he will hit his gait this year and make several players and managers sit up and take notice. If any rate it isn't a bad thing if the youngster doesn't make good, for I will give him every chance possible."

Fred Jones has seen Stanton in action at Chicago, and agrees with Casey that the little fellow has the goods. Jones says McCredie surely has a prize in the Chicago deal, and ventures the opinion that Stanton will not be scheduled for the Northwestern League more than one season, for he is fast enough to be advanced quickly.

DECIDING CONTEST IN LEAGUE

Companies B and C Will Meet at Army Tonight.

What is expected to be the deciding contest in the Indoor Baseball League at the Army is scheduled to be played off between Companies B and C tonight. The rival lines have so far enjoyed an interrupted series of victories. The team defeated in tonight's game will have its only chance for pennant honors in the possibility of some other club defeating the winners later on.

The rivalry between the indoor league teams this season is greater than ever before, and the followers of the sport ball and "broomstick" game are greatly interested in the big game tonight. Each team has a strong following in National Guard circles, and the enthusiasts will surely be on hand to root for their favorite team.

Company C has hitherto depended upon Wislender as its pitcher, but as he is a clever infielder and the club has recently secured the services of an indoor twirler named Todd, the latter will probably officiate on the slab tonight.

On the other hand, Pitcher Backus, of Company B, has made such a splendid record so far this season that his many friends expect a certain victory. The game is scheduled to begin promptly at 9:30 o'clock. No admission is charged and everybody is welcome.

The teams will line up as follows:

Company C Pitcher Backus
St. Mohale.....C.....Davis Todd.....C.....Backus
Dole.....B.....Williams Wislender.....B.....Duncan
Shipman.....B.....Gesson Harrison.....B.....West
Skelley.....B.....Langford P. McAlle.....B.....Stevens
McKenzie.....B.....McKeever

CLUBHOUSE TO BE IMPROVED

Oarsmen Invited to Select Changes to Board of Directors.

The members of the Portland Rowing Club are invited to visit the clubhouse

of the organization next Sunday morning for the purpose of offering suggestions to the board of directors relative to renovations and improvements under consideration for the coming season. The club expects to inaugurate a series of smokers commencing the third week of February, and for this reason it is imperative that proposed improvements be commenced as soon as possible.

The coming aquatic season promises to be the most exciting in the history of rowing on the Pacific Coast, and the Portland Rowing Club intends to be represented in a number of regattas, especially the events to be held during the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition at Seattle. The services of Coach Dan Murphy will not be available this season and the club has decided to depend upon its own members to develop the younger oarsmen. The new shells, single and four-oared, recently ordered from the East, are expected to arrive in time for the early spring training.

Will Play Vancouver Team.

The Portland Y. M. C. A. basketball players are prepared to meet the strong team from the association of Vancouver, B. C., at the Portland association gymnasium tonight. The Vancouver team is an splendid record, and if the Portland boys win they will have to extend themselves. The game is scheduled to commence at 8:30 o'clock.

Interscholastic Game Saturday.

The interscholastic League basketball toasters expect one of the hardest games of the season when the quintets representing Columbia University and the East Side High School come together Saturday afternoon. This game is expected to take place in the gymnasium of the Portland Y. M. C. A. and will begin at 2 o'clock sharp.

GRAPPLERS MEET TONIGHT

O'CONNELL READY FOR BOUT WITH RILEY.

Multnomah Instructor Will Also Try to Throw Parker Six Times in 30 Minutes.

With the prospects of seeing three wrestling matches for the price of one, interest in the O'Connell-Riley bout at the Exposition Rink tonight is at fever heat. There will be the regular preliminary and the star bout and in addition, O'Connell has decided to rid himself of "Kid" Parker once for all and has offered to make him throw him six times in 30 minutes immediately after the match with Riley is finished, whether O'Connell wins or loses. Parker has set two dates for putting up his money and has not come through yet, but O'Connell places no time limit on him and there is still a chance that he will find backing.

Riley will be down from Tacoma this morning and the two principals will weigh in at 3 o'clock this afternoon. Riley is supremely confident and in a letter to O'Connell, yesterday, he said: "I have been training this summer ever since O'Connell hit the Northwest. A lot of people do not give me credit for being as good as I am, but I will surprise them this time."

Mose is a wrestler at the Multnomah Club, who formerly lived in Tacoma, where he took lessons from Riley. After making instruction in the art, he gives it as his opinion that Riley will win because of his superior strength. He says the men are evenly matched otherwise.

Preliminary between Davis and Horak will start at 8:30 o'clock. Joe Acton will referee the contest, and W. H. Randall will be the announcer. The stakes have been put in the center of the rink again, but one foot lower than for previous matches. Beginning at the third row all of the seats are elevated.

Challenge for Cross-Country Run.

WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY, Salem, Or., Jan. 26.—The freshmen of Willamette University have issued a challenge to the other college classes for a cross-country run next month. The freshmen are strong on athletics and have an excellent basketball team.

Amusements

What the Press Agents Say.

"The Lieutenant and the Cowboy."

The true type of fascinating and interesting Western play is "The Lieutenant and the Cowboy," which an excellent company is presenting at the Baker Stock Company's production this week. In "The Lieutenant and the Cowboy" is the story of Bud Larrabee and his transformation from a rough character of the plains to a man with a purpose in life.

Baker Stock Company.

The Baker Stock Company's production this week is "A Native's Love." In "A Native's Love" is the story of an Indian who loves a girl of the white race. As the Indian, Sydney Aron is duplicating his former success as Strongheart.

AT THE VAUDEVILLE THEATERS.

Zangwill's "Never, Never Land"—Orpheum.

"At the moment of death, the dying westerner and live over again a tragic event in their lives." This is the basis upon which Israel Zangwill built his weird dramatic playlet "The Never, Never Land," which is now being produced at the Orpheum Theater. Nothing in vaudeville compares with it.

Pantages Show Is Unsurpassed.

There must be a good bill on this week, as the remarks made by one of Portland's prominent citizens, when he saw a line-up of over 200 vaudeville patrons at the Pantages Theater box office, when their turn to purchase tickets at 25 cents each that admits them to a dollar show.

Merry Vaudeville.

Merriment predominates on the vaudeville programs at the Grand. There is not a trace of the program from fire to fire, but on the contrary, there is a laugh in every act. The Baker troupe of comedy acts is giving a new twist to the vaudeville special added attraction, provide the sensation with their marksmanship.

Stars at the Star.

Vaudeville stars are shining at the Star Theater this week. The house is now being devoted to this class of entertainment and the opening bill is made up of comedy and novelties. The bright particular attraction is Gladys Van der Grint, the special added attraction, provide the sensation with their marksmanship.

COMING ATTRACTIONS.

More Popular Than Ever.

Teddy Webb is principal comedian with the San Francisco Opera Company, and will be seen in the part of August Leann in "The Strangers" all next week at the Baker Theater. This is one of Mr. Webb's best parts and is the work of two Western newspaper writers, McDonald and Perry, the former of St. Louis, Missouri, and the latter with the Kansas City Star.

Mainly Art Coming to Orpheum.

"At the Sound of the Gong," a dramatic play which will be seen at the Orpheum next week, has a thrilling climax, disclosing an actual fight encounter in a prize ring, and is the work of two Western newspaper writers, McDonald and Perry, the former of St. Louis, Missouri, and the latter with the Kansas City Star.

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"The Man of the Thing."

Carlyle Moore, formerly of the Baker Stock Company, is in vaudeville, and will be at the Grand next week. In his playlet "The Man of the Thing," Mr. Moore has set a new pace in vaudeville. This is a condensed dramatic play with one of the most sensational sword duels that has ever been fought on a stage.

NO MORE CALHOUN JURORS

First Man Examined Admits Having Sought Out Ruef.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 27.—No addition was made today to the eight jurors temporarily in the box for the trial of Patrick Calhoun for bribery. So many of the 65 men comprising the fourth panel were excused for business or other reasons that Judge Lawlor at the outset of today's proceedings ordered a fifth summons for 60 citizens to appear tomorrow.

The first juror examined today started his hearers to some extent by stating that within an hour after his arrival from Boston, about three years ago, he had called upon Abraham Ruef, the political boss now under sentence for bribery. The juror, who was engaged in the plumbing business, explained that he had secured a letter of introduction to Ruef before leaving Boston, but that he had never had any business relations with the deposed boss. The juror was very reluctant to serve, and several times volunteered the information that he would be of no value as a juror because of an opinion. He was finally changed by the prosecution and excused.

Don't Get a Divorce.

A western judge granted a divorce on account of ill-temper and bad breath. Dr. King's New Life Pills would have prevented it. They cure constipation, cause bad breath and Liver Trouble, the ill-temper, dispel colds, banish headaches, conquer chills. 25c at all druggists.

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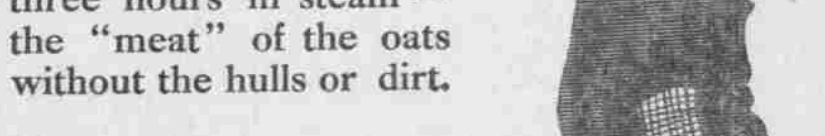


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