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WASHINGTON SYNDICATE BACKS KNÜPPENBURG IN LOCAL DEAL

Company Organized There to Take Over Coos Bay Property Soon.

OREGON COAL AND NAVIGATION COMPANY

New Owners Announce That They Will Develop Mines and Land.

SPOKANE, Wash., Oct. 29.—The Spokane Chronicle prints the following officially authorized story concerning the purchase of the Oregon Coal and Navigation Company's holdings on Coos Bay:

"Spokane, Mead and North Yakima men have organized the Spokane, Yakima & West Coast railway, which has bought the holdings of the Oregon Coal and Navigation Company of Marshfield, Ore., for \$5,000,000. The property includes 3,680 acres of rich coal land and one steamship of 1,800 tons, which plies between Coos Bay and San Francisco.

"The organizers of the new company are M. H. Knuppenburg, J. W. Oakes, E. A. Chisholm, Austin Ready and Judge E. M. Heyburn, all of Spokane; also J. W. Prall and George Cushing of Mead, Wash., and D. H. Butts of North Dakota.

"The capital of the new company is \$5,000,000. It will immediately put on another boat of about 2,000 tons burden and will work a full force of men in the mine, which is a paying property. The product of the mine is domestic coal. Government experts say that there is an 11-foot vein on the 800-foot level and it is the intention of the company to sink a shaft to strike this vein.

"M. H. Knuppenburg, who will be secretary and general manager of the company, owns a controlling interest. He will leave today for Coos Bay to assume his new duties. Mr. Knuppenburg has lived in Spokane for 11 years. He was the promoter of the Yakima Land and Live Stock Company deal, which involved 60,000 acres of irrigated land near North Yakima, in which a number of Spokane men were interested."

MEET IN OMAHA.

W. C. T. U. Will Hold 1909 Session There.

(By Associated Press.) DENVER, Oct. 29.—The executive council of the W. C. T. U. has decided to hold the 1909 convention in Omaha.

NEW CHARTER FOR BANDON

Adopted at Special Election By Vote of 105 to 91—Hold Big Rally.

BANDON, Ore., Oct. 29.—The Bandon charter submitted by initiative petition to re-incorporate the City of Bandon was carried over a determined opposition, 91 votes being cast against and 105 in favor of the new act.

The Bandon Taft-Sherman Club have made arrangements for a big torch-light parade with band music and speeches by members of the club the night before election. A fist encounter between Taft and Bryan with cannon booming a salutation to the victor will be features of the evening.

CASH system is the new way. It will be all cash at Sanitary Market after November 1.

Steamer Eureka will sail for EUREKA AT 2 P. M., FRIDAY, October 30. No reservation held unless ticket is bought. F. S. Dow, agent.

CITY CAUCUS

IS NOV. 16

Council Calls Meeting to Nominate Candidates for Municipal Election.

The Marshfield city council last evening adopted a resolution calling the citizens caucus to nominate candidates to be voted on at the annual city election for Monday evening, November 16, at the I. O. O. F. Hall. The city election will be held in the city hall, December 1.

Candidates to fill two places on the city council and candidates for city recorder are to be nominated. The terms of J. H. Flanagan and Claude Nasburg as councilmen expire this year.

John Merchant, Al Owens and R. C. Cordes were named as the judges of election and D. L. Rood, C. H. Marsh and George N. Farrin were named as clerks of election. The caucus officials will be chosen by those participating in the caucus.

The selection of the election officials brought forth considerable campaign gossip. Mayor Straw first proposed that the judges of the last previous city election, Capt. Lightner, Al Owens and John Bear, be chosen again but some of the members of the council thought that it would be putting too much work on old men. Mayor Straw said then it would be necessary to pick people that haven't anything particular to do in order that it would be certain that they serve. Councilman Sacchi suggested F. M. Friedberg for one of the judges but City Attorney Farrin objected. Finally, the judges were agreed upon.

In the selection of clerks, Friedberg's name was suggested again, but Mayor Straw objected to him. It was stated that C. H. Marsh probably could not serve as a clerk owing to the probability of his being a candidate for city recorder. His name was put on with the understanding that someone else would be selected if he runs for recorder.

It was stated that F. M. Friedberg and Jesse Luse would be candidates for councilmen.

Councilman Sacchi suggested that at the coming election, one of the new councilmen should be from West Marshfield and one from South Marshfield in order that those sections of the city secure proper representation on the town board. Mayor Straw wanted to know if Fernside should not also be given a councilman. "We also should see that the 'Squareheads' get representation on the council as they won't have anybody after Nasburg's term expires," declared Mayor Straw. But the discussion was passed up without any action being taken on it.

City Recorder Upton was authorized to have the bond proposition and charter amendment printed in pamphlets and distributed before election as required by law.

DR. ABBOT DEAD.

Myrtle Point Veterinary Succumbs to Heart Disease.

MYRTLE POINT, Ore., Oct. 29.—Dr. Ira Abbot, a veterinary surgeon well-known throughout southwestern Oregon, died suddenly here of heart disease. He had been a resident of Myrtle Point for a number of years, coming here from Marshfield where he practised for a time. He was about fifty years old.

NORTH BEND WOMAN DEAD.

Mrs. J. H. Schell, a well-known North Bend woman, succumbed to an operation today. She had been ailing for some time. She was about fifty years old and is survived by a husband and several children. The funeral arrangements have not been made.

The children are: Mrs. G. W. Dingman of North Bend, Mrs. C. E. Shea of North Bend, Mrs. G. Chard of Catching Inlet, and Wm. H. Schell of North Bend.

URGES INCREASE IN ASSESSMENTS

Manager R. E. Shine of Southern Oregon Company, Springs Surprise On Coos County Board of Equalization.

R. E. Shine, manager of the Southern Oregon Company, sprung a decided surprise yesterday at Coquille when he appeared before the Coos County Board of Equalization and urged that the assessment of various tracts of land be raised. He had notified the board that he would appear in behalf of the Southern Oregon Company and they expected he would ask that the assessment on their holdings be reduced. But not so. He did not complain about their assessments, but he complained about the assessor allowing other property to go in at much less than its value.

Mr. Shine was well fortified with argument. He had a map showing the holdings of the Southern Oregon Company and some others. On the various tracts, he had marked the value placed on the Southern Oregon Company's holdings and the holdings of others nearby.

As a result of Mr. Shine's showing, the Board of Equalization has decided to hold a meeting November 9, to advance the assessment on a large number of pieces of land. Among those who will be notified to appear and show reason why, of any, that the assessment on various pieces of property should not be raised are the Oregon Coal and Navigation Company, Lyman Noble, Mr. Montgomery and many others.

John D. Goss urged the board to reduce the assessment on timber land holdings of the Coos Bay Lumber and Coal Company. He said that quarter sections of the company's property were assessed at \$4,800 while adjoining quarter sections of others were assessed at \$3,200.

Mr. Goss also urged a reduction in the assessment of Kollock's lots on Plat B. He declared that lots away back from the water front and far from any improvements were assessed at \$100 or more apiece while the tide land lots directly across the bay were assessed at only \$2 or \$3 apiece.

It is reported that Manager R. E. Shine will attempt to make other showings of how certain pieces of city property in the county are not assessed high enough.

CONFESSES TO FRISCO BRIBERY

E. A. S. Blake Just Before Being Sentenced Tells How Abe Ruef's Counsel Tried to Bribe Him.

(By Associated Press.) SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 29.—Standing in the shadow of the penitentiary with sentence about to be passed upon him, and having seen his beautiful young wife just led from the court room in a hysterical condition, E. A. S. Blake, the contractor convicted of attempting to

bribe John M. Kelley of the jury, to try Abraham Ruef, the former political boss, to vote for Ruef's acquittal made a full confession in court today. He told of how, after he had been arrested, Frank J. Murphy, Ruef's associate counsel came to him and promised him \$10,000 if he kept quiet, the amount to be paid immediately after he was sentenced.

Besides this amount, Blake's wife was to receive \$100 per month while he was in the penitentiary.

The disclosure by Blake is one of the most sensational chapters in the now famous bribery graft cases.

MAJ. M'INDOE ON COOS BAY

Chief of Government Engineering Office at Portland Makes Brief Stay.

Major James F. McIndoe, United States engineer in charge of this district, arrived on the Bay yesterday. He spent the afternoon on the new dredge Oregon, now in operation at Lone Tree shoal.

Upon arrival at Marshfield last night, the major found a telegram awaiting him and summoning him to be in Eaton Rouge, La., on the 9th of November. This necessarily cuts the engineer's visit to Coos Bay very short, and it will not be possible for him to make a personal inspection of Coos Bay, as originally planned. The closing up of a contract at Bandon calls him to that city today. He will return at 6 o'clock this evening and spend the night in Marshfield, going by the early morning stage.

A number of minor matters requiring attention will be taken up and for the convenience of those having matter to pertaining to the engineer's department, an informal meeting will be held at the Chamber of Commerce at 7:30 this evening.

This is Major McIndoe's first visit to Coos Bay, and as he cannot spend as much time as desired, will make another trip after his return from the east. He found the government dredge doing excellent work. The dredge will be allowed to remain on Lone Tree shoal until it cuts through the hog-back obstruction to navigation at that point, probably four or five days yet. It will then be towed to the upper bay and begin the work of throwing shockings ashore.

H. A. Starkey, who was sent down in charge of the dredge and was later recalled, has been permanently relieved.

EXECUTE TWO FOR MURDERS

Pennsylvania Authorities Hang Slayers at Reading and York.

(By Associated Press.) READING, Pa., Oct. 29.—Salvatore Garrito, an Italian, was hanged for the murder of Timothy Keilher of Pottsville, a member of the state police who was stabbed to death while attempting to rescue a young woman attacked by Garrito and a companion. Garrito's friend is serving twelve years in prison. Richard McKane, colored, was hanged at York today for the murder of E. Warr and Peterson, colored, a year ago in a quarrel over money matters.

GIRLS JUMP FROM FLAMES

Many Injured In Disaster In Cincinnati Office Building Today.

CINCINNATI, Oct. 29.—Fire and panic caused several girl employees in an office in the eleven-story Neave building to leap from windows at noon today. At least ten were hurt. The fire started on the sixth floor. Many were preparing to jump from the upper floors when the firemen arrived. Most of the injured suffered from contact with the flames, but several were cut by glass. One girl jumped from the tenth floor to the roof of the adjoining building, five stories below. She was dangerously injured.

HOT TAMALES, fresh today at Corthell's delicatessen.

NEW YORK CONTINUES TO BE CENTER OF CAMPAIGN BATTLE

MUST TAKE UP HEMLOCK PLANK

City Council Will Enforce Specifications—Other Business Last Night.

The Marshfield city council last evening decided to compel contractors to comply strictly with specifications in doing city work. The decision was reached in connection with the Sixth street plank paving where a number of hemlock planks were put instead of fir planks as the specifications required. It was decided to notify Contractors Myren and Erickson that they must remove all hemlock plank and replace with fir plank before the street will be accepted.

The matter was brought up again last night by a communication from G. R. Gulovson, a Sixth street property owner, who requested that the hemlock plank in front of his property be replaced with fir. City Engineer Sandberg said that most of the hemlock plank used on the street had been placed in front of J. E. Oren's property and that as Mr. Oren was willing, he would like to see a test made of hemlock. Councilman Flanagan said that everybody knew that hemlock would only last a short time and it was not necessary to have a test made. Councilman Sacchi said that the specifications should be lived up to and Councilman Nasburg concurred. On a vote, the council stood unanimously in favor of compelling the contractors to make the change.

To Build Sewer.

Final preliminary arrangements were made last night to let the contract for the construction of the Baines and Washington street sewage system. Messrs. Matson, Shaw and Montgomery were named as the viewers to fix and apportion the cost on the benefited property.

Dr. E. Mings through Mayor Straw urged that the South Marshfield sewage system construction be rushed. City Engineer Sandberg said that the plans and specifications for it would be ready in about two weeks, the matter involving much work as plans have also to be made for the pumping station which will operate it.

Routine Work.

Plans and specifications for the sidewalks leading to the new high school building were adopted and the cost ordered assessed to the abutting property.

Contractor C. R. Flanagan was ordered paid \$435 on his street improvement contract.

The cost of the Alice street improvement between 'D' street and Queen avenue was apportioned to the abutting property, the C. A. Smith Company owing most of it. The work will cost \$1,510.15, slightly less than originally estimated.

'B' street was ordered planked between Fourth and Fifth streets. The planking will be temporary, it being the intention to have the street permanently improved next spring. Old planks from other streets will be used and the cost of putting them down borne by the city.

The improvement of the portions of Front street, between the city hall and the new ferry slip that have not been planked, were ordered improved. But three pieces—in front of the Clemenson and the Hacker properties and the intersection of Front and 'W' streets—remain unimproved, the others having done the work by private contract.

Condition City Contractor.

Walter Condron, formerly night watchman, is now a city contractor. He appeared before the council last evening and secured \$1,000 as part of payment for the grading of Cedar street. It was stated that O. J. Signalness to whom the city awarded the contract had assigned the work to Mr. Condron. Mayor Straw was instructed to have the arc-light in Fernside repaired.

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Taft and Bryan and Supporters Fight For Control of That State.

RIVALS SPEAK IN SYRACUSE TONIGHT

Claim Thousands of Illegal Voters Registered in Jersey City.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Oct. 29.—The two principal candidates for president following a day and a night of hard campaigning up the state, will reach Syracuse tonight where both are scheduled to speak. Judge Parker expects to speak with Bryan at Syracuse. Taft will speak today at Lyons, Canandaigua, Geneva, Seneca Falls and Auburn. Bryan speaks at Cohoes, Albany, Utica and Rome. The running mates of Taft and Bryan continued their work today in their native states, Sherman speaking at Albany while Kern will make several addresses in Indiana, closing tonight with a speech at Terre Haute. Tonight, Secretary Cortelyou will speak in New York, Secretary Root in Toledo, Ohio, and Secretary Meyer in Belaire, Maryland. Chafin and Watkins are in Ohio today, Hsigen is in New Jersey and Debs in Illinois.

RUSE IN NEW YORK.

New League Supports Taft and Chanler There.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Oct. 29.—Chairman Mack declared the belief today that an investigation would show the Taft and Chanler Businessmen's League, which is seeking to secure the election of Taft as president, Chanler as governor is financed by the Republican National Committee. Chanler is the Democrat opposing Hughes for governor of New York.

FRAUDS ARE ALLEGED.

Thousands of Bogus Voters in Jersey City.

(By Associated Press.)

JERSEY CITY, N. J., Oct. 29.—The alleged discovery of wholesale registration frauds here has caused a sensation. Each party blames the other. The chief of police says there is at least a thousand false registrations in the lower wards of the city.

MERRILL RAPS STOLEN MAIL

Independence League Leader In Missouri Retires From Party With Scorcher.

(By Associated Press.)

KANSAS CITY, Oct. 29.—J. L. Woods Merrill of Kansas City, National Committeeman from Missouri, of the Independence party, resigned that position today in a letter forwarded to W. R. Hearst, the National chairman. In his letter, Merrill says "This is to notify you that I withdraw from all relations or connections as national committeeman for Missouri with the executive board of the Independence party, not wishing to have my name connected with any party or persons who purchase or otherwise obtains correspondence stolen by other persons for publication to the detriment or downfall of other persons and upholding of yourself or the Independence party." He also said he does not want to be connected with any party whose sole aim is to help defeat Bryan by attacking Hearst and others without proof, and he expressed the belief that the Independence party receives its campaign money from Republican sources.