

JAP CREATES EXCITEMENT

HARMLESS INDIVIDUAL GUARDED TWO HOURS.

ORIENTAL SLEEPS THROUGH ALL

Pedestrian Calls at McAllister Home East of the City and is Shot At—Smoke-House Proves Refuge From Bullets.

S. Hatakanka, subject of the Mikado, en route by foot from San Francisco to Portland, was the center of a little excitement last Wednesday night and as a result spent several hours in the city jail.

The story, as told by the officers who brought him in, is that the pedestrian appeared at the front door of the McAllister home, four miles east of the city, about dark and applied for food. Being sick with consumption and weak from the hard journey, his emaciated countenance was anything but pleasant to look upon, and when Mrs. McAllister opened the front door and beheld him, she immediately closed it with a slight remark, the Jap thinking she told him to go to the back door.

As soon as the invader was imprisoned, a telephone message was sent to Ashland for the police. Constable Irwin and Chief Oien immediately answered the summons and went out loaded for a lively encounter. What they found, as told by Chief Oien, was a man standing outside the smoke-house, shaking with the cold and holding a gun trained upon the door.

Hatakanka is undersized, even for a Jap, and is said to be in the last stages of consumption. No charges could be found against him and he was released on the following day.

HUNTER IS FINED.

W. H. Watt Pays \$50 for Killing Deer Out of Season.

W. H. Watt appeared in the justice's court in Medford Thursday morning and pleaded guilty to a charge of killing a deer out of season, preferred by Deputy Game Warden A. S. Hubbard of Trail. Watt paid a fine of \$50 and costs, a total of \$54.

With a party of friends Watt was on a camping trip in the Big Butte district when he bagged the deer. He states that it was the second one he ever killed and could not resist shooting it when he ran across it near the camp, although he knew that the season did not open until the next day.

Choice Fruits.

Among specimens of fine orchard products recently left at the exhibit building, is a stem of choice apricots from the orchard premises of A. R. Wright, 275 Woolen street. This sample contains over a dozen individual specimens and ranks among the best of the exhibits at the depot headquarters for fruit, grains and vegetables.

30,000 TROUT PLANTED

Fifty cans Arrived Last Week—Another Shipment Expected Tomorrow.

Fifty cans of eastern brook trout were received at Ashland last week from the state game and fish warden, the number of fish contained in the cans approximating 30,000. Of these, ten cans were taken to the headwaters of Ashland creek, five to Neil creek and five to Emigrant creek.

Secretary Richardson of the local rod and gun club is expecting another shipment of twenty cans this week, all of which will be planted in Ashland creek. Sixty cans for Lake of the Woods, Four-mile Lake and Lost Lake are promised a little later in the season.

VANCOUVER, B. C., TO MEXICO.

Auto Tourists Passed Through Ashland Saturday on Long Ride.

John P. Sweeney and Bud Powell of Vancouver, B. C., passed through Ashland Saturday on their way to Mexico, stopping here a few hours to rest up before proceeding to Shasta Springs, where they will spend a week in camp, fishing and hunting. The young men are driving a 1912 Ford and are loaded with all the necessary camp equipment for a leisurely trip over the coast.

Both of the men are members of the James Bay Athletic Club. Sweeney is the B. C. mile-running champion and holds the B. C. record of 4:37. He has also a northwest championship medal. He is a former member of the Olympic Club in San Francisco and was chosen at the last Canadian tryouts as a representative at the Stockholm games, but found it impossible to attend.

WOLVES ARE MENACE.

Dead Indian Trapper Has Difficulty in Capturing Animals.

The fox, with all of his accredited cunning and subtlety, has not a whit the better of the Oregon timber wolf. According to Charey Wilkinson, a trapper in the Dead Indian country, the wolf has in addition to a great strength, almost human intelligence. Mr. Wilkinson states that he has tried every possible way only to meet with failure, and the wolves are infesting the lower ranging country with impunity.

On one occasion traps were carefully laid around a hollow stump, which had been baited and holes left in the stump showing the meat. The traps were covered with snow in front of all the holes, effectively commanding all possible entrance to the bait. However, when Mr. Wilkinson arrived to inspect the traps next morning he found that they had been dragged to one side and the bait gone.

At another time the wolves dug under the traps and obtained the bait without springing the trap. Mr. Hammersley, the government hunter, who is in that section, is having the same kind of success, or rather the lack of success, and the cattlemen are daily complaining of their losses.

The Alaska-Yukon exposition has paid a final dividend of 4 per cent.

OPENS BRANCH OFFICE

F. E. Conway Will Run Two Crews of Carpenters at Yreka—Retains Office and Residence Here.

F. E. Conway is this week establishing a branch office in Yreka, Cal., and is now busy gathering up two crews of men to begin active construction work in that city. This decision came as the result of a recent trip into that section, during which Mr. Conway was impressed with the present building prospects. Mr. Conway has for some time been looking over a field in which to branch out and is well pleased with the outlook in Yreka.

During the two years the Conway company has been doing business in Ashland they have erected many of this city's finest dwellings, including a number of most modern and up-to-date structures. They have introduced many new schemes in bungalow construction and have established a reputation for perfect workmanship and imposing effect in design that will bring them business as long as they desire to stay in this city.

CRATER LAKE BILL.

Item Inserted by Senator Bourne Included in Measure.

The following is a copy of the Crater Lake item in the sundry civil bill, this item having been inserted as an amendment at the request of Senator Bourne, after the bill passed the house:

"Crater Lake National Park, Oregon. For construction of a wagon road and necessary bridges through Crater Lake National Park, Oregon, together with a system of tanks and water supply pipes to provide for sprinkling, in accordance with the recommendations contained in the report of the war department published as House Document 228, sixtieth congress, second session, to be expended under the direction of the secretary of war, \$100,000."

Special Services.

Rev. L. S. Bauman will conduct special Bible services at the Brethren church, corner Fifth and Main streets, every evening this week. Everyone cordially invited to attend.

Scale receipts at Tidings office.

CONTINENTAL MINE IN LITIGATION

ASHLAND RESIDENTS INTERESTED IN SUIT BROUGHT BY STOCK-HOLDERS AGAINST MYRTLE CREEK PROPERTY

Considerable interest is manifest in Ashland over the recent suit brought by Washington parties against the officers of the Continental Gold Mining Company. The suit is for the recovery of \$18,000 paid into the company by investors for stock and is brought by H. C. Colburn, an attorney of Puyallup, Wash., and sixty others. The complaint alleges misrepresentation on the part of the officers, W. B. Stuart, president of the company, and Alex Sweek, secretary, being named as defendants.

The mine in question is located at Nugget, fourteen miles from Myrtle Creek. It was discovered several years ago by A. C. Crews of this city, who was then running a grocery store at Myrtle Creek. Mr. Crews worked the mine as long as he could do so on limited capital and then turned it over to the Continental company, receiving \$10,000 cash and \$5,000 in stock for it. The company

then sold \$36,000 worth of stock, some of which was taken up by Ashland citizens, installed machinery to the amount of \$40,000, including a mill of 30 tons capacity, and took out over \$40,000 in ore. Then, when they ran short of funds, they closed the mine without having paid any dividends.

Mr. Crews, who has spent considerable time at the mine in various capacities, states that the mine is a good one and gives it as his opinion that the complainants are after title to the mine rather than their money back. He states that the mine has been operated to a depth of 300 feet and that there is 1,500 feet of tunneling, with plenty of ore available. He is confident a freeze-out game is being played and that the mine will be operated sooner or later to good advantage.

HIKERS REACH ASHLAND

Party of Four Complete 200-Mile Journey on Foot From Roseburg By Way of Crater Lake.

A party of four pedestrians consisting of Dr. J. H. Gilbert, professor of economics at the University of Oregon, Mrs. Gilbert, C. N. Reynolds of the registrar's office, U. of O., and Miss Cora Shaver, a teacher in the Portland high school, arrived in Ashland last evening shortly after dark, having completed a 200-mile hike from Roseburg to Crater Lake and thence to Ashland. Mr. Reynolds left this evening for Eugene, while the other members of the party will spend several days in Ashland. Except for 24 miles from Roseburg to the government trail and the 20 miles from Fort Klamath to Rocky Point, the entire distance was covered afoot.

The trip to Crater Lake was made over the government trail along the north fork of the Umpqua. The return was made over the Dead Indian road by way of Pelican Bay and the Lake of the Woods. The trip occupied 11 days, the party averaging 14 miles a day. The longest march was from Camp Arant to Fort Klamath, a distance of 17 miles. The gentlemen of the party carried about 40 pounds each, the equipment consisting of sleeping bags, blankets and the necessary provisions. They report Crater Lake hotel crowded, as also the Pelican Bay resort. Campers are numerous all along the Dead Indian road, particularly at Lake of the Woods and Lost Prairie. They found the road in excellent condition with lots of travel over it.

WILL BUILD TRAMWAY.

Rogue River Lime Company Backed By Portland Capital.

The Rogue River Lime Company, which has been doing a great amount of development work on its property on Cheney creek, a branch of the Applegate, has decided to install a tramway to the quarry.

This company has lately completed a road up the creek to the point where the lime rock supply was to be obtained, and contemplated putting in the kilns at that place. The new road had a grade of from 15 to 25 per cent, however, this being too steep for the caterpillar traction engine to negotiate with ease. To do away with this climb a half-mile tramway will be erected to deliver the rock at the bottom of the grade, and the kilns will be constructed and the lime burned there.

Kilns of the most modern type are to be built and the industry will be developed into one of the big commercial interests of southern Oregon. The capital behind the enterprise is supplied by Portland men, who are the incorporators and stockholders. The rock, which was found in inexhaustible quantity, burns into the best grade of lime, and kilns have been burned in a small way for 50 years.

SHIP-OWNERS PROTEST.

Wilson Bill Meets Opposition From Pacific Coast Shippers.

San Francisco.—The chief ship-owners of the Pacific coast met here recently to protest against passing in its present form the Wilson bill, now before the senate, which deals with the manning of American ships. At the close of the meeting the owners, collectively and individually, appealed by telegram to Senator Burton, chairman of the senate sub-committee on commerce, which now has the bill in charge, not to report it out until they had been given an opportunity to appear before the committee with their arguments.

Speaking broadly, the objection to the bill is that ship-owners believe it will put them at a disadvantage with other merchant marines less strictly regulated.

Residents of Texas and Arizona are becoming indignant at the failure of the United States to stop the outrages to Americans in Mexico, and offer to go ahead and clear up the situation themselves.

BINGS ELICIT PRAISE

M. E. Putnam Sends Fruit to Kansas and Receives High Compliment—Pronounced Finest Ever Seen

M. E. Putnam, proprietor of the well-known Johnson orchard, has been doing some advertising for Ashland on his own hook this summer and is meeting with excellent results. During the cherry season he sent several ten-pound boxes of the fruit to his numerous relatives and friends in the east and is now receiving a string of letters in acknowledgment of the gifts. The cherries were Bings and Royal Anns, for which the Putnam place is famous. The following letter is but one of a number that have been received to date, all of which are of the same tenor:

Fort Scott, Kan., July 24, 1912. Mr. M. E. Putnam, Ashland, Ore. My Dear Colonel: I am in receipt of cherries by American Express; came in excellent condition. They were without doubt the finest cherries that ever came to this market. I had them on exhibition 24 hours, so that all the nurserymen in this vicinity had an opportunity of examining and sampling them. I believe you call them the Bing. They are certainly wonderful cherries, and I wish to assure you that they are very much appreciated by Mrs. Combs and myself. They were handed around to our neighbors, and all declared that they deserved the blue ribbon.

We expect to be in Portland next season and I hope to call and see you, as we are anxious to see the trees that produce such fruit. The name of Putnam is a household word with us, and I shall endeavor to have Mr. A. B. Combs contract for more of that fruit.

Again thanking you for the shipment and careful selection of fruit, I am, Very truly yours, GEO. W. COMBS.

MINE IS SOLD.

Lewis Property in Galice District Goes to Texas Parties.

The Harry L. Lewis mining property, located at the mouth of Taylor creek, on Rogue river, in the Galice district, has been sold to Texas parties represented by John M. Feun, D. M. Owen and Mrs. J. J. McKeever. The sale includes four placer claims, with a total of 80 acres of rich ground that has never been worked, Mr. Lewis having done but little development along this line. There are also included 160 acres of farm land. The new owners will develop the mining claims at once, and will put in three and one-half miles of ditch and flume to bring water from upper Taylor creek for the operation of giants, this work alone to cost in the neighborhood of \$10,000.

COUNTERFEIT COIN.

Salem Convict Turns Out Money While in Prison.

Salem, Ore.—Mystery surrounding the circulating of counterfeit coins in Salem is cleared up through the confession of J. J. Stanley, a convict in the state penitentiary here, that he made the spurious money, using plaster of paris molds in the prison machine shop. John Lewis, a trusty, passed the bad coins in stores near the prison. The counterfeit coins were 50-cent pieces and were fairly good imitations.

Lane and Peebler Buy.

Clarence Lane and Jack Peebler have just completed a deal whereby the confectionery formerly owned by Mrs. W. Miller, the old stand of Lane's Palace of Sweets, passes into their hands and will be known as Lane & Peebler's Confectionery. Since September 8 of last year Mr. Lane has been operating the establishment as trustee for Mrs. Miller. The new proprietors will continue to conduct the business with the same courteous treatment to all patrons.

Famine has struck the Inland Empire—but it's a famine in grain bags occasioned largely by the heavy crops.

FIRES LESS NUMEROUS.

Forest Service Better Equipped for Fighting Than Formerly.

Better and larger fire equipment and forces, coupled with a better knowledge of the conditions which cause a forest fire, are given as the two reasons by Supervisor M. L. Erickson that the number of forest fires are materially decreased from last year. This year to date there have been but 28 fires, while in the same time last year there had been 37. No fires are burning at this time and the damage from the 28 is practically negligible.

In preparation for the fire season this year, Supervisor Erickson nearly doubled the amount of lookout stations and changed others to the most available localities in the forest. Between these lookout stations routes have been arranged in such a manner that practically every portion of the forest comes under the eye of the patrolman at least once a day. This accounts for the fact that every fire has been checked before it became any size.

During the past year the forestry department has spent a large amount of money in putting before the public convincing arguments as to the worth of the nation's timber and "do's" and "don't's" for the guarding against the evil. The result, according to Mr. Erickson, is that the hunters of this season are a great deal more careful than heretofore.

BUCKAROO LOSES HAND.

Lariat Winds About Arm, Necessitating Amputation.

Pendleton, Ore.—John Spain, prominent Union county stockman and winner of three championships at the Pendleton Round-up, will have to compete in future contests one-handed by reason of an accident which befell him recently while giving an exhibition of steer-roping. After throwing his noose over the horns of the animal, his arm became entangled in the rope and when the lariat was drawn taut by the pulling horse and the struggling steer, his arm was so badly cut and bruised that amputation was necessary at the wrist.

Spain was one of the most picturesque of the cowboys who have taken part in the Round-up and his prowess has won for him a name all over the northwest. At the first Round-up he was winner in the wild-horse race and last year he won the titles of champion bronco-buster and champion stage-coach driver of the northwest, along with the purses and prizes which went with them. He has won two saddles, one of which as the most valuable ever made in the west to be given as a trophy.

ASSESSMENTS LEVIED

City Council Passes Ordinance for District 17—Other Important Matters Occupy Regular Session.

Routine matters occupied the attention of the city council last Tuesday evening. The engineer's estimate of \$6,039 due Calvert & Shaska for sewer construction in sewer district No. 17 was ordered paid when funds are available, the sewer being completed and ready for connection, and an ordinance was passed levying assessments for special benefits in this district. Cement cross walks were ordered at certain points on Gresham, Sherman, Hargadine and Maiden Lane.

Notice by the underwriters of defective wiring in the city hall was read and referred to the electric light committee.

In the matter of cancellation of the lien on the Moore property on B street, the street committee reported referring it back to the council. The matter involved the division of the property into two lots, the assessment having been made upon the property as a whole. The piece in question comprises about two acres and has a long frontage on the pavement. The council decided that the assessment should stand as originally made, the lien being held against the entire property.

In the matter of the water arrears, the recorder was instructed to collect all arrears back to July, 1911, with one 50-cent penalty. T. H. Simpson was given a lease of the septic tank grounds on Helman street for the storing of explosives for a period of five years. The recorder reported the necessity of borrowing \$3,000 for the electric light fund to meet interest on bonds and the matter was referred to the finance committee.

NUGGET KING RETURNS.

N. Jerry Has Fine Collection of Virgin Gold for Exposition.

N. Jerry, the nugget king, has just returned from a visit to New Zealand, where he secured a large collection of fine specimens of native gold to add to his collection. Some of the specimens are perfect in shape and coloring.

Jerry is engaged in making a great collection of virgin gold for exhibition at the Panama exposition to be held at San Francisco in 1915. He states that he will leave nothing unturned in his efforts to secure first prize on his display. He plans to travel over the entire globe collecting them.

The Borah three-year homestead bill has passed the house and now goes to the president, who has supported it from the start.

WILL IGNORE INJUNCTION

MEDFORD CITIZENS WILL BACK CONTRACTOR PERHAM.

CITY TO HOLD BOND ELECTION

Decision Comes as Result of Conference Between Council Committee and Contractor—Moving of Old Structure Began Today.

Medford is going to have a new bridge over Bear creek. This decision was reached Saturday after a conference between a committee from the city council and E. G. Perham, to whom the original contract for construction of the new bridge was let by the county court. Mr. Perham began tearing down the present structure and removing it to Jackson street today.

The original contract was for \$33,900. Of this amount the P. & E. railroad agreed to pay \$2,500, and the city of Medford agreed to pay the county \$13,000 for the present bridge over the creek. This left a balance of \$18,400 to be paid by the county.

It is believed in Medford that if the injunction is sustained in the court of last resort the county will give the bridge to Medford and then in all probability a city election will be called to vote bonds for the city of Medford to build the bridge itself. If the bonds should be defeated, Contractor Perham would be in a position to stand the expense of the bridge himself.

This risk Mr. Perham, with the expressed support of a large number of Medford business men, is willing to take. A temporary bridge will be constructed about 100 feet north of the present structure to provide a means of transportation while the preliminary work is going on. It is expected that the new bridge will be finished about November 1, and the Jackson street bridge will be in shape about the first week in September.

The contract for the removal of the old bridge was let to Contractor Perham by the city for \$4,900. A dinner will be furnished Wednesday noon by the ladies of the Park Club to the Equal Suffrage Club, who entertain Mr. and Mrs. Conklin of Grants Pass.

Dinner at Park Club House on Wednesday.

An interesting program, including varied and appropriate toasts by various citizens, will be a feature, as well as music. The public generally are invited to do honor to our distinguished guests. The price per plate is 25 cents.

Mrs. Dr. Shaw, with Mrs. C. B. Lambkin, Mrs. J. R. Casey, Mrs. C. M. Rowland, Mrs. E. D. Briggs and Mrs. C. H. Gillette, her vice-presidents, are guaranties that the affair will be a more than usual event. Mrs. Conklin will be entertained on Thursday by the Medford Club. Mrs. John F. Reddy, president, and on Friday by the Grants Pass Club. We are glad our visiting friends have the pleasure of knowing Ashland is "on the map." A call meeting for all suffrage women of our town will follow to plan for a grand rally picnic for Medford, Jacksonville, Grants Pass, Phoenix and Talent. SEC. EQUAL SUFFRAGE CLUB. By order of president.

Special Meeting.

Rev. E. P. Ellyson, president of the Nazarene University at Pasadena, Cal., will be with the local church tomorrow evening and will preach at 8 o'clock. The public cordially invited.

The American flag will be encountered more frequently on the highways hereafter.

TO IGNORE INJUNCTION

Such is Purpose of Bridge Contractor—Asks Permission of Council To Move Old Structure.

Disdaining the injunction that the Ashland spirited citizens have placed upon building the Bear creek bridge, says the Medford Sun, Contractor E. G. Perham appeared before the council at their adjourned session Thursday night and asked that the city fathers permit him to move the old bridge to its place on Jackson street and allow him to proceed with his contract on the erection of the new bridge. A committee was appointed which will instruct Mr. Perham within the next two days as to whether he may proceed with his contract or not. The committee is composed of Mayor Canon, Councilmen Millar and Campbell.

Mr. Perham has submitted a bid to the council for the removal and replacing of the old bridge on Jackson street. The only impediment to allowing him to make the change has been the fear that the new bridge would not be rushed through on Main street. At this time little more can be done toward the work on the new bridge on account of the present structure. With its removal, Mr. Perham states that he will proceed at once with the two contracts.