

# MARY RAMSEY WOOD, AGED 119 YEARS, WILL CELEBRATE BIRTHDAY TODAY

### Virility of Race Apparent in This Remarkable Hillsboro Woman, Who Retains Many Faculties Unimpaired and Enjoys Existence.



(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Hillsboro, Or., May 19.—Remarkable among centenarians of the world is Mrs. Mary Ramsey Wood of Hillsboro, whose 119th birthday will be celebrated tomorrow. She retains much of her vigor and is able to go about unassisted, eats her meals with enjoyment and converses readily of incidents in her long life.

Mrs. Ramsey was born in Knoxville, Tennessee, May 26, 1787. She has been married three times. Her first husband was Jacob Lemons of Tennessee, who died 12 years ago. Four children were born of this marriage, viz.: Mary Jane,

would be 99 years of age. Mrs. Reynolds, who is caring for her remarkable mother, is the only surviving child and was 75 years old October 14, 1905.

Mrs. Wood recently received from Mrs. Alice Briggs of La Junta, Colorado, a number of relics. Included was a quantity of pink ribbon with the request that the aged woman tie a knot in it for every year of her age. This was done by Mrs. Wood, who after tying the knots fastened a lock of her hair to one end of the ribbon and returned it to her Colorado friend.

The aged woman's weight was formerly 175 pounds, but she now weighs only 110. Her sight is failing and one eye is blind. She is quite deaf, but is able to carry on a conversation without effort. One notable fact is the cutting of a tooth recently, which surprised and much amused the old lady. She has been a coffee-drinker all her life and still uses it at meals. She arises at 7 a. m., eats two eggs with coffee, has a hearty meal of meat and vegetables at noon and at night makes her report of bread and cold water just before retiring.

At 14 she became a member of the Methodist Church South and has continuously been affiliated with that denomination. She is a member of the Ramsey Family association of Topeka, Kansas.

Mrs. Wood has been a Democrat all her life, she says, and hopes to live to see another Democratic president in the White House.

When asked by The Journal reporter if she favored woman suffrage she replied:

"No, I want women to stay at home, wash their dishes, keep their house clean, raise their children and attend to their business. Voting is men's business. I don't want women to vote."

Considering her advanced age, Mrs. Wood is wonderfully active and has been seldom troubled with the ills that often beset and render invalid women of less than half her age. Her chances for a still further lease of life are excellent and she may possibly reach the quarter-century mark on her second cycle.

## DEMOCRATS TO SUPPORT CHANDLER IN POSITION

(Special Dispatch by Leased Wire to The Journal.) Washington, May 19.—It will not be difficult to force a row on the floor of the house and on the floor of the senate if the majority attempts to legislate the Chandler "Spanish claims commission" bill.

The Democrats have been fearful over the wasteful extravagance of the Republican administration. The money expended for the Spanish treaty claims commission has been fruitful of much Democratic evil speaking of the ways of Republican extravagance. Now, however, Chandler has become in a sense an ally of a certain Democrat of note in his personal assaults upon the president and the minority in the house and senate will declare that the president and his party have stooped to persecution.

## WINLOCK WILL SOON HAVE A NEW DEPOT

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Winlock, Wash., May 19.—The Northern Pacific Railway company has plans drawn for a large new depot at this place. The company's business having more than doubled in the last year, the old quarters are much too small. The railway company will also put in several hundred feet of new sidetracks, and will bear half the expense of replanking front street, which is partly on the railroad right of way. Work of replanking will begin at once.

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## INTENDS TO BUILD GAS PLANT

J. A. Webber Declares Intention to Follow Terms of Franchise Granted.

## WORK TO COMMENCE WITHIN THIRTY DAYS

City Council Favors Local Man in Giving Concession — Outside Bidders Make Application but Are Rejected.

Vancouver, Wash., May 19.—According to the statement of J. A. Webber, Vancouver will be supplied with gas of the best quality for heating and lighting purposes within the next four or five months. "Work," says Mr. Webber, "will begin upon the plant within the next 30 days. The plant will be completed as soon as possible."

"We will have one of the most modern and complete gas manufacturing plants on the Pacific coast," said Mr. Webber this evening. "We have secured in the east all the capital necessary to construct the system and will have no trouble in that direction."

For the past year numerous persons representing outside capitalists have endeavored to secure a gas franchise from the Vancouver city council. At one time there were three applications before that body. These applications were the topic of discussion at many meetings. After carefully looking into the merits of the various applications the council granted the franchise to Mr. Webber, D. C. Chambers of Seattle was before the council with an application, the terms of which were practically the same as that of Mr. Webber. The council decided in favor of the local applicant. This is the second franchise Mr. Webber has secured to construct and operate a gas plant. More than a year ago he made application and was granted a franchise. He deposited a check with the city treasurer for \$1,000, the terms upon which it was given being that if construction work did not begin within six months the deposit was to be forfeited. Upon expiration of six months the time was extended for a like term and at the end of the year the money was declared forfeited and turned into the general fund of the city. Webber began suit in the superior court to recover the forfeit money on the ground that the city lost nothing in the transaction. Yesterday the suit was dismissed, it being mutually understood that if Webber builds the plant as he says he will the \$1,000 is to be returned to him. As evidence of good faith Webber has deposited with the city \$300 advance license fee according to the terms of the franchise recently granted. This money is in no way recoverable.



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## FAKE CONCERN HAS MANY CREDITORS

Contracts Issued by Pacific Mercantile Company Prove Worthless.

## THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE CAUGHT BY SCHEMERS

Quantities of Certificates Issued and Few Redeemed—Large Sum Said to Have Been Collected by Promoters of Enterprise.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Tacoma, May 19.—John E. Gallagher today was appointed receiver of the Pacific Mercantile company on application of I. G. Young, representing 7,000 Tacoma people holding certificates issued by the company. The complaint alleges that the company conducted a fraudulent business and had no intention of redeeming its contracts.

The contracts called for payment of \$100 in installments upon which a diamond worth \$150 was given the holder. Nine thousand of these contracts are alleged to have been sold and only 1,300 of them were redeemed.

What has become of the balance of the \$700,000 said to have been collected is a mystery.

Contracts were sold in all parts of the northwest and many prominent business men as well as clerks, lawyers, physicians, workmen and women bought them.

H. T. Denham, against whom the action is brought, as president of the company, claims he has not been connected with the concern for a year and denies all knowledge of the whereabouts of the company's books.

Fred Carne of Victoria is said to have the accounts, but he declares that Denham has them. It has proved difficult to find other officers of the company.

A man named Smith of Seattle is said to be treasurer, but he cannot be located and the stockholders say the secretary of the concern is somewhere in Mexico.

About all that has so far been discovered to show that the company ever existed are the hundreds of paid-up contracts held by subscribers.

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## FLORA RESIDENTS WANT A U. S. COMMISSIONER

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Flora, Or., May 19.—As there is no United States commissioner in less than 42 miles of this place, who is allowed to take proofs, the residents of this vicinity must go this distance—84 miles for the round trip—to make proof on homesteads. As this must be made by wheeled conveyances or on horseback, it is quite a hardship, as well as an expense for those interested and their witnesses. There are probably more men making final proof on homesteads in this than any other section in the county and a commissioner is badly needed.

Funeral of Mrs. Needham. (Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Newberg, Or., May 19.—The funeral of Mrs. Taylor Needham, who died suddenly while on a visit to Aberdeen, Washington, was held here yesterday, being conducted by Burr Oak circle, Women of Woodcraft. Mrs. Needham leaves a husband and three sons.

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