SCHWAB MAKES VALUABLE GIFT

Gives $2,000,000 Pleasure Resort to Poor Children of New York.

(Publishers' Press Leased Wire.)

New York, Dec. 11.—Charles M. Schwab today made a gift to the children of New York which is conservatively valued at $2,000,000. He deeded the magnificent pleasure resort at Richmond Beach Staten Island to the Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul of this city and while there is no specific reservation in the deed, it is believed that the sisters are to use it for the benefit of the poor children of New York City.

The property for which Mr. Schwab same years ago paid $1,000,000, consists of 61½ acres of upland and 56 acres of water underland on Staten Island with a large beach front on New York bay. He spent a half million dollars more for the improvements which made it an ideal playground for children. Mr. Schwab purchased this property about seven years ago, while he was president of the United States Steel Corporation.

The plan he then had in mind did not suit him, but he has been slowly developing the property until now when he realizes his ambition to give the children of New York the finest seashore beach in the world. It is understood it is the purpose of the Sisters of Charity to utilize the property in the winter for the benefit of sick and crippled children of the poor classes in New York. Although he has no children of his own, Mr. Schwab loves the little people and is always ready to extend a helping hand to young America. This is not the only benefaction of the noted steel man to children. Some years ago he built an industrial school at Homestead, at a cost of $125,000 and permanently endowed it. This school is open to all boys and girls who attend the public school at Homestead.

DODE M'KENZIE KILLED ON RANCH

Son of Well Known Colorado Millionaire Cattleman Shot by Employe.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Trinidad, Colo., Dec. 11.—Murdo MacKenzie, millionaire and national character, is on his way to Lebeau, S. D., tonight to investigate the death of his son, Dode, who was shot and killed there this afternoon by Bud Stevens, one of his employes, according to dispatches received here.

Young MacKenzie has been manager of a ranch of the Matador Land & Cattle company, of which his father is head, on the Cheyenne Indian reservation, for the past three years. The ranch consists of 600,000 acres. He was formerly manager of the company's property near Channing, Texas, from which place he took Stevens when he went to South Dakota. He was 31 years old and unmarried.

Stevens has long been in the employ of the Matador Land & Cattle company, and it is said here that he has been a pensioner on the South Dakota ranch.

Murdo MacKenzie, the dead man's father, was at one time president of the National Livestock association, and is known throughout the country as a warm personal friend of Colonel Theodore Roosevelt.

BAD CHECK GAME FAILS TO WORK

Bogus Telegram Designed to Make Check Go Only Leads to Arrests.

(Hearst News Service.)

San Francisco, Dec. 11.—J. A. Raymond of Reno and Thomas McCarthy of this city are under arrest on the charge of attempting to swindle the Farmers' & Merchants' bank out of $6860 on a fictitious check.

On last Tuesday Raymond presented himself at the bank and presented a check for this amount drawn in his favor on the Wells Fargo National bank of this city and signed "J. R. Cavanaugh." Through a wire to the American National Bank of San Francisco the check was found to be bogus. Meantime a mysterious telegram, signed "F. B. King of the Wells Fargo bank," was received by the Reno bank, stating that J. B. Cavanaugh was a depositor there and recommending payment of the check. The dispatch was found later to be a forgery.

McCarthy is suspected of having sent the bogus telegram.

English scientists were making substantial progress in the knowledge of the phenomena of electricity a century and a half before Franklin flew his historic kite.

COASTING ACCIDENT WILL COST HIM DEAR

Frank D. Smith.

Frank D. Smith, who was injured Sunday evening in the Hall street coasting accident, is improving at the Good Samaritan hospital. His recovery is considered remarkable, as part of his brain was serevely injured, and he received internal injuries. He is conscious about half the time.

Smith was a student in the Lincoln high school, and a member in the athletic club of that place. The boy was unconscious until Friday morning, when the change of improvement was noted. From the injury to his brain, it is feared he may lose the use of the right side of the body.

BUYS OLD HOME FOR APARTMENTS

Dr. H. F. Ong Will Build at Thirteenth and Salmon Streets.

Dr. H. F. Ong closed a deal yesterday for the purchase of the Holman homestead located at the southeast corner of Thirteenth and Salmon streets. The property comprises a quarter block and is improved with an old style frame dwelling. Dr. Ong paid $41,000 for the holding. It was purchased as an investment, the buyer contemplating the erection of a modern family hotel or apartment house on the site within the next year.

This is the first sale that has been reported in that immediate vicinity in a number of years, the property for the most part being now held by the original buyers or their descendents Mrs. M. E. Holman, from whom Dr. Ong purchased has lived on the property for nearly 50 years.

The extension of the apartment house district south from Morrison and west from Eleventh street will, it is believed, cause a substantial increase in property values in the entire section.

BABY HATER CAN'T COLLECT DAMAGES

Man May Break Engagement With No Serious Results If Girl Dislikes Babies.

(Hearst News Service.)

Topeka, Kan., Dec. 11.—When a woman lets it be known that she objects to babies it is sufficient ground for the man to refuse to make an engagement and the woman cannot recover for breach of promise. This is the decision of the Kansas supreme court in the suit of Mary V. Reynolds against J. Wilson Curry, appealed from Jefferson county.

According to the records, Curry paid court to Mary Reynolds. He admitted in the lower court that he called often and stayed late at the home of the woman and that he really cared for her as a companion. He talked marriage to her many times, but when he found that she had said she never wanted to be a mother he refused to make an engagement for marriage. He quit calling at the home and later Miss Reynolds brought a suit for breach of promise.

The court held that no particular form of words was necessary for an engagement and that simply discussing the marriage relation was not to be expressed contract of marriage, and when Curry had found that Mary Reynolds objected to children there was nothing to prevent his stopping his attentions then and there.

Dayton K. of P. Elect Officers.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Dayton, Wash., Dec. 11.—Dayton lodge No. 3, Knights of Pythias, has elected these officers for the ensuing year: Leonard Rainwater, C. C.; Grover J. Israel, V. C.; H. E. Barr, prelate; Edgar E. Eager, M. of W.; Jeremiah Swart, K. of R. and S.; Elmer Clark, M. of W.; Leon B. Kenworthy, M. of A.; George W. Jackson, master of exchequer; William McMorris, I. G.; R. L. Nottingham, Judge Chester E. Miller, Jack Hamilton and J. W. Jessee, trustees. Installation will take place the first of January.

MORGAN TO RULE TWO CONTINENTS

And Through Them the Entire World—Rothschilds Take Second Place.

(Publishers' Press Leased Wire.)

London, Dec. 11.—J. Pierpont Morgan is now the foremost figure in the history of finance, outranking even the Rothschilds. The recent reorganization of the London firm, by which it becomes Morgan, Grenfell & Co., Sir Edward Charles Grenfell becoming the junior partner, places the great American financier in direct connection with the Bank of England.

Sir Edward is a director in the "Old Lady of Threadneedle Street." The control of the big insurance companies in America, the steel trust, the great banks and many other enterprises have made Morgan the foremost financial figure in America. It is now said he proposes to take a leading position in the broader fields of European finance.

As an evidence of this it is said in financial circles that Mr. Morgan is to become the financial agent of the vatican. A similar rumor was current some time ago but at that time, so the story goes, Thomas F. Ryan, who is highly regarded at the Vatican, opposed the appointment and the negotiations failed. Now the Ryan proposition is withdrawn and it is believed in this city that the finances of the church will be placed in the hands of the American financiers.

There is more or less speculation which connects the name of Morgan with other important financial projects which will further strengthen his position as the world's leading money king.

CUPID GAINS LOT IN COLUMBIA COUNTY

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Dayton, Wash., Dec. 11.—Dan Cupid has taken a substantial lead in Columbia county this year, according to the courthouse records here. Records for a number of years have been broken in the divorce court, only eight divorces have been granted during the year as against about three times that number last year and a corresponding number for several previous years. Cupid Frary's records show that 62 marriage licenses were issued.

Foresters of Stayton Initiate.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Stayton, Or., Dec. 11.—At its meeting this week, Court Stayton No. 71, Foresters of America, initiated seven new members with the assistance of a drill team of 19 Foresters from Gervais. It was also voted to absorb the Foresters Court of Mill City, with 16 members.

WILLAMINA WAS HOST FOR DAY

Woodmen From Neighboring Communities Pay Pleasant Visit.

If the population of Willamina, Or., had not been depleted as rapidly as it was increased Saturday night, all records for growth would have been shattered in a day. So great was the influx of visitors at the big initiation celebration of the Woodmen of the World that every hotel, lodging house and private dwelling in the town was crowded to its roof.

More than 800 lodge members and their friends from McMinnville and Sheridan came to Willamina to see a class of 139 novitiates launched forth on their career as fraternal ax swingers. The visiting delegations were accompanied by the Sheridan military band.

Owing to the unexpectedly large throng, the banquet given by the home lodge had to be held in two hotels, one not being enough to seat the banqueters. The initiation ceremonies were celebrated in the Willamina opera house. It was the most notable event in the history of the town, according to State Organizer Tichenor of the Woodmen of the World.

Mr. Tichenor and his aide, F. M. Simpson, both of Portland, will participate in a log rolling to be put on in Newberg tomorrow night.

Aged Spinster Dies.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Forest Grove, Or., Dec. 11.—Miss Sarah Aurelia Livermore, aged 77 years, died at the home of her sister, Mrs. J. R. Hall in this city, Thursday evening, and will be buried in Forestview cemetery Sunday, the funeral services being held at the Methodist church, Rev. N. W. Phelps officiating. Miss Livermore was born at Shutesburg, Mass., January 28, 1832. She moved to Bellview, Ohio, 40 years later, and resided there until coming to Oregon 10 years ago. She was a school teacher by profession and is survived by one sister.

TEACHERS SCARCE IN INLAND EMPIRE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Dayton, Wash., Dec. 11.—Several schools in Columbia county have been closed since last fall because the boards of directors could not secure teachers. The last vacancy was filled a few days ago when school No. 52, on the Tukanon river, opened with a teacher. Acting County School Superintendent C. B. Leatherman today said:

"Two things are responsible for the dearth of teachers—the higher standard demanded and the fact that many other avenues of employment are open. Salaries of teachers are too small. A young person of energy and ability can command a higher salary in almost any other profession. Many of these lines of work require no especial qualification or ability."

Infant Dies.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Forest Grove, Or., Dec. 11.—Victoria Helen, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Victor H. Limber of this city, died yesterday. Principal H. L. Bates of Pacific university read a short funeral service at the residence, after which the body was taken to Portland for cremation. Little Victoria was born May 24, this year.

Helix Postmaster Honored.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Helix, Or., Dec. 11.—Citizens of Helix presented Postmaster S. T. Isaacs with a $25 rocking chair, it being his seventy-fifth birthday.

Journal want ads bring results.

N. P. COMPANY WINS AGAINST MINING CO.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Roseburg, Or., Dec. 11.—The Roseburg United States land office yesterday decided the contest case between the Northern Pacific Railroad company and the United Copper-Gold Mining company, in favor of the former.

The land in question comprises about 80 acres and is situated in Josephine county. The railroad company filed on the land some time ago, but in March, this year, the mining company filed a protest on the land, alleging that the land was mineral in character. The land office officials found that the mining company had expended about $10,000 on that and adjoining property.

When 30 of the best business men of the city agree to spend a day—next Tuesday—canvassing for funds to defray the expenses of the Y. M. C. A. during the coming year, it means something for Salem, says the Statesman.