

PRESIDENT GREET'S OLD TIME MORMON FOLKS AT CAPITAL

Meets "Old Folks" of Brigham Young's Time and Visits Tabernacle at Salt Lake—Assassination Rumors.

(United Press Special Wire.) Salt Lake City, Utah, Oct. 2.—President Taft is spending a busy day today in the Mormon stronghold, with Senator Reed Smoot supervising arrangements. The president took breakfast in the new Utah hotel, where he received the "old folks," President Taft is the central figure of "old folks' week," a picturesque Utah institution. During this week the old folks are the guests of the young people. They wear badges for every ten years of their lives above their heads during the entire week are transported free by the railroads. The old people came in crowds today to greet President Taft. After a general reception and informal levee in the new Utah hotel the president went to the famous tabernacle, where he heard the choir sing. He then rode to Fort Douglas to address the state fair gathering. A strenuous morning was concluded with a dinner at the Commercial club. In spite of the general antagonistic sentiment expressed in Colorado, Wyoming and Utah, President Taft has consistently maintained his stand in favor of a federal control policy for federal lands. As a result of the growing opposition to the president came rumors of a plot to assassinate President Taft in Denver. Though they state that they believe there is no real cause for anxiety, the secret service men are doubling their precautions, declaring that they can take no chances. Secret service men in all the cities which the president visits are under instructions to exercise the greatest precautions in regard to the preparations for receptions, and the local police are everywhere aroused to extra vigilance.

RESCUE OF SEPULCHER WONDERFUL PHOTOPLAY

The marches of the Crusaders to the rescue of the Holy Sepulcher have furnished material for poets, painters, and historians for centuries, but it has remained for the present day to give an actual living and moving presentation of this great period in the age of chivalry. Released for the first time in the northwest, the \$60,000 photoplay setting of the delivery of Jerusalem by the Christian knights, opened at the Majestic theatre last night and will run until Sunday. Knight Templars, the founders of the great order, are pictured in their campaigns and marches, and the whole story of the most romantic period in history—the period that produced such characters as Richard the Lion Hearted, the knightly Saladin—and gave the theme for scores of the best of romantic novels, was given for the first time in a wonderful pageant of armored knights and thrilling scenes of medieval warfare.

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MYERS MUST SETTLE DEBTS BY DEC. 5

J. N. Myers, former president of the defunct Mount Scott bank of Lewis, has been given until December 5 to make good the debts of the bank. If he should fail to do so, the court will appoint a receiver to liquidate all creditors of the institution. Presiding Judge Gatson of the circuit court will look with more favor upon his plea of guilty entered yesterday, and take this into consideration in passing on the case. It is seen from the record that Myers will be given a severe sentence in the state prison. Myers was indicted for receiving a deposit when he knew the bank was insolvent. J. C. Law and W. R. Davis, directors, were also indicted on the same charge. The charge against Law has been dismissed, but Davis will go to trial next week. Efforts are being made in his case, however, to secure a parole in case he pleads guilty. Myers was also organizer and president of the Italian-American bank, which became insolvent. Judge Gatson said that the affairs of this bank would have to be satisfactorily straightened up to be satisfactory. J. McAllister appeared for the defendant, while District Attorney Cameron represented the state.

REASONS FOR USING UNTREATED BLOCKS

In response to a communication from Attorney J. N. Teal, and the Taxpayers' league of Portland relative to the use of wood blocks for the roadway on the Burnside street bridge, County Commissioner Lightner and Hart today set forth their reasons for using untreated blocks. The league and Attorney Teal urge the use of treated blocks, saying they last much longer and are more satisfactory. The reply of the county commissioners is as follows: "We wish to submit for your information the figures that we procured with reference to the cost of this material before we started to work on the bridge. It will require approximately 331,000 blocks to re-deck the Burnside bridge. The best figure we received on treated blocks was \$43 per thousand blocks, delivered at the bridge, while we were able to get untreated blocks of the same size and quality for \$18.50 per thousand delivered at the bridge. The cost of labor in laying the blocks amounts to about \$1500. "In addition to the vast difference in cost of material, we have learned by experience that untreated blocks will last longer than the floor system or plank under the blocks. The floor system always decays long before the blocks do, thus permitting the blocks to settle down unevenly and split so that even untreated blocks will last longer than the foundation on which they rest. The blocks do not wear out from decay or use, but from the decaying of the floor system. If the floor system could be made to last, it might be economy to use treated blocks, but even then we would have to be satisfied that they would last nearly three times as long as the untreated which is very doubtful. "A bridge is so constructed that the air gets at it from below as well as from above and the timber dies out very quickly. And in hot weather in spite of sprinkling the blocks shrink, become loose and break. On a street where they are laid on a concrete foundation they hold the moisture better and do not get dry enough to do any damage. We have in mind the question of experimenting with treated timber for the floor system and if this proves satisfactory it will effect a great saving on the cost of bridge repairs."

Cooos County Pioneer Dies.

(Special to The Journal.) Bandon, Or., Oct. 2.—The funeral of Adelbert A. Morse, deputy United States land commissioner and pioneer of Cooos county, was held yesterday at his late residence and was conducted by the G. A. R., of which he was a member. The deceased was 61 years of age, a native of Maine, but since the war had held a continuous residence in Oregon.

CHIEF REQUESTS MORE PATROLMEN

Seventeen Additional Men Are Needed to Give Force Two Days Off Monthly.

Chief of Police Sliver, in a communication submitted to the ways and means committee of the city council yesterday, recommends the passage of an ordinance giving policemen two days off in every month provided the council puts 17 additional patrolmen on the beat. He does not favor the two-day-a-month vacation unless the force is increased. He says the plan of doubling the size of the beat is impracticable. The committee will take action on the proposed ordinance after the yearly tax levy for the police department has been considered. Only one offer was received yesterday from owners of prospective jail sites. Dr. C. W. Cornelius wants to sell a piece of ground at Fourth and Ankeny streets for \$125,000. The lot is 73x39. J. W. Travers appeared before the committee and offered to sell the lot adjoining the present police station for \$21,000. Mr. Travers has an option on the property, which is owned by "Lucky Jack" Peterson. The committee decided to hold a joint meeting with the police committee of

the executive board before finally selecting a site for the new jail. A complaint made by the Mutual Fire company against Deputy City Fire Marshal W. H. Roberts was filed. The complaint protests that Deputy Roberts refuses to give out insurance data to mutual companies here. Councilman Burgard said that the commissioner had no more right to expect Deputy Roberts to give out information of this character than he would have to expect it from a city councilman. Mr. Roberts receives no pay from the city and is employed by a number of San Francisco insurance companies to investigate possible risks in Portland. Purchase of two lots for \$1700 in Rose City Park to be used as a fire station site was recommended by the committee. The committee recommended the passage of an ordinance directing the city

WORK BEING RUSHED ON MILL AT AUSTIN

Assistant District Forester F. E. Ames has returned from a trip of inspection through the Whitman National forest and reports everything in excellent condition. The W. H. Hodges Lumber company has completed the foundation for its mill at Austin and will rush work on the building. This company bought 75,000,000 feet of yellow pine timber on the Whitman reserve from the government and expects to have its mill cutting lumber by the first of the year. The new mill will handle 40,000 feet of lumber a day. The company has seven years in which to complete cutting the timber. The Baker White Pine Lumber company, which bought 25,000,000 feet some time ago, has completed cutting 6,000,000 feet and Frank Gardiner, president of the company, declares that he does not find it at all hard to live up to the government regulations. The companies buying government timber must keep all brush and trash collected in piles and burn these piles after the fall rains begin. They must also leave all small trees and as a rule they leave a majority of trees up to 10 or 12 inches in diameter, as these

are full of knots and are not the best for lumber. The Baker company were to have started burning the trash and limbs which have been collected during the summer on last Monday, but more storms came up and they were compelled to wait until the weather settled.

TELEGRAPH OPERATOR IS CUT IN TWO BY TRAIN

Seattle, Oct. 2.—Louis Phelps, Great Northern telegraph operator, was cut in two by a switch engine early this morning at Interbay. Phelps had stopped across the track from the station to give orders to a mail train, and as he returned he did not notice the cars bearing down on him. He was 21 and the sole support of a widowed mother and brother.

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