

A HUNDRED ACRES OF APPLES ARE PLANTED

Work on the A. C. Bohrnstedt Orchard company's land at Creswell is progressing very satisfactorily, says the Chronicle. Up to the first of the week 100 acres of the Hillsgas, Martin and Pirle places had been set to trees and yesterday the work of planting started on the Hawley place of 225 acres on which the holes are already dug and everything is in preparation for the trees. Fifty acres of the Reed place is also ready for trees.

Of the 100 acres already set, the following have been bought: Miss Fox, 10 acres; Rev. Dick, 10 acres; R. L. Trestrail, 10 acres; C. H. Sedgwick, 10 acres; L. B. Schel, 7 1/2 acres; A. C. Bohrnstedt, 7 1/2 acres; Miss Spencer, 7 1/2 acres; Mrs. Sedgwick, 5 acres.

Forty men are busy every day on the company's holdings and it will probably be at latter part of April before the work of planting is finished.

Fifty thousand seedlings are root-pruned and ready for the nursery, and 25,000 more were received the first of this week and are being prepared in the same manner. Planting is going on nicely and 400 acres are now ready for planting.

Workmen are also engaged in digging 12 acres of potatoes. The work on the orchards is being done in a first-class manner and when completed this large tract of orchard land will be one of the best in every respect in the northwest.

ONLY ONE LIFE REPORTED SAVED IN STEAMER WRECK

Palma Majorica, Feb. 11.—The French trans-Atlantic steamer General Chanzy, from Marseilles, was wrecked on the north coast of this island and it is stated that only a single passenger was saved out of all persons on board.

Paris, Feb. 11.—The General Chanzy carried 75 passengers, besides a crew of 60 or 70, according to the statement of her owners. Her loss is confirmed, and that only one life was saved is certain.

TRAIN ROBBER HAS CONFESSED

St. Louis, Feb. 11.—George Ebeling, according to Post-office Inspector W. W. Dickenson, confessed today that he and William Lowe, under arrest with him, held up and robbed the Missouri Pacific train near Eureka, Missouri, on the night of January 21. Their plunder from registered mail, according to the confession, was \$600.

BLACHLEY NEWS

Blachley, Feb. 10.—P. R. Rust returned from a trip to Eugene. Jeff Campbell, our stage driver, makes trips on time, regardless of bad roads.

Hattie Daugherty returned from San Francisco last week, after a sojourn of two months, visiting with her sister and friends.

Ira Brown intends to start up his logging camp in full blast in about ten days.

W. P. Drugg will build a house and barn on his farm this spring. Mr. Drugg was offered \$4000 for his 40-acre tract last week, but refused the offer.

W. B. Blachley and wife returned from a visit to eastern Oregon. They saw no place to compare with their lovely home out here.

A. P. Slayter, Asa Slayter and I. N. Sprague returned from New Mexico, much disgusted with the country. They intended to purchase a home there in the desert lands. They say Lake Creek is good enough for us.

Simon Jay, who purchased the Drugg and Rust sawmill, intends to put out one million feet of lumber this spring. Jay is a hustler and we know he will do it.

T. G. Hendricks says work will not begin on the two-story brick block to be erected by his niece, Miss Elma and Norma Hendricks, at the corner of East Ninth and Oak streets until the weather is settled in the spring. He does not want to be delayed in the erection of the building. The contract with the renter calls for the completion of the block by the first of July.

Yesterday's Albany Herald: Among Eugene people stopping at the Revere Hotel are J. K. Pratt, J. S. Magliard, S. S. Spencer and Geo. Yoran.

Mr. and Mrs. DeWolfe, of Michigan City, after a short visit with friends in Eugene, left this afternoon for points south. They are on a trip to California.

SPITZER SAYS HE IS VICTIM OF SUGAR TRUST

New York, Feb. 10.—"The Sugar trust made a scapegoat of me. It sacrificed me absolutely. It sold me and ruined me after I served it faithfully for 23 years."

This declared Oliver Spitzer, former dock superintendent of the American Sugar Refining Company plant at Williamstorg, after he had heard a sentence of two years in the Atlanta prison in posed upon him today by Justice Matlin.

Spitzer was convicted of conspiracy to defraud by underweighing sugar. In broken tones Spitzer bitterly arraigned the sugar trust.

"The government cried for a victim, and the sugar trust answered by sacrificing me and four 18-a-week checkers. None of us were guilty of any branch of the law, but somebody had to go to prison to save those higher up."

He said he had not been in the scale house for fifteen years, and knew nothing of the manipulation of the weighing devices.

PUBLICITY CURE FOR MANY EVILS

Washington, D. C., Feb. 10.—The report of the commissioner of corporations, made public last night, entertains the suggestions:

The deepest interest of this generation lies in the control of its dominant commercial forces. The issue is moral, involving deeply our American ideal of equal opportunity under the law. It is financial, and on



Herbert Knox Smith. Its outcome depends the ultimate stability of our business system.

The corporation has become the accepted machinery for handling these forces. It is the artificial creature of the community. We have given it great powers and exemptions not permitted to the individual. We have made it effective. We have likewise made it capable of sinister misuse.

The corporation has concentrated enormous commercial power in the hands of a few men. At the same time it has lessened their personal responsibility for the proper use of that power. Sense of personal obligation to the community becomes submerged in vast corporate entities.

Through the Bureau of Corporations, the Federal government has deliberately taken the side of the fair user of our commercial forces. The instrument of the Bureau in its work has been "efficient publicity."

It has been pioneer work on a vast subject, but the results have shown what can be done and how to do it. A great awakening has taken place in recent years as to our business methods. The Bureau does not assert that it has done anything more than aid in this process. But it does contend that the principles which it has used are the same ones which have brought about this advance and will continue it.

Nancy Rann was today appointed administratrix of the estate of David Hasler, deceased. The estimated value of the property of the estate is \$500.

NO ARRESTS IN SWOPE CASE UNTIL AFTER GRAND JURY INVESTIGATES CASE

Kansas City, Feb. 10.—No arrest in the Swope case, following yesterday's verdict of the coroner's jury, had been ordered this forenoon, and none is expected today. A grand jury will be asked to take up the case, and no warrant will be sworn until that body has made its recommendations, it is said.

GRAND JURY CALLED Judge Ralph S. Latshaw, of the criminal court, today instructed the county marshal to empanel a special grand jury to convene Saturday to investigate the death of Colonel Thomas H. Swope.

Chronological. October 1, 1909.—James Moss Hinton, cousin of Colonel Thomas H. Swope, died unexpectedly at the Swope home in Independence, Mo., a suburb of Kansas City, supposedly of apoplexy.

October 3.—Thomas H. Swope, died unexpectedly, exactly as Mr. Hinton had died, supposedly of apoplexy.

October 9.—The will of Thomas H. Swope filed for probate. The estate valued at \$3,000,000 and of this \$1,500,000 was left to members of the Swope family.

December 1.—Miss Margaret Swope, niece of Thomas H. Swope, stricken with typhoid fever.

December 2.—Christman Swope, nephew of Thomas H. Swope, stricken with typhoid.

December 4.—Miss Cora Dickson, governess in the Swope home and a cousin of Colonel Swope, and Miss Coppe, a negro servant in the Swope household, both stricken with typhoid fever.

December 5.—Stewart M. Fleming of Menure county, Tenn., nephew of Colonel Swope, who was visiting at the Swope home, stricken with typhoid.

December 9.—Miss Sara Swope, 14 years old, a niece of Colonel Swope, stricken with typhoid.

December 11.—Miss Stella Swope, niece of Colonel Swope, stricken with typhoid.

December 18.—Miss Swope Lucy Lee, a relative of Colonel Swope stricken with typhoid four days after her arrival from Europe.

December 20.—Dr. Bennett Clarke Hyde, whose wife was a niece of Colonel Swope and who had attended Mr. Hinton and Colonel Swope in their last illness, stricken with typhoid.

All Alleged Plot. Investigators of the alleged plot worked upon the theory that Colonel Swope and his nephew Christman were poisoned with capsules, that others might get in possession of his estate and that the plotters then liberally set about getting rid of other principal heirs by inoculating seven members of the family with typhoid fever germs.

ASKS DAMAGES FOR ASSAULT BY BRAKEMAN

James McAvoy, who a few weeks ago was arrested on the charge of shooting at Brakeman Conway, of the Southern Pacific Company, and who is now confined in the county jail, having been bound over to appear for trial in the circuit court, today instituted suit in that court against the railroad company for damages alleged to have been incurred by an assault on the brakeman at whom he is accused of shooting. He asks for \$2000.

McAvoy, in his complaint, filed by his attorney, M. Vernon Parsons, alleges that on January 10, 1910, he was standing on the depot platform in Eugene, when he was brutally assaulted by Brakeman Arthur Conway. He alleges that the brakeman kicked him in the face, felling him to the platform, causing him great pain and injury.

It will be remembered that McAvoy was accused of trying to steal a ride on a freight train, and after being put off, shot at the brakeman, but he positively declares that it was a case of mistaken identity. He says he had not expected to board the train and it was some other person that shot at the brakeman.

SENATOR BORAH ON INCOME TAX AMENDMENT

Washington, Feb. 10.—Senator William E. Borah, of Idaho, took occasion in the Senate today to attack the position of those who oppose acceptance by the several states of the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States which would permit the levying of a tax on incomes without apportionment between the states.

Incidentally the Senator paid his respects to Governor Hughes, of New York, including him by inference among those who profess to be in favor of an income tax but oppose practical measures which would permit its enforcement. His allusion was of course to Governor Hughes' annual message to the New York state legislature urging defeat of the proposed amendment on the ground that its language might be construed as to authorize Congress to tax incomes derived from state and municipal bonds.

Lloyd Bellman has resigned his position in F. E. Dunn's dry goods store, the resignation to take effect on February 20, and he and Mrs. Bellman will leave shortly after that time for San Pedro, Cal., where Mr. Bellman will engage in the men's furnishing business with his brother, Frank. His parents and brother have resided there for several years.

Water Works Franchise Granted at Creswell. Creswell, Feb. 10.—The city council, at its meeting Monday night, granted to R. H. Parsons, of this city, a franchise to furnish the city and its inhabitants with water for a period of twenty-five years.

Special Correspondence. Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey For Coughs and Colds.

BORN In Eugene, Feb. 9, 1910, to H. G. Lowe and wife, a son.

LAND FRAUD CASES ON TRIAL IN WYOMING

Lander Wyo., Feb. 10.—Sixty-four defendants in alleged coal land frauds against the government appearing today before the United States land office in this city, in cases which have been brought by the government for cancellation of their titles to coal lands, which are said to be the most valuable in the state.

The cases involve 9,500 acres of land, lying in the mineral district north of Lander, and have been appraised by government experts at a value of nearly \$1,500,000. The government alleges that these lands were filed upon by "dummy" entrymen for the benefit of the Owl Creek road company and the Northwestern Coal company, which are controlled largely by New York capitalists. The two companies are reported to be associated with the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad. The cases are commonly known as the "Gabo coal land fraud cases," as Samuel W. Gabo, George W. Dally, Rufus P. Ireland, and others were alleged to be instrumental in securing the titles to the lands involved.

The cases have been under investigation by federal land agents for three years, and various actions have been brought in court. An injunction suit was brought in the United States court at Cheyenne, recently by the government, asking that the Owl Creek Coal Company be restrained from operating coal mines at Gabo, Big Horn county, which are said to be producing 700 tons of coal daily. A temporary restraining order was granted by the court and more than a thousand miners were thrown out of work.

John A. Williams, law examiner of the land office, will hear the cases, and Captain George H. Hair, chief of the field division of the land office at Salt Lake, Utah, will act as registrar. About forty witnesses will be summoned, a large part of them from New York City.

MATRIMONIAL OFFER OF COMMERCIAL CLUB ATTRACTS ATTENTION

Manager Freeman is Receiving Many Replies From Ads In Eastern Papers

That Manager Freeman's free matrimonial bureau has caught on in the East is evidenced by the numerous answers to advertisements he has inserted in newspapers in that section of the country.

A letter from a man in Tampa, Florida, received this morning, contains the following:

"I was much impressed with your ad in the Chicago Tribune of 'Free Marriages in Sunny Old Eugene.' Now, that struck me as a very clever idea. Are you in a position to send illustrated newspaper story on Eugene and your new marriage inducement idea. Are you in any position to send me any literature of your town?"

The advertisement, as inserted in a large number of papers is as follows:

FREE MARRIAGES IN SUNNY OLD EUGENE — Commercial Club, of Eugene, positively pays the wedding expenses for newcomers who want to marry and settle here. Oregon University city of 12,000 best people top o' dirt. Centre splendid agricultural region; country prosperous; big development projects in progress. Orchard, garden, poultry, truck, asparagus farms, dairying—all pay big. Write Department C, Commercial Club. We sell nothing, but give you good will and information.

While Sid Smith is in Portland he will try to close a contract with "Dolly" Gray and will interview other professional players in the metropolis. A few imported men with the best of local talent will make a great team. Gray was signed with Aberdeen, of the Northwestern league, to captain the team this year, but it appears that Aberdeen will be squeezed out of the league.

HIGH COMPLIMENT PAID THE GUARD

A Harrisburg correspondent writes as follows: "The Guard is growing in popularity in this city and vicinity at a very rapid rate. It comes to us each day glittering with the news from every quarter, and especially a full history of the day's proceedings in the city beautiful—Eugene. Being independent and non-partisan, gives it a scope not enjoyed by newspapers committed to political interests. This feature makes it an ideal visitor for the home, and in nearly every instance it is the first to be scanned of the morning mail. It can be safely predicted that its conservative course and faithful portrayal of the news will land it high up in the scale of success."

FORMER CHAMPION PUGILIST MARRIED

Boston, Mass., Feb. 9.—John L. Sullivan, once the world's champion pugilist, was married last night to Miss Kate Harkins, of 285 Roxbury street, Boston. The ceremony was performed in the parlor of the Parker House of Fred Ingersoll, clerk of the Municipal Court. Only a few friends of the bride and of the "big fellow" were present. Today the couple will sail for Europe on the steamer Ivernia to spend the rest of the winter traveling.

A Portland girl was being followed by a contemptible scrub of a masher, when she turned and asked: "Have you a sister, and if you have how would you like to have her treated as you are treating me?" He sneaked.

EUGENE AND SPRINGFIELD IN TRI-CITY LEAGUE

Eugene and Springfield may have a team in the Tri-City league this year. Sid Smith, who managed the Eugene team of last year that made such a brilliant record, winning fully 85 per cent of the games played during the season, went to Portland today to meet with the officials of the league to arrange to put a team in here. He has already started negotiations for a number of players of note, among them being "Dolly" Gray of Coast league and Northwestern league fame and has several other well-known professionals in view.

The Midway park, on the car line halfway between Eugene and Springfield, is an ideal location for grounds, as it brings patronage from both places. Last year's games paid quite well and it is certain that with a better class of ball this year, the management will be able to easily pull out even and probably have a surplus at the end of the season.

Eight Club League. An eight-club league with a Sunday and holiday schedule of 25 games and a class D rating is what the officers of the league are working for and it is expected that their plans will be crystallized at the next meeting.

There will be two clubs in Portland with the Goodyear Goldsals taking one of the franchises. Portsmouth will have one of the clubs with Charlie Moore, formerly of the Coast league, as manager, and Vancouver will be the fourth club in the vicinity. Salem, Albany and some other city in the valley will

Richard Harding Davis. "Tinis" Written to Famous Author's Own Romance.

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MORE TAXES TO COLLECT THAN LAST YEAR

Sheriff Bown will collect over \$60,000 more taxes this year than he did last, the 1909 tax roll being that much greater than in 1908. The amounts to be collected this year and those collected last year are as follows:

State and County Tax	
1909	\$286,099.48
1908	287,719.39
School Tax	
1909	\$91,583.66
1908	60,102.74
Road Tax	
1909	\$43,099.27
1908	37,317.59
Special City Taxes	
1909	\$68,754.34
1908	45,350.47
Port of Siuslaw	
1909	\$6,467.18
1908	4,966.93
Assessed Valuation	
1909	\$496,063.99
1908	433,500.19

The total assessed valuation of the property in the county for the 1909 roll was \$22,066,920, and for the 1908 roll \$19,181,315.

ALLDS ACCEPTED BRIBE MONEY FOR LEGISLATION

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 9.—The "man who handled the money" was brought before the state senate today by Senator Ben Conger to confront Conger's charge that Jotham P. Allds, its majority leader, accepted \$1000 for influencing legislation.

He proved to be Hiram G. Moo, veteran ex-bank cashier of Groton, where Conger lives. He declared positively that the capitol, on April 23, 1901, he had handed Senator Allds an envelope containing \$1000. The purpose for which this alleged transfer of money was made did not appear in the direct testimony, but Senator Conger filed an affidavit in which he declared that the payment was made upon Allds' demand "in the interests of the American Bridge company."

Moo declared he gave \$4000 to another legislator and \$1000 to a third.

MARRIED

At the M. E. parsonage, February 9, 1910, Samuel E. Walker and Miss Grace Hills, Rev. D. H. Trimble officiating. They will reside at Hazel Dell where they are very popular.

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