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CAMPAIGN TO OWN-YOUR-OWN HOME STARTS

LOCAL BUILDING AND LOAN ASSOCIATION WILL BE ORGANIZED NEXT MONDAY

COMMITTEE FORMULATING PLAN

Preliminary Meeting Was Held Last Evening With Home Building Plan Discussed

To promote the home-owning spirit, and to make possible the owning of homes by our thrifty citizens, are the aims of a group of local business men who gathered in the parlors of the First National bank last night and put into motion machinery for the organization of a building, loan and savings association.

Discussion brought out the unanimity of thought upon the subject, it being the unanimous expression that there was need for the association, and following this determination, a committee was named to arrange the form of bylaws, and to outline the plan under which the association should operate. This committee is composed of Messrs. Swope, Hackett and Allyn, and its report is to be presented at a meeting to be held in the bank parlors next Monday evening, to which all who are interested are invited to come and assist in the organization.

The preliminary discussion is in favor of provision for two classes of stock, one a paid-up stock to earn a guaranteed rate of interest, the other an installment stock to share in the profits of the association, and if the plans mature, money should be available to assist in purchase and in the building of many new homes in Grants Pass during the next summer. The investment feature of the stock will also be attractive, and the interest payments should make it a better investment than the foreign bonds that are so readily purchased. The stock in the local association will be backed up by mortgage loans on modern homes in Grants Pass, and the money will go into the building of more homes.

BUILDING TRADES HEAD MUST GO TO PRISON

New York, Feb. 8.—(A. P.)—Robt. P. Brindell, president of the Building Trades Council, was convicted of extortion from builders and sentenced to from five to 10 years in prison.

PORTLAND MARKETS

Portland, Feb. 8.—(A. P.)—Cattle, lower, choice steers \$7.50 to \$8.25; hogs, slow; sheep and butter steady; eggs 2c lower, buying price, case count 28c to 30c, selling price unchanged.

FRENCH MAGISTRATES SEEK HIGHER WAGES

Paris, Feb. 8.—(A. P.)—Judges of many of the French courts including some of the higher tribunals are hinting that they would like to have their pay raised at least to the equivalent of telegraph operators, warehouse watchmen and junior army officers. Their friends point out that the salaries of many of the magistrates are less than those of even ordinarily skilled workmen.

The newspapers have taken up the campaign in their behalf and are urging that they be granted allowances to enable them to live at least decently. Some of the judges have told publicly that their colleagues without private income have to sell their personal property accumulated in better days or do clerical work at home to eke out a living.

French judges are paid from 500 francs a month (now equivalent to about \$35) up to 333 francs (now equivalent to about \$58) for the presiding judge of the higher tribunals.

HUNGARY MAKES COMPLAINT TO U.S.

Wants Better Control Kept Over Undesirable Aliens Sent Home From America

Washington, Feb. 8.—(A. P.)—Representations have been made to the state department by the Hungarian government through the Swedish minister, concerning the manner of deportation of undesirable aliens from the United States. Hungary alleged that deported aliens had been given such liberty aboard vessels as to permit them to organize propaganda against the governments of Europe which had produced "certain undesirable results" in Hungary. The state department was asked to have deported aliens segregated aboard vessels.

AN EXCHANGE OF GOODS BY BRITONS AND DANES

London, Feb. 8.—(A. P.)—An attempt is being made to establish a system of barter, or exchange of goods, between British and Danish business concerns, so as to eliminate the difficulties arising from the uncertainties of exchange rates.

At the invitation of the Danish minister of commerce, a party of British business men headed by Sir Charles Sykes, a member of parliament, has gone to Copenhagen to inaugurate the proposed barter.

Sir Charles, who is a prominent figure in the Yorkshire woolen trade and was wool controller during the war, has advocated the bartering system as the best possible solution of the present industrial troubles in this country.

PORTLAND WILL BUILD BIG STADIUM TO SEAT 30,000

Portland, Ore., Feb. 8.—(A. P.)—Portland has joined the ever-growing group of Pacific coast cities planning on building athletic stadiums. City officials, it became known recently, are considering construction of a big amphitheater, with a seating capacity of 30,000 on the Portland Country club grounds which recently were purchased by the city.

IMPORT BUGS TO PREY ON ENEMIES OF CROPS

Sacramento, Cal., Feb. 8.—(A. P.)—The state of California may search in far distant lands for bugs that will make a successful war on insect enemies of horticultural and agricultural crops.

Senator F. A. Arbuttle, of Fillmore, has a bill pending that would appropriate \$10,000 to be spent through the department of agriculture in sending an expert entomologist to "South Africa, southern Europe or such countries as may be deemed necessary to collect and import into this state parasitic and predaceous insects for use in the control of black scale, red scale" and other insects.

EQUAL RIGHTS HAS ALSO DISADVANTAGES

Sacramento, Cal., Feb. 8.—(A. P.)—Equal rights for women ought to carry equal obligations, is the opinion of Assemblyman Parkinson of Stockton. He has introduced a bill in the California legislature that would make separate property of a wife liable for the payment of debts contracted by the husband or wife for the necessities of life furnished to them or either of them while they were living together.

Heretofore, the separate property of the wife has been exempt from claims of that class.

GERMANS WILL TAKE HAND IN CONFERENCE

INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN TALK FEST WITH THE ALIENS IS ACCEPTED

TO BE HELD IN LONDON MARCH 1

Negotiations Expected to Include Consideration of Counter Proposals of Huns

Berlin, Feb. 8.—(A. P.)—The German government has accepted an invitation to participate in the allied conference on reparations in London March 1st, it was announced here today. It was stated that it assumed the negotiations will include a discussion of German counter proposals.

CORNWALL TIN MINERS CONTRIBUTE OPERATION COST

Redruch, Cornwall, Eng., Feb. 8.—(A. P.)—Workers at the Tincraft mines have offered to contribute £200 a month to keep the tin mines there in operation. This action has been taken because the industry is suffering from depression consequent on the fall in the price of tin. The workers in a resolution sent to the directors, express gratitude for keeping the mines going and promise to do their utmost to increase production.

JOSEPHINE MINING INTERESTS TO BE CONFERENCE SUBJECT SATURDAY

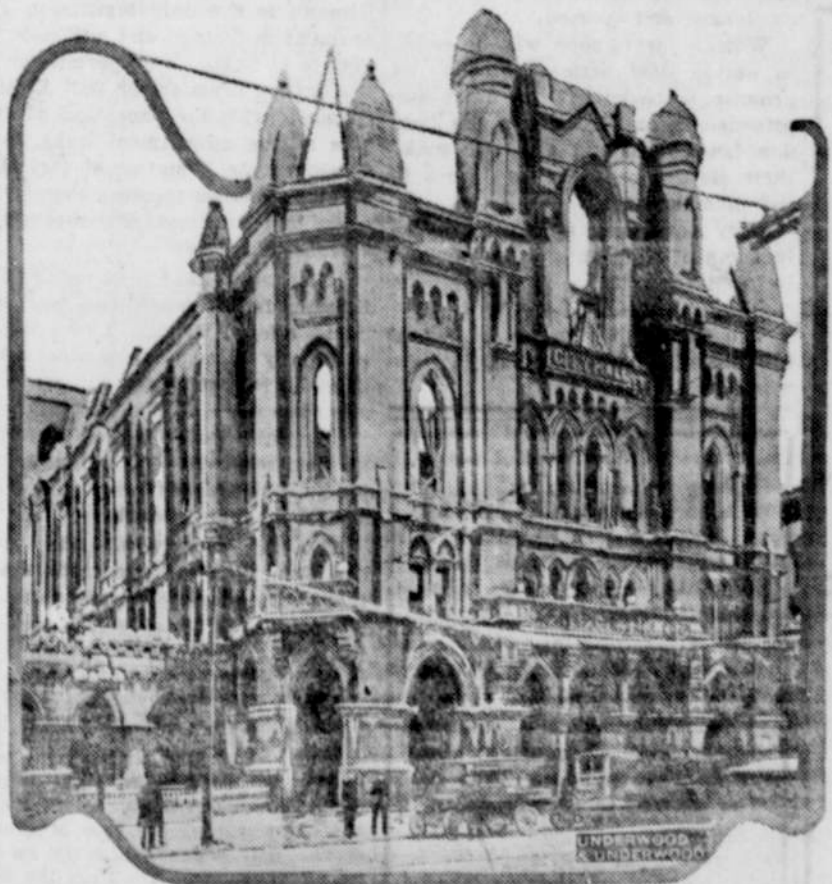
Is Josephine county the foremost mining district in the entire Pacific Northwest? This question has prompted the local Chamber of Commerce to call a big joint meeting of every miner, prospector, engineer, business man and all others interested in the future of the mining industry in Josephine county, for the purpose of proving to the world that this question can be answered in the affirmative. The meeting will be at the Chamber of Commerce rooms on Saturday evening, February 12th, at 6 o'clock.

Henry M. Parks, director of the Oregon state bureau of mines and geology, will present to the meeting an invitation from the third annual international mining convention to send a Josephine county mining exhibit and ore display to this important 5-day convention April 5th to 9th inclusive. Mr. Parks will detail the elaborate plans that are being made for this convention to be held in the big Portland auditorium.

The meeting Saturday night will start with supper at 6 o'clock, followed by Mr. Parks' talk, with other short talks and a general discussion on the subject. After the general meeting, a get-acquainted smoker, with cards and other stunts for the entertainment of those who desire to spend a pleasant evening, will be given.

Those desiring to reserve their seats at the dinner tables should get in touch with the secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, or with O. S. Blanchard, who will be chairman of the evening. A large and representative attendance is desired.

Columbus City Hall Is Burned



An excellent view of the City hall at Columbus, Ohio, 12 hours after it had been destroyed by fire of unknown origin. A mere shell of the magnificent structure remains.

SECESSION OF SOUTH AFRICA NOW POSSIBLE

OUTCOME OF ELECTION BEING HELD TODAY MAY BE VITAL TO BRITISH PROVINCES

GEN. SMUTZ LEADS LOYALISTS

Balance of Power in Contest Is Held by a Third Party Representing Laborites

London, Feb. 8.—(A. P.)—No less vital an issue than the secession of the South African provinces from the British Empire arises in the election today of a new legislative assembly in the Union of South Africa. General Smutz, former Boer general, now premier, heads the loyalists. Opposite to him is General Hertzog, also former Boer military leader. The result is said to hinge on the success of a third or balance of power party, that of labor. English observers expect a small majority for General Smutz.

The Rogue Mail Route

The bondsmen of the former mail carrier on the lower Rogue river route are now hauling the mail from Merlin to Gold Beach, part of the distance being by truck, part by pack train and the rest by boat. J. J. Weersing formerly had the contract, but surrendered it about six weeks ago.

MOONEY WITNESS CLAIMS FRAME-UP

Man Who Identified Preparedness Day Murder Suspect Now Says Testimony Was Forced

New York, Feb. 8.—(A. P.)—Frank P. Walsh, counsel for Thomas J. Mooney, convicted of murder in connection with the San Francisco preparedness day bomb explosion, telegraphed San Francisco authorities that John McDonald, now of Trenton, N. J., a witness against Mooney, declared he had been forced by District Attorney Fickert to falsely identify Mooney at the trial as the man seen with the suitcase. He said the case was a frame-up.

CALIFORNIA HAD AN OFF HUNTING YEAR

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 8.—(A. P.)—Nineteen twenty was one of the poorest, if not the poorest, on record in California, according to R. S. Hunter, assistant executive officer of the California Fish and Game Commission. Humboldt county alone where the hunting on Humboldt bay was better than usual, was a normal locality, he said.

Dry weather early in the season and too much water later, which made a lot of "loafing water" for the ducks to use undisturbed, were among the causes, Hunter said. A mild winter in the north, which did not cause as large a southward migration as usual, was given by him as another reason.

The year also was bad for salmon and striped bass in the rivers, according to E. Downing of the commercial fisheries department of the commission. The cause was unknown, he said.

SENATE COMMITTEE WOULD SEE COPY OF AGREEMENT

Washington, Feb. 8.—(A. P.)—The senate foreign relations committee voted to ask the state department for a copy of the agreement between Ambassadors Morris and Shidehara for a new treaty dealing with the California anti-alien law.

KING ALBERT WELL FED ON AMERICAN R.R. DINER

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 8.—(A. P.)—King Albert of Belgium, has awarded to John S. MacDonald, dining car inspector of the Pennsylvania railroad at New York, the silver medal of the Order of Leopold II in recognition of the services rendered to the royal party during the tour of the United States made by the king last year.

Mr. MacDonald was in charge of the dining car arrangements and accompanied the party on its tour. He had charge of similar trips for many notable persons including Prince Henry of Prussia, President McKinley and the Prince of Wales.

MEDFORD VICTOR IN BASKETBALL GAMES

The girls' basketball team went to Medford Friday afternoon and played there Friday evening. After the girls' game the boys of the Hill Military academy of Portland played the Medford boys, and in both games the score was very satisfactory to Medford. In the first game the score was 33-9, and in the boys game, 16-9.

The girls were entertained after the game by the Medford team and arrived home at a late hour.

The floor at Medford was very large and as local girls are used to playing on the small floor in the Junior high building they were seriously handicapped by this.

WILL PROVIDE MILLIONS FOR FARMER LOANS

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL IS GIVEN BY SENATE COMMITTEE TO A RELIEF MEASURE

TO BUY \$100,000,000 BONDS

Treasury to Be Given Authority to Obtain Funds to Aid Producers of Nation

Washington, Feb. 8.—(A. P.)—Unanimous approval was given by the senate agriculture committee to the measure by Senators Glass and Swanson, of Virginia, authorizing the treasury to purchase a hundred million dollars of farm loan bonds so as to make available funds for loans to farmers.

ARMY APPROPRIATION BILL PASSES HOUSE

Washington, Feb. 8.—(A. P.)—The army appropriation bill carrying \$329,000,000 and providing for only 150,000 men in 1922, has been passed by the house and sent to the senate.

JAPANESE IN HAWAII SHOULD KEEP OWN SPHERE

Hilo, T. H., Feb. 8.—(A. P.)—That Japanese who live in Hawaii should confine their activities to their own spheres and not seek to hinder American interests was the declaration made at a meeting of Japanese here by C. Yada, consul-general of Japan with headquarters at Honolulu. Addressing the meeting in which the majority of his hearers were Japanese language school teachers, Consul-general Yada said:

"It is your duty to prepare your pupils for American citizenship, which is their birthright.

"Japanese who live in Hawaii must confine their activities to their own sphere and not seek to hinder American interests."

ESTATES MUST PAY MORE TAX TO STATE

Salem, Feb. 8.—(A. P.)—The state will receive about \$100,000 in taxes from various estates as a result of a supreme court decision today that the estate of John Clarke, of Portland, was entitled to only an exemption of \$10,000. The lower court allowed \$61,000 exemption.

TWO DIE IN GUN FIGHT IN SALT LAKE HOTEL

Salt Lake City, Feb. 8.—(A. P.)—Detective Hamby was shot dead at a hotel here by Tom Burns, who was shot by Chief of Police Burbridge during a raid on Burns' room. Burns died within an hour.

THE LAVA BEAR MAY BE ON THE WAR PATH

Klamath Falls, Ore., Feb. 8.—(A. P.)—Recent queer occurrences reported in the lava bed region in the northern part of Modoc county, California, have caused some inhabitants to fear that some long dormant volcano is about to break forth. The family of W. P. Heryford, it is reported, was awakened recently before midnight by queer rumbling noises. On rising and looking out, they said they saw flames in the hills across the lake from their dwelling. The flames at intervals shot high into the air, the increase in volume being accompanied by the rumbling sounds.

Other persons have reported similar sights and occurrences, but owing to the remoteness of the district, authentic information is difficult to obtain. The lava fields are north of Mount Lassen and north-east of Mount Shasta.