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MINING CONGRESS ELECTS HERZINGER

PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY FROM GRANTS PASS.

MINING MATTER DISCUSSED

Passes Resolution Protesting Against Unjust Discrimination by Bureaus.

Medford, Feb. 3.—H. L. Herzinger of Grants Pass was elected president of the Southern Oregon and Northern California Mining congress in session here for two days, and which closed tonight.

Yreka, California, was chosen as the next place of meeting, the date to be June 18.

Election of other officers for the ensuing year, passing resolutions asking for federal maps of the districts that do not have them at the present time and for federal ore testing plants; deciding to unite the Southern Oregon and Northern California congress as a single interest under the Oregon State Mining association, considering the advisability of sending ore exhibits to Kansas City land show, and listening to many interesting addresses, filled the first day of the third semi-annual convention of the mining congress.

List of New Officers.

First Past President—O. L. Young, Ashland.

President—H. L. Herzinger, Grants Pass.

First Vice President—J. L. Luce, Yreka.

Second Vice President—R. L. Ray, Medford.

Third Vice President—C. B. Wilson, Ashland.

Secretary—O. H. Griswold, Grants Pass.

Treasurer—F. J. Newman, Medford.

Assistant Secretaries—F. J. Newman, Medford; C. L. Proebstel, Yreka; O. L. Young, Ashland; H. Griffiths, Gallece; Rex Lampman, Gold Hill; F. W. Carnahan, Blue Ledge.

An important act of the congress was the naming of a committee to draw up a resolution of protest against the continued arbitrary interference of bureaucrats at Washington with the miners on the public domain of the west. It is contended that the miner is wholly within his rights when he goes in the mineral fields and locates a ledge of mineral and uses what timber is legitimately needed. The miner is wholly within his rights, it is argued, because he is acting under the law of congress approved May 10, 1872, and subsequent acts, which declared that when he does \$500 worth of work on his claim or \$500 worth of work on or for each claim he may locate, he is entitled to patent on the payment of certain fees. Yet the bureaus make rulings which harass him and delay his patent and nullify the laws of the federal congress. This the mining congress here will combat, and copies of the res-

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K. of P. Installation—

At its regular convention, held at its hall Tuesday February 6, Thermopylae lodge No. 50, K. of P., installed the following named officers: C. C. Stanley Rowell; V. C. William Huggert; prelate and master of the work, J. D. Wurtsbaugh; keeper of records and seals, Lincoln Savage; master of finance, W. T. Utley; master of exchequer, Joseph Moss; master at arms, T. W. Williams.

Two Doctors to Retire—

Dr. F. M. Hartsook, who has had office rooms in the Kettle Gray building, over the Rogue River Hardware store, for the past several months, expects to leave soon with his wife for Ohio to locate permanently. Dr. Williams, who has been in Grants Pass for a short time expects to go to Ohio also.

RURAL ROUTE NO. 3 STARTS APRIL FIRST

Beginning April 1 a daily rural mail delivery from Grants Pass to Woodville and intermediate points on two sides of Rogue river will be inaugurated.

Postmaster G. W. Donnell of Grants Pass has just received this information from the postoffice department at Washington, and is instructed to prepare for the new service.

The carrier's salary is fixed at \$960 a year, and a civil service examination will be held at an early date for the purpose of naming this carrier.

This new route will be the third from Grants Pass, and is to be known as Route No. 3. The carrier will leave Grants Pass at 8 a. m. daily and return at 4 p. m.

The Washington department, from information furnished by Postmaster Donnell, has named the following route for No. 3, which is to be a round trip of 23 1/4 miles:

Beginning at the postoffice, the carrier will go, thence:

To city delivery limits at Ninth and Savage streets. 1/4
East to Tenth and Savage streets. 1/4
South on Tenth street to A street. 1/4
East on A street, or Medford road, to Jones creek bridge. 2 1/4
Southeast to Golden Drift dam. 1
North to Medford road. 1/4
East to Woodville postoffice. . . 7
South to south side of Rogue river. 1/4
West to Crescent City road, and Route No. 2. 9 1/4
North to Grants Pass postoffice 1 1/4

Length of route. 23 1/4

Mr. Donnell has worked long in an effort to get this route established, and is much pleased as a result of his success. The postmaster is also hoping that "Route No. 4" will soon be an accomplished fact, this one to go out through Fruitdale.

ESPEE AND CITY MAY COME TO AGREEMENT

Frank L. Burckhalter, district engineer, and J. B. Eddy, right-of-way agent, both representing the Southern Pacific Railway company in Oregon, conferred with Mayor R. G. Smith and several members of the city council late yesterday afternoon regarding the freight depot controversy and the condemnation suits filed by the city against the railroad company.

The railroad men made a tentative offer at compromise, in which they were willing to leave the freight depot stand on its present site for the time being, and allow Fourth street to be opened across the tracks, provided the city pay the company damages in the form of relieving it of the cost of paving, which would amount to about \$4000. They also proposed that the new city charter contain a provision creating "improvement districts," by which costs of street improvements can be so assessed that property on other streets benefited would be called upon to bear a part of the burden.

The matter will come up in a formal way before the council at an early meeting, the meeting yesterday being only an informal one.

Billiard Parlor to Move—

The room formerly occupied exclusively by the O'Neill furniture store on Front street, is this week being partitioned from the center, one-half of the lower floor to be retained by Mr. O'Neill and the other half to be fitted up for the Hull & Pernoll billiard parlors, which will be moved from their former location on Sixth street, as soon as the carpenters have their new location in readiness.

A Marriage—

Nicodemus Snow and Mrs. S. L. Burrows were united in marriage at the home of the bride in this city Wednesday afternoon, February 7. Rev. F. C. Lovett officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Snow will reside on North Sixth street, where Mr. Snow has a home in readiness for his bride.

T. W. WILLIAMS DIES SUDDENLY

PROMINENT CITIZEN SUCCUMBS TO HEART FAILURE.

RESIDENT HERE 18 YEARS

Heart Disease Take Civil War Veteran on Morning Following Mr. Williams' Death.

T. W. Williams, one of the foremost residents and one of the largest property holders in Grants Pass, died suddenly last evening as a result of heart trouble. Death seized Mr. Williams just a few minutes after retiring for the night, a few minutes before he having been in the best of spirits.

Mr. Williams had spent the early part of the evening with his mother, and the balance of the time with Mrs. Williams and his daughter, Miss Hazel. Just before retiring Miss Hazel and her father had some music, Hazel at the piano and Mr. Williams playing his horn (he was a member of the Commercial club orchestra). They were playing for the entertainment of some of the girl's friends, who were connected to the house by telephone. Mr. Williams then went up stairs to bed and while the daughter was still visiting at the phone her mother called that the father was sick, and in a few moments was dead, and that without a word.

When the news spread over the city this morning that T. W. Williams was dead, universal regret was expressed as the dead citizen was a man of unquestionable integrity, and one who had done much toward the upbuilding of Grants Pass. There were many earnest words of praise for his clean life, and his passing is deeply deplored.

The funeral will be held Saturday afternoon, and burial be made here.

T. W. Williams was aged 53 years, was born at St. Kayne, Liskeard, Cornwall, England, and came here 18 years ago from Butte, Mont. Leaves wife, daughter Hazel and son Carl; also three brothers, J. H., Sam and Albert, and two sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Kendall and Mrs. Tom Clemo, all living in Grants Pass, and a sister, Mrs. Gourd, living in Australia. The aged mother also lives here with Mrs. Kendall, just across the street.

T. W. Williams and J. H. Williams had prominent lumbering interests here for years, founding the Williams Door and Lumber company, which they sold to the Booth-Kelly interests. Then they went into the saw milling business at Reuben in the Crow Creek canyon near Glendale, later starting the Williams Bros. Lumber company; which they sold a short time ago to Messrs. Pike and Hall, one of the reasons being given by Tom Williams that he was troubled with his heart.

They have extensive business and residence property interests, owning the block in which the Peerless Clothing company and Josephine grocery is located, the O'Neill store, and the block, three stores occupied by the Bon Ton bakery, Herzinger and Lloyd & McBride, and a number of residences. The Peerless block was the first two-story brick block in Grants Pass, and was built by the Williams brothers.

J. H. Moore, who lived with his son, Ed., Moore, at 216 Burgess street, was found dead on a couch this morning, cause of death being heart failure. Mr. Moore had left his bed and had kindled a fire in the kitchen stove. This was at about 7 o'clock and a few minutes later he was found by his son lying on the couch dead. Mr. Moore was a civil war veteran and celebrated his seventieth birthday anniversary February 1, 1912. He is survived by two sons, Oscar Edward Moore and George Moore, both of this city, and by one daughter, Mrs. D. A. Har-

mon of Merila.

Mr. Moore was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, joining in this city in the year 1906.

Funeral services will be held at Hall's chapel on Sixth street Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. W. R. Jeffery officiating.

The veteran came here from Missouri nine years ago.

MAYOR SMITH ADVOCATES RAILROAD TO COAST.

Mayor R. G. Smith declares that if somebody, some group of financiers or some corporation does not get busy at an early day and build a railroad from Grants Pass through the Illinois valley, to Crescent City, California, on the coast, that he will take steps to get a railroad built by the people. The mayor puts it this way:

"The time has come in the life of Josephine county when something must be done to get a road to the coast.

"I propose that an amendment be submitted at the next general election empowering Josephine county to issue bonds for the purpose of building the road to the Del Norte county line. Now, as California people can initiate legislation as we of Oregon, I further propose that Del Norte get the same authority to issue bonds for railroad purposes and then build to the county line and connect with us.

"Then when the road is completed we can sell it to some corporation, under reserved restrictions, or lease it. The main thing, however, is to get a railroad built."

The mayor believes that a road could be completed between Grants Pass and Crescent City for \$2,000,000, and states that the portion which Josephine county would be called on to furnish would be small in comparison to the enormous increase in values of property, business and population, in both city and county.

The route proposed by Mayor Smith is as follows: From Grants Pass across Rogue river to a point about one mile below town, thence up Allen creek, thence down to the Applegate, thence by Marble mountain on Cheney creek, thence up Slate creek and over Hayes hill to the Del Norte county line, there to connect with the California section of the proposed road.

The proposed road would, says Attorney Smith, be entirely independent of the Grants Pass and Rogue River railroad, which he hopes will soon be an accomplished fact.

DEAL IN FOOTS' CREEK DREDGING PROPERTY

A mining deal of much interest to a number of Grants Pass men has just been consummated whereby a Salt Lake syndicate has taken over, under a working bond, 2100 acres of placer ground on Foots creek at a price named as \$250,000. The land lies less than an hour's drive in auto from this city, and about five miles from Woodville. The properties involved in the bond are the Lance, Mattis, Mathews, Osborne and Short.

A mining man of Grants Pass stated today that the Champlin people, who formerly worked the ground, got rich returns in gold. A dredger, which cost a large sum of money, is on the property, but several months ago sank in 18 feet of water. It was not properly built; or in other words, was too heavily equipped for its hull. There are, among the other machinery on the dredger, two immense boilers.

This dredger will be raised and put in proper working condition; and it is stated that still another one will be placed on the ground.

The new owners will soon begin systematic drilling with a view to mapping the underground pay dirt.

Whistled and Sped—

The Southern Pacific examination car, enroute from San Francisco to Portland, passed through Grants Pass Wednesday. Many of the railroad men were expecting to have to endure all the agonies of a rigid examination at this time, but the car passed through without stopping, with only a greeting and a farewell whistle.

JAIL SENTENCE FOR VIOLATORS

EIGHT PLEAS OF GUILTY AND TWO VERDICTS.

MORE CASES ARE PENDING

City and Justice Court Have Been Busy Places for Past Few Days.

What will probably prove the climax in the prosecution of liquor cases came this morning, when Judge J. N. Johnston, ex-officio justice of the peace, passed sentence on former City Councilman John Sauer, Samuel Kenlien and George Altpeter, as follows:

John Sauer fined \$100 in two cases, total \$200, and ten days in the county jail.

Samuel Kenlien fined \$250 in two cases, total \$500, and ten days in the county jail.

George Altpeter, fined \$200 in one case and ten days in the county jail.

In Justice James Holman's court this morning, J. C. Henry of Kerby plead guilty to two charges and was fined \$100 in each case, total \$200, and ten days in the county jail.

The second case against Ed. Stoneman of Leland was then taken up in the justice court, and machinery set in motion to select a jury.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

In the case of the State vs. Ed. Stoneman of Leland, wherein Stoneman is charged with selling intoxicating liquor, the jury last evening brought in a verdict of guilty and Justice Holman fined the defendant \$150. Attorney C. H. Clements, for the defense, gave notice of appeal from the verdict and judgment of the court on the grounds that Juror Lawton, had, in the mind of Attorney Clements, shown prejudice against the defendant at the time the jury was impaneled and contended that the juror should have been set aside for cause.

On proceeding to draw a jury in the case of the State against Havens of Merlin, charged with a similar offense, it was ascertained that Justice Holman had drawn 84 names for his list in the justice court, whereas a hasty glance at the statutes shows that 50 names should be the maximum number. Attorney Clements moved to quash the panel, which motion was overruled by Judge Holman after one-half day had been employed by court and counsel in argument and deliberation.

The defense then asked one hour for adjournment to get pleadings in proper shape for presentation appeal if conviction should follow in the trial of Havens.

From Thursday's Daily.

Fur is flying in the liquor prosecutions before Justice James Holman at the city hall, the result being so far a victory in each case for the state, two convictions by jury and eight pleadings of guilty. This includes all cases to date of the recent arrests and raids at the instigation of Prosecuting Attorney B. F. Mulkey.

Shortly after 4 o'clock last evening in the case of the State vs. Havens, of Merlin, the jury brought in a verdict of guilty. Before sentence had been pronounced Mr. Havens pleaded guilty to a second charge. Then justice was tempered with mercy. In view of the fact that the defendant is severely afflicted physically Justice Holman assessed the minimum penalty, \$50 fine in each case. This will be settled and there will be no appeal. Havens, as the result of an accident, lost one hand and one leg.

This morning John Sauer of Grants Pass came forward and pleaded guilty to two more charges against him. This makes three cases in which Sauer has plead guilty, clearing up

the calendar against him. He will be sentenced in these two cases tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Ed. Stoneman of Leland, who was convicted Tuesday on one liquor case, was arraigned this morning on a second charge, and the trial set for 9 a. m. tomorrow, the jury having been empaneled this afternoon.

George Altpeter, connected with the "Brewery," this afternoon plead guilty in the justice court, and was fined \$150. Altpeter also plead guilty to one case in the police court, and will be sentenced by Judge J. N. Johnston at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Samuel Kenlien, of the "Brewery," this afternoon plead guilty to two cases in the police court and will be sentenced tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock by Judge Johnston. No action has been taken so far in another case against Kenlien in the justice court. This case will be disposed of tomorrow.

Carl Clifford of the "Blue Goose" was arrested this afternoon by Chief of Police Rowley on one charge. Charles Burkhalter and Dan Hearn went on the bond for Clifford.

George Sauer was arraigned today at 1 p. m. on a charge of selling intoxicating liquor last April to a minor, and his case will follow the others on the calendar.

N. D. Burnett of Leland, who was bartender in the establishment of Ed. Stoneman, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of violating the local option liquor law, and was allowed to go on his own recognizance until bond was secured. It is alleged that he disappeared and officers were instructed to apprehend him, but thus far without avail.

Eugene Reed, one of Stoneman's witnesses, was arrested today on a charge of carrying concealed weapons, and the trial will follow Stoneman's second case.

J. C. Henry of Kerby was arraigned on two charges in liquor cases, and the trial set for Friday.

It is understood that other cases were filed today against certain thirteenth establishments, but full particulars are kept secret at the present.

It is the policy of the district attorney's office to bring most of the cases arising in Grants Pass in the police court, the police judge under the charter being made ex-officio justice of the peace. The cases arising outside the municipality are filed with Judge Holman. Whether the cases are brought in one court or the other the results so far have resulted in convictions, or pleas of guilty, and pleas of guilty under the law are classed as a conviction.

NEXT DISTRICT FAIR TO BE HELD AT ASHLAND

Meeting of the board of commissioners of the First Southern Oregon District Agricultural society was held in the parlors of the Medford National bank on Monday afternoon, February 5, 1912. Present J. A. Perry, L. B. Hall and E. T. Staples, J. A. Perry in the president's chair. The secretary being absent, the president appointed G. F. Billings as secretary protem.

The minutes of the last annual meeting and of the special meeting were read and approved.

The resignation of H. C. Bateham as commissioner was read and accepted.

The Agricultural society of Josephine county was requested to elect a suitable person to fill the vacancy and send a certificate of such election to Governor West and ask for confirmation of the same.

Moved, seconded and carried that the next meeting of the district fair be held at Ashland, Oregon, and the date of holding the same be fixed by the Ashland Commercial club not later than April 1, 1912.

The following officers were duly elected: E. T. Staples, president; J. A. Perry, vice president; W. H. Day, secretary; J. W. McCoy, treasurer.

Executive Committee: E. T. Staples, J. A. Perry, L. B. Hall.

Finance Committee: J. A. Perry, L. B. Hall, E. T. Staples.

Adjourned.

G. F. BILLINGS, Secretary, Protem.