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2,200 ACRES UNDER ATTACHMENT

PROPERTY OF C. M. LEONARD AND ASSOCIATES.

VALUED AT \$200,000.00

Attempt to Force Terms of Alleged Contract With Chicago-Rogue River Co.

Deputy Sheriff Coburn yesterday attached about 2200 acres of land on the south side of Rogue river, near Grants Pass, belonging to C. M. Leonard, of the Leonard Construction company, Chicago and Portland; P. Phillip, banker, Chicago; and Rochester B. Slaughter of the banking firm of A. O. Slaughter & Company, Chicago.

This action is the result of the suit filed by George W. Soranson, receiver of The Chicago-Rogue River company, against Leonard, Phillip and Slaughter on an alleged contract wherein it is claimed that Leonard agreed to furnish the Chicago-Rogue River company \$75,000 with which to carry on ditch extension work and care for outstanding obligations, and who afterwards took Phillip and Slaughter in with him on the deal. It is alleged that these gentlemen have defaulted on their payments and that there is now \$32,248 past due and owing the company.

The land attached is acreage purchased from local owners for the Chicago men last fall and winter, and under irrigation the land would be valued at about \$200,000.

GRANTS PASS MEN TO LEAVE FOR BOLIVIA.

A half dozen men in Grants Pass are intending to sail to the Bolivian gold fields, where rich placer ground is being opened by Americans. Among those who contemplate going from Grants Pass are W. I. Sweetland, F. F. Johnson, W. F. Horn and J. B. Jamison.

The trip takes a little less than four weeks and the fare from San Francisco to LaPaz, Bolivia, is \$260. There is a short railroad ride into the interior, which is included in the \$260 fare. The climate in the mining regions is good, due to the elevation, and the natives have a high regard for Americans, which make conditions ideal for the American argonauts. All foreigners and natives fare alike, anybody can locate ground.

The stampede to Bolivia originated from a letter sent by John Furguson from Sorata, state of LaPaz, Bolivia, to his Alaskan partner, James McCormick, of Fairbanks, Alaska. Furguson states that he sunk a 14-foot hole which yielded \$4,000 in placer gold; and also states that he had prospected the Tipuani river for a distance of 75 miles and as a result claims the territory "the richest in the world." December, January and February compose the rainy season; the other months are salubrious.

Bolivia has been outputting millions in silver and gold from 1545 to the present day.

A United Press dispatch today to The Courier, which will prove of much interest to the Grants Pass contingent, follows:

SAN FRANCISCO, April 8.—Fully equipped to take their chances in the reputedly rich placer fields of LaPaz, Bolivia, a party of prospectors are today completing plans to sail tomorrow from this port on the steamer Pleiades. Many prominent prospectors, among them George Wingfield of Nevada, have been busy in the vicinity of San Francisco of late fitting out expeditions for the Bolivian fields, and a number of parties have already sailed.

The new Eldorado is 6,500 feet above sea level. The greatest depth in the placers so far attained is 14 feet, and the ground is said to have been paying handsomely, even under

REMAINS OF ENGINEER BARTLETT LAID TO REST

The funeral services for Engineer Mark Bartlett, who was killed by the explosion of a Southern Pacific engine near Rice Hill Thursday afternoon, were held Saturday afternoon at the Bartlett family home on North Fourth street. The house and grounds were filled with sorrowing friends. Rev. Robert McLean, pastor of Bethany Presbyterian church, conducted the services.

Beautiful was the wealth of floral pieces and blooms which covered the casket of this young man who was held in the highest esteem, not only by his co-workers of the Southern Pacific railroad, but by all who knew him in this, his home town, and other cities where he was known on the Southern Pacific lines. Deep regret was expressed throughout the valley towns for the shocking manner of his death.

Southern Pacific trainmen from Portland, Roseburg and Ashland besides this city were present at the funeral this afternoon, and floral offerings from the following brotherhoods were noted in the great wealth of flowers: O. R. C., B. R. T., B. of L. E. and E. B. of L. E.

Mr. Bartlett made his first trip as fireman 14 years ago with B. W. Riggs of this city, who was also on his first trip as engineer.

The gentlemen acting as pall bearers yesterday were all Southern Pacific engineers, as follows: Frank McMeekin, Warren Burt, William McDonald, James Marsh, Emmet Butler and T. E. Lester.

The remains were placed at rest in the Masonic cemetery.

LAFOLLETTE IN GRANTS PASS ON APRIL 18TH

E. E. Blanchard received word today that Senator R. M. LaFollette will speak in Grants Pass at night Thursday, April 18. The hour has been in doubt up to this time, but it has now been arranged for the progressive candidate for president to address the voters here in the Grants Pass opera house in the evening.

The opera house seats 700 persons, and it is a foregone conclusion that even standing room will be at a premium.

Senator LaFollette will arrive in Oregon Saturday, and after speaking over the northern portion of the state will go into Portland Tuesday, April 16, at 5:30 p. m. He will speak in Portland that evening and at 1:30 a. m. Wednesday morning will head south, arriving at Roseburg at 9:15 a. m. From that time on the itinerary is as follows: Leaves Roseburg Wednesday afternoon at 5:40 p. m. for Medford, arriving Medford 11:22 p. m.; speaks Thursday at Jacksonville and Medford; leaves Medford at 3:30 for Ashland; speaks there and leaves for Grants Pass at 5 o'clock; arrive Grants Pass 6:35 p. m., Thursday, speaking here in the evening, closing his campaign in Oregon.

After his coast campaign LaFollette will stump in New Jersey. His friends there are putting his name on the primary ballot and organization is being perfected.

Greetings for Mail Carrier—

Don Graham, United States mail carrier No. 3, was given a postal shower of Easter cards Sunday, from the patrons of his route. The shower was tendered Mr. Graham in token of the efficient work he does on his route, and was a mark of appreciation of the patrons. Mr. Graham received over 60 beautiful Easter cards and he was delighted with the compliment which the Easter messages conveyed.

W. T. Perry, who came up from Portland to attend the funeral of his brother, O. H. Perry, on Monday, returned Tuesday to his home at Portland.

The crude mining methods of the natives. The Bolivian government is welcoming the coming of American miners, and guaranteeing them protection.

1912 ROSE FESTIVAL AND VALLEY IRRIGATION ARE LIVE QUESTIONS

Commercial club votes unanimously in favor of its president naming committee to take up the irrigation question and make effort for water in the ditches this season. A question of abandoning the festival this year in view of the grange and industrial fair later in the season, was decided in favor of the rose carnival, with all help possible to the ladies of the city in their efforts. H. V. Anderson addressed the club regarding the efforts of the tourist hotel people in their failure to get favorable action from the federal government regarding the caves, and requested the club to lend efforts toward success of the plan. A communication was read by the secretary, addressed to the club by H. S. Wooley proposing that if landowners would sign a certain contract he would build a railroad from the California point of Woolleyport to connect with the Southern Pacific in the Rogue valley; also that he would build a smelter and construct a breakwater at Woolleyport, the road to be finished by 1916, the smelter by 1917.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Commercial club Monday the session was preceded as usual by classic selections by the Grants Pass Commercial club band and followed by refreshments of leas. Several important matters were before the club. The most vital being irrigation, the details of which appear in this article.

Secretary W. P. Quinlan's report conveyed the information that inquiries are being received from faraway points regarding Rogue valley lands. The report states that during the last three weeks letters of inquiry have been received from Shanghai, China; Honolulu, Halifax, N. S., and Winnipeg, Manitoba. Quite a number also have been received from Maine, Massachusetts, New York, and a few scattering ones from Alabama and Texas. The bulk, however, of the inquiries are coming from states of the middle west.

The secretary stated that receipts of the club since the last meeting are \$182.50 for the publicity fund and \$162.25 for monthly dues. Bills have been paid amounting to \$117.50. With the balance on hand at last auditing, \$105.57, the amount now in bank is \$333.62.

Oregon Cave Matter.

H. V. Anderson addressed the club regarding the efforts and failure of the Portland men to secure from the United States government a concession at the Oregon caves or Marble Halls of Oregon, the natural wonder located in this county. The company proposed to construct a highway from Holland to the caves, build a tourist hotel there and install electric lights throughout the cavern, the lights to be generated from 120 h. p. water power already filed on; the electric lights also to be used in the hotel and the grounds.

Mr. Anderson asked that the club use its efforts to untangle the red tape which now has the matter wrapped and tied up. He stated that the trouble arose from the fact that no precedent existed in such matters; that no one of the federal officials seemed to think he had the authority to grant the permit. The question seemed to be a puzzle as to what department had authority. The caves are on a forest reserve, hence one would think the department of agriculture would have charge. On the other hand a statute says all "national monuments" are under the jurisdiction of the secretary of the Interior neither department of the government will take the initiative and grant a permit.

Thus the whole enterprise is held up. Anderson thought that only by a special bill through congress could the matter be cleared, hence, said he, it was up to the people here to use their influence at Washington if they wanted to see this enterprise go through.

Mr. Anderson read a statute which provides for the withdrawal of "national monuments" and under this statute the caves were withdrawn in August 1908. The law says that "the president may, at his discretion, withdraw historic land marks, prehistoric and historic structures and other objects of historic or scientific interest situated upon lands owned or controlled by the govern-

ment of the United States to be national monuments" and that "permits for the examination of ruins, excavation of archaeological sites and the gathering of objects of antiquity under their respective jurisdictions may be granted by the secretaries of the Interior, agriculture and war" for scientific purposes. Mr. Anderson contends that a careful reading of this statute shows that the caves do not properly come under that law, as there are no archaeological features, "mummies," or other things of like nature connected with the caves.

Mr. Anderson also states that the hotel company has not been officially advised of refusal, but has been advised through Mr. Hawley that permit will not be granted.

The hotel company, states Mr. Anderson, made three propositions to the forest service. One, that the company would put in an electric lighting plant at its own expense and charge a fee to enter the caves while the lights are burning, this fee to amount to just sufficient to defray expense of the lighting; second, that the government put in a lighting sys-

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GRANTS PASS BASEBALL TEAM DEFEATS PORTLAND

Flash—Grants Pass wins 3 to 2. Game ends middle ninth. Grants Pass at bat. Rain.

The great national game opened in Grants Pass Thursday when the husky Portland Northwestern ball team, headed by Nick Williams, began to battle on the diamond with the Grants Pass team, champion of Rogue valley. Threatening rain at noon put a scare into the hearts of the fans, but by 2 o'clock the weather clerk shut off the dampness, and early in the afternoon the crowds flocked to the field.

Much interest is added to the contest by reason of the fact that Portland has loaned Osborne to the home team for the contest.

TAFT SPEAKER TO BE HERE NEXT THURSDAY

Taft is going to beat LaFollette to Grants Pass, at least a distinguished political friend of the president will speak here next Thursday afternoon, a few hours ahead of Senator LaFollette at night the same day.

The Taft speaker is Dr. John Wesley Hill of New York. He will arrive here at 2:04 p. m., and for 15 minutes will address an audience from the rear platform of the train. The Southern Pacific is extending the accommodation of holding the train here that length of time.

Grants Pass admirers of President Taft are arranging a committee to go to Merlin and accompany Dr. Hill to this city. They also are planning to have the Commercial Club band at the station, and will do all possible to give the New York representative of the administration as lively a welcome as is possible in the brief time allotted.

\$180,000 IN TAXES PAID INTO TREASURY

Owners of property in Josephine county to the amount of \$82,000 must pay a 10 per cent penalty into the sheriff's office. This results from the fact that the tax roll shows \$82,000 unpaid of the total roll of \$262,000.

The Southern Pacific company, the largest taxpayer in the county, paid up before the penalty of 10 per cent began last Monday. The sum turned over to the sheriff's office by the corporation on its right-of-way and other property in the county exclusive of the congressional lands, footed up \$37,793.44. In paying this sum in taxes before the penalty was due, the Southern Pacific got the usual rebate of three per cent, saving the tidy sum of \$1,133.80.

The law allowing one-half to be paid as a first payment was taken advantage of by the company regarding its congressional lands in this county. The total tax on the land is \$32,283.04, one-half of which sum has been liquidated. Deputy Sheriff Eugene Coburn states that the sheriff's office has written this season a total of 2941 receipts, which is 300 more receipts than any season heretofore. This increase in the number of receipts is due to the cutting up of tracts of land which are sold to homeowners, thereby creating more property owners than when the lands were held by fewer owners.

Regarding collections in the office, Coburn says that they are slower this season than last year, about 15 per cent short of 1911. Persons outside the county owning real estate in the county have been more prompt in payment of their taxes than the county residents.

SAYS ELECTRIC ROAD WILL COME INTO VALLEY

A. B. Cornell returned this morning from a 10 days' visit at various points between Grants Pass and Portland. Mr. Cornell has been on a tour of inspection, noting business, location, climate, etc., and says that Grants Pass beats them all in every comparison. He visited at Portland, Newburg, The Dalles, Eugene, Albany, Salem and other points. Mr. Cornell met some of the Oregon Electric railroad people and they told him that without doubt their road would be finished to San Francisco by 1915, going through Grants Pass. The road is completed almost to Eugene at the present time.

MEDFORD MAY BUILD ROAD

Medford will build a railroad to the Blue Ledge mine.

Such was the decision reached by the citizens' committee at a session held Wednesday morning.

To start the ball rolling the four Medford banks will hold a meeting this afternoon to determine upon the amount the banks will subscribe to the fund of \$75,000 needed.

The committee decided to go ahead with the project following a careful inspection of the mine and the receipt of assurances from Robert S. Towne, owner of the Blue Ledge, that it would be operated promptly upon the completion of the road.

The citizens' committee having the matter in charge state that the work of raising the \$75,000 needed to begin the construction of the railroad will start at once. Subscription papers will be out soon.

The citizens' committee which was appointed at a mass meeting called to consider the building of a railroad to the Blue Ledge arrived at a determination to build the road only after a dozen conferences, at which all matters in connection with the proposed road were discussed.

TAKE THE HINT.

OAKLAND, Cal. April 11.—Washing the jail windows, John Williams, trusty, lost his balance and fell on the outside. No one in sight. "Guess I can take a hint," said Williams. The police are still hunting.

EXPERT WANN SUBMITS REPORT

EXAMINATION COVERS PERIOD OF SIX YEARS.

SPECIAL ELECTION MAY 1

Cement Sewer Pipe Again Discussed But Final Action is Delayed.

Expert Accountant W. H. Wann made his report to the city council last night after 3 months of labor auditing the city's books. The report is from 1906 to 1911 inclusive, and will be printed Sunday in The Courier, in full.

When the council convened last night Councilman F. D. Stricker, as president of the council, presided in the absence of Mayor R. G. Smith. When President Stricker called the council to order, Councilman Clark moved that preliminaries be dispensed with and Mr. Wann be asked to read his report. This was adopted. When the expert's report had been read there was brief informal discussion around the table, when Stricker suggested that it would be wise to refer the report to the finance committee. Herzinger put a motion to that effect. It was seconded and the vote was unanimous to so refer.

Mr. Wann stated that he would submit a supplemental report at the regular council meeting next Thursday night, this report to be merely statistical. He has the data for this, but could not submit it last night, due to too much work by his stenographer on the regular report work, which consumed the time up to a late hour yesterday.

Band Concert Petition.

The petition submitted at the last meeting of the council by the Commercial club, asking that the city council contribute from city funds the sum of \$25 monthly toward defraying expense of the band and weekly public concerts, had been referred to the judiciary committee. This committee last night referred the petition back to the council, with the request that it be put in the hands of the finance committee. Adopted.

Want Fire Hydrant.

A petition was presented from residents in the region of Lawridge Avenue and VanDyke place, asking that a 4-inch fire hydrant be placed on that site. Referred to fire and water committee.

Theater License Reduced.

The petition of T. F. Hanley, manager of the Grants Pass opera house, which had been introduced at the last session of the council, and which asked for a reduction of the license tax of \$125 a year, was acted on last night, the amount being reduced to \$75 annually. It was shown that the amount charged, \$125 per annum, was excessive, burdensome and far more than any town in the state exacts, and even more than the city of Spokane, Wash., with a population exceeding 100,000. The purchasing committee last night filed a report on the matter recommending the annual license be made \$50. The purchasing committee is composed of Caldwell, Everton and McLean. On motion being made to adopt the report and fix the tax at \$50, Clark moved to amend by fixing the license tax at \$75 annually. Seconded by Daniels. McLean argued against the motion, stating that in his opinion, under present population and business situation, that \$50 was enough. A vote to amend to make it \$75 resulted: Yes—Clark, Daniels, Herzinger, Woltersberger.

No—Caldwell, Everton, McLean, Stricker presiding.

City Must Build Conduit.

The street committee reported that

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