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## ALMEDA STOCK-HOLDERS HASTY

### THROW JOSEPHINE COUNTY MINE INTO RECEIVERSHIP.

## OHIO PEOPLE RESPONSIBLE

### Action Regretted Here Where Confidence is Expressed in the Company Officials.

Robert Tucker of Portland, was on Saturday appointed receiver for the big Almeda mine, located at Galice, in this county, the application for the appointment having been made at the instigation of Ohio stockholders, who recently sent an attorney to Portland to bring the action. Tucker was appointed temporary receiver by United States Judge Bean, and the office of the company, in Portland, was taken possession of by him at once.

The Ohio stockholders claim to represent \$100,000 of the capital stock, which they characterize as practically worthless.

The formal complaint on which Judge Bean granted the application for the appointment of a temporary receiver, in addition to alleging mismanagement of the property affairs and general allegations of fraud on the part of the officers and directors of the corporation, charged insolvency, borrowing money and giving as a bonus for the loan treasury stock of the company, illegal issuing to the officers and directors of promotion stock and gross misrepresentation in the prospectus and writings as to the true value of the properties of the company.

Attorney Williamson, who was sent here from Ohio to represent the eastern stockholders, said:

"Based on the extravagant misrepresentations of agents of the company, its stock apparently has been sold throughout the United States. The par value of the stock was \$5 a share but it was unloaded at from \$1 to \$2.50 a share. Approximately \$100,000 was taken by this company out of Dayton and Springfield and the great bulk of it was obtained from poor persons who could not afford to lose the money."

### Western Stockholders Not Concerned.

Western stockholders seem to think that there is not good ground for asking the court to appoint a receiver for the Almeda.

"This is simply a case of an attorney hunting a job," said L. B. M. Simons, vice president and director of the company. "There is no justification whatever for the appointment of a receiver, as we will be able to show in court. The company owns 1,000 acres of as good mining land of its character as is to be found anywhere in the Pacific northwest. We have already expended \$500,000 in the development of the property and have done everything that could be expected reasonably by the stockholders."

Dr. Kent, a Portland stockholder, says:

"The company owns about 40 mining claims, aggregating 1,000 acres, in Josephine county. I am not prepared to say how much of the money

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### Speeding Case in Court—

The hearing on the complaint brought against Dr. Loughridge by Chief-of-Police McLean, charging violation of the anti-speed ordinance, was up in the court of Police Judge Johnston Tuesday. Dr. Loughridge, through his attorney, H. D. Norton, demurred to the complaint, basing the demurrer on the grounds that the complaint did not state facts sufficient to constitute a violation of the ordinance, and that the court had no jurisdiction in the matter. Argument will be presented on these points by brief, Mr. Norton for Dr. Loughridge, and City Attorney Colvig for the municipality. This now resolves itself into a test of the validity of the speeding ordinance.

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WIPES AWAY ITS DEBT

An event which was of great interest and importance to members and friends of Bethany Presbyterian church occurred Wednesday night on the lawn of the H. C. Bobzien home on North Eighth street, the burning of the mortgage on the church and also on the manse property, and the presentation to Geo. P. Cramer of a handsome loving cup.

There were several hundred people gathered in the spacious grounds enjoying the evening, chatting and visiting. Soon the program was announced and Prof Field and Mrs. Veatch rendered a piano selection, followed by a vocal solo by Miss Evelyn South with violin accompaniment by Miss Prudence Pardee. Then the Parker sisters, who have delighted Bethany members for many years, sang a pleasing song arranged for quartet. This was followed by a solo by Mrs. W. W. Walker and piano selection by Prof Field.

Then followed the burning of the mortgages which was accomplished amid the glow of red fire candles, the treasurer consigning the documents to the flames, and there arose from the throats of the company "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow." While the company was silently watching the last embers fade away, Rev. Robert McLean stepped forward and spoke of the work of founding Bethany church, as only one who had labored from its beginning could speak, and then in a few appropriate words presented Geo. Cramer with a handsome silver loving cup, a token of appreciation from the congregation for his 16 years of faithful service in caring for the finances of the organization. This cup is 12 inches high and rests on a pedestal of several inches. It is graceful in shape, engraved with appropriate wording and a picture of the church.

Ice cream and cake and punch were served to all present.

## EQUAL SUFFRAGE CLUB WILL MEET SATURDAY.

The public is invited to attend the June meeting of the Equal Suffrage club, on Saturday afternoon, at three o'clock, at the court house. The program will be as follows:

"Property Rights of Married Women," Mrs. C. H. Clements.

"Practical Working of Political Equality in Colorado," Mrs. Cora Henkle.

Discussion of paper, Mrs. C. G. Ament.

"Am I My Sister's Keeper?" Mrs. Graham.

Report of Portland Equal Suffrage reunion, Mrs. Loughridge.

## NO CELEBRATION SAYS COMMERCIAL CLUB PRESIDENT.

There has been some talk of a Fourth of July celebration in Grants Pass this year, and while there are a few who favor it the sentiment of the business men and others of the town is against it for the reason that the time is now too short to make a creditable showing, and unless we can make a success of it it would be better not to try anything, for failure is worse than nothing. Rogueliver is arranging for a local celebration and the Applegate farmers are going to have a picnic and dance. Quite a number of Grants Pass people have made arrangements to go out of town on that day. The people are not unpatriotic or disloyal to their town, but the great majority do not favor attempting a celebration for the reasons stated. Neither is the Commercial club trying to shirk its duty, but feels assured that it is not the desire of the town to try and celebrate this year, and we feel that we are but voicing the popular sentiment which it is our aim to defer to.

C. L. HOBART, President Commercial Club.

## BOLT OF THEODORE ROOSEVELT FROM THE REPUBLICAN PARTY

### Great Progressive Issues Statement Explaining Reasons for Extraordinary Action-- Convention Business Waits.

## THESE WITNESSED THE BIRTH OF A NEW PARTY.

To the following persons assembled in his apartments today, Colonel Theodore Roosevelt announced his purpose to lead an independent fight with a new party for progressive principles: Governor Hiram W. Johnson of California. George L. Record of New Jersey. James R. Garfield of Ohio. Senator Joseph M. Dixon of Montana. Judge Ben B. Lindsey of Colorado. William Allen White of Kansas. Editor Van Valkenburg of the Philadelphia North-American. Gifford Pinchot of Pennsylvania. Amos Pinchot of New York. Senator Moses E. Clapp of Minnesota. Governor W. R. Stubbs of Kansas. Governor Chester Aldrich of Nebraska. Former Senator A. J. Beveridge of Indiana. Senator J. L. Bristow of Kansas. John P. Bass of New Hampshire. Gilson Gardner of Washington, D. C. William Flinn of Pennsylvania. Senator Miles Polindexter of Washington. George W. Perkins of New York. Medill McCormick of Illinois. Henry Allen of Kansas. Frank B. Kellogg of Minnesota. Frank A. Munsey of New York. Stanley Washburn of Minnesota. Theodore Robinson of New York. Douglas Robinson of New York. Alex H. Revell of Illinois. Lucius N. Littauer of New York. Andrew Rosen of Minnesota. Judge Duell of New York.

CHICAGO, June 20.—A new party, born of the bolt of Theodore Roosevelt, is today launched into the political world.

During the forenoon the wild rumors filled Chicago, and with the gathering of the Roosevelt leaders about the colonel's headquarters it was soon known that an important announcement was expected, and a brief statement from Governor Post of Porto Rico regarding the colonel's intention, had served only to whet the news appetite and made the crowd wild. The corridors were packed with an anxious crowd clamoring to confirm Post's statement and the reasons leading up to the colonel's determination.

Then Oscar K. Davis, chief of the Roosevelt publicity bureau, came out flatly to deny Post's deduction on Roosevelt's decision. But he vouchsafed no explanation. Neither would William Flinn, Roosevelt's floor leader, when he came out a moment later. The Pennsylvanian refused flatly to talk and chewed a frayed cigar with evident nervousness. More people gathered around the room. Two score newspapermen fought for front rank places, swayed and were pushed back by a file of policemen.

Suddenly the door opened and Davis emerged.

"Do any of you know Colonel Roosevelt's signature?" he demanded of the newspapermen.

When answered affirmatively, he held aloft a single sheet of paper.

"This is the colonel's signed statement," and he read the brief announcement signifying the birth of a new party.

Newspaper men copied it word for word, holding their "copy paper" on each others backs.

Then there was a wild rush to

announce to the world the entry of a new infant into the family of politics.

Colonel Roosevelt at once began preparation of a long formal statement to be distributed in printed form to every one of his delegates, outlining his reasons for the momentous step.

## THE COLONEL'S DECLARATION.

The time has come when I feel that I must make certain statements—not merely to honestly elected members of the republican national convention, but to the rank and file of the republican party and to the honest people of the entire nation. I went into this fight for certain principles. At the moment, I can only serve these principles by continuing to bear the personal responsibility which their advocacy has brought me.

"On behalf of these principles I made my appeal straight to the people themselves. I went before them; I made my argument in full, and every move I made was in the open, without concealment of any kind. The opposition to me was extraordinarily bitter, for I was opposed by the practically solid phalanx of the big conscienceless politicians with back of them the big conscienceless beneficiaries of special privilege in every form, and of course the many big newspapers which are controlled by, or in the interest of, the bosses and special privilege.

"Nevertheless, in the appeal to the people I won. In many of the republican states and of the democratic states where there is a large and real republican party primaries of different kinds were held and a substantial expression of the will of the people was obtained. In these primary states where some 3,000,000 voters, the rank and file of the republican party, cast their votes, I beat Mr. Taft considerably over two to one. In these states I obtained about six delegates to Taft's one. Nearly three-fourths of my delegates came from these primary states, where the people had a

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## ALMEDA DEVELOPMENT SATISFACTORY

The smelter of the Almeda Consolidated Mines company, which was lately blown in, will close down on account of inability of the company to transact business while the receiver, appointed at the instigation of Ohio stockholders, is in charge of their head office at Portland.

To those familiar with the situation at the Almeda, it appears extremely absurd that anyone, much less a stockholder or group of stockholders, would interfere with operation of the properties at a time, when, after several years of development, they were at last prepared for successful operation.

During 1911 the company carried on a series of experiments for the purpose of determining the exact methods best adapted to their particular conditions, with the result that in the early spring of this year they began the re-arrangement of the plant and since then a crew has been busy building additional bins, placing new equipment and making all preparations for constant and economic operation. Concentration tests made by the small concentrating plant of the company at their properties during this year have proven satisfactory and it has been rumored of late that the company would begin construction at once on a 200-ton concentrating plant to be run in connection with the 100-ton smelter now in operation. In view of these facts the injustice of this action by Ohio stockholders becomes thoroughly apparent and it is surprising to note in connection with the foregoing that the men directly responsible for this disturbance are not asked to furnish one dollar toward the present improvements so beneficial to the enterprise with which they are connected.

A recent communication from P. B. Wickham, who is in charge of the properties, states that over \$50,000 worth of ore is now lying already mined and ready to smelt and that the plant can be kept in constant operation on development ores from the mine at a satisfactory profit. It is sincerely to be hoped that the erratic action of these few dissatisfied stockholders may soon be overcome and the property resume its operations, which mean so much to the mining interests and to Josephine county in general.

## OLD CHANNEL PLACER MINE IN THE COURT

Mat Tapola and seven others, former laborers on the Old Channel mine at Galice, were arraigned before Justice Holman Wednesday on a charge of trespassing on the mine property. The defendants were all discharged, however, by the justice, who held that there was not sufficient evidence to warrant holding them.

This case was the outcome of an action brought some days ago by these eight men, and six others with them, to restrain George E. Sanders, who is operating the Old Channel mine under lease, from proceeding with the cleanup of gold now in the sluice boxes. The men alleged in the complaint filed in the injunction proceedings that Sanders had agreed to make payment for labor and materials from the proceeds of the various cleanups, but that he had failed to do so, and that they now feared he would beat them out of their claim against the gold in the sluice boxes. The county court granted the injunction and authorized the plaintiffs, the former laborers upon the claim, to make the cleanup and after settlement of the labor and material bills, to return the surplus to Sanders.

They proceeded to the property and commenced work on the cleanup when they were arrested for trespass, and their appearance in Justice Holman's court and subsequent discharge followed.

Mr. Sanders is now in Portland, where he is bringing action before Judge Calkins, who is holding court in that city, for the dissolution of the temporary restraining order granted by the Josephine county court.

## FINED \$50 FOR SELLING FISH

### JURY SAYS LICENSE MUST BE PAID BY DEALER.

## NOTICE OF APPEAL GIVEN

### State Fish Laws Demand That Three Separate License Fees be Paid.

In Justice Holman's court Tuesday, before a jury composed of Messrs. J. C. Calhoun, G. E. Howland, F. W. Russell, R. A. N. Rogers, R. W. Rogers and M. M. Rummage, the case brought against the proprietors of the new meat market, on a charge of selling fish without first having procured a state license, was decided in favor of the prosecution. The defendants, Herman Westerhede and E. H. Harbeck, were later fined \$50 each, with the costs of the prosecution added, this being the minimum fine possible under the law, the maximum fine being \$1,000.

Notice of appeal was given by Attorney Clements for Westerhede and Harbeck, and the case will now be fought out in the circuit court.

The prosecuting witness was Deputy Fish Warden Sam Sandry, Deputy Wardens Wright and Merrill also testifying for the prosecution.

(From Sunday's Daily.)

The state law requires that every dealer in salmon pay a state license of \$5 per annum, but when the new meat market was established by Messrs Herman Westerhede and E. H. Harbeck, they overlooked this little demand of the commonwealth, and proceeded to sell the fish without displaying the evidence of state authority. Saturday Deputy Fish Warden Sam Sandry appeared on the scene, swore to a complaint, and Mr. Westerhede was taken before Justice Holman, and a hearing was set for next Wednesday at ten o'clock.

Mr. Westerhede admits the sale of the fish, but states that as soon as he learned the provision of the law requiring the taking out of a license, the money for it was forwarded, but the license has not yet been received. He says that he proposes to fight the case, not to save the cost of a license, but that certain features of the law that appear to him as unjust may be tested out. One of his reasons for calling the law unjust is the fact that the fisherman must pay a tax for catching the fish, the wholesaler who shipped the fish to him pays a second tax, and now another tax, the third that intervenes between the time the fish leaves the water and its appearance on the table of the ultimate consumer, is demanded of him. Attorney Clements will represent Mr. Westerhede before the court next Wednesday.

Another interesting feature that has developed in the salmon fishing industry is the apparent conflict between the attorney general's office and the master fish warden. The attorney general has ruled that it was legal to sell Rogue river salmon, but the deputy wardens who are in the Rogue river territory state that the only instructions they have ever received on the subject were to arrest any one who sold salmon from this stream, and until they are instructed otherwise by the state warden, such arrests will likely be made. They are expecting definite instructions along that line very soon, however, when the salmon atmosphere will be very materially cleared. There seems to be a feeling among the interested people that a test case will be required to definitely settle the matter, and some unlucky fish vender will probably be made the goat.

## Attending Board of Regents—

Judge Stephen Jewell left Wednesday morning for Monmouth to attend a meeting of the board of regents, of which body he is a member. He will return early next week.