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DR. REDDY GOES TO SAN FRANCISCO

WILL MEET W. J. HOTCHKISS IN SOUTHERN CITY.

PAC.-INT. RY. PROGRESSES

Outlook for the immediate building of the New Railroad to the Sea is the Best.

Dr. J. F. Reddy, who is now bending every effort toward the development of the Pacific-Interior railroad plan, was in Medford Wednesday night, and returned to Grants Pass Thursday morning only to receive an imperative call to San Francisco to meet W. J. Hotchkiss, the head of the redwood lumber interests on the coast, and left for the California city on the next train. Matters are developing rapidly in the railroad situation, and Mr. Hotchkiss, who has been keeping in touch with the business at San Francisco, felt that Mr. Reddy's presence was necessary.

It is through Mr. Hotchkiss that the \$200,000 cash subscription is made by the lumbermen, and also that the already constructed road at the coast end is to be turned in to the company. He has also guaranteed immense shipments of lumber from the coast mills to the new road to cover a long period of years.

Sentiment locally remains strong and unanimous for the voting of the bonds on the 18th inst., and there is little reason to fear the result of the election. Bearing upon this question T. F. Hanley, who first publicly advocated the issuance of \$200,000 bonds toward the financing of the road, has made the following statement:

Mr. Hanley Advocates Bond Issue.

"As the first person in this community to advocate publicly the bond issue of \$200,000 toward the construction of a railroad from Grants Pass to tidewater, please permit me to make an additional printed contribution in behalf of the plan.

"At the mass meeting in the Grants Pass opera house November 26, Dr. Reddy and Mr. Gilkey dispelled clearly what might seem the financial intricacies of the proposal, and Mayor Smith spoke plainly, unequivocally and convincingly on the constitutionality of the plan.

"I take it that the immense, continuous and immediate benefits accruing from the railroad—from the first day's work on its construction begin—are not disputable. Every one, I daresay, is a sharer in that belief.

"As for the plan itself—could anything imaginable be more equitable, more just, more feasible, more safe?"

"This community has waited patiently for two decades for the Hariman or the Hill interests to build such a territorial-developing railroad, and neither of these interests has made a single definite move toward such a consummation. Nor are these interests entirely to blame, as any corporate interest has no more latent foresight than its executive head, and these executive heads are human beings, like you and me, only. In addition, they are very busy men, men besieged year after year by many other communities in twenty western commonwealths—communities some of which are entirely lacking in those great abundances of natural wealth lying within a few-mile radius of the proposed railroad—to do for those communities what we now propose to do—or to start doing—for ourselves.

"God helps those that help themselves. After all, why should Jim Hill build a railroad for us? No reason—except for profits to himself.

"Why should Mr. McKinstry, Dr. Reddy, Mr. Kinney, or a few other wealthy men—as wealth in a community of this size is usually rated—alone have to build for all the people a railroad? These men, and many other such public-spirited

men—realizing the necessity for the development of the natural resources contiguous to Grants Pass—resources not only undeveloped, but some of which are only vaguely suspected—have taken an active interest in promulgating the work of securing individual subscriptions. That is proper, and the obvious reasons therefore were given lucid explanation by Mr. O. S. Blanchard and others at the opera house meeting.

"When the needed amount of subscriptions for the preliminary step has been secured, the people should turn out heartily next Wednesday and vote affirmatively on the bond issue. The bond issue is the only just and equitable method. Under any other method, the burden can not possibly be borne evenly, but under this method, rich and poor shall share the burden according to each one's ability to share it—and reap only the benefits that he is entitled to reap.

"T. F. HANLEY."

At Crescent City, the doctor says, the mass meeting was largely attended, and the \$50,000 which the town had set as the mark which it must reach was quickly raised. The bulk of the amount was subscribed by 32 men who put up \$1,000 each, the balance coming in lesser sums. The ladies at Crescent City were especially active in their assistance, and raised considerable of the subscription.

This subscription from Crescent City does not include the amounts pledged by the redwood lumber interests, which are to give \$200,000 in cash in addition to the property to be turned in.

At Wilderville, Selma, Kerby and other points that will become of commercial importance with the building of this road, the interest is keen, and it is said that a movement is already on foot to place an addition to Kerby on the market in the near future so sure are the residents of that place that the construction

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PASSENGER ON NO. 13

LOSES HIS WAD.

Chief of Police McLean and Constable Handle met passenger train No. 13 Tuesday morning expecting to have turned over to them a bold robber who was reported to have stolen valuables from a passenger. The passenger in question reported to the conductor that his pocketbook containing money and checks to the amount of \$3,300 had been stolen, and an immediate and thorough search was begun. The passenger was nearly frantic and insisted that he had searched his pockets without avail but the conductor finally demanded that another search be made, which revealed the lost articles tucked away in an inside coat pocket instead of a hip pocket, where usually carried. He had made the change on retracing the previous night, and lost his head when the money was missed.

WOMEN OF FIRST WARD TALK POLITICS.

At the meeting of the women of the First ward Monday evening, Dec. 9, for the purpose of effecting an organization for the study of questions of public interest and of good government, the consensus of opinion was that the ladies did not desire to form an aggressive organization to be ejected as a disturbing element into civic politics, but only to be prepared to aid public authorities or public organizations when assistance is called for in securing civic improvements and public betterment for the entire city. No formal organization was therefore effected, but a standing committee was elected to follow out the spirit of the meeting. The members of the committee elected are Mrs. Mary Hildreth, chairman; Mrs. C. H. Clements, vice chairman; Mrs. W. C. Hale, Mrs. S. Loughridge, Mrs. Hairy, Mrs. G. M. Caldwell, Mrs. M. C. Findley and Mrs. Warren Burt.

Rev. J. M. Loughridge left on Wednesday morning for Los Angeles to spend the winter with his son, Joseph Loughridge.

TAYLOR ESCAPES GALLOWS TODAY

HARNEY COUNTY SLAYER OF A. H. PERRY.

SENTENCE IS COMMUTED

Four Other Condemned Men, Including Mike Morgan, Suffer Extreme Penalty.

SALEM, Dec. 12.—John W. Taylor, slayer of A. H. Perry, in Harney county, and condemned to die with four other murderers in the penitentiary here tomorrow, was commuted to life imprisonment by Governor West at 11 o'clock today. It is intimated that Noble Faulder, another of the five will be brought before an insanity commission.

It is expected that the commutation papers in Faulder's case will be sent to the prison this afternoon. It was at first planned, according to good authority, to announce this act of the governor's just before Taylor stepped on the gallows tomorrow.

The governor is denying himself to interviewers, simply contenting himself with the announcement that Taylor's sentence has been commuted to life imprisonment.

The fact that the first hanging will not take place before 11:30 indicates strongly that Faulder has felt the benefit of executive clemency.

Taylor and Faulder were doomed to die together at 7:30 a. m.

The pleadings and importuning of a special delegation of men and women from Portland, waiting on him today, failed to move Governor West in his determination to see the four remaining men hanged and did not draw from him any admissions concerning Faulder's ultimate fate.

"I have received scores of threatening letters," said the governor. "I have seen my wife law awake nights fearing for the safety of our little girl. I have gone through hell to make a winning fight against hanging, but in ordering those men hung, I am living up to the dictates of my conscience. If those men do not go to the gallows tomorrow, capital punishment will not be abolished during our lifetime."

It was some time before the governor would make this statement, but once he started to talk he showed how the hangings weighed, not only on his own mind, but on that of his wife.

SALEM, Dec. 12.—Carrying letters of protest from the governors of all the states where capital punishment has been abolished, and armed with other material which they hope to crystallize into a successful plea for a respite for the five men doomed to die in the penitentiary tomorrow unless the people can again vote on the question of hanging, 12 prominent Portlanders are here today.

FORMER RESIDENT DIES IN NEBRASKA.

Word was received here this week by H. H. Basler of the death of W. H. Clements on November 8 at Lyons, Neb. Mr. Clements was a resident of Grants Pass for nine months and during that time was in the real estate business with Mr. Basler, leaving here three years ago for Long Beach, Cal. His death was caused by cancer, and although he was under treatment by Mayo Bros., cancer specialists at Rochester, Minn., nothing could be done for him. He leaves a wife and daughter, and many friends here and elsewhere.

Riggs Returns Home—

Tuey Riggs, who lost his right arm in the Medford freight yards on November 30, has returned home and is now busily engaged in learning to write left-handed. He says he has given up railroading and will devote his time to some other industry.

PRESBYTERIAN CELEBRATION

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF ORGANIZATION.

FOUNDED DEC. 11TH 1887

Dr. McLean, Who is Present Pastor, to Enter Missionary Field on January 1st.

A large company, nearly filling the main auditorium, gathered Wednesday night to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the founding of Bethany Presbyterian church. The pulpit and choir loft were tastefully decorated with evergreens, and from the decorations hung in silver letters "1887-1912." George H. Parker, chairman of the board of trustees, presided, and with him on the platform were Dr. W. S. Holt, Pacific coast secretary of the board of home missions; Rev. F. C. Lovett, pastor of the Baptist church; Rev. Wm. R. Jeffrey, Jr., pastor of Newman M. E. church, and Rev. Robert McLean, pastor of Bethany church.

Mr. Jeffrey read from the scripture and Mr. Lovett offered prayer. Mr. Lovett then gave a most felicitous congratulatory address in behalf of the other churches.

Two of the charter members of the church, Mrs. R. H. Gillilan and W. S. Barrie, were present and participated in the celebration. The former presenting a history of the church organization and its 25 years of activity, recounting many interesting facts and reminiscences. Robert Jewell, the youngest member of the church, delivered an address to the older members that elicited hearty applause.

The address of the evening was given by Dr. Holt, and was intensely interesting. At one moment he has his audience in a gale of laughter, then in a flash he has them intensely interested in his sublime theme, the Gospel of the Son of God in our national life. He graphically pictured the march of home missions in the van of our civilization, planting churches and schools, moulding the unpromising elements into respectable citizens, and conserving of national strength that would otherwise be lost amid unfavorable surroundings. He then took us to a foreign land, Manhattan Island. Within a few minutes walk of the mission house on Fifth Avenue, he led us into the largest Italian city outside of Rome. A few minutes more and we were in a Jewish city of 1,250,000, the largest Jewish community in the world. From there he led his hearers down to our southwest border to look upon the 800,000 Mexicans who have come to us with the ignorance and superstitions of past ages, and must be moulded into American citizens, else they remain an ever-growing menace to our national life. From there he carried his hearers westward to meet the incoming tide from the Orient, and in eloquent words impressed upon his audience the tremendous responsibility of the church for the transformation of these heterogeneous elements into strong and safe American manhood and womanhood.

Mrs. W. L. Ireland rendered a solo, and those who have heard her sing know that no comment is necessary. Her voice is of rare sweetness and power, and always a pleasure to her hearers.

The final address of the evening was the message of the pastor to the people he is soon to leave. He urged upon them loyalty to the fundamental principles of the gospel, to the Crucified One as the world's hope, and to a more thorough utilization of the younger element in the church. The Christian Endeavor society contains splendid material from which to build a strong church for the future great work awaiting it.

The only shadow upon the happiness of the occasion was the thought

that the pleasant relations existing between pastor and people was so soon to be severed. It is to be hoped that the right man may soon be found and that the work of the church may suffer no interruption.

After the exercises a delicious light lunch of perfection salad, creamed chicken, wafers, cake and coffee was served in the parlors by the ladies of the church, adding greatly to the pleasure of the occasion. Early photographs and church records connected with the found-

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ASSOCIATED BOYS' CLUB AT WORK.

One of the most far-reaching movements inaugurated in our city for many months is the organization of the Associated Boys' club, which has been under way for some time, and the success of which is now an assured fact. The whole matter is an outgrowth of the purpose of the Twilight League, which is made up of baseball teams representing each Sunday school of the city and which contest among themselves for supremacy in that line.

The first step in this later movement was taken when each Sunday school appointed two of their members to act as managing directors, who met and effected the general association which has the separate Sunday school organizations under its direction. Dr. E. C. Macey was elected president of the association and Don Calvert secretary and treasurer. Since this election the organization of each Sunday school division has been brought about and officers elected for each.

The association has leased the old Coliseum rink which now presents the appearance of a fairly well appointed gymnasium. The old city Athletic club has provisionally turned over its entire equipment for the use of the new organization and this is at present being installed in the Coliseum. If it is found that enough of the members are interested in the work, it is probable that a bowling alley will be installed.

The fundamental idea of the Associated Boys' club is to provide healthful recreation for the young people of the city and this plan of instituting athletic contests is thought the best method of bringing the young people together. This idea, as is seen, is rather a combination of the working out of the Y. M. C. A. and the big athletic clubs of the larger cities. The work in basketball will probably begin before this week is over, and will be followed as the season progresses by other lines of interest as indoor baseball, wrestling and boxing bouts, bowling matches and other lines of athletics. Each Sunday school has chosen its athletic director, who will have charge of the work in that Sunday school. Teams will be chosen to represent each organization in these lines and will compete as in the Twilight League. Membership to the association is open to all who wish to enter and pay the dues exacted for the maintenance of the work, there being no stipulations as to Sunday school membership, except for those actually competing in the inter-Sunday school contests.

Two divisions of members are recognized, the Juniors, who are under eighteen years in age and seniors, over that age. Specific hours for use of the gym. will be arranged for each Sunday school at a meeting of the directors. Membership dues for the juniors, who will meet in the afternoons, have been placed at twenty-five cents per month, and for the older members at fifty cents. Basketball teams to represent each of the schools which made up the Twilight League, will be ready for practice this week and it will not be long before the old Coliseum rink will be the scene of many exciting contests.

This cause is indeed a worthy one and should receive the hearty support of every citizen who has the moral and physical welfare of the young people of the city at heart.

Mrs. Walter Briggs, who has been in the hospital here for some time, has so far recovered that she was able to return to Merlin on Thursday.

AGRICULTURAL EXPERT WANTED

COMMERCIAL CLUB DISCUSSES FARM AGENT PLAN.

COMMITTEE INVESTIGATES

Curry County Asks That Local Organization Assist in Building Wagon Road.

The employment of an agricultural and horticultural expert to advise and assist the producers of Josephine county was the live topic before the commercial club at the regular monthly session Monday evening.

Some time ago a proposition was made to the club through a Chicago organization whereby \$500 per annum would be available from that source for the employment of such expert providing the local community would supply other funds to make up the salary that would be required. This Chicago organization agreed to add \$500 to the fund for each of two years, demanding only that the man employed be acceptable to President Kerr of the State Agricultural College.

The necessity for the employment of an expert of this nature is recognized, and his value to the community would be many times the salary that would have to be paid. To make up the balance of the salary it was suggested that either an agricultural association could be formed, with which every producer in the county would surely become identified, and by the payment of a small due of a dollar or so per annum make up the balance, or by the combining of the office with that of county horticulturist, the salary of which officer is paid by the county, making the salary large enough that such official could devote all of his time to the agricultural interests. To make available the assistance from the outside it is necessary that continuous employment be given the expert.

The Pomona Grange has for several months past had the market problem under discussion, and a committee from the commercial club, composed of Messrs. Lundberg, Anderson, Selleck, Moss and Parsons, was appointed to take up the question of the agricultural expert with that body.

Curry County Wants Wagon Road.

The commercial organizations of Curry county addressed a letter to the local club asking for co-operation of the two counties in building a wagon road from the mouth of the Rogue to Grants Pass. At present the trail down the Rogue is in poor repair, and practically all of the travel from the lower river country crosses over the divide into the Umpqua valley, and in winter time this route is not practicable. A road along the Rogue would be good winter and summer.

Josephine county and the forestry service together are now doing work on the trail in this county, \$1,800 being available for that purpose. Of this amount the county appropriated \$600 and the forestry department \$1,200. A wagon road already runs to Alameda, and from there the trail will be put on a good grade and the sawchuck that has been the obstacle to travel with loaded pack horses will be eliminated. By the widening of this trail it could be converted into a wagon road. To interest government aid in this matter Senator Bourne, of the committee on post roads, will be communicated with, and an effort made to get a congressional appropriation to build the road to the mouth of the river. The local Good Roads association will also take the matter up, and should be able to get action upon the building of this much needed highway.

The business men at the mouth of the Rogue state that this wagon road would be of almost as much value to them as a railroad.

The commercial club of Eugene

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