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## WILL COMMENCE WORK SOON ON NEW CHURCH BUILDING

Congregation Makes Arrangements for Work to Start Soon on Church Property on West Main.

## OVER \$6000 HAS BEEN SUBSCRIBED FOR BUILDING

Negotiations in Progress to Finance Two-Story Business Block on Place Where Church Stands.

The congregation of St. Mark's Episcopal church have made arrangements for the commencement of work on the new church building, to be constructed on the church property at the corner of Main and Holly streets. The church edifice is estimated to cost \$10,000 at least, and will be constructed entirely of stone, either sandstone or granite, whichever is the most feasible. Archdeacon Chambers, who has had charge of the matter and who will superintend the building operations, has secured by subscription \$6400 toward the construction of the church.

The church will have a frontage of 46.10 inches on Holly street and will be 100 feet deep. The plans indicate an edifice of great beauty and the interior arrangements will be in accord with the outside appearances.

Negotiations are also in progress for the financing of the project to erect a two-story business block at the corner of Main and Holly, with the best of prospects for the success of the undertaking.

The new rector, Rev. William Lucas, of Allegan, Mich., is expected to arrive during the coming week, and will hold services for the first time on Sunday, the 14th. Mr. Lucas bears a high reputation as a minister and a man, and the congregation of St. Mark's is considered fortunate in being able to secure his services.

## LOOKING INTO MATTER OF RECENT-CONVICT ESCAPE

SALEM, Or., Nov. 6.—C. W. James, superintendent of the Oregon penitentiary, is looking into the facts in connection with the escape of the five convicts who made their getaway last month, after overpowering Guards Davis and Gertzel, and two of whom were killed in the fight with the posse in Polk county a few days later.

Mr. James will secure as much evidence as possible and if there is a case against the three surviving convicts, District Attorney John H. McNary will present the matter to the grand jury at the December term of court in Dallas, Polk county, and ask the indictment of the convicts for assault upon the officers.

There is an old Oregon statute which provides that any convict who attacks a prison officer with a deadly weapon shall be punished by death. If the evidence does not warrant the conviction of the men under this act, it is probable they will be arraigned under another law, conviction under which would give the men several years in prison.

## NO SUNDAY ISSUE OF MAIL TRIBUNE OUT TOMORROW

Owing to the fact that it has been impossible to get the new office of the Mail Tribune arranged, it will be impossible to publish a Sunday morning issue this week.

## "NO RHINO GET BWANO TUMBO, HE GET RHINO"

So Grins Black Hero Worshipper When Questioned by Correspondents Relative to Report Roosevelt Was Dead.

NAIROBI, Africa, Nov. 6.—Colonel Roosevelt and all members of his party are in good health. There is no ground whatever for the rumor spread yesterday regarding the colonel's death. Roosevelt today is beating the brush in the Eldama ravine, where he is hunting the Bongo, a rare species of African antelope. While it was known to a practical certainty yesterday that there were no grounds for the report, it was impossible to get into communication with the party until a runner was met. "No rhino get Bwana Tumbo, Bwana Tumbo get rhino quicker," grinned the black hero worshipper.

## NEW EXHIBITS ARE PLACED ON VIEW

Many New Things Added to Already Interesting Collection in the Exhibit Building.

George Launsoach, of the Laurel orchards, near Jacksonville, has on display in the Exhibit building a small bunch of grapes of the Flame Tokay variety, that are a sample of the kind of grapes that can be grown in the weighs five pounds, so that it is really Rogue River valley. The bunch only of extraordinary size for this section, but it makes newcomers investigate to ascertain if there are not more than one bunch in the cluster. The berries are very large and perfect and the whole cluster is as perfect as nature could make it.

J. C. Pendleton of Table Rock has a few Ortleys in the Exhibit building, which are kept under a glass case with justification. They are too tempting to be left outside.

Among the curiosities recently brought in is one found on the Sturgess farm, on Applegate, in the shape of an oval stone, with a groove therein, evidently hand made for the holding of a cord. In shape, size and the work upon it, the stones conform to those used by the South American Gauchos for their bolas, which they use in trapping wild cattle and game, and perhaps the aboriginal Rogue River Indian used it for the same purpose.

## APPLES SCARCE AND PRICES ARE HIGH IN ALBANY

ALBANY, Or., Nov. 6.—Apple prices are breaking all records here. Apples are selling for as high as \$3.50 a box in the local market and no apples for less than \$2 a box in local stores.

## BOOSTER MASS MEETING FOR MONDAY NIGHT

Opera House Will Be Thrown Open to Public Monday Night and Every Person Is Urged to Attend.

## TOM RICHARDSON WILL MAKE BOOSTER ADDRESS

Special Music Has Been Arranged and Profitable as Well as Pleasant Evening Is Planned.

A monster mass meeting is planned for Monday evening in the opera house. Every person in Medford with the good of the community at heart is urged to attend.

Tom Richardson, Oregon's chief booster, will make the address of the evening. Special music has been arranged and every one is urged to be on hand. Medford plans to take up the year's work with greater vim than ever before.

The ladies of the Greater Medford club will take a prominent part in the meeting, the evening being under the joint auspices of the Commercial club and the Greater Medford club.

## DROPS DEAD IN IN ASHLAND HOTEL

Prominent Mining Man of Northern California Dies Suddenly in the Oregon Hotel.

ASHLAND, Nov. 6.—(Special.)—Frank Mee, one of the best-known mining men of Northern California, dropped dead in his room at the Oregon hotel today. Mr. Mee had arrived here this morning on train 14 and had eaten dinner and started to go to bed to rest after an all-night trip. He fell dead just as he was stepping into bed.

Mr. Mee is a brother-in-law of Senator R. A. Booth, of the Booth-Kelly Lumber Co., and is widely known in Southern Oregon and California.

## SILVERTON PLEDGES \$1100 FOR PUBLICITY

SILVERTON, Or., Nov. 6.—Enthusiastic over the possibilities of a greater Silverton, hundreds of business men of Silverton and farmers from the tributary country attended a meeting in the opera house yesterday afternoon and listened to an address by Tom Richardson of Portland.

During his address Mr. Richardson read a telegram which he had just received from A. F. Hofer, secretary of the Salem board of trade: "Salem board of trade sends greetings to Silverton boosters. It means better citizens, better homes and bigger bank accounts. Salem brought more than \$1,000,000 into Marion county by spending \$12,000 in advertising." Before the meeting closed Mr. Richardson raised \$1100 for the Silverton Commercial club to be used for advertising and to promote the interests of Silverton.

## LABORING MAN SLUGGED AND ROBBED IN ALLEY

A. Rankin Struck on Head With Blunt Instrument Last Evening and Robbed of Hundred Dollar Roll.

## KNOWS NOTHING OF THE MEN WHO ROBBED HIM

Justice Canon Gives Another Man a Chance to Get Out of State.

A. Rankin, a laboring man, was relieved of \$100 Friday night about 9:30 o'clock by someone who evidently slugged him from behind.

Mr. Rankin states that he had started from the Nash corner down Front street on his way to his room in the Palace, and that was the last he knew until he found himself in his room with his pocketbook and contents gone. Mr. Rankin does not know when he was assaulted nor how, but the side of his head shows that a heavy blow had been struck him with some blunt instrument. He was (Continued on Page 8.)

## COURT HALL SELLS TO KEENE & ALLEN

Two Men Pay \$10,000 for Residence Property in Heart of City.

Dr. J. M. Keene and John R. Allen have purchased the Court Hall residence property on the corner of Central avenue and Eighth streets, paying about \$10,000.

The plans for the improvement of the property has not as yet been formulated, but Dr. Keene states that in the building line will be undertaken in the spring.

## ARKANSAS CAPITALISTS BUY ON VANCOUVER ISLAND

Portland timbermen have just completed the largest deal in Pacific coast timber lands of the year, about 90,000 acres of fir, spruce, cedar and hemlock timber on Vancouver island, the consideration being in the neighborhood of \$800,000. The tract was purchased by J. D. Lacey & Co. for southern clients who comprise a syndicate headed by Buchner, Banks & Edgar of Arkansas. The tract is one of the largest tracts of consolidated timber lands north of the British Columbia boundary.

## PIONEER WOMAN PASSES AWAY; WAS WELL KNOWN

Mrs. Belle Estes Applegate, a pioneer of Douglas county, died at her home near Drain on October 26, aged about 60 years. Mrs. Applegate was a sister of Mrs. Peter Applegate of Jacksonville, and was well known in Jackson county.

## LADIES START BIG CAMPAIGN IN CITY PLANTING TREES

The ladies of the Greater Medford club on Monday morning start a campaign of planting shade trees to beautify the city. Property owners will be urged to beautify their streets. The ladies should receive support of all.

## RAINS PROVE GREAT BENEFIT TO THE VALLEY

Rain Works Havoc in Other Sections, But Proves Beneficial to This Section, Aiding the Orchardists.

The storm of the past few days, which has been creating more or less havoc along the coast, amounted to simply a beneficial rain in the Rogue River valley.

The grass has started finely on the winter range and stock will do well outside for some time to come.

The fruit crop is practically all harvested, so that no injury has been done to that industry. The rainfall will also enable the farmers to continue operations, and, taken altogether, the storm has been just about what was needed.

## TRAIN HITS OPEN SWITCH; 5 DEAD

Nearly 200 Passengers Injured—Switchman Placed Under Arrest Charged With Responsibility.

JERSEY CITY, N. J., Nov. 6.—Five were killed and nearly 200 injured, some seriously, when an inbound passenger train was wrecked entering the Pennsylvania yards today. Four cars were demolished. The train was a local Pennsylvania on the railroad out of Philadelphia. It ran into an open switch at the Brunswick street junction, collided with a switch engine, which was not moving.

It was a commutation train, making up lost time, when the collision occurred. The accident came suddenly, the train crew being unable to jump. In the mail car over \$1,000,000 in specie was being transferred to New York by Adams express. Company detectives are guarding it. A number of injured are not expected to survive.

The dead: JOHN MONROE, engineer. JOHN M'CLAIN, fireman. JOHN SPILLE, engineer. DANIEL MEAD, fireman. STENCIO DIQOSIE, trackwalker. John Garrig, the towerman, was arrested, charged with the responsibility of leaving the switch open.

## TAFT TO SIT IN OLD HISTORIC CHAIR TONIGHT

CHARLESTON, S. C., Nov. 6.—President Taft started for Columbia, Augusta, at 8 this morning. He stopped ten minutes in Orangeburg, making a speech from the platform. In Columbia this afternoon he will sit in the chair used by nearly all of the colonial governors of the state.

## BOOSTS CITIES IMPARTIALLY BUT INVESTS HERE

William Biddle Wells, Chief of Publicity Bureau of Harriman Lines, Invests in Medford City Property—Will Build.

## HAS WRITTEN OF EVERY SECTION OF NORTHWEST

Shows Where Faith Lies by Putting \$6000 into Property in This City—Medford Leads All.

William Biddle Wells, Pacific Northwest manager of the Sunset magazine, and as such the head of the publicity department of the Harriman lines in Oregon, in which position he has extolled the merits of every section of the northwest, has shown his faith in the city of Medford by purchasing the northwest corner of Fifth and Central avenue for a sum close to \$6000. He will erect a brick business block thereon. Mr. Wells has issued all the community booklets published in the northwest, has visited all the cities and is about the best-posted man on prevailing conditions in each community, so that his investment here is proof positive of his firm belief in the future of Medford.

Other special officers have interests in this section, among them being John M. Scott, general passenger agent in Portland, C. W. Stinger, city ticket agent in Portland; W. H. Jenkins, traveling passenger agent, and others, to say nothing of "Rosey."

## SPAIN'S TROUBLES HAVE EFFECT IN PANAMA

WASHINGTON, Nov. 6.—The political difficulties in Spain are having an indirect effect on the Isthmian canal. Despite the fact that the Spanish government has forbidden the recruiting of laborers in that country for canal work, a steamer arrived at Colon a few days ago with 144 laborers from Spain, the largest since the decree went into effect. Between September 1 and October 12 only 130 laborers came to the isthmus from Southern Europe, but the unsettled conditions have apparently stimulated emigration. European laborers who come to the isthmus of their own accord and apply for work with the commission are employed at a rate of 16 cents gold an hour, and after six months' trial, if their services are satisfactory, they are advanced to 20 cents an hour.

## MINE LOCATOR MARRIES GRANTS PASS GIRL

GRANTS PASS, Or., Nov. 6.—(Special.)—At the home of Henry Miller of this city, Roy W. Briggs and Hester E. Barnett were united in marriage yesterday, Rev. D. H. Leach, pastor of the Newman Methodist church, officiating. The groom is the young man who a few years ago found the large pocket of gold in the mountains at the head of Snaker creek. He was trailing a deer he had shot and while looking for the spots of blood, noticed the seam of gold projecting from the hillside. From this the claim was staked out and was called the Wounded Buck.