

WILL CORTELYOU AID J. P. MORGAN

Asserted That Morgan Has Reached Understanding With Standard Oil and Will Work Together.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—That George B. Cortelyou will be a factor in financial interests controlled and allied with J. P. Morgan, is the general belief here today. It is asserted that he will leave his present position at the head of the Consolidated Gas company next spring and take charge of the general direction of the Equitable Life.

When seen today Cortelyou refused to discuss the report. The change, it is said, will be one of the result of Morgan's acquisition of Thomas F. Ryan's control of the Equitable. There is also strong support for the story of a possible merger of the Equitable, the New York Life and the Mutual Life, a combine that would represent more than four billion dollars.

It is believed that the Morgan interests have reached an understanding with the Standard Oil interests and that the two plan to work in harmony in control of the financial affairs of the nation.

ASSOCIATED ALL NOT OWNED BY SOUTHERN PACIFIC

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 4.—Officials of the Associated Oil company today entered an unqualified denial to the report that their organization had been taken over by the Southern Pacific company. It was announced that the Associated intends to remain in the field and will continue to make contracts for the delivery of oil in California and other Pacific Coast states.

ROBBERS BEAT UP KEEPER OF STORE

Three Masked Men Overpower Merchant and Take \$55 Away From Him.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 4.—Dan S. Lypkes, proprietor of a small store at Interbay, a suburb of this city, is today suffering from severe lacerations on the head inflicted by three masked thugs who entered his place of business last night, and after unmercifully beating him, secured more than \$400 in money and escaped. A fourth thug stood watch outside.

When Lypkes was commanded to throw up his hands he turned and made a dash for a rear room, where he kept his revolver, but was tripped by one of the robbers. This was the signal for the three to fall upon him, and he was viciously beaten with their revolver butts.

Mrs. Lypkes entered the room and was instantly knocked down and bound hand and foot. Another woman, Mrs. Tollefson, attempted to gain entrance to the store from the street, but she met the same treatment given Mrs. Lypkes.

A man named Williams then stepped into the store room and immediately became a prisoner of the robbers, who, after making sure that their captives were all securely bound, rifled Lypkes' pockets, securing \$380 in cash, and took \$55 in money from the cash drawer. Turning out the lights, the robbers left. Williams was the first to free himself from his bonds and notified the police by telephone. No arrests have yet been made.

GROWERS TOLD OF POLLINATION

Professor O'Gara Addresses Horticultural Society on Matter of Pollination and Tree Breeding.

The Commercial club rooms were filled with interested fruitgrowers at the meeting of the Rogue River Horticultural society Saturday afternoon. Several routine matters were attended to, including the report of the committee on the matter of securing a permanent meeting place for the society adjoining the present offices of Professor O'Gara.

Professor O'Gara addressed the meeting on the subject of "Pollination and Plant Breeding."

The matter of cross-pollination is one of the most important problems to be solved by the horticulturists of the Rogue River valley.

Varieties which are self-pollinated in some localities become self-sterile in others. In the Rogue River valley the Bartlett is one of the best producers and is also one of the best pollinators of other varieties, together with the D'Anjou and Bose. The Comice is a self-sterilizer and requires cross-pollination to produce a good crop.

As a matter of fact, the conclusions arrived at from the address were that the best results would be arrived at by planting pears, apples or any other variety of fruit in small blocks, that is, that not too many of any one variety should be planted together. Comice and Bartlett pears planted close together would give better results than if the varieties were separated by any distance, as the cross between these two varieties is assumed to produce the best results for the Comice, which is always a shy bearer, and when prime brings the top price.

Professor O'Gara also discussed the matter of the cross-pollination of apples, and the statistics seemed to show that where Newtowns and Spitzenbergs were crossed with Jonathans, Arkansas Blacks and even the Ben Davis, that a more vigorous growth and a better color resulted. The natural cross for the Newtown, however, is the Orley or Bellflower.

C. E. Whisler reported upon the meeting of the Fruit-Growers' congress at Spokane, and spoke of the necessity of a full representation at the meeting of the national congress of fruit-growers in Denver in January. Colorado is the only state holding out against the Pacific states in regard to the size of the apple box, sought to be increased in size by the Lathen bill. The Pacific coast delegates will attempt to secure an amendment to the bill providing that the size of an apple box shall correspond to that of the Winchester bushel, which contains 2152.42 cubic inches. Mr. Whisler was appointed as delegate from the Rogue River society an arrangements are being made to send others to attend.

KLAMATH AROUSED BY LIQUOR CASES

KLAMATH FALLS, Dec. 4.—There is consternation among the bibulously inclined and those who supply them with liquor in defiance of the local option law.

A man named Dick Larsen was caught dispensing drinks from a bottle yesterday and when arrested informed the sheriff that he had got the goods from Fred Paquette, who was also arrested.

Justice Miller bound Larsen over to the grand jury and placed Paquette under \$500 bonds to appear for trial later in the week.

Emil Britt and John F. Miller of Jacksonville went to Eagle Point Saturday.

POSTAL SAVINGS BANK TO WAIT

Aldrich Says Nothing Will Be Done Until After Monetary Commission Makes Its Report.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 4.—That there will be no postal savings bank legislation until after the monetary commission has reported is the word from Senator Aldrich today. The "stalwarts" in the senate are preparing to prevent the passage of such a bill by the upper house.

Senator Aldrich expresses the belief that the postal bank proposition would be a part of the financial system, and he would oppose allowing any financial legislation to be on passage until after the commission has reported.

Senators Cummins and La Follette of the "insurgents" have notified Aldrich that they will try to force the postal bank bill through this winter.

200,000 Trees Sold by Hoover.

L. E. Hoover, agent for the Yakima Valley Nursery company of Washington, has sold 200,000 trees to customers in the valley this season, and the season isn't over yet.

For the past week three inspectors have been engaged going through the trees, seeing that they are free from disease and of the proper quality to be delivered under the Oregon law. So far the inspection has resulted in nothing but good for the seller and also the buyer. The trees are pronounced by experts to be as fine as could be. They are well grown, well rooted and practically free from disease. Out of 1000 trees inspected Wednesday morning two were thrown out by the inspectors as having crown gall—something no Pacific coast merchant is free from—and even that number is unusual.

The inspection is made, not from a suspicion that diseased trees are being shipped by the Yakima Valley nursery, but because the laws of Oregon require that all foreign-grown trees should be rigidly inspected, tree by tree, and this is being done. The buyer has really more protection in buying foreign than home-grown trees under this system, as the law is not so strict in regard to the latter.

The nursery represented by Mr. Hoover guarantees its trees true to name and the inspection guarantees the quality.

ADVERTISED LETTER LIST.

The following letters remain un-called for at the postoffice at Medford, Or., Thursday, December 1: S. S. Abbott, A. C. Allers, Mrs. Eva Allen, Mrs. Ruth Barfield, A. H. Berry (2), Edd Bowman, C. M. Bowen, Mrs. N. Brooks, H. T. Calvin, Thomas Cameron, E. R. Cox, Mur Crisler, J. J. Daly, L. B. Harris, Anna S. Hurrehuth, Thos. A. Heildreder, L. R. Hoxie, Tob Hoffman, Mrs. Clyde Hoffman, Joe Huttner, Mrs. P. Hull, Charles Albert Koch, S. A. Mendenhall, Mrs. D. E. McGinnis, John Moore, F. E. Osborn, Irwin Parker, R. B. Picard, F. M. Seaman, Ollie Shirley, Grace Stevens, James Taylor, Annie Turpin, T. S. Wagner, O. D. Whitney, Mrs. C. G. Wilson.

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INHERITS BIG FORTUNE AND THEN DISAPPEARS

OAKLAND, Cal., Dec. 4.—After inheriting a fortune of \$576,000, E. W. Lacey, former inmate of the Whosoever Will Mission of this city, and placed in the hobo class by D. W. McGarvie, district superintendent of that institution, has disappeared, according to McGarvie.

The superintendent declared that Lacey showed him trust deeds from the Title & Trust company of Melbourne valued at \$576,000 and a letter from Archbishop Carr of Melbourne, referring to the inheritance. The letter and deeds, McGarvie said, were forwarded to Lacey at the mission through the British consul at San Francisco. The consul denies that he ever heard of Lacey.

McGarvie said that Attorney Breen of San Francisco wrote two letters to Lacey ordering him to call on him on important business. Breen admits to writing to Lacey, but refused to commit himself as to the supposed fortune. He says he has not seen Lacey, but he wants to.

GOVERNMENT WILL KEEP UP FIGHT ON ROAD

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 4.—The department of justice today denied a report that it would abandon the suit against the Union Pacific railroad.

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