

## MESSAGE O. K. ON WALL STREET

Short Covering of Considerable Magnitude Is Forced in Some Specialties—Advance General.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—The message of the president was more favorable to Wall street than the interests had believed, and short covering of considerable magnitude was forced in some of the specialties.

Today's advance in the stock market was general and with the exception of a half dozen leaders, uniform. American Sugar Refining interests seemed to be much relieved and purchases of "sugar" were the heaviest of recent days. Closing was 1 1/4 points above yesterday.

The largest gain for the "regulars" was in Steel corporation shares. Common went to 91 at the end of the day, or 1 5/8 points above yesterday's. Preferred was showing practically no change.

Copper securities kept well along with the leaders. Amalgamated gained 1 1/2 points and American Smelter 7-8 points.

Rail shares were generally firm and higher with Union Pacific the leader of this group. Closing prices 13-8 above yesterday.

New York Central participated in the general advance to the tune of 1 1/8, but these were the only ones of the leaders that gained over a point.

### PLEASANT PARTY HELD IN HONOR OF MRS. JOHNSTON

Mrs. M. M. Johnston was surprised at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. F. Shoultz about 7:30 Monday evening when the elements had let loose. A crowd of the neighbors and the G. A. R. and W. R. C. met to celebrate the good lady's 66th birthday on the 6th of December.

Music and games were the rule of the evening until about 11 o'clock when the guests were served with refreshments, consisting of coffee, cake, apples, mince and pumpkin pies, followed by candy.

When a few more songs were sung all departed, wishing Mrs. Johnston many, many happy returns of the day.

### KING DODO ON BOARDS TONIGHT

Popular Old-Time Favorite Attraction Tonight at the Medford Theater.

"King Dodo," which has proven one of the best entertainments of its kind produced in recent years, will be the attraction at the Medford theater tonight.

That the Pixley-Luders comedy opera will be one of the season's most successful bookings at the Medford can safely be anticipated. Few, if any, operas of like nature have won for their owners as great financial results as "King Dodo" and the wonder is that we have not been blessed with more frequent visits of this splendid offering.

In presenting "King Dodo" this season John Cort is said to have out-classed himself in the carefulness of its production. The costumes, scenery and effects are all new and elaborate. The cast, too, has received that astute manager's personal attention with the result that many notable artists are among the principals. The chorus is one of the many features for, as is well known, an attractive, hard working and good singing ensemble is essential to the success of the opera. Charles H. Jones who staged the original, was specially engaged by Mr. Cort to stage this season's production.

### EUGENE CARPENTERS WILL ONLY WORK 8 HOURS

EUGENE, Or., Dec. 7.—The carpenters and joiners of Eugene recently organized a union and have given notice to the contractors that on and after January 15, 1910, eight hours shall constitute a day's work for members of the union. In the notice it was stated that it is understood that all contracts made prior to November 25 shall be completed at the old schedule of hours. The several contractors of the city have given public notice that they will in no way recognize the demands of the union but that they will continue to conduct their business in the future as they have in the past, dealing directly with their employees without the intervention of the union.

## KING DODO REIGNS TONIGHT



### BUTTE FALLS ITEMS

A heavy snowstorm set in on Thursday and it is quite probable that we will have some depth, as the ground is ready for it.

Charley Edmonson and Scott Claspill left on Thursday for valley points. Tom Grigsby had a mishap with his load of freight for Merchant Hughes, but repaired the break at Eagle Point and arrived here safely.

Will Chambers and family have returned from a visit to Central Point and other valley towns. B. Briggs has removed from the Poole store room and Ira Tugate will take possession and open a pool room.

Mr. Bieherstadt of Brownsboro passed through town on Friday with a band of horses which he brought from his upper ranch and is taking to the valley for the winter.

The snowstorm is about over and bright, beautiful sunshine makes us all feel more like we were in the "Italy of America" and that Rogue River valley is not such a bad place after all.

The Sunday edition of the Mail Tribune was a most excellent issue and it should be widely circulated in the east, where it will do much good and bring many desirable people to our favored valley.

Thanksgiving day was celebrated in Butte Falls by the giving of a fine dinner at Hotel Duprey, which would have been a credit to any city hotel. In the evening the young people had games of basketball and a fine dance, which was largely patronized. The day itself was overcast, but not cold or unpleasant, and everything passed off very enjoyably.

Deputy Sheriff Powers came in from the valley on Friday and made service of some important legal paper upon the Beale family.

The merchants have gotten in nearly all their winter store supplies and

with the roads and travel in such unfavorable condition it is quite likely that not many will venture to the valley.

Gus Jones of Olson was a visitor to our town on Saturday. The Baker brothers are helping Mr. Clevenger in finishing up the new road from the Allen ranch near Derby.

Will Chambers and wife are visiting Mr. and Mrs. John Obenchain, the parents of Mrs. Chambers. Miss Agnes, the sister of Mrs. Will Perry, was visiting the family of Mr. Perry during the last week.

Railroad camps are established at Edsall's and on the road near the "Perry" ranch and both crews are working hard in clearing the right of way, as they have only until March to reach Butte Falls.

Jack Fredenburg had the misfortune to lose one of his horses while on the way from that valley.

John Downs and mother were trading with our merchants on Saturday.

Ira Tugate has returned from the valley, bringing with him two of Mrs. Poole's children. Ira will open the new pool room in a few days and promises that he will conduct a decent, respectable place and not allow any drinking or gambling about the premises.

Butte Falls and the surrounding country is covered with a foot or more of snow, which began to fall on Saturday evening and continued through the night. It is very difficult to travel and most of us stay at home by the fire as we have plenty of good wood.

Several strangers have been in our midst lately, but whose names or business we did not learn.

Mrs. Brainerd, wife of Contractor Brainerd, arrived from the north on Friday and will remain here.

## ASHLAND SCHOOL TAX IS 7 MILLS

Taxpayers Vote Tax to Support Schools During Coming Year—To Raise \$17,000.

ASHLAND, Or., Dec. 7.—Taxpayers of Ashland school district directed the board to levy a special tax of 7 mills at the meeting held recently for the maintenance of the schools for the ensuing year. The levy carried with it title instructions to the board to inaugurate a department of manual training and of domestic science in the schools, which will place Ashland in the very front rank in this respect and add a feature to her public schools that is rapidly gaining ground and has undoubtedly come to stay.

The estimated expense for the coming year is \$25,656.04 and the estimated receipts from state and county are \$8000, which left the sum of \$17,656.04 to be raised by special tax. The total assessed values of the district being \$2,900,813, a levy of 6 mills was asked of the taxpayers by the board, the explanation being made, however, that if it was desired to install manual training and domestic science departments it would be necessary to make a levy of at least another mill, \$3000 being estimated by the board as necessary to start the work for the first year, \$1000 each for two teachers and the remainder for equipment.

The estimates read, a discussion followed and a motion was made by J. F. Rotho that an eight-mill tax be levied on the ground that the estimate was likely to be too low. This motion was seconded by F. W. Moore, Senator L. L. Mult voiced the only opposition heard in the meeting to the adoption of the new departments, believing that it was of doubtful expediency. Ex-Senator E. V. Carter advocated the adoption of the new departments, but believed that if the board had estimated 1 mill as enough for the work proposed for the first year, its estimate should stand, and therefore moved to amend the motion and make the levy 7 mills, which motion was seconded and carried by a vote of 24 to 2.

### PIERCE GOES FREE BY ORDER OF COURT

AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 7.—Judge Calhoun today sustained the immunity plea of H. Clay Pierce, the oil magnate, charged with perjury, and ordered the jury to return verdict of acquittal.

Pierce was freed fifteen minutes after the case was called today.

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### HUNTER IS SHOT BY HIS OWN FAITHFUL DOG

PENDLETON, Or., Dec. 7.—Harry Labrash, a young man of Athena near here, is in a critical condition today at a local hospital, the victim of a peculiar accident, having been shot by his own dog.

While hunting in the mountains near Gibbons Labrash set his gun in the snow with the muzzle leaning against a bush. He was standing near the weapon when the dog jumped against it, causing it to be discharged.

The full charge of shot crashed into the young man's thigh, tearing a gaping wound and scattering the bone. After much difficulty companions brought him to this city, where it was said that his wound would prove fatal.

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### POLICE SEEK TO SOLVE MYSTERY

Mutilated Body Found in Bushes—Had Been Beaten to Death With a Scantling.

COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho, Dec. 7.—The police today are trying to find some clue that will lead to the identity of the murderer of John H. Billings, whose mutilated body was found in a clump of bushes on Twentieth street late last night. A blood stained piece of scantling lying a few feet from the body gave mute testimony as to how Billings met his death.

After beating Billings to death the murderer dragged his body from the roadway to the clump of bushes. In addition to receiving a fractured skull there were three deep gashes in his head, any one of which would have caused death.

A workman's pass found in the dead man's pocket showed that he had been recently employed in Spokane by the Parker Carnival company.

### SHELDON FAILED WRECK COMPANY

Thieving Official's Work Will Not Bring Injury to Policy Holders in Insurance Company.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—"We find Phoenix Insurance Company still in good financial condition with surplus of \$2,000,000; policy holders won't suffer," is the report on Sheldon's thieving. The branch office of the Phoenix denies the report that Sheldon is dying. It is admitted he has been ill for a month at Greenwich, Connecticut. He has not been told by State Insurance Superintendent Hotchkiss of the sensational report charging a shortage of from 500,000 to \$1,500,000 of the company's assets. Among the serious charges against Sheldon are:

Falsification of records in reports for ten years; assumption of full control of the business and the resources of the company disregarding the rights of directors and the finance committee; maintenance of a speculative account with the company's money for his own benefit; loaning money to state insurance officials.

The charges are of a criminal nature, and have been placed in the hands of District Attorney Jerome.