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CITY AFTER REST OF MONEY

Nearly \$1000 Standing Out on Unpaid Assessments—Accounts Turned Over to Sheriff by Recorder Telfer for Collection.

After being lenient for some two years, and in some cases for a longer period of time, the city has at last started in earnest to collect unpaid assessments for city improvements. Nearly \$1000 is on the city books and Friday Recorder Robert W. Telfer went to Jacksonville where he placed the accounts with Sheriff Jones for collection.

In some instances the accounts date back as far as 1906. They are mostly for sidewalk, water and sewer main assessments. The city intends to follow the matter a finish and either get the money or an execution.

GIVEN HIM LIBERTY AS A CHRISTMAS PRESENT

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Dec. 24.—Held within the confines of a state penitentiary until he changed from a young man of 27 years to an old gray-haired veteran of 63, John Howard, a model prisoner, today was granted the greatest Christmas present which can be given to any man—his liberty.

The state board of prison directors recently gave permission to the warden of Folsom and San Quentin penitentiaries the right to make a Christmas gift of parole to three prisoners who have no friends on the outside, or who have no indication of a "pull." This is how John Howard under a life sentence for robbery and who has already spent 33 years in the pen has been allowed his liberty. Warden Reilly of Folsom having already exercised the Christmas parole privilege. Howard's a veteran of the civil war.

MEDFORD'S TRADE IS GROWING FAST

Sales of Christmas Goods Larger Than Ever Before—Shoppers Demand High Class Goods.

"We are doing better business this year than ever before," is the consensus of opinion to be gathered from the expressions of the business men who could take time to even say that much when a Mail Tribune reporter attempted to interview them this forenoon.

"Look at the customers," "Size it up yourself," "Haven't time to talk, eat, sleep or anything else but sell goods," are a sample of the replies handed out to the seek after news.

And it was evident from the way the clerks were flying around that the Christmas trade is the biggest ever known in Medford.

ZELAYA TO FLEE TO EUROPE

Guard Prepares to March With Him to Corinto, Where He Will Board Gunboat and Go to Mexico—From There to Brussels.

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Dec. 24.—There seems to be no doubt in the minds of the people of Managua today that former President Zelaya is preparing to flee to Europe.

Early today a guard of soldiers who have remained loyal to the dictator marched to his mansion. It was reported that they will escort him to Corinto, where he will board a Mexican gunboat that lies in the harbor. It is believed that Zelaya will go from Corinto directly to Mexico. From there it is reported he will go to Brussels to remain until the crisis is passed.

Estrada's cause is gaining much popular support among the inhabitants of the capital. It is considered more than a possibility that the Madriz government may be overthrown even before Estrada's victorious forces reach Managua on the march that was begun today.

Insurgents Advance.

BLUEFIELDS, Nicaragua, Dec. 24.—(By wireless to Colon.)—General Diaz of the insurgent forces today began his advance upon Managua, and it is believed that before tomorrow night Estrada's entire army will be moving toward the capital.

Since the sweeping defeat of the Zelayans at Rama and Recero last Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday detachments of the rebel army have been pursuing the troops of the former president that avoided capture. These remnants of the dictator's troops have either been driven to the mountainous country in the interior or have dispersed, and practically nothing stands in the path of the Estradans.

Nothing Can Save Capital. It is believed generally that nothing can save the capital from falling into the hands of the rebels.

Unless the newly appointed president, Jose Madriz, sues for peace, the overthrow of the government appears imminent.

The complete annihilation of the Zelayan in the terrific fighting early this week was accomplished Wednesday in a fierce battle near Recero. There the Zelayans made a final desperate stand, after they had been driven from Rama. Their losses were enormous.

Desperate Fighting. At Recero the Zelayans for more than two hours held the victorious rebels at bay. From 4 o'clock to 6 in the afternoon the fighting was desperate and marked by severe loss of life. At 6 o'clock, however, a white flag was run up from the Zelayans' position.

The Zelayan army that has occupied Greytown has evacuated the city, according to messages brought here today. The Greytown garrison, which was under the command of General Toledo, is entirely cut off from the defenders of Managua, and it is believed Toledo will surrender without making an attempt to reinforce the troops at the capital.

Americans Take Part. Many Americans are playing a heroic part in the triumphs of the revolutionists. Some of them are popu-



DON'T WORRY IF IT HASN'T COME

Thousands of Christmas Presents Delayed by Storm in the Middle West.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—Because of blizzards prevailing throughout the middle west all eastern mails to San Francisco are from four to six hours late today and thousands of Christmas gifts, on their way from the east are delayed.

Yesterday's mails were more than ten hours late. As a result, 140 extra mail clerks were rushed to the Oakland pier to handle the belated Christmas mails when they arrived. Ordinary mail is not all that is being delayed, but registry pouches are being delayed.

Pacific coast mails are reported to be moving on scheduled time.

The two children of J. W. Snylie who have been very ill, are much better today and have excellent chances of recovery.

larily held to be partially responsible for the rebel victories at Rama and Recero early this week.

John Brainerd of North Dakota was wounded three times during Monday's fighting. He was left for dead on the field, but three hours later with an American flag bandage bound tightly about a severe wound on his arm, he crawled into Estrada's camp. He was brought to a hospital here.

Generals Gonzales, Castello and Roberto of the Zelayan forces, who were captured in Wednesday's engagements, were brought to this city today and are held as prisoners of war.

Many of the prisoners brought to Bluefields were in a pitiable physical condition. They were half starved and, according to their assertions, had subsisted on bananas and corn for more than two weeks.

A FEW TIPS FOR MR. SANTA CLAUS

The City Editor.
Dear Mr. Santa Claus: I drop this line
To register a little kick.
I want some useful gifts in mine,
Of foolish things I'm sick,
I do not want a pillow sham,
Nor yet a pair of shoes,
For wristlets I don't give a —
I want some startling news.

The Publisher.
I do not want a picture frame,
To shrine the latest of my loves,
Nor yet the latest puzzle game,
Nor do I want a pair of gloves,
I do not want a case of dope
To cure my head and other ills,
And yet I lie awake and hope
That you'll send me some payless bills.

Advertising Manager.
Now Santa Claus, I'm sure you know
What I will ask of you this year.
All of the usual things you show
I trust this time will not appear.
Now, here's a tip: Fix it so I
Can go among the business lads
And, without argument, quick and spry,
Can get each day four full-page ads.

The Reporter.
Dear Santa, I don't wish to ask
For something that you cannot graft,
Yet I would like to have you send
A new thing to the local staff.
I chase myself around all day
And often get into a muddle;
And what I want, dear Santa Claus,
Is a chief who will not cuss.

The Compositor.
I do not want a meerschaum pipe,
With my initials on the bowl;
Nor do I think the time is ripe
To send me pamphlets for my soul.
Those gifts would never suit my end;
The very nicest gift to speed

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NO SOLUTION YET RAILROAD STRIKE

Another Conference Being Held Today—Yesterday's Meet Failed to Settle.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 24.—President Hawley and a committee of the railroad switchmen are again in conference with the railroad managers today in an effort to settle the strike in the northwest.

The railroads proposal, submitted to President Hawley is as follows: "We will employ as many strikers as we have room for under the present agreement until the end of the conference in the Chicago district at which time we will offer to meet any increases in pay, or any working conditions, granted the Chicago switchmen by their employers."

The strikers demand arbitration under the act of 1898 and separate negotiations here regardless of the outcome of the Chicago conference.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The Explorers' club this afternoon denounced Dr. Frederick A. Cook, as an impostor and declared that his claim to having scaled Mount McKinley was not borne out by the evidence secured by the investigating committee. The committee in its report to the board of governors made today stated especially that it did not consider the affidavits of David Barrill, who accompanied by Dr. Cook on the McKinley expedition.

LOCAL ROAD IN BONDED CLASS

For the First Time Bond Issue Is Contemplated on R. V. Railroad—Was Alone in Its Class, Being Only Road Free of Bonded Debt.

The Rogue River Valley Railroad, at last contemplates a bond issue, after being for years the only road in the United States without a bonded indebtedness. Steps have been taken to float an issue of bonds which have been secured by a mortgage of \$125,000.

Recently there was recorded in the office of the county recorder of Jackson county a mortgage executed by the Rogue River Railroad Company, by Barnum, president and Barnum, secretary, in favor of the Merchants Loan and Trust Company of Portland, for the sum of \$125,000, the mortgage becoming due in 1914, with interest at 5 per cent per annum.

The railroad was unique in railway circles by not having a bonded indebtedness, whereas any other road, in operation as a public utility corporation, had a bonded debt.

It is reported that President Barnum contemplates an extension of the road to Ruch and eventually into the Applegate valley.

FRANCE WILL WITHDRAW HER OBJECTIONS TO LOAN

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 24.—It is believed here today that France will withdraw her objections to allowing Americans from participating in the Antung loan within a few days. American bankers will take seven millions of the loan on which they will receive their interest from China. American steel makers will receive a large share of the orders for rails and American engineers will be engaged in the construction of the road.

John Smith of Oakland, Oregon, is among the people who are in this city for the holidays.

NEW ROAD IS PLAN; SEA TO SEA

Edwin Hawley Is Said to Be Behind the Deal for New Transcontinental Railroad—Destined to Become the Successor of Harriman.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—A new transcontinental railroad to compete with the Hill and Harriman lines may result from the action of the Moore interests, owners of the Rock Island, in taking over control of the Lehigh Valley line, according to a story that gained wide circulation in Wall street today.

The new road would be formed, it is suggested, by an alliance of the Lehigh, the Wabash, the Rock Island, the Denver & Rio Grande and the Western Pacific, giving a direct route from the Atlantic to San Francisco.

Wall street says that Edwin Hawley, the "new little railway giant," is behind the deal, and the report is part and parcel of the stories that he is destined to become the successor of Harriman.

Swift movements in the railroad world have followed the recent withdrawal of B. F. Yoakum from the Rock Island to take charge of the Frisco system as a separate road. It was understood at the time that Hawley was allied with Yoakum.

Wall street would not be surprised to hear of an alliance of interests between the Goulds, Hawley, the Moores, Reid and Yoakum, forming monstrous new factor in the railroad business. The combined interest of these men would place such a combine in the fore of the railroad world.

WOLGAST AND BATTING NELSON MATCHED

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 24.—Tom Jones, manager for Ad Wolgast, who was matched to fight Battling Nelson last night, stated today that the date for the contest here has not been fixed.

Can Women Write Ads ?

It might surprise you to learn that women have come to be very successful ad-writers—that some of the ads in this issue of the Mail Tribune are written by women.

Of course, it is in writing want ads that women have been most successful.

They have found out how simple it is to write a classified ad that will perform, unfailingly, a personal service for them—finding a servant, a boarder, a tenant, a buyer for used furniture or musical instruments or other articles of value.

They write ads that find employment for themselves—that find lost things—that aid in household management.

A good many ads are being written TODAY by women for the Mail Tribune.

CITY AGAIN USING BEAR CREEK WATER

Owing to the fact that the Fish Lake ditch freezes over on these cold nights, the city has been forced to call again on Bear creek for a short time each morning.