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FOURTH YEAR.

MEDFORD, OREGON, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1909.

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CLOSE UNION RAILROADS TO MEETING'S RESULT COMBINE OFFICES

Fruit Men Hold Most Representative Meeting Ever Convened in Medford—Committee Appointed to Formulate Plans.

One of the most representative gatherings of fruit growers ever held in the Rogue River valley was that held at the horticultural rooms in the Haskins building yesterday afternoon.

The meeting was called for the purpose of inaugurating a movement toward creating a union of all the fruit growers of Rogue River valley, irrespective of location, covering the whole fruit growing territory from the Siskiyou to the gorge of the Rogue, and representatives from every section were present.

There was no debate upon the question of the necessity of such an organization, but there were a number of addresses upon the main point and other subjects, all of which were full of information for the fruit grower, whether veteran or novice.

Professor O'Gara was the first speaker and told of the work which had been accomplished by the orange and lemon growers of California in this respect and the aid which had been given the southern California growers by the government.

"Because they asked for it," said Mr. O'Gara, "and the fact that I am here as a representative of the department of agriculture shows what can be done by asking. The orange and lemon growers of California get the best price going through their organization, and you people should be getting very tired of having the main profits of your labor and investments reaped by curbstone brokers on the other end of the line."

George A. Hamilton, one of the prominent fruit growers of Josephine, was in favor of a union of the fruit growers of the whole valley. He thought the fruit business should be taken out of the hands of the commission men. In his experience he had found that the grower received the commission and the other fellow got the rest.

If you kicked, the next shipment would give you no returns whatever, but you would have the privilege of paying the freight. Mr. Hamilton believed in organizing and so pledged himself, and the fruit growers of Josephine.

D. T. Lenninger of the Ashland Fruit association was not prepared to talk, but was heartily in favor of organization.

C. B. Snell of Ashland thought organization was a good thing for apple and pear men, but did not see how growers of small fruits and berries would be benefited.

A. U. Parsons of Grants Pass thought berries and peaches more at the mercy of the commission dealers than other fruits, as they could

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ROBBERS MEET WITH DISASTER OKLAHOMA

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Dec. 31.—One robber was instantly killed, a second fatally wounded and a third escaped early today when the Oklahoma city police frustrated an attempt to rob the state bank at Harrah, a small town east of here.

The dead robber was identified as Frank Quiggs of Kansas City, and the wounded man gave the name of Frank Carpenter. Officers here who discovered the plot to rob the bank hurried to Harrah last night. They concealed themselves near the bank and waited. Early today the three men appeared, and the police ordered them to surrender. The men fled and the police fired, killing Quiggs and fatally wounding Carpenter.

Pacific & Eastern Business Will Be Transacted at the Southern Pacific Depot, Beginning With Tomorrow Morning, January 1.

The Pacific & Eastern has completed arrangements with the Southern Pacific for the establishment of a joint agency and commencing with Saturday morning, January 1, it will be possible to transact all business with the Pacific & Eastern at the Southern Pacific depot. Tickets may be purchased, freight shipped and all just as if the Pacific & Eastern was a Southern Pacific line. All local freight, passenger and baggage business will be handled at the depot. A. S. Rosenbaum, the local Southern Pacific agent for the Pacific & Eastern, and his force will assist in handling the Pacific & Eastern business.

More Men Needed.

The work on the extension of the Pacific & Eastern is rapidly progressing. Chief Engineer Gerig states that the worst handicap is lack of men, 500 being needed now.

The line between Eagle Point and this city has all been ballasted to a point within two miles of Medford, and the road is in much better shape than ever before.

NEW COMPANY TO HANDLE LAND FORMED

Company Capitalized at \$200,000 is Incorporated to Deal in Rogue River Valley Lands.

The Rogue River Orchards company, capitalized at \$200,000, with offices at Kansas City, Portland and Merlin, is the latest syndicate to undertake the clearing, planting and sale of small tracts of the Rogue River valley. The incorporators of the company are W. T. Reed and T. E. Reed of Kansas City, F. F. Williams and S. D. Williams of Portland and W. B. Sherman of Grants Pass.

The company has made an initial purchase of 5000 acres of land near Merlin. The land is now being cleared and 400 acres of it will be planted to fruit this year and 1500 next year.

ALBERT KICKS OUT LEOPOLD'S FRIENDS

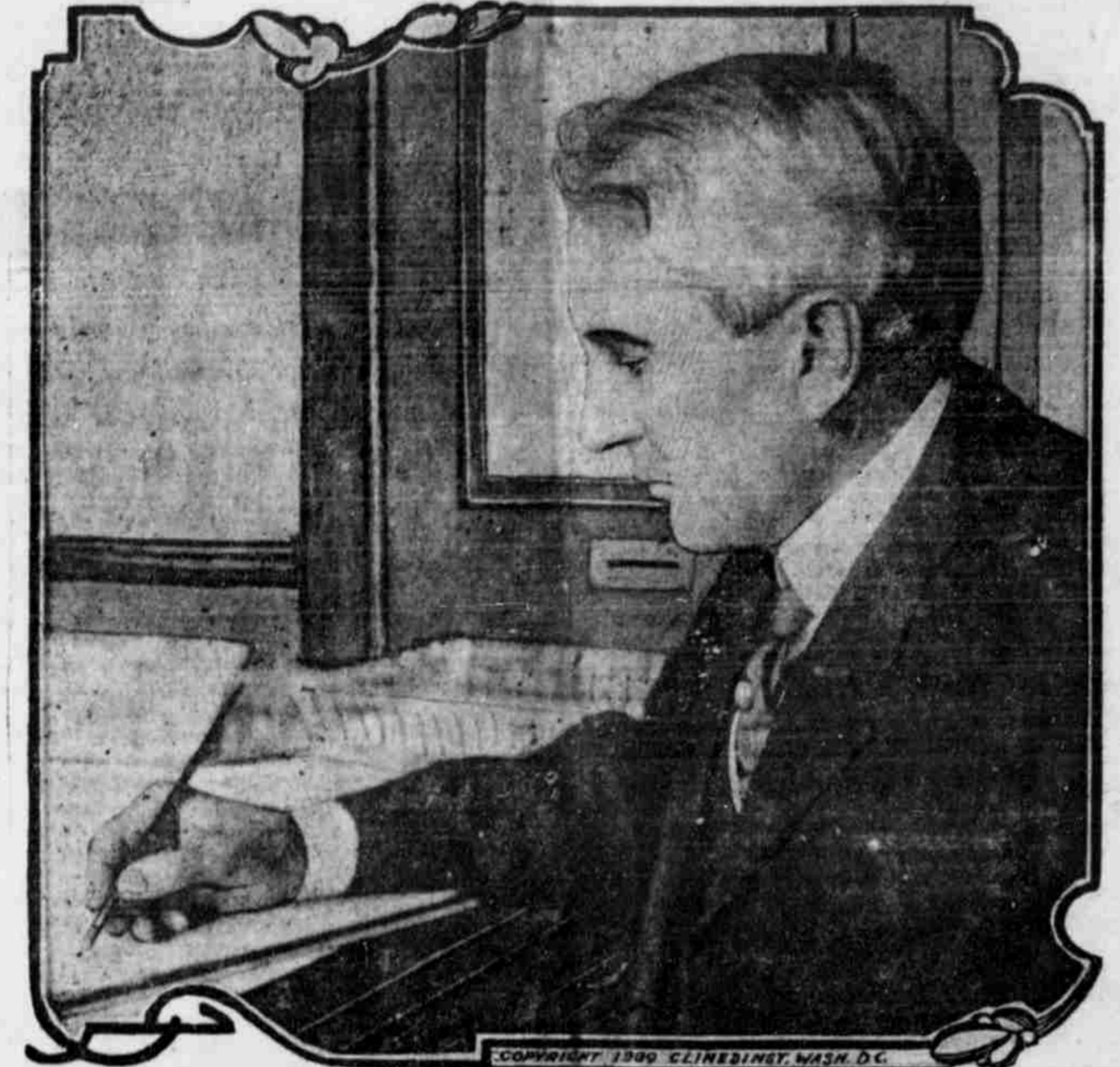
BRUSSELS, Dec. 31.—An authoritative and official announcement was made here today to the effect that King Albert had accepted the resignation of the entire civil and military staffs of the late King Leopold, including Baron Wahis, governor general of the Belgian Congo. This action is accepted as a preliminary step to stamping out the old regime in the Congo and the ending of repeated abuses there.

GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS DISCUSS RECENT STRIKE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—H. B. Perham in charge of the railway division of the American Federation of Labor, today held a long conference with Interstate Commerce Commissioner Knapp and Labor Commissioner Nell for the purpose of bringing about an adjustment of the dispute between the striking switchmen and the northwestern roads.

Following the conference, which lasted for three hours, it was announced that no settlement had been effected.

FRANK B. KELLOGG, NEMESIS OF TRUSTS, SOON TO SPRING A SENSATIONAL SUIT.



Washington is stirred over rumors that at least one sensational trust exposure is being prepared by the government's legal department. Frank B. Kellogg, the Minnesotan who fought the Standard Oil company to a standstill, is at the capital and has been working steadily for several weeks preparing an action that the wise ones say will rival the fight against the oil trust. It is known that the sugar trust and the telephone and telegraph merger are under consideration in the attorney general's office, but those who profess to know will not disclose whether Mr. Kellogg is engaged in these cases or is investigating some other gigantic commercial organization with a view to beginning proceedings. The prominence gained by Mr. Kellogg in his anti-trust fights prompts his friends to put him forward as a candidate for United States senator to succeed Senator Clapp of Minnesota, whose term expires in 1911.

CRATER LAKE CASE UP JAN. 12

ATTORNEY REAMES IS SO NOTIFIED

The Crater Lake road case has been set for hearing in the supreme court on January 12, 1910, at 10 o'clock a. m. Attorney Clarence L. Reames was so notified Friday.

The Crater road case is most important to southern Oregon and to the state at large. The recent legislature appropriated \$100,000 to aid in its construction. Later one McMahan, a cheap attorney in Salem, developed a bad grudge and in the name of a taxpayer in eastern Oregon brought suit and enjoined the state from expending the money, claiming such an appropriation is unconstitutional. The suit was won by McMahan in the circuit court and was immediately appealed. It will now be settled in the supreme court.

SEEMS NO HOPE OF PARDON OF NICKELL

All efforts appear hopeless to secure a pardon for Charles Nickell, the former Jacksonville and Medford newspaper man, now serving a four-year term of imprisonment as the result of his conviction in the United States court at Portland of conspiracy in land frauds. Senator Bourne, looking after the matter at the request of Nickell's friends, has been notified by the department of justice that unless reasons for Nickell's pardon additional to those upon which the president has heretofore refused to grant it shall be advanced the application cannot again be called to the president's attention.

Splendid Flight Made.

PAUE, France, Dec. 31.—Paul Tissandier today flew over this city for half an hour in a Wright biplane. He was accompanied by Count Malinski as a passenger.

NEW TIME TABLE IN EFFECT JAN. 1

A new time table on the Southern Pacific goes into effect tomorrow. Only two changes are made here. No. 12, the Shasta Limited, will go north at 2:36 a. m. instead of 9:27 a. m. and No. 19, the Ashland local, goes south at 11:22 p. m. instead of 11:43 p. m.

JUDGE SILAS J. DAY, CLOSES USEFUL CAREER

Old and Respected Pioneer Passes Away at His Home in Jacksonville—Lived There Since 1852.

With the passing of Judge Silas J. Day of Jacksonville, who died at his home in Jacksonville, another vacancy has been made in the fast thinning ranks of the pioneers of the Pacific coast, and besides one of the men who helped to make Oregon history has gone to his reward.

Judge Day was one of that little band of indomitable men who braved the dangers of the six months' journey across the plains in the early fifties and who finally settled down and helped create a great commonwealth in a country then unknown and unexplored.

Built Courthouse.

Judge Day was county judge of Jackson county when the present court house was constructed in 1883, and it stands now a monument to his memory in solidity and honesty of construction.

Judge Day was a member of the I. O. O. F. and had passed through the chairs in every branch of the order. He has been for many years the secretary of the Pioneers Association of Southern Oregon.

He leaves a wife and two children, Mrs. Mammie Dox, now in the east, and E. M. Day, who was with him

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ASHLAND GROCER GIVEN \$50 FINE

ASHLAND, Or., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—The second case of the state vs. H. P. Holmes was heard yesterday before Recorder Eggleston and a jury, and resulted in conviction. Holmes was fined \$50 and costs. His offense consisted in selling Hazelwood Creamery butter not properly labeled. It was really the Hazelwood company, and not Holmes, that was on trial, and it is understood that the Portland concern will pay Holmes' fine and costs of suit.

Mulkey Wages War.

District Attorney Mulkey is determined to force the pure food law in this district and will vigorously prosecute every case reported if the evidence is sufficient to gain a hearing in court, believing that that is the only course that will bring out the weak points in the law, and educate the masses to take enough interest in such matters to prevent in future the passage of laws framed in such a way as to be easy of evasion.

Grocers Want Investigation.

The local grocers are as anxious as anyone to have the pure food law properly interpreted in order that they may know where they stand. They are tired of being used by creameries to impose their wares upon the public. The creamery that persists in putting doubtful labels on the butter sent to Ashland will quickly find that a community that will discipline home industry for practicing unscrupulous business methods, will not hesitate to refuse to patronize a questionable outside concern.

RAILROAD CLIMS IT WAS FRAUDED OF \$600,000

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 31.—The fraudulent disposition of free trip passes has cost the Great Northern railway upwards of \$600,000 in the past four years, it is alleged, as the result of an organized system supposed to extend throughout the west.

Special Agent A. L. Ray has been working on the case for the government for over a year.

ZELAYA SAYS REPORTS WRONG

Laughs at Report That He Plundered the Nicaraguan Treasury—Says Stories Regarding Him Were All "Made-to-Order."

MEXICO CITY, Mex., Dec. 31.—"Americans have been misled by biased reports and made-to-order stories of the alleged crimes and defalcations in Central America, but I feel that since I have been given an opportunity to state my side of the case they will begin to understand the true state of affairs."

This was the statement made today by former President Zelaya of Nicaragua to the United Press correspondent.

"While it is true," he continued, "that I have enemies in the United States, I also have found friends. The latter firmly believe that no matter what faults may be found with my policy in governing Nicaragua, the action of Secretary Knox was far from proper from a diplomatic point of view."

Zelaya laughed at the story that he had plundered the treasury and declared that he had paid the \$50,000 Emery claim out of his own pocket. The former president seems undisturbed by the rumors of a plot to assassinate him.

A sub-secretary of foreign affairs today denied that Zelaya was a virtual prisoner at the Mexican capital. He stated that Zelaya was at liberty to go and come as he pleased.

"Zelaya," said the secretary, "may spend millions, drink, talk, gamble, sleep and live in Mexico without fear of molestation as long as he cards to."

WILL SPEED THE PARTING AND WELCOME THE NEW

The coming of 1910 will be duly and appropriately welcomed by the people of Medford. Watch parties will be held at the different churches and many private affairs of like kind are being arranged.

The hotels and restaurants have prepared to accommodate the celebrators of the passing of the old and the coming of the new year.

The speeding of the parting guest in the shape of 1909 will be celebrated, as well as the coming of 1910.

TO GIVE PERMANENT RELIEF CHERRY WIDOWS

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—Plans are being made here today by Ernest Bicknell, national director of the Red Cross society, for calling a meeting of the Red Cross councils and the executive committee of the United Mine Workers for the purpose of giving permanent relief to the survivors of the Cherry disaster.

In replying to charges that the Red Cross had not properly relieved suffering at Cherry, Bicknell said that the organization had spent nearly \$200,000 and that the families of the dead miners were being cared for even better than their own breadwinners could have done.

MAN THREATENS TO BLOW UP THE SENATE

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—A letter written to a Chicago newspaper stating that the writer had only six months to live and that he intended to blow up the United States senate with nitro-glycerine, caused the federal operatives and Chicago police to hurriedly search the city today.

The letter was at first thought to be a hoax, but it is now believed to have been from a serious man who has been driven irrational by thoughts of death.

OLD YEAR TO PASS OUT TONIGHT

Number of Watch Meetings Have Been Arranged for This Evening—Will, However, Be Quietly Observed in Medford.

"The King is dead, long live the King."

Such will be the cry within a few hours when 1909 passes out into the night to make way for a brand new youngster—another year of promise. The incoming year will be hailed the world over, in some places quietly and in others madly, riotously, tumultuously.

In Medford the greeting of the new comer will be quiet. A number of watch meetings will be held and the leading cafes will be open until 1910 is here.

Sitting by the bedside of a dying year never was a sad rite, and the annual performance seems to take on a livelier tone every time. Breathing its last, in wheezy gasps, the waning year is forgiven for all the evils and tribulations it brought, and thought is given only of the pleasant things with which its memory will always be linked. But the dying year is really given scant attention for most of the sitting-up solicitude is for the new year and in the nature of a reception, a glad, gay welcome, if you please.

The girls at the Nash grill intend holding an imitation Irish wake at that popular resort tonight in their efforts to welcome the New Year in and they assert that when it comes to making a noise they will be there with bells, and cowbells at that.

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FIELDER JONES MAY MANAGE QUAKERS

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—If "brother" Charlie Taft is willing to let Fielder Jones in on some of the stock of the Philadelphia Nationals, which he purchased yesterday, he can probably get Jones to manage the Quaker team.

At least this is the report current here today following the visit yesterday of Willard N. Jones of Portland, Or., a brother of the former White Sox manager.

Willard says that Fielder Jones is prosperous, but still yearns for baseball. The local fans believe that if Taft cannot get Johnny Kling to manage the Philadelphia team, that a strong effort will be made to land Jones.

POLICE SEARCHING FOR BOLD NEGRO BURGLAR

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31.—The entire police force is searching today for a negro burglar who at midnight entered the room of Mrs. Bessie Huntress at 1434 Turk street and, finding no money in the room, brutally attacked the woman.

After binding and gagging the woman and leaving her half dead, the burglar escaped. She was found unconscious in her room this morning by the landlady. Mrs. Huntress was rushed to an hospital, where her condition is said to be critical.

The woman separated from her husband some time ago and since then has been working as a bookkeeper.

AVIATOR MEETS WITH ACCIDENT NEAR PARIS

MOUREMELON LE GRANDE, France, Dec. 31.—The life of Aviator H. Baerders was probably saved today when his biplane fell into a tree. Although the aviator escaped unhurt his machine was totally wrecked.