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52 BODIES TAKEN FROM DEATHDEALING MINE

OFFICIALS TRY TO PLACE THE BLAME

33 ARE KILLED IN ANOTHER MINE

BULLETIN
SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Feb. 2.—Fifty-two men were killed and six injured in a mine explosion at Los Esperantos, Mexico, according to dispatches received here today.

The mine is the property of the Mexico Mining company, and several fatal explosions have occurred there in the past.

The lives of at least 85 men who labored deep in the earth, for their daily bread have been snuffed out by explosion and fire within the last three days.

In addition to these, at least 26 others are missing, and it is regarded as almost certain that they, too, were killed.

If this belief is well founded, 111 miners have gone to their deaths.

Fifty-two charred and twisted bodies have been taken from the wrecked tunnels of the Colorado Fuel & Iron company's mine at Primero, Colo.

Thirty-three bodies have been raised from the Broder mine at Drakeboro, Ky.

Two half-suffocated miners were rescued from the Sholl mine at South Bartonsville, Ill., last evening.

While the bodies are being brought to the surface, at these death-holes men are searching the long-sealed St. Paul mine at Cherry, Ill., where more than 200 dead are entombed.

PRIMERO, Colo., Feb. 2.—Lying in long rows in the improvised
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REDDY ASKS FOR \$6000 FEE IN CASE

Files His Report With Circuit Judge and Asks Only Reasonable Amount for His Services—Tells of Matters Connected With the Interesting of Capital and Resale of Road.

Dr. J. F. Reddy, receiver of the Medford and Crater Lake railroad, has filed his report in the circuit court and asks compensation for his services in the sum of \$6000. The report was filed before Judge Hanna left the bench, but the matter was allowed to go over for the consideration of Judge Calkins. The report is an exhaustive one and fully covers all of the matters coming up in connection with the road since February 2, 1907, when Dr. Reddy was appointed receiver.

With the filing of the report of Dr. Reddy as receiver, A. A. Davis, as an unpaid creditor, through his attorneys, Colvig & Durham, filed a protest against the payment of the fee until such time as his claim against the defunct company is settled. The matter is now in court, but it is probable that it will be settled in the near future.

Claim Reasonable.
Attorneys who are familiar with the case consider Dr. Reddy's request that he be paid \$6000 is most reasonable, as he spent two years and a half of his undivided time in effecting a sale of the property and spent more than half that sum over and above \$1900, which he asks to be reimbursed. This \$1900 is court costs, stenographer hire and attorney fees, and does not include any of the telegraph bills, traveling expenses or expenses connected in the resale of the road. The court is asked by Dr. Reddy to take these into consideration as a part of the compensation
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WITH THE MUNICIPAL FOLK ASKS FRANCHISE FOR GAS PLANT IN THIS CITY

Elmer C. Johnson Agrees to Expend \$12,500 in One Year in City if He Is Given Franchise—Probably Go to Vote of People.

Elmer C. Johnson, a capitalist of Portland, through his attorney, W. I. Vawter, asked last evening a franchise for a gas plant in the city of Medford for a period of forty years. The council discussed the matter briefly and then Acting Mayor W. W. Eifert called a committee of the whole to meet at 3 o'clock this afternoon to discuss the matter. It will probably go to a vote of the people, Mr. Johnson agreeing to pay all election expenses.

By the terms of the proposed franchise its rights will extend 40 years. The gas to be furnished will be for cooking purposes only. The city may fix the rates, but they must not be less than \$1.50 minimum per month. After 21 years the city may purchase the plant at what it invoices.

If the franchise is granted Mr. Johnson will expend \$12,500 within 12 months for material.

BATTLE ROYAL ON; HENEY VS. HERMANN

On Cross-Examination Prosecutor Takes Ex-Congressman Through All of His Official Career.

PORTLAND, Feb. 2.—Francis J. Heney is having his inning today at the Binger Hermann trial. Beginning slowly yesterday afternoon in the cross-examination of Hermann, he took the defendant through his early career in Oregon and up to the time when he began his service as commissioner of the general land office. Then he plunged sharply into his subject and during all of the morning session it has been a game of fence, thrust and parry between the government prosecutor on the one side and the defendant on the other. Candor compels the statement that at different times during the contest Heney has penetrated the armor of defense and drawn blood.

Heney has forced two important points from Hermann: one that he had a general knowledge of the fact that school lands could be, and perhaps were being used for fraudulent exchange under the lieu land act in 1901, the other that he had made temporary withdrawals of proposed reserves as soon as the investigations into the feasibility of the reserves was commenced that it would have served as an effectual bar against school land or other frauds.

These two points came into Heney's possession after much parrying between the witness and the prosecutor. Many trips about various details of land office routine and back again to the main question, always skillfully were parried by the witness.

MANY STREETS ORDERED PAVED BY CITY COUNCIL

Most Important Matter Discussed by Council Is Paving of Streets—Much Routine Business Discussed—Banks and Treasurer File Bonds

The most important business discussed at the regular session of the city council Tuesday evening was the paving of streets in the city. A large number of resolutions were passed ordering in pavement and probably more will be passed later. Resolutions were passed ordering the paving of South Riverside street to Twelfth, Summit avenue, West Main to Fourth; Holly from Main to Second, Riverside avenue from Main north to city limits, Laurel from Main to Eleventh, Queen Ann avenue from Roosevelt avenue to Phipps street, Orange from Main to Tenth; Fir south from Main to city limits, Genessee from East Main to north end of street, Tenth from Oakdale to Hamilton, Sixth from Oakdale to Southern Pacific railway, alley between Sixth and Main from Central avenue to Riverside, Bartlett from Sixth to Main, South Central from Eighth to city limits, North Central
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CONGRESS AFTER THAT COST TO LIVE

If Senatorial Resolutions Will Make It Cheaper Then There Seems to Be Some Hope for Relief.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—If senatorial resolutions will bring it about, the people of the United States will know why the cost of living has increased, as senator Lodge today presented the third proposal for an investigation.

The Lodge resolution was referred to the finance committee. A similar resolution, offered by senator Elkins, is now before the committee on contingent expenses.

The resolution introduced by senator McCumber is being considered by the agricultural committee.

All three resolutions ask for the same thing. They refer to the present complaint throughout the nation because of the cost of the necessities of life, and provide for an investigation by congress to determine the why and wherefore of it.

VIOLATORS OF GAME LAW ARE ARRESTED

GOLD HILL, Feb. 2.—(Special.)—Deputy Game Warden Sandry arrived here this morning from Woodville, having in charge Charles Knicker and George Carter, under arrest for killing deer out of season in the Evans creek section. The defendants will be arraigned before Justice Morelock this afternoon. It is understood that the accused will plead guilty of a technical violation of the law.

POSTAL RECEIPTS GAIN 55 PER CENT

CENTRAL OREGON SUFFERS FROM COLD

Stockmen Suffer Loss on Range—Feed Is Scarce and Hard to Obtain—Conditions Once Again Normal in Willamette Valley—Temperature at Zero Mark.

PENDELTON, Or., Feb. 2.—With rezo weather prevailing and the ground covered with snow, stockmen in this section are experiencing heavy losses.

The hay supply is exhausted and cattle can be purchased at \$5 a head. It is said that they are already too weak to be driven out to where feed can be obtained. Feed is high and hard to get at any price.

Today the temperature is hovering near the zero mark.

Madras Suffers.
MADRAS, Feb. 2.—The stockmen in this section are today reporting much suffering on the ranges owing to the cold weather prevailing. Feed is scarce and unless the weather changes soon the loss will be heavy.

Willamette Warmer.
EUGENE, Or., Feb. 2.—The thermometer has taken its course upward again and the usual climatic conditions again prevail here after several days of real eastern weather. The recent storm caused no damage, but interfered some with communication by wire.

Klamath Cold.
KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Feb. 2.—This section is experiencing the coldest weather in some years. From the ranges comes word of suffering among stock. Indications today are for normal weather again.

Arthur Brown returned from a business trip to Woodville Wednesday.

GREAT GROWTH SHOWN OVER YEAR AGO

January, 1910, is Highest in Amount of Receipts of Any Month Previous in History of Postoffice—Reflects Great Strides Taken in Local Business Field.

Postal receipts for January, 1910, show an increase of 55 per cent over January, 1909.

January receipts are the largest in the history of the local postoffice for any month in any previous year.

If the growth continues, Medford's receipts for 1910 will be over \$29,000.

January, 1910\$2424.43
January, 1909 1564.49

Increase\$ 859.94
Per cent increase, .54 plus.

Exceeding January, 1909, receipts of the local postoffice by nearly 55 per cent, the January, 1910, receipts are the largest ever known in any one month in the local postoffice, totaling \$2424.43. The receipts in January, 1909, were \$1564.49, the increase being \$859.94. The receipts in December, 1909, were \$2403.59.

The great growth made by the postoffice is perhaps the best index to the strides Medford is making in material wealth. The business field is rapidly growing.

The comptroller of the currency has issued a call for national bank statements at the close of business January 31, 1910. As soon as these are available it is expected that they will reflect in a like manner the strides taken by the local business field.

SAYS INSURGENTS HAVE NOT QUIT

Representative Norris of Nebraska Says Fight Will Be Continued to the Bitter End—Says "Machine" Is Trying to Club Insurgent Members Into Line by Blocking Legislation.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—Following the failure of the president to induce the insurgents to compromise on the house rules and the threat by Speaker Cannon that he would resign the speakership if he were removed from membership on the rules committee, the war between the insurgents and the regulars is bitterer than ever today.

"We will accept no compromise unless it means that the speaker is removed from the rules committee," declared the insurgents to the president.

"I will resign the speakership if I am taken out of the rules committee," said Cannon to the president.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—Representative Norris of Nebraska today announced that reports to the effect that the house insurgents have retreated from their early position are without foundation.

"We have not been tamed and we have not 'laid down' in our instance that the republican party live up to the platform pledges," declared Norris. "We have been represented as having been opposed to the president's policies and having been just

brought round to his support. This is misrepresentation.

"We have always been favorable to President Taft's policies in so far as they follow those of former President Roosevelt's."

Norris declared that the "machine" is trying to club the insurgents into line for Cannon by threatening to block legislation.

The Nebraskan said that if the machine leaders want the insurgents to support certain measures, they must bring the bills to the floor of the house, where, if the insurgents consider them to be good legislation, they will support them and fight for them.

Mrs. Le Doux to Prison.

STOCKTON, Cal., Feb. 2.—Mrs. Emma LeDoux, who pleaded guilty to the murder of A. N. McVicar and took a life sentence in San Quentin rather than attempt to face the ordeal of a second trial, with a possibility of a second death sentence, was taken to prison this morning accompanied by Sheriff Sibley and Mrs. George Shapper, the jail matron, who left on the 7:35 train. Mrs. Le Doux declined to be interviewed

The Domestic Science Course

TOMORROW the second lecture in the Home Course on Domestic Science, which is a regular weekly feature of the Mail Tribune, will appear. Since the publication of lecture 1, this office has been in receipt of many communications from the housewives of the valley telling of the pleasure with which they greeted lecture 1, and urging an early publication of the remainder of the course. This, owing to space limitations, is impossible. But one will appear each Thursday.

The topic of Miss Charlton's lecture tomorrow will be "The selection of food." And it is really an excellent article on a practical topic.

TYPHOID BREAKS OUT IN PARIS

Health Authorities Placard City Urging All to Boil the Water—Traffic Fast Assuming Its Normal Condition—Police Have the Situation Well in Hand.

PARIS, Feb. 2.—Several cases of typhoid fever were reported to the authorities and an epidemic is feared among those who have used the water from the city's supply. This water has been polluted by the breaking of mains and trunk sewers under the streets, and health authorities have issued warnings against its consumption.

The department of health is urging upon the people the necessity of boiling the water they use for domestic purposes. Its agents have placarded the city with posters advising this course. Physicians today are investigating the stricken, and extreme measures, if necessary, will be taken to prevent a spread of the disease.

The Seine is falling rapidly today and now is practically within its own boundaries. The authorities have permitted the use of most of the bridges that were deemed unsafe, and traffic is fast resuming its normal conditions.

Aside from a few minor disturbances, the police had little difficulty today in restraining the lawless element. The "Apaches" continued

their depredations, but their disturbances were promptly quelled by the officers.

RESENTED ANSWERING PHONE AT NIGHT; NO JOB

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 2.—Colonel J. C. Kirkpatrick, manager of the Palace hotel, who is as genial and corpulent and who rivals the generous dimensions of President Taft, is not a park commissioner today because of his failure to answer a telephone call at 2 o'clock in the morning, according to his friends.

When Mayor McCarthy made his spectacular political coup he laid the plans for the movement in the early morning hours. The mayor decided upon Kirkpatrick as an ideal park commissioner.

The colonel's telephone bell jingled. The tinkle fell on unheeding ears. Again the bell pealed. The colonel kept on snoring.

Finally the insistent summons aroused the sleeping hotel man. He answered the phone and held a short conversation with the mayor. What the conversation was is not revealed by the colonel, but an officer may be inferred by his cautious remarks.