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WORK ON \$50,000 DEPOT TO START ABOUT MARCH 1

Will Stand Opposite of Fifth Street, Two Blocks North of Present Location—Bids Must Be in by February 18.

Work on the new \$50,000 passenger depot of the Southern Pacific company in this city will start March 1. Bids have been called for and must be in the hands of the company on or before February 18. The construction work is to be rushed as much as possible.

The plans and specifications for the building are now in the hands of local agent A. S. Rosenbaum and can be seen by any local contractor who wishes to place a bid for the work. The location of the depot is shown by the plans to be opposite Fifth street, two blocks north of the present depot.

The plans are most elaborate and when the building is completed Medford will have as fine a depot as is to be found in the state.

The entire right of way is to be marked and all tracks crossing Seventh street are to be "stamped" with the exception of the main line.

Local builders will have a chance to bid on every part of the work from hardware and electric wiring to erecting the building.

The plans call for a handsome building. It will be entirely surrounded with a concrete platform and electric lights.

SMITH FAVORS EAST SCHOOL

Emphatically Denies Any Opposition to Move to Build Ward School on the East Side—Is Badly Needed.

A rumor to the effect that Superintendent of Schools U. G. Smith was opposing the erection of the Ward school contemplated on the east side, and which had aroused considerable indignation on that side of town, was run down this morning. Superintendent Smith emphatically denying any opposition to the east side school and declaring any statement which suggests his opposition to that school as being a yarn made up out of whole cloth. He says there is the most urgent need for a school on that side of the city and believes that its location would relieve the crowded condition of the city schools. He was most indignant at the suggestion that any one had quoted him as being against an east side school.

Residents of that section of the city were on the warpath yesterday over the rumor that an effort was being made to pigeonhole their school. They urge that they have already helped to build three schools on the west side, and that a great number of small children on the east side were being kept out of school because of the great distance to the west side schools.

Already over 100 new residences are projected on that side of town and it is claimed by the eastiders that by the opening of the next school year one ward school will be wholly insufficient to accommodate their needs.

Gustave Better.

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, Feb. 9.—King Gustav's condition following an operation for appendicitis continued to improve today. There is little fear of complications now, according to the court surgeons, and it is believed that the monarch will experience a speedy and complete recovery.

The announcement was received with rejoicing by the people and preparations are being made to celebrate the king's recovery as soon as it is absolutely assured that he is out of danger.

DR. HYDE CHARGED BY JURY WITH DEATH OF SWOPE

Coroner's Jury Finds That Kansas City Millionaire Came to His Death as Direct Result of Strychnine Pellet Administered by Doctor.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 9.—The coroner's jury today returned a verdict finding that Colonel Thomas H. Swope, the millionaire, was killed by strychnine in a capsule administered at the direction of Dr. B. C. Hyde, a distant relative of Swope.

The coroner's jury in its verdict says that Colonel Swope came to his death by "strychnine poisoning and from the evidence we believe that the said strychnine was administered in a capsule at about 8:30 a. m. on the day he died by direction of Dr. B. C. Hyde, but whether with felonious intent we, the jury, are unable to decide."

Was Not a Witness.

The circumstances surrounding the refusal of Dr. Hyde's attorney to allow the doctor to take the stand probably had its influence with the jury when weighing the evidence.

After Pearl Kellar, the nurse of Colonel Swope, had repeated a part of the story she told yesterday on the witness stand concerning Colonel Swope's death, Coroner Zwart was about to call the next witness when an interruption occurred.

Son Claims Estate.

MARTINSBURG, W. Va., Feb. 9.—Elmer Carral Swope, claiming to be the son of the late Colonel Thomas H. Swope of Kansas City, whose death is being investigated, will assert his claim to the Swope fortune, according to an announcement by Attorney A. B. Knoll here today. Knoll announced that he had been retained as chief counsel by the claimant.

According to Elmer Swope, prior to the civil war the colonel married a Miss Carral, a southern woman.

When the war broke out the colonel joined the Union army, while the wife returned to her home in the south, where a son was born. Elmer Swope claims to be that son.

PAPERS GIVE FIGHT TO SCAPPER FLYNN

Langford, However, Struck All of the Clean, Hard Blows—Bout Was Dangerously Near a Draw.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 9.—With two morning papers declaring Flynn the winner and the third expressing the opinion that Langford's class won the ten-round battle for him, fight fans seemingly are divided in their opinions today as to who really won the fight last night at McCarey's pavilion. The decision, however, officially goes to Flynn, as it is left to the judgment of sport writers to decide who wins, owing to the law which prohibits decisions being given from the ring. It was a rattling good scrap from the first going to the end of the tenth.

The men bored into each other and fought like tigers. Flynn acted on the aggressive, but it was a noticeable fact that the majority of the clean, hard blows were struck by Langford. In giving their decisions, the sport writers explain that the fight was dangerously close to a draw.

The fight proved to be the biggest drawing card this season. More than 10,000 people, anxious to see the go, crowded around the pavilion doors, but on account of the lack of space only a little more than 6000 were allowed to enter.

Officers of Gun Club.

At a meeting of the Medford Gun club held last evening the following officers were elected: Dr. E. R. Seeley, president; J. C. Bigham, vice-president; James Wright, secretary and treasurer; Will Humphrey, field captain.

GOVERNMENT TO REIMBURSE ALL LOSERS IN STORM

France Adopts Novel Plan to Alleviate Suffering Among Poor Classes as Result of Recent Storms in France.

PARIS, Feb. 9.—The only official statement of what the French government intends to do for the sufferers from the floods at Paris and throughout France was given to the United Press today by Premier Briand.

The premier thanked the people of the United States for the assistance given flood sufferers and then gave out the following official announcement:

"The government proposes to recompense, as far as possible, the wage losses of the workmen and also to replace the furniture and household effects of the poor.

"Generous gifts from America and \$4,000,000 asked from the chamber of deputies will be devoted largely to this phase of the relief work.

"By a system of small loans, probably without interest and on easy terms of repayment, aid will be extended to farmers and small industrial concerns harassed financially by the disaster."

While the premier was formulating his official statement, other members of the government, acting along the lines of the suggestions contained therein, began to prepare for the distribution of the money allotments as indicated. Plans for the purchase of household effects and utensils at once were made.

The novel paternalistic departure of the government in recouping personal losses sustained in the floods will be watched with interest here. The plan is practically new and its effectiveness remains to be demonstrated.

In a number of previous catastrophes in the history of the world various governments have received funds and purchased supplies which were forwarded for general distribution with the purpose of alleviating immediate and temporary distress.

SENATE PASSES PEARY REAR ADMIRAL BILL

Believed That Bill Will Pass House Soon—Will Go On Retired List at Once.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—The senate today passed the bill introduced by Senator Hale authorizing the president to make Commander Robert E. Peary a rear admiral and place him on the retired list in recognition of his discovery of the north pole. It is believed here that the bill will be passed without delay by the house.

SAYS WORKHOUSE PRISONERS ARE SLAVES IN REALITY

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 9.—Declaring that he is prepared to swear that workhouse prisoners in certain parts of Texas are "let" to plantations where they exist in slavery, Lew M. Johnson of this city is preparing today to go to Austin, Tex.

Johnson, who is a painter, claims that he was thrown into jail without cause at Caldwell, Tex., was sentenced to 60 days in the workhouse and compelled to work on a plantation. He described the conditions of himself and similar prisoners, who are said to be held in peonage, and claimed that he escaped just in time to save himself from death.

"I am unable adequately to describe the indignities, the unsanitary conditions of our sleeping quarters and the stench of the food served us, which we had to eat or starve," declared Johnson.

A. S. Bliton of the Medford Land & Orchard company reports many sales and much interest in the Snowy Butte orchard lands.

ENTIRE SPANISH CABINET WALKS OUT IN DISGUST

King Alfonso Now Confronts Most Serious Crisis of His Turbulent Reign—Has Been Open Breach for Some Time.

MADRID, Feb. 9.—Premier Moret and the entire Spanish cabinet resigned today after an incumbency of a few months.

King Alfonso has asked Senor Canalejas to accept the premiership. For some time there have been violent differences between several branches of the government, especially between military and police organizations and the cabinet. These difficulties have developed into serious scandals, in which a large number of arrests have been made, and so disorganized affairs that it seemed impossible to proceed with any fixed program.

The king supported Moret through nearly all the recent turmoil, but for several days it has been expected that the premier and his organization would have to retire.

Moret assumed the premiership soon after the great Barcelona riots and while the country was in a fever of discontent over the conduct of the campaign against the Riffs in Morocco. He faced tremendous difficulties in endeavoring to establish a new governmental organization. His opponents have been constantly at work in their efforts to checkmate him in every move he has undertaken.

The present crisis is one of the most serious that Alfonso has been compelled to face during the young king's turbulent reign. The people are still affected by the excitement which culminated in the Barcelona riots and the execution of Dr. Ferrer, the great liberalist, when there was much open talk of revolution and threatened attempts to establish a republican form of government.

Despite the "iron hand" methods which have been employed by the government in an effort to put down all attempts at sedition, the situation still is extremely serious, and the new premier will have a difficult task to perform.

TOU VELLE BUYS NOTED GRAPE LAND

He Acquires Eighty-Seven Acres of Land West of Central Point for \$10,000—Grew Prize Grapes.

Colonel F. L. Tou Velle, not content with evolving the "alfaberry," has purchased from Colonel J. W. Hicks the farm near Central Point upon which was grown the "Thompson Seedless grapes," which took the prize at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition.

The tract lies north and west of Central Point and comprises some of as fine land as lies out of doors. There are 87 acres of it, and Colonel Tou Velle gladly parted with \$10,000 in exchange for it.

The former owner, Colonel J. W. Hicks, has been engaged in the propagation of the seedless grape thereon for a number of years and has brought it to a high state of development.

Twenty-five Injured in Wreck. BUTTE, Mont., Feb. 9.—Twenty-five persons on the Chicago express of the Northern Pacific railway are suffering today from injuries sustained when the flyer was wrecked late yesterday near Smead, in Western Montana.

F. J. Waters of Spokane, Wash., a Pullman porter, was the only member of the train crew seriously injured. The train was thrown from the track by a spread rail. All but the two last Pullman cars left the track, while the others bumped along the ties, turned completely over and rested on the brink of a 100-foot cliff over the Clark's fork of the Columbia river.

PERFECTING AN ORGANIZATION OF FRUIT MEN

Committee Meets in Medford for the Most Important Work Ever Undertaken by Fruitgrowers of Rogue River Valley.

What is by far the most important meeting ever held by fruitgrowers of the Rogue River valley is on today in this city. Delegates are in attendance from all sections of the valley for the purpose of perfecting the organization of a Rogue River Fruitgrowers' association.

The meeting was called to order this morning and is still in session. Probably several meetings will be held before the work before the committee is completed and submitted back to the fruitgrowers of the valley. The session today was closed to outsiders.

At noon the committee gathered in a body at the Nash Grill for luncheon and afterwards continued their work of organization. Members of the committee report much progress.

Those Attending.

Those who are attending today's session of the committee are: J. W. Merritt, Central Point; G. A. Hover, Phoenix; H. E. Gale, Merlin; George A. Hamilton, Grants Pass; C. E. Selleck, Murphy; Horace Pelton, Gold Hill; L. K. Haak, Eagle Point; J. A. Westerlund, Medford; C. E. Whisler, Medford; C. D. Snell, Ashland; W. A. Sumner, Medford; Gordon Voorhies, Portland; Chester Wright, Ashland; F. H. Cowles, Medford; E. V. Carter, Ashland, and R. H. Parsons, Medford.

Hanna Confirmed.

George R. Davis, substituted for Three Pines Timber company, a corporation, plaintiff, and S. F. Cheshire, county clerk and ex-officio county recorder of Josephine county, respondent, vs. W. U. Wilson and J. S. Smith, appellants, appealed from the circuit court for Josephine county, H. K. Hanna, judge, is affirmed in an opinion written by Associate Justice McBride of the supreme court.

CONDITIONS GOOD SAYS PROF. O'GARA

Government Expert Returns From a Trip Through California and Finds Fruit Prospects Good.

Professor P. J. O'Gara has returned from an official visit to California as chief of the bureau of plant life on the Pacific coast.

"The prospects for a big crop of deciduous fruits in California were never better," said Professor O'Gara, "especially as to peaches. This crop will be very large and of good quality, judging from present conditions. Other fruits also will produce big crops. The only sections where the pear crop looks to be light is in the foothill section of the Sacramento valley, where the trees bore heavily last year, and a dry season keeps them back this year."

"I attended a big meeting of fruit growers, composed of delegates from the various fruit growers' unions of northern California, at Sacramento on the 28th, where the object was the formation of an organization to properly distribute and market the fruit so that the grower would get at least part of the proceeds of his crop. The California deciduous grower has been at the mercy of the commission men and the railroad company, especially as to the shipment of peaches, and does not receive anything like a fair division. Some pears last year netted the grower the meager sum of 8 cents a box, and peach growers were compelled in some instances to stand the loss of their fruit and pay the freight besides. The growers have been growing poorer and poorer, while the commission men and buyers have been waxing fat. They have finally come to the point where

HENEY BEGINS ON HIS ARGUMENT TO HERMANN JURY

Curtain Begins to Descend on Binger Hermann Conspiracy Trial—Case May Go to Jury for Consideration on Friday.

PORTLAND, Or., Feb. 9.—The curtain has begun to descend on the Binger Hermann conspiracy trial in the United States court. Yesterday afternoon the attorneys conferred with Judge Wolverton regarding the instructions to the jury, in which conference Prosecutor F. J. Heney was victorious in defeating the contentions of the defense in regard to the various points desired by it. This morning Heney began his argument to the jury, it being expected that he will conclude this afternoon, though it would not be surprising if he continued on until noon tomorrow. Immediately following Heney, John M. Gearin will open the argument in two or three hours. He will be followed by Colonel Worthington, who will make the closing argument for the defense. Heney will close the argument by summing up the case for the government, following which Judge Wolverton will charge the jury and the case will be given into its hands.

It will be seen, therefore, that the case cannot be given to the jury for consideration earlier than Friday, while it may be Saturday noon or near that time before the 12 men are given their opportunity to express what they think of the guilt or innocence of the defendant.

ANOTHER RAILROAD STRIKE IMMINENT

Will Cover Eighteen Roads Entering Chicago, Unless Demands for a Higher Wage Scale Is Granted.

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 9.—Vice-President Whitney of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, announced today that unless the 18 railroads with terminals in Chicago grant the trainmen's demanded wage increase before Saturday all switchmen and yardmen employed by those roads will strike.

He stated that an ultimatum will be submitted to the roads tomorrow. If the demand is refused the strike will be called Saturday night.

The dissatisfaction with existing wage scales which was first expressed among employes of roads east of the Mississippi river and north of the Ohio has spread to the roads between Chicago and the Pacific coast. More than 20,000 employes of the western roads, including the Union Pacific, Southern Pacific and Santa Fe, who are members of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers, have demanded a 25 per cent wage increase.

Their demand, which was presented to the general managers' association in Chicago by Grand Chief W. S. Carter of the Brotherhood, was rejected. Carter later accepted, in behalf of the brotherhood, a counter-proposition to arbitrate.

It is believed here that the result of the ultimatum, Whitney stated, would be given to the roads tomorrow, will have no little effect upon the attitude the representatives of the brotherhood will take in the proposed arbitration conference.

They must have better conditions or go out of business. The foreign element, negroes, Japs, Hindus, etc., enter into the California problem to a great extent.

"Owing to favorable weather conditions and a strenuous fight, the pear blight is under good control and growers are very much encouraged. Extensive replanting has not commenced, as yet, but with the knowledge that the blight can be successfully combated, the replanting of the pear orchards of California is only a matter of time."