

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

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COMMITTEE IS UNABLE TO FIND BUILDING SITE

Commercial Club Grants Building Committee Further Extension of Time Before Reporting—Builders Are Asked to Submit Propositions.

Signor Joseph Vestoff and his "Mullum in Parvo" orchestra delightfully entertained members of the Commercial club Wednesday evening after the business session with a concert, whose numbers comprised selections from the various classical and comic operas, as well as the national airs and melodies of various nations.

There was a large attendance at the club, and in the absence of the president J. A. Westlund presided until the arrival of Vice-President Pickett. The building committee reported through Mr. Oeschbrugge that they had been unable to obtain a site for a building or suitable hall for the club, and were given further time to investigate the project. Prospective builders of blocks and owners of available realty are requested to make the club propositions for both a site and the rental of a hall.

The bill presented by J. A. Perry for money paid to Arthur Hooker for assisting in the packing and repacking of the Tronson & Guthrie car of apples that won the sweepstakes prize at the Spokane apple show was referred to the finance committee to take the matter up with the parties concerned.

The following new members were elected: Edwin J. White, A. Conroy Piers, Emil Mohr, William Winkel, J. M. Phipps, D. J. L. Helms, J. D. Kikuner.

SLIGHT CLEW IS FORMED TO IDENTITY OF GIRL

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 10.—The comparison of figures on the watch found with the skeleton of the victim of the Mount Tamalpais murder with those in the record book of Frank Wansky, jeweler, of Eureka, Calif., give the local police a new clew today.

Wansky's record shows that on September 16, 1902, "James McKay" brought to him a ladies' Seth Thomas watch corresponding with the one belonging to the murdered girl.

Wansky's books show that he repaired the watch and placed his mark 1089-W on the case. This mark is on the watch of the unknown victim. Also the number of the case of the watch is "2161,149," while Wansky's book shows that number.

Taft's Schedule for New Laws AS REVISED

Federal Incorporation, Postal Bank, Statehood, Railway Amendment Prominent.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—Violent opposition to the Postal Savings banks bill was again demonstrated in the senate this afternoon. Senator Heyburn promised to fear the measure to shreds before it could reach a vote. He said it proposes to create a great omney lending trust under the government, controlled by three trustees.

He contended that inasmuch as the fund under the bill would reach fully \$700,000,000 it would enable the trustees to dictate the rate of interest throughout the country.

"In other words the government proposes to go into the loaning business," he said, "and intends to fix the rate of interest at 2 1/4 per cent."

He asked what the effect would be on incomes derived from funds invested at 5 and 6 per cent. "Should we," he asked, "so forget our duty to the widows and orphans whose funds are thus invested as to disturb the earning capacity of their investments?"

He declared that the bill should be denominated "an act to constitute the government a collection agency for the banks."

ULTIMATUM IS DELIVERED TO HEADS OF ROADS

Officials of Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, Armed With Written Authorization, Call Upon Railroad Officials and Urge Raise in Wages.

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 10.—Armed with written authorization to call a strike of railroad trainmen at a moment's notice, officials of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen today submitted an ultimatum to officials of 18 railroads centering in Chicago.

The action was taken at the instance of the yardmen here, who are determined not to temporize, believing that every moment's delay in the settlement of the question one way or another is most costly to the unions than to the railroads. The switchmen are overwhelmingly in favor of striking. It is reported that the vote to strike stood 3007 to 91. It was announced that an ultimatum would be presented to the railway officials next Saturday, but the apparent unrest of the men forced union leaders to make a demand for immediate settlement. Committees representing both sides began their conference at 11 o'clock today.

Vice-President Whitey of the brotherhood attended the conference and carried with him the written authorization of the trainmen for the calling of an immediate strike. Several tentative conferences have been held at which the demands of the men for increased wages were refused repeatedly. The railways offered to submit the matter to a board of arbitration and agreed to change the working rules for the benefit of the men. The offers were refused by the yardmen, who declare that their demands require only one answer by the companies: that of a general raise in wages.

HERE'S CHANCE GET PAVING DONE CHEAP

Use Sagebrush Crushed to Pulp—Is Said to Be Great Success in Northern Section.

KENNEWICK, Wash., Feb. 10.—Sage brush, in recent years suggested as having commercial values for a number of purposes, is today being put on an entirely new use, that of roadbuilding, and so far has proved a great success. Last year the Northern Pacific Irrigation company experimented by placing sagebrush in the road. It was found that it readily crushed into a pulp and formed a perfect mat. By mixing with earth it became firm, and noiseless and gives promises of long wear. So satisfactory was the trial that this spring many miles of sagebrush roads are being laid on the highlands in this vicinity.

DOMESTIC SCIENCE AUTHORITY DIES AT SEATTLE HOME

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 10.—Dr. Mary E. Green, who was the first of her sex to be admitted to the New York Medical Society, author of "Food Products of the World," a book now in its fourth edition, former president of the American Household Economic Association, member of the American Medical Association, is dead here today after a prolonged illness. Dr. Green was born in Machias, N. Y., August 6, 1844. She taught school in Michigan at 14 and later attended Oberlin college. In 1868 she graduated from the Woman's Medical College in Philadelphia.

Dr. Green was appointed to be one of the judges of food at the World's Columbian Exposition and worked through a six month session with Professor Atwater and Professor Wiley. She delivered a series of lectures which were later embodied in her book.

She won a high place in her profession and the three times was elected delegate to the American Medical Association of America.

COMPETITION IN SIGHT FOR RIGHT FOR GAS PLANT

Pasadena Man Looking Over Local Field and Many Submit Request for Franchise—Council Has Matter Under Advisement for Time Being.

There is some promise of another application for a gas plant franchise in Medford, and it may be that from the resulting competition that the city can obtain a franchise more beneficial to the city than the one asked by Elmer C. Johnson. J. R. Anderson of Pasadena, who is connected with a company owning such plants in California, is in Medford looking over the field and he may request a franchise.

The city council held a short special session Wednesday afternoon and discussed the application of Mr. Johnson for a franchise. They still have the matter under advisement and are giving attention to gas plant franchises in other cities of the northwest.

OCEANSIDE POSTOFFICE LOOTED BY BURGLARS

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Feb. 10.—A sheriff's posse and a detail of police led by Chief of Police Wilson are scouring the back country in the vicinity of Oceanside, 42 miles north of here on the Santa Fe railway today for postoffice robbers who are reported to have dynamited the safe in the postoffice at that place last night.

The robbers failed to catch a north bound train and are believed to have fled into the mountains with their loot, the exact amount of which has not been determined.

Constable Brier exchanged shots with the robbers, but no one was injured.

HONORABLE JAPS SHIP BAD FRUIT

California Growers Suffer at Hands of Japanese Who Falsely Label Boxes.

STOCKTON, Cal., Feb. 10.—Following the discovery that a number of Japanese fruit growers in the San Joaquin are causing serious injury to the standard set by the majority of growers by shipping fruit of low quality under American names, growers are being considered.

It has been learned that carloads of fruit have been shipped from the valley by the Japanese under fictitious names and that they were aided by white men to carry out the deception.

Guide Trust Busted.

YUMA, Ariz., Feb. 10.—With the opening of a free information bureau on the Yuma Indian reservation by the reclamation service today, a "guide trust" was effectually "busted." On March 1 the reservation will be thrown open for filing. A number of Yuma men, familiar with the reservation lands had figured on reaping a substantial harvest by guiding prospective land seekers over the reservation. A number had combined, forming a virtual monopoly of guides, and had put their prices up to a highly prohibitive attitude.

Trouble Over Printing.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—That Justice Wright of the supreme court of the District of Columbia invaded the constitutional rights of congress by summoning the members of the joint committee on printing to appear before him to explain certain contracts was the declaration of a senator today.

A resolution was adopted in the upper house advising the committee to ignore the summons. If this line of action is followed, it is expected that an interesting situation will arise.

COMMITTEE IS STILL AT WORK ON UNION PLANS

May Be in Session for Another Day—Decline to Give Out Information Until They Can Submit Plans to Fruitgrowers for Ratification.

The committee of 15 from all districts of the Rogue River valley who have in hand the drawing of plans for the incorporation of the Rogue River Fruitgrowers' union are still in session today, and may remain in session until Friday evening, unless their work is sooner completed.

The committee at this time declines to give out any information as to the plans which they are formulating, other than stating that the work is progressing splendidly and that a mass meeting will be called of fruitgrowers for the purpose of ratifying their action. At that time they will file a complete report.

The committee plan the organization of what will be the most comprehensive organization of its kind in the United States with the possible exception of the Citrus Fruitgrowers' league of southern California, which has done so much for orange and lemon growers there. The organization will bring about a uniform grade in fruit and its pack as well as oversee distribution, thus preventing any overloading of the market. It will also own and operate packing houses and pre-cooling plants.

Mill Blows Up.

BAYCITY, Mich., Feb. 10.—Six workmen were killed instantly today when the Prineeling sawmill at Crump, 18 miles northwest of this city, blew up. Two received injuries that probably will be fatal and a dozen others were seriously hurt.

AGE CANNOT QUENCH LOVE'S BRIGHT GLOW

"Even in Our Ashes Live Their Wonted Fires"—Swain of 73 Asks License to Wed Fair 53.

Wednesday William K. Ingledue, who admitted that 73 summers and that many winters also marked the span of his life on this sphere, applied to County Clerk Coleman for a permit to wed Mary Owens, aged 53.

No "slighting swain" of the twenties could have been more pleased in receiving the permission of the state of Oregon to become all-in-all to his loved one than was this prospective groom, who was a good sized lad when southern Oregon was a wilderness, peopled by a few hardy pioneers.

The bride and groom are both residents of Evan sCreek district and stand high in the estimation of their neighbors.

HUMBOLDT GETS SLICE OF RIVERS AND HARBOR MELON

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—That the bill appropriating \$4,000,000 for rivers and harbors probably will be reported to the house late this afternoon was intimated by a member of the rivers and harbors commission. The work of the committee has been completed and the bill practically is ready now for forwarding to the house.

Among the appropriations is one for \$42,000 for Humboldt harbor on the northern California coast. For a time this item was held by the committee with every indication that it would be refused. Representative Englebright of California appeared before the body and explained that failure to secure the passage of the appropriation by the committee probably would mean a loss of his chance of being returned to congress.

Alex Kyle and G. W. Collins, who are located in Colvig Gulch opposite Rock Point, were here Monday showing some very rich ore specimens from their claims in that district.

GEARIN STARTS ON ARGUMENT FOR DEFENSE

Eloquently Contends That Hermann Was Guiltless of Wrong and That Government's Own Evidence So Showed Him to Be.

PORTLAND, Or., Feb. 10.—John M. Gearin delivered the first half of the argument for the defense in the Binger Hermann trial today, when he reviewed the testimony of the case and contended eloquently that Hermann was guiltless of wrong and that the government's own evidence showed him to be. He closed his argument at noon and this afternoon Colonel Worthington will take up the argument and will perhaps finish by the hour of the afternoon adjournment.

Prosecutor Heney, as was expected, did not finish his opening argument yesterday afternoon, though the court held its session half an hour beyond the usual time of adjournment. By agreement he is to be allowed to conclude his opening statement after the conclusion of Colonel Worthington's argument and before he begins to sum up his case.

In his discussion yesterday he had only laid the foundation for the case he is prosecuting and had just reached that time alleged to be the beginning of the conspiracy with the meeting of Hermann, Mays and Mel-drum in the office of the latter, when he was stopped by the adjournment of the court.

By the agreement that he be allowed to conclude after Colonel Worthington's argument he will have the advantage of having heard the whole argument of the defense before beginning on his opening proper, or his closing arguments.

MOTHER REFUSED MONEY; POISONED

Young Man Attempts to Get Even on Aged Mother for Refusing to Give Him Money to Spend.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 10.—Charged with attempting to poison his aged mother because she would not give him money to spend, John Hamsbeek, an 18-year-old youth is in jail today.

After a chase of several days officers apprehended the boy at College Grove. Two years ago the boy was sent to Whittier on the request of his father who stated that the youth had been beating his mother. Six months ago the father died, and Mrs. Hamsbeek petitioned to have her son paroled so he could help her conduct a dairy ranch.

Last week the youth demanded money from her. She refused him. Later she drank a cup of coffee which he had prepared for her. A few minutes afterward she began to suffer intense pain. She saved her life by running into the road where she was picked up unconscious later by neighbors and taken to a doctor. Investigation showed that formaldehyde had been poured into her coffee. The youth disappeared while a physician was working to save his mother's life.

Sugar Fraud Trial On.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—The trial of Charles Helke, secretary of the American Sugar Refining company, who is charged with complicity in a conspiracy to defraud the government through fraudulent weighing of imported sugar at the Williamsburg docks, is being held today in the criminal branch of the federal circuit court.

Would Exclude Aliens.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 10.—The house committee on immigration today reported favorably the testimony introduced by Representative Hays of California regarding all aliens not eligible for citizenship.

RANGE CATTLE SLOWLY DYING OF STARVATION

Hard Winter Still on and Every Ounce of Feed Around Prineville is Gone—Hardest Winter in Many Years.

PORTLAND, Or., Feb. 10.—Cattle on the ranges around Prineville are dying from starvation owing to the hard winter through which they have been forced to go. The national forest service will this week endeavor to get some aid to the cattlemen. Every ounce of feed to be had in that country has been used to fight off the rigors of the winter.

The winter of 1909-10 has been the hardest that the cattlemen of central Oregon have had to go through in many years. In many places snow has been three feet deep on the ground for several months. Every bit of grass is covered up. The ranges privately owned in the hills of the country have been covered all winter, yet up to this time the feed held in reserve for such emergencies has held out. Now, however, the last of this food is gone and the cattle owners are eagerly trying to secure the necessary food for their stock.

A long distance call from Prineville to the national forest service was received yesterday begging the service to open to the cattlemen the Deschutes national forest. Many of the valleys through the reserve are clear of snow and it is the only resource for the cattle. Realizing the helplessness of the cattlemen, the district forester ordered the range opened. It is believed that several thousand head of stock will be rushed to this feeding place as fast as their wasted strength will permit.

"MERRY WIDOW" BECOMES BRIDE OF MADISON COREY

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 10.—Surprising his most intimate friends, the "Merry Widow" became a bride last evening when Miss Mabel Wilbur, who has the title role in "The Merry Widow" comic opera company, was married to Madison Corey, general manager of all the Henry W. Savage theatrical enterprises. Three weeks ago Corey was in Vienna, Austria. Two weeks ago he was in London. Then the couple, separated by thousands of miles of land and sea, decided by enable to terminate their engagement by immediate marriage, and Savage's right-hand man rushed to Spokane, the meeting place decided upon by steamship and train.

FRISCO CHINATOWN AGAIN WIDE OPEN

Gambling Goes on Without Stint—Barbary Coast May Be Next Place Opened by McCarthy.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 10.—"The Cousin from Seattle," "The Cousin from Oakland," "The Eastern Relative" from Los Angeles and from Portland are bestirring their honorable selves in the local Chinatown, where the rattle of chips brings happiness to the hearts of the fantan and plegow players.

"Welcome to the new and most illustrious San Francisco brothers, and gamble your heads off" is sideograph sign given celestial visitors from across the bay and from elsewhere. The festivities of Chinatown spread into the "Barbary Coast" district last night and word went through the dance halls that all night dancing and music playing would be permitted after next Sunday. The chief of police, however, today denied that any such plan was afoot.

Discount Rate Lowered.

LONDON, Feb. 10.—The Bank of England today reduced the discount rate to three per cent.

BERLIN, Feb. 10.—The Imperial Bank of Germany today cut the rate of discount to four per cent.