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COUNTY COURT GRANTS AN ELECTRIC ROAD FRANCHISE

CHAROT FAILED TO REACH POLE

However French Exploration Party Made Valuable Scientific Discoveries—Sickness Prevailed During Long Trip in Antarctic Regions.

LONDON, Feb. 12.—Although Dr. Jean Charcot failed in his attempt to reach the south pole, dispatches here today from the French explorer declare that the party made valuable scientific discoveries and that the expedition was "altogether satisfactory."

According to the dispatches, the explorers got as far as latitude 70 degrees south and longitude 120 degrees west.

This placed the expedition well within the Antarctic circle, but at a distance of ten degrees to the north of the position reached by Lieutenant Scott in 1902.

Sickness prevailed.

Sickness and disease ravaged the French expedition, judging from the dispatches. Twenty men who composed the party were sick during the greater part of the winter at Peterman's island, nearly all of them suffering from scurvy. It was feared for a time that they would have to give up their expedition on account of sickness, but Charcot finally completed the "French map" as far as Adel-

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MAKES BANNER SALE OF LAND

A Little Over 11½ Acres Set in Young Trees Brings \$15,000—W. F. Rau Makes Purchase.

John Kinerk has just sold 12 acres of land lying one and one-half miles northeast of Medford to J. F. Reddy for \$6500.

This represents just a portion of the profits which Mr. Kinerk has accumulated during his seven years' residence.

He came here to Medford with \$1800 seven years ago and invested in real property. By judicious purchases and timely selling he now owns city lots which he can turn into \$6000 cold simoleons any time he wants to say the word.

He has some property in Reno, Nev., and will go there and dispose of it, after which he intends returning and investing in more Rogue River valley dirt. There is nothing like it, he thinks. And can you blame him?

GOLD HILL TIMBER FOR USE MAKING MATCHES

GOLD HILL, Feb. 12.—Matches made from timber shipped to Portland from Gold Hill will shortly be on sale here. Samples have been received and tested by Merritt & Co., who find that they are in every way the equal of the best brands of fire-sticks now on the market.

Last November a representative of a Portland match factory was here, and took some sample lumber from Merritt & Co's mill on Sardine creek. It was sugar and yellow pine and the tests given it have proven so satisfactory that the factory desires to contract for large quantities of the timber, to be shipped in August, when its shipping weight will be the least, as it is driest at that time.

MAY USE ALL 60 FOOT ROADS IN COUNTY

American Development Company Secures Right From County Court to Construct and Operate Electric Roads Throughout Jackson Co.

The American Development company, a corporation of Portland, has applied to the county court for a franchise permitting them to build lines of electric railroad over or along the 60-foot county roads of Jackson county and the court has granted the company the period of thirty days within which to select and designate to them a through line from such point on either side of Rogue river where it crosses the county line between the counties of Jackson and Josephine to such point on upper Bear creek southeasterly from the city of Ashland as it may select and the further period of until January 1, 1911, within which to build, equip and place in practical operation five miles of said main or through line, no part of which is to be within any incorporated city or town, and the further period of one year from January 1, 1911, within which to build, equip and place in practical operation the balance of said main or through line.

The court also ordered that the company shall have until June 1, 1910, within which to select and designate to them the feeders or connecting lines and the roads over or along which they shall be constructed and shall have until January 1, 1912, within which time to build, equip and have in practical operation all electric lines on the roads so designated.

It was further ordered that upon the fulfillment of the selecting and designating within the times stated the roads over or along which to build, and building, equipping and operating all of the lines within the times stated, that the company or its successors shall have the right to

HUGE RANCH SOLD; TO BE SUBDIVIDED

Half Million Deal in Crook County—Land is to be Subdivided and Will Help Populate State.

PORTLAND, Feb. 12.—The Baldwin Sheep & Land company has sold 26,000 acres of Crook county land to a syndicate composed of Portland, Seattle and Astoria capitalists for \$450,000.

The land is to be sub-divided and is important in that it shows a tendency of Oregon to divide large estates into small farms for the purpose of settling the country heretofore almost uninhabited.

EATS HAM, WITH BARREL OF KALE AS SIDE DISH

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—Take one ten-pound boiled ham, the skin, fat and all but the bone included, two gallons of water, one keg of kale, weighing forty pounds when dry, and two gallons of beer; pour slowly into the maw of a healthy human being in two hours and forty-five minutes; let the mixture settle until assured of success and the result will be a gastronomic freak or "gourmasher" (old fashioned slang for gourmand).

James Fay of Medford spent Saturday in Jacksonville.

LEADERS PLAN TO REGAIN WHIP HAND

Republican State Central Committee Quietly Adopts Plan Whereby Old Convention Methods Will Be Taken in Hand—Assembly July 21.

PORTLAND, Or., Feb. 12.—The political leaders of Multnomah county are to come into their own again according to a plan mapped out by the state Republican central committee at its meeting this afternoon. Their plan is to take the form of a state assembly with a possible membership of 1248.

The plan is for a huge assembly of Republican leaders to be held in Medford on July 21 to nominate the candidates for all state offices. The delegates are to be chosen by mass meetings to be held in each precinct of each county in the state.

Ex-Judge M. C. George of Portland was chosen to lead the assembly to victory. George was elected state chairman to succeed H. M. Calk who recently resigned.

The meeting which was held this afternoon was orderly in every respect and no heated arguments beset as was expected. The affair savored much of the action of a convention after a caucus had been held.

MANY INJURED IN TROLLEY ACCIDENT NEAR FRISCO

BERKELEY, Cal., Feb. 12.—A score of persons were injured, some fatally, when a Berkeley train on the Key Route pier about two miles from the shore, telescoped an Oakland train which had stopped for signals early today.

A heavy fog enveloped the pier, and the motorman of the Berkeley train did not observe the danger in time to reduce the momentum of his train, which was traveling out the pier at a rapid rate. The force of the collision smashed the smoking car of the Oakland train.

RFAMES CLAIMS NUNAN'S TITLE GOOD

C. L. Reames Says Cardwell Heirs Have No Claim to Property—Widow Had Right to Sell.

Clarence L. Reames, who is the attorney for Jerry Nunan in the matter of the Cardwell estate, is positive that there will be no litigation over the matter.

"The Cardwell heirs have no claim whatever on the land now in possession of Mr. Nunan," said Mr. Reames. "The will of J. A. Cardwell expressly states that his widow, who was named as executrix, should have power to dispose of the property as she saw fit, and that carried with it the right to sell or mortgage any or all of it. Mr. Nunan has been in adverse and undisputed possession of the land for 18 years and it was conveyed to him and received by him in good faith, all of which will have its weight whenever the matter of the title is brought into court."

FASHIONABLE WOMEN TO PLOW SCHOOL GARDEN

VENICE, Cal., Feb. 12.—Women of the Pick and Shovel Club, a fashionable organization which has undertaken the task of beautifying this city, will "man" plows on Saturday, when a two-acre garden at the public school is to be cultivated.

PEOPLE ARE TO VOTE ON GRANT

Council Will Order Special Election Tuesday Evening on Charter Amendment Giving Council Right to Grant Gas Plant Franchise for Period of 30 Years in Medford.

On next Tuesday evening the city council will in all probability decide to submit to a vote of the people a charter amendment allowing them to grant a franchise for a gas plant in the city for a period of 30 years. They have now power to grant such a right for 30 years.

J. R. Anderson, of Pasadena of the Ontario-Upland Gas company, who has recently applied for a franchise for a gas plant in Medford, left Saturday after a conference with the mayor and the city council, wherein they agreed to submit the proposition for an extended gas franchise to the people and a popular election.

Said Mr. Anderson before he left: "I mean business and have no time for tom-foolery, neither I or anyone else will construct a gas plant in Medford on a ten-year franchise, but if authority is granted to the council to give us a franchise for a longer period, we will begin work immediately and inside of a year will expend \$100,000."

"If anything is done on the gas plant in Medford, speedy action is desirable for mains must be laid before the streets are paved, and action on this account must be rushed. We are not asking a franchise for promotion purposes, in order to hawk it around to a purchaser, but will

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HAPPY MEDIUM IS TAFT'S AIM

Says Administration Will Bring All Illegal Combinations into Court But Will Try Not Excite Unfaith.

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—President Taft spoke before the New York Republican club here tonight and clearly outlined his politics in connection with the trusts. He stated that he would adhere to the plan of the administration to bring all illegal combinations into court, but that he had no idea of advocating a sensational crusade that would affect the country's finances.

His speech was well received and taken to mean that the president, while determined not to let the corporations get the upper hand, he will take no unfeasible step calculated to disturb confidence in American capital.

CORNER STONE WILL BE LAID MARCH 1

Bishop Scadding Will Preside at the Formal Ceremony of Laying St. Mark's Cornerstone.

The formal laying of the cornerstone of St. Mark's Episcopal church now under construction on Holly street will occur on March 1.

Bishop Charles Scadding of the diocese of Oregon will preside at the ceremonies and will place the stone. The church will when completed be one of the finest church edifices in southern Oregon, and a source of pride, not only to the congregation of St. Mark's, who have labored long and faithfully to this end, but to the citizens of Medford at large as well.

BINGER HERMANN CASE IS NOW IN HANDS OF JURY

COMMITTEE IS TO MEET AGAIN SOON

Rapid Progress is Made in Organization of Rogue River Valley Fruit Exchange—Work Necessarily Slow as Every Detail is Considered.

Rapid progress is being made in the organization of a central Rogue River valley fruit exchange by the committee appointed for that purpose. Every detail and possible complication is being considered, and the organization planned upon broad and comprehensive basis to meet every emergency that may arise and to create an organization that will successfully pick, pack and market the entire fruit crop of the Rogue River valley from Hell-gate to Ashland.

Professor P. J. O'Gara, who is playing a leading part in organization of the exchange, stated before he left town Saturday that another meeting of the committee will be held Wednesday at 10:45 o'clock in his office, when details of organization will be perfected. He stated: "The delay has not been caused by any discord or lack of harmony among members of the committee. All are united for a common purpose. But the details to be attended to are multitudinous and it takes time to thoroughly prepare the plans of organization. All the members are united in purpose and we will be able next week to publicly announce the plans of the new exchange."

LAYING TRACK ON THE CRABTREE EXTENSION

LEBANON, Or., Feb. 12.—Track laying has been started on the railroad between Crabtree and Lebanon. Track has been laid between Lebanon and the South Santiam river. Pile-driving has been completed on the trestle to about 2000 feet this side of the river. The work of completing the new railroad bridge will be commenced as soon as practicable.

LA FEAN BILL WILL BE UP ON MARCH 9

Hawley Wires Whisler to Try and Be in Washington When Committee is Ready to Act.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—Hearings on the La Fean bill will begin March 9. Agitation has aroused interest. Suggest that representatives be present here and be prepared with full information and arguments. Can you come?

(Signed) W. C. HAWLEY. Such was a message received last evening by C. E. Whisler of this city, who recently returned from Washington, where he went as a representative of the Rogue River Valley fruitgrowers to fight the La Fean bill. The matter will be taken up by local fruitgrowers soon, and Mr. Whisler may go east again.

REQUISITION ISSUED FOR DALLER FORGER

SALEM, Or., Feb. 11.—Requisition upon Governor Hay of the state of Washington was issued by Governor Benson yesterday for the return to this state of F. E. Mills, wanted for forgery at The Dalles. Mills is under arrest at Spokane and will be returned by Sheriff Levi Chrisman of Wasco county.

RETIRED EARLY TWO SURVIVORS WRECKED S.S. CHANZY

Henev Late Last Night Expressed Himself as Confident of Favorable Verdict or That Jury Would Hang—May Come in This Morning.

PORTLAND, Or., Feb. 12.—At a late hour tonight it was announced that the Binger Hermann jury would not be able to return a verdict until morning.

Much surprise was expressed here today when the Hermann jury did not return a quick verdict. The impression has been that Henev made a weak case and that the jury would be out on it in a few minutes. The jury went out at 11:30 and at noon was relieved for lunch. A long delay during which the public showed an unexpected interest by constant telephone messages to newspaper offices.

Francis J. Henev at 10 o'clock tonight believed he would either get a verdict favorable to the prosecution or that the jury would hang.

At that hour the impression was that the jury might have to retire for the night, it being forecasted that one or two were holding out for a compromise and others were stubbornly set for not guilty.

PORTLAND, Or., Feb. 12. Binger Hermann's fate is in the hands of the jury. Upon the conclusion of Judge Wolverson's charge to the jury, Attorney Worthington for the defense read a list of exceptions to the charge which he asked to have noted by the court and following the swearing in of the bailiffs the jury retired.

In his instructions to the jury the judge said: "If the jury finds that a conspiracy was entered into between two or more of the defendants, including the defendant on trial, even more than three years prior to the finding of the indictment, and that the parties to

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VICKSBURG SUFFERS \$1,000,000 BLAZE

For Three Hours Flames Cour Not Be Checked—Many Business Houses Destroyed.

JACKSON, Miss., Feb. 12.—A big fire, which started at 2 o'clock this afternoon and raged until 5 o'clock, did damage in Vicksburg, Miss., which amounts to over \$1,000,000. Many large business blocks and manufacturing plants were destroyed.

RAILROAD HARDER ROAD THAN JORDAN TO TRAVEL

GOLD HILL, Feb. 12.—Jordan may be a hard road to travel, but the railroad track between Gold Hill and Gold Hill has some pretensions to hardness itself, especially when the night is as dark as it was last Sunday, when Rev. T. J. Hazelton footed the seven miles in an hour and a half—just in time to announce the first hymn for the services at the M. E. Church.

There was mud upon the skirts of his priestly garments, and upon his knees, and he was just a little out of breath. He had been making a postural call between Central Point and Gold Hill, and walked into the latter place to catch the first train to Gold Hill.

ONE HUNDRED PERSONS PERISHED WHEN STEAMER CHANZY WENT TO BOTTOM OF MEDITERRANEAN—EXPLOSION PROBABLY CAUSE OF DISASTER.

26—TWO ... CUIDADELA, Island of Minorca, Feb. 12.—"There seemed to be just one terrible scream as the vessel went down. I don't know how I was spared; it must have been a miracle."

With these words, spoken feebly shortly after he regained consciousness today, Blandez, one of the two survivors of the wreck of the big steamer General Chanzy, which went to the bottom of the Mediterranean with 155 persons aboard her yesterday, began the first direct account of the disaster.

Was Very Weak.

The man had barely enough strength to speak, and his story was told in a halting manner, as if his mind were still unclear.

"We had been driven by a terrific wind and I did not know where we were when the boat suddenly struck upon the rocks with a terrific shock. Then there was an awful explosion; I think it was the boilers.

"The ship went down like a rock. The detonation of the explosion had hardly died away when she lurched

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GOLD HILL MAY GET SAW MILL

Possibilities Bright for Securing Mill With Daily Capacity of 75,000 Feet a Day—Will Employ 100 Men.

GOLD HILL, Feb. 12.—The News today says:

A saw mill with a capacity of 75,000 feet daily and a payroll of upwards of 100 men, with auxiliary mills for shingles, lath and sash and doors, and a branch line railroad, are possibilities for Gold Hill by reason of the sale of L. W. Smith's Foot creek timber tract to a company of Walla Walla, Medford and eastern capitalists. The transaction was made last week and a company is now organizing, incorporation papers having already been applied for.

The purchase of the Smith tract, and purchases and options on other smaller tracts, gives the company practically all the fine timber on Foots creek, between 4300 and 4500 acres, bearing, according to conservative estimate, 150,000,000 feet of pine and fir.

Three places are possible locations for the mill—Gold Hill, Woodville and a point two miles and a half north of Woodville where Foots creek joins Rogue river.

The incorporators of the new company are willing to come to Gold Hill if satisfactory arrangements can be made. One of the strongest arguments for locating the mill here is the fact that, according to estimates, there are at least 60,000 cords of wood on the tract, and that J. F. Hughes of Salem, one of the owners of the Kanes creek lime quarry stated recently that his big kiln would be able to take all the wood that could be cut from the tract. A ready market for this wood, without shipping it, except over the lumber company's own railway, which will be built from the tract to the mill, should be an

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