

## PLAN TO SPEND \$2,500,000 IN COUNTY

### MYSTERIOUS COMPANY AT WORK

American Development Company, Which Asked Franchise Over Jackson County Roads, Back of Land and Irrigation Deal in Sam's Valley—Runyan Refuses to Talk.

It has developed that the American Development company, who recently applied to the county court for a trolley line franchise over the roads of the county, and who have surrounded themselves with a certain degree of mystery, is the same company which has been engaged the past two months in securing options in Sam's Valley.

The company is still seeking to cloak its movements in secrecy, but a local business man, who is in a position to know of their deals, stated Saturday afternoon that the company planned to place water upon the 15,000 acres they have been securing in Sam's Valley and that their total expenditures in this county would be in the neighborhood of \$2,500,000. The electric road is said to be a side issue, as they intend to use it only if John R. Allen fails to build his road. Their purpose is to irrigate the lands in Sam's Valley, cut them into small tracts and sell.

PORTLAND, Feb. 19.—The Journal tomorrow will say:

From Medford comes the report that the American Development company has applied for a blanket franchise for a trolley line over all the roads of Jackson and Josephine counties. A certain degree of mystery surrounds the company in that those whose names appear on the articles of incorporation recently filed refuse to divulge the identity of their associates who are supposed to be furnishing the financial backing.

As yet the principal work of the corporation, it appears, has been to secure water rights on the Rogue river in the vicinity of Sam's Valley, about 15 miles north of Medford, in Jackson county, and to close contracts for 15,000 acres of land to be included in an extensive irrigation project, the water supply for which is to be obtained from Rogue river.

Runyan Won't Talk.  
E. M. Runyan, manager of the American Timber company, with an office in the Marquam building, this city, is one of the incorporators, but in an interview he denied the company's intention to build electric roads or any other railroads through Jackson or Josephine counties, saying that the plans are not sufficiently advanced to warrant a public announcement.

"We are not working upon any railway proposition," said Mr. Runyan, "and I don't think it concerns the public what our plans or projects are. Our articles of incorporation are broad enough to permit us to do almost anything, build railroads, irrigation ditches or anything that might be covered by the name."  
The capital stock is placed at \$1,000,000 and it is intimated that outside capitalists are ready to pay up this stock as soon as the preliminary details have been arranged.

Much Quiet Work.  
From various sources it has been ascertained that the contracts for lands covering an area of 15,000 acres have been secured quietly during the past several months and that water rights on the Rogue river have also been obtained to insure a sufficient quantity of water for the irrigation of orchards, it being ostensibly the intention to provide for the irrigation of the land and its promotion on the market in small tracts.  
The land in the vicinity of Sam's Valley and Eagle Point is a veritable desert, but once irrigated, it is said,

### J. P. Morgan, Leading Figure In Big Telephone Merger Probe.



At the investigation in New York of the recent purchases of the stocks of independent telephone companies in the middle west it was asserted that the purchases were made for the account of the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co. and not for the Bell company, legally known as the American Telephone and Telegraph company. The investigation was directed toward J. P. Morgan's part in the creation of what has been called the giant telephone merger. The inquiry may be made the basis of anti-trust proceedings in the Ohio and Missouri courts should the views of those who declare that the merger means the gathering of all or almost all of the telephone interests of the country under one control be upheld.

### CRATER ROAD PLAN FAVORED

Plan to Have 1000 Persons Subscribe \$100 Each and Thus Build Crater Lake Highway Meets With Instant Favor—Large Number Agree to Give the \$100 Asked.

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JOURNAL GIVES \$100 TO BUILD CRATER ROAD  
Portland, Feb. 19. Medford Mail Tribune, Medford, Or.—The Oregon Journal will be one of the one thousand to give \$100 cash each toward the construction of Jackson county's Crater Lake road.  
C. S. JACKSON.  
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The plan adopted by the Medford Commercial club for the building of the Crater Lake road is meeting with unanimous favor on the part of local people, and although the committee has hardly started its work as yet, a large number of local business men have signified their willingness to subscribe their \$100. Men over the entire state who are friendly to the move are expected to be heard from. Already has C. S. Jackson of the Journal contributed his \$100 and Colonel E. Hofer of Salem offers to come to Medford and urge on the good work.

Never yet have the Medford boosters undertaken a work which they have not carried to a splendid success, and it is too late for them to get into the "Can't Do It" club. It is not believed that there will be the least difficulty in securing the 1000 signers. It is expected that 500 of them will be found in Jackson county.

HUNDREDS OF FANS GREET JEFFRIES IN SAN FRANCISCO  
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 19. Jeffries and his retinue are in town today and the fight fans are awaiting anxiously the appearance of the big fellow at Jack Gleason's show next Sunday afternoon. Jeffries arrived at midnight, his train having been delayed.  
Several hundred fans were waiting for him at the ferry building and he was accorded a warm reception. With his party he immediately went to the St. Francis hotel to rest after his journey. He announced to confidential friends that he was never in better shape in his life and that he weighs 232.

### GLAVIS HAS HIS STORY BACKED

Testimony of Hoyt Goes Far Toward Corroborating Glavis' Story That Ballinger Personally Directed Alaskan Coal Lands Investigation—Cross-Examination at End.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—Manager Stephen Birch of the Guggenheim-Morgan syndicate, admitted today in the Ballinger investigation of coal property in Alaska covered by Cunningham claims worth from \$50,000,000 to \$200,000,000. Cross-examination tended to show the syndicate had previously tried to show the lands were worthless.

Henry M. Hoyt, attorney-general for Porto Rico and formerly federal attorney at Seattle, stated on the stand in the Ballinger investigation today that he agreed to omit the name of Judge Ballinger from the records of the Wilson case because he thought the public might not understand and might think that Ballinger had been mixed up in some fraudulent matters.

He said that in pursuance of this agreement he marked the record of the case in several places, "omit Ballinger's name as per stipulation."

Hoyt testified that he had seen this record with the pencil mark on it since his arrival in Washington. Attorney Brandeis for Glavis was on his feet in an instant.

"You saw it?" asked Brandeis. "Yes, sir; Assistant General Lawlor had it," said the witness. "We have been trying to get that record for some time," said Brandeis.

The committee decided to order Lawlor to produce the record at once.

Hoyt's testimony and documentary evidence introduced by Attorney Brandeis went toward corroborating parts of testimony given by Louis R. Glavis, formerly field agent of the Seattle land office, in the latter's contention that Ballinger had personal direction of the Alaskan coal lands investigation.

When the Ballinger-Pinchot hearing was resumed today Attorney Vertrees, representing Ballinger, announced that he had finished the cross-examination of Louis R. Glavis.

Glavis has been on the stand for several sessions of the committee and was questioned exhaustively by Vertrees regarding his reasons for attacking the Ballinger administration of the interior department.

Attorney-General Henry M. Hoyt was the first witness called to the stand today. Hoyt formerly was a federal district attorney at Seattle, and as such frequently was consulted by Glavis when the Alaskan coal land claims were under investigation.

### JURY UNABLE TO AGREE IN MANSLAUGHTER CASE

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 19.—Although ugly rumors of jury-fixing and police inactivity are in the air today, following a disagreement by the jury which heard evidence in the case of former police captain Michael J. Conboy, charged with killing Bernard Lagan, no direct charges were made against any one concerned.

The Conboy jury, when discharged late last night, stood ten to two for conviction. Two of the jurors maintained that the evidence in the case did not warrant conviction and refused to change their views during the day and a half that the jury deliberated the question.

District Attorney Fickert announced that a grand jury investigation of certain witnesses in the case probably will take place soon.

### Is Engaged to Teddy, Junior



The above is a portrait of Miss Eleanor Butler Alexander of New York city, whose engagement to Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., was recently announced. The wedding is to take place this summer after the return of the colonel from Africa.

### BITTER ATTACK ON WILHELM IN REICHSTAG

Socialist Leader Scores Emperor and Chancellor in Speech—Says Methods Which Have Been Employed Will Lead to Revolution.

BERLIN, Feb. 19.—Emperor William and Chancellor Bethman von Hellwig today were attacked bitterly on the floor of the reichstag by Dr. Franke, leader of the Socialists. Franke declared that the same law which brought the reichstag into being was responsible for the creation of the kaiser.

Dr. Franke declared that as Chancellor Von Hellwig had attacked the reichstag as a demoralizing and dangerous influence in public life, he had the same right to use those terms concerning the kaiser.

When Franke attacked the kaiser, Vice-President Shahn, who was presiding, called him to order, saying that no speaker would be allowed to drag the kaiser's name into a debate.

"I will say what I like about the kaiser," retorted Franke. "We have no cause to shrink from mentioning the kaiser as though he were a divinity."

"I favor respecting the kaiser, but I must insist that the same respect be given the reichstag."

The conservative side tried to hoot Franke down, but the Socialists, though outnumbered, cheered and applauded wildly. Franke continued: "The Prussian government is suppressing public demonstrations with such methods as have been employed and will yet provoke a revolution."

### Barelay Resigns.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—John C. Barelay, assistant general manager of the Western Union Telegraph company, has sent in his resignation. He has given no cause for withdrawing from the service of the concern, with which he has been connected for many years, but it is believed that promotion of General Superintendent Belvidere Brooks to the position of general manager to succeed Colonel R. C. Clowry has much to do with his action.

Barelay was appointed to the position of assistant general manager upon the promotion of Colonel Clowry to the presidency, Clowry retaining the position of general manager.

### RACE WAR IS FEARED IN CAIRO

Eighteen Negroes Removed From the County Jail and Taken to Penitentiary to Avoid Arousing Anger of Citizens—Saloons Closed and Troops in Charge of Town.

CAIRO, Ill., Feb. 19.—William Pratt, the negro accused of purse-snatching, and 18 other negro prisoners were taken to the penitentiary at Chester today to avoid arousing the anger of citizens of Cairo following the killing of one man and the wounding of four others by deputies defending the negro.

Although the state troops are guarding the Cairo jail and the saloons are closed, there is still danger of trouble. It was feared that the presence of the negroes at the jail would cause a night attack, therefore before daybreak they were smuggled away under military guard.

The killing of Alexander Halliday, the son of a former mayor of Cairo, popular and well liked, had divided the city into two factions. One, headed by the coroner, maintained that Halliday died instantly when struck by a bullet fired from the jail. The other, headed by Dr. Walsh, who examined his body, claims that Halliday lay mortally wounded in the snow for several hours and that had he been rescued his life could have been saved.

Mayor Parsons took a hand in the affair by sharply criticizing Sheriff Nellis for obeying to the letter Governor Deneen's order to keep the people outside the jail yard. This order practically resulted in the failure of the friends of Halliday to recover his body when it lay in the yard under the guns of the sheriff's deputies.

Parsons declared that he would have disobeyed the governor's order under such circumstances, and would have risked his official position even if the president of the United States had issued the order. With state troops on guard at the county jail and every precaution taken to prevent an outbreak, this city is quiet today.

There have been no reports of trouble since the killing of Alexander Halliday and the wounding of four other persons when a mob attacked the jail to lynch two negro prisoners. The display of force by the sheriff and the militia has had a determined effect upon the lawless.

The state troops will be kept here until after the funeral of young Halliday. The young man was a son of a former mayor, was popular and respected. He had many influential friends and these may endeavor to make his funeral an occasion for an appeal to the mob spirit which is now held in check.

Other victims of the bullets of Sheriff Nellis, deputies will recover.

### OLD RESIDENT JOINS THE PROGRESSIVE ELEMENT

"Prices have been raised on acreage on the Beall ranch," said V. T. Beall Saturday. "I have been in Jackson county for over 50 years and have seen the time when I would have traded the whole darned country to be assured that my top-knot would remain where nature had placed it, but I've concluded that nothing less than \$1500 will take away any part of the Vint Beall ranch. I'll admit that I have been among the kickers, but I've worn my heels acting a mule and have become convinced that there is nothing like the 'Medford spirit'—the spirit that makes things happen. From this time on you will find me boosting all the time."