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WERE LOCAL BOOSTERS STUNG? FIVE BIDS IN PAVING OF STREETS

Suspicion Rapidly Growing Into Something Stronger That Prominent Citizens Who Were "Took" Were Also "Took In" to the Tune of Five Per.

NO ONE HAS YET SEEN
COPY OF THE MAGAZINE

Other Cities Wondering Why They Do Not Get the "American Progress," Which No One Has Yet Seen.

Were the prominent Medford citizens who were caricatured at \$5 per as "boosters" by two enterprising sketch and hot-air artists, representing themselves to be agents of the "American Progress Magazine," stung? Indications are that they were, for no one has been found along the entire list of California and Oregon towns in which the young men operated, who has ever seen a copy of the American Progress Magazine.

Some three weeks or so ago Chet Wilder and George Helsley, accompanied by two flashily dressed young ladies, arrived here from Ashland with the avowed intention of giving people in Medford a chance to hang their pictures in the temple of fame through a caricature in the mythical magazine. They called on merchants, doctors, lawyers and business men generally and drew sketches of them which were to appear in the next number of the magazine, together with a write-up of the city. Of course every one, or nearly every one, jumped at the chance to tell the world what he really thought of himself and place his picture among the immortals. No money was asked, of course, merely \$5 or \$10 worth of magazines, containing the pictures, which they explained "was customary to collect in advance," and which in a majority of instances were so collected.

The same enterprising youths collected toll from many other cities along the line, and the Chico Enterprise contains the following news regarding the transactions in the match city:

"Suspicious which were but doubts at first have grown into accepted belief and a number of local business men have arrived at the conclusion that they are full-fledged members of the 'stung club.'"

"They represented that they were employed by the American Progress Magazine of New York, Chicago and San Francisco. No one locally has been found yet who ever saw a copy of the magazine, for both of the young men were 'out' of numbers. The American newspaper directories give no mention of such magazine and nothing, as far as can be learned from the press in San Francisco, was ever heard of it in that city. There is a Progress magazine, but it is not the kind that devotes its pages to caricatures."

"The opening sesame to the hearts of the local business men or those who had any doubts as to the genuineness of the two artists was their emphatic and oft-repeated statements that they did not want money. The magazine was doing its work free gratis—for the good of the community."

"It has since been learned that many were solicited for money and that many paid money. Quite a number paid \$5 each for copies of the magazine, which were to be delivered in February. So far no copies have arrived and this fact has caused a microbe of doubt in the minds of those who paid to swell into a large ger mof suspicion."

"Previous to coming here the caricaturists took pictures in Marysville and other towns in the valley."

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Councilmen Get Busy With Pencils in Order to Reduce Them to Comparative Basis, But So Far Have Been Unable to Complete the Work as Yet.

LOW BID THOUGHT TO BE
EITHER WARREN OR BARBER

Each Contractor Bid on Different Unit, Which Made It Impossible to Determine Lowest Bid Until Figures Are Reduced.

Five bids were tendered to the city council Tuesday evening for the paving of ten miles of the city's streets. They were as follows:

The General Contracting company of Salem bid \$1.30 per square yard for oil macadam, but as no certified check accompanied the bid, it was thrown out.

Granitoid Bids.
The R. S. Blome company of Chicago bid on Blome granitoid pavement as follows per front foot of one-half roadway: Alley between Sixth and Seventh, \$2.95; Bartlett street, \$6.48; Central avenue North, \$6.30; Central avenue South, \$7.05; D'Anjou, \$6.55; Eighth, \$7.20; Fir, \$6.56; Fourth, \$7; Genesee, \$4.25; Grape, \$6.48; Holly North, \$6.60; Holly South, \$6.81; Jackson, \$6.30; Laurel, \$5.98; Main, \$6.75; Orange North, \$4.55; Orange, South, \$5.70; Peach, \$4.35; Queen Anne, \$5.43; Riverside North, \$7; Riverside South, \$6.34; East Sixth, \$7.50; West Sixth, \$10.28; Summit, \$4.56; Tenth, \$6.10. Fairchild-Gilmore Co.

The Fairchild-Gilmore company of Los Angeles bid as follows on asphalt paving: One grade, \$2.10 per square yard, second grade \$1.90 per square yard. Excavation 30 cents per cubic yard; curb, 45 cents per (Continued on Page 5.)

TRAGIC LIFE OF WOMAN POISONER; POISON END

Mrs. Cordelia Botkin, Who Murdered Several Persons With Candy and Sent Through Mails, Dies.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., March 9.—Mrs. Cordelia Botkin, convicted of the murder of the wife of John P. Dunning, formerly coast manager of the Associated Press in this city, died yesterday at San Quentin prison, where she was serving a life sentence.

The death of Mrs. Botkin resulted from a nervous breakdown, which was brought on by worry over the recent death of her son and over the fact that she had lost hope for a parole by the governor.

The history of the murders committed by Mrs. Botkin have occupied many chapters in local courts. Her innocent victims were women whose deaths she caused by sending them poisoned candy through the mails. The crime of which Mrs. Botkin was convicted took place in August, 1898. From this city Mrs. Botkin sent to Dover, Del., to the family of Dunning, a man with whom she was infatuated, a box of candy which was filled with arsenic. Several persons who partook of the sweets were poisoned, the result proving fatal to Mrs. Dunning and her child. Subsequent investigation proved the cause of death, the box of candy was traced to this city and the arrest of Mrs. Botkin followed.

John Grieve of Central Point was in Medford Wednesday on business. He will leave soon for the Prospect country to spend the summer.

Scenes In Streets of Philadelphia During Great Strike of Trolley Men.



Scenes of great violence marked the opening of the great trolley car strike in Philadelphia. Cars were smashed and burned by the strikers and their sympathizers, and riots in many parts of the city sent scores of persons to the hospitals. In one day a woman and two girls were hit by stray bullets and about 500 persons were arrested. In many cases it was only by the use of powerful streams of water in the hands of firemen that the crowds were dispersed. Several men were badly injured by being hurled against buildings by the force of the current.

OGDEN LINE TO OPEN THURSDAY

Passenger Trains Leave Ogden for Coast, But Will Be Held at Carlin, Nev., Until Thursday Afternoon.

OGDEN, Utah, March 9.—Barring unforeseen delays the main line of the Southern Pacific will be open for traffic tomorrow, according to advices received today by officials from Superintendent Hanson at Palsade, Nevada.

Hanson wired that the tracks which were washed out in the Palsade canyon had been repaired and that the construction gangs were at work strengthening the roadbed at various points.

Passenger trains left Ogden for the coast today over the main line. They will be held at Carlin, Nevada, until tomorrow afternoon before being allowed to proceed. By that time it is expected that the line will be in good condition for through traffic.

The passenger trains which were held up on the O. R. & N. Tuesday reached Medford in a bunch Wednesday night, eight or nine trains passing through one after another.

The local freight situation is improving and in a few days normal conditions are expected to be prevalent.

H. Von der Hellen is in Medford from Wellen on a business trip.

CUDAHY WEILDED HIS KNIFE WELL

His Victim Is Still Unable to Speak—Mrs. Cudahy Says She Is Heartbroken Over What Has Been Said About Affair.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 9.—Jere F. Lillis, the banker who is suffering from wounds inflicted by John P. Cudahy, was still unable to speak today. His lips are so badly swollen from the slashes of Cudahy's knife that he is unable to enunciate. It will be several days before he can leave the hospital.

It is generally believed that Cudahy will leave his wife in control of the handsome residence on Thirty-sixth street, which is held in trust for the children. It was purchased by Michael Cudahy, father of John P. Cudahy, several years ago. At that time John P. Cudahy was in financial straits. The impression prevails that Cudahy will make no effort to gain possession of the house or to dislodge his wife.

Mrs. Cudahy today repeated her defense of Lillis and of herself. She said: "I am heartbroken more on account of what has been said of this affair than on account of anything that has happened. My relations with Mr. Lillis were such that no one but one insane could have found fault with them."

"I think my husband's attack on Mr. Lillis was cowardly. I consider it an honor to be admired by a man like Mr. Lillis."

SPOKANE NEARLY SUFFERS RIOT

City Council Refuses to Concede Request of Labor for Increased Wages and Riot Nearly Encountered Speaker Dragged From Hall.

SPOKANE, Wash., March 9.—A riot of two thousand labor unionists was narrowly averted in and about the city hall last night as a result of the city council's refusal to concede the request of labor for increased wages of teamsters and common laborers on city works, and for the appointment of three jail matrons, a hearing.

D. C. Coates, one of the editors of the Labor World, organized labor's official organ, who acted as spokesman, demanded that the matter be given consideration then and not tonight as the council declared it had decided to do. He was seized by the police and dragged from the council chambers, accompanied by hisses and cat-calls from the unionists. Coates was later allowed to return to the hall. It was then agreed that the city council meet in adjourned session tonight for the consideration of the demands both for increased wages and for the matrons. Some members attempted to have the council meet as a committee of the whole, so nothing could be done.

L. E. Whiting is spending a few days at the Riverview ranch this week.

Worthy to Rank With the Best McCutcheon has Ever Done.

"Truxton King," a new serial, begins in today's Mail Tribune. Truxton King, big, handsome, good-natured and young, ranges over the face of the earth looking for romance and adventure, and finding none, until at last he comes to the natural home of such things—Graustark. The same old, romantic land of Graustark. There are plots and counterplots, the scurry of hoofs, the clash of swords and the crack of rifles. And things happen with an unexpectedness, a rush and a go which sweep the reader along until, like us, he can say breathlessly: "McCutcheon has done it again."

AN UNKNOWN QUAKER CITY IS FOUND DEAD STRIKE IS FAILURE

A. Languish Found by Side of Railroad Track Near Talent—Hat Is Found on Pilot of Engine at Grants Pass—Jury Says Killed by Train.

MIGHT HAVE BEEN
OTHER CAUSES

Relatives Being Sought From Cards Found on Dead Man—Evidently a Workingman—Body Was Not Torn or Bruised.

A. Languish—that is as near as the coroner and his jury could arrive at the name—was found dead yesterday morning alongside the Southern Pacific track near Talent.

The body was not bruised or torn, the cause of death being a fracture at the base of the skull. No other marks were upon the body.

His hat was missing, and a hat was taken from the pilot of an engine hauling one of the extra trains from Ashland to Grants Pass, at the latter place Tuesday morning.

There was no clew to the identity of the dead man beyond cards bearing the name above given, showing that he had worked at different points as a laborer.

The officers are now trying to get into communication with his people through these different addresses.

While the jury brought in a verdict that Languish came to his death by being struck by a train, the officers are not ready to accept that conclusion entirely. The absence of any other wound beside the one which caused death is unusual in cases of that nature.

BUYS RANCH IN LANE BUYS HOME HERE

G. W. Taylor Purchases 280 Acres Near Eugene, But Also Buys Medford Property for Home.

G. W. Taylor, who resigned his position as county entomologist several months ago, will leave soon to take charge of the entomological work for Oregon inaugurated by the Philadelphia Academy of Science. Mr. Taylor will make a collection of bugs of all varieties to be found in this state. He expects to be here about July 1.

Mr. Taylor recently returned from Lane county, where he invested in 280 acres of land, purely for speculative purposes. At the same time he has purchased two lots in this city and will erect thereon a handsome residence. This city will be his future home.

B. P. O. ELKS ELECT NEW OFFICERS

No. 1168, B. P. O. E., will have a new set of officers on April 7, as the result of the election held at the last meeting. They will be as follows:

W. W. Eifert, exalted ruler; A. C. Burgess, esteemed leading knight; L. L. Jacobs, esteemed loyal knight; E. C. Gaddis, esteemed lecturing knight; R. W. Teifer, secretary; J. J. Wilkinson, treasurer; George Porter, tyler; Clarence L. Reames, trustee.

T. E. Daniels, the retiring exalted ruler, was elected as delegate to the grand lodge, which meets at Detroit in July.

During the five months that the lodge has been organized it has increased from a membership of 43 to a total of 100.

Only Most Radical of Union Leaders and Followers Will Not Concede That the Great General Strike Is Unsuccessful—Special Police Are Withdrawn.

ONLY 30,000 MEN ARE
OUT ON STRIKE TODAY

Many Persons Believe That Police Are Responsible for Riots, as They Use Weapons Too Indiscriminately.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., March 9.—Twelve hundred workmen employed by the Baldwin Locomotive Works struck this afternoon. The company employs twelve thousand men.

The union leaders here are elated over the walkout as the works are conducted on "open shop" principles.

Gompers to Quaker City.

It was learned this afternoon that Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor will go to Philadelphia upon his return from Chicago. Whether he will take charge of the strike in Philadelphia depends upon the developments. There is a persistent rumor that the federation officials have decided to call strikes of street car employes in four or five other big cities, but this cannot be confirmed.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., March 9.—Only the most radical of union leaders and followers today will not concede that the great general strike here is a failure.

Throughout the city it is popularly acknowledged that the sympathetic strike designed to force the Philadelphia Rapid Transit company to arbitrate its difference with its striking carmen, has not proved successful.

The primary causes for failure are attributed to the disinclination of conservative unions to violate trade contracts and to the prevalence of the open shop system here.

Won't Violate Contracts.

Labor unions like the typographical union insisted that their members should not violate iron-clad contracts. Many of the largest plants here, such as the Cramp Ship Yards and the Baldwin Locomotive Works are not unionized and these were not affected by the general strike.

Moreover it is conceded that many union men struck simply as a protest against the city administration over its attitude toward the car strike and the labor question generally. These men, it is said, now have returned to work satisfied that they had done all that could be expected of them.

Many special police were withdrawn from duty today. This indicates that they city officials believe the crisis is passed.

Leaders Refuse Figures.

Certain union leaders still maintain that 125,000 men are on strike but they refuse to give any figures to support their claim.

A careful canvass indicates that 30,000 is the correct number today of those who walked out.

In spite of a riot started by strike-breakers last night in which five men and a girl were shot, the authorities today do not expect any further serious disorder.

Unionists, however, are not so sure that trouble can be averted. They point to the fact that the persons shot were not members of the crowd that was looting and jeering the non-unionists.

The fact that the strike-breakers shot over the heads of the crowd and injured non-combatants aroused intense anger.