

# MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

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## ALL BIDS FOR PAVING ARE THROWN OUT

City Council Issues Call for New Bids to Be in by Saturday, March 26—All Bids Tendered March 8 Were Too High for Acceptance by the City.

### OTHER COMPANIES HERE TO BID ON THE WORK

Prospects Bright for Seven or Eight Companies to Bid on the Work—Believe Money Will Be Saved to Property-Owners.

All of the bids offered by various companies for the paving of ten miles of the city's streets were rejected by the city council at a special meeting held late Wednesday afternoon. A new order was immediately issued calling for bids to be in by Saturday, March 26.

It is believed by this action the city council will save many thousands of dollars to the property-owners, as all of the bids tendered were disappointingly high.

The representatives of two or three paving companies who were not here when bids were offered March 8, have arrived and prospects are that seven or eight companies will bid on the work March 26.

The only other business transacted by the council at its special meeting was to reject the application of the Eugene evangelist who would build a tabernacle in the city park near the old water tank and conduct revival meetings.

### OLD PIONEER HOLDS A BIRTHDAY PARTY

John L. Grubb celebrated his 67th birthday at the home of Henry Applegate at the Boone ranch, ten miles above Ashland, last Saturday. Mr. Grubb is the son of the late Samuel Grubb, one of the first settlers on Emigrant creek, above Ashland, and has lived in the Rogue River valley since boyhood.

Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Henry Applegate and three sons, Mrs. Dan Walker, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Grubb and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Murphy, Mrs. Annie Walker, Miss Ollie Davis and Judge J. R. Neil. The day was passed in recalling incidents of the pioneer times and in doing justice to the toothsome viands provided by the ladies.

The Pacific & Eastern railway received a new passenger coach on Thursday, which will enable the road to more adequately accommodate the increasing passenger traffic.

## FIRST DRESS REHEARSAL FOR THIS YEAR'S PASSION PLAY TOOK PLACE TODAY

MUNICH, March 17.—After three years' preparation, the first dress rehearsal of the Passion Play, last produced in 1900, took place at Oberammergau today.

Performances will continue at intervals until the end of September. The play, as usual, begins with two tableaux, the first representing the exclusion of Adam and Eve from Eden, and the second the adoration of the cross. Then follow 18 scenes, beginning with Christ's entry into Jerusalem and concluding with the ascension.

In this year's rendition Anton Lang, the village potter, takes the part of Christ as in 1900. Johann Zwink, who was Judas ten years ago, also appears again in the same role. The part of John is taken by a plumber, Simon by a cooper, Thaddeus by a road cleaner, Andrew by a shoemaker, Annas the high priest by the parish beadle, and the Virgin Mary by Ottillie Zwink, daughter of the actor

### TOO SOFT YET TO COMMENCE PAVING OF WEST SEVENTH

Although the streets of the city seem well dried out, Superintendent Chipman of the Warren Construction company, which has the contract for paving West Main street, says the bed of the road is still much too soft to lay pavement. The work, however, he states, will be undertaken as soon as possible.

## WEBSTER TO BE HERE SOON TO TRK OF ROADS

Commercial Club Holds Enthusiastic Meeting at Which Much Business Was Transacted—Building Committee Has Not Taken Any Action as Yet—Claim Not Allowed.

At the regular meeting of the Commercial club held Wednesday evening, President Colvig read a communication from Judge L. R. Webster of Portland saying that he would be here within a short time to organize a division of the Oregon Good Roads association and to lecture on good roads. However, the club took no action in the matter.

F. Osenbrugg reported for the building committee that nothing further had been done in regard to securing a building for the club.

J. A. Westerlund reported for the committee appointed to meet with the city council regarding the taxing of ice cream stands, that they had met with the council and that the tax had been changed from \$50 per month to \$60 per year. In this connection, Mr. Weston thanked the club for the service rendered him, and particularly the committee who took active part, and upon his expressing a desire to join the club, was voted in.

Ed Andrews reported for the committee appointed to meet with the ladies of the Greater Medford club regarding accommodations for the colonist trade, stating that the ladies did not want to take the responsibility of buying tents and fitting them up, but that the firm of Cuthbert & Grunsky would gladly do same and hold no one responsible, if it was not successful, if it was the wish of the club. This was discussed at some length, but no action was taken.

F. Osenbrugg reported for the finance committee regarding the bill still standing against the Tronson & Guthrie exhibit at Spokane. After some discussion the bill was disallowed.

The following were elected: Fred Thompson, Ernest Hefler, E. H. Holt, John H. Shepherd, M. A. Rader, C. A. McArthur.

who plays Judas. In all about 1000 persons take part in various capacities in the play.

The costumes were all made in the village and no makeup is permitted among any of the performers. Neither is professional help allowed in the presentation of the play. The preliminary work for it was carried out by a local committee under the presidency of the burgomaster with the clergymen of the village as honorary members. As is always the custom, one-third of the net profits will be used for public purposes.

Superintendent L. R. Fields and Assistant Superintendents Blood, Younger and Weston of the Southern Pacific lines in Oregon, were in Medford Wednesday afternoon on a tour of inspection. They looked over the yards carefully with a view to inaugurating some substantial improvements in the way of handling the rapidly increasing traffic in every department of this station.

## \$1000 GROWTH MADE BY LIST PAST 24 HOURS

Since Noon on Wednesday Committee Raising Funds for Building of Crater Highway Have Secured \$1000, Making Total at the Present Time Over \$18,000.

### PAPERS IN PORTLAND PLEDGE ASSISTANCE

Thought That \$25,000 Will Be Secured in Portland When the Committee Starts Its Work in the Metropolis.

\$18,400. One thousand dollars is the growth since noon Wednesday.

Remember the slogan, "\$25,000 by Saturday night."

If you know of one who should give, let the committee know.

Only \$6800 more to raise and two full days in which to do it.

Word has been received from Portland that the three daily papers there stand ready to lend all the assistance possible to the committee when the work of soliciting funds is commenced in that city. It is thought that Portland will contribute at least \$25,000 toward building the road.

Salem also has sent word along that the committee will be welcomed and the good work helped along. In fact, encouragement has been received from all sections of the state.

On Sunday the Mail Tribune will publish a complete review of the first week's work and will give the revised Roll of Honor in full. Be sure and see that your name is signed in time.

### HERE'S FIRST BIG FISH STORY OF THE YEAR

LONG BEACH, Cal., March 17.—The best fish story of the season is told today by Beth Lawson, who is recounting his experience with a 60-foot whale and his escape from death from the thrashing of the mighty leviathan.

Unlike most fish-story tellers, however, Lawson has plenty of substantiation for his narrative, as several other followers of the rod and reel had narrow escapes from death. Lawson was idly casting his line from a little skiff on the ocean side of the San Pedro breakwater. He felt a tug, the line tightened and his pole bent nearly double.

Lawson bent his energies to holding on. Suddenly a huge form rose upward through the water ahead of him, a great jet of water shot into the air as the big fish spouted, and suddenly the skiff raced through the water, towed by the monster.

Lawson lost no time in abandoning bait, hook, line and pole, and in leaping from the troubled seas that threatened to sink his craft.

The whale was in a playful mood, and, unmindful of the yards of line and pole trailing behind him, dashed toward other skiffs of a scattered fishing party. The fishermen saw him coming and bent oars for the breakwater and safety.

### ENGINEER SOON TO SET STAKES FOR PLANTING TREES

City Engineer Foster will start work Friday in setting stakes marking the location of shade trees on the various streets of the city, and will conclude the work at the first of the week. The ladies of the Greater Medford club are planning to follow him closely and see that the trees are planted.

## SOLICITING OF FUNDS TO START IMMEDIATELY

Work of Securing Subscribers to Capital Stock of Rogue River Valley Fruit & Produce Association Put Under Way by Dr. J. F. Reddy—Active Campaign Is Plan.

The soliciting of subscriptions to the capital stock of the Rogue River Valley Fruit & Produce association was actively commenced this morning by Dr. J. F. Reddy, assisted by Walter McCallum and W. A. Sumner, Pr. The meeting of the stockholders is to be held in April.

The association was planned by the fruitgrowers of the Rogue River valley and embraces all of the territory from Merlin to the California line. The by-laws and framing of its plans were the work of a committee of 15, representing all of the district covered.

The association is one that has long been needed in the valley and is a movement which should be encouraged.

## DAVENPORT IS TO LAUNCH A WEEKLY

New Publication Will Be Issued in Portland and Will Deal of Life in the Northwest—Cartoon Weekly.

PORTLAND, Or., March 17.—Homer Davenport, the famous cartoonist, is today going over the ground here preliminary to the establishment of a plant for the publication of a weekly magazine. The magazine, he says, will be national in scope and devoted largely to home and country life. J. E. Chamberlain, for years editor of the Youth's Companion, is to be the editor.

Discussing the new venture, Davenport said:

"The magazine will not be essentially an illustrated paper. It will be larger than the popular weekly papers and each week the cover will bear a cartoon. It will deal largely with life in the northwest.

"St. John Thaddeus, the famous portrait painter, whom I met at Coronado, will supply a supplement in colors of the upbuilders of the west for each week's issue. This will be high-class work and will be one of the important features of the publication."

### SEND YOUR FRIENDS A PAPER

## The Big Easter Edition

WILL BE FINE—PRINTED SUNDAY, MARCH 20.

Your friends in the east are looking towards the Rogue River valley and anxious for news. The Easter edition is the best thing to send, for it more clearly shows the spirit and class of people living here—gives them a clear idea of the business being done and shows to a marked degree the progress of this section. Being your orders for papers in as soon as possible. Our ad man will be pleased to call and help dress up your advertisement, so that it will bring the best results. Fortune smiles on the persistent advertiser.

## TAFT'S DAY IS LIKE DONNY BROOK FAIR

Early Morning Slumbers of Executive on Visit to Chicago Were Disturbed by a Shindy Between Secret Service Men and Railway Linemen.

### LINEMAN WAVES PIECE OF RUBBER FOR SHILLAGLAH

Aged Woman Tries to Dash Herself Under Wheels of Taft's Automobile—Says President Is Like St. Patrick.

CHICAGO, Ill., March 17.—The president's official St. Patrick's day began somewhat like a Donnybrook fair.

The slumbers of the president were disturbed by a shindy between secret service men and a lineman for a wireless telephone company. The lineman insisted that he should install a wireless telephone in the president's car. The secret service guards of the president ruled otherwise. The lineman endeavored to back up his argument by waving a section of rubber hose as a shillaglah, but was speedily subdued by the government agents who possess Celtic names and Celtic blood.

An aged and infirm woman tried to dash herself under the wheels of President Taft's automobile here today. She was rescued by a riding policeman, who snatched her from the path of the moving machine and bore her to safety.

Almost a Tragedy.

Only the fact that the machine was moving rather slowly prevented a tragedy that would have marred the celebration of St. Patrick's day, which Taft came here from Washington to attend.

The woman, whose name has not been made public, made two attempts to kill herself. She broke through the police lines shortly before the president's machine had halted. At that time she was seized by several men and carried back to the crowd. Later on Michigan avenue she made her way through the lines, evaded the police and threw herself prone beneath the oncoming car in which the president was seated.

"I am glad to meet the men who do the real work and are not responsible for the editorials," was President Taft's greeting today to the men of the Newspaper club, where a reception was held in his honor.

After a few friendly words of greeting the president made an informal address in which he gently prodded the editorial writers.

"I say this," he continued, after referring to the men "responsible for the editorials," "because I am astounded every day at the many hypocritical statements and the unsound articles that I read on the editorial pages."

Store-growth follows—does not precede, but follows—growth and expansion of the store advertising.

Sheriff W. A. Jones was in Medford Wednesday evening from Jacksonville.

### REAMES BUYS CROWELL LOT, PAYING \$10,000

Clarence L. Reames has purchased Judge W. S. Crowell's lot on Main and Oakdale, paying \$10,000. The lot is exceptionally well located and is a splendid business corner. Mr. Reames states that he has no building plans at present, but that the lot will probably not remain vacant long.

## STEEL IS GIVEN ENCOURAGEMENT IN WASHINGTON

Has Received Some Assurance From Interior Department That They Will Aid in Building Road—Lectures on Crater Lake and Is Applauded.

WASHINGTON, March 17.—Will G. Steel, promoter of the Crater Lake National park, who is here in the interests of the building of a highway to Crater Lake, lectured last evening at the First Congregational church here, and severely censured the Oregon supreme court on account of the decision against the road bill. When he declared, "We will push that road anyway and are raising the money to that end," he was roundly applauded.

Steel is still endeavoring to get the interior department to aid in the building of the road and has some assurance that the department will grant the request.

### MAN ASKS FOR 17 WEDDING LICENSES

CINCINNATI, O., March 17.—John F. Burkhardt, living in Norwood, went to the courthouse here and earnestly asked Daniel Williams, deputy clerk, for 17 marriage licenses. Williams stared in speechless astonishment, but the man repeated his request.

"You see, it's just this way," said Burkhardt. "Last night my wife and I were playing checkers, and I thought then it would be a good plan for me to fill 17 houses I have here with wives."

"I'll buy each of the women a fine automobile, erect a big place where they can have races and, in all, make it very agreeable for them."

"I've long wanted to own a harem, and this seems about the finest chance I've ever had. There are 17 women who want to marry me, and have promised me they will be the best kind of wives."

A brother of Burkhardt was telephoned for, and he went to see if he could help the insane man. They

## 'T'WILL BE MAY BEFORE THE COMMITTEE COMPLETES ITS BALLINGER INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, March 17.—Unless the Ballinger-Pinchot congressional committee finds it necessary to journey to Alaska to investigate the Cunningham land claims, the hearings in the famous controversy probably will end by the latter part of May.

It is believed today that the journey to Alaska will not be necessary, but it is impossible to predict the time when the committee's decision on the evidence will be forthcoming.

As far as yet known there are 16 to be called before the case is closed. It is likely that many more will be summoned as developments require that the secretary of the Interior, Ballinger, will be the star witness for the "defense," with Assistant Secretary Pierce, Land Commissioner Dennett and Chief of Field Service Schwartz as satellites.

It is improbable that George Otis Smith, director of the geological survey, also will be called by the Ballinger forces in view of the testimony concerning water power sites recently given by Chief Engineer Davis of

## ARBITRATION IS UNDER WAY IN WINDY CITY

Knapp and Neill Are in Chicago in Conference With Railroad Managers and Officials of Firemen—Will Not Give Out Proceedings—Must Act in Near Future.

### 300,000 COAL MINERS MAY GO OUT APRIL 1

Unions Demand Advance in Wage Scale and if Not Granted Biggest Strike in History May Be On—To Take Effect First of April.

CHICAGO, March 17.—Chairman Knapp of the Interstate commerce commission and Commissioner Neill of the labor commission, arrived here today to attempt to prevent the threatened strike of western locomotive firemen and engineers.

Commissioner Neill announced that all negotiations with the railway managers' committee and the representatives of the brotherhood were secret. He said that he would not announce the proceedings.

President Carter of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers, reiterated his previous statement that the matters under discussion between the firemen and the railroads would have to be arbitrated quickly or the men would go out.

### Miners May Strike

CINCINNATI, O., March 17.—Labor leaders who attended the convention of the United Mine Workers here, intimated today that the only thing which will prevent the strike of 300,000 coal workers after April 1 will be an advance of wages. Otherwise no wage scale will be signed and the men will be ordered out.

The scale committee of the mine workers held an executive session last night. Although no announcement was made, it was hinted that the members could not agree on a new wage scale. It was rumored that the committee would endeavor to reach a compromise before the matter was finally submitted to the delegates at the special convention, as the convention will decide whether there shall be a strike after considering the data to be presented by the scale committee.

probed him and sent him to the asylum. Burkhardt is a former theatrical manager here, but for several months has been afflicted with failing mentality.

W. A. Folger was in Medford Wednesday from his foothill farm, which he recently purchased.

the reclamation service. "The prosecution" has called upon Managing Director Stephen Birch and General Counsel John M. Steele of the Morgan-Guggenheim syndicate to testify on behalf of the "Pincoffite."

### TWO OLD PIONEERS MEET FIRST TIME IN YEARS

In the county clerk's office at Jacksonville Thursday two old men met who had not seen each other for many years. Both were Millers—John S., who lives in the Applegate section, and John X., whose habitat is at Trail. The two men were together in the early settlement of Southern Oregon, and both are Indian war veterans. Each has a fund of stories of the early days in Southern Oregon, and they nearly forgot their errands at the courthouse in exchanging reminiscences.