

## BARBER COMPANY IS LOW BIDDER ON STREET PAVING

### MIDDLE WEST IS CHARGED WITH GROSS FRAUDS

Wilson of Hood River Claims That Middle West Wormy Apples Are Labeled "Oregon" and Shipped to Markets of the East—California is Also a Sufferer.

PORTLAND, March 26.—That worm-eaten apples of the middle western states have been boxed, shipped east and been sold for Hood River, Rogue River and California stock is the charge made by Joseph Wilson of Hood River, who has just returned from Washington, where he went in the interests of his section to defeat the Lafean apple bill.

It is alleged that fruit labeled "Oregon fancy newtown Pippins" were recently sold in New York at 97 Park Row. It is said that these apples were from the middle west and were worm-eaten.

Watsonville, Cal., growers were first blamed, but they say that the complaint had been made before and it has been traced to the middle west.

The statement of Wilson has created a sensation in all the apple growing sections of the west.

### TO ERECT SUB-TREASURY DISTRICT

WASHINGTON, March 26.—President Taft today sent letters summoning Richard Bartholdt, chairman of the house committee on public buildings, and Nathan B. Scott, chairman of the senate committee, to discuss with him the necessity of appropriating sufficient money to erect a sub-treasury building in the financial district of San Francisco.

### BIDS ARE MUCH LOWER THAN AT LAST OFFERING

Warren Construction Company Did Not Offer Bid—Paving Will Be Done at Saving From \$50,000 to \$75,000—Barber Company Will Probably Be Given Contract.

Bids for paving nearly ten miles of Medford streets were opened Saturday night, and in all probability the Barber Asphalt company will be awarded the contract as the lowest bidder. Clark & Henry Construction Co. of Sacramento were close seconds. Other bids were received from the Ramsome-Crummey Co. of Oakland and the Warren Quimby Co. of Rochester, N. Y. The Warren Construction Co. and the Fairchild & Wilton Co. of Los Angeles did not bid.

The bids brought a material reduction in the cost of paving from those opened on March 8. On a comparative basis, the paving will be done at a saving of from \$50,000 to \$75,000 to the property-owners, less than previous bids. A reduction is made upon nearly all items included in the specifications. Excavation will cost much less than previously done for.

Although the Clarke-Henry Co. were lowest on Class A Barber pavement by 1 1/2 cents, they were 15 cents higher on excavation. On Class B, Barber, they were 5 cents higher. The total number of square yards is estimated at 293,000. The total excavation is approximated at 70,000 cubic yards.

Engineer Oscar Huber of the Barber Paving Co. said: "This is the lowest bid ever made on the coast. It is lower than our recent Portland bid of \$1.44 for Class C, when the

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### MINIMUM RATE WITH CANADA IS NOW HOPED FOR

Although Result of Conferences Has Not Been Made Public, It is Regarded That Trade War Will Be Averted and That Old Relations Will Continue Unabated.

WASHINGTON, March 26.—That a trade war with Canada will be averted and the minimum tariff declared effective for Canadian imports is the general belief here today, following conferences between Minister of Finance Fielding and Minister of Railways Graham of Canada with the state department and with President Taft.

Just what was accomplished at these conferences has not been made public, but the conferences following the recent conferences between Taft and Governor General Earl Grey, at which the tariff was discussed, shows that the state department and the president realize the importance of the matter.

It is the general belief in official circles here that if the Canadian government makes even the slightest concession that Taft will rule Canada is not unduly discriminative against the United States, in the meaning of the language of the tariff bill, and that the minimum tariff will therefore be declared in effect between the two countries.

Taft has already declared that the whole matter is not a question of what the United States would like to do, but a question of the interpretation of the new tariff law. In order, it is believed, to make the minimum tariff operative, some slight discriminations in favor of the United States must be made.

It is believed that this matter has

## SHORTAGE OF ONLY A MIRACLE CAN SAVE \$1100 IS TOWNS IN PATH LAVA FLOW

### FOUND

Adolph Schultz, Treasurer of Jacksonville Lodge of Redmen, Is Arrested Charged With Embezzlement of Money Given Into His Hands for Safe Keeping.

Charged with having embezzled \$1100 from the Oregonian Pocatowas Tribe, No. 1, I. O. R. M., in Jacksonville, while acting as secretary of the tribe, Adolph Schultz was arrested Saturday afternoon in Ashland by Deputy Sheriff Ulrich. The news of Schultz's shortage in his accounts came as a great surprise to his friends.

Oregonian Pocatowas had not been coming through with the great council dues and State Organizer J. H. Fitzgerald was sent to Jacksonville to look into matters. He found a shortage aggregating some \$1100 and the tribe took measures toward apprehending Schultz.

The delinquent treasurer had plenty of opportunity to escape, should such have been his intention, but he seems to be as much puzzled as to how such a large shortage could have occurred as are the members of the order themselves.

The preliminary hearing will be held at Jacksonville Monday. In the meantime, Schultz is in the county jail.

Canadian representatives and as a result the ministers who attended the conferences have suggested some slight changes under the law may be granted. They will soon return to Canada and the matter will be taken up with the governor-general.

Officials Sanguine.

It is declared in unofficial circles here that negotiations have progressed far enough so that definite points to be conceded have been discussed and that the granting of these would mean a proclamation by the president putting the minimum schedules into effect.

### \$1000 LICENSE IS TO BE ASKED OF SALOON MEN

Currently Reported That at Next Meeting of City Council License Committee Will Submit New Ordinance Raising License \$200 Year in the City.

It is currently reported that at the next meeting of the city council the license committee will submit an ordinance fixing the yearly license to sell malt and vinous liquors at \$1000 per annum. The present license is \$800 a year.

The license committee refuses to discuss any of the phases of the matter, while the mayor refuses to make a statement.

Late last evening a local business man who is closely in touch with the administration stated that such an ordinance would be introduced at the next regular meeting.

The reason for raising the license at this time is in order to give the city better police protection by the addition of new men. The additional revenue to the city will be in the neighborhood of \$2000 a year.

Girl Disappears.

PHOENIX, Ariz., March 26.—The police of all Arizona cities were instructed today to search for Ellen Torgerson, formerly a Salvation Army girl, who disappeared mysteriously last evening.

Mrs. Torgerson came here from Los Angeles a week ago. She was known to have a considerable sum of money.

In her apartment the money was found. The young woman was about 23 years old and was unusually handsome.

### 25 SQUARE MILES COUNTRY UNDER A MOLTEN LAKE

Danger to Life is Practically Past, But Property Loss is Enormous—Two Villages Now in Direct Path of Lava—Eruption Last Evening Increased in Volume.

CATANIA, March 26.—Creeping silently toward the village of Belpasso and Borelio, the lava mass that is rolling from the 12 active craters on Mount Aetna was rapidly increased in volume late tonight.

It was estimated that the molten lake covered an area of 25 square miles.

The villages of Belpasso and Borelio are directly in its path, and their inhabitants, who have not already fled to places of safety, are panic-stricken.

A Miracle to Save Towns. Although the head of the stream is not more than ten miles from its source, they believe only a miracle can save their homes.

Early today there was an apparent lull in the subterranean rumblings that have added terror to the situation, and for a time it was believed the crisis of the eruption was passed.

The rumblings recurred with the renewed violence about sundown and the craters belched a fiery display that was appalling.

Violent Demonstration.

The demonstration this evening it was said by scientists who returned from places of vantage near Belpasso, was the most violent since the evening of the second day of the eruption.

The internal fires of Mount Aetna subsided slightly today, the violence of the eruption from the 12 craters decreased in intensity and the flow of lava from the rifts in the mountain began to slacken in their progress southward.

Volume Increases.

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Scenes throughout the night on the mountain and its vicinity were awe inspiring. The skies were lit by

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### 75 PER CENT OF ROAD TO BUTTE FALLS FINISHED

Two New Engines to Arrive Next Week for Pacific & Eastern—Nearly 1000 Men at Work and From 20 to 30 Are Being Added Each Day—Teams are Wanted.

Seventy-five per cent of the construction work on the extension of the Pacific & Eastern railroad to Butte Falls is completed, according to Chief Engineer Gerig of the road, and work is being rushed as much as possible, so as to complete the road to the Falls in June.

Nearly 1000 men are employed at present and from 20 to 30 are being added each day. All of the teams available have been secured and more are wanted.

Beyond Eagle Point steel is laid some six miles, while the right of way has been cleared to Butte Falls and the greater part of the excavation in the cuts completed.

Next week two new engines will arrive for use on the road.

The steam shovel is at present working this side of Eagle Point, cutting down the grade and making a fill. Mr. Gerig is planning to rush things this summer while "the going is good."

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### CRATER HIGHWAY FUND GROWING

Commission Has Said But Little of Late, But List Steadily Grows—Chairman Root Busy With Stenographer on Campaign Over State.

The fund for the Crater Lake highway still steadily continues to grow, although the committee has of late had little to say. The work is going ahead steadily and the list shows gratifying growth.

The commission is now beginning to devote its attention to other sections and as preliminary work is sending out a multitude of letters to pave the way for personal work.

Among those who have signed the list since the Roll of Honor was last published are: G. L. Tretchler, J. V. Palmer, J. S. Vilas, M. D. Glover, J. G. Gore, H. von der Hellen, C. E. Whisler, W. E. Crews, S. S. Aiken and L. M. Lyon.

### MAE WOOD AFTER PART OF THE PLATT ESTATE

JULESBURG, Col., March 26.—Mae Wood announced today that she would take steps at once to contest the will of former Senator Thomas C. Platt, which bequeaths his entire fortune to his three sons.

"It is not the money, but vindication I seek," she said, as she announced her determination.

Senator Platt's will was probated in New York yesterday.

### SCHEME PROVES A GREAT BOOM

No Longer Need Orchardist of the Rogue River Valley Sit Up Nights Keeping Tab on Weather—They Just Call Central and Then Sleep.

Thanks to Professor P. J. O'Gara, the orchardist of the Rogue River valley need not sit up no more of nights keeping tab on an inaccurate thermometer for fear of a sudden cold snap which might imperil his orchard. For now all he has to do is to call up the Medford telephone central and then can go to bed and sleep the sleep of the just.

Late last night Professor O'Gara dropped in at the Mail Tribune office.

"What's the weather, professor?" asked the cub reporter.

"Don't bother me—ask central," was his answer.

"Hello, central! Can you give me the weather?"

"Cloudy, with rain. Dew point 29. No danger from frost," read off the girl in a hurry.

And she was very nice about it, too, and deserves public acknowledgment.

### REN RICE HERE NEXT TUESDAY

Manager of Spokane National Apple Show to Meet With Commercial Club to Interest Local Fruit-Growers in This Year's Show.

Ren H. Rice, secretary-manager of the Spokane national apple show, will arrive in Medford next Tuesday to meet local fruitmen to interest them in this year's apple show project. A meeting of the Commercial club will probably be called to meet Mr. Rice.

Inasmuch as a car of Rogue River apples carried off the sweepstakes prize last year at the show, it is believed that cars will be entered from this section again. Mr. Rice writes that other districts are coming through strong.

### THREE MEN MET VIOLENT DEATHS IN CHICAGO

SEATTLE, Wash., March 26.—Three men met sudden deaths in Seattle today, one dropping dead and two meeting death under engines.

John Simmonds, a track walker, 40 years old, was killed by a Great Northern train at mile post No. 10.

F. E. Moore, a switchman, 50 years of age, stepped off a switch engine directly in front of another engine in the Northern Pacific yards. Both legs were cut off and he died on the way to the hospital.

Daniel Wood fell dead while walking home from the Pacific ammonia and chemical works, where he was night watchman.

### GAS PLANT TO BE IN NORTH END

Anderson Buys Block Near Old Distillery in North End of City on Central Avenue and Will Locate New Gas Plant There.

J. R. Anderson, who was on Friday granted a 35-year franchise for a gas plant in the city, and is to start work at once on a \$100,000 plant, has purchased a block of land on North Central avenue near the old distillery as a site for the plant.

Mr. Anderson states that he is doing all in his power to get the work started. Telegraphic orders have been dispatched for material and in 30 days active construction work should start. By the terms of his franchise he must be furnishing gas in eight months to residents of the city.

### DESPONDENT YOUNG MAN SLAYS HIMSELF

OAKLAND, Cal., March 25.—Despondency is given as a reason today to explain the suicide of Walter Decker of Carson, Nev., in Lincoln Park late last night. The park is within a stone's throw of the home of Mrs. Birdie Specht, with whom the man was infatuated. On the body was found a note addressed to "Dearest Bert." The note read:

"You are to be thankful that you are in the land of the living. The night we went over to the city (Tuesday) I had intended to end it all and take you with me, but my plans were foiled by you giving me the slip."

### TEDDY GREETED BY AMERICANS

Colonel Has Bully Time and Is De-lighted Many Times by Reception Given Him by 700 Americans in Cairo—Greets Wu Ting-Fang.

CAIRO, Egypt, March 26.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt had a "bully" time today and was "dee-lighted" more often than he has been in a single day since he was President Roosevelt. It was all because of the reception given in this quaint city, thousands of miles from home, yet more like the old White House days than any reception since he left Washington.

The seven hundred Americans in Cairo played the star part in the day's proceedings when they filed by the Sheppard's hotel, shook hands in American fashion, told him how glad they were to see him, suggested political subjects which he would not discuss and "hoped to see him again" in the White House.

It was a nice "homey" reception, not quite so formal as the old White House receptions, with the same sort of people who used to greet Roosevelt in Washington.

After the reception there was a hurried visit to a university, followed by a luncheon with the khedive and a call from Wu Ting-fang, former Chinese minister and an old friend of the ex-president. The Roosevelt teeth gleamed in the old Roosevelt grin many times before the "strenuous" day concluded with a dinner given by Consul Iddings.

### HIBERNIAN HOME RULE IS CERTAIN

With Irish Party Casting Deciding Votes in Parliament, It Seems a Certainty That Emerald Isle Will at Last Gain Freedom.

LONDON, March 26.—With the Irish party casting the deciding votes in the new British parliament, home rule for Ireland cannot but become an even more important issue, for a time, than the advanced and economic legislation upon which the Liberal plurality's heart is set.

For it is quite obvious, through this advance legislation might be put through if the Irish refrained from voting at all, nothing whatever can be done with it against Irish opposition. Except for the Lloyd-George budget, which Ireland dislikes, on account of the liquor tax clause, the Nationalists do not particularly care, one way or the other, about the Liberal program. As a coercive measure, in the interests of home rule, they are quite willing, however, to oppose it, which makes the Irish demand, in fact, the central issue of the coming session, so erratic was the voting for the freshly chosen members of parliament that the oldest politicians were at a loss to decide, until within a day or two of the end of the week's polling, how the struggle was likely to terminate.

Finally an agreement has been reached and it means home rule for Ireland to a practical certainty—but probably not at the coming session of parliament.

### MOTOR CAR MAKES ITS INITIAL TRIP

About 25 Business Men of Medford Are Guests of Southern Pacific on Trip to Ashland on Motor Car Which Goes Into Service Monday.

Some 25 business men of Medford were the guests of the Southern Pacific company Friday afternoon on a trip to Ashland and return on the new gasoline motor, which is to run on the Southern Pacific lines from Grants Pass to Ashland. Business men of the valley towns were also on the trip.

The car is 55 feet long, built of steel throughout, practically indestructible and capable of acquiring a speed of 60 miles an hour. It is equipped with a battery of six gasoline motors, generating 250 horse power, and weighs 60,000 pounds.

The car has passenger and smoking compartments and will seat comfortably about 60 people. The windows are air tight, rainproof and dust proof and by a new method of ventilation through the entire car in four minutes. In cold weather the car is heated by pipes carrying hot water through the entire length of the car.

The car will leave Grants Pass every morning at 7:30, arriving at Ashland 9:30; will leave Ashland 1:30 p. m. and arrive at Grants Pass 3:30. It will stop at all intermediate points. The service starts Monday, March 28.

J. A. McLeod of Glendale is in Medford looking after business matters.