

## ASHLAND TURNS DOWN TROLLEY LINE

### REFUSES TO GIVE ALLEN FRANCHISE

Application of John R. Allen for Trolley Line Franchise Is Defeated by 28 Votes—Vote Was Light, There Being 428 Cast—Gas Franchise Is Given to J. R. Anderson.

ASHLAND, June 11.—By a vote of 228 to 200 Ashland today turned down the application of John R. Allen for a trolley line franchise within the city. The vote was light, about one-half of the voting strength of the city being represented. At the time a franchise for a gas plant was granted to J. R. Anderson by a vote of 315 to 101.

The vote by wards was as follows:

Trolley Line.	
Yes.	No.
First ward	87
Second ward	67
Third ward	46
Total	200
Gas Franchise.	
Yes.	No.
First ward	131
Second ward	105
Third ward	79
Total	315

The election was a hotly contested one, every man in town being in evidence. It was evident soon after the polls opened that even some of those who had signed the Commercial club's recommendation for franchise were working secretly against it.

The vote against the franchise was heaviest in the business districts. A majority of the merchants openly fought it. Most of the older residents opposed it. The supporters were mostly young men and the newer comers among the business men. A large labor vote was polled for the franchise, and despite the opposition of the Southern Pacific, the First, or the railroad ward, was the only one carried for the franchise.

An interesting feature was red placards signed by two physicians, "When You Vote Remember Jacksonville," which read: "The Railroad Passed It By."

Whether Mr. Allen will abandon the enterprise or build, leaving Ashland out, has not yet been made public.

### PARTY PLUNGE OFF BRIDGE TO DEATH

PORTLAND, June 11.—Two women, both inmates of Essie Watkins' notorious Vancouver resort, and three men, one of them a Mahout named Day, in a Stevens Duryea automobile, plunged off the Oregon slough bridge 700 feet this side of the Vancouver ferry landing this morning. The machine tore through the heavy guard rail at the approach to the bridge. It was hurrying towards the Owl ferry to embark the party.

The party was late and the speeded machine did not notice the curve. The machine dropped forty feet and all were drowned. Grappling for the bodies continued tonight. The party had been at the Quelle restaurant until 11 o'clock yesterday evening, and left to make the last Vancouver boat.

Clusters of lights along the curbs would prove a thousand fold more attractive than the present overhead lights. Why not change the system, at least on Main street?

### FAKE INJURY QUEEN, KNOWN HERE, TO JAIL

Mrs. Maud Johnson Sentenced to One to Five Years in Penitentiary Will Be Taken to Walla Walla Next Week to Begin Serving Sentence.

VANCOUVER, Wash., June 11.—Mrs. Maud Johnson, sentenced to one to five years in the penitentiary for defrauding the Northern Pacific railroad by feigning injury in April, 1909, will be taken to Walla Walla to begin her term in the penitentiary some time next week.

The woman has waived her privilege of appeal to the supreme court. Mrs. Johnson has been confined in the county jail since her conviction about five weeks, but this time will not be deducted from her sentence, as she had said she would appeal.

During the three years of her career when she is alleged to have feigned injuries in no less than 15 cases, the claimants for the company that paid the money say that Mrs. Johnson netted about \$6000 by her operations.

Mrs. Johnson was known in this city, having chosen Medford as a scene for her operations. She was for some time at the Hotel Nash and was treated there for an imaginary illness as a result of traveling on the Southern Pacific, endeavoring in this way to secure damages.

### KING REBUKES HIS SECRETARY

Winston Churchill Is Given Stinging Rebuke Because He Told King He Did Not Agree With Him in His Plans.

LONDON, June 11.—Home Secretary Winston Churchill is said today to be much worried because of a stinging rebuke administered by King George. During his majesty's reception to the cabinet members at Marlborough house early this week he discussed the political situation with Churchill.

After the king had expressed his views on a certain matter, Churchill is reported to have said: "I do not agree with your majesty there." The king was at first puzzled by the interruption, which was unprecedented, then he grew unmistakably angry. "Leave my presence immediately," the unfortunate secretary quickly left the royal presence. He has been seen little in public places since the occurrence.

### TO USE OIL ON NORTH BANK ROAD

PORTLAND, Or., June 11.—The Spokane, Portland and Seattle railroad has closed a three-year contract with the Associated Oil company of California and will use fuel oil in all of its locomotives. The burners are now being converted. The entire North Bank system will be using oil fuel by September 1.

This is the biggest oil contract placed in the northwest in recent years and will call for several millions of barrels. To handle this quantity will require several large tank steamers, the first of these, the J. A. Chansler, delivered her first cargo at the Associated tanks at Linnton last night. The Chansler has just come out from the Newport News port and is said to be the finest oil-tanker on the Pacific coast.

### AGED MAN FOUND DEAD NEAR CABIN ON TRAIL CREEK

J. H. Hart, Well Known in County, Is Found Lying by Water's Edge—Coroner Summoned to Investigate Death.

J. H. Hart, who is well known throughout Jackson county, was found dead at his home on Trail creek 20 miles above Eagle Point Friday afternoon. Owing to certain circumstances surrounding the location of the body when found, the coroner was summoned and went up Saturday to conduct an inquest.

The body was found by neighbors at a considerable distance from the house in which he lived. It was lying by the side of the creek and on one side of the head was a deep bruise which may have been the cause of death. However, the theory advanced was that the aged man had died suddenly of heart failure.

Mr. Hart is the father-in-law of Dee Bradshaw and is one of the old time residents of Jackson county.

### LAWLER MUST EXPLAIN ACTIONS

Assistant Attorney General Oscar Lawler Will Be Summoned Before Congressional Committee in Near Future.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 11.—Assistant Attorney General Oscar Lawler will be summoned before the house rules committee soon to tell why he imprisoned Mexican refugees when he was United States district attorney at Los Angeles, Cal.

John Kenneth Turner, magazine writer, declared the Diaz agents were active in making arrests in Southern California. Champ Clark, a member of the committee, declared an investigation ought to be started.

"These charges ought to be investigated," said Clark. "The court records of Arizona and California should be produced so that they could be gone into thoroughly. Lawler is here and can be called."

Protests Diaz. Congressman Fassett objected to allowing Diaz to be called a murderer by those who presented the charges.

Turner charged that federal secret service operatives, United States marshals, army officers and Texas rangers had conspired with Mexican agents to suppress the Mexican liberal movement fostered in the United States. He called the committee's attention to the fact that Villareal, Magon and Rivera, Mexican liberal leaders, are now imprisoned in the United States. Lawler, he said, conducted the cases against them.

### 8000 MEN AT WORK ON CANAL MAY STRIKE

COLON, June 11.—Eight thousand union men working on the Panama canal may strike if their demands for increases of 20 per cent pay are not granted by the government. The unionists are paid by the hour, while the other employes are paid regular salaries and are allowed a month's vacation on pay. The unionists demand an increase of the hourly scale. If, however, a vacation on pay is granted the union men, it is expected, that the demands will be withdrawn.

### \$15,000 FOR ROAD SURVEY NEAR CRATER

Senate Adopts Chamberlain's Amendment Providing \$15,000 for Surveying Roads Throughout Crater Lake National Park—Heidel Makes Good Progress.

WASHINGTON, June 10.—George Putnam, Medford, Ore.: The senate today adopted Chamberlain's amendment to the sundry civil appropriation bill appropriating \$15,000 for the purpose of surveying roads in the Crater Lake National park. (Signed) JONATHAN BOURNE, JR. G. E. CHAMBERLAIN.

The above telegram was received in Medford late Friday evening and shows that the Oregon senators have been making good on their promises to get an appropriation from the federal government to build roads throughout the national park, making it more accessible. There is at present \$5,000 available for building a road in the Crater national forest so that an expenditure of \$20,000 above prospect is assured this year.

Engineer Heidel is making rapid progress with the survey of the proposed Crater Lake highway from Trail to the national park. He has already located his road around Puncic hill and on to Prospect, and is now working up Rogue river just above Trail. Within a few weeks he will have the line from Trail up located. He has also done considerable work in the national forest. The line located is a splendid one and he has succeeded in finding a grade of less than 4 per cent.

### KING ALFONSO IS SUFFERING TUBERCULOSIS

Malady Pronounced Incurable—Court Physicians Issue Official Denials But It Is Known That King Is Suffering Greatly.

MADRID, June 11.—In spite of official denials of reports that King Alfonso is suffering serious illness, it became known today that the Spanish monarch has tuberculosis of the throat. The disease is pronounced incurable.

### PINCHOT IS STILL SILENT

ST. PAUL, Minn., June 11. Former Chief Forester Pinchot and former Secretary of the Interior James R. Garfield arrived here today to attend the banquet of the national conservation congress here. Pinchot said that he did not know what the plans of Colonel Roosevelt, who has consented to attend the conservation convention, are.

Every day in this city a few more people join the lists of those who buy advertised things—who patronize advertised stores!

### SEATTLE FIRE CAUSES LOSS OF \$1,000,000

No One Was Killed But Many Are Homeless—Conflagration Worst in History of Puget Sound Metropolis—Gale Drops Checking Flames.

SEATTLE, Wash., June 11.—No one was killed in the fire that swept over the north end of the business district last night. Only two men were injured seriously. Both are firemen. J. L. Eager ran a wall in his foot and was taken to the city hospital. George Bent was overcome by gas and also was sent to the city hospital.

An inspection of the ruins this morning shows that the loss will total between \$800,000 and \$1,000,000.

The three firemen who it was believed, had been crushed by falling walls, escaped.

Many of those who were missing were accounted for today at the homes of friends.

Fully 300 persons are homeless. Clouds of smoke are still rolling out of the ruins today and few of the firemen left the scene until long after daylight.

The conflagration was the worst in the history of Seattle, with the single exception of the great fire of 1889. Ashes of burning shingles and sparks were carried for blocks.

Blocks away people hauled their household goods into the street on the advice of the police. Furniture vans, hacks, taxicabs and wagons hurried to and from fleeing people and their effects.

Only the startling drop in the gale that had been lashing the sound prevented their fears from being realized.

### GRAIN CROP INLAND EMPIRE IS DAMAGED

SPOKANE, June 11.—Experts report the wheat and oat crops throughout the country tributary to Spokane in an alarming condition because of a long dry spell without rain and much warm weather. The crop expectations of six weeks ago will be cut in half. Only a small portion of oats in Palouse remains, and it is declared that it is already too late to save the crop about Quincy and Wilson Creek from serious damage. Much damage has been done today, especially in the Big Bend country, by the hard dry wind that has been sweeping the country at a rate of 25 miles an hour.

### ATTACKS PROPOSED BOARD ON TARIFF

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 11.—Senator Clay of Georgia today attacked the proposed tariff board in the senate, charging that the present administration does not intend to revise the tariff.

In the course of a reply to Clay, Senator Aldrich said that he did not believe that the people were turning against protection.

NEW YORK, June 11.—The United States circuit court this afternoon unanimously denied the injunction sought by the Pullman company, asking that the inter-state commerce commission be restrained from ordering a reduction in the price of upper berths in sleeping cars.

The court held that the company is engaged in inter-state commerce and therefore under the jurisdiction of the commission. The court rejected the company's plea that it operated "hotels on wheels," and also said that the testimony showed that upper berths are less desirable than lower berths.

### FIRST SPIKES IN NEW RAILROAD BE DRIVEN SOON

Mrs. B. H. Harris Will Give First Spike in Kanies Creek Railroad Tap Tomorrow—Elaborate Preparations Made for Event.

The ceremony of the driving of the first spike on the new line of railway which the Gold Hill Railroad and Lumber company is building up Kanies creek will take place Monday, in accordance with a decision reached late Friday by company officials, says the News.

Mrs. B. H. Harris, wife of the vice president of the company, will give the spike the first tap that will start it into the tie. Everything is in readiness to proceed with the work as soon as the spike is driven. Three cars of steel were switched out on the spur from the junction yesterday. The grade has been completed and ties laid for three miles.

A program of speeches is being arranged, and the people of Southern Oregon are invited to be present. The millsite, located in a handsome oak grove, will be thrown open as a picnic ground, and all who choose may bring lunches and spend the day beneath the grateful shade of some of the handsomest trees in Southern Oregon. The mill structure, in which the machinery is now installed, will be an object of interest, as will also the artificial lake, from which the logs will be drawn up into the mill. It is the intention of the company to have the line completed as far as the newly-discovered caves by the Fourth of July, and work will be pushed to the utmost to this end, so that a big free excursion to the caves can be announced to be run on the day we celebrate.

### OSCAR HAMMERSTEIN BARRED FROM RUSSIA

PARIS, June 11.—Declaring that he had applied to the state department to attempt to force his way into Russia, Oscar Hammerstein admitted today that he had been barred from that country because he is a Jew.

The refusal of the Russian authorities to allow him to go to St. Petersburg is a hard blow, he declared, because he has imperative business engagements with artists whom he hoped to bring to America.

"It is true," he said today, talking to newspaper men at the Grand hotel, "that I have been refused admittance to Russia. It is a hard blow. I have imperative engagements with artists at St. Petersburg. If it will please Russia say, I will agree to join the Episcopalian or the Baptist church, or even apply for membership in the Greek church and then knock the 'stein' of my name."

"I have instructed my New York lawyer to apply to the state department to see if I can force my way in, but I am not very hopeful of success. It's an outrage and America should not tolerate it."

### BIG POCKET IS FOUND

LEADVILLE, Col., June 11.—Miners are working today in a drift on the 600-foot level of a mine near here, where three men in five minutes yesterday took out \$12,000 in ore. An attempt is being made to follow the vein in which the nuggets were found.

### Revolt Suppressed.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 11.—The Mexican foreign minister today received a communication from the governor of Yucatan that the Maya Indian revolt had been suppressed.

### GOOD ROADS ARE THEME AT MEETING

Judge Webster and Maurice Eldridge Address Interested Audience at Savoy Theater—Methods of Building Roads Are Discussed, Also Steps to Provide Necessary Bonds.

The man who was in any way interested in the construction of good roads missed it by not attending the meeting at the Savoy theater Saturday afternoon, when for over two hours Judge L. R. Webster, the most enthusiastic good roads advocate in the state, and M. O. Eldridge, who has no superior in the art of road building, entertained an appreciative audience, which had assembled to hear them.

Mr. Eldridge opened the meeting, but the lights went out and Judge Webster took up the theme of the meeting, while the Rogue River Electric company was fixing up the difficulty.

Judge Webster paid tribute to his old home and stated that this was the only county in the state outside of one capable of building the proper kind of roads, but that, while the county board was doing the best it could with the knowledge available, that it was impossible to build roads unless you know how. The state of Oregon has the best and cheapest material for good roads in the United States and it is simply a matter of using the materials to the best advantage.

Mr. Eldridge showed a number of views of different classes of road building and indicated the best methods for road construction in southern Oregon. While the macadam road was recommended for ordinary roads, the number of automobiles in Jackson county required more durable surface than the macadamized road affords. The oiled surface macadam in Mr. Eldridge's opinion, makes a more durable surface and at the same time is practically dustless.

Should the good roads association desire the presence of a government expert in order to instruct the road builders of the county, his services could be secured by application to the department.

Commissioners Patterson and Owens were interested and appreciative auditors, and propounded some pertinent queries, as the lecture proceeded.

### WOLGAST DISABLED IN SMALL BOAT

MILWAUKEE, Wis., June 11.—The disabling of Ad Wolgast, champion lightweight, in his bout with Jack Redmond last night, is believed here today to have resulted from lack of training by Wolgast. The Wildcat had only three days of training for the bout, and when Redmond hit him on the left arm a "muscle bruise" developed that made the champion's arm useless for the remainder of the milling.

At first it was reported that Ad's arm was broken. The arm today, while sore and stiff, is much better and probably will be all right again within a week.

CHICAGO, June 11.—The Commercial National bank and the Continental National bank consolidated today with a capital of \$20,000,000, surplus \$12,000,000 and deposits to the amount of \$185,000,000. The merger gives Chicago a banking institution second only to the Nation City bank of New York.