

ASHLAND HAS A CHANGE OF HEART

RECONSIDERS ACTION TURNING DOWN J. R. ALLEN ELECTRIC LINE

COUNCIL ORDERS ELECTION TO BE HELD ON JULY 23

Mildness of Opposition to Move Shows Sentiment Regarding Line Has Changed—Little Doubt But That Franchise Will Be Granted

ASHLAND, Or., July 9.—That this city has experienced a change of heart in regard to the John R. Allen trolley franchise was shown last evening, when the city council ordered a special election on July 23, the earliest date possible under the law, on a franchise similar to the one turned down by a narrow margin recently. Those who at that time opposed it are now openly working for it, and it is believed that the franchise will be granted Mr. Allen.

Many of those who voted against granting Mr. Allen a franchise at the recent election have since stated that they did not fully understand the proposition, and that if they had they would have voted for it.

It is believed here, and commonly stated tonight, that the franchise is certain of being granted on July 23.

ST. PAUL MAY LOSE THE BIG CONVENTION

ST. PAUL, Minn., July 9.—As a result of the disagreement of the local committee with Gifford Pinchot over the selection of speakers to address the national conservation congress preparing to assemble here, it is feared that St. Paul may lose the convention.

The local committee has demanded that certain speakers known to be favorable to Ballinger's policies in the department of the interior shall address the convention. Pinchot has refused to accede to the demand. The committee has asked for a further conference on the question and Pinchot has not replied.

CONTRACT LET NEW HOTEL

Shaska & Ament Get Excavation Work—Dirt Will Begin to Fly at the First of the Week—Contracts for Building Will Follow.

The promoters of the projected Hotel Medford at the corner of Ivy and Main streets are not losing any time in getting their enterprise started. The contract for the excavation work has been let to Shaska & Ament, and these men will at once install excavating machinery and the dirt will commence to fly next week. With this and the Page hotel, Medford will have two first-class hostilities, excelled by none in the state and in keeping with the growth and importance of the town.

TO WATER-USERS.

The city council has restricted the hours of irrigation in the city and the orders will be strictly obeyed. It is now lawful to irrigate between the hours of 5 and 8 a. m. and 6 and 9 p. m.

JEFFRIES AND JOHNSON MAY FIGHT AGAIN

Big Fellow Breaks Silence and Says That He May Meet Negro in Return Match—Johnson Says That He Is Willing to Fix It Up.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., July 9.—"I may fight Johnson again and within six months," declared James J. Jeffries today. "There are reasons why I should want a return fight and I am considering them carefully. I may be prepared to make a definite statement very soon."

At his Cypress avenue home Jeffries, after long conference with Sam Berger, admitted a representative of the United Press and broke the long silence that followed his defeat by Jack Johnson at Reno.

"Until today," the former champion said, "I have had no heart to talk of my plans for the future. But I would be foolish to deny that I have not considered another meeting with Johnson or to deny that I would like a chance to redeem myself."

May Fight Again. "I will admit that I have discussed another match with Berger, my brother Jack and Jack Kipper. While another fight is more of a possibility than a probability, you may say that I am thinking hard and may have something to say to you very soon."
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FOREST FIRES NEAR BIG TREES

Santa Cruz Grove of Big Trees Are in Danger—Large Force of Rangers Are Fighting the Flames—Thousands of Acres Burned Over.

SANTA CRUZ, Cal., July 9.—Forest fires threaten destruction to the Santa Cruz grove of big trees, according to messages received here today from the headquarters of the San Lorenzo river, where a large force of forest rangers are fighting the flames.

The grove is seven miles from here and the fires are reported to be in close proximity to the trees. The fire started in the second growth of redwoods near the grove, and thousands of acres of timber are in flames.

Fire Warden Mallott and a large crew of men are backfiring between the forest fire and the trees.

Fires also are raging in the vicinity of King creek.

HIBERNIANS ARE COMING TO PORTLAND 20,000 STRONG

PORTLAND, Or., July 9.—Coming on a peaceful mission of good-will and brotherly love, more eastern people will invade Portland during the week beginning July 19 than went to Reno to see the Jeffries-Johnson fight. The Hibernians are coming 20,000 strong. Trained after trainload will roll into the City of Roses, coming from every state in the Union to attend the annual convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

HOT WEATHER CONTINUES TO SCORCH EAST

Total Number of Dead in Chicago Now 96—Three Additional Deaths Occur in New York—No Relief as Yet in Sight.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 9.—For 36 hours more the eastern and middle western states will swelter in the hot wave that has gripped the country for the past few days, according to the chief of the weather bureau.

In surrounding cities the hot weather continues. New York reported a temperature of 80 degrees long before noon and three deaths occurred there today.

Philadelphia, Baltimore and other eastern cities suffered greatly from the heat.

DENVER, Colo., July 9.—The hot wave that has been baking Denver for the past fortnight was broken today, delightfully cool weather following. It was cold enough today to build fires in grates and stoves.

CHICAGO, Ill., July 9.—With the mercury but two degrees lower than yesterday, which, with its registration of 96 degrees, was the hottest July 8 in the history of the local weather bureau, Chicago today claimed another heat victim, bringing the total deaths since the present torrid siege began up to 96.

\$40,000 TO BE EXPENDED FOR CHURCH

Presbyterians Join March of Progress and Will Erect Handsome Structure to Cost Not Less Than \$40,000—Will Sell Present Church Property.

The board of trustees of the Presbyterian church met Friday evening to consider offers made for the property where the church now stands, and it is generally understood that a sale will be closed in the near future at something like from \$25,000 to \$27,000.

The lot where the manse now stands has attracted the eye of investors and it is understood that as high as \$15,000 has been offered for this quarter block. These properties are located fronting the park, and it is small wonder that someone has not succeeded in snapping them up ere this.

At the recent board meeting plans for building a \$40,000 church edifice were discussed and it was practically decided that the entire board would make a trip to Portland and other cities to get posted on cost of construction and view buildings now being constructed.

No stone will be left unturned in order to build the most convenient place for worship, including parlors, committee and Sunday school rooms, etc.

In deciding to erect this church building the Presbyterians have joined the march of progress in the city. The Catholics have just completed a new church, the Episcopal-

WORK ON PACIFIC & EASTERN LINE INTO CITY WILL START TOMORROW

MEDFORD WILL NOT SEE FILMS OF RENO FIGHT

Mayor Canon Says That He Does Not See How They Can Benefit Any One and That They Had Better Be Kept Out.

Medford will not see the moving pictures of the "battle of the century," held in Reno, July 4. At least that is what was intimated by Mayor Canon in an interview yesterday when he was asked if the pictures would be allowed to show in Medford.

"I would not advise any one to contract for the pictures," stated the mayor. "However, at this time, I have not fully considered the matter. I do not see how they can benefit any one, and there is no reason why they should be exhibited before the children of the city."

Only a Boxing Match. CHICAGO, Ill., July 9.—Police officials this afternoon saw the motion pictures of the Jeffries-Johnson fight. They declared that the films did not portray brutal conflict, but refused to say whether they would advise Chief Steward to prevent the exhibition of the pictures in Chicago.

ONE SPEECH BY TEDDY IS WORTH 10,000 VOTES

So Say Managers of Senator Beveridge, Who Think Roosevelt's Influence Is Enough to Pile Up Tremendous Vote in Their Favor.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., July 9.—One speech by Theodore Roosevelt is equivalent to 10,000 votes. That is the "official forecast" of the political managers of Senator Beveridge, who today are predicting that John W. Kern, Democratic candidate for the senate, will be swamped through the colonel's lifesaving invasion of Indiana.

Ten thousand voters will be brought into line for the Republican senator, the forecasters say, through the colonel's influence, and 10,000 doubtful votes is always considered enough to swing Indiana.

That Roosevelt's influence is enough to make that difference in the total vote of the state is the firm belief of the Beveridge supporters. They point to the fact that Roosevelt carried the state by more than 90,000 in 1904 and that four years later Taft had barely enough margin to secure the Indiana electors. The difference, the politicians declare, was purely a matter of personal following. A man with so much following ought to be able to swing a large part of it, they declare, to any man whose case he takes up.

WILL BUILD TO NORTH LINE OF PHIPPS' PLACE

Thompson Bros., Sub-Contractors, to Establish Camp Just North of City and Build Road as Rapidly as Possible—Blocked by Condemnation

Work will start Monday on the construction of the Pacific & Eastern railway into the city from the point where the road now crosses Bear creek. Thompson brothers, sub-contractors on the line, will establish their camp just north of the city limits and do the work.

The road will be rushed and it is expected that it will soon be completed to the north line of the I. J. Phipps property and from there on in as soon as the condemnation suit for a right of way across this property has been heard. Mr. Phipps has refused to give a right of way to the road, asking damages in an amount of \$28,700.

The freight yards and shops of the road are to be established at the present P. & E. Junction, but the passenger depot will be near the heart of the city, being on the east side of Bear creek opposite the new natatorium.

KLAMATH OFFICIALS WILL NOT SURRENDER PRISONER

KLAMATH FALLS, July 9.—Deputy United States Marshal Griffith has arrived here from Portland with a federal warrant for Thaddeus E. York, better known as Houston, to take him to Chicago, where he is wanted on a charge of perjury.

York, as heretofore told, is in jail here awaiting trial on a charge of buncoing the American Bank & Trust company out of a large sum of money. The local authorities refuse to surrender York to the United States marshal without a legal fight, notwithstanding legal advice that has been given that the federal charge supersedes the local one.

York was arrested and placed in jail here before the federal warrant was served.

PAGE BUILDING NOW CERTAINTY

Bids Are Asked for Construction of Concrete Foundation—Work From Now On Is to Be Rushed Until Building Is Completed.

Bids have been invited for the construction of the cement foundation for the Page hotel and theater building, at the corner of Main and Riverside, and the plans and specifications will be ready for inspection at the office of Powers & Reeves, in the Farmers' & Fruitgrowers' bank building, on July 13.

The excavation for the building was made several months ago, but has been in statu quo for some time. However, now the plans have been perfected and active construction will be commenced as soon as the contracts are let.

This building will be modern in every particular and will be one of the finest hotels in the state.

Porter Charlton's Confession to Murdering His Wife One of the Most Startling In Police Annals.



Photo by Associated Press Association

MANY COMMENTS ON TED'S ACTIONS

Washington Agog With Comments on Announcement That Roosevelt Will Invade Indiana in Interests of Senator Beveridge.

WASHINGTON, July 9.—Politics, dotted here and there with "T. R.," are rioting through the National capitol here today, following the announcement that Colonel Roosevelt will journey through Indiana to make a political speech that will be an indorsement of Senator Beveridge.

The buzz of comment which started when it was reported that Roosevelt would endorse the sensational candidacy of Congressman Miles Poin-dexter of Washington had hardly subsided following the strenuous denial from Sagamore Hill when the new announcement from the same place re-agitated the situation.

The proposed endorsement puts Roosevelt more squarely in line with the insurgents than any action he has taken since the "return from Elba," according to the interpretation of the progressive leaders.

The regulars, however, are hoping that Roosevelt will confine his statements to an eulogy of his friend Beveridge, and that he will not touch on the Republican state platform which, dictated by Beveridge himself, slapped the pet measure of the regulars practically repudiated the tariff bill which Beveridge had voted against, and endorsed the Taft administration with several qualifications.

Mr. and Mrs. George R. Graves of Salem are visiting Medford.