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MASONS TO START WORK THIS FALL

Board of Directors of Masonic Building Association Meet and Take Steps to Hasten Erection of Their New \$50,000 Temple at Corner of Main and Riverside.

The board of directors of the Masonic Building association met in a business session Thursday evening and decided to take immediate steps regarding the erection of a new temple on their lot at the corner of Main and Riverside. If matters can so be rushed they plan to have the basement constructed this winter in order that the first harbinger of spring will find them ready to start construction of the building.

The plans for the new building are now being prepared and all matters are being adjusted so as to avoid further delay.

The building will be three stories in height with full basement. It is to be modern in every respect. The lodge plans club rooms, in addition to a large lodge room on the third floor. The second floor will be devoted to offices, while the ground floor will be fitted for mercantile establishments.

WILL FORTIFY PANAMA CANAL

United States Will Probably Not Consult Other Powers in Regard to Matter—Foreign Countries Oppose Move.

BEVERLY, Mass., Sept. 9.—That the United States probably will go ahead with the fortification of the Panama canal without consulting the powers in regard to the matter is an intimation that has been given out strongly by the administration. While it is said that no definite conferences either with the war department or the state department and the president have been held recently, it is known that the administration has considered the subject in all its phases and has determined that when the proper time comes to ask for appropriations to build the necessary forts.

It is held that the treaty with Great Britain gives the United States the necessary authority to fortify the canal. Consultation with the powers over the matter, it is held by many of the administration advisors, would recognize the right of foreign countries to interfere in American affairs, an end of the Monroe doctrine that they are not at all disposed to bring into question.

President Taft was himself in favor of fortification when he was head of the war department, and it is intimated that he has never seen any occasion to change his belief that this is advisable.

COLONEL SPENDS A DAY WITH ALICE

CINCINNATI, O., Sept. 9.—Colonel Roosevelt is visiting informally today at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Nicholas Longworth. At Torrence Station he left the train that brought him to Cincinnati and was driven to the Longworth home, where he spent the morning.

Shortly before noon Roosevelt visited the grounds of the Ohio Valley exposition, where he was the guest at luncheon. Later he spoke in the Cincinnati music hall.

Arrest and Trial of Railway Officials Develop Sensation.



Photos by American Press Association.

What promises to be one of the sensations of the year has developed out of the charges of bribery and graft among high officers of the Illinois Central railroad. Three men—Frank B. Harriman, former general manager; John M. Taylor, former general storekeeper, and Charles L. Ewing, former general superintendent of the Illinois Central lines north of the Ohio river—were the first to be arrested, charged with conspiracy to commit an illegal act and with obtaining money by means of a confidence game. In each case the accused stoutly maintained their innocence and declared that if a conspiracy existed it was on the part of the road to persecute them. Back of the arrests there is a tragic story of the "sweating" of an official of the Blue Island Car Repair and Equipment company and finally of the confession that furnished what is accepted as the clinching bit of evidence against the former road officials. Here are the admissions declared to have been obtained from him: That the Illinois Central was mulcted of between \$400,000 and \$500,000 in fake repair bills and exorbitant prices for materials stolen from the railroad. That the road was compelled to pay for doors and roofs for coal cars, which have neither doors nor roofs. That numerous rich "melons" were cut among the stockholders of the corporation, in addition to the big dividends paid. (This, it was declared, was done in secret in order to prevent the outward appearance of too much prosperity on the part of the corporation.) That the officials and directors of the company became so careless that they failed to destroy the records of many of these "melons" and that the documentary proofs of their gatherings still exist and can be produced at the present hearing.

FIRE FIGHTING COST \$30,000

Over 45,000 Acres of Timber Burned Over in Crater National Forest—Soldiers Will Arrive Here on Next Sunday Morning.

"Fighting the forest fires in Southern Oregon will cost the government \$30,000," says Assistant Forester Buck, who has been the general in the war waged with the flames during the past few weeks. Of this sum, \$13,000 has already been paid out in wages to the firefighters. Three thousand dollars has been spent on tools. During the excitement of the fire, when all available men were being rushed to the fire fronts, the local office bought every available shovel and ax in the towns of Ashland, Medford and Grants Pass. Great inroads were also made on water bags. The tools that were not hastily dropped and burned by the advancing flames will be stored away in different parts of the forest in readiness for future emergency. The food for the firefighters is estimated by local officials at \$5,000. The rest of the \$30,000 is in bills yet to be presented by unpaid firefighters and in the expenses incurred by the army.

Mr. Buck estimates that 45,000 acres of timber has been burned over by the fires of Southern Oregon. The actual damage done is not so great as one would suppose. M. L. Erickson, supervisor of the Crater Forest, who returned Wednesday from the Cat Hill fire, says that the fire there spread over 50 square miles of territory, of which 80 per cent was in old burns, where no damage was done, 10 per cent was in poor timber where little damage was done and

LLOYD W. BOWERS DIES IN BOSTON

Was Solicitor-General of United States and Was Recently Prominently Mentioned for Place on the Supreme Bench.

BOSTON, Sept. 9.—United States Solicitor-General Lloyd W. Bowers died today at the hotel Touraine from complicated bronchitis.

Bowers, who recently was mentioned prominently for a seat on the United States supreme bench, contracted a severe cold some time ago, which developed into bronchitis. He was recuperating in this city.

Bowers was born in Springfield, Mass., 61 years ago. After his graduation from Yale in 1879 and from Columbia university law school in 1882 he was admitted to the bar. For many years he was chief counsel for the Chicago & Northwestern railroad, which position he held when called into public life.

10 per cent was in valuable timber, where the damage was considerable. Sam Swearing, deputy supervisor, will return from Prospect this evening. He writes that fire in his district was severe, destroying much valuable timber belonging to private individuals. At one time the soldiers were almost surrounded by rapidly moving flames and fear was felt that some might be cut off.

J. B. Knapp, assistant district forester, who has been doing valiant service in the Butte Falls district in directing the firefighters, will return to Medford Saturday evening en route to Portland.

The soldiers, who are fast gathering at Butte Falls, will arrive in Medford Sunday morning for that promised plunge at the Natatorium.

EXCLUSIVE AUTO ROAD ABOUT RIM

Uncle Sam Plans Boulevard About Rim of Crater Lake for Exclusive Use of Automobiles—Wagon Road Also Will Be Constructed—New Trail to Water.

An exclusive automobile boulevard is planned by the United States government about the rim of Crater Lake. Uncle Sam is now surveying routes on the edge of the crater for two roads. One is to be an automobile boulevard, while the other is for the use of wagons. No horse-drawn vehicles will be allowed on the automobile boulevard.

Major Morrow and Engineer Marshall, who were recently sent by Secretary Ballinger to arrange for the early completion of these roads and to look over the grade of the proposed automobile boulevard through the Crater Lake national park, are now at the lake and will return through Medford Saturday night. A new trail from the rim down to the edge of the lake has just been completed by Uncle Sam's employes. The recently built trail is much less steep than the former one.

An automobile boulevard about the rim of the crater is certain to prove a great attraction to the touring public, which is becoming greater in number each year.

MAJOR ACCEPTS INVITATION

Major Martin, in command of the First infantry, which has done so variant service protecting the forest interests of southern Oregon, has accepted the offer of the Medford Commercial club of a free plunge in the Natatorium next Sunday when they arrive in Medford.

Major Martin and the 13 officers of the First infantry will be guests of the Medford Commercial club at luncheon in the Nash Grill next Sunday noon.

Further courtesy is being planned for the soldiers in the way of giving them all the Rogue River valley fruit they can eat.

Following is the letter of Major Martin:

Butte Falls, Or., Sept. 7. — Mr. C. A. Malboeuf, Medford Commercial Club—Dear Mr. Malboeuf: As the date of our departure was so uncertain, I have delayed the acknowledgment of your very kind invitation to visit the Natatorium on our return home through Medford. At present it appears that the command of some 13 officers and 330 enlisted soldiers will go through your city some time Sunday afternoon next, September 11. If you can arrange a few hours' delay with the railroad officials I assure you that we shall be only too glad to partake of your hospitality.

Again thanking you in behalf of the entire command, I am, very truly yours,

C. H. MARTIN, Major U. S. A.

N. B.—I want your good people to know that we are all enthusiastic Oregonians—boosters from way back—and know all about Medford being on the map. C. H. M.

SERIOUS FIRE STARTS NEAR VICTORIA, B. C.

VICTORIA, B. C., Sept. 9.—It was reported by the government wire at midnight that a serious bush fire was raging in the Otter Point district. That it is the largest and threatens more damage than any such conflagration in this section of Vancouver island in the past year. The flames are sweeping toward the homes of many farmers.

LEE O'NEIL BROWNE IS DECLARED NOT GUILTY

CHICAGO, Sept. 9.—Lee O'Neil Browne was acquitted of legislative bribery today. The jury reported a verdict of not guilty shortly before 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Browne was not in the courtroom when the jury announced that its verdict was ready and the report was delayed while he was sent. The crowd in the courtroom cheered.

Browne was accused of bribery in connection with the election of William Lorimer to the United States senate. At his first trial the jury disagreed after being out over 130 hours.

GUS NEWBURY STRIKES GUSHER

Automobile Skids on Wet Pavement, Snapping Fire Plug—Water Sushes Forth and Forms Great Geyser—City Officials Get Busy in a Hurry to Check Flood.

Gus Newbury, barrister, who occasionally strikes a flow of oratory in court, struck a different kind of flow this morning when his automobile skidded on the wet pavement of Seventh street and hurled itself into a fire plug in front of the Medford National bank, snapping off the plug. For the next few moments Medford had a gusher on her principal thoroughfare which put to shame any of the world-famed geysers of the Yellowstone. Frantic scramblings on the part of the city officials finally resulted in the water being shut off, but not until considerable water had raced over the city streets and had done some damage, principally to the basement of the new Howard block, which was partially flooded. Only prompt measures on the part of the workmen in the basement, who hastily erected an embankment, turning the water, prevented further damage.

Mr. Newbury, according to eye-witnesses, was not proceeding at an excessive speed, and the wet pavement, it is said, was responsible in a great degree for the accident. In negotiating the turn it slipped and in an instant the damage had been done.

With the snapping of the plug the water gushed forth nearly as high as the top of the Medford National

bank building. Councilman Demmer, who was near, rushed to his machine and broke all speed limits in reaching West Jackson street, where B. A. Boone was at work upon a main which burst Thursday afternoon. Back they hurried to the scene with a tap key to shut off the water. In the meantime Street Commissioner Baker had secured a key and was endeavoring to stem the tide. Owing to the great pressure on the main and the length of time since the tap had been in use it was with considerable difficulty that the flow was finally checked.

Contractor Powers, who is in charge of the Howard building, estimates the damage done to the basement at an amount ranging between \$75 and \$100. The water also crossed new pavement at Sixth and Bartlett and is said to have done some damage there. Further damage would have been done to the Howard basement had it not been for the fact that two wagons loaded with gravel were near by and were dumped so as to form a dike, turning the water.

Mayor Cannon states that an investigation will be made in order to determine where the responsibility lies. This will be determined by finding at what rate of speed Mr. Newbury was traveling.

ORCHARD INSPECTORS ARE NAMED

Professor O'Gara Compiles List of Deputies Who Will Begin Work as Soon as Their Commissions Arrive—Rigid Enforcement of the Law Is Plan of Expert.

Professor P. J. O'Gara, chief deputy of Horticultural Commissioner Carsons, has compiled a list of deputy district commissioners for this district, and as soon as their commissions arrive they will all inspect their immediate territory and enforce a cleaning up of all of the orchards. The fall campaign against fruit pests and diseases will be carried on with greater vigor than ever before and spring will find the Rogue River valley in splendid condition.

Following is a list of inspectors. Those for Ashland will be appointed on Saturday:

C. C. Scott, Phoenix; E. S. Palmer, Central Point; W. L. Scantlin, Talent; L. D. Minard, Medford; V.

Pendleton, R. C. Washburn, Table Rock; R. E. Wilson, O. D. Whitely, L. Perkins, Medford; G. E. Shipley, C. E. Miller, Sam's Valley; F. Pelouze, Eagle Point; E. B. Hanley, O. R. Goddard, Medford; Kenneth Beebe, Central Point; R. W. Hitchcock, Eagle Point; A. C. Allen, G. O. Wolgamott, Medford; G. B. Deau, Central Point; E. F. Adams, Reginald H. Parsons, James Daily, Medford; A. C. Fiero, W. R. Newman, Central Point; G. A. Hover, G. Alford, Phoenix; G. G. Goold, C. W. Potter, T. J. Williamson, Medford; M. I. Minear, Griffin Creek; H. P. Houston, Phoenix; R. Manning, Sams Valley A. L. Marshall, Medford; W. D. Holdridge, Talent.

ARGUING CASE PHIPPS VS. CITY

Attorneys Newbury and Neff will appear this afternoon before Judge Calkins, sitting in chambers in Ashland, and argue a motion to dissolve the temporary restraining order issued in the case of I. J. Phipps vs. the city of Medford.

An early decision is expected. The circuit court will be in session again tomorrow.

COMPROMISE ON INCORPORATION

It is probable that both Talent and Butte Falls will be granted incorporation papers by the county court following a compromise reached between property owners who objected to being taken in and those advocating the move.

Petitions from both towns were objected to by people owning farm lands adjoining.

'NO QUORUM' BALLINGER COMMITTEE

Friends of Secretary Stay Away in Order That Vote Censuring Official Cannot Be Passed—Other Members of Committee Are to Arrive Soon in Minneapolis.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Sept. 9.—Chairman Nelson of the Ballinger investigating committee today called off the meeting of the committee scheduled for this afternoon. He instructed the members to meet at the Auditorium Annex hotel in Chicago next Tuesday morning.

Inability to secure a quorum is supposed to be the reason for postponing the meeting.

The anti-Ballinger members of the Ballinger-Finchot investigating committee declared today they will disregard Chairman Nelson's order to meet in Chicago next Tuesday. They will continue their session here, they say, and make a formal report.

This action on the part of Ballinger's opponents on the committee makes it appear probable that the committee may meet in two sections and that two reports will be rendered.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Sept. 9.—With five anti-Ballingerites on hand and four supporters of the secretary of the interior in Minneapolis today, the first efforts to hold a meeting of the congressional investigating committee resulted in "no quorum." Representative Denby of Michigan, Representative McCall of Massachusetts and Senator Sutherland of Utah refused to attend the meeting, which was called to order by Senator Knute Nelson of Minnesota, chairman, at 10:04 o'clock.

It is presumed that the absentees remained away today to prevent a quorum attending the session. Senator Sutherland left the hotel where the committee is meeting a short time before it was called to order. McCall and Denby could not be found today. The other members of the committee were present when Chairman Nelson called the session to order.

It is reported that if the committee fails to get a quorum today the anti-Ballingerites will leave for their homes, allowing the other members of the committee to meet later and frame any sort of a report they see fit.

Senators Flint and Root are not in the city and Representative Olmstead will not reach here until tonight. At present neither side is able to secure a quorum.

ELDEST VISITOR TO CRATER LAKE RETURNS

Mrs. C. W. Vrooman, aged mother of Charles Strang, druggist, of Medford, has just returned from a sojourn at Crater Lake. Mrs. Vrooman is 78 years old and is undoubtedly the oldest woman that ever has visited Crater Lake.

Mrs. Vrooman has lived in Medford for 40 years and up to the past week had never seen the great scenic wonder of Southern Oregon. Many times she had longed to visit the lake, but opportunity had never opened the way to her. Finally she decided that if people would come from all parts of the world to revel in nature's magnificent splendors on exhibit in the national park that she was not too old to take the trip from Medford. Mrs. Vrooman was enraptured with Crater Lake and its surroundings and feels amply paid for the fatigues of the trip. She stood the journey fine, feeling better now than before she left.

If the furnished room ad "looks good", run around to the address given and take a look at it.