

### BITTNER ENTERS RACE FOR MAYOR

Local Man Announces His Candidacy—Says If Elected He Will See That the Laws Are Enforced—Believes in Majority Rule.

To the Public: After careful consideration I have decided to announce that I will be a candidate for the office of mayor of the city of Medford at the coming election in January.

I hesitated about making the race until I was urged to do so by a great number of friends, and after considering the matter carefully from every standpoint.

Medford needs a progressive, yet economical, administration; a clean city government, strict saloon regulation, and all appointive offices should be held by men that not only understand their business thoroughly, but men who will carry out the will of the people fearlessly at all times.

As far as in my power lies, I propose to give this city a clean administration and one that will be absolutely free from graft. I will do all in my power to see that nothing is done by the city government that will be for the benefit of a "small clique," as against the interests of the balance of the citizenry.

If you know me at all you know that I will see that men are employed as engineer, chief of police and other appointive offices who know their business and who will be faithful to their trust and that I will do all in my power to give Medford the most satisfactory administration that will ever have been known here.

Sincerely, E. F. A. BITTNER.

Mr. Bittner has resided in Medford about two years and now lives at 1111 East Main street.

Those who know him well know that his word is as good as his note and that he will do all that he promises and a little more if possible.

### SOCIETY IS AGOG SLIGHT TO JAPS

Another Thorn Is Said to Have Been Pressed to the Side of Japanese Dignity by Careless Americans—No Guests Came to Dance.

PASADENA, Cal., Dec. 7. Whether or not another thorn has been pressed in the side of Japanese dignity by careless Americans is a mooted subject in Pasadena today. Out of the tangle of invitations to balls aboard Japanese cruisers and in Pasadena hotels, and also their reported declination, persons who have at least a desire for pleasant relations with the Japanese visitors are trying to arrive at a conclusion that will explain and at the same time smooth the ruffled dignity of their officers.

The first misunderstanding grew out of a tentative invitation to a ball extended the Japanese admiral and his staff by Manager D. M. Linnard of the Maryland hotel. The invitation was given through President Komura of the Los Angeles Japanese-American association. Komura replied that on the date suggested, December 3, Admiral Yoshino had promised to attend a reception in his honor in Los Angeles. Linnard denied that the invitations to this dance had been sent to the women of Pasadena.

Appreciative of Linnard's courtesy, the admiral and his staff planned a dance aboard the flagship Asama. Invitations announcing the date as December 5 were engraved. Thirty of these were sent to Manager Linnard, presumably to be delivered among his guests at his discretion.

"I was ill when the invitations arrived," said Linnard today. "Consequently I had to abandon a plan to organize a party and take them to San Pedro to attend Admiral Yoshino's dance. This was the only basis, so far as I know, for the reports that these invitations had been ignored."

Other invitations to the ball were received in Pasadena. Several persons from here visited the Japanese ship during the afternoon, among them the Rev. Robert J. Hardette. The afternoon had been cleared for dancing and had been decorated with American and Japanese flags. A dainty luncheon was waiting in the officers' wardroom. When none of the dance guests had arrived at a quarter of the afternoon the cruiser's band struck up a waltz.

Medford Mail Tribune want ads being results.

### MANY SLAVE GIRLS BROUGHT TO U.S.

Great Traffic Is Unearthed by Federal Officers—Immigration Laws Violated—Arrival of Each Ship Meant at Least \$40,000.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 7.—That a ring of Chinese-American girl slave smugglers netted an average of \$40,000 with the arrival of every liner bringing a consignment of slaves in its hold was learned today through authoritative sources. Violation of the immigration laws in the smuggling of Chinese, male and female, revealed by the abhorrent conditions found to exist when the government agents raided the liner Manchuria on its arrival from the orient, is expected to result in the conviction of several members of the ring through implication by alleged members of the gang now under surveillance by federal officers. The authorities refuse to reveal the names of the men suspected and the movements of the government operatives are being masked with secrecy until evidence against the suspects is complete.

Band Is Found. The work of the secret service agents already has revealed the existence of a regularly organized association of white men and Chinese here and at Hongkong, it is alleged. Chief Richard Taylor of the New York state secret service, who formerly was engaged in San Francisco, stamped out the traffic here for a time. When he returned to the east the ring renewed its activities and it is said has succeeded in bringing over from 10 to 20 men and women on every voyage of the Pacific Mail liners.

Brutality Exists. The system of operation as detailed by a Chinaman who is in a position of familiarity with conditions, combines the heartlessness of the orient and the brutality of degraded white men.

The traffic primarily is in smuggling coolies into the United States. For this there is a fee ranging from \$500 to \$1000, according to the availability of an abill. The secondary and more profitable activity of the band is centered, however, in supplying the "gai" or "gay-rueen" houses of Chinatown in the different cities of the United States. Prices for the girls range from \$2500 to \$5000 each. As high as \$10,000 has been paid for a slave girl that caught the fancy of some wealthy mandarin or tong leader.

The girls are lured to the steamers on many pretenses. In some cases they are kidnapped from their homes, drugged and carried to the vessel under cover of darkness.

Brought in Den. The consignment of girls and men on the Manchuria were placed in a small locker in the hold of the vessel, a case measuring 14 by 14 feet. In this they existed throughout the voyage of 25 days, being fed only on bread, tea and water and raisins, not being permitted to leave the compartment.

It is a coincidence that Vice-President and General Manager R. P. Schwerin of the Pacific Mail Steamship company was aboard the Manchuria on her last voyage while the half starved and half stifled men and women suffered in the vile den below decks.

It is not known how the immigration officials became aware of existing conditions, but it is said that photo shots of Assistant Commissioner Harry Edsall which caused the surrender of the smugglers as agents of the ring while they were removing their victims from the ship Sunday night marked the beginning of a concerted movement by the government to stamp out the traffic.

### MANY CASES ARE DISPOSED OF

Judge Calkins has the district court at Jacksonville working regularly. So far no criminal cases have been taken up but civil suits such as divorces and suits to recover money are being disposed of at a rapid rate and the docket will soon be cleared of such cases. On Monday the following cases were disposed of:

- F. L. Fog Velle vs. John R. Allen, suit to recover money, dismissed.
- Peter Vochna et al vs. Robert Prichard, suit to recover money Judgment for plaintiff.
- Oregon Nursery Company vs. George A. Hoover, time extended to December 12, 1910.
- F. W. Weeks vs. John R. Allen, suit to recover money, dismissed.
- F. W. Cain and J. W. Keyes vs. John R. Allen, dismissed.
- Farmers' & Fruitgrowers' bank vs. John R. Allen, dismissed.

### 196 NEW ENGINES TO BE PURCHASED

Southern Pacific Equipment Will Be Increased on Western Lines—Says Work Will Not Be Stopped on New Lines in Oregon.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 7. Julius Kruttschnitt, vice-president of the Southern Pacific and director of maintenance and operation of the Harriman lines, is in San Francisco today to inspect the construction work in California and the Pacific northwest. Kruttschnitt today visited the Dumbarton cut-off, on the Southern Pacific. He will go over the Sacramento Southern and then will depart for Portland, returning home via Seattle.

"The Southern Pacific and the Union Pacific have placed order for 196 new locomotives," said Kruttschnitt. "These are mostly for the benefit of the extreme western business of the companies. In addition, 85 more engines are under construction. One hundred of the locomotives are for passenger service, forty for switching and the balance for freight trains."

Concerning building operation now in progress in Oregon, Kruttschnitt said that the line east of the Cascades was being pushed to completion with all speed. Seventy miles are under construction and 120 more will be added before the project is complete. The completion of this line, he said, will shorten the time between San Francisco and Portland by many hours, as it is not only shorter than the present route, but is on an easier grade.

### AN APPRECIATION.

(By a Friend.)

Rev. Albert H. Hicks of Ashland was called to Medford, December 5, to conduct funeral services over the remains of George L. Boone, who came from the state of Missouri in 1848. He was a soldier in the Mexican war, but settled in Oregon, where he has lived continuously since 1852. He has been a good husband, a loving father and a patriotic citizen. Those who knew him most intimately are warmest in their praise of his excellent character. His patience and bravery manifested in his battle with disease and suffering for the last 19 years has been something heroic. Recently he grew weaker and suffered more, until he fell asleep at midnight of December 3, 1910, at his home in Medford. He is survived by a wife and eleven children, five of whom were with him at the last hour. Mr. Boone is a great grandson of the famous hunter and pioneer, Daniel Boone, who played such an interesting part in the early settlement of Kentucky a hundred and fifty years ago. Mr. Hicks, in the funeral address, alluded to many things of interest which he had picked up in traveling of the territory traversed by Boone in North Carolina, Tennessee and Kentucky. Prominent among the things he mentioned was the fact that he was one time pastor of a country church within one mile of the famous "Boone tree," near Jonesboro, the old capital of the state of Tennessee. The tree still stands and bears the following inscription, viz: "D. Boone Killed a Bear 1760." The trunk and branches of that tree are covered with the names of people who have gone far and near to look upon the decapitated words written by the hand of the mighty hunter so long ago. Boone's record is written in number manum in a book. Our histories are not all put into book form, nor the records of our deeds carved even upon the trees, but we leave a record behind us engraved in the hearts of those who love us. Such a memory is recorded with the relatives and many friends of our brother, George L. Boone. The storms and tempests will still beat and the merciless tide of time still sweep on, and yet all these cannot efface the story of a noble, unselfish life. The deeds of the best are recorded in the books above, where angels and the ransomed may read in the eternities to come. We should be ready when our summons comes to join our loved ones on the beautiful shore.

The grand jury found indictments against John "Doc" Cole, Joseph Warren and Milton Carter. Mes. E. T. Briggs vs. Alice M. Baker, case taken under advisement of court.

S. J. Mapes vs. Joseph M. Gagnon, demurrer sustained.

Fred Rapp vs. Artie Rapp, divorce Judgment by default.

### Marriage License.

- George Esterick to Myrtle Bouner, Jackson county.
- Ben T. Palmer to Rhoda R. Goss, Ashland.
- F. L. Kelsa to Myrtle Chastrian, Jackson county.

### SAYS PARTIES OF ENGLAND WILL GO

Prominent Englishman Says Only Question Now Up Is Whether Birth or Bullion Shall Continue to Rule Land—Sees Rocks Ahead.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 7.—That the party system in Great Britain is about played out and that a business government is the only solution of her troubles is the opinion of Walter Weatherston, a prominent Englishman just across. After naming eleven Englishmen who are most prominent men as a cabinet to manage her affairs, he says:

"The same old parties are at the same old game. And what are they fighting about? The nation's need, the empire's safety, or the social amelioration of its people? No! They are engaged in a fight to a finish to decide whether the legislators by birth or the legislators by bullion shall pull the wires of government."

"Our empire's supremacy is threatened; her trade fettered with the 'freedom' of congested coedensia, her naval dominion undermined, and her people oppressed with too many taxes and too little work. The 'big loaf' is demanded by the big loafers."

"In the meanwhile Egypt is in a ferment, India in a state of sedition bordering on rebellion. In South Africa, Briton and Boer are biting each other's necks in a woman's embrace. Australia is isolated and all but bankrupt. Only Canada goes on its way, notwithstanding the neglect of the mother country to realize her responsibilities and respond to the needs and aspirations of her empire."

### MYERS IS MAYOR INGRANTS PASS

GRANTS PASS, Or., Dec. 7.—J. L. Myers was elected mayor of Grants Pass by unanimous vote and the result is expected to be a progressive program for this city for the next two years. The rest of the city ticket elected follows: Mayor, J. L. Myers; treasurer, James Holman; councilmen: First ward, F. D. Stricker; Second ward, J. P. Wolfersberger and S. W. Phillips; Third ward, C. C. Daniels; Fourth ward, H. L. Herzinger.

### Union Leader Killed.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 7.—Domingo Navarro, president of the Ship Sealers' union, was shot instantly killed today at the Union Iron works. His slayer escaped.

It is reported that the shooting was the result of a quarrel over labor questions centering around a strike which the ship seakers have considered calling.

### FUEL FAMINE.

If the railroad men should go on a strike on the 10th there would be a fuel famine in Medford inside of a week. You see, better get a few tons of coal while you can. Three cars now here. So or phone Northridge, the drayman. 230

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### TELLS OF ASHLAND WATER SYSTEM

Citizen of Ashland Writes, Saying Bond Issue Should Be Defeated Until Time When Each Dollar Borrowed Could Be Used.

To the editor:

It is so easy to get in debt and have little or nothing to show for the obligations created and which earn interest as regular as the seasons roll around that I want to ask a few questions of the good cultured people of Ashland regarding the proposed new water system for that city which the voters are soon to pass on, and which will add only \$170,000 more to the interest bearing debts.

First, I want to say that the income from Ashland's water system should be sufficient to make the needed improvements and extensions of service without creating this great public debt. From an experience of ten years in the water business in the east I am sure that if the Ashland water system was in individual hands it would not only pay its own way, but would in a few years pay off the other city debts which come easy and the money went easy and only a few have received any benefits therefrom.

There is not a better paying business in the United States if half managed than the Ashland water system. There is practically no operating expense to it except collecting and they do not even go to the expense of buying postal cards to notify people as to what their water bills are. Ashland needs a live newspaper to dig into its city business and see where the leaks are.

The new plans for the expenditure of \$170,000 in overhauling the system and increasing the present supply of water in dry seasons do not attempt to improve the quality of the water or guard against pollution that at present goes into the mains and in the cause of sickness and death notwithstanding the explanations made by boosters that typhoid and other sickness usually caused by polluted water are brought in from Medford and other cities and not contracted through drinking Ashland's "unsurpassed pure sparkling mountain water."

What a fraud and burlesque on the degree of intelligence of the prospective resident who does not believe everything he is told in this western country. I have seen water drawn from the city faucets that was full of wigglers from a very small size to the size of a mosquito just before her flies; can any one argue that such water is free from typhoid and other germs?

It would seem that the superior intelligence and highly developed culture of Ashland would discover that the greater part of their water supply is taken into the mains just above the park and that many people live along the creek above that point and that the drainage of stables and human excreta has no other way except into the water system. And the plans for the new system instead of providing against this source of pollution only contemplate building a larger reservoir so that this filth can accumulate and the germs and wigglers develop into greater numbers.

The bond issue should be defeated until a dollar's worth of benefits are promised for every dollar to be borrowed.

Let the city use the two concrete dams already built and which they are paying interest on and not using. They will answer for reservoirs until such time as outside electric light concerns do not control the city government and the light plant is used for Ashland's benefit. The man kept

### ORANGE WORM THREATENS COAST

Such Is Statement Made at Meeting of Citrus Fruit Men Now in Session in California by Commissioner Jeffrey.

STOCKTON, Cal., Dec. 7.—The California citrus fruit industry is being seriously threatened by the importation of the dreaded Mexican orange worm, according to State Horticultural Commissioner J. W. Jeffrey. At a session of the horticultural commissioners of the various counties held in connection with the California fruit growers, Commissioner Jeffrey said that the eggs of the Mexican maggot were being brought across the border by tourists in their baggage.

Commissioner Jeffrey said that northern California fruit growers were just as gravely concerned as those of southern California, as the orange groves of Butte county are endangered.

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at the power house can regulate the flow of water from these two concrete dams into the city mains, or the higher pressure line at the power house can be connected direct to the city mains and make pressure enough to put every bit of water that the new plans contemplate into the city. If the pressure is too heavy in the lower part of the city, put pressure regulators on the mains for that part. Do away with the lower reservoir entirely except for irrigation purposes. Require consumers to put on meters and your supply will be sufficient for twice your present needs and when more water is needed lay another supply line from the power house to the city.

These are a few questions that are not taken from the compiled data found in works on hydraulics, but they are pertinent to the best interests of Ashland and I would like to see them more freely discussed.

A CITIZEN.

### HORSE THIEVES MURDER 14

Indians Are Ambushed and Shot Down, Thrown Into Trench and Buried—Their Horses Are Taken by Murderers.

BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 7.—Word reached Boise today that Prosecutor Lee of Cassia county, Idaho, has made a report to the department of justice at Washington concerning the murder of 14 Indians by horse thieves in Elk county, Nevada. According to the report reaching here, the government will institute a search for the murderers, who escaped the posse which were put upon their trail soon after the discovery of the bodies.

The Indians were ambushed this summer in the mountains and shot down. A long trench was dug and the bodies of the Indians and the horses which had been shot were thrown into the trench and buried. Cattlemen later discovered evidences of the crime and reported the matter to the authorities here, but despite all efforts of the state officials no trace of the murderers was found.

It is believed that the horse thieves stole the Indians' horses and then ambushed the Indians who were trailing them. A gang in which several half breeds and four renegade whites are alleged to be members is suspected of having killed the Indians.

### LEW POWELL MADE A GOOD SHOWING

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Several good matches were offered to Lew Powell, the San Francisco lightweight, today as a result of the finished manner in which he polished off Young Otto in their fight at the National Sporting club last night. Powell won hands down, and at two or three stages of the ten-round bout it looked as though he were going to score a knockout, but Otto managed somehow to weather the storm each time. Powell is now in line for matches with Pal Moore, Tommy Murphy and others.

### Christmas Holiday Excursion TO THE CITY OF MEXICO

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