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MINING CONGRESS SOON IN ASHLAND

State Meeting Will Be Held January 7 to See What Can Be Done in the Way of Developing Jackson County's Mines.

ASHLAND, Jan. 3.—Another meeting representing mining interest in this vicinity was held recently looking toward perfecting an organization which shall have for its object the development of the diversified mineral wealth situated at our very doors.

The meeting was held in the Commercial club rooms. O. L. Young was called to the chair, others present being Messrs. H. Mattern, C. W. Evans, J. F. Smith, T. K. Anderson, George Davis, E. C. Morse, T. W. Hill, E. P. Hughes, C. B. Watson, G. N. Anderson, D. B. Grant, E. T. Staples, F. G. McWilliams, C. H. Gillette and J. J. Chambers.

Correspondence has been had with L. D. Malone of Portland, secretary of the State Mining association and editor of the Oregon Mining and Timber Journal, looking toward the holding of such a congress, and January 17 has been set as the date. It is planned to have Professor Parks of the Oregon Agricultural college, also a representative from the state mining association, both experts in their line, present to participate in the congress, which gathering is to exploit the mining resources of the Southern Oregon and Northern California district, a rich section embracing territory extending from Grants Pass to Yreka.

Invitation—Homer Billings, chairman; L. W. Moore and R. P. Campbell. Finance—G. R. Anderson, chairman; D. B. Grant and E. P. Hughes. Exhibits—C. H. Gillette, chairman; E. T. Staples and H. L. White. Information—C. B. Watson, chairman; J. F. Meikle and H. Mattern.

"CUPID BUREAU" WORKING STEADY

The following marriage licenses were recorded at the office of County Clerk W. R. Coleman from December 24 to December 31, 1910: Thornton S. Wiley of Ashland to Lucy Bachtell, Roy Woods of Medford to Maud Gault; Mark S. Hamaker of Klamath Falls to Bessie Moore, J. R. Fleming of San's Valley to Emily R. Glover, Guy Jeters to Gertrude Owings, and William O'Hara to Julia Winkle.

INSTALL HOME PHONES IN COUNTY COURTHOUSE

A gang of wire men from the Home Telephone company, under the direction of W. S. Ahern, took possession of the offices in the county courthouse today. Phone connecting Jacksonville with Medford on "local" wires will be installed in all the county offices and a number of business houses in the county seat.

A REACTIONARY INTRIGUE.

IN ORDER to discredit Senators Bourne and Chamberlain, because they are popular choice senators, the Oregonian and other reactionary organs are engaged in a campaign of misrepresentation and abuse. They would shift the blame of President Taft's neglect of Oregon in the distribution of the reclamation fund from the shoulders of the president, a standpat senate and house, to the Oregon senators.

Facts in the case, known since March, are as follows: The senate passed a bill setting aside \$30,000,000 for reclamation, 51 per cent of the funds derived from sale of public lands to be expended in the state where the sales were made. The house, without protest from either Representatives Ellis or Hawley, cut down the sum to \$20,000,000, and eliminated the clause requiring the land sale proceeds to be spent in the state making the sales. In the closing days of the session, the house bill went to the senate finance committee, and Chairman Lodge reported back to the senate that with the exception of cutting the fund to \$20,000,000 and placing the projects under army supervision, the bill was unchanged, and upon the statement the bill was passed.

Representatives Hawley and Ellis should have notified the Oregon senators of the change made, and the Oregon senators should not have taken Lodge's word for it, but in the rush of the closing hours of congress many measures are railroaded through. Even if objection had been made, it is doubtful if it would have prevented the passage of the bill.

President Taft followed the recommendations of the army board in his distribution over the protest from Oregon and the state was sadly neglected. Surely neither Bourne or Chamberlain can be blamed for the amendment of the bill in the house, for the army board's report or for the president's action.

Indications are that President Taft and the administration are lending themselves to an intrigue to discredit progressives in Oregon as they have endeavored to do in the east.

THE CHARTER AMENDMENTS.

THERE is no good reason why the proposed charter amendment should not be passed. Although it embodies a repetition of the entire charter, there are few changes from the old instrument. The object in including the entire charter was for general convenience. The charter has been amended so frequently that it requires a great deal of research and labor to ascertain its present contents, and it was adjudged the part of wisdom, to print the old charter, with the proposed changes as one charter amendment.

The charter was revised by a committee composed of W. S. Crowell, author of the present charter; C. L. Reames, W. I. Vawter, O. C. Boggs, L. G. Porter, W. N. Campbell and H. C. Garnett. These gentlemen held frequent meetings and section by section, went over the entire charter with City Attorney Neff. Their judgment is to be relied upon.

All of the changes made are most commendable. Registration is provided for city elections. The police court is divorced from the mayor's office. The council's power to grant franchises is reduced from 50 to 10 years. The right to permit the sale of water by persons or corporations is taken away from the council, which is also forced to provide a sinking fund for bonds. The management of the water system is vested in a commission to be created for that purpose. A bond issue of \$30,000 is authorized to replace the wooden main on East Main with cast iron pipe, so that the street may be paved, and to pay for the trunk sewer on North Riverside.

If there is anything objectionable in the proposed changes, a close perusal does not disclose it.

MOISSANT TO BE BURIED IN CHICAGO

NEW ORLEANS, La., Jan. 3.—The receiving vault at Metairie cemetery, where the body of John B. Moissant, one of America's most daring birdmen, was laid to rest temporarily yesterday, was the Mecca today of thousands of visitors who paid tribute to the memory of the dead aviator.

The body will be removed soon and taken to Chicago for final burial. After a conference of the members of the family it was decided to respect the wishes of Moissant's two sisters, Misses Tillie and Louise Moissant, who were here when the fatal accident occurred at Havana Saturday, and bury the aviator in the Illinois metropolis. Moissant was born in Chicago and first became interested in aviation there.

The ceremony yesterday was impressively simple. Moissant's comrades of the air were the honorary pallbearers. The casket as it rests in the receiving vault is so banked about with flowers that it is entirely hidden from view. Floral offerings were sent by the Aero Clubs of America, France, England, Germany and Belgium.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 3.—

Federal agents here are preparing to make war on lotteries in pursuance of instruction aimed at country-wide expurgation of those alleged gambling institutions. Individual states have successfully combated domestic lotteries, but the government is now planning to go after foreign lotteries operating surreptitiously in this country. Agents of several lottery concerns in this city are under surveillance.

LOVERS, SITTING ON SOFA, FOUND DEAD

CUMBERLAND, Md., Jan. 3.—Believing that Grace Blosser and Charles Twigg were murdered, the police today began an investigation of the deaths of the couple who were found mysteriously dead, seated side by side on a sofa of the girl's home here Saturday night.

The investigation so far shows that death was due to cyanide poisoning, and it is believed that the poison had been injected into chewing gum, some of which was found in Twigg's mouth. The couple were to have been married yesterday. The police do not believe that the case was suicide, and are trying to find some motive that will give them a clue to the person whom, they believe, poisoned the gum that Twigg carried.

GOVERNMENT LOSES IN TEDDY'S LIBEL SUIT

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 3.—The supreme court of the United States today ruled against the government in the case of the Press Publishing company publishers of the New York World, against which libel action had been brought in the courts of the District of Columbia. The supreme court upheld the ruling of the lower courts in quashing the indictments on the ground that the federal courts had no jurisdiction in the case.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Jan. 3.—A quarter million dollar fire broke out in the business section of this city today. An entire block in Main street was destroyed. No casualties were reported.

SHERIFF CLOSE ON BANDITS TRAIL

West-bound Overland Limited Is Held Up and Robbed—Valuables Are Secured—Thought Capture of Robbers Will Come Soon.

OGDEN, Utah, Jan. 3.—Following a clearly marked train along the shores of Great Salt Lake leading northward from the tracks of the Southern Pacific Railway, Sheriff Wilson and a picked posse today are closing in on the two bandits who held up the westbound Overland limited at Reese and robbed the passengers of \$2500. Word is expected here momentarily that the sheriff has overtaken the bandits. A battle is expected. The robbers were heavily armed and very daring. The sheriff has taken with him men who can "shoot straight," and it was intimated before he left that "no chances would be taken" when the outlaws were overtaken.

The sheriff lost little time in getting away when news of the robbery was wired to him shortly after midnight. Gathering as many details of the holdup as he could and waiting only for the fullest possible description of the robbers, who were seen by almost every Pullman passenger on the train, he picked his men and, arranging for relays of horses so that they would have fresh mounts started in pursuit.

The robbers stopped the Overland near Reese by lighting a fuse and placing it on the track. As the giant engine came to a grinding standstill two highwaymen climbed into the cab. After sending the engine ahead the robbers approached the Pullmans. William Davis, negro porter of one of the cars, saw the men and ordered them away. A. W. Taylor, another porter, attracted to the door by the noise, also commanded the men to leave. The robbers immediately opened fire, fatally wounding Davis and so severely wounding Taylor that he could offer no further resistance. Davis died in a few minutes.

The robbers fired a fusillade of shots and then entered the train. One bandit with drawn revolver stood guard near the entrance, while the other went through the car, taking money and jewelry from the passengers. The two men jumped from the

rear end of the train, and, threatening to shoot any one who followed, fled down the north road.

An account of the robbery was telegraphed to Ogden from Reese. The Overland, after being delayed an hour, started westward. The body of Davis was sent to Ogden and Taylor was brought to a hospital here for treatment.

DOGS ARE MUZZLED IN CITY OF WALLOWA

WALLOWA, Or., Jan. 3.—All dogs in this district must either be muzzled or imprisoned for two months by order of the city council on account of the presence of rabies among the animals in this vicinity. Four known cases of rabies have been found among dogs. The animals were killed; also a number of others, on suspicion. Luther Johnson, a ranchman, who was bitten by a supposedly mad dog two weeks ago, is in Portland taking Pasteur treatment as a precautionary measure. Every precaution to stamp out the disease is being made. Exaggerated stories concerning the prevalence of the rabies has done much to injure the market for Wallowa county livestock.

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