

Continued storms.  
The Message of the Signs.  
White—Fair weather.  
Blue—Rain or snow.  
White and blue—Local showers.  
Black triangle—Above white, warmer; below white, colder.  
White with black center—Cold.

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TWO SECTIONS.

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# TIES HERE FOR NEW TROLLEY LINE

Work Starts This Week On Construction of Rogue River Valley Trolley Line Franchises for Which Were Granted John R. Allen.

# WELSH, NEW OWNER, IS THOUGHT HILL FORERUNNER

Corps of Engineers Will Get Busy This Week and Matter Will Be Rushed—Will Be No Hitch.

A carload of ties arrived Saturday and two more are on the way for use in construction of the Rogue River Valley Interurban trolley line, franchises for which were granted John R. Allen a year ago, but which has recently been acquired by A. Welch, builder of trolley lines in the Willamette valley. A corps of engineers will commence work at once.

Attorney S. V. Beckwith who is at the head of a local syndicate to whom Mr. Allen assigns the franchise, confirmed the report that active construction work would be begun this week.

"It is true," he said, "that we have transferred to A. Welch of Portland, control of the trolley franchises in Medford, Grants Pass and Ashland. One carload of ties has already arrived and will be laid down on Monday next. Engineers will commence work at once."

"Mr. Welch is a man of large experience in the building of trolley lines, both in this state and the state of Washington. He was largely instrumental in building the Oregon Electric lines and at present controls several lines in Oregon and Washington. I feel that his interest in the franchises in this valley insures us a well equipped trolley road in the near future."

John F. Stevens, Hill's representative in Oregon, has acquired all of the trolley lines so far constructed by Mr. Welch and the general supposition is that Mr. Welch is acting here as a forerunner for the Hill interests.

# FLORENCE GOFFE ASKS COURT FOR FREEDOM

Papers in a suit for divorce were filed by Florence H. Goffe through her attorneys, Neff and Mealy, last Wednesday.

# MAN DIES ALONE FAR FROM HOME

Papers Found On Body of George Boggs Who Died In His Lodgings On Oakdale Show That He Has Two Sisters In Chicago.

# COUNTY COURT APPROVES BOND

Board of Commissioners Passes On Surety Bonds of County Justices and Officers—Sheriff's Tax List Received and Approved.

The tax return for 1909 submitted by Sheriff W. A. Jones to the county court at its last session showed taxes to the amount of \$409,434.11 accounted for. Of this amount, \$27,130.54 was delinquent on October 3, 1910. Surety bonds of all the justices of the peace in Jackson county and those required by law to be filed by other county officers were passed on and approved.

# WORKINGMEN'S LAW IS BEING CONSIDERED

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—A workingmen's law was the principal subject before the national civic federation today, although uniform state taxation, pure food, the taxation of corporations and uniform banking banking laws also were discussed in several papers that were read. Colonel Roosevelt and Andrew Carnegie were scheduled to address the meeting today. P. Teague, Sherman, chairman of the legal committee of the department of compensation for industrial workers, explained a law which his department proposed. The chief objection, he said, to proposed

# PATHFINDER CAR HAS REACHED FRISCO

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 14.—The Ohio pathfinder car, which made the trip from coast to coast, over an entirely new route for automobiles, arrived in San Francisco today shortly after 1 o'clock after an exceedingly wet trip up the coast.

# GRANTS PASS TO BE WET OR DRY?

Case Deciding Future Fate of Saloons There Will Be Argued This Week Before Judge Calkins In the Circuit Court—Mulkey Gets Busy.

# CASE CERTAIN TO GO TO THE SUPREME COURT

Point Will Be Raised In Arguments On Demurrer In Cases Against Blind Piggers Now Pending.

Whether or not Grants Pass will remain dry for the next two years or whether she will be wet as the citizens voted on December 31, will be determined in a case to be argued before Judge Calkins this week. The decision will be carried to the supreme court and the important question settled as to the construction of the home rule amendment passed at the November election modifying the operation of the local option law of cities.

Josephine county voted dry in November, but the citizens of Grants Pass felt that the amendment conferred upon them the right to determine at once whether they could regulate their own liquor traffic. In the Harrisburg case Attorney General Crawford ruled that a wet or dry election could not be held in a city in a county which had just voted dry, and that the wording of the home rule amendment made it subject to the conditions of the local option law, which were that the issue could not come up for two years after an election where the county had voted dry.

District Attorney Mulkey holds the same view, and will endeavor to establish the fact that Grants Pass' election was held prematurely.

The point will be raised in the arguments on demurrer to indictment in 13 cases now pending before the circuit court wherein the defendants are accused of violating the local option law. The defendants have raised the point that since the local option law has been amended, providing home rule for cities the indictments are not valid.

The blind piggers under indictment are G. D. Williams, Linn Martin of Galice, Millard Hall, John Doe Hubbard, Fred Pilkington, Dan Johnson J. E. Whitsett and Fern West. One of the indictments against Williams is for selling liquor on Sunday and one of those against Fern West is for keeping a bawdy house. The defendants are represented by Attorneys R. G. Smith of Grants Pass and W. A. Cardwell of Roseburg.

# CLUB TO HAVE EXHIBIT B'LD'G

Syndicate of Local Business Men Complete Arrangements to Buy Building and Turn It Over to Commercial Club.

# OLWELL SAYS HE WILL SELL IT FOR \$2000

Club Unable to Buy Say Directors—Local Business Men Take Matter Up—Success Follows.

Unless unforeseen developments occur, Medford's famous Exhibit building will be purchased by a syndicate of local business men and turned over to the Medford Commercial club, which will maintain the exhibits and use the structure as headquarters for the secretary of the club. This is made possible through the cooperation of John D. Olwell, who built the building and has maintained it so creditably since, that for the past seven years it has been one of the most effective advertisements of Medford and the Rogue River valley and a model for many other communities in the northwest.

The committee appointed by the Commercial club secured a price of \$3500 from Mr. Olwell for the exhibit building. The proposition to purchase was rejected by the directors of the club, who held that the club's finances at this time did not warrant such an investment. When the club dropped the proposition, a committee of business men took the matter up with Mr. Olwell, who stated that he desired to co-operate, as he had always done in the past, in any effort deemed desirable for the welfare of Medford, and if the time had come when it was thought best that the community should acquire the building, he stood ready to meet it half way, even to the extent of personal sacrifice, and would sell for \$2000.

A committee of real estate men volunteered to finance the purchase and turn the building over to the Commercial club, and upon these terms, arrangements are being made to close the deal. It is figured that the rental now paid by the club for quarters will pay for the maintenance of the building and exhibits, while the semi-monthly meetings of the club can be held at the city hall or some other public building. No arrangements for lighting the structure have been made, but it is hoped that the Rogue River Electric company will make some concessions to the club.

Acquisition of the exhibit building by the Commercial club will settle a long drawn out contention between real estate men, who have for some years contended that the exhibits should be controlled by the club. The building was built seven years ago by Mr. Olwell, who originated the idea and secured from personal friends, contributions to erect it. Since then he has maintained it in a manner to reflect credit upon himself and the community.

# ANOTHER COUNTY TO BE INVESTIGATED

PORTSMOUTH, Ohio, Jan. 14.—An investigation of alleged election frauds in Scioto county similar to one recently held in Adams county, was announced today by Judge Blair and County Prosecutor Howard Small.

A special grand jury to hear testimony in the investigation will meet Wednesday it was said. The investigators declared that conditions in Scioto county at the election last November was as bad as in Adams county where more than 1200 indictments for fraudulent voting were returned.

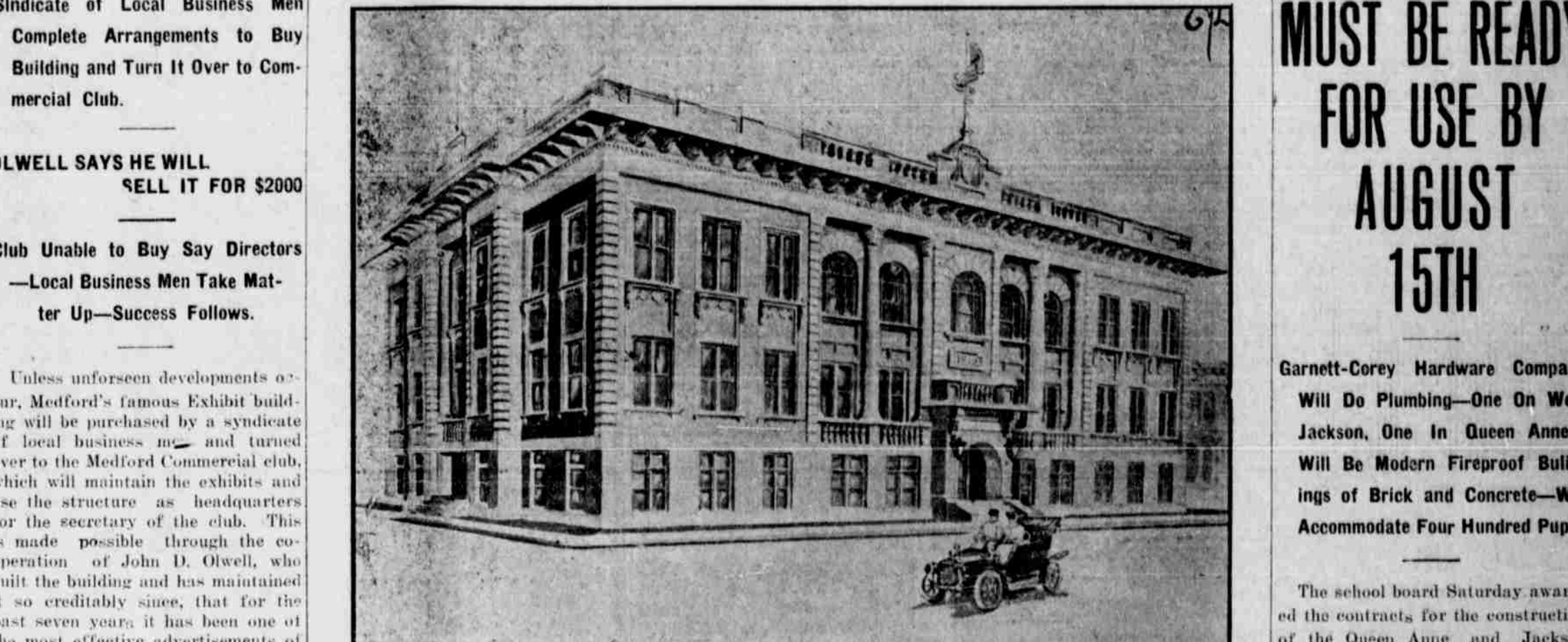
The question of constitutional amendments was a question of constitutional amendments. The committee, he said, taking this into consideration, decided to limit the proposed law to one involving hazardous occupations.

"The real constitutional danger," he said, "is that a law limited in application to the more hazardous occupations might be held as offending another constitutional provision forbidding unreasonable discrimination between persons and classes."

# CONTRACTS LET FOR TWO NEW SCHOOLS

Each to Cost \$33,000; Ivey Is the Contractor

# MUST BE READY FOR USE BY AUGUST 15TH



The Above Cut Is Reproduced From the Plans for Medford's Two New School Buildings.

Garnett-Corey Hardware Company Will Do Plumbing—One On West Jackson, One In Queen Anne—Will Be Modern Fireproof Buildings of Brick and Concrete—Will Accommodate Four Hundred Pupils

The school board Saturday awarded the contracts for the construction of the Queen Anne and Jackson boulevard schools to Alfred Ivey, a local contractor. The plumbing and heating of the two new buildings, however, was awarded to the Garnett-Corey Hardware company.

The estimated cost of the schools, when completed, will be \$33,000 each. According to the contracts the buildings will be completed throughout with the exception of the upper or second floor in each building, the interior work in which will be allowed to go until a later date when the rooms on those floors will be needed.

The plans provide for modern fireproof buildings of brick and concrete. When finished they will accommodate 400 pupils, and will, insofar as possible, be identical. They will be two stories high and built with a surface basement the floors of which will be built one foot lower than the street level. Every endeavor will be made to make the buildings as attractive as possible and when finished they will be furnished after the "mission" style.

In the basements will be three rooms and a gymnasium. The ceilings of these will be 10 feet 6 inches high except in the gymnasium where it will be 16 feet high. The first floor will have five class rooms and will be 13 feet from floor to ceiling. Both will be 79x105 feet.

The Queen Anne school will be built facing Lindley avenue with the main entrance in the center. The other school will face Jackson boulevard.

Work will be started on them as soon as the weather permits. They must be completed and ready for occupancy by August 15.

# GIRL SAYS SHE WAS OFFERED \$1000 TO KILL SCHENK

Declaring that Mrs. Schenk had offered her \$1000 to kill her husband, Miss Elvora Zeeckler, on the witness stand today detailed a conversation with the woman accused of poisoning her husband, John C. Schenk, in which she said the deal was proposed.

# WIFE PRAYED FOR HUSBAND'S DEATH

The girl, who was the star witness for the state, admitted first that she had been hired by a detective agency to work on the Schenk case, and told of going to the hospital, where she talked with Mrs. Schenk and gained her confidence.

Prayed for His Death.

During a conversation in which Mrs. Schenk said she wished her husband were dead, the nurse testified, she asked the woman why she did not kill him herself.

"Mrs. Schenk said to me," Miss Zeeckler testified, "I pray nightly that my husband is dead. Sometimes I feel as though I could kill him." I said to her, "why not try it?"

"She looked at me a moment and then replied: 'Would you, if you were me?' then, a second later she added, 'what would you take to kill him for me?'"

"I said, '\$5000.' She said she could only give me \$1000. I told her that was not much for the job, but finally I agreed. I asked her to make a contract, but she hesitated. I told her I wanted enough money to get out of the country. She pleaded with me not to think of that, protesting 'they'll suspect me.'" "Give Him Stuff."

The "detective-nurse" said Mrs. Schenk had asked her to give Schenk "stuff." She asked the defendant, she testified, what she meant by "stuff."

"Poison," Mrs. Schenk replied, the witness testified.

"I expressed the fear that I might be caught," Miss Zeeckler continued. "The defendant poolpooned the idea and suggested that I put 'dope' in the medicine on the table beside the bed. I asked her how she could dissimulate after her husband's death. 'Oh Lordy!' she replied, 'I'd be so happy that I could do it'"

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# ASSESSMENT SET BY STATE BOARD

Taxable Property Owned by Corporation in Jackson County Placed at \$4,033,315.00 By State Board of Equalization—Nets Big Returns.

The highest taxpayer in Jackson county is the Southern Pacific railroad, or as the company appears on the records, the California and Oregon Railway company. The assessed valuation of the holdings of this corporation in this county is \$3,562,650. This makes \$54,660 for every mile of track. The next highest is the Rogue River Electric company whose high tension lines alone are assessed at \$71,578. The dam and power house owned by the same company at Gold Ray is valued at \$42,000.

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company is adjudged worth \$108,000.

The other principal corporations doing business in this county with their assessed valuation are: The Rogue River Valley railroad, \$27,720; the P. & E. railroad, \$68,040; Western Union Telegraph company, \$29,596; and the Postal Telegraph and Cable company, \$8820.

# ASSAULT VICTIM STILL BREATHES

Assailant Held in County Jail In Default of \$5000 Bail—Pittman Has No Chance for Life Say Attending Physicians.

Still hovering between life and death, and without having regained consciousness since first admitted to the Southern Oregon hospital last Tuesday morning, Sidney Pittman, who sustained a compound fracture of the skull during a quarrel with Charles Robinson, a 15-year-old boy, continues to battle against the Grim Reaper for possession of the tiny spark of life left in his body.

The boy responsible for the injured man's condition and who claims that he struck Pittman down with a shove only after the latter had drawn a knife and attempted to stab him, is held a prisoner in the county jail, in which place he was held by Justice of the Peace G. O. Taylor in default of \$5000 bail.

From Robinson's mother, now employed in a downtown rooming house, the police learned that Pittman has a sister, a Mrs. Ida Labar, living in Evanston, Ill., but telegraphic communication with that city has so far failed to elicit any word from her.

Robinson admitted striking the blow, but told the police that he would justify himself at the proper time. He still maintains that Pittman forced him to his action and holds to his original story of having been with his mother in her lodgings on South Grape street when Pittman came in and abused him.

# CLAIMS BOUNTY ON SKINS OF LYNX

County Clerk W. R. Coleman paid \$9 in scalp bounties Saturday. Florenz Hall, who brought in the skins, reported that he had shot the animals two lynx and one grey wolf, near the headwaters of Little Applegate.

The bounty on lynx is \$2 while \$5 is paid by the county for grey wolves.

If the patronage of the readers of this newspaper is important to you, make your store-advertising important to THEM.

# NEWS AGENT OUT OF JAIL ON BAIL

R. Watson, train news agent on the Southern Pacific railroad, arrested early last week by Deputy Sheriff's on a charge of selling obscene literature, was released Wednesday on \$500 bail. His case will come up before the next session of the grand jury.

The next dozen classified ads you acquainted with a dozen phases which you answer, will probably get you acquainted with a dozen phases of this city's life that you never encountered before.

If you are sure that your store offers better values than any other in your line, be equally sure that it is better advertised.

# MEDFORD CAT IS A WINNER

"Flying Fox" Entered at San Francisco Cat Show by Mrs. Paul Janney Is Almost Certain to Win a Prize.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 14.—Flying Fox, a silver, male, long-haired cat entered by Mrs. Paul Janney of Medford, Or., captured the trophy as second in the show being made by fanciers at the show of the Pacific Cat club that opened Friday in San Francisco.

Judge A. Burland of Quincy, Ont., has not finished his work, but the club members are enthusiastic over Flying Fox, who is pointed out to all visitors as the stellar attraction.

Turk May Meet Pole

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 14.—Yousouf Mahmoud, the Turk, was today offered a \$10000 purse to wrestle Zbyzaseo, the Pole. Mahmoud disposed of Demetral, the Greek champion, here last night easily. He won the contest with a toe hold in 25 minutes. Demetral suffered a sprained ankle and was unable to continue.