

MAGIC GROWTH OF CITY PROVEN BY GREAT STRIDES MADE DURING MONTH

SPRING TRADE NOW UNDER WAY

Merchants Are Pleased With Conditions in Business World—March Was Best Month in History of City for This Time of Year.

Mercantile establishments of the city never did a better spring business than that during the month which has just passed. Spring came with its fine balmy southern Oregon days and business took on a quickened pace.

POSTAL RECEIPTS SHOW BIG GAINS

Year Ending March, 1911, Increases 41 Per Cent Over Year Ending in March, 1910—Payroll Also Reflects Growth Made.

Industrial and commercial activity as shown by the March receipts at the local post office places Medford in the row of the cities of Oregon.

WATER RECEIPTS GAIN IN VOLUME

One Year Ago They Were Not Half as Great for First Quarter of Year as They Are in 1911—Means More Homes in City.

Not alone do the postal receipts of the city testify to great gains in commercial activity in the city but the receipts from property owners for water rents likewise testify to the strides Medford is making.

GAIN IN POSTOFFICE SHOWN EACH MONTH OVER GREAT PERIOD

Table showing postal receipts from 1908 to 1911, with monthly breakdowns for each year.

BUILDING NOW BEING RUSHED

In Every Quarter of City the Song of the Saw and the Hammer is Heard—Many New Buildings Are Started This Past Month.

With the month of March came spring weather and the song of the hammer and the saw has been heard since the rain ceased, ascending in an ever increasing volume from every section of the city.

BIG PROJECTS TO HELP BUSINESS

Building of Power Plant at Prospect and Civic Improvements All Will Add Momentum to Present Business Rush in the City.

The month of March has seen the announcement of much work to be done this season, chief among which was the news that Colonel Frank H. Ray of New York city would erect at once an \$800,000 power plant at Prospect.

FRUIT PROSPECTS BEST IN YEARS

Trees Are Heavily Set With Buds—Promises Big Crop—O'Gara Says Outlook Was Never Better for a Banner Crop in Rogue Valley.

During March the inspectors under the direction of Prof. P. J. O'Gara completed an inspection of Rogue River orchards and stated that this season's fruit crop would be the banner one of the valley all past crops being discounted.

HILL RIGHT-OF-WAY MEN AT WORK NEAR CRESCENT CITY

MAPS AND DATA ARE SECURED

After Looking Over Country Thoroughly Men Leave for San Francisco—Give Much Attention to Del Norte County.

EUREKA, April 1.—It straws show which way the wind blows, it will not be long before dirt will be flying in construction operations on a railroad to connect Eureka and Medford, Oregon, by rail.

After a speedy automobile trip to Crescent City to Eureka, a distance of 95 miles, yesterday Messrs. J. M. Eddy and H. Summers, generally conceded to be right of way men in the service of the Hill interests, departed on the City of Topeka for San Francisco with all the maps and information obtainable of the territory through which they had just passed, in their possession.

The Hill interests for a long period have been planning to enter the California coast section. This ambition of the northern railroad magnate has kept the aHrriman system busy devising means and ways by which to keep him out of this rich territory.

For some time past Hill has been forging down through central Oregon. The Pacific & Eastern from Medford is running east. It is thought that this line will be extended to the coast at Crescent City.

Messrs. Eddy and Hill while in Eureka yesterday interviewed Peter Belcher and looked over all maps available in Mr. Belcher's offices, giving out the impression that they were export lumbermen of Portland. They gave considerable attention to the maps of Del Norte county, evidently looking for those sections of possible new railroad territory where the timber is standing thickest and freight shipments will be of the largest quantities.

At the conclusion of their visit to the Belcher offices Mr. Belcher showed them through the Elks' hall, a treat which they appreciated greatly.

It would appear from the BUERY in which the visitors passed through this section that some railroad plans for new lines to the south from Oregon are to be made and that haste is imperative.

"Shopping" that is based upon advertising is usually a profitable use of one's time.

DIAZ GIVES IN; TO RESIGN SOON

Main Points Demanded by Revolutionists Were Conceded in Message to Congress by Dictator—All is Quiet in Mexico City.

MEXICO, CITY, via Galveston, Texas, April 1.—The main points demanded by revolutionists were conceded by President Diaz in his message to the Mexican congress at 6 o'clock tonight. All is quiet here.

A rumor, practically confirmed, says that Diaz will resign when peace is restored.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, April 1.—Upon the character of President Diaz's message to the Mexican congress which met in Mexico City today, is believed to hang the probability of peace in the country. Members of the revolutionary junta here declare they don't believe the message will be satisfactory to Madero, and that the revolt will be on again in deadly earnest.

Americans arriving here today from Monterey say the whole of that section of the country is under arms and only awaits a signal from Madero to rise.

Army officers here are of the opinion that upon Diaz's utterances will largely depend whether the United States will interfere in Mexico.

SOCIALIST IS NAMED MAYOR

Berkeley, Calif., Elects Wilson to Office—Ran for Governor in November—Wins Over Republican by Narrow Margin.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., April 1.—For the first time in its history Berkeley elected a socialist mayor today in the person of J. Stitt Wilson, who ran for governor in November in this state. His plurality over Hodgehead, republican was 284. No other socialist ran.

Loses Grip; Drowned. PORTLAND, Ore., April 1.—While climbing a rope from the Oak street dock to the Steamer J. N. Teal, Edwin Gert, aged 18, lost his grip and fell into the river and was drowned today. The body has not been recovered.

CHAMP CLARK IS NOMINATED

Democrats Meet in Secret Caucus and Get Action of New House Outlined—Chairmen of Important Committees Are Named.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 1.—At a secret caucus of the house, democrats Champ Clark was nominated for speaker without opposition. Burleson of Texas was chairman of the caucus.

Before the meeting, Chairman Underwood of the new ways and means committee announced that the naming of members of that body would be the last business taken up.

The first matter considered was the election of the house officials. The caucus proposes to reduce the number of employees, saving \$115,000 annually.

Palmer's resolution eliminates one third of the former employees of the house and abolishes the following committees: Militia, Pacific Railroads, ventilation, acoustics, private land claims, levee improvements on the Mississippi river.

At the caucus the ways and means committee was authorized to appoint a committee of three to apportion patronage among the democrats. It is reported that each will get patronage approximately \$2,000 annually besides his private secretary.

During the deliberations of the democrats, Champ Clark spoke in favor of economy, saying that he did not intend to use the speaker's automobile, thus effecting a saving of \$6,000 annually. He promised to take advantage of every opportunity to practice economy.

Palmer's resolution abolished the practice of giving the house employees an extra month pay annually and wiped out the following jobs: Under the speaker, three, with salaries of \$3,500; under the clerk of the house 25; with salaries of \$39,970; under the sergeant at arms 32 policemen with salaries of \$7,050; under the door keeper, 28, with salaries of \$3,500.

POLICE FORCE WOMAN TO TALK

Mrs. Blanche Powell Confesses a Long and Intimate Association With Dr. Chisholm, Accused of Murdering John D. Powell.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., April 1.—Mrs. Blanche Powell today confessed to Captain of Detectives Wall a long and intimate association with Dr. Lewis Clark Chisholm, who is held in Santa Rosa for the murder of her husband, John D. Powell.

The woman made her confession after a long "sweating" at police headquarters here. Mrs. Powell, however, denied that she had any knowledge of the murder of her husband, and maintained that if he had been killed to secure a \$2000 insurance she is in ignorance of the facts.

John W. Powell was found murdered in a tent in Coleman's gulch near Fort Ross early in March. Two bullet wounds were responsible for his death. A revolver was found near his body, but an inquest showed that either bullet would have caused death, making it impossible for him to have committed suicide.

Miss Venice Dean, a trained nurse was responsible for Chisholm's arrest. She told the police that Chisholm tried to gain her consent to assist him in collecting old insurance policies. When she refused to enter into the arrangement she stated that Chisholm replied that he would get "Blanche" to assist him. This furnished the police with the clew that the murder was committed with the motive of collecting Powell's life insurance policy.

Investigation showed that he carried a \$2000 policy.

Several days later Chisholm was arrested and the police endeavored to connect him with Powell's murder. Chisholm indignantly denied all knowledge of the crime, stated that he had never seen Powell and that that he had never been in the vicinity of Fort Ross.

Several Sonoma county ranchers were then brought to San Francisco as the man who accompanied TAO and positively identified Chisholm as the man who accompanied Powell when the latter applied for shelter at a ranch near Santa Rosa a few days previous to the murder. Chisholm was also confronted by Mrs. Powell, the widow of the dead man at the same time, but she declared that she had never seen Chisholm before. Chisholm was then lodged in the Sonoma county jail and a charge of murder entered against him.

In the meantime the police scoured

PRESENT PAVING CONTRACT TO BE COMPLETED BY JULY 1

COW MADE GREAT HOG OF HERSELF

Killed for Tuberculosis She is Found to Have a Regular Hardware Store in Her Inner Regions—Barb Wire and Door Knobs.

VALLEJO, Cal., April 1.—Because his cow coughed constantly, neighbors forced Henry Studer to kill the animal, as it was believed she was a victim of tuberculosis.

But this surmise proved all wrong. A post mortem examination showed that the cow had tried to make a junk shop of its stomach. Among the articles found in the stomach were a gold watch and chain, a diamond ring, a doorknob, a piece of iron chain, several pounds of nails, six feet of barbed wire and 132 hairpins.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., April 1.—Governor Johnson signed today the Walker fish and game bill, which opens the season for trout throughout the state beginning today with the exception of district number three, which includes Lake Tahoe.

ADMITS HE TRIED TO ROB BANK

Ralph L. Blosser Makes Written Confession to Attempts to Rob Portland Bank—Wife is Said to Have Committed Suicide.

PORTLAND, Ore., April 1.—Ralph L. Blosser, the husband of Grace Blosser, whose body was found Wednesday in her home, is the man who on last Monday morning attempted to rob the Sellwood Bank, by assaulting the aged janitor, Peter Jensen, and who on last November assaulted the bookkeeper in the basement of the bank.

Blosser was arrested today at his home in Sellwood, a suburb of Portland by Detectives Coleman and Snow and at headquarters made a written

WORK GETTING UNDER WAY FAST

By April 15, Company Will Have a Payroll of \$25,000 a Month—Over 200 Head of Horses and 100 Men Are Now at Work.

With 200 head of horses and over 100 men at work, with others being put on daily, with supplies being rushed to various points of vantage about the city, with grading started and with the curb and gutter gang preparing to start work Tuesday, with 2500 barrels of cement or six carloads under way and a payroll that will soon exceed \$25,000 a month, the Clark & Henry Construction company may be said to have opened the season's work of paving in earnest.

Arthur W. Clark, manager of the local work of the company, is fast getting the huge task under way in full blast and on such a scale that it assures the early completion of the present contract held by the company, which calls for the laying of 120,000 additional yards of paving this season in the city.

By July 1, if all goes as expected, the Clark & Henry company will be looking for more work. That means that four months of the season will be left for additional work. Over 200,000 yards of paving in addition to that contracted for has been asked of the council by property owners but this will also be cleaned up before the end of the season. And other streets contemplating paving can be taken care of before the fall rains again stop work.

The company has 120,000 yards of paving yet to lay on the old contract. The following streets remain unpaved, but will soon be taken care of, as the company will lay over 2000 yards a day:

North Central, Court to north city limits.

North Front, Sixth to Jackson, Eighth, Central to Riverside.

Fourth, Oakdale to east city limits.

Grape, Sixth to south city limits. Jackson, Riverside to west city limits. Main, Roosevelt to top of hill. Orange, Seventh to Tenth. Queen Anne, Roosevelt to Phipps Riverside, Jackson to north city limits.