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GENERAL STRIKE IS THREATENED

SALT LAKE, Utah, April 26.—A general strike of the firemen engineers and switchmen on the Western Pacific railroad is threatened. The officials of the unions affected recently met officials of the road in San Francisco.

WELL KNOWN ROAD PRESIDENT IS DEAD

PORTLAND, Or., April 26.—Francis B. Clarke, former president of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle railroad, known as the North Bank, died yesterday at Mountain View sanitarium, aged 73 years.

Following private funeral services this afternoon at the Holman's undertaking parlors, the body of Francis B. Clarke, ex-president of the North Bank railroad, will be placed aboard the limited train for St. Paul, his old home, where interment will take place.

Clark's death resulted from a complication of several diseases. He spent the winter at Pasadena in search of health but returned to Oregon as soon as physicians told him the end was near.

He entered railroad service in the early '60s as a clerk in the traffic department of the Wisconsin Central, he resigned as president of the North Bank in August of 1909.

Mr. Clark was interested in Medford property having formerly been interested in the Capitol Hill tract near the city reservoir, but sold his interests to Myers Cusick and Sharp who were partners with him.

GOVERNOR WEST SHOWS HIS BUMP OF ECONOMY

SALEM, Ore., April 26.—In order more thoroughly to combine affairs around the state capital building, Governor West has issued instructions to all news agencies to discontinue his subscriptions. It has been the custom in the governor's office for the past many years to take and pay for all the leading newspapers in the state, but Governor West finds this plan too expensive and believes he can well do without any paper in his office.

NEW YORK WANTS DIRECT ELECTION OF SENATORS

ALBANY, N. Y., April 26.—By a vote of 105 to 39, the state assembly has passed a resolution for the direct election of United States senators. The resolution already has passed the senate.

SECOND PERFORMANCE GREATLY APPRECIATED

A small but appreciative audience witnessed the second performance of the "Chimes of Normandy" Tuesday evening at the opera house. The nervousness manifested by some of those taking part at the first appearance was absent and the entire performance went through with a vim and dash most pleasing to those who witnessed the play. The Greater Medford club under whose auspices the play was given realized a neat sum of money which will be expended in beautifying the city or in any other manner the society sees fit.

Notice. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will apply at the next regular meeting of the city council of the city of Medford, Oregon, on May 2, 1911, for a license to sell spirituous, vinous and malt liquors in quantities less than gallons, at their place of business at 72 Front st., in said city, for a period of six months. M. & E. J. ADAMS. Dated April 21, 1911.

PREMIER AUTO CITY

FOR some years Medford has led the world in number of automobiles per capita of population. As the years go by, the number of autos increases faster than the population, so the city maintains its lead as the greatest motor car city of its size anywhere.

At least 50 automobiles have already been purchased in Medford this spring. It was estimated, at the close of last season, that there were 400 autos in and around Medford. As a few of these have been shipped away, it is probable that the total number of motor cars here is between 425 and 450, or an average of one to every 25 inhabitants.

Conditions are peculiarly favorable for autos in the Rogue River Valley. For nine months in the year, motoring offers an alluring attraction. The country is always beautiful. Streams, woods and mountains call constantly to the love of nature. Fishing and hunting add their attractions. The gold of the summer's sun and the silver of midnight moonlight furnish a delight all their own. Hence every one who can, owns an auto of some kind.

The auto has become a business and social necessity. Each year sees its use increase as each season sees its efficiency increased and its price lowered. The number of factories increased in the past ten years from 57 to 316, the product from \$4,748,000 to \$194,722,600, the number of autos made from 3723 to 127,289 a year.

The U. S. government census lists most of the motor cars as "pleasure or family vehicles." Of those made in 1909, only 3288 were listed as "business vehicles" and comprised auto trucks almost exclusively. As yet there are but few of these in the Rogue River Valley, but as the paved area in Medford is extended, the use of these auto trucks will be increased.

JURY TO PROBE REBATE CHARGE

CLEVELAND, O., April 26.—The foundation for a government investigation of the United States Steel corporation is expected to result this afternoon from the grand jury's action in probing alleged rebating by Ohio railroads. It is understood that indictments will be returned against one of the most influential railroads in the country as well as numerous minor steel and railroad officials.

GALLAGHER MAY GIVE UP CANDIDACY

SAN FRANCISCO, April 26.—In leaving San Francisco on a secret mission, in connection with the arrest of the McNamara for alleged complicity in the Times dynamiting, friends of Labor Leader Andrew J. Gallagher today are led to believe that he intends to give up the opportunity of becoming a candidate on the labor ticket for mayor of San Francisco and will fight tooth and nail to prove the innocence of John J. McNamara, secretary of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers. Beyond the admission that he would eventually arrive in Los Angeles, Gallagher declined to disclose his destination.

'TIS "JUDGE" MERRICK NOW, IF YOU PLEASE

'Tis Honorer Judge F. B. Merrick now if you please. As president of the city council and acting mayor in the absence of Mayor Canon he held his first court today.

Another bunch of hoboes, seven in number, lodged in the city jail Tuesday night and when released Wednesday morning made a rapid get away. The usual sum of eighty cents was found in the crowd. Mayor Merrick administered two fines in his court Wednesday morning, one of \$5 and costs to a Greek for disorderly conduct, and one of \$10 and costs to a drunk who was found wandering about the streets Tuesday with \$30 in gold in his pocket and was jailed to prevent him from spending it.

GRAIN CROP OUTLOOK EXCEPTIONALLY FINE

SPOKANE, Wash., April 26.—Prospects for a record grain crop in eastern Washington and Oregon, north and central Idaho and western Montana were never better at this time of the year, according to reports from growers to the Spokane chamber of commerce. It is estimated that the wheat crop alone will be a matter of 50,000,000 bushels. The bureau of statistics of the United States department of agriculture says in a report that the present condition of winter wheat in Washington and Oregon is 97 per cent of normal, compared to a ten-year average of 96 for Washington and 92 for Oregon and an average of 83.3 per cent for the United States. Idaho shows 85 per cent against an average of 58. The condition at the same time last spring was 94 per cent for Washington and 93 for Oregon, while the ten-year average condition of the entire country was 85 per cent. As there has been plenty of moisture during the winter months, the farmers say there is every reason to believe that the spring wheat yield also will be a large one this season.

Men Swims Like a Duck. BELLEVILLE, Ill., April 26.—According to Henry Use of 101 South Fair street, he owns a man that not only can swim like a duck, but is a good diver for fish. Mr. Use says that recently the man caught a first class mess of fish, large enough for the main course at the Use family dinner. The man is of the Indian game bird variety. Mr. Use detained it for 10 months. He will use it for a shanty for ducks on shooting trips.

Prisco Going to the Dogs. SAN FRANCISCO, April 26.—The entry list for the annual dog show of the Golden Gate Kennel club is by far the largest in its history. The opens May 4. For three days dogs of every description will be on exhibition.

COUNTY TREASURER'S THIRTY-FIRST CALL FOR COUNTY WARRANTS

State of Oregon, county of Jackson, Treasury Department, Jacksonville, Oregon, April 25th, 1911. Notice is hereby given that there are funds on hand for the redemption of all county warrants protested prior to and from June 5th, 1909, to August 5th, 1909, both dates inclusive. Interest ceases on above called warrants, from date called. Last call April 25th, 1911. JAS. M. CRONMILLER, Treasurer of Jackson County, Oregon.

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