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## RAY POWER PROPERTIES SOLD TO SISKIYOU COMPANY FOR \$3,300,000

### ROGUE AND KLAMATH RIVERS ELECTRIC POWER PLANTS UNITED

#### WILL DEVELOPE OVER 80,000 H.P.

Longest High Tension Transmission Line in the World—Controls Northern California and Southern Oregon Field.

The Siskiyou Electric Power and Light company has purchased the light and power plants of the Rogue River Electric company and of the Prospect Construction company, including the power plants and Gold Ray and Prospects and several hundred miles of high tension wire. The total amount involved is \$3,300,000. The Prospect plant being valued at \$2,500,000 and the Rogue River Electric company at \$800,000. The deal gives the Siskiyou company an absolute monopoly of the water power resources of northern California and southern Oregon, with the longest transmission line in the world.

When construction work at present underway is completed, a total of 80,000 horsepower at low water, will be developed with 800 miles of high tension wire, 400 miles of which has a voltage exceeding 20,000, extending from Grants Pass to Klamath Falls and south to Redding.

Colonel Frank H. Ray of New York city with whom is associated Edwin Hawley, also of New York, were the principal owners of the Rogue river properties.

In the Siskiyou Electric Power & Light company are Jesse W. Churchill president, and J. P. Churchill vice president, both officials of the Siskiyou county bank at Yreka, Alex. J. H. Shorburgh and P. de Tristana of Paris representing a wealthy French syndicate.

The Siskiyou Electric Power & Light company owns the Ashland Electric Power & Light company and the Klamath Power company. Among cities it now has franchises in are Grants Pass, Medford, Ashland, Klamath Falls, Hornbrook, Yreka, Montague. Its power lines extend from the Greenback mine to Castilla, Fall Creek to Klamath Falls, to Eton Prospect to Medford, Klamath Falls to Bonanza, Klamath Falls to Merrill, Klamath Falls to McDowell. A main line runs from the Klamath river plant to Hornbrook, down to McConnell bar, another main extends to Big Springs, another to Sheba mine. A main line runs from the Shasta river plant to Yreka, another main to Montague and to Little Shasta.

Owing power plants and controlling the power of the Rogue river, of the Klamath river, of Little Shasta and other rivers, the combination is the most gigantic yet made in this region.

President Churchill and party returned from Prospect Monday with Colonel Ray. Discussing the purchase, he said:

"The Siskiyou Electric Power & Light company will push all construction now under way by both companies to completion. The Rogue river valley lines will be connected with the Klamath lines at once. The Prospect plant will be completed according to the original plan, with a capacity of 25,000 horsepower which will give us 80,000 horsepower to sell at low water. We will carry out a comprehensive scheme of development and stand ready to assist the establishment of new industries by furnishing free power for the first year, as offered by the Rogue River Electric company. We hope to make southern Oregon and northern California the best lighted and best powered section of the country. Further than generalities we are not prepared as yet to outline details."

Colonel Frank H. Ray, who is vice president of the American Tobacco company, and also of the Western Power company, states that he still retains his extensive interests in the Rogue River valley, where he owns

### ATWOOD HELD BACK BY WIND

Aviation Unable to Continue His Cross Country Flight Owing to Strong Wind—Expected to Reach Albany This Evening.

BELLE ISLE, N. Y., Aug. 22.—Owing to exceptionally strong winds, aviator Harry Atwood this morning was unable to continue his cross-country flight toward Albany.

The schedule laid out by Atwood contemplated his reaching Albany tonight. Losing his way after leaving Lyons, however, the aviator today found himself five miles west of Syracuse. Instead of at Utica, the 98-mile lap from Lyons. Delayed by inability to get an early start, Atwood was further from his schedule than ever.

Atwood was twice lost. The first time, soon after leaving Lyons, he decided to leave the course over the New York Central railroad tracks and cut across country to Auburn. He lost his bearings and wandered about until certain, finally reaching Auburn 25 miles from Lyons, an hour after his start. Again ascending, he was lost for the second time, finally winding up here, only 40 miles from the original starting point.

### CONGRESS CONSIDERS MESSAGE FROM TAFT

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 22.—Congress is considering today a message from President Taft urging further appropriations to complete the work of raising the wreck of the battleship Maine. The president in a second message asked congress to determine whether the wrecks of the Spanish warships sunk by the American navy shall be given away.

### MAN WHO ATTEMPTED SUICIDE PASSES AWAY

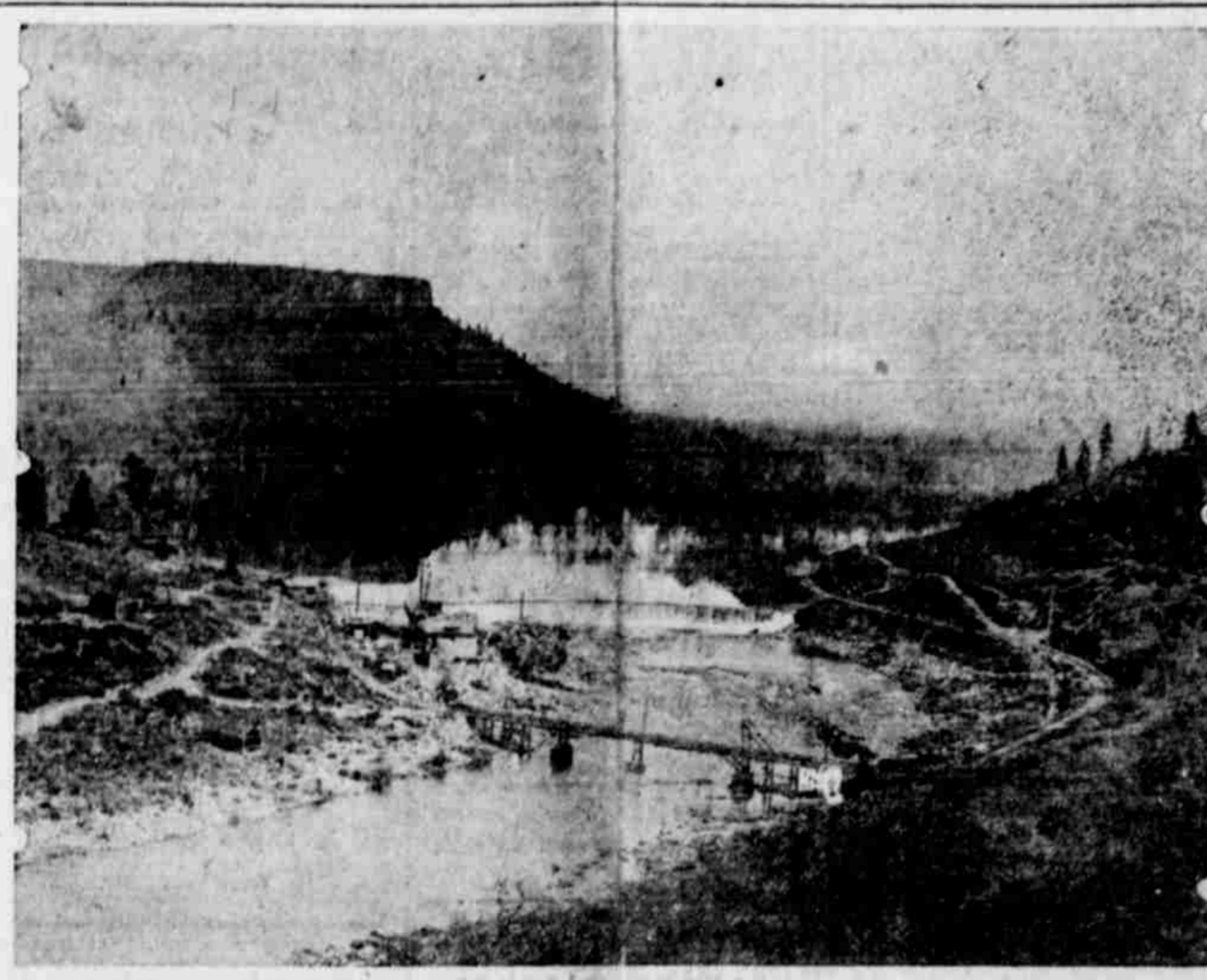
Frank Enos, who some time ago attempted to commit suicide by cutting his throat with a razor on North Riverside and was later committed to the state asylum for the insane at Salem, died recently at that institution, not from the effects of his suicidal attempt, however, Mr. Enos was 42 years of age. His aged father, who was here with him at the time he attempted to end his life, is now living with other sons at Santa Cruz, Cal.

several thousand acres of land. "I shall devote my energies to the development of mining," said Colonel Ray. "I think this is one of the greatest mining districts in the world and will do my share towards opening it up. I am still greatly interested in Medford and its future as well as the valley and shall work, as in the past, for its upbuilding."

Dr. C. R. Ray, president of the Rogue River Electric company and manager of the Ray interests here, had no statement to make at the present time, and it is not known whether a change in management will follow.

A peculiar incident resulting from the merger, is that one branch of the corporation is suing the other over the Ashland franchise. Both parties deny that the merger is part of the program of the power trust, known as the Western Power company, which has gobbled up all the power plants of California, to repeat the performance here.

### View of Power Plant at Gold Ray



### RAILROAD MAN PRAISES ROGUE

"The Rogue River valley is one of the most beautiful spots I have ever seen," stated Third Vice President Tatnall of the Pennsylvania railroad, who spent Monday afternoon touring the valley accompanied by Superintendent Fields, Superintendent Younger and Assistant Superintendent Wester of the Southern Pacific. Mr. Tatnall was delighted with the local orchard district and regretted that he had only a few more hours to remain in the valley.

Before leaving Mr. Tatnall was presented with a few boxes of fancy Rogue River Bartlett pears and with a few trout taken from Rogue river.

### NO CLUE IS FOUND AS YET OF MISSING WRITER

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 22.—Falling after a ten days' search to find any clue to his whereabouts, the police today have about given up hope of locating George F. Shoaf, writer for the Appeal to Reason, a Kansas publication, who has been mysteriously missing since August 13.

Before his disappearance Shoaf confided to Alexander Irvine, a New York socialist, that he had found evidence that would free the McNamara of the dynamiting charge. Local socialists and labor union men are working on the theory that persons interested in the prosecution of John J. and James B. McNamara know something of the writer's whereabouts.

George C. Shoaf, father of the newspaper man, has left San Antonio, Tex., for Los Angeles to assist in the search for his son, and should arrive here tomorrow.

### HOT FIGHT PROMISED AT EAGLE'S GUARD AERIE

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 22.—That the 13th annual grand aerie of the Fraternal Order of Eagles will be the scene of one of the hottest fights for president in the history of the organization was evident today when the first business session opened.

While the election question was not sprung on the floor of the convention, it was discussed among the delegates with expressed opinions from adherents of Frank E. Hering on one side and J. J. Cusack on the other. Cusack's followers as well as those of his opponent declare that neither will retire in place of a compromise candidate.

Thomas F. Greevy was today selected floor leader to attack Hering. A resolution was prepared this morning, but was not presented, in which the present administration is criticized for alleged extravagance with the grand aerie funds.

### ARBITRATING GREAT STRIKE

LONDON, Aug. 22.—Sir David Harrell, former under secretary for Ireland, was named today as chairman of the commission which is investigating the strike claims. The unions will name two members and the railroads an equal number. Work will begin immediately on the adjustment of the differences between the employers and their workers.

Responding to interrogations from the house of commons regarding the status of the strike in Liverpool, Home Secretary Churchill said today that some men had returned to work but the general situation is unchanged. Troops are still on duty.

### STOCK SLUMPS BUT SPEEDILY RECOVERS

NEW YORK, Aug. 22.—At the opening of today's stock market prices took a sharp break. Union Pacific lost 1 1/2 and Southern Pacific, Reading, Amalgamated Copper, Lehigh Valley, Canadian Pacific and Atchafalpa declined a point or more with general weakness in other issues. The market made substantial recovery, but not before a number of stocks had declined to below yesterday's low figure. These included Union Pacific, Southern Pacific, Canadian Pacific, Northern Pacific, Great Northern preferred, Atchafalpa, Lehigh Valley, St. Paul, Consolidated Gas and International Harvester. A majority of the losses were fully recovered by noon, but the undertone continued heavy.

The market closed steady. Bonds were steady.

### CITY COUNCIL WILL RECEIVE BIDS TONIGHT

The city council will meet this evening for the purpose of receiving bids for the sale of \$50,000 worth of improvement bonds. Several other matters of a routine nature are to be considered by the city fathers.

### TWENTY NEW POSTAL SAVINGS DEPOSITIONS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 21.—Postmaster General Hitchcock today designated 20 additional first class savings depositories, bringing the total in this class to 38. Among the banks named, which will open for business September 15, is Los Angeles.

### DEATH CHECKS JAIL BREAK

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 22.—Vetoing the cotton bill, a message was sent to congress by President Taft this afternoon just before the close of the session. In his message the president scored the methods by which both houses adopted the measure and asserted that the bill should be passed without proper consideration of the facts.

### CHOOSING JURY TO TRY BEATTIE

RICHMOND, Va., Aug. 22.—Attorneys for the defense today are scrutinizing the records of the talesmen on the venire from which a jury is sought to try Henry Clay Beattie, jr. for the murder of his young wife.

Beulah Binford, "the woman in the case," pleaded in vain today for an automobile ride. She is exceedingly disappointed because she was not allowed to attend court at the opening of the trial.

The defense today received an anonymous letter from a man declaring that he had killed Mrs. Beattie. The killing was explained in detail by the writer.

### SAYS WIFE DRANK TOO MUCH WHISKEY FOR HIM

RENO, Nev., Aug. 22.—Declaring that his wife consumed eight highballs at each meal in addition to a quart bottle of whisky daily, L. Dalrymple Perceval, president of the Amalgamated Point company of New York, today is seeking a divorce from Ethel Perceval.

Perceval also alleges that his wife, who is a muscular woman, beat him and with one blow of her fist broke his nose.

### TO INVESTIGATE PANIC. CAUSES AND EFFECTS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 21.—Senator Owen of Oklahoma offered a resolution today providing for an investigation into the cause of the financial panic of 1907 and to ascertain if any persons or corporations benefited by it. The resolution named a committee consisting of Kern of Indiana, Works of California, Reed of Missouri, Page of Vermont and Clark of Wyoming.

### SPECIAL SESSION OF CONGRESS AT END; SOLONS OFF FOR HOME

### COKE RECALL HAS BEEN ABANDONED

Lack of Funds Said to Be Reason for Apathy—Friends of Judge Say That Recall Did Not Prove Popular.

ROSEBURG, Or., Aug. 22.—The attempt to recall Circuit Judge Coke of Marshfield, Or., has been practically abandoned.

Today a few petitions are being circulated and only a small number of signatures are being secured. Those back of the recall declare that lack of funds is the reason why a number of petition circulators have withdrawn. Friends of Judge Coke, however, assert that the recall in his case has not proved popular.

The recallers charged that Judge Coke gave biased instructions in the McClellan murder trial which so favored the defendant that the jury freed him.

### TAFT SCORES SOLON'S METHODS

SAN RAFAEL, Cal., Aug. 22.—Electrocuting by a heavily charged wire just as he was about to attain success, James B. Clifton, serving a life sentence at San Quentin for the attempted murder of Captain of Detectives St. Clair Hodges in Oakland in 1909, early today was only prevented from escape by sudden death.

The prisoner was sliding down the wire leading from the prison sash and door factory to a pole outside the prison walls, by means of a sling arrangement formed by a broom handle and two ropes, when it is supposed he lost his balance and inadvertently grasped the wire. A charge of 4000 volts caused instantaneous death and the body swung in the air until the guards, discovering the escape turned off the power. Then the body fell outside the prison walls.

### CONFERRING REGARDING MOROCCAN TROUBLE

PARIS, Aug. 22.—Hoping to arrange a definite policy in connection with the German-Moroccan negotiations, Premier Caillaux, Jules Cambon, ambassador to Germany; Paul Cambon, ambassador to England; Camille Barrere, ambassador to Italy; Foreign Minister Deselves, and the ministers of war, justice and marine today held a hurried conference, speeding to the conference room in high powered motor cars in order to out distance reporters and prevent the newspapers from obtaining information.

While no denial is made in official circles that the situation is decidedly clouded, hope of an ultimate settlement on all points is by no means certain.

### NO HOPE FOR SAFETY OF 50 ABOARD SHIP

NEW YORK, Aug. 22.—No hope is held here today for the safety of 50 persons who were aboard the schooner Rover which is a total wreck near Barbadoes. The steamship Coppenhagen reports passing the deserted wreck several days ago, in such a position as to cause belief that all on board must have perished.

The Rover was bound from Georgetown, British Guiana, to Barbadoes.

### VARIED VIEWS OF WORK DONE

Democrats Pleased With Result Believing That They Have Greatly Aided Their Chances for Success in 1912.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 22.—With hardly a corporal's guard left to witness its actual adjournment here this afternoon, the special session of congress convened by President Taft to force action on his Canadian reciprocity agreement ended today. During its progress the house met 87 days and was in actual session 425 hours and two minutes; the senate met 85 days and spent 353 hours and 31 minutes in deliberating.

Jubilation reigned in the house when the closing hour came, its democratic majority pluming themselves that they had shown such a front as would greatly aid their candidate for the presidency in 1912. In the republican senate the closing scenes were more quiet, but the democrats and progressives there were not slow in expressing their satisfaction at the showing made.

All Hasten Home. All outgoing trains today carried legislators hastening homeward, each and every one glad to be done with the long grind. President Taft and every member of his cabinet except Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh will remain to "sit on the lid." President Taft will go first to Rochester, where tomorrow he will address the G. A. R. convention in session there. From Rochester he will go to Beverly, where he will remain with his family three weeks before starting on his trip to the Pacific coast to turn the first sod for the Panama Pacific exposition in San Francisco.

Views of Members. Before leaving for their homes the leaders of the various political factions in the house and senate expressed their views on the results of the session in copyrighted statements for the United Press. Republicans and democrats, standpaters and progressives varied in their views, some of which follow:

(By Champ Clark, democrat, Missouri, speaker of the house): We have made a record which has surprised our friends and dumfounded our enemies.

The session of congress was extraordinary in the amount and quality of the work done. It was predicted freely, vociferously, enthusiastically and confidentially by the standpat press and orators that we democrats would go to pieces. But we have disappointed their expectations.

Were Sneered at. Sneered at for years as the party of mere negation, utterly lacking in the ability for constructive statesmanship, we passed through the house more and better constructive legislation than has been passed by any "house" in 20 years. We have redeemed every promise made in the campaign of 1910. It is a record we may well be proud of and on which we will sweep the country in 1912.

As showing how completely the standpaters are demoralized it is only necessary to quote newspaper statements of the great rejoicing at the White House because we failed by a scratch to override the president's veto, although we have only a majority of 63.

Small favors have been thankfully received by the administration. Twenty-two of the republican progressives had the courage and manhood to vote to override the vetoes.

Warren's View. (By Francis E. Warren.) The most noteworthy result of the special session has been the strengthening of President Taft's influence as a safe and sane leader.

Events transpiring since the Canadian reciprocity agreement was disposed of, especially during the closing