

### LIGHT PLANT SALE IS ASHLAND ISSUE

Each Ward Has Candidate for Council Favorable to Sale—If Proposal Falls Company Is to Be Ejected From City.

ASHLAND, Ore., Dec. 11.—As the annual city election approaches the question of disposing of the municipal lighting plant to the Siskiyou Electric Power & Lighting company is engaging the attention of voters. When the bonds were first issued for the city lighting plant the cost of construction was placed at \$75,000. This amount has been increased and with a completed system the city now has \$100,000 in bonds on account of the electric light plant. While the service rendered by the new plant is entirely satisfactory and is bolstered up by a contract for emergency fuel from the Siskiyou people, the grave question as to future demands upon the plant and the disposition of the Siskiyou company to refuse to carry out the terms of its contract if ejected from the city, gives pause for a desire on the part of a number of Ashland citizens to stop the wrangling that has been going on between the city and the old company for the past five years by selling to them for the actual cost of construction the plant in the canyon.

The Siskiyou company was ordered to remove its poles and wires from the city streets on October 15 last. It was given an extension of time, however, and the case has not been settled yet. The attorney for the company have in frequent conference with those of the city and the matter and have come out with a definite proposition to purchase the city plant for \$105,000, \$5000 cash and assumption of the bonds and interest on \$100,000, the amount the city is now carrying. The city is to retain title to the plant until the last of the outstanding bonds are paid. The company asks a 50 year franchise and to return therefor agrees to give consumers the present flat rates offered by both the city and the old company. The agreement also provides for a readjustment of the rates at each five year period if the city should demand it. The city is not required to give away any of its water rights or park lands.

In order to make the sale and franchise possible it is necessary that

### MANY HEAR TALKS ON IRRIGATION

Over 500 Citizens Attend Mass Meeting at Opera House and Listen to Addresses on Use of Water as Applied to Land.

Over 500 taxpayers of the county attended the mass meeting arranged by the Medford Commercial club at the opera house Saturday and heard several addresses on the use of water as applied to land, and in consequence many converts were won to the cause.

Judge W. M. Colvig presided at the meeting. The other speakers were Professor A. P. Stover, Professor P. C. Holmer, Professor P. J. O'Gara and W. H. Gorse.

Professor Stover gave five excellent reasons for the use of water:

- First—Through the use of water orchards are brought into bearing commercially in from five to six years, instead of eight to ten.
- Second—Inter-tillage is possible with profit.
- Third—Cover crops can be used with success.
- Fourth—Makes the yearly yield of the orchard steady and continuous.
- Fifth—It is essential to develop a half of the land of the valley that is otherwise absolutely useless.

Perhaps one of the letters you ought to write during the next hour is a reply to some one of today's want ads.

The present city charter he amended to empower the council to grant a 50 year franchise, the present power extending to only a 25 year limit. The amendment covering the proposition is now ready for the press and covers also a sale of the city plant according to the plan above outlined.

Ardent supporters of the proposed sale are found and it will undoubtedly be made an issue in the coming election for councilmen. Already each ward has put up a man favorable to the sale and the opposition has circulated petitions for candidates opposed to a change of ownership. Certain hold-overs of the council are known to be in favor of it. If the proposition is defeated there will be commenced a hard fight for the ejection of the Siskiyou company from the city.

### FIRST DAKOTAN IN ROGUE DIES

Oscar Carpenter, Who Removed to This Valley 27 Years Ago From North Dakota, Passes Away at His Home.

Oscar Carpenter, an aged pioneer of Medford, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. W. Henry this morning of chronic dysentery, aged 82 years, 5 months and 27 days.

Deceased was born in Lohman, N. Y., and had been a resident of Jackson county 27 years. Mr. Carpenter came to Jackson county from North Dakota and was the first person from that state to take up his home in the Rogue river valley.

Mr. Carpenter was an old soldier having served his country as a member of the first Michigan artillery. He leaves two children, a son, Stephen Leroy Carpenter, who has been an invalid for a number of years, and a daughter, Mrs. W. Henry, both living in Medford. Funeral services will be held at the grave in the Phoenix cemetery on Tuesday at 2:30 p. m.

### KLAMATH COUNTY IS SEEKING COIN

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Dec. 11.—Owing to the demand for money at 10 per cent the county has been having difficulty in getting it for 6, according to the report just made by the county commissioners, who took office the first of the year. The banks for a time took the responsibility of handling the county warrants but the general market became such that the banks wished to take advantage of the 4 per cent difference.

This made it necessary for county Judge William S. Worden to go to San Francisco, where he raised \$13,000, and this kept the county work going until the new levy provides more fund.

BERLIN, Dec. 11.—Dispatches received here today from Smyrna announced that Turkey, in reprisal for the Italian attack in Morocco, has expelled all Italians from Smyrna and confiscated their property.

### STORES JAMMED BARGAIN DAY

Merchants Had Splendid Day Saturday—Afternoon Crowd Large—Excellent Bargain Were Offered by Stores.

Medford merchants are unanimous in declaring that Dollar Bargain Day was a great success. Although cloudy weather worked against the success of the day, the afternoon crowds were as large as local stores could accommodate.

The success of Medford's first bargain day means that it will be repeated.

Local shoppers are giving the merchants much credit as the goods placed on sale were actual bargains.

### GLEE CLUB TO SING AT UNIVERSITY CLUB

The University of Oregon Glee Club has accepted an invitation to an informal reception to be given at the University Club in Medford, following the concert to be given at the Medford theatre Friday evening. The glee club men will sing for the local club and a general good time will be indulged in.

The University Club is planning a handicap pool tournament to start within a few days and the lists are being made up.

### LUNA PARK AT CONEY IS BURNING

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Luna Park at Coney Island is afire today and is likely to be a total loss. The Frederick Thompson Amusement company are the owners. The park cost millions.

At 2:10 this afternoon the Coney Island fire chiefs declared the flames were beyond control.

Hastings' for Health.

### INDICTMENTS ON SECRET DOCKET

Grand Jury Has Returned 12 Indictments to Date—Secret Ones Thought for Game Law Violations Near Trail.

With 12 indictments returned the grand jury has nearly completed its labors. A number of indictments were returned Saturday afternoon and placed on the secret docket and will not be announced until the men are in custody.

It is believed that these indictments are for men who have violated the game laws.

It is reported that the matter of Nathan Rogoway's death will be brought to the attention of the inquisitorial body.

### DARROW IS MENTIONED.

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account, but I refused it, saying I only wanted one transaction and he must give me the \$500 at once. Then he made arrangements to meet me the next day. He told me that he would have to see Clarence Darrow to arrange a safe way in which the money was to be paid over to me.

Darrow, the "Big One?"

"I told him to meet me at my house that night. He asked me if he would 'bring the big one' out and I told him yes. He came out to my house at 9 o'clock that night and I asked him where Darrow was.

"He asked me if I thought that Darrow was 'the big one' and I said I had certainly thought so. 'Oh, it was 'Cap' White I meant.' Then we talked the matter over again and he arranged to have me meet him the next day."

Lockwood positively asserted that the agreement was that he was to secure either an acquittal or a disagreement. He also swore that Franklin told him they had two permanent jurors, a prospective third, and "there would be more."

### Hastings for Health.

### NOTICE.

To all whom it may concern: Public notice is hereby given that J. W. Slinger, a retail liquor dealer and the owner of a retail liquor license to sell intoxicating liquors at retail at No. 27 South Front street in

the city of Medford, Oregon, has contracted to sell and assign the unexpired portion of said license to G. T. Shaw and C. L. Reed and that it is the intention of the said G. T. Shaw and the said C. L. Reed to carry on the business heretofore carried on by the said J. W. Slinger at No. 27 South Front street, in that certain building known as the Nash Sample Room situated on the south lot of the Hotel Nash building property on South Front street in Medford, Oregon; and that on Tuesday the 19th day of December, 1911, the under-

signed will appear before the city council of Medford, Oregon, at its regular session to be held on said evening, and will at said time apply to the said city council for permission to have said license so assigned to said Reed and Shaw and for permission to conduct said saloon business at their new location herein designated.

Dated at Medford, Oregon, this 7th day of December, 1911.  
J. W. SLINGER,  
G. T. SHAW,  
C. L. REED.

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Regular \$375, Piano Sale Price . . . \$267  
Regular \$400, Piano Sale Price . . . \$368