

MINING WILL BE THEME OF BIG MEETING

Next Friday and Saturday Will See More Men Interested in Mining in Medford Than Has Ever Gathered in the City Heretofore.

MEDFORD CENTER OF GREAT MINING BELT

Meeting of Southern Oregon and Northern California Mining Congress to Be Most Interesting.

Next Friday morning the Southern Oregon and Northern California Mining congress will convene in annual session in the Natatorium in this city, and from present indications the attendance from the outside cities and towns promises to be very large.

A few citizens here expressed surprise at the holding of a mining congress in the metropolis of the leading horticultural section of the northwest, instead of some typical mining camp. The fact that the congress is to be held here should not be surprising, for Medford is in the center of the greatest mineral belt on the Pacific coast.

The mining industry does not deserve the limitations that some impose upon it. It covers a vast field, and any city or town, be it mining, manufacturing, agricultural or horticultural, is an appropriate place for such a convention, and the citizens should feel proud in having such an honor bestowed upon them.

The Southern Oregon and Northern California Mining congress is a distinct organization which is a member of the State Miners' association, the latter being a branch of the American Mining congress, which for 15 long years has labored to educate the general public to the importance of the mining industry, as well as to teach those engaged in its many branches that they have wants and needs which may be best advanced by organized co-operation. The congress to be held here next Friday and Saturday has many objects in view and to state it concisely its specific object is to foster and promote mining in all of its various branches.

The congress will stand for the mining industry in its broadest sense. All of nature's bounties come from the soil, and the products are of two classes—vegetable and mineral. Everything that does not belong to the former may be embraced in the latter, thus giving the mining industry the greatest scope imaginable.

The present local or district organization is yet in its swaddling clothes and its members are few. Every business man in Medford as well as the other towns in the district should take an active part in, and become a member of it. In the not far distant future the organization will become an important factor in the upbuilding of the industries of the Rogue River valley.

The fact should be borne in mind that every dollar spent in mining in this section is so much money invested in the establishment of a great industry, for the benefit of the whole community.

The prospector and the miner broke the trails to these world renowned orchards. They made it possible for the coming of the modern business blocks and large mercantile establishments of Medford and other towns and cities of the west. Had it not been for the itinerant prospector who merely scratched the rich spots in the early '50s, this beautiful city of Medford would not be on the map, and many wealthy citizens of today, who know nothing of the mining industry, would now be making out a precarious livelihood on the worn-out farms of the middle west.

The outlook, from a mining point of view, for the year 1912 is rosy to say the least. The mining men of the Rogue River country are deservingly of as much support as the farmer and fruit grower, so let all join hands and give the mining congress the warmest welcome that it has ever known.

Errand boy, office boy, store helper—whatever work you have for a boy means preliminary work for a want ad in finding the right boy.

Noted American Now an Octogenarian



JOSEPH H. CHOATE.

Telegrams and letters of congratulation from all parts of the world pour in upon Joseph Choate, diplomatist, statesman, lawyer, who has just celebrated his eightieth birthday.

LOWER RATE ON MILL STUFFS FROM KLAMATH GIVEN

Great Benefit Is Seen by Klamath People in New Rate on Grain From Klamath Falls to Rogue River Valley Points.

New railroad rates on flour and grain between Klamath Falls and points in the Rogue river valley are to be placed in effect soon by the Southern Pacific according to a letter addressed to C. T. Oliver, secretary of the Klamath Falls Chamber of Commerce, by James O'Garra, district freight and passenger agent of the Southern Pacific. This means a great deal to the Rogue river valley as the new rates will have over \$3 a ton on grain from Klamath. The letter follows:

"Referring to a request recently made to us for a reduction in the freight rate from Klamath Falls to Ashland, Medford and Grants Pass; we beg to advise that after careful consideration, we are agreeable to publishing from Klamath Falls to Ashland, \$4 per ton; from Klamath Falls to points north of Ashland, to and including Medford, \$4.25 per ton; from Klamath Falls to points north of Medford, to and including Grants Pass, \$4.50 per ton. Minimum carload weight for grain, carload lots, or in mixed lots with feed, 15 tons; minimum carload weight for flour, or in mixed carload lots with grain and feed, 20 tons.

"Please advise as quickly as possible whether these rates are satisfactory, so we may publish the same.

Heretofore, the freight rate on flour and grain between Klamath Falls and this valley has been \$7.10 per ton. Marlin Brothers, of Klamath Falls, made comparisons of the different rates, and seeing the disadvantage at which they as well as the grain raisers have been working, took the matter up with the chamber of commerce. Mr. Oliver, in his turn, communicated with the commercial bodies of Ashland, Medford and Grants Pass, asking them to use their influence to secure the reduction, and he himself took the matter up with the railroad company.

MEXICAN REVOLUTION GROWS IN IMPORTANCE

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 27.—Zapatista revolutionists in different parts of Mexico engaged the federal troops today, one battle, at Temixco, near Cuernavaca, in the state of Morelos, resulting in 20 rebels and several federalists being killed.

The Madero government refuses to pay damages resulting from Zapatista raids.

MAY FORCE LAWLOR TO TURN SCHMITZ OUT A FREE MAN

First District Court of Appeals Cites Judge to Show Cause Why Charges of Bribery Against Ex-Mayor Should Not Be Dismissed.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 27.—The first district court of appeals today cited Superior Judge Lawlor to appear before that body January 30 and show cause why the charges of bribery against former Mayor Eugene E. Schmitz should not be dismissed. The citation was in the form of an alternative writ of prohibition.

The ground on which the petition is based by Schmitz' attorney is that the defendant was not brought to trial within the 60 day period after he expressed readiness to be tried. Counsel for the defense made a motion to dismiss on January 25 on the ground urged in the appeal, but Judge Lawlor refused to consider the motion.

Affidavits were filed yesterday by the defense in connection with all the other indictments charging Judge Lawlor with bias and prejudice and general unfitness to sit. The hearing on these affidavits will be next week.

Motions to dismiss all indictments, including the one on which Schmitz is now being tried, will come up for hearing next Tuesday, January 30.

PRICE PUT ON YUAN'S HEAD

Manchu Princes Furious at Yuan's Bargain With Dr. Sun—Offer \$5000 for Premier's Assassination, According to Report.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 27.—Furious through learning that Yuan Shi Kai had agreed to permit Sun Yat Sen to act as president of China until the throne was abdicated and peace restored to the Manchu princes, it is reported here today, have offered a reward of \$5000 for Yuan's assassination.

SAN FRANCISCO—"We may have our little differences, but we love each other, don't we Joe?" said Mrs. Joseph Ramsey before Police Judge Shortall. "We do that," said Joe. Both looked as if they had been struck by a cyclone.

WAR BETWEEN FRANCE AND ITALY IS NEAR

Feverish Activity in French Naval and Military Circles Taken as Indication That Threatened Rupture Will Result in Bloodshed.

FRANCE, IF SHE STRIKES, WILL ATTACK TUNIS

Explanations of Italy in Regard to Seizure of Vessels Said to Be Unsatisfactory.

ROME, Jan. 27.—Possibility of a clash between Italy and France was averted here this afternoon when the foreign office announced that the French vessel Tavignano seized in Tripolitan waters had been released. It was explained that the Italian authorities thought the Tavignano carried contraband of war, but this was disproved when the vessel was searched.

This action followed a demand from the French premier, Raymond Poincare, who asked an immediate explanation for the Tavignano's seizure.

PARIS, Jan. 27.—Feverish activity in French naval and military circles is taken as an indication that the threatened rupture between France and Italy over the Italian seizures of French vessels in their search for Turkish contraband of war may soon culminate in a French demonstration by land and sea.

France, if she strikes, is first expected to attack Tunis. Orders to a regiment of French troops in Algeria to be ready to advance on Tunis were sent forward today; hurried repairs are being made on the French dreadnaught Verguignat at Toulon and the great arsenal has been instructed to at once deliver ammunition to the battleships of the Mediterranean squadron. Officials of the war department are visibly excited and the greatest activity prevails. It is believed that France, dissatisfied with the explanations of Italy, will make a demonstration to compel the immediate release of all the French vessels held as carriers of contraband.

It is believed here that the orders sent to the Algerian regiment means that force may be used to release the French steamer Tavignano, which was seized off Tunis last night by Italian torpedo boats. The seizure followed announcement that Italy had ordered the release of 20 Turkish prisoners captured when Italian torpedo boats took the French merchantman Manouba.

Newspapers here today bitterly denounce Italy, declaring that the Tavignano was seized while in French waters. Premier Poincare has wired Rome, demanding an immediate explanation.

ASK EMPRESS TO ABDICATE

Imperial Generals Declare That It Is Folly to Continue Struggle Against the Forces of the Republican Rebels.

TIENTSIN, Jan. 27.—Declaring it folly to longer continue the struggle against the revolutionists, leading imperial generals here today joined in the petition to the dowager empress to abdicate.

The soldiers of the imperial garrison are becoming restless because they have received no pay, many of them deserting to the rebel ranks.

Got Kiss Nor Coin. ABERDEEN, Wash.—"You can keep your money if you will give me a kiss," said a well dressed burglar to Mrs. Mary Dowling. He laid his revolver on a table and she grabbed both purse and gun and chased him from her home.

Marse Henry Is Mad Clear Through



With a carbuncle on the outside and indignation on the inside of his head Colonel Watterson rises to remark that he's mad clear through.

CARBUNCLE AND ANGER STIRS UP COL. WATTERSON

Reiterates His Charges That Adherents of Governor Wilson Asked Him to Raise Money—Controversy With Tillman Gets Him Riled.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—Mad clear through, Colonel Henry Watterson of Kentucky, who is confined to his hotel here with a carbuncle on his brow, today reiterated to the United Press his charges that adherents of Governor Wilson of New Jersey had asked him to raise money for Wilson's campaign for the democratic presidential nomination. Colonel Watterson said:

"My letters to and from Senator B. F. Tillman of South Carolina are offered as proof of the truth of my statement. If Tillman personally calls upon me, as I am confined to my bed and cannot call upon him, I will furnish proof not only that I had been authorized to raise money for Wilson's campaign, but that I did actually raise a considerable sum."

If Tillman, after examining the proof which I shall offer him, still deems it insufficient I propose that Governor Wilson name two confidential friends and I name two, these four to name a fifth man, and let this court of gentlemen determine the issue between us. I must insist that this be done immediately, as I must leave Washington Tuesday night to fill important engagements."

Colonel Watterson made no effort to conceal his anger when he received a United Press representative. The carbuncle was bandaged.

"I'm as mad as a man can be," he snapped. "I want to say right now that I have never entered a public controversy but what I emerged from it with flying colors. When I make a statement of such momentous importance as this you can just bet I have proof to substantiate my claims."

Asked to name the contributors to the fund, "Marse Henry" shouted: "No, not a word about that. Do you think I would give details when I propose to submit all the proof to a court of honor? That is as far as I am going now. We will see what comes later."

Senator Tillman declined to comment on the affair, saying: "My part in the incident is closed."

Her Feet Were Cold. VANCOUVER, Wash.—"The bride got cold feet," reads a note attached to a wedding license issued to A. Van Dow and Edna Buley of Portland, which was returned to the county clerk. The license money, amounting to \$4, will not be returned, nevertheless.

INDICTMENT OF LABOR LEADERS EXPECTED SOON

Several Prominent Men Are Expected to Be Accused by Federal Grand Jury, Which Will Adjourn Next Week.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 27.—That indictments will be returned next Wednesday against several prominent labor leaders, when the probe into the alleged country-wide dynamite plots will most likely end, was the announcement made here today by United States District Attorney Charles W. Miller, who has been conducting the investigation.

"The inquisitors have practically completed their labors," Miller said this afternoon. "The grand jury probably will make its report Wednesday and there will be a number of sensational cases."

Miller refused to give an inkling as to the identity of the persons likely to be indicted.

ZERO WEATHER GRIPS DAKOTAS

At Winnipeg, Man., It Is 24 Below—In Some Places 32 Below Its Touched—Grand Forks Is Suffering.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Jan. 27.—Zero weather has the northwest in a firm grip and the mercury is as low as 32 below. Grand Forks, N. D., reported the maximum low temperature. At Winnipeg, Man., it is 24 below, and at Devil's Lake 30 below.

He Missed It. LOS ANGELES.—"I'll get you next time you come round," declared Adolph Storch. He leaped for a park bench and missed. He feels better, but tired this morning, the sergeant said.

Los Angeles.—"He tried to shake the devil out of me," testified Mrs. G. W. Rife, divorce applicant. "Literally or figuratively?" was questioned. "Both," she replied. "He's a Holy Roller."

POMONA, Cal.—Hail fell in the nest of J. S. Sams' setting hen and scrambled the eggs. An hour later Mrs. Sams found "Biddy" nesting on an egg basket in the pantry. Mrs. Sams acceded.

DEMOCRATS OF BEAR STATE MAY SHUN PRIMARY

Central Committee Meets With Wilson Against the Field and the Field Endeavoring to Stave Off a Popular Preference at the May Primary.

HEARST TRYING TO GET COMMITTEE INDORSEMENT

Harmon Leader Urges That Presidential Column on Democratic Ticket Be Ignored.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 27.—Woodrow Wilson against the field, with the field using every political maneuver and trick to stave off a popular preference at the May primary, was the lineup here today at a meeting of what democratic organization exists in California, the so-called central committee.

Theodore Bell of the Harmon men in the lineup with Hearst's lieutenant and Wilson opponents, chose to dominate the gathering to forbid state democrats to express presidential preference on May 14. Bell urged that the presidential column on the democratic ticket be ignored and that all candidates for delegates to the national democratic convention should be listed in one column—a no-preference column.

Want Hearst Endorsed. As a sidelight, the partisans of William R. Hearst attempted to get an indorsement of Hearst by the state central committee or any sort of an expression that might be tortured into commendation. Against this coalition, the Wilson men hurled a warning that they intended to push the candidacy of the New Jersey governor before the people, no matter what action was taken by the central committee. They were unflinching in their belief in the presidential primary and declared that no action would prevent them from going before the people with their choice.

Is Battle of Proxies. Bell had rounded up many of his old organizations, including Chairman McDavitt and Senator Murray. While not favoring the indorsement of Hearst, those forces boosted the no-preference idea. A number of previously rated Wilson men and who still desire to be rated as Wilson men took a middle ground, leaning a little bit to the no-preference idea.

It was a battle of proxies. While about 35 to 40 actual committeemen were on hand—this is one of the largest gatherings the state central committee ever had—the state had been combed for proxies and both sides had a good bundle of them ready to vote when the battle began.

Trying to Block Wilson. A resolution was introduced designed to prevent a block of Woodrow Wilson delegates going on the primary ticket. The resolution states that it was always the policy of the democratic party to discourage an insinua ballot. The resolution, boiled down, merely meant that all candidates who wanted to run for delegate would go in one column; that the petition of any would-be delegate would be circulated free of expense by the state central committee.

This list of proposed delegates is the only list that would go on the democratic primary ticket if that resolution were adopted and the state democrats abided by it. Supporters of Wilson opposed the measure, contending for the mere indorsement of the primary law as it stands and let things take their course.

Prices Are Lower. NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—At the opening of today's short session of the stock market prices of the leaders were slightly lower, although the declines were small. Tobacco stocks continued their activity. American Tobacco falling back four points. Lehigh Valley, another weak feature, fell two points. Union Pacific lost three points in the late trading and Reading was down 2 1/2. St. Paul lost 1 1/8 and the leaders lost generally from 1 to 2 points. The market closed very weak. Bonds were steady.