

DAVIS RESIGNS AS COUNTY COMMISSIONER

MAY CHOOSE FRANK BROWN AS SUCCESSOR

President of Farmers and Fruitgrowers Bank Finds Demands Too Heavy and Resigns to Devote Entire Time to Business.

TO ELECT SUCCESSOR AT GENERAL ELECTION

Medford Now Without Representation Upon Board—Brown Extremely Popular.

County Commissioner George L. Davis Thursday afternoon presented his resignation to the county court, to take effect this month. While no official announcement is forthcoming it is rumored that Frank Brown of Eagle Point will be chosen by the county court as his successor to serve until the next general election.

Mr. Davis stated that the resignation was the result of the pressure of private business interests, which necessitated his neglect either of the county's interest or of the Farmers & Fruitgrowers bank, of which he is president. He was elected as a republican a year ago last November and had three years yet to serve. His resignation was received with regret both by his associates and by the general public.

Frank Brown, who is mentioned as his successor, is well known and extremely popular. He is a merchant at Eagle Point, and petitions were already in circulation to nominate him as county commissioner upon the republican ticket for the fall election.

The resignation of Mr. Davis leaves Medford without direct representation in the county court.

PARKER DEFENDS LABOR LEADERS

Former Presidential Nominee to Defend 32 or More Men Indicted for Participation in Dynamite Outrages.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Feb. 8.—Judge Alton B. Parker of New York, formerly democratic presidential candidate against Roosevelt, is to defend the 32 or more labor men indicted here for alleged participation in a country-wide dynamiting conspiracy. This information was given out today by labor leaders here, who, it is believed, may be among the men indicted.

Admission that no concerted effort would be made to raise funds for the labor leaders was made. The ironworkers, it was explained, already have \$35,000 in a defense fund, and this will be used in behalf of the indicted men.

WOUNDED PUBLISHER DIES IN TRUCKEE

TRUCKEE, Cal., Feb. 8.—After swearing to a dying statement in which he declared P. M. Doyle was the aggressor and denying that Doyle shot him in self defense, W. H. H. Smith, editor of the Truckee Republican, died here today. Doyle, who is the owner of the local electrical power plant, is under arrest, charged with murder.

Doyle shot Smith yesterday in the postoffice during an altercation. Smith's editorials against the saloonkeepers of Truckee, and particularly his reference to Doyle as a traitor to the saloonmen, provoked the tragedy.

AMERICANS IN NO DANGER IN OLD MEXICO

Madero Wires That Troubles in Chihuahua Are Merely Mutinies of Undisciplined Soldiers Without Political Goal.

STATE DEPARTMENT GIVES OFFICIAL WARNING

Situation Seems Critical and America May Be Asked to Help Restore Order.

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—"American interests in Mexico have nothing to fear."

This is the substance of a telegram to the United Press from President Francisco I. Madero of Mexico. He said:

"The troubles in the state of Chihuahua are merely mutinies of undisciplined soldiers and are without political goal.

"I am confident that within a few days tranquility and calm will be completely re-established in the state.

Press Oversteps Limits.

"After 35 years of oppression the press of Mexico is now absolutely free, but in certain cases it has overstepped the limits of prudence. It will soon change its attitude, however, as the public realizes its exorbitations and appeals to passion and begins to lose confidence in it.

"But with the aid of the people who are entirely with me I am sure we will realize our plans soon."

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—Preparation to warn Americans to leave Mexico, in the belief that their lives are endangered there, is being made today by the state department here.

Americans Warned.

This announcement, coming from a high official, is a public admission by the American government of the gravity of the Mexican situation.

Diplomats here today believe that the announcement means that President Madero is to ask the assistance of the United States in restoring order in the republic by intervention and that President Taft will comply with the request. This is believed to be the underlying cause of the warning, as it was pointed out that if the United States does attempt intervention no opportunity to destroy American lives or property would be overlooked by the rebel forces.

There are today 6000 American troops stationed in Texas ready to cross the border the moment the order is given. In addition 3400 men, practically the entire mobile army of the United States, have been ordered to prepare to leave for the border on an instant's notice. Advice received by the state and war departments from military posts throughout say that the troops are in readiness.

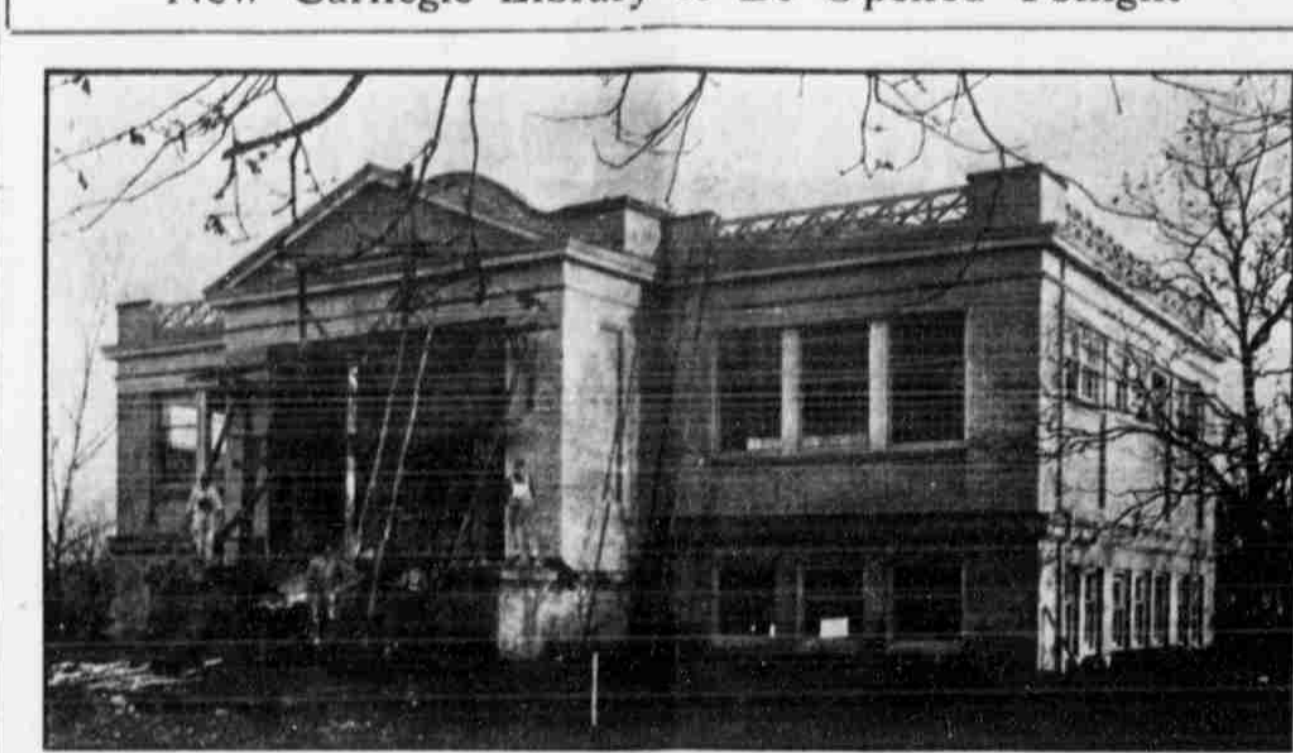
COPPER SHARES IN STOCK MARKET

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—Copper shares were strong at the opening of today's stock market, Amalgamated gaining a point and other metals making good advances. United States Steel, Union Pacific and Reading made good fractional gains. American Tobacco fell five points. The general upward tendency did not hold long and the market fell off on short selling. Steel dropped to 59 7/8 and Union Pacific and Reading also lost their early gains. Aside from the wide fluctuations in the tobacco stocks, the movement, however, was not extended.

The market closed steady. Bonds were steady.

PORTLAND, Ore.—"I can't stand yelling kids," said a burglar to R. A. Smith, whose home he had entered, when Smith's baby began to scream. The robber left.

New Carnegie Library to Be Opened Tonight



The new Carnegie library building in Medford, Oregon, which will be opened tonight.

ULSTERITES FAIL TO CARRY OUT VIOLENCE THREATS

Winston Churchill Defies Orangemen by Speaking at Belfast—Is Subject to Abuse, But Not Physical Violence.

BELFAST, Ireland, Feb. 8.—Threats of death and violence to Winston Spencer Churchill, first lord of the British admiralty; John Redmond, the Irish leader, and Lord Pirrie, if they carried out their announced intention to deliver addresses in support of home rule for Ireland in Belfast, fell flat here today. Although the speakers were subject to all manner of abuse, no attempt at actual physical violence was made, the thousands of troops and police having the situation well in hand at all times.

The only time when actual violence was threatened was when Churchill was en route to the park to deliver his address. As his machine passed through the Unionist section of the city, a large crowd paraded, carrying an effigy of Churchill on a pole. Time after time the crowd stopped the car and hooted and jeered, and the police were compelled repeatedly to charge the mob to extricate the machine.

The meeting at Celtic park also passed off quietly. While the addresses were being made a mob of nationalists in another section of the city hung effigies of Lord Londonderry and Sir Edward Carson, unionist leaders, to wires strung across the street.

TEDDY TO HELP PROGRESSIVE FIGHT

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—Theodore Roosevelt, through Alexander Moore, publisher of the Pittsburg Leader, announced today that he will take an active part in the coming presidential campaign, in the following message sent to the progressives of the country:

"I don't believe my bitterest enemy will say that I ever was a deserter. You can say to the progressives that I will not desert the cause and that they will find me fighting side by side with them to the finish."

CHINESE MASSACRED BY MUTINOUS TROOPS

TIENTSIN, Feb. 8.—Angered because they have received no pay, imperial troops at Huechow mutinied today, looting the native quarter of the city. Foreigners were not molested. This is the first serious outbreak reported since official announcement of the abdication of the emperor and Manchu princes was made.

62 ENTOMBED MINERS RESCUED

Men Imprisoned in Bunker Hill Mine at Amador, Cal., Taken Out Little the Worse for Their Experience.

AMADOR CITY, Cal., Feb. 8.—The 62 miners who were entombed in the Bunker Hill mine were rescued today at 11:30 o'clock.

The men were taken out through the main shaft, all alive and well. Not a single man was hurt or even hungry.

There were emotional scenes as the begrimed miners, who had been held prisoners for nearly 24 hours were brought to the top of the shaft in an improvised skip. As they stepped from the mouth of the mine, wives and mothers clasped them and cried for joy.

The miners, most of them Austrians and Italians, took the situation coolly.

Assured that relief was near, they said they slept well on the 200 foot level last night. They were not even worried.

ASK KAISER TO FREE SPY

Serious Complications Expected to Follow Visit of Lord Haldane and Lord Beresford to Berlin—General Protest Will Follow Release.

BERLIN, Feb. 8.—Serious complications are today expected to follow the visit here of Lord Haldane, British minister of war, and Admiral Lord Charles Beresford. It is believed they intend to ask the kaiser to discharge Bertrand Stewart, convicted of espionage, and if the kaiser grants such a request the act will be met by general protest.

While Lord Haldane has denied that his visit to Berlin is to personally investigate the conviction and imprisonment of the alleged spy, this denial is accepted as a diplomatic evasion. German newspapers emphasize the fact that before leaving London last night for Berlin, Lord Haldane had a conference with King George.

Germans believe Stewart deserved the punishment adjudged him, and think that in view of the offense committed he has really escaped with a lenient sentence.

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—Announcement was made of the election of Frank H. Davis, partner of the late Edwin Hawley, to the vice presidency of the Chicago & Alton Railroad company.

Tell what the place is like—briefly. The prospective tenant is watching for your ad.

NEW CARNEGIE LIBRARY TO BE OPENED TONIGHT

High School Band to Furnish Music—Vawter to Deliver Presentation Speech, on Behalf of Trustees—Canon to Respond.

Medford's new Carnegie library will be opened to the public tonight, reception hours being between 8 and 10.

The Medford high school band, under the leadership of Professor Collins, will provide several splendid musical selections for the occasion. W. I. Vawter will deliver the presentation speech, in which he will present to the city, on behalf of the library trustees, this magnificent structure. Mayor W. H. Canon, as chief executive of the city, will acknowledge the gift in a fitting speech. Aside from this there will probably be other short addresses by prominent citizens of Medford.

The directors, or trustees, who have had in charges all of the work connected with constructing the new library building are W. H. Canon, Professor P. J. O'Gara, W. I. Vawter, J. E. Watts, Ed M. Andrews and the Messdames P. J. Neff, W. F. Hollis, F. E. Murrell and B. P. Theiss.

It is but fitting and deserving to say right here that this board of directors is entitled to great credit for the manner in which they have conducted the library affairs and especially is due them great credit for the excellent taste used in selecting so splendid a structure.

The architect who planned the building is J. A. McIntosh, and the contractor who built it is Alfred Ivey, both of this city.

The librarian chosen by the directors is Miss Elizabeth Robinson of Seattle, who has been here several weeks superintending the arrangement of the books.

The floral decorations for the opening occasion are being furnished by J. L. Broadly, the florist, and the piano to be used tonight is from J. F. Hales, piano house.

ROOSEVELT TO TALK IN GOVERNORS' MEET

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—Following a conference of progressives here today, attended by Governor Hiram Johnson of California, Walter Houser, Medill McCormick, George Recard, former Senator Beveridge and Amos and Gifford Pinchot, admission was made that Theodore Roosevelt had agreed to issue a statement after the meeting of progressive governors to be held in Chicago Saturday. If the meeting develops a well defined demand for Colonel Roosevelt, it was stated that the former president will reiterate that he is not a candidate, but that he will run again for the presidency, regardless of success, if his services are demanded.

CATTLE THIEVES CHASED OUT OF APPLGATE

Vigilance Committee Composed of Prominent Ranchers Threaten to Lynch Rustlers and Force Two to Leave Oregon at Once.

HUFFMAN AND NEALLY CAUGHT RED-HANDED

Hides of Animals Stolen From Herman Walters Found Hidden in Brush—Confession Follows.

It is generally understood by the people of the United States that cattle rustling, lynching and cowboys wearing artillery are a thing of the past, but as an actual fact it only needs a few of the old-time outlaws and cattle rustlers to start something among the law abiding citizens of the mountains and valleys of southern Oregon to convince the public that lynching is not a forgotten custom, but is only slumbering for lack of material.

Sixteen prominent citizens of the Applegate valley, who for some time past have led a quiet, easy going life, became considerably enraged over the disappearance of cattle in their vicinity and proceeded to oil their old "sixes," clean out the rust and practice hitting pennies at about 50 paces, as their fathers had taught them to do some time ago.

Suspects Are Run Down.

The final theft occurred upon Saturday, February 3, in which Herman Walters lost two of his finest and largest steers from his corral. Being a man of energy, he proceeded to become real active in trying to locate the offenders. By Monday morning, he had obtained information which led him to suspect Dave Huffman and Jasper Neally, who were comparative strangers and newcomers in the valley about whom nothing was known.

He gathered together the neighboring ranchers and explained that he was practically certain that Huffman and Neally were the men who had stolen the majority of the cattle; whereupon the entire party started for the Neally cabin, which is located about four miles below the Applegate store.

Dividing into four groups of four men each, with Walters, Chester Kubli, Fred Bergesch and Walt Provolt as leaders, they surrounded the cabin, covered the two suspected men and after disarming them, they looked them in the woodshed and proceeded to search the premises.

Evidence Uncovered.

In a nearby thicket, they discovered fresh blood under a tree where the beef had evidently been hung and cut up and, upon further search, they found the hides with the Walters brand upon them, hidden deep in the brush. Some of the party were for immediate lynching, but the older men took into consideration the family of Neally, who is Huffman's brother-in-law, and compromised by ordering them out of that country before the following Thursday. The men finally confessed their guilt and were very glad of the opportunity to get out of that section alive.

The ranchers state that one or two others are under suspicion for the same offense and threaten to take the law into the own hands and lynch the next rustler who tries to operate in the Applegate valley.

The vigilance committee is composed of C. Cook, L. Basye, W. Jeter, J. Cook, B. Fiels, C. Fields, L. Lettkris, S. Weitz, W. Provolt, M. Rexford, J. York, Chester Kubli, Herman Walters, George Walters and Fred Burgess.

DUKE FOR PRESIDENT OF INTERNATIONAL TRUST

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—James B. Duke is to resign from the presidency of the American Tobacco company to become chairman of the British-American Tobacco company, limited, according to an announcement here today.

TO REMODEL NATATORIUM AS OPERA HOUSE

At Meeting of Stockholders, Held Last Night, Unanimous Consent Is Secured to Start Work at Once Upon Theater.

ENTIRE FIRST FLOOR TO BE THUS UTILIZED

Commodious and Elegant Theater to Accommodate All Productions. Immense Stage.

After years of almost any old thing for an opera house, Medford is now to have a building which will not only be a credit to the city but a source of comfort to the theater-going public.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Natatorium building held Wednesday plans for the reconstruction of the Natatorium building into an opera house were presented by Architect Butz and the stockholders decided to at once commence the reconstruction work. Fully realizing the necessity for such a building in the city and that the time when nothing short of a thoroughly up-to-date house will fill the bill they have decided to make of this a house with sufficient stage room to accommodate the most pretentious productions which come to the Pacific coast.

Everything in the building will be absolutely modern. That part of the Natatorium to be used for this purpose will be the entire first floor, the present interior partitions to be torn out—in fact all of that part of the building which is now used for a skating rink and in the summer for a bathing pool will be removed. There will be six exits from the first floor, five from the balcony and two from the galleries. There will be a row of private boxes on either side of the lower floor with an aisle entrance from the rear. There will also be check rooms, ladies' waiting rooms and gentlemen's smoking rooms. Another feature will be large dressing rooms with baths. In fact every appointment will be as complete as will be found in the best theaters of Portland or San Francisco.

The house will have a seating capacity of 1200.

MORSE BETTER SINCE RELEASE

New York Banker Pardoned by President Taft Passes Through Washington—Will Sail Shortly for Europe.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 8.—Charles W. Morse, the New York banker who was pardoned by President Taft after serving two years of a 15 year sentence for wrecking the Trust Company of America, passed through Washington today en route to New York. Mrs. Morse returned to allow the reporters to interview her husband.

Morse, apparently, is a much improved man. As the train entered Washington the former banker was fully dressed, seated at a window. Dr. Fowler, however, says that Morse's improvement is only temporary and that his death is only a matter of time. The sudden announcement of pardon, says Dr. Fowler, caused swift improvement.

Morse will remain in New York a week and will then sail for Baden-Nauhelm, where he hopes to be permanently benefited by the baths.

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.