

MINING MEN ORGANIZE CLUB

New Organization With Membership of 50 Formed—Will Push Mining Resources and Advertise This Region.

The mining men of this section turned out in splendid shape last night, meeting at the city hall, where they immediately organized a Mining Men's club. The new born organization starts out with fifty old members which fact but illustrates the increasing interest that is being taken in the matter of developing this vast mineral territory of which Medford is the logical as well as the geographical center.

During the week the various committees that were appointed by President Newman will get busy and after their reports are submitted at the next meeting, which in all probability will be held in the city hall next Saturday evening, the club will get down to business. At present Mr. Patterson, the secretary, may be found at the Hotel Nash. He will gladly give such information as may be sought, relative to the organization, to those who are desirous of becoming members.

In the meanwhile the membership committee, consisting of Messrs, Ireland, Patten, Putnam, Ruhl, L. R. Ray, Inman, Reddy, Callahan, Schmitt and Lorimer, will endeavor to call on all good citizens with a view to having them become members of the organization.

FRANKLIN CLOSETED WITH STATE PROSECUTOR

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 13.—Bert H. Franklin, charged with bribing a juror in the recent McNamara trial, spent two hours in conference today with Assistant District Attorney Ford. Emerging, Franklin denied that he had made a confession while in Ford's office, but refused to deny or affirm that he had previously confessed.

When asked if he would appear as a witness for the state against Clarence Darrow, also charged with bribery in connection with the McNamara trial, Franklin said: "Use your imagination," and smiled.

PLAN REORGANIZATION OF FAKE ORCHARDS

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 13.—Two propositions for the reorganization of the projects engineered by W. E. Delam and A. J. Biehl, promoters of the Washington Orchards Irrigation and Fruit company and the Columbia River Orchard company, and several subsidiary corporations, were discussed this morning by creditors of the defunct company.

That the only way of saving any part of their investments is by carrying the irrigation project through to successful completion, is practically agreed upon. R. S. Chapman, representing eastern creditors to an amount of nearly \$100,000, has left for the east to talk over the matter of organization. In the next two weeks definite action along this line will undoubtedly be taken.

ELECTRIC COMPANY TO REPLACE LIGHTS

At a stormy meeting, held Tuesday between the mayor, light committee of the council and the Rogue River Electric company, the electric company, pending inquiry into cause and effect, agreed to replace burned out incandescent lamps in the cluster lights along Main street, 40 of which were out of commission Monday evening.

MME. NORDICA SUFFERS ATTACK OF NEURITIS

BOSTON, Mass., Feb. 13.—Madame Nordica, the opera singer, is suffering today from an acute attack of neuritis, following a severe cold which compelled her to cancel her engagement at the Boston opera house last night. She was to have sung "Tristan and Isolde." Madame Johanna Galski was summoned from New York to sing the role.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—Senator Jones of Washington today introduced bills providing for the incorporation law for Alaska territory; requiring compulsory education of children in Alaska; establishing the national forest of Mount Olympus, Wash., and increasing the pay of the collector of the port of Puget Sound to \$7000 a year.

ATTORNEY WHO SOUGHT CLEMENCY VALET AND BANKERS' HOME.



No matter how Governor Dix, of New York, may decide on the application of Foulke Engelbrecht Brand, Mortimer L. Schiff's valet, who was sentenced five years ago to thirty years' imprisonment, for executive clemency, it is almost certain now that the public will never know all of the truth in the case, nor why Mr. Schiff engaged such eminent attorneys as Alton B. Parker, Paul D. Cravath and Howard C. Taus in an effort to keep the man who was his valet in Clinton Prison for twenty-five years more.

District Attorney Whitman, of New York county, it has been learned, recommended Executive clemency for the prisoner, and favored severe arraignment of many of the persons connected with his prosecution, resulting in the sentence of thirty years for a boy of nineteen for his first offence.

RESIDENCE OF MORTIMER L. SCHIFF, No. 932 FIFTH AVENUE

COMMUNICATIONS.

Patronize Home Industry.

To the Editor: In the past few years much has been written and said about patronizing home industry. And our home merchants and other merchants throughout the valley have urged the people to buy goods of the local merchants and by so doing we would keep our money at home.

They advise people not to buy of the mail order houses which are scattered abroad over the land.

Now that is good advice, but let us see.

Do the merchants and business men of our town follow the advice given by them to the people? Let us see. We will take for an instance the wood business. There are men in our town and nearby towns who have wood to sell. Do the merchants and business men buy wood from them? Yes, some of them do. But a great many of the merchants and business men send orders for wood to other counties and have it shipped

in by rail in car lots. And there are some business firms in this town that had their wood shipped in last season. Do you call that patronizing home industry?

I say, why not buy your wood from men in this vicinity and thereby keep our money at home? You expect the people of this vicinity to patronize you.

Now we will take the farmer. He brings produce in from his farm. He calls on the merchants and offers his goods for sale. But he does not always sell his goods. The merchants will say, "We have our produce shipped in. You want too much for your goods. We get them cheaper."

Do you call that patronizing home industry? Does that encourage the farmer to raise better crops? Does it encourage him to raise better hogs, chickens, cattle or fruit, as the case may be? And yet the merchants cry with might and main for the people to patronize home industry. And if one should send an order to a mail order house you hear them make an awful noise.

It is true that the merchant must have the patronage of the farmer and

of the merchants.

Friends and fellow citizens, I want to tell you that the farmer and the producers are the life and backbone of our country today. Without them the people in the cities could not exist. So the business men and people of the towns and cities should encourage the farmers and those who have hay, grain, wood and produce to sell.

How can it be done? Why, by buying our goods from them and keeping our money in our own city and county.

Yours for better conditions,
FARMER.

ROLLED DOWN STAIRS TO FIND A ROBBER

B. Costa, an Italian, came in Monday from the Prospect country, where he had been working and he had with him a good sized pay check. When this had been changed into the coin of the realm he proceeded to buy red liquor and by early evening he had imbibed a sufficient amount to make him gloriously drunk. While in this condition a friend took him to the Seattle lodging house and in company with the landlord put him to bed, but before doing this they took from him \$24.99 for safe keeping. After they had left him he got the notion into his head that he had been robbed and started out to find the robber. He came down the stairs, not on the banister but on his head with his nose taking a slyer off of each step. His shouts at the foot of the stairs brought a policeman and he was thrown in for the night.

Tuesday morning after his money had been returned to him he was brought before Police Magistrate Canon and was fined \$5 for being drunk.

STRIKE RIOTS RESULT IN STABBING AFFRAY

LAWRENCE, Mass., Feb. 13.—George Antonellis was stabbed and several serious street fights occurred here this afternoon immediately after Mayor Scanlon and a delegation of business men went to Boston to protest to Governor Fass against removal of the state militiamen, who have been on duty here since the textile strike became acute.

Strike Leader Yates declares that the incipient riots of today were "staged" by the mill owners to back up the protest against the withdrawal of the militia. He asserted that insults offered to girl pickets at the mills were resented by the strikers, and that when the clash came the mill owners' agents made it appear that rioting by the strikers had begun anew.

EXPOSE OREGON LAND SWINDLE

Sudden Termination to Operations of Oregon Inland Development Co. Brought by Federal Authorities—Sold Mountain Tops as Farmland.

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 13.—Sudden termination to the operations of the Oregon Inland Development company was brought by federal authorities this afternoon. The resultant scandal in alleged fake land sales to innocent eastern purchasers involves H. H. Riddell, a well known Portland attorney, and C. T. Conway.

Both were arrested this afternoon on complaint from United States District Attorney John McCourt at 2 o'clock and are being held in the marshal's office making efforts to give bail.

"The story goes back for some time," said McCourt. "Riddell and Conway, operating under the name of the Oregon Inland Development company, took an option on lands formerly held by Manta and Jones of land fraud fame. They advertised this land, according to evidence possessed by the district attorney, as first class fruit and farm property, when as a matter of fact it was on the mountain tops inaccessible and out of reach of other than goats. Their literature was of the most persuasive sort and was scattered broadcast over the east and the middle west.

"The result of their operations was a net of \$130,000. It would have amounted to millions had not some of the purchasers become suspicious."

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