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TAKES CASH TO PAY GREATER PART OF TAXES

Only a Small Percentage Is Payable in County Warrants, According to Legal Opinion by Attorney A. E. Reames.

SHERIFF JONES WILL BE GOVERNED BY OPINION

Sheriff and His Deputies Now Await Your Cash for Taxes.

Taxes are due and payable today—and what is more, payable in cash—that is, only a small percentage is payable in county warrants, according to a legal opinion rendered by A. E. Reames, attorney for the county, and Sheriff Jones will be governed by this opinion. The state and county levy is 11 mills. Of this but 1.89 mills can be paid in warrants, Sheriff Jones has fitted up a tax collecting office in the court room, second floor of the court house, and with deputies awaits your cash. The amount of taxes due is as follows: State, county and other tax, \$342,264.43; Special school tax, 168,232.01; Road district tax, 76,057.31; Special city tax, 174,349.23. Total, \$760,902.98. Medford's total tax is 28.5 mills, of which state and county is 11 mills, city 9.5, schools 8 mills. Attorney Reames' opinion regarding the proportion payable in warrants is as follows: Medford, Ore., Feb. 13, 1912. W. A. Jones, Sheriff, Jacksonville, Oregon. Dear Sir: The question submitted is what proportion of any taxpayer's tax for the year 1911 is payable in county warrants? The several tax levies are for these purposes to-wit: 1. Armory, experiment station and county fair. 2. State tax. 3. County high school tax. 4. County roads and bridges. 5. For all other purposes. Section 3672 provides in substance that all taxes levied by state authority, or by a municipal corporation, are payable in gold and silver coin. Section 3677 provides that no tax collector shall receive a larger amount in county orders from any person for taxes than the amount of such person's county tax for the year, or years for which payment is made. (County tax is such as is made for general county purposes). In other words, out of which any county warrant could be paid. In other words, such as is raised for general governmental purposes of the county. No. 1. Armory, experiment station and county fair levy is provided for by special law, partly by the law of 1911, creating a fund for the particular purpose, but, of course, no part of this money could be used for general county purposes, as it is a special levy for this purpose. No. 2. The state tax would all have to be paid in cash under section 3672. No. 3. County high school tax is levied under section 4183 of the code which requires it to be known as county high school fund, and which provides that it shall be made by a special tax levy; hence this is a special assessment and the fund would not be applicable to the county purposes generally, and the fund could not be created or preserved unless the tax should be payable in cash. No. 4. County school fund is provided for by sections 4042 and 4044 and 1911 laws 125. Section 4042 provides for the creating of a county school fund by a tax levy for that purpose. This is the section amended in 1911 at page 125, and this amendment provides for the creation of the county school fund in that manner. Section 4044 provides under what circumstances certain portions of this fund may be transferred to special county tax fund for a particular district. Necessarily, this is a special fund out of which general county expenses could not be paid, and the fund can only be preserved or created by a payment in cash. No. 5. County roads and bridges. This is a 4-mill tax, levied under au-

REBELS BLOW UP BRIDGE; 37 MEN ARE DEAD

Troop Train Crashes Through Bridge Destroyed by Mexican Revolutionists—Second Bridge Also Is Dynamited.

OVER 400 AMERICANS BELIEVED IN DANGER

Fifty-seven Are Killed in Battle Between Federals and Revolutionists.

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 15.—Thirty-seven federal soldiers met death today when a troop train crashed through a bridge over the Amacusa river, near Guerrero, that had been dynamited by revolutionists. A second bridge was also destroyed by the rebels. The train went through Ixtla bridge, in the state of Guerrero, shortly after the structure had been dynamited. The Narajo bridge was also dynamited. Dispatches received here today indicate that Vasquitas have surrounded Torreon. More than 400 Americans left there in a special train last night and no news has been received from the train since it started. Torreon is believed to be doomed unless General Trevino, commanding 1500 federal troops, arrives there soon. Fighting was resumed today at Santa Maria, where federal troops since early yesterday have been trying to dislodge a force of Zapatistas entrenched there. Fifty-seven soldiers met death at Chahu Parrero in a battle between government troops and revolutionists in which the latter were victorious. The rebels then looted and burned the town, killing many residents. Pancho Villa, a notorious bandit and a former supporter of President Madero, is leading the revolt in Parral. He has a force of 500 men. Battle in Streets. NOGALES, Ariz., Feb. 15.—Four federal guardsmen were killed and a score of persons were injured in an uprising against the federal and civic authorities by Vasquistas, according to news reaching Nogales today. After a pitched battle of an hour in the streets, the insurgents were dispersed and several prisoners taken. Minor disturbances are reported at Hermosillo and Guaymas, where the citizenry threatens revolt against Vice Governor Gayon, whom they claim forced himself into office after apparently being defeated at the elections following the successful revolution against the Diaz government.

FOUR WILL DIE FRIDAY FOR MURDER

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 15.—Commutation of the death sentence today denied them, four men must die tomorrow for the murder of Fred Guelow, Jr., killed at Chicago last October. The prisoners are E. Wald, Frank Shiblaski, Philip Somerling and Thomas Schultz.

STOCKTON, Cal.—J. W. Williams, wanted in Portland, Ore., for burglarizing a postoffice January 22 last, was arrested here today by Deputy United States Marshal Kiernan.

4 KILLED; 25 HURT IN WRECK

Eastbound Train on Pennsylvania Is Derailed—Ten Cars Go Into Ditch—Many Persons Have Narrow Escapes.

CLEVELAND, O., Feb. 15.—Four persons are reported dead and about 25 others injured in a wreck at Warrior Ridge Pa., at noon today, when an eastbound limited train on the Pennsylvania road was derailed. Ten cars, according to reports, went into the ditch. Warrior Ridge is 30 miles east of Altoona.

ABE RUEF WILL BE A WITNESS

Former Boss of San Francisco Will Appear—Fickert Says There Will Be No More Bickering Over the Matter.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 15.—In the trial of former Mayor Eugene E. Schmitz on a charge of bribery in connection with the gas rate case, Abe Ruef will be called to the stand. District Attorney Fickert announced today that he had decided to call Ruef without further dickering with the former boss regarding the dismissal of indictments on the reserve calendar. Ruef has not given the district attorney any indication as to what he will do when he takes the stand. For some tactical reason, which he wishes to keep secret for the present, Fickert intends to summon Ruef, although entirely in the dark on the probable course the ex-boss will take when placed on the stand. "He may change his mind when that time comes," said Fickert mysteriously. A mild sensation was sprung in the Schmitz case when drawing of a jury was resumed today. Counsel for the defense had been informed that Herman Nathan, one of the jurors permanently in the box, had remarked prior to being selected as a juror, that he believed Schmitz to be as guilty as Abe Ruef, and would like to get on the jury to "send him across."

YUAN SHI KAI HEADS REPUBLIC

National Chinese Assembly Names Late Premier as Ruler—Provisional President Resigns His Office.

NANKING, Feb. 15.—The National Chinese Assembly elected today Yuan Shi Kai, emperor of the Chinese republic. This action followed the resignation late yesterday of Dr. Sun Yat Sen as provisional president. Dr. Sun advised his adherents to rally to the support of Yuan Shi Kai. Despite contrary reports, it is believed that Tang Shao Yi, who acted as Yuan's representative at the Shanghai peace conference, will be made prime minister. Tang Shao Yi it is said declined the proffered premiership, but it is believed Yuan will be able to obtain his acceptance. Dr. Sun Yat Sen will retain the presidency until Yuan Shi Kai is inaugurated and his cabinet named. The selection of the ministers is scheduled for tonight. In his letter to the national assembly Dr. Sun says: "Yuan Shi Kai is a man of constructive ability and one upon whom a united nation looks hopefully. The happiness of the country depends upon your choice. Farewell."

MRS. GARDNER WINS HER SUIT

Supreme Court Dismisses Appeal From Circuit Court—Husband Was Injured in Wreck on Pacific & Eastern.

The supreme court has dismissed the appeal in the case of Myrtle Gardner, respondent, against the Pacific & Eastern Railroad company. This was a case in which the lower court rendered a award of \$7500 damages for the plaintiff. The opinion dismissing the case was given by Justice McBride, the reason being that the brief in the suit was not filed within the stipulated time by the defendant company. The case was an appeal from Jackson county. Mrs. Gardner sued for \$7500 damages for the death of her husband, who was injured in a wreck near Eagle Point, dying later. He was an engineer in the employ of the company.

WOMEN WRECK MEAT MARKET

Enraged Because Dealers Raised Price of Kosher Meat, Jewish Women Take Summary Action Against Offender.

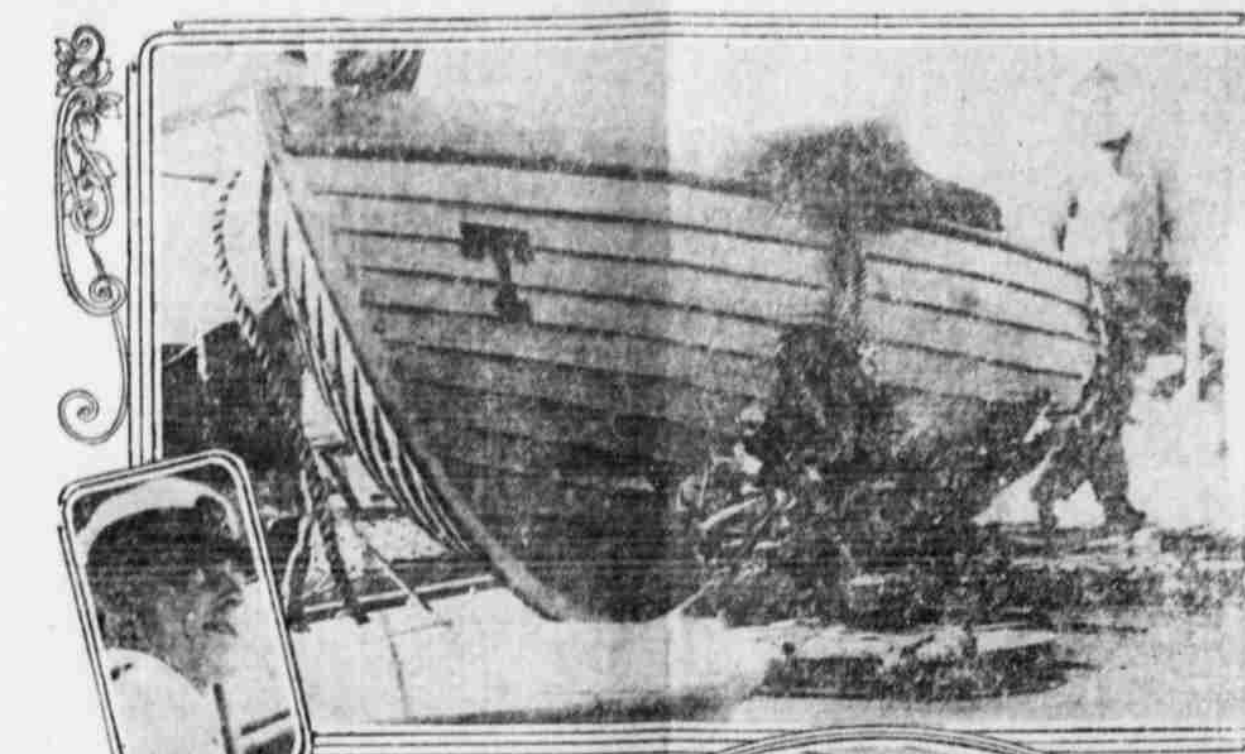
PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 15.—Enraged because Jewish meat dealers had raised the price of Kosher meat and then attempted to prevent the operation of a cooperative meat market they had started as a means of relief, 25 Jewish women in South Portland today wrecked the Kosher meat market of R. B. Knudelman, knocked down Knudelman and Rabbi G. Halpern, who slaughters for him, and poured salt and kerosene over the meats. A riot call was turned in and a score of policemen were sent to the scene. The disturbance was over, however, by the time the bluecoats arrived and Knudelman contented himself by swearing out warrants against seven of the women who participated in the affray. Recently a Gentile meat firm started in the district and undersold the Kosher market, until recently the Jews banded together and bought their rival out. They then promptly raised the price of meats 4 cents a pound to make up their losses and the Jewish women opened a cooperative meat store. The women alleged Knudelman then persuaded the Union Meat company not to sell to the cooperative store and when no meat was delivered today the women organized and descended on Knudelman. He was badly battered.

MAN SLOWLY BURNS TO DEATH

Is Chloroformed by a Country Doctor—Three Die When Freight Trains Meet in Head-on Collision.

PORTLAND, Me., Feb. 15.—Pinned beneath the wreckage of a Grand Trunk train, one of his arms slowly cooking, Harry Collins, a trainman, was today chloroformed by a country doctor at Yarmouth. Fifteen minutes later his body was a charred mass. Two other trainmen were also killed in the wreck, which was caused by a head-on collision of freight trains.

EVIDENCES OF GALE WEATHERED BY TORPEDO BOAT TERRY.



DAMAGED REMAINS OF ONLY BOAT NOT WASHED OVERBOARD FROM THE U.S.S. TERRY. LIEUTENANT COMMANDER J. G. FREMONT.

That the torpedo boat Terry was at the mercy of the waves in the recent severe gale off the Carolinas is shown by photographs of the only lifeboat that was not washed overboard and of the stanchions bent by the force of the great volume of water. The Terry is being refitted at the Norfolk Navy Yard. Lieutenant Commander John C. Fremont is profuse in his praise of his men's work during the storm. ENSIGN U. L. NICHOLS AND LIEUTENANT J. C. STAYTON SHOWING STANCHION BENT BY GIANT WAVE.

INTERSTATE RATES TO THIS CITY LOWERED

Commission Grants Southern Pacific Permission to Charge Less for Freight Haul, Frisco to Portland Than Frisco to Medford.

EXCESSIVE RATES ARE TO BE REDUCED

Decision Is Rendered in Case Filed Against Espee by Medford Traffic Bureau.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—The interstate commerce commission today granted the Southern Pacific railroad permission to continue to charge less for the freight haul between San Francisco and Portland than to intermediate points. It further provided that the rates to intermediate points which now are excessive shall be reduced. This new ruling by the interstate commerce commission comes as the direct result of a fight made by the Medford traffic bureau to have freight rates lowered between San Francisco and Medford. According to the men who have directed the efforts to have these rates lowered to an equitable basis the foregoing dispatch from Washington means that the contentions of the bureau have been sustained in a great degree and that Medford will enjoy lower rates from San Francisco. Until the entire decision and order is received, however, the amount of the reduction is unknown. The decision today covers a case affecting the long and short haul clause. The Medford traffic bureau case against certain excessive rates will probably be decided late today or tomorrow. This will point out the exact reductions to be made. The two cases were very closely associated.

AMMONIA PIPE BLOWS UP; ONE IS DEAD

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—Instant death to one person and probably fatal injury to four others was caused at the plant of the Armour refrigerator company here today by the explosion of an ammonia pipe. Of the labor leaders already arrested, Ernest Basesy and Edward Clark of Cincinnati and Hiram Kline of Muncie, Ind., organizer of the International Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, are still in jail here, having been unable to furnish the bonds of \$5000 each demanded by the state. Each of the labor men indicted is accused in 32 counts of conspiracy and of illegal transportation of dynamite. All were arrested on the one indictment charging conspiracy, but all are also named in the other indictments charging the illegal transportation of the explosives alleged to have been used by union wreckers from state to state. DENVER, Colo., Feb. 15.—Indignant denial of intimations by Detective W. J. Burns that he and E. A. Clancy of San Francisco had "squealed" on the indicted iron workers was made here by H. W. Legleitner, a former member of the executive board of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers. Clancy is a first vice president of the organization. Both were indicted in connection with the alleged dynamite conspiracies, warrant having been served here yesterday on Legleitner. "I would not know Burns," said Legleitner here today, "if I met him on the street. I never saw him and I don't care to see him. I know nothing against the officials of the organization that would incriminate. They all are honorable men. "I do not believe that John J. McNamara's confession is true in its entirety. He probably told it to save his life. If McNamara and Ortie McManigal got \$1000 a month for organization" I never knew of it. This charge scarcely seems worthy of consideration, as John McNamara accounted for every penny that he spent, and it was all expended in a legitimate manner."

41 ALLEGED DYNAMITERS ARE ARRESTED

Unions Believe That at Least 50 Out of the 54 Men Indicted Are Innocent and Will Work for Their Acquittal.

DEFENSE FUND OF \$35,000 NOW AVAILABLE

Each of the Men Indicted Is Accused in 32 Counts of Conspiracy.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Feb. 15.—United in the belief that at least 50 of the 54 members of the Iron Workers' union, indicted here for alleged dynamite conspiracy, are innocent, a number of unions with headquarters here are planning to secure for the accused men free and impartial trials. Particularly among those moving to the defense of the accused labor leaders is James Lynch, president of the International Typographical union. Lynch is arranging a conference of all unions whose headquarters are located here to discuss the raising of a defense fund and, probably, to have some other than United States Judge Anderson try the cases when they come up March 12. Frank M. Ryan, president of the iron workers, who heads the list of men accused of complicity in the McNamara dynamites, is arranging for a meeting of the union's executive board, which must act before its defense fund of \$35,000 now on hand is available for the use of the indicted men. Of the 54 men indicted by the federal grand jury for alleged complicity in the dynamiting plot, 41 have been arrested, six are already in the custody of the United States authorities and the remaining seven probably will be arrested today. These are: M. J. Young, Boston, member of the executive board of the Iron Workers' union; William K. Benson, president of the Detroit Federation of Labor; John McCray of Wheeling, W. V., former member of the Iron Workers' executive board; Milton Davis of Philadelphia, M. J. Irwin of Peoria, Ill., Frank Painter of Omaha and Patrick Ryan of Chicago.

MESSENGERS ARE ROBBED OF \$20,000

First Big Robbery in Years in New York's Financial District Is Reported—The Robbers Make Their Get Away.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Two bank messengers employed by the East River National bank were held up today, beaten and robbed of \$20,000. The thugs escaped. The messengers were en route to the bank when they were assaulted and robbed. It is believed the robbery was the work of an organized band of crooks who had laid their plans beforehand. This is the first big robbery reported in years below the "dead line" established by the police in the financial district.

SOUTHERN OREGON GOLD ORE IS BEST

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 15.—With more than 200 representatives of the mining industry of the northwestern states attending, the North-western Mining congress opened today. Oregon is represented by 30 delegates. Southern Oregon's exhibit of 5000 pounds of ore was unanimously declared the best exhibit of gold ever displayed in the northwest.