

TAFT CARRIES MASSACHUSETTS BY 4000 COUNTY COURT ORDERS \$40,000 BRIDGE OVER BEAR CREEK

CITY WILL PAY \$13,500 AS ITS SHARE OF COST

Work on New Structure Will Commence in Near Future—Will Be Built of Steel and Concrete, With All Girders Encased.

Present Bridge Will Be Moved to Jackson Street by City—Call for Bids Soon.

The county court Wednesday morning ordered the construction of a \$40,000 bridge over Bear Creek in this city. The city is to pay \$13,500 toward the cost of the structure, and receive in turn the present structure over the creek, which will be moved to Jackson Boulevard.

One of the conditions imposed by the county court was that hereafter the bridge will be city property and must be maintained and repaired by the city. It will be erected under the supervision of the city engineer.

A representative of a bridge company submitted plans and specifications to the county court on which bids will be asked. He stated that he estimated that the bridge will cost \$40,000 and that he will bid for the work. He agreed to sell the plans to the court for \$250 if other parties secured the contract but that he would make no charge for them if he should be successful in securing the work.

The structure will be of concrete and steel, all of the girders being encased. Work will begin as soon as bids can be received and a contract let.

A large delegation of business men, together with city officials called on the court.

The city will pay \$13,500 providing the structure costs over \$35,000. If the cost is less than that figure the city will pay \$11,000 toward the erection of the bridge. The city also agrees to allow the county use of its rock quarry above Jacksonville.

REPORTS ON ALLEGED JAPANESE ACTIVITIES

WASHINGTON, May 1.—Replying to the resolution of Senator Lodge of Massachusetts calling for an investigation by the United States government of the reports that the Japanese nation has acquired a large tract of land upon which to found a colony on Magdalena Bay, Mexico, President Taft today sent to the senate a statement signed by Secretary of State Philander C. Knox, which denies that the state department has any evidence adequate to show the acquisition of land, or the desire to acquire land, directly or indirectly, by Japanese in Mexico.

Though denying any "adequate" information the statement gives the details of negotiations with a Japanese syndicate for the purchase of lands about Magdalena Bay.

WILSON'S MANAGER SAYS VOTE TOO LIGHT

LOS ANGELES, Cal., May 1.—Telegrams received today at Woodrow Wilson headquarters here from William F. McNarry, Wilson's Massachusetts manager, state McNarry's belief that the democratic preference vote in Massachusetts was too light to be significant. The messages also state that George Fred Williams, Speaker Clark's Massachusetts manager, was defeated for delegate at large and that Foss' delegate, headed by Mayor Fitzgerald of Boston, were elected. Many of these, McNarry claims, favor Wilson as a second choice.

PUSHING TITANIC INQUIRY.



Where are the folk who have been saying the United States Senate is slow? They are not heard in public places to-day. One man has chased them away. That man is William Alden Smith, of Grand Rapids, Mich., who has made a record of which the Senate is proud. Through his efforts he world is learning officially how and why the Titanic went to the bottom of the Atlantic Ocean.

WESTVILLE MAY BE ABANDONED IN NEAR FUTURE

Governor West has notified County Judge J. R. Neil that if the honor men at work on the Crater Lake road are no longer wanted by the citizens of this county to notify him at once and the men will be taken to other sections of the state, asking for the establishment of such road camps. The county court will consider the matter during this session.

Governor West's telegram to Judge Neil followed the receipt at Salem of the petitions circulated some weeks ago asking the governor to recall the men. Governor West states that if the men are not wanted in Jackson county that he will at once send them to other counties wanting them without delay.

GENERAL MARKET NEW YORK SLUMPS

NEW YORK, May 1.—Fifteen thousand shares of United States Steel were sold at the opening of the stock market today, but the price held remarkably firm and soon regained its initial fractional loss. The feature of early trading was heavy selling based on the unfavorable quarterly report of the steel corporation. Outside of the metal stocks, gains were numerous, including advances of 1 to 2 points in Reading, Lehigh Valley, International Harvester and American Tobacco. Around noon Union Pacific became heavy and the general market slumped. The close was steady. Bonds were easy.

MRS. COLBY PLEADS FOR WOMEN

Declaring that she was certain that Oregon would soon follow the lead of her sister states, California on the south and Washington on the north, and grant to women the right of suffrage, Sarah Bewick Colby, one of the pioneer workers for equal suffrage left this afternoon for Ashland where she will address an audience before leaving for Portland. Mrs. Colby is an enthusiastic worker and one who has done a great work for her cause. She is a thorough debater as well as a brilliant speaker.

"Suffrage," states Mrs. Colby, "is a natural right and cannot be limited by sex. It is imperative in a govern-

TO SEEK EFFECT OF ELECTRICITY ON PLANT LIFE

With New Wireless Station at Central Point as a Basis Professor O'Gara is to Delve in New Scientific Fields.

Known Now That Beneficial Effect is Secured But Nature and Extent is Yet to Be Determined.

Prof. P. J. O'Gara, pathologist for Jackson county, has arranged for a number of experiments to ascertain the effects which electricity has upon plant life. These experiments to be conducted at the wireless telegraph station near Central Point.

The new wireless station affords a splendid opportunity for these experiments in that the air and earth for a considerable distance surrounding the station is heavily charged with electricity.

From the top of the two 300 foot high wireless poles there are 40,000 feet of wire connecting with power plant. Besides these wires there are laid in all directions two feet under ground equally as many feet of heavy copper wires. Both the air and ground for a distance around the power house is so heavily charged with electricity that a person passing near the plant cannot but feel the electrical effect.

It has been proven that there is a marked good effect produced upon plant life by electricity, but the experiments which Prof. O'Gara will make will be the first ever undertaken where a wireless station is used as a basis.

The wireless company owns 11 acres of land, the major portion of which is covered by their poles, power plant and underground wiring, and this land, which was previously an alfalfa field, is now being cleared of roots and gotten in shape for Prof. O'Gara's experiments. Mr. O'Gara expects to put out several varieties of vegetables for this season's experiments, and this fall he will set out 1000 pear trees on the land that he may arrive at some definite conclusion as to the effects which electricity will have on the horticultural industry of southern Oregon. All the varieties of pears grown in the valley will be put out. The wireless station is now in operation and the operator has no trouble in communicating with Los Angeles and San Diego.

DELAWARE INSTRUCTS SIX FOR WILSON

DOVER, Del., May 1.—Six delegates to the national convention at Baltimore, all favorable to the candidacy of Governor Woodrow Wilson of New Jersey for democratic presidential nomination, today have been named by the democratic state convention.

276 MINERS MEET DEATH IN JAPAN

TOKIO, May 1.—Confirmation of the report that 276 miners met death in an explosion at the Kokkiado company's mine at Yubari yesterday was received here today. The work of recovering the bodies is in progress.

Sweeper II Wins NEW MARKET, England, May 1.—Sweeper II, an American entry owned by H. B. Duryea, won the two thousand guineas mile race here today, the first of the season's three classic races for three year olds.

TAFT AT SPRINGFIELD, MASS., WHERE HE DEROUNCED ROOSEVELT.



TAFT AUTOMOBILE IN MAIN STREET, SPRINGFIELD

TOTAL RAINFALL IN APRIL 4.97 IN. 3.71 ABOVE NORMAL

With a total of 4.97 inches of rainfall during the month, April is remarkable for the great excess of precipitation. The normal for a 24 year period is 1.26 inches, which shows an excess of 3.71 inches for April, 1912. While the excess rainfall has delayed certain farming operations to some extent, it is, nevertheless, of great benefit. No damage has been done through lack of pollination, since the bloom was very heavy and there were sufficient clear days to insure fertilization. The mean maximum temperature of the month was 5.5 degrees below normal, while the mean minimum temperature was only 8 degrees below normal. There were seven clear days, ten partly cloudy and thirteen cloudy. The maximum temperature was 75.5 on April 6, and the minimum 29 on April 5.

Table with 4 columns: Date, Max., Min., Rain. Rows 1-30 showing daily weather data for April.

METHODISTS OPEN GREAT CONFERENCE WITH 850 PRESENT

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., May 1.—With 850 delegates, from every corner of the world where there are Methodist churches, in attendance, the quadrennial conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, the largest Protestant gathering in the world, opened its convention here today with prayer by Bishops Burt and Werner. Bishop Henry Warren presided. The conference will continue in session for one month deliberating every day on the problems which confront the church.

Besides the delegates, all of whom are leading Methodist pastors, the entire 18 active bishops of the church are in attendance as advisors, together with seven missionary bishops and practically all of the leading executive officials of the church in the world.

One of the chief problems which confronts the conference is that of a union of the three branches of the Methodist church—the Methodist Episcopal, the Methodist Protestant, and the Methodist Episcopal Church South. Another issue will be the demand of laymen for greater authority and activity by them in church affairs. An effort is also almost certain to be made to restore the old-time limitation upon the length of time a minister shall remain in one church.

Election of bishops will be an important item. (Continued on Page Two.)

BODIES OF TITANIC VICTIMS SHIPPED TO RESTING PLACES

HALIFAX, N. S., May 1.—Amid scenes of sorrow following upon the arrival here of the coffin ship Mackay-Bennett, with the bodies of victims of the Titanic disaster, a number of special cars are preparing to leave here tonight with corpses which are being shipped to various destinations in charge of relatives and friends. All the identified dead will be ready for shipment tomorrow. The Mackay-Bennett recovered 306 bodies, of which 116 were buried at sea. Fifty-seven of those identified were buried at sea, and 130 identified were brought to Halifax. Fifteen women's bodies were recovered of which eight were identified. Eleven bodies of women, including four identified, were buried at sea.

A pathetic scene was enacted when George Newell, an undertaker brought from Yarmouth, who was busily engaged in embalming bodies, suddenly cried "My God," and collapsed. He had come unexpectedly upon the body of his uncle A. L. Newell, who had sailed on the Titanic.

The body of Colonel John Jacob Astor was placed in a private car. Vincent Astor, his twenty year old son, sat weeping all night beside the casket. Young Astor is on the verge of collapse.

The body of Isidor Straus was placed in an express car with those of seven others. No trace was found of the body of Mrs. Straus.

U'REN POINTS SINGLE TAX BENEFIT

OREGON CITY, Ore., May 1.—That for the first time in the history of Oregon, public service corporations, big land speculators and big business interests generally will pay into the public treasury a small part of what their special privileges are worth, if the voters of the state approve at the November election an amendment to the constitution providing for a graduated specific tax on the owners of land and public service corporation franchises. That is the assertion of W. S. U'ren of Oregon City, father of the "people's power" movement, made today in a statement to the United Press.

The single taxers of Oregon will submit the proposed amendment by initiative petition. U'ren is one of those who are making a hard fight in behalf of the measure.

"This measure exempts personal property and land improvements from taxes," said U'ren today. "But the right is reserved to the people of every county to provide by local law for taxing such improvements and personal property, and to order a special election at any time on such a bill."

"All land values and franchises are to pay the regular general and special tax levies of the taxing districts in which the same is situated. In addition..." (Continued on Page 6.)

TAFT GETS 26 DELEGATES; T. R. SECURES TEN

Roosevelt Announces That He Will Withdraw From the Primary in Massachusetts so Far as the Delegates at Large Are Concerned.

Roosevelt Carries Five State Districts Which Will Give Him Ten Delegates—Taft Carries Nine.

BOSTON, May 1.—President Taft gets 26 Massachusetts delegates to the republican national convention in Chicago and former President Theodore Roosevelt ten.

This was the net result today of the fiercest political fight New England has ever seen when complete returns from all but three small towns in the state were tabulated.

On figures themselves Taft and Roosevelt split even. Each had eighteen delegates. Roosevelt got ten straight out delegates and his list of delegates at large, eight in all—defeated those pledged for Taft. This left the count at even each having eighteen. This afternoon, however, Roosevelt issued a statement that, as President Taft had won in the presidential preference primary he (Roosevelt) would not insist that the eight delegates at large cast their votes for him at the Chicago convention. Whether or not the delegates at large will fall in with the suggestion that they shall support Taft is as yet uncertain.

The returns gave the Roosevelt delegates at large, headed by Baxter, 82,687 and the Taft delegates at large, headed by Senator Crane 74,835.

Following are the figures for the almost complete returns from the state as a whole on the preferential primary vote:

- Taft 87,117. Roosevelt 83,114. La Follette 2,063. Clark 33,491. Wilson 14,470. The results in the city of Boston alone were: Taft 11,281. Roosevelt 10,651. La Follette 249. Clark 2,300. Wilson 1,432.

T. R. Withdraws Claim. ROYSTER BAY, N. Y., May 1.—Flat announcement that he would not insist on the delegates at large from Massachusetts supporting his candidacy was made here today by Colonel Theodore Roosevelt. The former president declared that as President Taft had carried the preferential primary vote he would withdraw from the primary so far as the delegates at large were concerned.

If Colonel Roosevelt carries out this determination he will have but ten of the Massachusetts delegates. Roosevelt's statement said in part: "It would seem unlikely that a majority of the voters who voted for delegates pledged to me should simultaneously express a preference for Taft, but, apparently, that is what happened. Such being the case I hereby announce that I shall expect the delegates at large to disregard their pledge to support me and to support Taft. If any hesitates, I shall immediately write him with all the emphasis and insistence possible to take the action indicated."

"In this fight I am standing for certain great principles which I regard as vital to the present and future welfare of the nation, and my success is valuable only as an incident to securing these principles."

"The foremost principle is the right of the people to rule and the duty of their representatives really to represent them in the nominating convention, no less than in legislative and executive offices."

"If the majority of the rank and file of the party do not want me nominated, then I certainly do not wish to be nominated."

Roosevelt sent copies of his statement to all delegates at large from Massachusetts.