

GRANTS PASS PUTS UP \$10,000 TO START WORK ON RAILROAD

The Grants Pass city council, anticipating an early disposal of the Pacific-interior railroad bonds have paved the way for immediate construction work, by putting the \$200,000 special bond issue on the market, and providing for a cash fund from other sources with which to pay bills for labor while the bonds are being floated.

The resolution passed by the council authorized the city auditor to advertise the bonds for 15 days, and to ask bids covering an issue to run for 30 years with the privilege of retiring them at the end of 20, and also for the same issue to run 20 years with the privilege of retirement at the end of five years. The bonds are to bear five per cent interest, and are not to be sold at less than par.

To provide for the immediate future the council created a fund in which it will place \$10,000 cash to be used to pay for labor at once, this \$10,000 to be returned as soon as the proceeds from the bond sale are available.

Following the action of the council in providing the way for immediate work, Dr. Reddy and the directors and engineering force made plans to have construction commence at once. To that end Engineer Harmon took the field on New Year's day, and is re-establishing some of the grade stakes that had become obliterated along the Draper survey.

A camp No. 1 of the Pacific interior company, will be established on Alsea creek to the southwest of the city, where work will be commenced. The first work will be where the old grade on the Grants Pass-Williams Valley road, which was projected two years ago, ended. This grade is upon the Draper-Gunn, now the Pacific-interior right-of-way, from the point where the grade crosses the highway to the south of the big steel bridge, so that all the work done from there will be available for the new company. Beyond that point to the Applegate river only light work will be encountered, and the first activity will be toward the clearing of the right-of-way. Grading will proceed rapidly, the ground now being in the best possible condition for handling. Engineer Harmon says that it is likely that ties or steel will be laid till at least six miles of the grading has been completed.

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FIVE-INCH PROJECTILES DON'T INJURE ICEBERGS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Just how indestructible, that enormous terror of the seas, the iceberg is, was recently recounted by the commander of the U. S. S. Birmingham, who reported that though he fired several five inch shells into one of them, little damage was done save for holes showing the shots.

The scout vessels Birmingham and Chester which cruised the region of the Titanic disaster, reported that only a patrol of the region would make it safe. There was no other safeguard possible, the commanders said.

Born.
January 1, to Mrs. J. C. Barnes, a nine pound boy. Mother and child are doing well.

Daily Hint from Paris.



The upper part of velvet dresses this season are almost invariably of thinner or lighter materials. Dark green velvet makes the skirt and lower part of the corset; the sleeves and upper part are of matching green chamoise, gold embroidered motifs, embroidered on velvet ribbon background.

2000 HOMESTEADS FORFEITED UNLESS LAW IS AMENDED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—More than 2000 homesteads in northeastern Washington and northern Idaho will be forfeited, according to Congressman William La Follette's estimation, unless the recent ruling of Secretary of the Interior Fisher, that settlers have no further option as between the new three-year law and the old five-year period for "proving up" their claims, shall be remedied by an amendment to the law at this session. That is why general support is being given an amendment to be introduced by Senator Borah in the one house and Congressman La Follette in the other, to relieve the settlers in wooded or brush districts of the cultivation clause in the three-year law.

Fisher ruled that no settler could prove a homestead under the old five-year period unless he had filed prior to June 6, 1912, when the three-year law, designed as an alternative choice with the five-year plan, became operative. The settlers now facing loss of their homes had not cleared the twenty acres required to be put under cultivation under the new plan, nor can they afford to complete any such improvement within the time limit.

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SOCIAL TO BE GIVEN BY PRESBYTERIANS

A get-acquainted social at the Presbyterian church on Friday evening, January 3rd. All the members of the church, and all members of the congregation are earnestly requested to be present, and each is to bring a friend with him. There are to be refreshments and a program, and a general good time for every body. The treasurer will make a financial statement showing the progress of the church and present needs, and this will be followed with some appropriate action.

This is the first general social held by the church for some time and it is the first in the New Year, and so every one is urged to be present. The committee on reception will meet you at the door and introduce each one to everybody else. Yours for a good time, and an enthusiastic church.

THE COMMITTEE.

TAZWELL SAYS HE HAS NO FAITH IN WEST'S CRUSADE

PORTLAND, Jan. 2.—Because he has no faith in Governor West's anti-vice campaign or the officers conducting it, Municipal Judge Tazwell has today divorced his court from the state's endeavor to secure a betterment of moral conditions.

Tazwell is on record with the statement that he will not accept the testimony of Attorney Ringo, Thomas Kay or any other leader in Governor West's crusade "on a stack of bibles a mile high."

He declares they are reckless in their handling of the truth, and are otherwise unfit to submit vice evidence to his court.

Tazwell adds that his records show that all legitimate vice cases brought to him to date have been promptly and effectively adjudicated.

BLUFFING BEN TILLMAN INTO RECOVERING HEALTH

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—When things are quiet in the senate, every senator takes turns in approaching the desk of Senator Ben Tillman, from South Carolina, who has been in ill health, to tell him how well he is looking.

Several senators during recess today crowded about the senator.

"You're looking fine, Ben," they told him. "You're as peppery as ever."

Tillman gazed at them quizzically. "I'll have you all indicted for conspiracy," he drawled. "You're all in this darn bluff to make me believe I'm getting well."

MRS. PAYNE WHITNEY SLOWLY RECOVERING



Mrs. Payne Whitney has been dangerously ill following the birth of a child at her Fifth avenue home in New York city. Although the baby did not live Mrs. Whitney's constitution is believed to be sufficiently strong to withstand the shock.

Mr. Whitney married Miss Helen Hay in 1902 at Washington, D. C. The wedding was the big social event of the season and was attended by the President and the entire diplomatic corps, the bride's father at that time being Secretary of State.

Mrs. Whitney has gained considerable prominence as a poet.

TO CURB FAKE REALTY DEALERS

M. P. Minney, president of the M. P. Minney Realty company of Oakland, which has applied for an electric line franchise in the city, and which owns 4000 acres of land in the valley is an earnest worker in California for the ousting of unscrupulous real estate dealers in California. He is a director of the California State Realty Federation.

This federation met recently at which time laws and acts effecting their business was talked over. In discussing the meeting Mr. Minney says:

"The most important legislation discussed and acted upon was the proposed licensing law, whereby real estate men will be licensed for the protection of the investing public and the reputable realty dealers against fraud. This act was considered the last state convention and approved, and was presented and approved at the recent meeting in revised form. A resolution was adopted putting the board on record in favor of the act and urging the pushing of the bill at the coming legislative session. The act will receive the attention of an attorney and will be presented to the legislature by a prominent member."

M. M. AHRENS WEDS MRS. SHIRLEY THOMAS

Melvin M. Ahrens and Shirley W. Thomas were united in marriage by Rev. W. F. Shields, pastor of the Presbyterian church, at the home of Mrs. Nellie E. Carpenter on South Oakdale at 8 p. m., Wednesday, Jan. 1, 1913. Mr. Ahrens is the general business man and proprietor of the Ahrens department store on W. Main street. Mrs. Ahrens has for several years been a resident in our city living with her sister, Mrs. Nellie E. Carpenter on South Oakdale. Mr. and Mrs. Ahrens will live on North Ivey street. Their many friends wish them all joy and happiness in this and in the years to come.

CALIFORNIA HAS \$58,320,000 INVESTED IN AUTOMOBILES

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Jan. 2.—With an investment of approximately \$58,320,000 in automobiles in this state during the past year, California leads the country in the number of machines purchased during the twelve months just closed, according to the records of the automobile license department of the secretary of state's office.

Ends Life With Old Year

TACOMA, Wa., Jan. 2.—Just as the new year was ushered in last night, May Horton, 30 years of age, ended her life at 808 A street by drinking carbolic acid. The dead woman was more generally known by the name, Mrs. Shirley Patton.

Medford A Good Town.

Medford is a mighty good town, worthy of the best of everything. That's why we have joined the American Drug and Press association and offer to our people the Meritol line of preparations, made by the association and sold only through its members. There is nothing like these goods, guaranteed in every way, without an equal, made by experts. We want Medford people to have the best there is, so we offer you this line. Ask to see Meritol goods at Haskins' Drug Store.

SULZER PLEADS FOR LEGISLATION TO AID HUMANITY

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 2.—Abolition of child labor and the safeguarding of the lives of the workmen and women were the dominant notes in the first message sent to the New York state legislature by Governor William Sulzer, who today assumed office. "Human life is infinitely more valuable than the profit of material things," declared Sulzer, and he demanded legislation that will end the canneries and other child labor scandals; compel the use of safety appliances in all branches of employment and a real workman's compensation act.

Sulzer declared for the immediate submission of the question of women's suffrage to the people; ratification of the constitutional amendment providing for the direct election of United States senators by the people; sweeping economy in public office and the abolition of all useless offices; comprehensive electoral reform which will provide for direct primaries, and sweeping conservation of natural resources.

Discussing the high cost of living, Sulzer said:

"For more than ten years, the increasing cost of living, mounting higher and higher each succeeding year, has been the most immediate and the most pressing and the most universally observed fact about economic conditions in this country. While wages have remained practically the same, the cost of the necessities of life has grown more and more oppressive, until today the average man in our state with a family to support, has about all he can do to make both ends meet. I earnestly direct your consideration to this most matter concerning the people and recommend that you take such action in the premises as you deem just and wise to reduce the high cost of the necessities of life in order to make living less a struggle for physical existence."

M'MANIGAL NOW ON WAY TO LOS ANGELES

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 2.—Ortie McManigal, dynamiter, was quietly taken out of this city last night and is proceeding to Los Angeles by a secret route. His arrival there probably will be tomorrow or Friday.

McManigal is accompanied by Malcolm McLarven, Burns operative. The dynamiter was said to have been visibly relieved when he was told the labor leaders convicted here were on their way to Fort Leavenworth.

McManigal's departure last night was kept such a close secret that no word of it leaked out here until today, hours after he was on his way west.

Nine Men Entombed

TAMAQUA, Pa., Jan. 2.—Cut off from the entrance when water from an abandoned working blocked the mouth of the pit shaft, nine men were entombed today in the East Lehigh colliery, near here. Nine rats were heard this morning and the rescuers are hopeful of saving all of the entombed miners. Air is being pumped to the men.

A TWICE-TOLD TALE

One of Interest to Our Readers

Good news bears repeating, and when it is confirmed after a long lapse of time, even if we hesitated to believe it at first hearing, we feel secure in accepting its truth now. The following experience of a Medford man is confirmed after many years:

A. Z. Sears, 231 Fifth St., Medford, Oregon, says: "Since publicly recommending Doan's Kidney Pills in 1907, I have used them occasionally and they have always brought good results. I was afflicted with severe pains in my back and I often found it impossible to stoop. The kidney secretions passed too frequently and this weakness was a source of much annoyance. Hearing Doan's Kidney Pills highly recommended, I procured a box at Haskins' drug store and by the time I had finished the contents, I could see that they were the right remedy for my trouble. Gradually the pains and other difficulties disappeared and my health improved. I cheerfully recommend Doan's Kidney Pills to everyone afflicted with kidney complaint."

"When Your Back is Lame—Remember the Name." Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—ask distinctly for Doan's Kidney Pills, the same that Mr. Sears had—the remedy backed by home testimony. 50c each store. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

COURT OF APPEALS TO CONSIDER CASE OF LABOR CHIEFS

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 2.—The case of the thirty three union men who already have entered upon sentences at the federal prison at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., for conspiracy, will be considered by the United States circuit court of appeals at Chicago.

This was made certain here today when United States Judge Anderson, who presided at the trial and sentenced the convicted men, admitted the writ of error filed by defense attorneys after the superdeas writ which would have admitted the prisoners to bail was withdrawn.

The circuit court of appeals at Chicago yesterday refused to grant an application for a stay of sentence filed by the defense attorneys.

Catarrhal Deafness Conquered

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When deafness is caused by Catarrh, Booth's HYOMEI breathed persistently often restores hearing.

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Fine up-to-date, modern bungalow, lot 50x135, good location. Price \$3500, with terms.

2 1/2 acres 1 1/2 miles from city, 1 room house, shed, chicken house, irrigation, garden tools, hose, incubator and brooder. Price, \$700.

200 acres in the Applegate, 75 acres cleared, 10 slashed and burned 45 acres in alfalfa 10 acres in timothy and clover, all fenced, 4 room house, all necessary outbuildings. All tools belonging to the ranch, 6 milk cows, 1 span of mares, 2 brood sows, 8 pigs, 5 heifers, 20 chickens. Price, \$10,000, 1/2 cash, balance to suit purchaser.

To Exchange
10 acres in Natchez valley, Washington 9 acres in three and four year old apple and pears, 5 room modern bungalow, all conveniences, cement basement, fine barn and chicken house and yards, paid up water right, telephone, daily mail, to trade for 5 acres or less, well improved property near Medford or Ashland.

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For three more days—Thursday, Friday and Saturday we continue the One-Half price sale on the following lines:

TAILORED SUITS, COATS, MILLINERY, HOUSE DRESSES, SKIRTS, FURS, SHIRT WAISTS, KIMONAS, CHILDREN'S COATS, EVENING DRESSES, STREET DRESSES, HAND BAGS, SWEATERS, CHILDREN'S DRESSES

\$15.00 Coats or Suits.	\$7.50	\$32.50 Coats or Suits.	\$16.25
\$20.00 Coats or Suits.	\$10.50	\$35.00 Coats or Suits.	\$17.50
\$25.00 Coats or Suits.	\$12.50	\$40.00 Coats or Suits.	\$20.00
\$1.50 House Dresses or Kimonos.			75c
\$1.65 House Dresses or Kimonos.			85c
\$1.75 House Dresses or Kimonos.			90c
\$2.00 House Dresses or Kimonos.			\$1.00
\$2.45 House Dresses or Kimonos.			\$1.25

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An opportunity that will soon pass when you can buy new, up to date merchandise at exactly one-half price. Our requests were so numerous to continue for a few days longer as many did not have the wherewith until after the 1st of the month that we consented to continue this great cut price sale for these extra three days.

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