

### GRANTS PASS MAY PURCHASE DEFUNCT ROAD

(Grants Pass Courier.)  
The public utilities commission has recommended to the city council the closing of a deal for the Riggs railroad interests, including the right-of-way, rails, ties, locomotive, and other property of the defunct Grants Pass & Rogue River railroad.

Under the terms of purchase as approved by the commission, to whom the matter was referred by the city council, the locomotive is to be given a thorough test, and to be in satisfactory condition before it is accepted. The price for all the property, including the roadbed already graded to the point on the Crescent City road where teams are now at work on the new road, and 4000 feet of trackage, is \$7500.

As soon as the sale is consummated for this property, it is proposed to reconstruct the bridge across the river, putting in a span so that high water will not interfere with it, when the track now laid out across the river will be ready to carry cars.

The graders on the right-of-way of the new road are making excellent progress, the ground having been left in the best possible condition for moving by the rains of a week ago. At the present rate of work the grading will be complete from this city to Allen creek by Saturday night.

A surveying party has left town for Hays Hill, and the line there will be relocated in an endeavor to do away with the tunnel that had been proposed, and also to relocate the survey from Wilderville to the California line. Another surveying crew is being organized to make a location survey from the California line to Crescent City.

No contracts have been let for ties as yet, but all these will be contracted for along the course of the road, and mills are ready to commence making them as soon as negotiations are closed.

### WARE WILL NOT LEAVE VALLEY

At a meeting of the directors of the Commercial club Tuesday night the resignation of A. K. Ware as secretary was accepted to take effect August 1. Mr. Ware yesterday made the following statement:

"So many people ask me nearly every day when I expect to go to California, etc., etc. Now, I wish to say that I have gone over the question of leaving Medford very carefully and have decided to stay right here. A number of busy-bodies have repeated a version of some remarks I made at the last public meeting held by the Commercial club in the city hall last month, trying to make out that I was disgusted with the fruit business and orchards in particular, and was glad to sell my place, etc., etc. Now, this is far from the truth, for the truth is that it was about the saddest day of my life when I signed the deed completing the transfer of Alview to Mr. Doner. No man who has seen the letters that I have written daily to inquirers through the Commercial club could possibly accuse me of being lukewarm on the fruit situation in the Rogue River valley.

"I can prove by the copies on file that no one could possibly write more enthusiastically about the conditions here and the wonderful future that seemed to be in store for our people who will hold on to their homes and property interests will surely be glad that they did so. All I ask for is a square deal, and am willing to work for the highest good of the greatest number of people, not only in Medford, but in Oregon, and so will stay right here and women who wish to line up for a better and larger Medford and a course of action that really means progress, not retrogression.

The Commercial club has accomplished wonderful things for Medford and can do wonderful things, yet if the members choose to get together and plan a line of work that may mean something definite. The directors as business men with large interests and no doubt will do the very best that they know how to manage the affairs of the club in a generous spirit for the advancement of Medford and the attracting of many new residents to the valley. For myself I am glad to step down and out and work in the ranks again and assure the people here that I will do all I can now and in the future for Medford and Oregon.

### MORO OUTLAWS USED WOMEN TO WARD BULLETS

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., July 29.—Deliberate sacrifice by Moro outlaws of 196 of their women and 340 children by using them as shields to ward off bullets in a day's fighting with American troops at Mount Hagang, Philippine Islands, June 19 last, is reported here today by passengers arriving on the liner Persia from the Orient. General Pershing's force killed 1600 Moros and irreconcilables who were entrenched in the crater of a volcano. Captain T. A. Nichols of the fifty-first company of scouts and twenty-five other Americans were killed.

The war department has maintained a strict censorship since the extermination of the Moro outlaws was decided upon, and the cables received at the time of the battle merely stated that there had been a decisive engagement, but gave few details.

A dramatic account of the battles against the Moros was given today by John McLean, civilian employe of the United States quartermaster's department, who arrived on the Persia after four years' service in the Philippines.

### BALDWIN LOSES TO LEACH CROSS

LOS ANGELES, July 29.—Leach Cross of New York by superior defense and a careful game throughout secured the decision over Matty Baldwin of Boston tonight at the end of the twentieth round.

The decision was not popular although the New York dentist earned it fairly. Baldwin was aggressive and willing but could not fathom the Yiddisher's defense and at no time had the New Yorker worried. On the other hand by persistent jabbing with right and left Cross kept the Boston boy's face bleeding and the few hard blows sent in his direction were either blocked or received where they didn't hurt.

The last five rounds were fast and furious but Baldwin could not gain the ground he had lost. Bud Anderson of Medford was at the ring side and challenged the winner to a return match.

### PET MONKEY NIPS V. ASTOR'S HAND

NEW YORK, July 30.—Vincent Astor's pet monkey Jeko, is either to be sold or given away. Last week Jeko bit the young millionaire's hand four times and before he could be put back in the cage he bit two servants who came to the rescue.

Despite the accident young Astor sailed this morning on his yacht to meet the liner Olympic, on which his mother, Mrs. Ava Willing Astor, is returning from Europe.

### PANTAGE VAUDEVILLE AT PAGE TONIGHT

According to the managers of the Page tonight's vaudeville will be one of the best bills yet offered. Hill, Cherry and Hill, the comedians on wheels. The members of this organization are adept cyclists and their work borders on the sensational. The comedy vein that pervades the act keeps the audience in the best of spirits.

Nichols and Croix sisters have a laughable playlet in "The Tank Town Manager." The plot is based on the eccentricities of the proverbial country manager, who thinks he can introduce the Broadway method in a small town. The Croix sisters are charming entertainers, their singing and dancing being particularly pleasing.

Also Pagescope latest moving pictures. Popular prices, 25 and 35 cents. Box seats 50 cents.

**Maryland Leaves Coal Fields.**  
CORDOVA, Alaska, July 30.—The cruiser Maryland which has been in Alaskan waters for a month while her crew conveyed coal down from the Bering river fields for the government test, left today for Controller Bay where the eight hundred tons of coal which is now at tidewater will be ferried out and taken aboard.

### FOUR OF THE CHARACTERS APPEARING IN "EVERYWOMAN" AT PAGE THEATER FRIDAY, AUGUST 1.



One of the distinguishing characteristics of the production of "Everywoman," which Henry W. Savage will offer at the Page theater Friday night, August 1, is its huge size. There are three complete carloads of scenery and electrical effects. The fourth act alone is larger than the majority of large productions. It is the act in which is represented the faun and riot of New Year's eve on Broadway, New York. Those who have witnessed it are amazed by the faithfulness of the picture. It was painted by Walter Burridge, who visited Broadway at the time described and made pen sketches of the marvelous scenes just after the theaters have released their patrons and the hilarity has set in. There is, perhaps, in actual life, no other situation so difficult to reproduce. Imagine a seething, whirling, eddying, shouting, shrieking mass of men, women and children imbued with the idea that each one must make as much noise as possible and behave in the most flamboyant manner, and you have a New York crowd on New Year's eve. Now to produce this effect literally upon the stage. Some task, George Marion, the general stage manager for Mr. Savage, is noted for handling of crowds. In this scene of "Everywoman" he is at his best. Over one hundred and fifty people appear in this one picture. The blare of trumpets, the throwing of confetti, the mingling of those of the upper stratas of life with the denizens of the lower world which prevails during the carnival season, was perhaps never better illustrated. There are brokers and college students, patrons of the high-price cafes and beggars, preachers and pickpockets, young men sowing their wild oats and old men harvesting theirs—and all in confraternity, with shouts of bedlam, roars of laughter and general pandemonium. It is a scene once witnessed long to be remembered, because it is not only a counterfeit presentment of life, but life itself.

### WESTERN ROADS UNDER BUSH IN TRIPLE MERGER

SAN FRANCISCO, July 30.—Complete absorption of the Western Pacific railroad by the Denver & Rio Grande is the latest big financial railroad plan. It is proposed here today by President Benjamin F. Bush of the Missouri Pacific, which owns both roads, and while it is not definitely set forth, the probability is great that all three lines soon will be unified into one system.

President Bush will leave tomorrow or Friday for New York, there to present his plans to the bankers who finance the system. His zealous proposition includes a plan whereby all the mortgages and bonds now held against the Western Pacific will be assumed by the Rio Grande.

Bush is so well satisfied that his absorption plans will be approved in New York that he has already begun to arrange for the consolidation of the Rio Grande and Western Pacific offices here. One of the first moves to this end will be made this week when H. M. Adams, present freight traffic manager of the Western Pacific, will be appointed to act for both roads, and F. M. Wadleigh of the Rio Grande will be appointed passenger traffic manager for both lines.

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### NEW GOLD FIND CHISANA, YUKON, LURES SCORES

DAWSON, Alaska, July 29.—Loaded to the limit with men and outfits for the new gold strike on the Chisana, a Yukon river steamer with a barge in tow left today for the White river, up which it will go as far as the mouth of the Danjek.

No additional reports as to the existence of big pay dirt in the Shushanna district have been received but there is no decrease in the rush and it is estimated that 5000 men will winter in the new district. The crowd which left today took sleds for winter travel and will be able to return if the field proves a failure.

Several women tried to buy tickets for the trip, but were refused, and afterward two of them went aboard in men's clothing and stowed away.

In anticipation of winter travel, saloonmen are shipping in a supply of liquor and the merchandise companies are preparing to testablish a base as far inland as navigation will permit for winter service.

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