

### MILLAR FILES PROBE CHARGES AGAINST CHIEF

George H. Millar, socialist councilman from the third ward has filed charges alleging incompetency and unbecoming conduct against Chief of Police J. F. Hittson. This action is said to be an outgrowth of the immorality charges made against Councilman Millar last winter. Friends of the socialist leader, say he threatens to bring suit for damages against Mayor Elbert and former City Attorney O. C. Boggs. Councilman Millar denies this intention.

The charges against Chief Hittson are embraced in allegations concerning John Caspal, a journeyman photographer, and E. Minear, a country youth. It is alleged that Chief Hittson failed to account for a fine collected from Caspal for violation of a city ordinance and, in the Minear case failed to turn in cash collected for pound fees. Chief Hittson was cleared of the Caspal charges by the evidence, testimony on the charges were heard at a secret session of the council Friday, and will be resumed at the regular council meeting tomorrow night. There was a disposition on the part of both sides to keep the news dark. Claiming it was for the best.

Sensational developments are anticipated at the hearing. The resumption of the political hostilities of last winter have been brewing for a couple of weeks, fraternal and business influences being exerted, without success, to halt any action. It is also asserted that dissension on the police force is responsible for a portion of the agitation.

Relative to the publicity given the charges Councilman Millar said:

"Chief Hittson should not worry half as much as others about the charges if he has any kind of a plausible story. The charges were made only for a thorough investigation while the principals were in town. The Sun must be severely strained for news when I made not 'graft charges' and my complaint signed states: 'Incompetency and conduct unbecoming an officer.' Chief Hittson will get a fair and impartial hearing if I can assist it. I was asked to have the several complaints aired by quite a few reputable citizens, but believed that a secret session was all that was necessary for the council and principals to be heard. The John Caspal case was decided favorable to Hittson, as per the evidence of Caspal. I notified Chief Hittson personally at the time of making out the charges what I had done. This may be the 'grudge' some are speaking of, but their imagination must be stretched to the limit to accommodate the idea. It is possible that again there is much ado about nothing."

### ON TO PALESTINE IS ZIONIST'S CRY

VIENNA, Sept. 1.—"On to Palestine" was the keynote of the world's Zionist congress which convened here today. Professor Warburg of the University of Berlin, presided. About 500 delegates, representing twenty-five countries, are in attendance. The United States and Canada are represented by more than fifty delegates.

It was expected that the old fight between the two factions in the Zionist movement—the practical and the political Zionists—would break out again upon the adoption of the report of the actions committee, as the executive committee is now. The dream of the practicals, who are in control of the congress, is the colonization of Palestine by the Jews as a nucleus for the ultimate formation and organization of an autonomous if not an independent Jewish state. The practicals, on the other hand, headed by Dr. Max Nordau of Paris, oppose this idea as visionary and fantastic and stand rather for the unified and concerted action on the part of Zionists to secure safeguards and equal privileges and opportunities for the Jews in countries where they are still more or less oppressed.

**Held for Giving Pass.**  
PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 1.—Charged with securing a railroad pass from the O. W. R. & N. company for a woman not his wife, in violation of the interstate commerce regulations, E. H. Shafer, a telegraph operator of Huntington, Ore., is under arrest here today. The woman, whose name was given in the complaint as Jane Doe, was also taken into custody.

### GRANT LAND CASE APPEAL; ALLEGE ERROR

(Portland Telegram.)  
Judge Wolverton, of the United States District Court for Oregon, yesterday granted an appeal from his decree, rendered July 1, forfeiting 2,300,000 acres of land in Oregon, comprising the celebrated Oregon & California Railroad land grant to the United States government.

The case will go to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals of the Ninth Circuit District of San Francisco, which convenes October 6. Whichever way the case is decided, an appeal will be taken to the United States Supreme Court. No decision may be expected before the summer of 1915.

The motion to appeal yesterday was made by James E. Fenton, attorney for the Oregon & California Railroad company, and was based on alleged errors connected with the case.

Assignments of error were also presented by John M. Gearin, attorney for the Union Trust company, one of the defendants; Congressman A. W. Lafferty and Lewis C. Garrigus, attorneys for a number of settlers on the grant lands, appearing as intervenors.

The government was represented by Glenn E. Husted, special assistant to Attorney-General McReynolds and Robert R. Rankin, deputy United States District Attorney for Oregon. Mr. Rankin accepting service of the assignments of error.

### PACIFIC KISSES PANAMA CANAL; OPEN TO LOCKS

PANAMA, Sept. 1.—Following the removal yesterday of the last remaining barrier at the Pacific end of the Panama canal, dredges tomorrow will start to remove the last barrier of the Atlantic channel. When this work is finished ships may navigate to the locks from both ends.

The Pacific barriers were blown up by an electric switch which was turned on twice yesterday, first at 9:20 o'clock and again at 1:30 p. m.

The first blast constituted about 44,500 pounds of 45 per cent dynamite and hundreds of tons of mud and stones were thrown high in the air. The explosion tore a big gap in the barrier, but was not to a sufficient depth to permit the water to flow through as the tide was low. The actual breaking of the barrier came in the afternoon when the second charges was let go. Then a workman with a shovel made a small trench, through which a rill of water trickled. It widened gradually, and in an hour was a raging torrent, with a 35 foot fall of water pouring through an opening 400 feet wide, into that part of the canal between Gamboa dike and the Miraflores locks, which previously had been excavated by steamshovels.

Timothy Healy of New York has been re-elected president of the International Brotherhood of Stationary Firemen of the United States and Canada. It will be his eighth term in the office.

### EASTERN APPLE CROP 30 TO 35 PER CENT SHY

Welcome news to apple growers of the Rogue river valley comes from the eastern districts, forecasting banner prices for Newtowns and Spitzenbergs. G. R. Cushman, manager of the Thomson Chemical company in a letter to Professor O'Gara says that investigation of eastern conditions show "that the eastern crop is somewhere around 30 to 35 per cent."

Compared to last year the local pear and apple crops show an increase. There will be double the amount of pears, 248 cars being shipped. Apples, Newtowns and Spitzenbergs will be about the same—600 cars, but of better quality. Professor O'Gara is now compiling his annual fruit statistics.

### LOOPS LOOP 1300 FEET BIRDMAN'S THRILLER

JUVISY, France, Sept. 1.—The most sensational aviation feat ever enacted in France was witnessed here this afternoon when Aviator Pegoud, driving an aeroplane, looped the loop at an altitude of 1300 feet.

Pegoud started his plunge at a height of 2500 feet, turned over and before descending to an altitude of 1200 feet had easily righted his machine. Hundreds of spectators cheered the daring performance.

### ASHLAND SECOND MEDFORD THIRD IN GUN TESTS

The official score of the 10-inch rifle practice held at Fort Stevens gives the Eighth Company, Coast Artillery Reserve, of Portland, first place with a score of 45.9 per cent hits; the First Company of Ashland, second, with a score of 17.2 per cent hits, and the Seventh Company of Medford, third, with a score of 13.6 per cent hits.

This is the score as it stood after all data pertaining to the firing were completed and finally passed upon. The Eighth Company was again victorious in the competition guard mounting held between that company and the Seventh.

The Ashland and Medford companies are due to arrive home this afternoon.

### EAGLE POINT PHONE HEARING, SEPT. 15

The application of the Butte Falls and Eagle Point Telephone company for authority to increase certain rates will be heard before the state railroad commission at the city hall in Medford on Monday, September 15, at the hour of 1:30 o'clock p. m. at which time and place all parties to the proceedings will be heard.

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Law school opens Oct. 1. Courses: Equity, Criminal Law, Evidence, Sales, Negotiable Instruments, Pleading, Contracts, Agency, Real Property, Corporations, etc.  
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Registration days all this week. Next week, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 9 a. m. to 12 noon, at Business College.

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