

FRANKIE EDWARDS WRITES OF TRAVELS IN FOREIGN LANDS

To the Editor:
Just a few lines to let you know the whereabouts of Medford's ex-impresario.

I intend to remain in this city for some time and should be fortunate enough to accumulate, acquire or graft enough of the filth here I shall return to my old home, Medford, Oregon, to invest my ill-gotten gains for an apple orchard or ranch with Moss Barkhill, a la "Ad Wogust, the run-out kid," or still better, I may apply to the city dubs, meaning of course, Johnny Summerville or Doc Keene, for a franchise to run an airship line between Medford and Jacksonville in competition with Bill Harman's limited.

Texas is a "pretty fair condition, and I really think there may be some opportunities here for me in the boxing game.

State law on all saloons closing at 9:30 p. m. and no liquor can be sold anywhere after that hour. This means that some distinguished Medfordites could not reside here.

After having traveled a few thousand miles and visiting such cities as Weed, Millipitas, Petaluma and Juarez, Mex., I more than ever have the utmost confidence in the Rogue River valley's future and want to impress upon its citizens that Frankie Edwards will always be there with the big boost for Medford when and wherever the opportunity presents itself. Amen!

While at El Paso, Tex., I crossed over the border line into Juarez, Mex., and was taken out to the scene of its last battle, which is about thirty-five miles out of Juarez; saw about forty dead Mexicans lying on the ground, unburied and exposed, and this was twenty-one days after the battle. The pious, or poorer classes of Mexicans, do not take the time to bury their dead, being too lazy.

While on the Mexican line I had intended as "special war correspondent of the Mail Tribune," to send you several letters regarding the truth of the situation, but happened to meet a Spanish scoria who took much of my time.

As there is no more news to write, I will bring this loose-leaf ledger to a close with my best regards to the Mail Tribune and apologies to Bert Greer of Ashland Tidings.

Yours, FRANKIE EDWARDS.

Inclosed money order for three months' subscription to your valued paper, which, to be contented with life, I must read, regardless of where situated.

Dallas, Tex., Jan. 13.

HEAR CLAIMS OF WESTERN CITIES FOR REGIONAL BANKS

CHICAGO, Jan. 19.—Secretaries McAdoo and Houston of the treasury and agricultural departments were here listening to arguments from representatives of many cities in the territory tributary to Chicago in support of claims for regional banks under the new currency system. About 100 middle western bankers were on hand to see them.

C. H. Canby, president of the Chicago board of trade, described the territory about Chicago. He said the regional district should be commensurate with the city's business.

John Sheel, manager of the Marshall Field company, urged that the Chicago district include Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana, Minnesota and Iowa.

A. C. Bartlett, a grain dealer, thought the district should also embrace North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming and Nebraska.

Omaha and Minneapolis bankers were present and took notes of the testimony, and tomorrow expect to protest against any plan which includes Nebraska, Minnesota and the Dakotas in the Chicago district.

MRS. WAKEFIELD NOT TO HANG ON FOURTH OF MARCH

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Jan. 19.—Mrs. Bessie Wakefield, under sentence of death for the murder of her husband will not hang March 4, the date set for her execution. Her appeal for a new trial was scheduled to go to the state supreme court tomorrow, but the records were not printed and the case will be set over. It was learned, however, that Mrs. Wakefield will be relieved until the appeal can be heard.

James Plew, also under sentence of death for the murder of Mrs. Wakefield's husband, probably will be hanged March 4, as no appeal was taken in his case.

Lord Strathcona Worse

LONDON, Jan. 19.—Lord Strathcona, ill of a catarrhal complaint and threatened with heart failure, spent a restless night and was unimproved today.

Good Wood.

If you want good wood, get it from Frank H. Ray.

THE EDISON TALKING PICTURES



The first Medford view of the Kinetophone, the genuine Edison talking pictures, will be given at the Page theater tonight, when the apparently impossible will be achieved, the audience hearing and also seeing a musical performance, a minstrel show and getting an explanation. It seems beyond belief, but the beginning is only in sight. We are making history every day.

FISHER PURCHASES SALEM NEWSPAPER

SALEM, Or., Jan. 19.—Charles H. Fisher, formerly publisher of the Eugene Guard, has purchased a half interest in the Salem Capital Journal and will become its editor. Articles of incorporation are now being filed for the Capital Journal Printing company, a closed corporation composed of J. S. Barnes, Graham P. Taber and Charles H. Fisher. Mr. Barnes will be president of the new corporation; Mr. Fisher will be editor of the Capital Journal, while Graham P. Taber will continue to devote his time to the business management of the paper.

Mr. Fisher is one of the best-known journalists on the coast. He formerly published the Roseburg Review, leaving it to found the Boise (Idaho) Capital News.

Having outgrown the present Capital Journal quarters, and larger and more convenient quarters being now necessary, a long time lease has been signed for the entire Burrows building on Commercial street, next to Hauser Bros. A new front will be put in and the building thoroughly remodeled and renovated. A new plant is to be installed.

PREDICT WALKOUT OF IRON MINERS

MARQUETTE, Mich., Jan. 19.—A walkout of 45,000 iron miners in the Marquette, Mesaba and Gogebic mines was predicted here today by union officials. The miners, it was said, will strike within two weeks through sympathy for the strikers in the copper mining districts.

Officials of the Western Federation of Miners have been busy for months organizing the iron ore miners.

WASHINGTON BUILDS \$60,000 FAIR BUILDING

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 19.—The state of Washington will put up a two-story building at the Panama Pacific fair at the site originally chosen by ex-Governor Hay. The cost will be approximately \$60,000. There had been some talk of obtaining a larger site and putting up a three-story building, but this was abandoned.

TWO SETS OF POLICE GUARD GRANTS PASS

GRANTS PASS, Jan. 19.—A meeting of the men charged with the business management of the city of Grants Pass breaking up in an undignified squabble; the newly-appointed city attorney refusing to be identified with a legislative body controlled by petty jealousies and apparently being guided by gratuitous outside advice; and a city with two sets of police officers, is the situation presented to the citizens of Grants Pass.

At the regular meeting of the council Thursday night, Mayor McKinstry, acting under authority vested in him by the city charter, made his appointments to the various city offices. Friday the appointees filed their official bonds, and that there might be no question of the regularity of the action Mayor McKinstry called a special meeting of the council for the purpose of submitting the bonds for approval. The council refused to accept the bonds and ordered the incumbents to hold their offices down.

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY BILL IN CONGRESS


WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—President Wilson's presidential preference primary plan will be presented to the house in the form of a bill, according to announcement here today by Representative Rucker, chairman of the election committee. The committee, he said, will begin consideration of the plan tomorrow. "I do not believe a constitutional amendment is necessary," said Rucker today. "To provide a popular primary for the naming of a president and a vice-president. The only point in doubt is whether congress could pass a law which could be forced upon the political parties."

SMITH VS. WILLARD SAN FRANCISCO JULY 4

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 19.—Gumboat Smith, white heavyweight champion of the world, will meet Jess Willard in a twenty-round contest here on the afternoon of July 4. Arrangements for the match were completed today at a meeting between Jim Buckley, Smith's manager, Tom Jones, for Willard, and promoter James W. Coffroth.

Buckley refused to consent to the match until Jones agreed to guarantee him \$7500 for Smith's end, win lose or draw. In addition Jones agreed to provide Buckley with two round-trip tickets from New York. Willard will gamble with Coffroth on the attendance, but both Jones and Coffroth are certain that the match will prove a big card and that a record-breaking crowd will be in attendance. Smith and Willard boxed twenty rounds here last May, Smith getting the decision.

SAYS HE HELPED TO BLOCK COLOMBIAN OIL CONCESSION


PEDRO PABLO CALVO

Satisfaction at the withdrawal of Lord Murray's attempt to obtain oil concessions from the Congress of Colombia on behalf of the Pearson interests was expressed by Mr. Pedro P. Calvo, a Colombian, at present staying in New York.

Mr. Calvo was formerly Sub-Secretary of Finance in the Caro administration and was a member of the House of Representatives in his country.

NO TRACE FOUND OF F. LEWIS CLARK

SANTA BARBARA, Cal., Jan. 19.—No trace had been found early today of F. Lewis Clark, a capitalist of Spokane, who disappeared here late Friday night after escorting his wife to a San Francisco-bound train.

Beach patrols established Saturday were continued today. A hat believed to have been Clark's was found on the beach Sunday evening and the police believe that his body may be washed ashore near the same spot.

Mrs. Clark, who has returned to Santa Barbara from San Francisco, asserted that she knows nothing that might have caused her husband to end his life, although she admitted he had been in ill-health for some time.



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