

SAN FRANCISCANS SPEND DAY WITH LOCAL MERCHANTS

San Francisco business men of the number of 100 shook upon Medford merchants today, shook hands, talked business, and got acquainted with Medford people in general. They arrived this morning in a special train, and at noon entertained a number of local merchants at luncheon on their own diner. Some of the party were entertained at the University club. During the morning and early afternoon the visitors called on Medford merchants.

This afternoon the San Francisco delegation were taken to Ashland, where they visited the Granite City merchants, and were entertained in Lithia Park.

The San Francisco business men left the Bay City last Saturday and have been spending the past week in the Willamette valley and on Coos Bay.

At North Bend, Ore., Governor Withycombe formally proclaimed the union of Mr. Eugene Lane and Miss Coos Bay, typified by Gerry Watkins, of Eugene, and Miss Gladys Roddy of Marshfield, thus marking the culmination of six years of constructive effort in the building of the Willamette-Pacific railroad from Eugene to Coos Bay. The wedding ceremony following closely the forms of the usual marriage service. The bride was attended by her bridesmaids, all clad in appropriate wedding garments. The bridesmaids were Miss Virginia Clarke, Marshfield; Miss Thomas, North Bend; Miss Marvel Skeels, Coquille; Miss Lella Wylands, Powers; Miss Helen Whitaker, Myrtle Point.

Attending the groom were W. H. Adrian of Springfield, as best man, and the following ushers: L. C. Kerby Mapleton; L. Draper, Elmira; Elmer Paine, Dr. A. O. Waller and J. A. McLean, Eugene. Just before the ceremony the Eugene Chamber of Commerce quartet sang "When Eugene Lane Is Married to Miss Coos Bay."

LOSES FORTUNE OF \$14,000,000

NEW YORK, Aug. 26.—Patrick Calhoun, grandson of the famous statesman and prominently identified with the San Francisco street car system until a few years ago, testified in a receivership proceeding here that \$5 was the only tangible asset remaining of a fortune of \$14,000,000 possessed by him five years ago. The proceedings became known today.

Financial reverses following the earthquake and fire in San Francisco were responsible for his losses, he asserted.

Patrick Calhoun, while president of the United Railroads of San Francisco, was indicted on charges of bribery during the 1906-7 graft prosecutions, but the jury at his trial disagreed. In 1913 he promoted the Solano irrigated farms project in California, in which millions were involved, and which ended in financial collapse.

The state railroad commission publicly charged Calhoun with illegally withdrawing the project. His personal note for that sum was entered on the books of the traction corporation at \$1.

SHIP GREAT BEAR WRECKED

which rescued John Borden and his companions on the wrecked power schooner, Great Bear, is expected to reach Nome, Alaska, tomorrow, according to a message received here today from Mrs. Louis Lane, wife of Captain Lane, master of the schooner. Mrs. Lane, her sister Mrs. Isabel Robson and Captain Lane's niece, Miss Anita Allen, are at Nome, where they went to join the Borden-Lane expedition into the Arctic.

No Injury to Stefansson. The loss of the Great Bear will not cause Vilhjalmur Stefansson, the Canadian explorer to suffer from lack of supplies, but may necessitate his returning from the Arctic sooner than he desires. Captain Lane had no contract with the Canadian government, but when he met Stefansson at Banksland last year and sold him the power schooner, Polar Bear, he made a verbal agreement to return this year with gasoline and other supplies. When Stefansson left Seattle in June, 1913, he intended remaining in the north three years and a half, but after meeting Captain Lane, decided that if the additional supplies could be obtained, he would be able to stay a year longer. It is likely that when Stefansson fails to find the Great Bear at Banksland next month, he will start home on the Polar Bear.

\$1280 WORTH OF PRESIDENT'S TIME IS USED UP SHAKING HANDS



The presidential handshake is shown in the large picture of President Wilson and a White House visitor. The picture above shows the hand of the president extended preparatory to an official hand grasping.

Hand shaking is one of the big duties of the president of the United States.

For this activity alone President Wilson uses up 50 hours of his time during his four-year term of office, at a cost of \$1280.

Fifty handshakes a day is a conservative estimate for the president. It was more when he took office, but Wilson is the man who eliminated public receptions which called for thousands more handshakes.

Still, between 20 and 30 engagements are made daily by the president.

many of them are for two to five persons at a time. This means a handshake for each person. This is in the regular course of his duties.

Then come the big delegations brought by congressmen and senators, at least one a week. Besides, there are other delegations requiring a handshake for each member.

When the 640 men representing the railroad brotherhoods went to Washington for conferences, the president had the biggest handshaking job of the year. The husky workmen gripped his hand enthusiastically.

dent, except on cabinet days, and by. But 640 firm hand grasps were too much for the president, so the men were ordered just to touch his hand.

Counting 500 days to the year and 50 shakes a day, each consuming 12 1-2 hours a year grasping hands. This is fifty hours in a four-year term, or six days and two hours, working eight hours a day.

The office of president pays \$75,000 a year, so it requires \$1280 of time merely to shake hands during the president's term of office.

VAN DRESAR TO RUN FOR PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

E. L. Van Dresar of Portland, who was made the democratic nominee for election as public service commissioner for the western district, will make the race for election, according to his announcement today. Mr. Van Dresar spent Friday in Medford on his way east on business for several weeks, but upon his return will commence an active campaign for election in November. He will run in opposition to Fred J. Huchtel, who defeated Thomas K. Campbell for the republican nomination.

"Although I was not a candidate, the democratic party saw fit to nominate me for public service commissioner in the western Oregon district by writing my name on the ballot in the May primaries," Mr. Van Dresar said. "Such spontaneous exhibition of confidence and good will can not be lightly set aside. It seemed at first impossible for me to accept on account of increasing business duties. I have taken more than three months to consider the situation and finally have been able to perfect arrangements whereby I am at liberty to show my appreciation of this unsought honor and make the race for election in November.

"The office of public service commissioner is purely a business office, in no wise political. Personally, I regret to see any change in this body at any time, as I firmly believe the interests of the state are best served by men of experience gained through long continued handling of public utility affairs.

"However, the republicans of this district have decreed there shall be a change; this being the case, I feel that with more than 25 years' experience in transportation, manufacture and shipping, I am better fitted to enter upon the duties of this office than any man whose knowledge of public utilities is purely political.

"I believe further that it would be better for the state if this office was entirely removed from politics in the same manner as the Interstate Commerce commission, but as this is not possible under our present laws, then it seems to me the next best thing is to make the board bi-partisan, instead of keeping it all republican, as it has been for several years, and as it will continue to be unless I am elected this fall.

"Much has been said at various times regarding the unwillingness of business men to enter politics or accept public office. I propose now to test the full sincerity of this complaint by accepting this nomination as a business office."

ships were seen, the captain said, after he left American territorial waters.

GERMANS SEND OUT STORY OF FRENCH OUTRAGE

BERLIN, Aug. 26.—The charge that the French have an organized force whose duty it is to exterminate all the Germans found in captured trenches, is made in a statement issued today by the Overseas News agency.

"The French some time ago," says the statement, "introduced a new fighting system which is the most cowardly and flagrant violation of the laws of war developed up to this time. Coincident reports confirm the fact, not known until now, that within companies special detachments have been formed with express orders to remain behind in captured trenches and exterminate all Germans yet alive. These troops are called 'nettoyement' (cleaners or sweepers). Their employment is not the rifle, cartridges and bayonet of other soldiers, but the revolver, knife and hand grenade. Every man, whether wounded or not, whether armed or not, is mercilessly stabbed or shot."

The nettoyement are operating by order of the commander in chief of the armies, the statement adds, this fact being demonstrated by an army order found on a dead French soldier.

CRISIS REACHED IN DEADLOCK

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road presidents' proposition when the regular daily meeting of the workmen's committee convened. The workmen's committee planned to remain in continuous session till they heard from President Wilson, who had promised them some word by noon. The four brotherhood heads went into secret session early this morning to consider the unofficial report of the railroads' stand which they had obtained from newspapers. They had received no word from the white house and did not expect to confer with the president, they said, until after he had received a delegation from the railroad executives.

The railroad executives went into session at 10 o'clock to take final action on the plan they will submit to President Wilson. Since the executives determined upon the nature of their proposal and drafted their reply last night, the committee of eight has gone over and smoothed down the wording of the letter to the president.

Revenue Bill Ridiculed WASHINGTON, Aug. 26.—When the senate resumed discussion of the revenue bill today Senator Gronna, republican, ridiculed the democratic national convention declaration for economy, charging that the party had piled up appropriations for the last fiscal year greater than any other in the country's history, except during the civil war.

J. J. Hauri of Central Point is transacting business in Medford today.

CONVICTS ESCAPE PRISON DURING THUNDER STORM

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Aug. 26.—Four convicts, one of them serving a life term for murder, sawed their way out of their cells in the state penitentiary last night and during a severe thunderstorm sealed the prison walls and escaped.

Bloodhounds immediately were put on the trail, but little hope for their capture was held out.

How the convicts obtained saws is a mystery to prison officials. They eluded the vigilance of three night guards and gained the outside of the cell building. From there they entered a long unused tunnel connected with the power plant. It had been closed from the outside years ago, but the convicts dug through six feet of concrete and stone, thus reaching the outside.

BREMEN JUBILANT OVER RETURN OF BIG SUBMARINE

BREMEN, Aug. 26.—The celebration of the return yesterday of the submarine Deutschland to this port after its voyage to the United States, was kept up until long after midnight.

During the evening Captain Koenig was obliged to make innumerable speeches. He was on the verge of exhaustion when he retired, with the crowd still clamoring for him and singing "Deutschland über Alles."

To the Associated Press correspondent the captain reiterated his great satisfaction at the treatment accorded him at Baltimore.

"Send the American people my love," he said. "They are good sportsmen. They treated me finely." The homeward trip was without unusual incidents. No British war-

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