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CAPITAL CITY HAS TREMENDOUS OUTLOOK

CLAIMS HUSBAND WAS RAILROADED INTO PENITENTIARY

MRS. MORSE SELLS HER JEWELS TO PAY HIS DEBTS--FIVE MILLION DOLLARS HAVE BEEN PAID SINCE HE WENT TO PRISON

[United Press Leased Wire.]
New York, May 22.—Charging that her husband was ruined and sent to the prison through the conspiracy of powerful enemies, who used the courts to gain their ends, Mrs. Charles W. Morse, wife of the former banker, declared today that she is willing to auction off her house to meet the demands of creditors.

Mrs. Morse was seen at her Fifth avenue house, which is practically denuded of furniture, sold to obtain money to pay off the debts of her husband. Her retinue of servants has dwindled until but one faithful serving maid remains, and she, too, will probably be dispensed with, if the family home is sold.

Despite the reverses with which her husband has met, Mrs. Morse re-

mains loyal to him, and bravely belittles the sacrifices she has made.

"Of the indebtedness of \$7,000,000 over \$5,000,000 has already been paid," said Mrs. Morse today, "and if Mr. Morse had been allowed to remain at liberty he wouldn't owe a penny."

Many of the suits which have been brought against Mr. Morse since his imprisonment were purely blackmail, advantage having been taken by unscrupulous persons of the fact that my husband was not in a position to successfully combat their claims."

Her sacrifices Mrs. Morse counts for naught.

"Too much has been said of little things," she declared. "Of course, I sold my jewels to help my husband."

What wife would not? My husband is more than anxious that all his creditors shall be paid, and I certainly shall do everything within my power to be of assistance to him.

"Government officials declared they would ruin my husband and all of his enterprises, but I did not believe the courts would be used as a party to this. Long ago powerful persons vowed they would ruin him, and they have kept their vow against justice and truth."

ORGANIZE \$51,000,000 DRY GOODS TRUST

[United Press Leased Wire.]
New York, May 22.—Great secrecy is maintained by the incorporators of the United Dry Goods Companies of New York, and no intimation of the object of the formation of the enormous company, or the identity of its stockholders was given out today. Papers of incorporation were filed yesterday at Dover, Delaware, by representatives of the legal firm of Gould & Wilkie of New York. Its capital stock is \$51,000,000.

According to the general belief, the corporation is a combination of the greatest dry goods houses of this and other eastern cities. John Claffin of the H. B. Claffin Company is the head of the concern. He also is president of the Associated Merchants' Company, composed of many big eastern establishments.

WHEAT REACHES A RECORD PRICE

Chicago, May 22.—May wheat reached a new high record at 1.32 1/2 today, the highest point of the season. This advance was made under rather extensive buying for a Saturday, the closing being at 1.32 1/2. The gen-

SALEM'S PROSPERITY RECORD BROKEN FOR THIS YEAR

oral rise for the day was 3/4 @ 3/8 c. the May options gaining most.

The extreme strength of the cash market and the scarcity of offerings in that line has a most bullish effect upon futures and shorts are going rather slow in their operations in all deliveries.

Russian shipments of wheat are 736,000 bushels and Danuban 544,000 bushels.

World's shipments show 8,608,000 bushels of wheat and 4,563,000 bushels of corn.

Foreign markets were rather slow for the day, the trading showing little inclination to go far in either direction. Liverpool closed 1/4 d lower to 1/4 d higher.

SAYS SHE WAS DOPED WITH CIGARETTE ASHES

[United Press Leased Wire.]
San Francisco, May 22.—Made to drink wine in which cigarette ashes had been dissolved, and then coerced into marriage with Edwin Ruddle, of Oakland, is the startling charge brought by Mrs. Eva Dufour Ruddle in a suit for the annulment of her sorry union. The suit was brought before Judge Sturtevant, but because the papers were made out in the woman's maiden name, the judge is of the opinion today that another complaint must be filed.

The tale told by Mrs. Ruddle states that she refused offers of marriage from the man who is legally her husband. She claims Ruddle entered into a conspiracy with others to ply her with liquor until she was not responsible for her actions, and then secured the performance of the ceremony that would bind her for life.

The Rev. Hardwood Pierce, Mrs. Ruddle claims, officiated at the strange wedding which was performed in Oakland December 5, 1907. She says she has not lived with Ruddle since her marriage, and asks the right to use her maiden name.

NEW STATE INSTITUTIONS MOUNTAIN WATER SYSTEM PAVING AND PUBLIC PARKS MILLION DOLLARS PUBLIC MONEY TO BE SPENT AT SALEM IN 1909 ON NEW BUILDINGS AND IMPROVMENTS ON STATE INSTITUTIONS AND BY COUNTY AND STATE

Half a million will be spent bringing mountain water to Salem for the use of the city and all the state institutions.

Over half a million dollars will be spent at Salem this year by the state of Oregon.

The county, city and school district will also expend large sums in public improvements.

At a low estimate there will be \$250,000 expended on paving, sewers, sidewalks, bridges and parks.

Great Outlay by the State.

There will be \$535,865 ready for public improvements, many of which are already under way.

This is not counting the rebuilding of the state stove foundry, recently burned, which will undoubtedly have to be done, but is not yet ordered.

Following is an enumeration of the appropriations for new buildings and

Insane asylum, improvements at the asylum farm and new residences for officials	\$268,775
Penitentiary	17,500
Blind school	7,840
Feeble minded institution	57,500
Reform school	4,000
Deaf mute school	75,000
State fair grounds	22,250
State capitol	48,000
Tubercular sanitarium	45,000

total expenditures at Salem \$535,865

Governor Frank W. Benson, who is also secretary of state, and hence two members of all the building boards, and a majority of nearly all of them, with State Treasurer Steel, will disburse all these funds, after adopting plans for the improvements and letting contracts for this work.

The governor will be the busiest man in four states, having also an important place on the Agricultural College board, which will expend \$210,000 on new buildings.

Governor Benson's health has not been better in years, and he relishes his tasks. He is at his office from 8 'n the morning until 10 at night many days in the week. He will, in addition, dedicate the Oregon building at Seattle, and visit various parts of the state, and meet the people at public gatherings.

Governor Benson takes a hopeful, optimistic view of the growth of the whole state and all of its cities.

COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS APPOINTED

Members of the Crater Lake road commission, appointed May 22, 1909. 1909 session laws, page 27, 8

H. D. Morton, Grant Pass; Dr. J. M. Keene, Medford; J. E. Enyart, M. Keene and J. E. Enyart, Medford; E. V. Carter, Ashland; Geo. T. Baldwin and L. P. Willits, Klamath Falls; C. S. Jackson, Portland.

Members of the Board of Commissioners of the First Central Oregon Agricultural Society, appointed for a term of two years: J. H. Gray and T. H. LaFollette, Crook county.

Board of directors of the Yamhill County Fair Association, appointed for a term of two years. Mrs. Ines Butt, H. P. Wilson and Milton Potter, all of Yamhill county.

Board of directors of Linn County Fair Association, appointed for a term of two years: D. H. Bodine, G. G. Belts, I. A. Munkers, all of Linn county.

GERMAN SOCIETY 'HOLDS IMPORTANT MEETING SUNDAY

The Salem German Society, many of whom live in the country and cannot get in during the week, will hold an important meeting Sunday at their hall on State street, at 10 o'clock to practice singing for the festival program in the afternoon. They will also receive a large delegation coming up from Portland to join in the first formal May day celebration ever held at Salem, according to the old German custom. The exercises will take place at the Savage Grove at 1:30 in the afternoon. The members and their families and friends are invited to be present.

Before You Do Your Buying

Go to the other stores and get their prices, then come to the CHICAGO STORE and see the money we can save you. It is the high-class quality of our goods and the low prices that we ask that makes the CHICAGO STORE grow faster than any other store on the Pacific Coast. Before moving into our new store we will give you prices on all articles that will surprise you.



1909 LATEST STYLES MILLINERY

Now selling at about half what you have to pay elsewhere. We can afford to sell Hats, Flowers, Feathers, etc., at small profits because we do the volume of business. No long prices here. Quick sales and small profits is our motto. Come here and get your money's worth.

Trimmed Hats

Now selling for \$1.50, \$1.95, \$2.50 and up



Bargain Prices on—

Shirt Waists

1000 Ladies' Shirt Waists now on sale; all handsomely trimmed and tailor made. We are giving the values.

95c Waists now 49c
\$1.50 Waists now 95c
\$1.50 Tailor-made Waists now 98c
\$5.00 Net Waists now \$2.50
And so along the line.

Fine Silk and Dress Goods

Now on display at prices that will keep you traveling for a long time before you can beat them. We will move this department soon

Wonderful Bargains in Ladies' Suits

We are now showing a grand assortment of the latest styles in Ladies' Wool Silk, Linen and Duck Suits. All colors; 1909 newest models. This is the place for bargains.

\$18 Wool Suits now only \$ 9.50
\$25 Wool Suits now \$12.50
Princess Silk Suits \$ 9.50
Duck Suits \$ 3.50

We are offering the greatest values in Salem in fine high and low

SHOES

\$3.00 and \$2.75 low-cut shoes in all the latest styles, patent, vici, tan, wine, gun metal, etc., now only \$1.95 pair. \$2.50 high shoes \$1.49 and up.



MODERN WOODMEN OF AMERICA PICNIC

There is a very sharp contest going on to elect a queen of the great Woodmen of America picnic to be held at Silverton June 5. Four popular young Salem ladies are in the contest and voting is going on at a number of places in the city. The candidates for queen of the picnic are Iva Rich, Nettie Stanton, Cora Hammock and Aggie West.

HOLMAN CORNER HAS SOLD FOR BIG PRICE

The Thomas Holman corner, at State and Liberty streets, was sold today by the owner to ex-Lieutenant-Governor Steeves, of Welser, Idaho, through the agency of Meyer & Belle Land Co., the price being upwards of \$30,000.

Salem Man Very Ill

D. B. Steeves of the Oregon Shoe Company was taken sick yesterday and today was removed to the hospital. He is lying unconscious (this afternoon and his condition is considered critical.

Masons May Build

It is understood that the members of Pacific lodge last night made a proposition to Salem No. 4 lodge to buy or sell their interest in the property at State and High, for the purpose of erecting a fine steel building.

BOARD FOR THE NEW STATE INSTITUTION

Governor Benson this afternoon appointed the following as the board of trustees of the State Institute for Tubercular patients: Robert A. Booth, Eugene; A. L. Mills, Portland; Leslie Butler, Hood River; Geo. F. Rodgers, Salem; the governor and president and secretary of the State Board of Health are ex-officio members of this board.

SHALL CHERRY FAIR GO? WILL BE RECORD BREAKER IF FUNDS ARE PROVIDED

The matter of a Cherry Fair for this year has been receiving closest attention by a committee of business men the past few days, and it is quite probable that Salem will this year hold its fourth annual Cherry Fair, and that it will be the greatest event of that kind ever known.

A finance committee has been appointed to give the matter thorough consideration. They will, some time early next week, take the matter up with leading business men on its merits, and canvass the situation thoroughly. The question will be whether a large enough fund may be collected to give the fair the proper standing it should have. If the committee is encouraged by the business people, the probability is that they will proceed and set the whole thing in motion. It is to be hoped that the matter will receive the proper appreciation by our people, as the Cherry Fairs held in the past have not only been a good thing for our city, for the time being, but they have done more to advertise Salem to the world and help bring in the great prosperity which is upon us than any other one factor.

The time has come when Salem should develop this Cherry Fair into an annual fruit carnival idea, which will take rank with the Rose Festival of Portland, the Flower Fiesta of Pasadena and other similar events in Pacific coast cities.

The subscriptions for this proposition should be made, not from the narrow standpoint of immediate returns, but from the broad platform of the development of our resources—the enlargement of our city in the eyes of the world.

Ladies' 5c Hdkfs. now only 2c

CHICAGO STORE

PEOPLES BARGAIN HOUSE

Salem, Oregon — The Store That Saves You Money

45c Russian Net Veiling now only yard 25c