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## WINGFIELD DOES NOT WANT OFFICE

**Declares That Buying The Reno Gazette to Further Ambitions Is Hoax.**

There having been recent reports that George Wingfield had become owner of the Reno Gazette, in an interview he gave his views as follows:

"I see that some people and some newspapers still refer to me as having bought the Gazette to help along my political ambitions," said George Wingfield, in a recent interview for publication. "You may tell them, if you like, that I am neither interested in the newspaper industry nor in the office-holding industry, and that I haven't time or inclination for either. I can't understand why I should buy a newspaper to help me get something I don't want and wouldn't have."

"There are lots of people in the country who can't afford it, that will pay twice the salary of an office to get it, and then throw it in their time. Sometimes they borrow money to do it and take the chance on winning, or let their creditors take it. Some of them have families to support. And yet they talk about running the public business on business principles. They know just how to run the State or the nation, but they never did run anything else except to run it into the ground. They seem to think there isn't any occupation worth following except to hold office and run the people's business."

"If the State could just get the help of these people in doing the things that Nevada needs to have done outside of office chasing and political jockeying, the State would profit in two ways—in greater production from its mines and ranches and in getting better men in its public offices."

### Thaw Not Insane

Harry Kendall Thaw would not be a public menace if he were released on bail, according to the report of the commission appointed by Judge Aldrich to inquire into Thaw's mentality. The report says that Thaw is not now afflicted with any of the mental disease from which he was suffering when he slew Stanford White.

The report will be considered by Judge Aldrich this week, in connection with the petition of Thaw for admission to bail under habeas corpus proceedings.

## POSTOFFICE HAS BEEN BUSY PLACE

**All Delayed Mail Has Been Received at the Local Office.**

Since Friday Postmaster Ahlstrom and force have been the busiest people in town catching up with delayed mails which began arriving with the train on that day. Considerable mail was routed from Reno by way of Klamath Falls, the first installment of which arrived here on the stage Saturday evening. Among the lot were eight sacks of first-class matter besides a number of sacks of papers. Every night up until Tuesday the western has been loaded with mail, but now all delayed matter has been received, and things have resumed normal proportions once more.

### A Worthy Organization

Why don't the women of Lakeview take more interest in the Civic Improvement Club?

A club of this kind is the keynote of the general progress of a town. A few who are endowed with civic pride have kept the Civic Improvement Club alive and have been willing at all times to give their time and energy to any cause where their assistance is needed. A club cannot reap a full measure of good results without the united support of all its members. In unity there is strength. The hearty co-operation of every woman who feels an interest in her home town is needed.

A meeting is called for Tuesday, January 20th, at 2:30 P. M., at the Town Hall, and it is hoped that every woman in Lakeview will be present.

## SMITH WILL MOVE PICTURE THEATER

**Daily Building on Water Street Being Fitted For Purpose.**

Work was begun yesterday on renovating and remodeling the Daily building just south of the Bailey & Massingill store. Al Smith has leased the building and will have it fitted up for a motion picture house. An inclined floor, opera chairs and other modern equipment will be added. The building is well located for this purpose and doubtless Mr. Smith will provide one of the neatest and most attractive motion picture theaters in this section of the country. The room will have a seating capacity of 300 people.

The management expects to have the new theater opened shortly after February 1.

## DECISION OF LAKE COURT AFFIRMED

**Settlers Favored in Last Litigation Over Warner Valley Lands.**

Holding that the settlers obtained their lands under the laws of the United States and that they could not be made defendants in the State courts, the Supreme Court affirmed the judgment of the Lake County circuit court in the case of the State of Oregon against the Warner Valley Stock Company. A. M. Huntington and others, says a late dispatch from Salem.

The suit was for the cancellation of deeds for land given the company by the State, but the chief question at issue was whether settlers could legally be made defendants. This is the last of the suits involving years of litigation over the land holdings of the Warner Valley Stock company in this county.

## DELAYED SERVICE RESUMED FRIDAY

**Change Made in N.-C.-O. Schedule Between Lakeview and Reno.**

With arrival in Lakeview last Friday noon of train N. 2 from Reno, passenger and mail service was resumed by the N.-C.-O. railway after a ten days' lay off occasioned by the storms. The first train left Reno on Thursday morning as stated in last week's Examiner. It reached Astoria early Friday morning, and leaving there at 8:30 arrived here at noon. The first freight since the delay arrived in Lakeview Tuesday, bringing in considerable delayed goods.

Effective now a change has been made in the schedule for leaving and arrival of trains. No 1 leaves Reno at 9 o'clock instead of 9:15 as heretofore and is due to arrive in Lakeview at 9:45 instead of 8:20 as the former schedule. Train No. 2 leaves Lakeview at 6:30 instead of 6:40, and is due in Reno at 7:15.

## ASSESSORS WILL MEET ANNUALLY

**A. J. Foster Returns Home From Convention After Delayed Trip.**

County Assessor A. J. Foster arrived home Tuesday evening on the train, after having attended the Oregon County Assessors' Association that was held in Salem. He left Astoria January 1 on the steamer Bear for San Francisco but did not land at his destination until January 9, the heavy storms on the coast making water transportation impossible for several days. Hearing of the washouts on the N.-C.-O. after reaching San Francisco.

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## TAX LAW HAS CHANGES

**UNDER NEW LAW TAXES ARE DUE ON APRIL 1ST**

**Unpaid Assessments Will Bear Interest of One Per Cent a Month Until September 1st, When Further Penalty Is Added**

The change in the State's tax laws effected by the 1913 legislature is causing considerable speculation just at present. It is stated that the Mayor of Portland may ask Governor West to call a special session of legislature to make changes in the law, although the Governor has already declared that he would not call any special session for the purpose.

As this issue is of particular importance to all residents of Oregon, we reprint below in part the views of an eminent attorney on the new and old tax law:

The laws of 1907 provide that the taxes shall be paid on or before the first Monday in April. If paid on or before March 15, a rebate of 3 per cent was allowed. Taxpayers were given the option of paying one half of their taxes on or before the first Monday in April, and upon such payment the payment of the second half was postponed until the first Monday in October, and if paid at that time no penalty or interest was attached. If the first half was not paid by the first Monday in April, the whole tax became delinquent and was subject to a 10 per cent penalty and interest at the rate of 12 per cent per annum. If the first half was paid on or before the first Monday in April, but the second half was not paid on or before the first Monday in October, such second half thereupon became delinquent, a 10 per cent penalty was imposed and interest computed at 12 per cent per annum from the date of the payment of the first installment.

The law of 1913 materially changed this provision of the law of 1907. Under the latter law, taxes are payable before April 1 of each year. No rebate is allowed at all. On April 1 the taxes become delinquent. A penalty of 1 per cent a month is charged on that portion of taxes paid after April 1 and paid before September 1. The law, however, permits of one-half of the taxes being paid before April 1 and the remaining one-half to be paid prior to September 1. However, if advantage is taken of this

provision the penalties heretofore set forth are computed on the second half of the taxes until it is paid. The act further provides that all taxes remaining unpaid on the first day of September shall become delinquent and subject to a penalty of 10 per cent and interest at the rate of 12 per cent per annum from the date on which they became delinquent until their payment.

Under the old law, taxes were payable on the first Monday in April. Under the new law they are payable on the first day of April.

Under the old law the second installment became due and payable on the first Monday in October. Under the new law the second installment must be paid prior to the first day of September.

Under the old law certificates of delinquency bearing interest at the rate of 15 per cent per annum were issued at the expiration of six months after the date of delinquency. Under the new law such certificates of delinquency bearing the same rate of interest shall be issued at the expiration of one month after the date of delinquency.

The provisions of the old law with reference to the foreclosure and sale of land for delinquent taxes by the holder of the certificate of delinquency have not been altered. Under the new law the County Treasurer is made Tax Collector and the Sheriff is constituted the collector of delinquent taxes.

In an opinion to a number of county treasurers over the state Attorney General Crawford interprets the new tax law as follows:

"The law provides that all taxes shall be due April 1. All unpaid taxes will bear interest or penalty of 1 per cent a month for five months, or until September 1, at which time all unpaid taxes become delinquent. At that time there will be accumulated 5 per cent penalty and 10 per cent further penalty will be added to the total amount, making 15 per cent penalty due at that time. Then that full amount will draw 12 per cent interest until paid."

## LYMAN TO SERVE FIFTEEN MONTHS

**Promoter of Defunct Land Company Was Once Captured in Lakeview.**

Dr. John Grant Lyman, promoter of the defunct Panama Development Co., convicted of having used the mails to defraud, was sentenced at Los Angeles to one year and three months in the prison at Florence, Arizona. Judge Wellborn of the United States District Court overruled a motion for a new trial, but after sentencing Lyman, granted a stay of execution of fifteen days, pending the filing of a bill of exceptions.

Postal inspectors raided the offices of the Panama Development company in 1911 and secured evidence of fraud at the time. Lyman was arrested in Oakland, escaped from a guard at a hospital, where he was confined temporarily for treatment of an injured foot, and was recaptured by Sheriff Snider in Lakeview on an automobile dash for the Canadian border. He served eighteen months in the federal prison at McNeil Island for his escape from the federal officers. He finished his term in April, 1913, and taken to Los Angeles for trial, and has been in jail ever since.

## BEND CLASSED AS UNRELIABLE TOWN

**La Pine Does Not Want Publicity Headquarters at Bend.**

A plan has been offered by Hon. A. W. Orton for the establishment of a bureau of information for home-seekers in Central Oregon, says the La Pine Inter-Mountain.

He suggests that a main office be located at Bend with branches scattered through the State.

The plan is a good one and to be successful must have the co-operation of every town in this part of the State.

In order to have that co-operation the headquarters will have to be in a more reliable town than Bend, for the sole effort of that town in the past two years has been to sell property there, and to discredit all the towns farther south.

There is hardly a town in Central Oregon that has not seen their products exhibited at Bend bearing the label, "Grown Tributary to Bend." There's hardly a town here that has not suffered from the effects of Bend's "navel chorus," and although we are willing to admit that there is a strong bunch of boosters there, they are not strong enough to suppress the "knockers."

## EASTERN OREGON EXPECTS INFLUX

**Portland Commercial Club Representative Is Touring That Section.**

Portland, Ore., Jan. 13, (Special)—Expecting a vast number of tourists and immigrants to come to the Pacific Coast by way of Oregon during 1915, the cities of Eastern Oregon are already making preparations to do their share in taking care of the visitors and new settlers Tom Richardson, representing the Portland Commercial Club, is making a tour of that part of the state urging the people in each community to unite in an effort to take advantage of an unusual opportunity to secure large additions to population and wealth. He expects to make addresses, urging organization and co-operation, in practically every city and town in that part of the state.

## PRICE OF SPUDS IS ON INCLINE

**Oregon Potatoes are Quoted in Reno at \$1.25 Per Hundred.**

Reno Gazette: Local farmers who keep in touch with market conditions, especially on potatoes, report that spuds have gone up sharply after a decline until Oregon potatoes which were selling at 85 cents have gone up to \$1.25 a hundred and higher. This is the result of the recent wet weather and a wet spring, should it occur, is expected to result in a good market for the reason that it prevents planting in the lowlands of California where huge crops are raised under favorable conditions.

Speaking of a ban on potatoes from Nevada on the ground that eel worm exists in this state, a report is made here that three cars of Stockton potatoes were recently condemned at Santa Barbara.

## REBELS CAPTURE CITY OF OJINAGA

**Federal Generals Cross Border to Get Protection of U. S.**

The Mexican federal army, with its nine generals, evacuated Ojinaga, Mexico Saturday night, and the triumphant rebel forces under General Villa immediately occupied the village. General Salvador Mercado, Huerta's chief military commander, crossed the river and surrendered to Major McNamee of the United States Army. Other generals also crossed the border and placed themselves under protection of the United States troops.

The defeat of the federal army followed only a few hours fighting in which the rebels, beginning at sundown, started to close in on the beleaguered garrison with a terrible fire of cannon, shrapnel and rifle. Generals of the federal regulars saw that the assault was to be nothing less than massacre, as they had left only fifty rounds of ammunition for each man.

## PIONEER WOMAN HAD BUSY LIFE

**Mrs. Venator and Husband Were First Settlers in This Valley.**

Elizabeth Jane Venator who died in Lakeview, Oregon, January 8, 1914, was born near Chicago, Ill., April 17, 1830.

Impressive funeral services were held at the Methodist Church, the Rev. Geo. H. Feese officiating, after which all that was mortal of this grand old mother was tenderly conveyed to our Silent City, where, by the side of a devoted husband she now rests in peace.

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## COUNTY ATTORNEY IS NOW BENEDICT

**O. C. Gibbs and Golden J. Cameron United in Marriage in Lakeview.**

County Attorney O. C. Gibbs and Miss Golden J. Cameron were united in marriage last Saturday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Z. T. McCabe in this city. Rev. Geo. A. Crawford of the Presbyterian church officiated at the ceremonies.

The bride is a daughter of Mrs. John Cameron of Washington, D. C., she having just arrived in this city on last Friday's train following a several day's delay in Reno, Nevada, occasioned by damage to the railway track. She was accompanied on the long journey from the United States capital by her brother, Coivin W. Cameron. She is a young lady of many graces of mind and person, who is capable of filling the home she will adorn with happiness, and will be warmly welcomed in her new location.

Mr. Gibbs has made filing on a homestead in the northern part of this valley, the claim originally belonging to C. Fitch. The place is about ten miles from Lakeview, and he will make daily trips from the farm to town to attend to his office duties during their residence on the homestead.

The groom came to Lakeview about three years ago and entered the practice of law, he receiving his present commission of County Attorney for Lake last fall. He is considered one of the substantial and coming young men of this center, and by his ambition and honorable habits has gained the confidence and admiration of a number of friends.

Congratulations on the happy event are many and the Examiner is pleased on this occasion to add its hearty good wishes to those being so freely extended.

### Keeps Within Allowance

According to the annual report of Dr. Steiner, Superintendent of the Insane Asylum, and which was submitted to the State Board of Control, the institution has expended \$263,609 of the \$511,728 appropriated for it for maintenance by the Legislature. The annual allowance was \$255,864, and the expenditures for the year would constitute an excess were it not that there is an excess in supplies in the commissary and mercantile departments of \$9888. Figuring this the institution more than kept within the allowance.

## HEADQUARTERS ARE REMOVED TO SALEM

**State Game Commission Will Be Maintained at State Capitol.**

The State Fish and Game Commission at a meeting in Salem the other day decided to locate headquarters of the department in that city, and employ a private secretary to have general supervision of the work after it has been outlined by the Commission. While it was decided that Master Fish Warden Clanton and State Game Warden Finley might elect to have their offices either in Salem or Portland, it is expected that they will choose the former place in order to be in close touch with the Commission and secretary. The Commission will relieve the deputy wardens of much of the work now connected with their offices, giving them much more time for work in the field.

### Returned Convinced

W. A. Currier and Billy Miller and wife who recently went to the White Salmon country for the purpose of looking over the land returned this week thoroughly convinced that there is "no place like the Silver Lake valley," says the Leader. They were about to trade their property here for land in that section but when they started on the trip they didn't need any overcoats, so failed to take any. This was a mistake and broke up the deal as they found the weather cold and the ground covered with 15 inches of snow. It is not necessary to tell some people that they had better come back—they know enough to.