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OFFICIALS ARE IN SERIOUS TROUBLE

Are alleged to Have Accepted Commission For the Sale of Government Property.

MAY BE IMPEACHED

President Signs Sundry Civil Bill Which Has Been Revised by Congress to Meet His Objection—Fleet Is On Its Journey.

(By the Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, July 19.—Charges that John Skelton Williams, comptroller of currency, aided by his brother, Louis B. Williams, of Richmond, Va., in negotiating for the purchase by the government of property in Washington valued at \$4,200,000 and that they received part of the commission for the sale, were made before the house rules committee by Representative McFadden, a Pennsylvania republican. He asked the house to report on his resolution providing for the appointment of a special committee to investigate. He also announced that if an investigation is not ordered he would prefer charges on the floor of the house and ask for Williams' impeachment.

Comptroller Williams said that the charges were "utterly without foundation and a falsehood from start to finish and that he had no interest in the sale of the Arlington hotel property to the government and received no compensation whatever."

SIGN CIVIL BILL.
WASHINGTON, July 19.—The president signed the sundry civil bill revised by congress to meet his objections. The agricultural appropriation bill, with the daylight saving repeal rider eliminated by the house for the second time, now awaits senate action.

DEMAND CONFIDENCE VOTE.
PARIS, July 19.—In view of a vote in the chamber of deputies last night, in which the government was 14 votes in the minority, the cabinet decided to demand a vote of confidence by the chamber on Tuesday. The food minister, whose policy was adversely voted on last night, has been replaced.

FLEET STARTS TODAY.
OLD POINT COMFORT, July 19.—Six super-dreadnaughts, 20 destroyers and tenders, the vanguard to lead the way for the 21 ships of the Pacific fleet, sailed today from Old Point Comfort, Va., bound for the western coast via the Panama canal.

TEACHERS GET CERTIFICATES.
The following teachers have received certificates, Mildred Meyers, Abbie Bond, Eather Sherk, Ethel Hughes, Ray Henderson, Fela Berger, Doris Gibbons, Myth Henderson, Margaret Burdick, Madie Walker, Florence Lichtenberger, Nettie J. Gleason, Susan Cornell, and Margaret Thomas. Many others were successful in passing the examinations and are privileged to call for their certificates at any time. All of those issued by the county superintendent were for one year with the exception of that given Miss Marle Walker, who is authorized to teach in the schools of Oregon for 5 years. Over 45 teachers took the recent examinations.

BOOST CHAUTAUQUA.

Will Roseburg "Go Over the Top" in Chautauqua sales? It is hoped so, but we are not certain. Immediate aggressive ticket sales at this time seems the only solution. It is therefore the vital thing to do now. I should have been done two weeks ago. Let us rally at once in immediate support of that which is of vital interest to our community that this harmonizing institution may more firmly be established in our city.

WILL ARRIVE TOMORROW.

C. A. Bell and wife, parents of Mrs. T. A. Raffety of this city will arrive in this city tomorrow by auto. They will be accompanied by Catharine and Frank Bell, the latter being a graduate from the Roseburg high school several years ago. They are making the auto trip from Horton, Kansas, and expect to remain in this city for some time visiting at the Raffety home. Mrs. Grace Seizer, sister of the deputy sheriff, who has been spending her summer vacation here, will leave for her home in Topeka, Kansas, tomorrow.

J. E. Enger and wife, left this afternoon for Brownsville where they will spend the week end visiting relatives.

Mrs. W. D. Chadwick, who has been under Dr. Stewart's care at the Merry Hospital, left this morning for her home at Riddle.

MEXICO COURTING SERIOUS TROUBLE

Sailors From United States Steamer Robbed While On Fishing Trip.

FLEW AMERICAN FLAG

State Department Regards Incident As A Most Serious One.—Investigation Is Promised at Once By Authorities.

WASHINGTON, July 19.—A boat from the United States Ship Cheyenne was held up by armed men in the Tamesi river, near Tampico, Mexico, July 8th, and sailors of the U. S. navy robbed. The incident is similar to that in 1914, which resulted in the occupation of Vera Cruz. Urgent representations to the Carranza Government have gone forward. The boat from the Cheyenne flew the American flag and the enlisted men were on a fishing trip and were relieved by the robbers of their personal effects. The state department regards the incident as a most serious one and both the Mexican government and Tampico authorities have been notified of the incident and a prominent investigation will be made immediately. Carranza forces are completely in control of the Tampico district.

PORTLAND, July 19.—The striking telephone operators and electrical workers are uncertain whether to return to work Monday or not as ordered to do by San Francisco headquarters. Some of the interested seem to think that the order is only a ruse to get the employees back until government control ends.

WILL GO ON STRIKE.
CHICAGO, July 19.—The employees of the Chicago transportation lines have decided by an overwhelming vote to go on a strike. The demands for a large wage increase is not met forthwith. The women cashiers of the elevated lines joined the men in voting. Mayor Thompson has been appointed mediation commissioner.

FOREST FIRES RAGING.
SPOKANE, July 19.—Forest fires in Northern Idaho are still eating their way into valuable government, state and private timber. The citizens of Newport, Washington, are engaged in fighting the forest fires which have reached within a mile of the town. Six fires are burning in Kanika forest, near Newport.

CLUB ENTERTAINED.

Mrs. P. Sinclair and Mrs. J. J. Tooley pleasantly entertained the members of the Improvement Club on Thursday afternoon at Mrs. Sinclair's home in Garden Valley. This being the first session since the four week's vacation, an interesting get-together meeting was enjoyed.

Mrs. J. Erwin Page gave a delightful reading entitled "Mildred Jane of the Mother's Union" during the social hour, which was followed by a guessing game, after which refreshments were served by the hostesses. The meeting adjourned with the singing of old familiar songs.

Mrs. Elkon and sister, Miss Owen of Jacksonville, Florida, Mrs. McKinley of Portland and Miss Josephine Tooley were guests for the afternoon. It was arranged to hold the next meeting at Mrs. Nash's Grove by the river on the afternoon of July 31st.

SHIRINERS ON WAY HOME.

After several weeks spent in Alaska 77 members of Islam Temple Shiriners, San Francisco, passed through this city yesterday evening on the way home. The members of the lodge each year put on an excursion to some point of interest hiring special trains, boats or whatever means of conveyance is best suited to their plans. This year the party went to Alaska visiting all of the larger cities and are now on their way back traveling in a special train.

Mrs. J. P. Lenox of Sutherlin spent the day in Roseburg shopping and visiting with friends.

CANNERY COMPANY BUYS BUILDING SITE

All details were completed today whereby the Douglas County Growers Association, operating the local cannery, comes into possession of the property situated on the west side of the railroad tract between Washington and Oak streets. This land has been purchased for the purpose of a cannery site and it is the intention of the association to build there probably next year. The houses and buildings now located on the lots will be sold at once and the land cleared ready for building whenever the contract is let.

R. E. SMITH FLEEING NORTH WITH A MILLION DOLLARS

Former Roseburg Man In Thrilling Race Against Time—Establish Pacific Coast Record

PLANE MEETS "BOB" HERE TOMORROW

Left San Francisco at Three o'Clock This Afternoon by Special Train With Savings Certificates Consigned for Alaska—Most Unique Trip on Record.

(Special to the Evening News by the Associated Press.)

San Francisco, July 19.—Carrying a million dollars worth of new war savings certificates issued by the United States treasury, Robert E. Smith, director of the war loan organization of the Twelfth Federal Reserve district, left San Francisco at 3 o'clock this (Saturday) afternoon in a race by airplane, motorboat, automobile and special train in an effort to reach Seattle before the departure of the mail steamer, Alaska, tomorrow night for northern points. An airplane will meet Mr. Smith at Roseburg Sunday upon the arrival of the train at that city and will immediately take its passengers aboard and leave for Seattle hoping to reach the latter city before the departure of the steamer Alaska. Scurrying away from the docks at San Francisco in a motor boat Mr. Smith was met at the Oakland pier by an automobile and was immediately taken to a special train in waiting for him at the Southern Pacific depot. Boarding the train, the engineer opened the throttle and the government representative is now speeding northward with all possible haste and it is thought will reach Roseburg at an hour sufficiently early to give the airplane ample time to reach Seattle by tomorrow evening.

PERCY LANDS CHIN-CHIN.

H. L. Percy, late this afternoon announced that Chin-Chin, the famous musical comedy will appear at the Antlers Theatre July 31. Mr. Percy has worked hard to secure this attraction which is composed of 65 players. The music is extremely popular and Roseburg theatre goers may be assured of an evening of perfect entertainment.

COMMISSION WILL MEET.

Local Chrono-miners today received notice that the War Minerals Relief Commission will meet at Medford July 28. Those desiring to make statements in addition to those contained in the questionnaire already filled out, are instructed to be present at the hearing. The commission will adjust losses with miners who took out minerals on contract with the government and sustained losses due to the signing of the armistice and the cancellation of the contracts.

THIRD OF HIGHWAY HERE.

The Morning Oregonian carried a lengthy article dealing with the Pacific highway road work being carried on in this county and says that Douglas has one-third of the road surface. The article is well written and gives the reader a comprehensive idea of the enormous amount of the work being done in this section.

BAPTISTS DEFEATED.

The Baptists last night lost to the Christians of the twilight league by a score of 8 to 2. Both teams are "loosely" matched for second place and with the season almost completed are fighting to win the top of the column.

Attorney Neuner, acting for the estate today obtained an order for sale of real property in the matter of the estate of F. J. Stewart, deceased.

GOVERNOR WILL FLIRT WITH DEATH

Telegraphic invitation was sent to Governor Olcott at Salem by the Lane County Fair Association last night asking him to make a parachute jump from a balloon or airplane on each of the three days during the fair in September. The fair board which ordered Ray H. Wood, secretary, to send the invitation, declares that it thinks the governor, interested in aeronautics as he is, will be willing to comply with the request. Following is the message that was wired to the governor: "Can you arrange to do a parachute jump two or three days during the Lane county fair? The committee will furnish you with thrills not experienced in your previous airplane work. We are counting on your well known nerve and audacity to prompt you to accept this invitation."

LOCAL NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Bates left on the evening train today for Ashland where they will spend Sunday.

Attorney C. F. Hopkins spent the afternoon at Sutherlin attending to legal business connected with an estate.

Mrs. R. C. Hill of Wilbur spent the day visiting with friends and shopping in Roseburg.

Mrs. C. C. Robertson left this afternoon for a visit with friends and relatives at Portland.

John McClasky, spent the day in Roseburg attending to business matters, returning this afternoon to his home in Sutherlin.

The county court met today in special session to consider road construction proposals. As no bids were received the court adjourned after a short session.

William Bell, the weather bureau man, leaves the first of the week for Portland, where he will join his wife, who is now visiting there. They will then go on to Hood River for a short visit and then to the Puget Sound district for a vacation. A man is expected within a couple of days to relieve Mr. Bell.

CHAUTAUQUA OPENS THIS EVENING

Chautauqua opens this evening at 8 o'clock and at 6 o'clock the reserved seats will be on sale at the tent and will be in charge of Miss Mildred Goodrow, the Junior Supervisor. Those who desire reserved seats may get them at the tent previous to each performance at 5 cents for each entertainment or 72 cents for the full sessions of thirteen programs. These prices include war tax. Reserved seats for any special event cannot be promised unless season tickets are secured for the remaining portion of the series. It is altogether best if one wishes two or three sessions reserved to get full season reserves from the beginning and those who come first will have first choice.

The opening number is a light cheerful performance of songs, stories and readings by the McDougall-Easton Company, two versatile University young ladies of Boston. Following, Dr. Joseph Clark presents in a most interesting and instructive manner, "The Riddle of the Russian Revolution." Dr. Clark lived through the stirring revolution and the information he gives is first-hand. The gist of several volumes is contained in this one magnificent address which everyone should hear and which alone is often declared by many to be worth the full price of a season ticket.

WILL SPEAK MONDAY.

Mrs. Robert C. McCredie, a lecturer of national repute, will speak at the Chautauqua tent Monday morning. The lecture will be free to all and will be on the subject of reconstruction.

BENJAMIN CARO LANDS.

Benjamin Caro, son of Simon Caro, who is now in this city attending to business matters, landed in New York, yesterday, according to a message received today. Benjamin was formerly associated with his father in conducting a clothing store in this city and enlisted early in the war for overseas service. Later he has been attending school in Paris, having taken up a course of instruction offered by one of the colleges formed by the U. S. Government. His many friends in Roseburg are delighted to hear of his return.

WILL MAKE INSPECTION.

S. C. Bartrum, forest supervisor, left this morning for an inspection of the Canyon Creek Road. This improvement which is being made cooperatively by Government, State and County, is one of the finest pieces of work in the county. It is being made under the supervision of well experienced Government engineers who are directed by Mr. Bartrum. The Forest Supervisor will be accompanied by his wife and children, who will go on to Medford for a short visit. Mr. Bartrum will take them through to Grants Pass by auto.

LEAVING FOR CRATER LAKE.

A. C. Marsters and wife and I. M. Tutill and wife, of Sutherlin, left this afternoon for Klamath Falls and Crater Lake on a business and pleasure trip.

SMALLPOX SUSPECTS MUST BE EXAMINED

As a means of preventing the spread of smallpox in Oregon, the state board of health has just issued orders requiring that all persons presenting evidences of any skin disease which might be suspected of being smallpox must submit to an examination before being allowed to purchase transportation on any of the railroads out of Portland. An announcement of the new order was made yesterday by David N. Roberts, of the Oregonian, passed thru this city this afternoon on the way to Corvallis. Through Eastern Oregon, the party went by way of Bend to Crater Lake, where a short stop was made and then on to Medford to remain overnight. Leaving Medford early this morning, the party expects to reach Corvallis this evening after a hard drive. All are having a fine time and all roads and stations in good condition.

PRUNE SPECULATORS WILL BE DEFEATED

Robert Paulus Issues A Statement That New Prices Will Take Middleman's Profit.

LOCAL GROWERS ELATED

Reports of Discrepancy Between Oregon and California Prices Are Blasted Says Salem Man.—Survey of Markets Made.

Prune growers of the Umpqua Valley and Douglas county are quite elated over the statement made by Robert C. Paulus regarding speculators who it is said have made from \$2000 to \$3000 per car in Eastern markets on the sale of prunes bought early in the season on the Pacific coast. These speculators will be hard hit by the schedule of prices decided upon by the Coast fruit growers associations.

In the statement received here from Mr. Paulus, he has the following to say: "The growers' associations in Oregon, all four of them, received more than the California association's prices, but the unorganized growers selling on the open market, owing to their lack of information, sold for less than the goods were worth."

The long looked for California prune growers' association prices have at last been made. The prices on the size of which the bulk of the Oregon crop will run, such as 30-40s, 40-50s and 50-60s, are 16 cents bulk bases for 30-40s; 12 cents bulk bases for 40-50s and 12 cents bulk bases for 50-60s. These prices are not based on methods of calculating prices now in vogue in buying prunes in Oregon, but are based on the common method in use in selling, which uses 89-85s as a starting point for the base, instead of 30-35s as is commonly used in buying from the growers in Oregon. While the price paid the growers in Oregon has ranged from 10s to 20s cents for 30-35s, the bulk of the prunes in the Northwest were sold by the growers at around 13s cents for 30-35s. Some were sold on the straight quarter cent drop on each cent of five and a great many sales were made with from 1/2 to 3/4 of a cent drop in the larger size. It is evident from the above prices that the California growers will receive through their organization from \$30 to \$40 per ton average more than the unorganized growers, both in Oregon and California.

After a very careful survey of the west's markets taking into consideration supply and demand the association finally decided on a price which is slightly below the present market, knowing that otherwise a heavy percentage of their goods would be still remaining on the growers' shelves next year when they get ready to sell again. Some speculators have been making from \$2000 to \$3000 per car in Eastern markets on resales of prunes purchased from the Coast at lower figures early in the season, and it doubt be hard hit by the association's prices. These prices will have a tendency to reduce the general selling price, thereby reducing the price to the consumer and assisting to force consumption of the extremely large crop of this year's California prunes.

A. J. Starmer left this afternoon for Talent following a few days spent in Roseburg attending to business matters. He will go on to his home at Baker.

LOOK FOR INSANE MAN.

The local chief of police yesterday received notice from Portland officials asking him to look for A. W. Pfaff, who escaped from the state insane hospital at Salem. He is thought to have headed this way. The man is about 39 years old, is 5 feet 11 inches tall, and weighs 152 pounds. He is of light complexion, smooth shaven and wore a black suit and dark brown soft hat.

COLLEGE PARTY ON WAY TO CORVALLIS

After a tour of inspection at the Eastern Oregon and Southern Oregon Experiment Stations, President W. J. Kerr, and five members of the board of regents of the Oregon Agricultural College, and Addison Bennett, of the Oregonian, passed thru this city this afternoon on the way to Corvallis. Through Eastern Oregon, the party went by way of Bend to Crater Lake, where a short stop was made and then on to Medford to remain overnight. Leaving Medford early this morning, the party expects to reach Corvallis this evening after a hard drive. All are having a fine time and all roads and stations in good condition.

COUNCIL AND FIRE DEPT. AT ODDS

Resignations May Be Requested by City Dads at Meeting Next Monday.

STRIKE IS IMMINENT

Mayor Charges Firemen With Failure to Cooperate With City in Work of Providing for Protection Against Fire.

As a result of alleged improper conduct on the part of several members of the city fire department, an open break has occurred between a few of the firemen and the city council. The matter has assumed large proportions and threatens a strike on the part of the entire organization, if the remainder of the members take sides with the few who have arrayed themselves in opposition to the position taken by the councilmen.

According to Mayor Stewart, three or four of the firemen have undertaken to object to the rules and appointments made by the city council and are endeavoring by various methods, which he claims are not altogether proper, to embarrass the city officials. Such conduct is not conducive to harmony and must be eliminated.

Although he failed to make a direct charge Mayor Stewart intimated that the club rooms used by the fire department are not being conducted altogether as they should be and says that drastic action will be taken to see that a thorough cleaning is made.

Objects to Drivers.

It is understood that the firemen have objected to the action of the city council in employing drivers for the fire truck. They maintain, it is said, that these appointments should be made by the fire department or commissioners and that the council has no right to conduct any business in connection with the department. Claims have been made that because of the action taken by the council in appointing men, the firemen have endeavored to oust the driver who is on duty at night, by making it almost impossible for him to sleep or enjoy himself while around the club rooms.

These were built some time ago and have a large room in which is a card table, several easy chairs, a phonograph, magazine rack and other articles placed for the entertainment of the boys of the department. There are several sleeping compartments, and a bath room, all well furnished so that the boys may stay at the fire hall in comfort at all times. The driver who is on duty at night has a room near the sliding pole so that he can quickly get to the telephone and answer a call.

It is reported that shortly after the present driver was appointed, members of the fire department took possession of all of the rooms and refused to give the driver a place in which to sleep until the matter was adjusted. Even up to this time he has not been given a key to the rooms. On several occasions they have, it is said, kept the rooms so noisy that it has been impossible for him to sleep and as he works during the daytime, it is necessary that he obtain rest at night. On one occasion a game of cards was kept going until 5 o'clock in the morning. These things Mr. Stewart states, will not be tolerated.

The firemen maintain that the power of conducting business for the department is vested in the board of commissioners and that the council has no right to employ drivers or in any other way deal with the matters pertaining to the department.

May Ask Resignations.

The trouble will be thoroughly discussed at the coming council meeting when it is understood, a resolution will be passed calling for the resignation of several of the members. If such action is taken the entire department has threatened to walk out.

Such a condition is deplorable as it is distressing at any time to see such a disturbance in a municipal government. The firemen have done efficient work and have received practically no remuneration, but even patriotic labor and service is not acceptable unless it is conducive to harmony. Just what action is to be taken is not yet certain, but Mayor Stewart and the council are firm that the present bone of contention shall be eliminated and that a readjustment shall be made on an equitable basis.

MEETING MONDAY.

A meeting of the Douglas County Educational Board, will be held at the office of the county superintendent, Monday evening at 5 o'clock. The members of the board are C. L. Cheneveth, of Oakland, L. T. Hurd, of Grandale, Dr. C. H. Bailey, of Dissonville, J. H. Booth of this city, and Superintendent Brown. Supervisors will be elected and other educational business attended to.