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## O. R. & N. TO TEST COMMISSION

### AFTER POWER OF THE RAILROAD COMMISSION

Supreme Court Decisions in Minnesota and North Carolina Have Given the O. R. & N. Courage to Tackle Validity of Oregon's Railroad Commission—If Proposed Rate Slicing Takes Place, Road Will Appeal to High Court, it is Thought.

Salem, Ore., March 26.—Encouraged by the recent sweeping decisions on the part of the United States supreme court in the North Carolina and Minnesota cases, it is believed here that the O. R. & N. railroad is preparing to make an attack upon the Oregon state railway commission in the federal court, with hopes of a similar decision, which will shear the state commission of its most effective powers.

A decision from the commission will be handed down in a few days in the rate case instituted against the O. R. & N. by the Portland chamber of commerce. It is believed that the commission will order several sharp rate reductions. If so, attorneys close to the railroad, assert the corporation will at once enter the federal courts with an appeal.

### Illinois Convention Meets.

Springfield, Ill., March 26.—The Illinois republican state convention, which will nominate four delegates at large and four alternates to the Chicago convention, was called to order at 10 o'clock this morning. Over 1500 delegates are in attendance. Mention of the name of Joseph G. Cannon brought forth repeated rounds of applause and it is certain that the speaker will be endorsed as the choice of Illinois for the presidential nomination. Senators Cullom and Hopkins, Mayor Busse and Governor Deneen comprise the slate for delegates at large.

### RUMORS ABOUT VISIT.

Japanese Press Can See Benefit in Proposed Fleet's Visit.

Tokio, March 26.—Wild rumors have been started here over the coming visit of the battleship fleet from America, but influential newspapers are allaying these with editorial comment favorable to the proposed visit. The Nichi Nichi Shimbun states that it is confident that the visit will do much for the future friendship of the two nations, and the Asahi Shimbun, an organ reflecting the official view, says Japan does not fear the American naval policy in the Pacific, and believes that as long as the United States and Japan agree on a policy da China, no danger of any break towards China, there is no danger of a break in official relations.

### ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

McCourt Appoints Walter H. Evans as Assistant.

Portland, Ore., March 26.—Walter H. Evans of Portland, was today appointed assistant district attorney for Oregon by District Attorney John McCourt.

### Oregon Prohibits Meet Tomorrow.

Portland, March 26.—The state prohibition party will hold its state, district and county conventions here tomorrow to select a ticket. In Multnomah county, it is likely that a full ticket will be selected. At Newberg, Ore., is being held the congressional convention for the First district today.

### Call Out Regulars.

Juneau, Alaska, March 26.—Troops have been asked to be sent to Treadwell, where striking miners are showing signs of disorder. The United States marshal's office cannot maintain order and the troops at Fort Seward will probably be sent tomorrow.

### Wealthy Jap Dead.

Tokio, March 26.—Baron Yanosuke Iwasaki who, with the exception of his brother, is the richest man in Japan, died today. The interests of the two brothers is very vast, covering the entire orient.

## ARMOR PLATE IS ALRIGHT

### FLEET'S ARRIVAL WILL INTERFERE WITH PRIMARIES

In a Report to the Secretary of War Admiral Evans Repudiates the Charges That the Armor Plate is Placed on the Vessels Incorrectly—San Francisco's Primaries Might Be Interfered With and Citizens Want Fleet to Delay Arrival.

Washington, March 26.—Charges concerning the position of armor plate on battleships are held as groundless in a report submitted by Admiral Evans to Secretary of the Navy Metcalf. The report says that when the fleet arrived at Magdalena bay the belts were several inches higher than they were when the vessels left Hampton Roads. Evans says there is nothing irregular about this, as the vessels were laden to the limit when they left for their long trip, but that they would not have been so laden had they been going into action.

### Ask One Day's Delay.

San Francisco, March 26.—Realizing that the Atlantic fleet would be such an attraction that it would seriously interfere with the successful progress of the primaries which are to be held here May 6, a wire has been sent to President Roosevelt, asking him to delay the arrival of the fleet one day.

### Iowa to Indorse Bryan.

Cedar Rapids, Iowa, March 26.—Great enthusiasm for Bryan manifested itself in the democratic state convention here today, and there is little doubt that the silver-tongued statesman of Iowa's neighboring state will receive the indorsement of the convention. The anti-Bryan men are booming Governor Johnson of Minnesota, but with little probability of success.

There never was any hearty truly great and generous that was not also tender and compassionate.—South.

## PRES. JORDAN BREAKS DOWN

### RECENT CONFLICTS TOO MUCH STRAIN.

Such is Opinion of General Public—Exact Status of the Educator's Sickness is Not Made Known and Mystery Surrounds the Illness—Jordan Has Always Been Popular Until He Precipitated the Present Crisis in the Student Body.

San Jose, March 26.—President David Starr Jordan, of Stanford university, is sick at the home of Judge Litch, a trustee of the university. There is a veil of mystery cast about the illness of the educator, and not even the nature of the illness is given out. It is thought that the recent contest between the students and faculty at Stanford, caused a collapse. Jordan, who up to the present time, was generally highly regarded by the students, has been subjected to bitter criticism because of his actions which precipitated the crisis.

### Knickerbocker is Now Open.

New York, March 26.—With \$2,000,000 stacked up on the counter ready to meet all demands, the Knickerbocker Trust company reopened today for the first time since last October. The bank has assets of over \$50,000,000.

### Asleep Fifty Days.

Los Angeles, March 26.—Mrs. Beulah Hawkins, a cataleptic, began the 50th day of continuous sleep today. A slight tremor of the eyelids was noticed by a nurse. There is no other change in her condition.

## BLAZE SCARES REPUBLICANS

### THEY REASSEMBLE AND ENDORSE JOSEPH CANNON.

Illinois Republicans Endorse Speaker Cannon for the Presidency and Approve of the National and State Administration—Fire in Hotel Near Convention Building Spreads Alarm Among Politicians—Loss to Hotel is About \$200,000.

Springfield, March 26.—Delegates who were in session here today at the republican state convention, fled in disorder when an alarm of fire in the Hotel Leland reached them. The hotel was across the street from the convention building. The corridors of the hotel were crowded with politicians who rushed to the streets.

Congressman Boutell was making a speech when he was interrupted by the fire. The chairman ordered a recess and the hall was emptied.

The damage to the Leland hotel is probably in the neighborhood of \$200,000.

The state republican convention after reassembling endorsed Joseph Cannon for the presidential nomination and formally approved the state and national administration.

### DELEGATES USE FISTS.

Indiana Democrats Come to Blows in Selecting Candidates.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 26.—William J. Bryan was today endorsed for the nomination to the presidency by the state convention of Indiana democrats, and John W. Kern of Indiana, for the vice-presidency. The platform opposes Treasurer Cortelyou's panic issue of Panama bonds, the Aldrich and Fowler financial bills, and Roosevelt's efforts to select his own successor.

In the fight over the nomination for governor of the state, a fist fight occurred among the delegates, but order was finally restored.

No man's religion ever survives his meals.—South.

### UNCOVER CHICAGO GRAFT.

Water Bureau of Chicago Gets General Shaking Up and Cleaning.

Chicago, Ill., March 26.—Sensational disclosures of alleged grafting by the water bureau led today to a shake-up and complete reorganization. Thefts of tools and materials furnished the workmen are said to have been disclosed by Superintendent McCourt.

Another revelation was the rendering of a bill for \$25,792 against the Chicago Union Traction company, representing the use of city water for five years. The city was defrauded of this amount, it is alleged, by continuance of the supply to the company by city employes.

### C. S. VAN DUYN

Injured Last Night While Attempting to Leave the Train.

C. S. Van Duyn, who was found wandering on the street last evening, and beyond informing his friends that he was injured, could give no account of himself, rested easy last night, and while he cannot remember exactly what happened, has it figured out more than likely correct. He left his store with the intention of mailing a letter and upon looking in the car window of the train which had just pulled in, he recognized a friend and stepped aboard. Later he noticed the train was moving and that was the last he remembers. He is now of the opinion that the trainmen were cutting out the dining car and upon attempting to get off he did not notice that the car he was on was backing and he stepped off thinking the car was going in the other direction. This naturally threw him to the ground with such violence on his back as to severely strain his back. He met his friend, T. J. Scroggins, who assisted him home. Dr. Upton was called and it was after midnight when Mr. Van Duyn came out of his apparent stupor and realized what had happened. He is resting easy this afternoon and expects to be able to be about as usual within a few days.

### VAN DUSEN REMOVED.

Salem, March 26.—Fish Warden H. Van Dusen was removed by the fish board last night, and H. C. McAllister, his assistant of Portland, was appointed in his place.

### King Leopold Dying.

Brussels, March 26.—It was reported here at a late hour last night that King Leopold had suffered a severe relapse of the illness from which he has been suffering for some time, and that his condition is quite grave.

It is reported that up in the mountains it has been snowing hard all day, which, if followed by a warm rain, would cause another rise in the river but not to the extent of a few days ago.

Miller & West today commenced sinking a well for E. Reiland in West La Grande. This is the first work of their new machine, which has just been turned out by the La Grande Iron works, and is working perfectly.

## IS VICTIM OF AN ASSASSIN

### ADVISED STEVENS IS DEAD IN SAN FRANCISCO.

After Days of Suffering From Wounds Inflicted by a Korean, D. W. Stevens is Dead—Korean-Japanese Situation Thrown Into Turmoil and Other Prominent Men Are Said to Be Marked for Death—Assassin Says He Shot to Kill His Man.

San Francisco, March 24.—With Durham W. Stevens, the man they hated, dead, Korean patriots are now turning their eyes towards Japanese Consul Kolke, who, they believe, is custodian of the papers Stevens carried with him, signed by the puppet council of the state of Korea, setting forth the great progress made by Korea under Japanese domination. Repeated denials from the consul that Stevens had any such statement with him, has had no deterrent effect on the minds of the Koreans, and they are still determined to prevent transmission of the papers to Ambassador Takahira and to President Roosevelt. Nothing can convince the Koreans that this document does not exist and it is believed that they have had Korean advices that Stevens did carry such paper with him. Their information may come from the council of state itself.

Both Koreans and Japanese have detectives watching each other. Local Koreans realize that they have gone too far to withdraw and their state of mind is such that they will stop at nothing to attain their ends. Consul Kolke has admitted he believes he is marked for death, and his associates declare they believe his fears for Washington it is certain he will be followed.

In his cell the assassin, Chang, sits, and with the same fatalistic calm that marked his demeanor all through the proceedings, declares to every visitor, "I shot to kill." He expects nothing better than hanging. A formal charge will be made against Chang today, and the date set for the inquest over Stevens' body was also set this morning.

Rhode Island Republicans. Providence, R. I., March 26.—For the purpose of electing four delegates and four alternates to the republican national convention, the Rhode Island state convention of the party was formally opened in Infantry hall at 10 o'clock this morning. It is generally understood among politicians that the presidential delegates from this state will go unpledged to any candidate, but that they will be charged with the presentation of the name of Charles R. Brayton as the member of the republican national committee from Rhode Island. The convention of the First and Second congressional districts will be held later in the day. Each district will elect two delegates to the Chicago convention.

## NEW GOODS

Will be the all-absorbing topic for the next few weeks—We believe you will be interested in the new goods we have selected for the spring and summer season, and which are now arriving daily.

Keep your eyes on this store and our ads from now on and all the time, and you can come to this store any day with the assurance of finding some new arrivals in some of the many and varied lines.

In this connection let us say to you the spring productions are most beautiful in point of colors and fabrics and the ready-to-wear garments are so natty and varied in styles that the most exacting tastes can be satisfied.

There is also a tendency for LOWER PRICES in nearly all lines, and as usual this store will be the first to give you the fullest benefit of the lower prices. Being members of the Northwest Cash Buyers' Union, consisting of more than 50 of the best stores in the northwest with a purchasing power greater than the average jobbing house, enables us to take advantage of merchandise opportunities beyond the reach of individual buyers—You will share these benefits to the fullest extent if you buy at this store.

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