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## BUSINESS MEN FAVOR MOVEMENT

### ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE HAS PUBLISHED A PAPER.

A Four-Page Paper That is Replete With Local Color is Now Out the Press and Will Reach All Registered Voters in Union County in a Day or Two—Remarkable Feature is the List of Business and Professional Men Who Stand by the Movement Here.

What is undoubtedly the strongest move made by the dry county forces of this county, will be the issuance tomorrow to every registered voter in the county of a four-page edition, headed "Messenger of Freedom." In this publication is column after column of facts and figures that tell no lies, and are convincing arguments in favor of prohibition.

The most remarkable feature of the edition is the leading article on the front page, where a list of names of La Grande, Union, and Elgin business and professional men who favor prohibition, appears. A list had also been secured from Alsea, but was lost in the haste of preparing the copy. Practically every proprietor of a store of any description in this city, has signed the pledge to work against intemperance at the coming election. The largest manufacturing enterprises in the county are there; from them down to the corner grocer, the names appear.

That one article alone tells what a hold the dry county movement has gained in this city and, in fact, all the leading cities and towns of the valley.

Aside from this remarkable feature, there are letters from business men in Willowa county, where the "dry" condition is well known and the effects common knowledge.

The list of business men from Eugene, that thriving bee-hive of industry, which is prospering beyond all expectation since the town went dry, appears in full.

Then there are many articles dealing with the question in a general way, which are well written, carefully compiled, and leave no room for eventual counter charges of exaggeration or doubt of veracity. The big edition will be mailed to the voters of the county as rapidly as they are wrapped and stamped.

### Portland a Buddhist.

Boston, May 26.—Mrs. Mary Reber of Portland, Ore., is here organizing a Buddhist church. She has many wealthy followers here.

### RACING TO PORTLAND.

Automobilist Trying to Beat Trains Into Portland From Frisco.

San Francisco, May 26.—Fernando Nelson left Vallejo, Cal., in an automobile for Portland at 3 o'clock this morning to establish a new speed record. He expects to reach Portland at 3 tomorrow afternoon, making the trip from San Francisco to Portland in 26 hours, one hour faster than the trains now make it. To Redding, Cal., Plepenburg will be the driver. To Medford Willab Wagner, to Eugene "Bill" Simpson, and to Portland Harry Johnson will be at the helm.

### Thousands See Parade.

Seattle, May 26.—A hundred and fifty thousand persons saw the big naval parade today. Aquatic sports are the order for this afternoon.

### Strikers Return to Work.

Cleveland, O., May 26.—Three hundred striking carmen returned to work this morning and the service is rapidly becoming normal. The strikers who remained out say the company is badly crippled, and have not Arguments Continued.

Washington, May 26.—Arguments to quash the Hyde Benson indictment was continued today.

## GANS CONFIDENT OF A VICTORY

### CAN STAY NELSON IN THE FIFTEENTH.

Joe Gans, the Colored Lightweight Champion, Tells Chicago Friends He Can Put Battling Nelson Out in the Fifteenth Round of the 45-Round Go in Frisco July 4th—Brother of Jim Britt Calls it Loose Talk—Nelson on Vaudeville.

Chicago, May 26.—Joe Gans, the colored lightweight champion, today indulged in a little fight gossip that made the fans sit up. "I will knock out Nelson in the 15th round at Frisco on July 4, as sure as fate. The Dane is not easy, but he lost some of his cleverness, speed and steam."

San Francisco, May 26.—Willis Britt says Gans made "loose talk" when he said he would put Battling Nelson out in the 15th round of a 45-round battle at San Francisco July 4. Britt says if Gans meant what he says, the negro would be willing to bet he could make good.

### Nelson in Vaudeville.

Seattle, May 26.—Battling Nelson will appear in vaudeville here for four days, boxing Guy Buckles of Omaha. Afterwards he goes south to train for the Gans fight.

## SUIT WITHDRAWN BY EVELYN THAW

### DEEP SCHEME TO GAIN CONTROL OF PROPERTY.

Counsel for Evelyn Thaw Today Made Application for Withdrawal of the Suit for Divorce Between Evelyn and Harry Thaw—Reported to Be First Move Toward Securing Control of Thaw's Estate—Evelyn Now Wants to Handle Money.

New York, May 26.—Counsel for Evelyn Thaw applied for withdrawal of her suit to annul the marriage of herself to Harry Thaw, yesterday being judged insane. The attorney gave no reason for the sudden change of attitude, but it is reported to be a step toward gaining control of Thaw's estate.

With the withdrawal of the suit Evelyn becomes the wife of an insane man. It is reported the lawyers are preparing to bring action and have her appoint a committee to take charge of his personal property.

Later an attempt is to be made to gain control of the whole estate at Pittsburg.

Harry's mother is reported to be hurrying here to confer with counsel to prevent success of Evelyn's scheme.

Thaw's lawyers are already preparing to oppose the motion to have Evelyn appoint a committee to do this.

## REOPEN LAND FRAUD TRIALS IN PORTLAND NEXT TUESDAY

### FEDERAL JURY TO PROBE UMATILLA LAND FRAUDS.

Tracy Becker, Assistant to Attorney General Bonaparte, Will Arrive Tuesday From Los Angeles to Prosecute J. H. Booth—Federal Jury to Try Umatilla Men, is Picked and Ready for Action—Townsend After Oregon Railroad Grant.

Portland, May 26.—Oregon land fraud trials will be re-opened Tuesday when Tracy Becker, assistant to the attorney general, returns from Los Angeles, to prosecute J. H. Booth, ex-register of the Roseburg land office, for bribery.

A federal grand jury has been selected to investigate the Umatilla frauds, involving 25,000 acres of unallotted Indian lands. Prominent persons are accused of acquiring these

## BRYAN WANTS AN EXPENSE ACCOUNT

### OFFERS TO JOIN HANDS WITH TAFT IN THE ISSUE.

Democratic Circles Look With Pleasure on Action of Bryan Today, in Asking to Join Hands With Taft in Whipping Congress to Pass Law Compelling Publication of Expense Account During Campaigns—Republicans Look Askance.

Washington, May 26.—W. J. Bryan sprung the first sensation of his presidential campaign when he sent a letter to W. H. Taft suggesting they join in urging congress to pass a bill compelling the publication of campaign expenses.

The democratic leaders look upon the move as one of great wisdom and say it proves he is sincere in his determination to conduct the campaign without the aid of great corporation influence.

The Taft men are not making open criticism, but it is understood they believe it to be a "play to the galleries."

add bryan

### Taft There First.

Taft replied to Bryan today, saying he had already taken up the matter of publishing campaign expenses. He quoted a confidential letter sent to Senator Burrows, chairman of the committee on privileges and elections, April 30, saying he believed it would greatly tend to abolish corruption from politics if published. He also tells Bryan he has publicly announced the hope the bill pending would be passed, since writing to Burrows.

### lands by fraud.

United States Attorney John McCourt yesterday filed suits to recover \$250 acres in Linn county, and B. D. Townsend arrives from Washington this week to file suits to recover 3,000,000 acres of the Oregon-California grant.

### Young Girl Suicides.

Chicago, May 26.—Pretty Florence Ferran, aged 20, committed suicide this morning because her father refused to abandon the fanatical religion of "Parhamites." Continually haunted by dreams of her father writhing in a sea of brimstone, she feared insanity and begged her parent to drop the religion. Upon his refusal to do so she drank wood alcohol and jumped into Lake Michigan.

Miss Ferran is an acquaintance of Chester Brown, who was electrocuted for the murder of "Billy" Brown.

## CAKE ENDS TOUR OF UNION COUNTY IN LA GRANDE TONIGHT

Cove, May 26.—(Special.)—The Cake party arrived here a trifle belated, but notwithstanding a large crowd heard the republican senatorial candidate. At noon, and lasting until after 1 o'clock, he talked on statement No. 1 and on forest policies of the present administration.

Touching the statement question he called attention to the fact that he is responsible for the principle of statement No. 1. It was Cake who stood on the precepts of its teachings when others were side-stepping. He remarked that from the first of January until April 17, the day of the primaries, George Chamberlain, the democratic candidate, never once spoke of the statement. He was quietly waiting in his gubernatorial office while Cake was out on the stump in the interests of statement No. 1. When Cake had done much to establish the principles of that doctrine, and Chamberlain had been nominated by the democrats, the latter got in the bandwagon for party reasons only, and is now assuming the weight of the issue.

In speaking of the forest policy, Cake declared it was inequitable and needed adjusting to meet the require-

ments of the stockmen.

While but a few dropping out of the party, the Union county republicans hurried on to Union as soon as the enthusiastic speech at Cove was finished. Two left the party because their duties called them away. At Union shortly after 3 o'clock, much the same speech as was delivered at Cove, was made. Wherever he goes Cake is proving conclusively that the Portland Journal erred when it calls him a flip-flopper. He is as solid on the statement now as he was when he worked for it while Chamberlain lay idle.

### In La Grande Tonight.

The judge and his party will complete the circuit of Union county tonight when they reach here in time to open the speech of the evening at the Elks' hall. The band will be out to welcome the candidate in, and to hurry the meeting on. It will start early and come to a close early to allow all time to attend the graduation exercises at the opera house.

Ample seating room has been provided at the hall and when 7:30 strikes tonight it is believed the largest crowd to file into the Elks' hall in years, will be on hand.

### Unity of Churches.

Kansas City, May 26.—The general assembly of the Presbyterian church adopted a resolution this morning announcing that the Presbyterians are ready to co-operate with any church in an effort to unite with any church of Protestant faith. This important step means that some, if not all the Protestant churches in unity soon. A committee of co-operation and union declares no doubt such a plan will meet with the approval of the Methodists, Episcopalians, Reformed Presbyterians, Methodist Protestants, Moravians and the reformed churches of the United States.

### Burns-Johnson Meet Off.

London, May 26.—Burns refuses to meet Johnson because he cannot agree on finances. Instead, Burns is to sail for Australia to try to meet Lane.

### Ship Bodies East.

Bremerton, Wash., May 26.—The bodies of the marines killed Friday in the street car accident, will be shipped east for burial. Fred Lutinski will go to South Chicago, and J. J. Straub to Detroit.

## JEROME GIVEN SEVERE DRUBBING

### DISTRICT ATTORNEY SAID TO BE A TOOL.

Governor Hughes Has Been Asked to Remove District Attorney Jerome of New York, From Office—In Making His Plea for This Action the Attorney Throws Some Light on the Works of Jerome—A Friend of Wealthy Malefactors.

Elizabethtown, N. Y., May 26.—"No graver calamity could befall the country than the continuance in office of District Attorney Jerome of New York, whose corruptness equals ancient Roman courts," declared Attorney Franklin Pierce this morning, who on behalf of the minority stockholders of the Metropolitan Street Railway company, is asking the governor to remove Jerome.

"Few men had as bright prospects as Jerome. New York expected him to be president, but now he is a disgrace to the state and the country."

"He has promised to follow the trail of crime into the offices of the captains of finance," said the attorney, "but instead, we find him on terms of friendship with malefactors of great wealth, against whom evidence has been placed in his hands, but against whom he never acted. He has served as a protector of criminals instead of a prosecutor."

"Not only has he failed to do his duty, but he has worked against the interests of the people he swore to protect, and we find him throwing the dice for drinks with Ryan's sons and brazenly saying he does not regret it."

## DEATH IN WAKE OF BIG FLOOD

### FORT WORTH, TEXAS, CAN NOT ESTIMATE DEATH LIST.

Texas is Today a Scene of Death and Destruction—Death List Increasing Hourly—Many Rescued Yesterday, and Were Drowned Last Night, Believing Worst Was Over—Crest of Flood Has Not Reached Fort Worth This Afternoon—At Least 100 Dead.

Dallas, Texas, May 26.—The death list from the flood is increasing hourly, and more than 100 lives are believed to be lost. The death list is increasing hourly, and more than 100 lives are believed to be lost.

The property loss is estimated at \$25,000,000. Trinity river passed all records last night, when it was believed the crest of the flood had passed, but it continued to rise, taking everything before it.

It is believed that many who were rescued, left their homes last night thinking the worst was over, and perished.

### No Estimate at Fort Worth.

Fort Worth, May 26.—No definite estimate of the number of dead from the flood here can be made. Millions in property has been destroyed. The worst of the flood has not yet arrived.

## 187 MILES OF NEW ROADS

### WALLOWA EXTENSION TO BE HURRIED THROUGH.

Harriman Has Announced That the Wallowa Extension Will Be Completed From the Point Where It Was Dropped by Retrenching Orders Last Fall—All the Branch Lines and New Main Line Repairs Will Mean 187 Miles of New O. R. & N. Road.

Portland, Ore., May 26.—Edward H. Harriman has ordered the construction and completion of the Wallowa extension immediately. With the Umatilla Central, the Ilwaco line, the Riparia-Lewiston line and the rebuilding of the main line of the O. R. & N., is marked 187 miles of new track in Oregon this summer.

Most of these lines were affected by the retrenching orders last fall when Harriman, suddenly caused to be dropped every shovel and pick on the road mentioned.

The Wallowa extension is perhaps the most vital of any of these branches, excepting the Lewiston-Riparia cut-off. Work will be resumed in the near future and will be completed late in the fall or next spring.

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IT OUGHT TO BE THE HAPPINESS AND GLORY every citizen to so live and act that his fellow citizens will esteem him for his goodness, his kindness, and his usefulness. The principles of good citizenship should constitute the code of rules for every kind of business whether public or private. This applies particularly to the drug business, because, owing to the limited knowledge of the qualities of drugs by the general public, it follows that the reliability of the druggist is the chief guarantee of good service.

HILL'S DRUG STORE

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