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COMMISSIONERS TO HELP PROD

OSWALD WEST IN THE CITY ON DEPOT INSPECTION

ACTION ON STOCK YARDS

Can Force O. R. & N. to Build Depot Immediately

MAY TAKE INITIATIVE AND DEMAND A NEW DEPOT HERE.

Commissioner West Will Be in La Grande All Day and This Evening to Personally Inspect the Adequacy of the Depot Facilities—Intimated That Commission Will Act if No Citizen or Local Body Dots—Encouraging News.

That the railroad commission of Oregon is determined to aid the city and public of La Grande in securing adequate depot facilities, is the encouraging status of the depot question in La Grande today. Oswald West, one of the Oregon railroad commissioners, is in the city today and he will inspect carefully all phases of the cramped quarters at the O. R. & N. depot. He will be at the depot on the arrival of the Wallowa train; he will be there when No. 2 comes in, and what he sees will be reported to the commission. The commission has met with success in its unofficial requests of the O. R. & N. company, and many improvements have been made in various portions of the state without the legal procedure prescribed by the commission laws of the state. By taking the matter up with the general

manager, after Mr. West has spent a day here, it is believed the desired end will be reached without further steps of a legal nature. No one knows better than the commission that the depot facilities in this city and in all other depots in fact are not as low the adequate, as the roadbed and equipment of the O. R. & N. is near unto perfect.

Will Report to Commission.
The other members of the commission will listen in a few days to the report of the commissioner who is in La Grande today. As the commission laws prescribe that the commission can itself file the complaint, it is likely

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BRYAN CARRIED NEVADA BY 600

MANY OREGON COUNTIES HAVE OFFICIAL COUNT.

Oregon Rapidly Gaining Official Counts in Late Election—Ohio Will Give Taft a Plurality of Seventy-three Thousand, According to Late Estimates—Hisgen Runs a Low Score in All Reports From Oregon Provinces.

Reno, Nev., Nov. 5.—Complete unofficial returns from Nevada give Bryan a plurality of 600.

Marion County Officially.
Salem, Ore., Nov. 5.—The official count of Marion county gives Taft 3,785; Bryan 2203; Debs 275; Chafin 301, and Hisgen 5.

Complete But Unofficial.
Corvallis, Nov. 6.—Complete though unofficial returns in Benton county are: Taft 1184; Bryan 773.

Pendleton, Nov. 6.—Official count in Umatilla county: Taft 2336; Bryan 1569; Debs 180; Chafin 110; Hisgen 3.

Ohio for Taft by 73,000.
Columbus, O., Nov. 6.—The republican state committee this afternoon estimates Taft's plurality in Ohio at 73,000.

FIFTEEN YEARS FOR DEFAULTER

ANOTHER INSTANCE OF HOW MIGHTY CAN FALL.

His Partner in Crime Stands Unsentenced as Yet—Morse Takes His Punishment Unflinchingly—Will Go to Atlanta Federal Prison—Crowds Cheer Curtis When He Leaves Court—Fallen One Was Once a Man of Great Influence.

New York, Nov. 6.—C. W. Morse, until a few months ago an ice king and prominent in the financial world, was this morning sentenced to 15 years in prison. The sentence in the case of Alfred Curtis, a former president of the Bank of North America, was suspended. The men misappropriated funds of the bank and falsified the records.

Morse and Curtis arose in the Tombs prison at 6 this morning, ate a hearty breakfast and appeared in court at 8. Mrs. Morse greeted her husband calmly, neither showing any emotion. The greeting of Curtis by his wife was different, as she is a complete nervous wreck.

Takes Sentence Unflinchingly.
Morse did not flinch when the sentence was passed. His face showed little expression, as with his wife and counsel he conversed in the marshal's office until noon, when he returned to the Tombs.

Morse will serve his time in the federal prison at Atlanta, Ga.

Was Power Among Rich.
Morse ranked among the richest and most powerful men in New York in the summer of last year, when he reached the height of his career, when he controlled practically all the coast-wise steamship lines on the Atlantic. He was director and president of many big companies, and belonged to the Metropolitan, Union League and University clubs. His home was a Fifth avenue palace.

Curtis is Cheered.
Curtis was cheered by hundreds as he left the postoffice building where the court is located, with his wife, and hurried home.

Leniency for Curtis.
Judge Hough, in passing sentence, declared Curtis was under the influence of a stronger mind. He said Curtis' efforts to reform conditions were blocked by the bank's superior board of directors.

The room was crowded when the judge took his seat. When he announced that the pending report is so urgent

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COMPERS THROWS HONOR TO WINDS

WILL NO TBE A SEEKER FOR HIS OFFICE AGAIN.

Is On His Way to Denver Where a Hot Fight is Expected—Will Answer His Critics From Floor of Denver Convention—Other Labor Organizations Agree Gompers Overstepped Authority to Bringing Federation Into the Limelight.

Washington, Nov. 6.—Before leaving today to attend the annual convention of the American Federation of Labor at Denver, President Samuel Gompers declared he is no candidate for re-election.

"I am not a candidate for re-election," said Gompers, "but if I am not active as president, I shall take my position in the rank and file of labor."

John W. Hayes, grand master workman of the Knights of Labor, which is not affiliated with the federation, declared today that Gompers and his associates exceeded his authority in taking the federation into politics.

Gompers defended his course in supporting Bryan and declared he will answer his critics from the floor of the convention. A hot fight is expected at Denver.

Tomorrow's Eastern Games.
Harvard vs. Carlisle Indians at Cambridge.

Yale vs. Brown at New Haven.

Pennsylvania vs. Lafayette at Philadelphia.

Princeton vs. Dartmouth at New York City.

Cornell vs. Amherst at Ithaca.

Annapolis vs. Villanova at Annapolis.

West Point vs. Springfield T. S. at West Point.

Minnesota vs. Wisconsin at Minneapolis.

Michigan vs. Kentucky State at Ann Arbor.

Tennessee vs. Vanderbilt at Nashville.

Georgia Tech vs. Auburn at Atlanta.

Kansas Bank Closed.

Arkansas City, Kas., Nov. 6.

The Citizens & Farmers State bank, regarded as one of the strongest in this section, closed today pending an investigation by examiners. There is no explanation.

CONCOCT A NEW DRINK.

Old Soldiers Mix Ginger and Pure Alcohol With Telling Effect.

Los Angeles, Nov. 5.—Jamaica ginger is the latest thing in this neck of the woods. Officials of Sawtelle, where the old soldiers home is located, have learned the soldiers purchase enough ginger for 20 cents to get a jag lasting 20 days. They are trying to stop the sale.

It is claimed the drink is killing off the old soldiers at a rapid rate. They mix the ginger with pure alcohol.

PAT LAVEY IN SAN FRANCISCO

WRITES TO OLD FRIEND AT MUSKOGEE ABOUT STORY.

La Grande Booster Manager Who Disappeared From Seattle and Was Thought Dead or Mysteriously Disappeared, Writes to Oklahoma From San Francisco—Says His Death Report Was Generally Exaggerated—Has Gold Property.

A Wichita, Kan., paper prints the following of deep interest to La Grande people:

Muskogee, Okla., Oct. 24.—Recently a report was circulated to the effect that Pat Lavey, former resident of Muskogee, had committed suicide in the west. The rumor spread to San Francisco, where it reached the ears of Mr. Lavey himself, and since he is feeling very much alive he hastened to indite a protest to his friend, Captain Ira L. Reeves of Muskogee, in which he declares in the memorable language of Mark Twain that the "report of his death is greatly exaggerated."

Mr. Lavey's protest against his earthly career having been shortened unknown to the party most interested is as follows:
"San Francisco, Cal.,
October 12, 1908.

"Dear Captain: It is true that I left my hotel in Seattle, Wash., and that I was suffering with a bad arm at the time, but I was drinking nothing stronger than water because the surgeon had forbidden any drinking. Besides I have not taken a drink of whisky since I left Muskogee, and don't intend to take a drink again."

"I left my hotel early in the evening instead of at 2 a. m. From the hotel I went to the home of my physician and from there down town, where I met an old friend who was on his way to Mexico for what he said was to be a two weeks' trip. He insisted on my accompanying him. The steamer for San Francisco and Los Angeles was due to leave port in less than 30 minutes, so I called a messenger boy and sent word to the hotel people to store my stuff until my re-

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BOURNE VISITS IN LA GRANDE

HIS SECRETARY JOHN C. YOUNG ALSO HERE FOR THE DAY

GOING EAST TO PLAY GOLF

Secretary of Republican League Comes With Bourne and Young

DOUBTFUL ABOUT SUPPORTED SPECIAL SESSION.

Affirms All United States Looks to Oregon in the Matter of Modern Legislation—On His Way to Spend Two Weeks With Taft at Hot Springs—Senator a True Booster of the First Order—Comments on Value of New Laws.

United States Senator Jonathan Bourne, accompanied by his private secretary, John C. Young, and secretary of the Oregon State Republican league, Charles B. Merrick, arrived this morning from Portland.

Upon reaching the state several weeks ago from Washington, Senator Bourne promised his friends that he would return to La Grande before returning east. He is now on his way to Hot Springs, in Virginia, where he has been invited by Mr. Taft to spend the next two weeks with him, playing golf. Senator Bourne states that both have promised not to talk politics during the entire period, but to have a nice, quiet little visit.

Senator Bourne was not so sure that an extra session would be called immediately following the inauguration, but this matter would be duly considered during the closing weeks of the approaching congress.

In the matter of our new law, entitled the "Corrupt practice act," Senator Bourne expressed his utmost satisfaction and then praised at length Oregon laws in general. He remarked that the first few weeks he was in Washington, he received over 100 invitations to speak on the initiative and referendum and the direct primary law of Oregon, and that 25 of these invitations came from New Jersey.

In his enthusiasm, Senator Bourne stated that in his opinion the advanced position that Oregon has taken will result in securing more population of the desirable kind than all of the money that is being spent along advertising lines.

Senator Bourne is quite a booster himself, and he is of the opinion that the next few years Oregon will see such development—following the elec-

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"Satisfaction or Your Money Back"



Jonathan Bourne, senior United States senator from Oregon, who is on his way east to spend two weeks with President-elect William Taft. He is a guest of local leading republicans of La Grande today.

MAIN 8-7

Drug Store your Elbow

By use of your telephone and our free delivery system we are almost as near to you as though we occupied the adjoining building.

We are developing this portion of our business all the time and gaining new and permanent friends by the prompt and satisfactory way we handle telephone orders.

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