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DELAY IN NAMING NEW POLICE CHIEF

SAN FRANCISCO'S MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS CLASH.

Board Will Not Appoint a New Chief of Police Until It is Assured That Biggy is Actually Dead—Continuous Squabble Between Kell, Mayor and Commissioners—Some of Biggy's Interview Withheld as Sacred—Taylor Assumes Power.

San Francisco, Dec. 4.—The board of police commissioners will not appoint a new chief of police to succeed Biggy until it is definitely established that Biggy is dead. In the meantime there is no trace of Biggy's body. It is rumored the commissioners have clashed with Mayor Taylor, who assumes the responsibility of naming a new chief when the time arrives. The commissioners are becoming dissatisfied over the statement of Commissioner Kell that Biggy handed him his resignation two hours before disappearing. Kell asserts he told Mayor Taylor that Biggy offered his resignation. Taylor denies he received such information.

Acting Chief Cutler who was reported yesterday as criticizing Kell, doubting the interview between him and Biggy, today denies the remarks attributed to him. It is reported that Kell refused point blank to reveal all the details of the last interview with Biggy, and states that parts of the interview are sacred.

Lays Blame on Telephone. Captain of Detectives Kelley has admitted that he is personally responsible for the orders restraining Detective Burns, of the graft prosecution, from visiting Morris Haas, who attempted to assassinate Honey. He blames the poorly working telephone for a misunderstanding of his order. He telephoned to Patrolman Attridge and Charles Kelley, who were watch-

ing Haas, but they did not get the instructions right. A hearing of the charges against Attridge and Kelley was begun last night.

Will Not Honor Requisition. Seattle, Dec. 4.—Governor Mead has refused to honor the requisition of Governor Hart of New Jersey, of Elliot Archer, accused of forgery amounting to \$70,000. Mead examined the papers presented by eastern detectives and listened to the argument of Archer's attorney. He announced that stronger evidence must be presented to offset Archer's good behavior here. Archer will probably be released.

ARKANSAS RIVER ON A WILD RAMPAGE TODAY

HOUSES UNDERMINED AND DESTROYS OTHER PROPERTY.

Heavy Rains in the Up River Districts Sends Arkansas River Over Its Bank—Floods Districts and Destroys Property—Pine Bluff Suffers the Most.

Pine Bluff, Ark., Dec. 4.—A flood which carried the Arkansas River out of its banks today, tore away dikes protecting property along the river front, allowing five houses to topple into the river. Heavy rains up the river are increasing the floods.

Stores and buildings near the edge are being vacated, all goods being taken to places of safety. The court house and the Jefferson hotel are in danger of being undermined.

CIRCUIT COURT MONDAY. Two Cases Are Set for Circuit Court Early Next Week.

The State against John Minnick, charged with larceny of a calf, and the State against Anderson, charged with violating the local option law, are the first two cases to come up in the circuit court when that body convenes next Monday morning.

ORCHARD ACREAGE AT ELGIN LARGE

NORTH END OF COUNTY HAS FRUIT TREE BOOM.

Great Faith and Interest Displayed by Prominent Men of Elgin, Who Now Own 200 Acres of Fruit Land—In Five Years Will Have Enormous Valuation on Large Tracts—Promoters Stake All Their Fortunes on Success of Venture.

The Elgin Recorder, in its issue of today, said:

Still the fruit acreage of northern Union county lands is increasing and at a rapid rate. A deal was brought to a close a few days ago whereby the Jacob Long farm of 160 acres, situated three miles north of Elgin, was transferred to J. B. Thorson and H. H. Weatherspoon, who were already owners of a 100-acre tract of fruit land.

The Jacob Long farm is conceded to be one of the best tracts of land in this end of the county, and is known to be an ideal piece of ground for fruit raising. Of the tract 115 acres are under cultivation and an additional 15 acres will be placed under cultivation at an early date.

The Long tract is situated just across the road from the 100-acre tract which Messrs. Thorson and Weatherspoon purchased some time since, and most of which has been set to apples. The owners are already in charge of their new property and will commence the work next spring of preparing the land for apple trees. In the spring 70 acres will be set to potatoes and the ground thoroughly cultivated during the summer, so that it will be in first-class condition for the trees by fall. Arrangements are also being formulated whereby nearly the entire tract will be irrigated from a large spring located on the place. The tract is situated within a short distance of the O. R. & N. line and the owners expect to erect a large storage house next season, where next year's crop of potatoes will be housed until shipping time, and which in after years will be used for a fruit storage.

The newly acquired tract places Messrs. Thorson and Weatherspoon in possession of over 200 acres, all of which will be producing apples and other fruits within five years at a profitable degree. Both gentlemen are optimistic as to the outcome and confidently expect large profits from their investments which by the time the orchards are in bearing will represent a large sum of money. Mr. Weatherspoon stated to a Recorder representative that he thoroughly studied the conditions in northern Union county, and was thoroughly convinced that no section of the northwest offered better opportunities for fruit land investments. He says he will stake his reputation, his labor and his capital on the outcome.

The operations of Messrs. Thorson and Weatherspoon in this section is going to have a telling effect and will be the prime factor in starting a fruit land boom, such as has never been witnessed in Union county. The fact that they are investing large sums is already offering incentive to others to follow in their course and ere another year passes by we will have witnessed plans formulated for the setting of thousands of acres to fruit. It means a new era for northern Union county and one that will bring additional people and wealth.

Carlisle at Denver.

Denver, Col., Dec. 4.—Denver will be afforded an opportunity to see the Carlisle Indian school's football team in action tomorrow, when the eastern redskins will play the eleven of the University of Denver. This is the first time that a football eleven representing an important eastern college has come to Denver, and a large crowd will witness the game. The Denver players do not expect to defeat the redskins, but hope to be able to keep the score down.

WILL REPRESENT PARTY AT LEAST

RICHARDSON AVOWS IT IS "GEORGE" OR CAKE FOR HIM.

Before a Group of Politicians Last Evening Representative Richardson Takes Stand That Brands Him as a Real Representative—Patton is Organizing Statement No. 1 Caucus—Preliminary Skirmish in Reality Over Proposed Caucuses.

Representative-elect Stephen F. Richardson is known to entertain a view of the coming senatorial squabble which will in a comparatively short time attract the attention of the nation's political eye, which heretofore has not been made known through the press at least, and that is, that if "undesirables" break up the present slate which places Governor George E. Chamberlain, democrat, in line for the United States senate, he will not vote for any other man than H. M. Cake. This will be disheartening news to the Fulton and Wilcox factions who are making strenuous efforts to forestall the will of the people of Oregon by placing in the United States senate a man other than the popular choice of the whole people of the state. In making this statement before a group of politicians yesterday, Mr. Richardson did not infer that he would vote for Cake except under a condition that would require him to cast his vote for some other man than Chamberlain. The representative-elect is at Perry today and could not be brought into communication.

Organizer Here.

Representative-elect H. D. Patton of Salem, who returned last evening from Joseph in company with Joint Representative-elect Rusk, was in eastern Oregon for divers reasons, the principal one of which was to organize a caucus before the legislature meets to devise means of procedure. While Patton is an avowed candidate for speakership, he realizes that there is much organization to be done first. Regardless of the fact that he is a candidate, he will make strenuous efforts to sign up a majority of legislators to go into a statement No. 1 caucus. If they fail in this there will be no caucus by the statement element, but the crucial hour for work will come on the floor of the house, after having enlisted democratic members. This in the rough, is the plan advanced by Patton.

His Success Here.

In Union and Wallowa counties, he procured favorable promises, but as yet no actual signatures. Messrs. Richardson and Rusk have both requested more time to think it over.

The Antis Plans.

When Representative Beach was in La Grande recently he, too, was seeking caucus signatures, but for the anti-statement element. The slate is to get 27 anti-statement men into a caucus and select an anti-statement No. 1 speaker and the official roster of the same faction for that matter. Either one or the other element is going to fail, that is apparent, and which of the warring factions gets the caucus, will have much to do with subsequent legislation. The senatorship is not included in these advance skirmishes.

Richardson Makes Assertion.

It was in this connection last evening that Richardson is alleged to have said that if by some hook or crook the will of a majority of the people of Oregon is to be defeated, then he will carry out the wishes of the majority of Oregon republicans by voting for Cake, the choice of the republicans at the spring primary.

Cogrove No Better.

Paso Robles, Dec. 4.—The condition of Governor-elect Cogrove of Washington continues to show no improvement. Today he shows the effects of his illness plainly. His physicians are recommending constant attendance of a trained nurse. The patient insists upon his wife attending.

VERY LOW RATES. Transcontinental Lines Will Reduce Fares for Seattle Fair.

Seattle, Dec. 4.—After giving a rate of \$50 for the round trip from Missouri river points and St. Paul to the Seattle exposition. The Transcontinental Passenger association has now made what is considered an extremely low rate from Chicago, Peoria and St. Louis. Word was received today from A. M. Cleland, general passenger agent for the Northern Pacific, that round trip tickets, good from May 25 to September 30, will be as follows: From Chicago, \$62; Peoria, \$50.15, and St. Louis, \$56.25.

OBSERVATION CAR MAKES ITS FIRST APPEARANCE

PALATIAL FURNISHINGS AND COMFORT CHIEF FEATURES.

No. 1 and No. 2 Will Hereafter Carry
is Great Improvement—Buffet Car
to Be Taken From These Trains—
Fine Furnishings.

A thing of palatial beauty and real comfort is now provided on all west-bound trains that pass La Grande in the morning. The first observation car, "Ben Tomond," since the service was instituted, passed through La Grande today. It is half standard sleeper and half observation. This last named part of it resembles an ordinary buffet car, though more roomy and more elegantly finished. The rear platform, which resembles General Manager J. P. O'Brien's car, from a standpoint of finishings. The railings are polished brass, and give more than ordinary room on the platform itself. Comfortable chairs and settees stand on the platform, which is roofed over by an extension of the car roof. This service makes No. 1 a splendid train, being equipped with standard and tourist sleepers and dining car in addition to the observation car accommodations. The buffet car, used by men only, has been discontinued on this train.

The same service will be maintained on No. 2, the train which reaches here from Portland in the evening.

An All-Night Bank.

Philadelphia, Dec. 4.—Despite the general belief that the Quaker City goes to bed at 9 o'clock, Philadelphia is soon to have an "owl" or all-night bank to accommodate those who prowl about during the night watches. The new institution will be conducted on the continuous plan and will have counting room and offices in the northwest corner of the Bellevue-Stratford. It will have a capital of \$500,000 and number among its stockholders and promoters, George C. Boldt of the Waldorf-Astoria, and the Bellevue-Stratford, and Laurence McCormick. Directors in well-known financial institutions in this city are also among the backers.

Grand ball Friday evening at Elks' hall.

4 INDICTMENTS AGAINST OFFICER

GRAND JURY DISCHARGED; NUMBER OF BILLS UNKNOWN.

Small Batch of Bills Given to Sheriff for Service—Four Indictments Now Against Officer—Raymond Cunningham Subject of One Indictment Charging a Statutory Crime—Will Not Make Known All Bills Until the Victims are Caught.

The grand jury, after being in session one day, completed its labors and filed its report before Circuit Judge Knowles this morning and were discharged until some time in February prior to the session of the February term.

Four true bills made public were returned. How many others there are is not known nor may not be until the parties are in the custody of the officers.

A true bill was returned against Raymond Cunningham, charging him with a statutory crime.

Four indictments were returned against J. B. Officer, one charging him with the larceny of a watch, another for not returning a rented gun; another for the larceny of a phonograph; another for a suit case.

CHILDREN ESCAPE DEATH.

Blind, Deaf and Dumb Children of Boise School Escape Fire.

Boise, Dec. 4.—Forty-four deaf, dumb and blind children, attending the state school here, and living in the old Central school building, had a narrow escape from death at 7 o'clock this morning, when fire attacked the latter building while they were being marched from the third floor to their breakfast on the lower floor.

The children left the building in perfect order and not one of them was injured. It is said that if the fire had started while the children were sleeping, many of them would have perished.

The fire started on the third floor and burned downwards. A defective flue is supposed to be the cause.

One part of the building was occupied by state officers. The records were damaged by water, while the total loss is \$10,000.

The building was a three-story brick.

To Wed Chinese Pupil.

New York, Dec. 4.—One of the most novel weddings ever witnessed in this cosmopolitan city is scheduled to take place tomorrow, when Miss Belle Leroy, a refined and accomplished young white girl, who has for some time acted as a missionary and teacher in Gotham's Chinatown, will become the bride of eKe Sing, a Chinese washerman of 24 Mott street. The full Chinese marriage ceremony will be used to unite the loving pair.

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