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Canyon City, at one time the mining center of the inland empire, whose population in the sixties was numbered by the thousands, and whose placer grounds turned out millions of dollars, may once more be the scene of mining activity. The old placer grounds have been purchased by eastern capitalists who paid \$400,000 for it, and Marysville, Panzer Gulch and the creek bed between Canyon City and John Day will once more be disturbed by the hydraulic giants and dredges.

While there can scarcely be any doubt but what the first ballot will result in an election, there have been so many sidesteps in our state or senatorial elections that many thousands of our people will await with much interest the evening papers of Tuesday, January 19.

The legislature meets and organizes (or rather, is supposed to organize; we have a precedent for modifying this statement, as upon an occasion it failed to organize), and on the Tuesday following organization both houses meet in joint session and ballot on United States senator.

Joseph, Walowa county, is entering upon a building year. Tuesday a tax was levied for a \$25,000 school house and the Methodist congregation has arranged for a stone and brick house of worship, with a seating capacity of 500.

The News-Record of Enterprise is now a semi-weekly paper and is being greatly improved. The press of Walowa county is keeping ahead of the progress instituted by the advent of the railroad.

251 NEW UNIONITES

Union county is increasing its population rapidly according to the percentage of births during the year 1908, compared with the death rate during the same year. While last year was a failure here as everywhere from a standpoint of marriage licenses issued, the birth rate was quite large. Secretary N. Mollitor of the county board of health, reports that 251 births have been recorded with him during the year just drawn to an end. Compared with that figure the death list is much smaller, only 91 having been recorded.

Not All "Ours."

In view of the fact that one of the largest health resorts in the northwest is located in this county, the death list is naturally larger than in other counties of the same population. Patients come to the Hot Lake sanatorium in the last stages of disease to seek relief, with the result that often death follows before treatment has really started. In this way Union county is credited with deaths that normally

would have occurred somewhere else.

SECRET SERVICE STAND

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any member of the present house. If I had proof of such corruption affecting any member of the house in any matter as to which the federal government has jurisdiction, action would at once be brought, as was done in the cases of Senators Mitchell and Burton, and Representatives Williamson, Herndon and Taylor, as soon as I could since I have been president.

"A careful reading of my message will show that I said nothing to warrant the statement in the house resolution that 'the majority of the congressmen were in fear of being investigated by the secret service men,' or 'that congress as a whole was actuated by that motive.'"

In support of his statement that the chief argument in favor of the movement to restrict the secret service was alleged fear of some members that they might be investigated, the president refers the house to the report of the debate last May on that subject, as given in the Congressional Record. He says responsibility for the action taken by the house rested on the committee on appropriations under the leadership of Chairman Tawney, Rep., Minn.; Smith, Rep., Iowa; Sherman, Dem., Ky., and Fitzgerald, Dem., N. Y.

The beginning of this agitation, the president says, was a 2000 word letter sent to the Chicago Inter-Ocean in 1904 by L. W. Busbey, private secretary to Speaker Cannon. At the time this letter assailing the secret service was published, President Roosevelt points out, these government detectives were working on the great land frauds in the west and aiding in the beef trust investigation.

"But all of this," continues the president's message, "is of insignificant importance compared with the main, the real issue. This issue is simply: 'Does congress desire that the government shall have at its disposal the most efficient instrument for the detection of criminals and the prevention and punishment of crime, or does it not?' The action of the house last May was emphatically an action against the interest of justice and against the interest of law-abiding people, and in its effect of benefit only to law breakers. Is the house now willing to remedy the wrong?"

The president quotes from a letter he sent to Speaker Cannon April 30, protesting against interference with the secret service, in which he said: "There is no more foolish outcry than this against 'spies'; only criminals need fear our detectives."

The message reviews the operations of the secret service men since 1901. They uncovered a system for the fraudulent acquisition and fencing of public lands. In this work one of the detectives was assassinated. In Nebraska 60 men were indicted for land frauds, and of 32 so far tried, 28 have been convicted. The government has secured the return of 1,000,000 acres of grazing land and of 2000 acres of mineral land in Colorado. It is suing for 150,000 additional acres.

Of the land frauds President Roosevelt says: "No more striking instance can be imagined of the desirability of having a central corps of skilled investigating agents who can at any time be assigned, if necessary in large numbers, to investigate some violation of the federal statutes, in no matter what branch of the public service."

The secret service men obtained hundreds of convictions of conspirators who sold fraudulent naturalization papers. They located in Canada Greene and Gaynor, who were implicated in big government contract frauds, and arrested them. They secured many convictions in postage cases and in silk and opium customs frauds. They assisted in the beef trust investigation and located the cotton leak in the agricultural department. Their destruction of a lottery company netted the government \$290,000 in fines. In revealing the big contract fraud in the bureau of engraving and printing they saved the government \$100,000 a year. The total expense of the secret service last year was \$125,000.

"Such a body as the secret service," continues the message, "such a body of trained investigating agents, accu-



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pying a permanent position in the government service, and separate from all local investigating forces in different departments is an absolute necessity if the best work is to be done against criminals. To provide for this is not only the right of congress, but emphatically its duty. To use the secret service in the investigation of purely private or political matters would be a gross abuse. But there has been no single instance of such abuse during my term as president.

"I most earnestly ask, in the name of good government and decent administration, in the name of honesty and for the purpose of bringing to justice violators of the federal laws wherever they may be found, whether in public or private life, that the action taken by the house last year be reversed.

"I also urge that the secret service be placed where it properly belongs, and made a bureau in the department of justice, as the chief of the secret service has repeatedly requested; but whether this is done or not, it should be explicitly provided that the secret service can be used to detect and punish crime wherever it is found."

Attached to the message is a letter from Secretary Cortelyou of the treasury department, to the house committee on appropriations; the Busbey article, and letters from the president to Speaker Cannon and the late Senator Allison, all bearing on this subject.

Dancing School.

The dancing school which was to have held a session this evening will not meet until tomorrow on account of the absence of Mr. Thomas, who is in Portland today, and will not return before tomorrow.

Mrs. William Buzzard, a former resident of this city, but now of Twin Falls, Idaho, returned to her home this morning after visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mackey the past few days.

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Fulton to Report Bill.

Washington, Jan. 4.—Senator Fulton of Oregon, stated in senate committee on interstate commerce today, that he would probably report his bill amending the freight rate law, soon. Final action will probably be taken Wednesday.

To Hang, But Happy.

Boise, Jan. 4.—"I am just as happy as if I had good sense," wrote Fred Seward, under sentence of death for murdering O'Neil of Moscow, Idaho, to his sister. These words will be used in behalf of the prisoner in the event an effort is to be made to save him, on the insanity plea. He is to be hanged February 19, unless a stay of execution is granted.

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Notice of Stockholders' Meeting.

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the stockholders of La Grande Irrigation company on Monday, February 22, 1909, at two o'clock p. m., at the office of La Grande Investment company, for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors and conducting such other business as may properly come before the stockholders.

J. K. WRIGHT,

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Notice to Dog Owners.
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J. W. WALDON,
 Chief of Police of the City of La Grande. D23J1

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NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

Notice is hereby given that Otho Eckersley, administrator of the estate of William J. Shoemaker, deceased, has filed his final account as administrator of said estate and the county court of Union county, Oregon, has set Monday, the 4th day of January, A. D. 1909, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of said day, and the county court room in the court house, La Grande, Oregon as the time and place for hearing said report and all objections thereto.

Dated at La Grande, Oregon, this 4th day of December, A. D. 1908.

OTHO ECKERSLEY,
 Administrator

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