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JERRY RUSK IS IN LA GRANDE

VISITING CONSTITUENTS ON WAY TO LEGISLATURE.

Believes United States Senator Will Be Elected on First Ballot—Also, That the People Passed the Local Option and Primary Laws, and if Any Changes Are to Be Made the People Should Make Them—No Special Measures to Be Introduced by Him.

Joint Representative Jerry Rusk arrived from Joseph last night, and after spending one or two days in the valley, will go to Portland and thence to Salem, when the legislature convenes.

When asked if he thought there was liable to be any confusion in the election of United States senator, he replied that he did not, and that he expected the first ballot would decide the matter.

No Special Bills in Mind.

In reference to general legislation Mr. Rusk stated that he did not have any special legislation to introduce; that generally there was entirely too much. He recognized the fact that there would be an attempt to change the local option and primary laws, but he had decided that as the people made these laws, if any changes were to be made the people should make them, and it was not in his way of looking at things the prerogative of the legislature to change or alter the laws as passed directly by the people through the initiative and he believed the great majority of the legislature entertained the same views and he looked for no change in either the local option nor primary laws.

FIRE RECORDS IN LA GRANDE

TOTAL DAMAGE BY FIRE FOR YEAR IS ONLY \$5,290.00.

Only Eight Fires During 1908 and During Seven Months of the Year There Was No Loss—Expenditures for the Year is Only About Five Hundred.

Fire Chief Joseph Jones has filed his annual report with the recorder, which will be read at the meeting of the city council this evening.

During the year only eight fires have occurred with an estimated total damage of \$5,290. During the months of January, March, May, June, September, October and December, there were no alarms. During the year the total expense of the department was \$570.13, of this amount \$240 was paid the several companies as their annual stipends and \$240 was expended in South La Grande for a new hose house, leaving the actual amount expended on equipment at \$126.

Fire Chief Jones hopes the city will soon find it possible to provide a team and three paid men who will be constantly on duty. Then, with the aid of the volunteer department, La Grande can be better protected than at present. This recommendation, however, is not in his report, but are his personal views.

La Grande has cause to feel proud of its fire boys. In not a single instance since the water system was installed has there been a fire that got beyond control, and in very few instances has there been a total loss.

Bill Sunday, the reformed baseball player, is afraid thugs will kill him, and those who have heard his lectures are afraid they will not.

FRESH FIGHT IS ON WORKMEN ACTUALLY RAZING FRISCO'S CITY HALL.

Long Fight Ended at Last.

San Francisco, Jan. 6.—Gangs of workmen today began razing the ruins of the city hall after a spectacular fight waged by citizens who wanted it rebuilt. Now a fresh fight is started between the contractors and municipal park commission over the metallic woman on top of the dome, each claiming they are entitled to it.

Postmaster George Hanson of North Powder is here for today.

MYSTERY VEILS SEATTLE DEATH

HUSBAND DETAINED WHILE OFFICIALS INVESTIGATE.

Seattle, Jan. 6.—Under mysterious circumstances, Mrs. Young, wife of James Young, a candy maker, died last night in her apartments following a quarrel with her husband, who is detained pending the investigation. It was learned that a revolver was discovered, but no bullet wound has been found.

Joseph Roba, a roofer, says he took the revolver from Young, who says he did not strike her and did not see her fall. It was learned she did not take poison.

CENSOR RACE NEWS.

May Prevent New York Papers From Publishing Odds on Races.

New York, Jan. 6.—Legislation to prevent newspapers in this state from printing racing odds is being prepared by Senator Agnew for introduction in the state legislature. The action follows a decision of the appellate division of the supreme court holding the selling of advance information is not a violation of the Hart-Agnew racing law.

ESCAPE FROM JAIL.

Two Prisoners Dig Out of Waterville Wash., Jail This Morning.

Wenatchee, Jan. 6.—Word was sent to this city that J. S. Burrell, charged with grand larceny, and O. Pugh, who is charged with forgery, escaped jail at Waterville by digging through a rock wall. It is believed they will go to Wenatchee.

SCHOOL PRINCIPAL IS MISSING.

Goes Duck Hunting and Falls to Return to His Schools.

Roseburg, Jan. 6.—George Sawyers, principal of the Oakland public schools, in this county, is mysteriously missing. He went to Red Bluff, Cal., shortly after Christmas, on a duck hunting expedition. He failed to return to reopen his schools Monday. Friends and his wife fear he was accidentally killed.

ASK FOR RETRIAL.

Government Attorney Ready to Argue Case Before Landis.

Chicago, Jan. 6.—Assistant District Attorney Wilkerson appeared before Judge Landis today and asked for a retrial of the Standard Oil \$29,000,000 fine. The case is to begin at 2 this afternoon. Landis said he is ready. Attorney Miller, for the Standard Oil company, said he would not be ready until Monday.

FOUR-INCH SNOW MANTLES VALLEY

BLIZZARD BREAKS, BUT SNOWSTORMS FOLLOW.

Sleighs Freely Used at Union, Where Five Inches of Snow Fell—Other Valley Towns Snowed Under, But Little Sleighting—Mercury Never Touched the Zero Mark Here Last Evening—Joseph Stockmen Feel Little Alarm at Storm.

An average of four inches of snow mantles the Grande Ronde valley today. The blizzard which prevailed yesterday has broken and people are again settled down to the regular routine of life with a shade more speed, however, as the sleigh has displaced the more cumbersome mode of travel, the wagon, in many instances. All night long the blizzard of yesterday raged in this city, but broke again this morning to permit a short but heavy snowfall. At no time did the mercury touch zero, notwithstanding that at midnight it fell rapidly from 12 above to 6 above. In the metropolis here, less snow has fallen than in other localities. Cove records 3 inches of snow; Imbler, 4; Union, 5; Elgin, 4, and Summerhill, 4. At Union sleighs very drafted into service with very satisfactory results, while at the other towns, the limited amount of snow is badly drifted in places, making sleighing unsatisfactory.

On the mountain summits, to the east and west, the downfall of snow was much greater and the severity of the cold much worse. Trainmen report Dakota winters at Kamela, Tel.

LAND SUITS SET FOR NEXT MARCH

SOUTHERN PACIFIC-UNCLE SAM FIGHT LONG.

Famous Suit to Recover Possession of Southern Pacific Land in Southern Oregon Will Start March First Before Judge Wolverton in Portland—Long Case.

Portland, Jan. 6.—The preliminary hearing of the Southern Pacific railroad's demurrer in the big suit in which the government seeks to regain possession of Oregon land worth in the neighborhood of \$60,000,000, begins March 1, before Judge Wolverton, in the United States circuit court at Portland.

Fifty years ago the government granted the Oregon & California railroad, which is now the Southern Pacific, land in all parts of Oregon. Now the government wants the land back. It will be a hard legal battle.

VALUABLE DOG SHOT.

Hunting Dog Owned by Dell Jackson Fatally Shot by Some One Today.

A valuable hunting dog belonging to Dell Jackson, was the target for some man with a mean disposition today. The animal was able to drag itself to his master's home in this city. A bullet wound in the hip had done the business. Dr. Charlton was called to administer chloroform to end the suffering of the faithful animal. Mr. Jackson mourns the loss as the dog was credited with being one of the best dogs of his kind in the state.

Decision Today.

In the case of Roy Oliver vs. Eichenger, as a result of a dispute in a settlement running from August, 1906, through 1907. Oliver sued for \$192.90 and received a verdict for \$129.15.

MURDER AN ISSUE IN SALOON FIGHT

TENNESSEE ENTERS BITTER LOCAL OPTION STRUGGLE.

Strenuous Effort Made to Drive Every Saloon From Southern State—Assassination of Carmack Recently Drove "Drys" to Desperate Action—Liquor Dealers Still Hopeful of Averting the Wave.

Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 6.—"Remember Carmack!" is the rallying cry of the temperance forces of Tennessee, who are gathering in the capital during the first week of the legislative session, to demand the passage of a prohibition bill that will drive every saloon from the state. Only three Tennessee big cities are now left in which liquor can be legally sold, and there is every prospect that before long Memphis, Nashville and Chattanooga will be rendered "dry."

The assassination of Senator Carmack, the editor of a local newspaper, by a political enemy, has been made an issue by the friends of state-wide prohibition. Carmack was last year a candidate for the gubernatorial nomination against Governor Patterson. He ran on a prohibition platform, but was defeated by a narrow margin after a heated campaign in which the liquor traffic was the principal issue. He did not allow his defeat at the polls to end the campaign, but kept the prohibition question to the forefront through editorials in the newspaper of which he was the editor. It was his devoted advocacy of the temperance cause, declare his friends, that led to his tragic death in a duel on the streets of Nashville. Now he is being hailed as a martyr to prohibition, and a state-wide law prohibiting the manufacture and sale of liquor is urged as the most fitting monument to his memory.

Despite reverses they suffered in the first conflicts with the liquor element, the leaders of the temperance army are confident that public opinion will force the present legislature to pass a prohibition law.

It is alleged that the prohibition bill will have more than the necessary 17 votes in the senate, and that nearly two-thirds of the members of the house are state-widlers, or will eventually be brought to that way of thinking by the force of public opinion.

The liquor dealers have not yet given up hope that Tennessee will be saved from the impending fate of prohibition, and the battle between the "wets" and "drys" will be fought to a finish. Opponents of prohibition assert that the attempt to make the Carmack murder an issue is absurd, and that the assassination of the former senator was due to personal differences and had nothing to do with the liquor controversy.

"Near Beer" Case.

Augusta, Ga., Jan. 6.—Nearly 200 dealers in "two-per-cent," a brewery product, are directly interested in the test case of the "near beer" tax which comes up today. A heavy tax has been imposed on the dealers in the "near beer," which beverage is largely sold in Georgia under the prohibition regime, and the test case will have an important bearing on the traffic. The Georgia brand of "near beer" looks like beer, tastes like beer, smells like beer, is made by the breweries and is put up in beer bottles. Yet it is claimed that it contains less than two per cent alcohol and therefore does not intoxicate.

Heyburn Is Home.

Boise, Jan. 6.—Senator Heyburn arrived from Washington today in the interests of his candidacy for reelection. He found all opposition silenced.

Ellensburg Pioneer Dead.

Ellensburg, Wash., Jan. 6.—Martin Mehan, aged 72, who came to Kittitas valley in the seventies, and one of the oldest settlers, dropped dead of heart disease this morning.

BETTER COASTBALL PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE NOW IN CLASS AA BALL.

Fans—Ewing Will Outline Benefits to the Coast Towns.

Cincinnati, O., Jan. 6.—J. Cal Ewing, president of the Pacific Coast league, which has been raised to class AA, in a designation by the national commission yesterday, will outline to fellow magnates of the west the enlarged privileges conferred on the league by the change. It means the strengthening of the coast teams in Portland, San Francisco, Los Angeles and Oakland, and any other city which is added to the league.

KETCHEL WILL FIGHT JOHNSON

DRAWS COLOR LINE EXCEPT WITH CHAMPION.

Ketchel Publishes Signed Statement at Grand Rapids to the Effect That He Fears Not Johnson Nor Langford, Either—No Other Coon Except "Mr. Johnson."

Grand Rapids, Mich., Jan. 6.—Ketchel announces in a signed statement published here today that he is thoroughly willing to fight Jack Johnson, the colored heavyweight champion of the world, but bars all other negroes.

OPIE REID IN FIRE.

Springfield, Mo., Hotel Burned, But All Guests Escaped.

Springfield, Mo., Jan. 6.—Fire, starting in the Baldwin theater this morning, destroyed the building, and left the Colonial hotel and the Nixen building partly ruined. The total loss is \$250,000.

Opie Reid, the playwright, was among the guests in the Colonial who escaped. Six firemen were slightly injured. The origin of the fire is unknown.

RESCUE WORK IS OVER AT ITALY

SURVIVORS DEVOTE TIME TO MINISTER TO LIVING.

American Supplies Will Be Dispensed Along Southern Coast Tomorrow—Reggio Evacuated Except for Soldiers—Messina to Be Deserted in a Week—No Hope to Save More Victims—Queen Helena in Precarious Physical Condition, Say Physicians.

Rome, Jan. 6.—The Italian ship Bayern, chartered by American Ambassador Lloyd Griscom, and laden with supplies furnished by American relief money and contributions, will leave Civitavecchia tomorrow for Messina. It will go down the Calabrian coast, dispensing supplies. Court physicians today informed Queen Helena that a complete collapse was inevitable unless she desists from working among the quake victims.

The queen is extremely nervous. She ignores the physicians' warning. Grave fear is expressed concerning her physical condition.

No More Rescue Work.

Catania, Jan. 6.—With the exception of troops, Reggio is evacuated today, and by the end of the week only soldiers will remain at Messina. Little further effort will be made to recover the bodies from the ruins. The greatest work now necessary is among the refugee camps.

Ships on Final Lap.

Port Said, Jan. 6.—While every facility for early departure is being offered the American battleships from the fleet, ordered to Italy, the vessels were delayed last night by coaling. They did not leave until early today.

Consul Lupton Alive.

Washington, Jan. 6.—Ambassador Griscom has cabled the state department today confirming the fact that Vice Consul Lupton survived the Messina disaster. He has a letter written by Lupton, dated January 3, saying: "It is practically impossible to telegraph the department any information from here. The bodies of Mr. and Mrs. Chaney were buried under tons of debris at the consulate. It will take a week's work by 200 men to reach them. Only 10,000 people are now in Messina."

The Chaney referred to was consul at Messina.

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THE YEAR OLD AND THE YEAR NEW

We think it well to begin the new year by expressing our appreciation of the good will and patronage extended to us during the year that is past.

Our relations with our customers have never been so satisfactory as during the past twelve months.

We have tried as never before to promote the interests of those who trade with us and we have substantial evidence that our efforts have not been in vain.

In the coming year we shall maintain the highest standards of pharmacy, the highest quality of goods, the finest possible service and, as in the past, place the interests of our customers above our own, believing that in the long run we thus promote our own interests best.

Thanking all our friends and customers for favors shown, we extend to each our kindest regards and our best wishes for a healthy, happy and prosperous NEW YEAR.

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