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## GLAVIS NOW RELEASED

### BALLINGER EXONERATED OF ALL CHARGES BY TAFT

#### ACCUSER STANDS THE ACCUSED

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16.—Secretary Ballinger has ordered the dismissal of L. B. Glavis, chief of the field division of the general land office. The action follows a statement issued last night by President Taft at Albany, N. Y., in which he exonerated Ballinger in the Cunningham Alaska coal land case.

After reading Taft's letter exonerating Ballinger in connection with the Alaska coal land cases, declaring Ballinger had the sympathy of the administration, Louis R. Glavis refused to discuss the statement this morning. He said he wouldn't make any comment thereon as he was still an official of the government. There is no question but that he will make a complete statement when he severs his connection with the government.

The reason for the dismissal of Glavis was stated in Taft's letter to Ballinger as follows: "The filing of a disingenuous statement unjustly impeaching the official integrity of his superior officers."

In this letter Taft exonerated Ballinger of the charge by Glavis in connection with the Alaskan cases. Taft also sustains Ballinger in regard to restoration and withdrawal of public land and is in connection with allegations

regarding water power sites by so called water power trust at the National Irrigation Congress recently. Taft declared in the letter that Ballinger was in accordance and in sympathy with the administration. This leaves the impression, inasmuch as Pinchot bitterly disagreed with Taft, the attitude of Pinchot, can't well conform with that of the administration. There is a speculation whether Pinchot will remain in the service. The Forestry department is under the Interior department, therefore there is no official connection directly between Pinchot and Ballinger.

**Pinchot Not Aware of It.**  
LOS ANGELES, Sept. 16.—Chief Forester Pinchot is unconscious of his defeat by Ballinger. He is fishing at San Clemente Island, 35 miles out on the Pacific.

Mr. Glavis was chief of the Oregon district during 1907 and 1908 and last fall spent some time in La Grande. About April last he was appointed to the Alaska jurisdiction and from there made his sensational charges of a few weeks since.

Six thousand attended the fair in Eugene on Merchant's Day.

#### BRINGS COTTON PLANT HOME.

Judge Knowles Cuts And Preserves an Example of The Cotton Plant.

To the northerner who has never seen cotton plant, Judge Knowles brings back the real thing, a plant which he cut with his own hands while in the south. By careful packing Mr. Knowles was able to bring it here in good state of preservation and the cotton blossoms are attached to the tiny tree. He has kindly left it in this office, where it can be seen. The erroneous notion entertained by northerners that the cotton plant itself grows from the root each year, is rectified by the presence of this little tree which resembles a hazel nut bush in many respects.

## CANCELED BIG FIST FIGHT TODAY

### KETCHEL-LANGFORD BOUT TO BE CALLED OFF.

Authorities Will Not Permit The Much Heralded Scrap.

NEW YORK, Sept. 16.—The Ketchel-Langford fight was called off today because the authorities threatened to raid the club. The fight was scheduled for tomorrow night.

The decision to call off the fight followed a conference between District Attorney Jerome, Police Commissioner Baker and Sheriff Foley, following a telegram from Governor Hughes.

Authorities decided the fight would be a violation of the law, because it would be witnessed by other than the club members.

## 15,000 BUSHELS WHEAT STORED

### COMPLETE ISLAND CITY WAREHOUSE THIS EVENING

Members of Farmers Union Have Already Brought in Fifteen Thousand Bushels of Wheat And About That Much More Coming—Structure Covered With Corrugated Steel And Well Reinforced—Will Hold Grain There For Sale.

Over 15,000 bushels of wheat are already in the new Union County Co-operative Farmers' Union, notwithstanding that the roof is not completed. Four men under Warehouse Manager Steik, are kept on move continually caring for the great influx of wheat. It is believed that more than 30,000 bushels will be in the new warehouse before the storing season is over, a total that is extremely high of course and even more so considering that the Union is yet in its infancy in this county. During the past few days the rush to the warehouse has been exceptionally great.

The roofing is being complete this afternoon. The structure is said to be one of the best in the county, being built on a cement foundation and covered with corrugated steel from top to bottom and over the entire roof space. The superstructure is strong and well reinforced. The entire building will be completed in a few days it is believed, when the crew will commence the fair building.

This large quantity of grain will be held in the warehouse for sale and when the union unloads, the buyers will have it conveniently near the main line.

This is only one of the many warehouses in the city and county and it can be readily seen that the total of wheat, basing the estimate on what is already in one warehouse, will be up to the original guesses.

**Mill Resumes Work.**  
HOQUIAM, Wash., Sept. 16.—Coats shingle mill, one of the largest here, resumed today after a short shut down. The company guaranteed the increase demanded by the packers. It is thought this action will weaken the cause of the employers attempting to hold the scale down.

**Oppose Taft Plan.**  
CHICAGO, Sept. 16.—The Central National bank idea as outlined by President Reynolds and endorsed by Taft may not be adopted by the bankers in session here. The opposition arose among the western financiers, who say it will wipe out a number of the country banks and will drain the banks of the west to concentrate the money in the east.

**Forest Fire Causes Death.**  
SAN DIEGO, Calif., Sept. 16.—One life was lost and hundreds of heads of cattle are dead in the great area burned by fires in different parts of San Diego county.

**Old Pioneer Back.**  
F. Van Vlack of Salem, is here the guest of his son, Thurlow Van Vlack. It has been 15 years since Mr. Van Vlack was a resident of this county and since that time he has not been to La Grande. He expressed his surprise at the size of the town and the wonderful developments in this county since he left.

**CHANGE IN FORCE.**  
New Night Ticket Agent Will go on Tonight at Ticket Office.  
J. Beck arrived last night from Portland and will be employed in the freight office here as assisting freight agent. Ole Stageberg, who formerly held this position, will be transferred to the ticket office as night ticket agent. William Day who has been

night agent here in the ticket office for some time will leave in a short time for Portland, where he will be employed with the company.

**Mrs. Harriman Gets Fortune.**  
NEW YORK, Sept. 16.—The will of E. H. Harriman was probated today. It bequeaths all real and personal property to his wife. The will is dated June 8, 1903, and names the executor.

**Council Is Willing to Aid.**  
At the council meeting last evening the fair and city council became warmer friends than ever and all that the city can do in the way of aid for the fair will be done. Extensive improvements for the city office rooms were abetted by giving the committee more time to arrange a through improvement of the building.

## PRESIDENT IN CHICAGO TODAY

### GREAT HOST OF CHILDREN SINGS BEFORE EXECUTIVE.

Starts West Tonight After Attending Banquet This Evening.

CHICAGO, Sept. 16.—The first lap of President Taft's western trip was made when he reached this city shortly after 11 this morning. Thousands gathered at the LaSalle street station, when the train arrived. He was loudly ovationed with an automobile parade as the feature. The route was through Washington park, where 200,000 school children sang "Columbia." Thence Taft went to the Congress hotel for luncheon. Afterwards he visited the Art institute, and the ball game, and this evening will attend a banquet. He is scheduled to leave at midnight westward.

**Walla Walla Flour Drops.**  
WALLA WALLA, Sept. 16.—Flour dropped 60 cents per barrel here today—from \$6 to \$5.40. Retailers announced the reduction.

## BREAKING INTO PENITENTIARY

### YOUTH KILLS INDIAN JUST TO SEE HIM FALL.

Divulged at Trial That Chum in Prison Likes His Prison Stripes

SEWARD, Alaska, Sept. 16.—A remarkable crime is reported at Diak, where a fourteen year old boy shot and killed an Indian. At the inquest he said: "I shot to see the man fall." It is believed, however, that the boy murdered him after receiving a letter from a chum in Washington State penitentiary on McNeill's Island, in which the chum described as having an easy time and liked the life. It is believed the boy committed the crime so he could go to prison also.

**Passenger Train Carries Logs.**  
After running closely to schedule all summer, the Joseph-La Grande train is now entering on a period of lateness. Heavy shipments from Walla walla county is generally responsible today. It was a heavy shipment of logs from Looking Glass that delayed it.

**Policemen Guard Ballplayer.**  
PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 16.—Because Cobb, the crack right fielder of the Detroit team spiked third baseman Baker of the Philadelphia team three weeks ago, an extra force of police is guarding the Detroit player from possible attack by the local fans.

## MANY FARMERS COMPRISE JURY

### OCTOBER JURORS DRAWN AND ANNOUNCED AS WELL

Only a Few Merchants And Businessmen on the October Jury For the Coming Term—Mostly Farmers—Court Sits—Circuit Judge Home And Attorneys Are Preparing For Coming Season—The Complete List of Jurymen.

Farmers are nominated in great majority in the October list, which was drawn today. There are a few lumbermen, one railroader and a merchant or two, but the big percentage are farmers, according to the following list, which is to report when the term sits:

- Wm. Roulette, Elgin, merchant.
- ats, Union, farmer.
- berton, Elgin, millman.
- Hibberd, Imbler, real estate.
- F. J. Jolly, Cove, farmer.
- Wm. Roulette, Elgin, farmer.
- B. W. Bates, Union, farmer.
- W. M. Seeverger, Union, farmer.
- C. J. Black, La Grande, real estate agent.

- E. C. Meyers, Summerville, farmer.
- L. E. Leandley, Island City, farmer.
- John Zweifel, Summerville, farmer.
- John McCauley, La Grande, farmer.
- Walter Glenn, La Grande, farmer.
- M. McMurray, La Grande, wood dealer.
- Ed Lee, Union, teamster.
- Geo. H. Hudson, Telocaset, farmer.
- Herbert Patterson, La Grande, merchant.
- J. E. Reynolds, La Grande, farmer.
- W. H. Statford, Union, railroader.
- B. C. Maps, Elgin, lumber man.
- E. J. Conrad, Summerville, stock dealer.
- J. H. Redman, Medical Springs, farmer.
- Tom W. Conklin, Medical Springs, farmer.
- E. Daron, La Grande, fruit grower.
- G. M. Games, North Powder, farmer.
- L. J. Ferguson, La Grande, farmer.
- M. Kerns, Cove, farmer.
- Wm. Bloom, Cove, farmer.
- Henry W. Burk, La Grande, farmer.

**Two Appeals Filed.**  
Two transcripts were filed today in the county clerk's office by Ralph Atkinson through his attorneys, Judge Ramsey, for an appeal to the circuit court of the two cases where he was charged with the violating the local option law of the city before Recorder Cox and found guilty. These two will make six cases that will be tried before the circuit court in which he is charged with selling liquor.

**NEARING COURT TIME.**  
With the arrival home of Circuit Judge Knowles, attorneys and court attaches are looking forward to Monday October 3rd, when the October term meets.

**NO CHECKS TODAY.**  
Checks For The Employes of The O. R. & N. Fail to Arrive.

"No check" are the words that greet the employes of the O. R. & N. at this place today as they make their appearance at the usual receiving place. No reason is assigned for the failure of the checks to arrive but it is thought that they will get here tomorrow.

**John Still Low.**  
ROCHESTER, Min., Sept. 16.—Governor Johnson's condition is still regarded as critical. He was operated on yesterday for intestinal trouble. He rested fairly well this afternoon, but is suffering from gaseous pains.

**Company Buys Auto.**  
The La Grande Investment company has purchased an automobile, that is practically a new one, to be used in routine business such as taking prospective home seekers over the valley.

## Are You Ready For the SCHOOL BELL

BRING THE CHILDREN HERE TODAY

Fine full stocks and social offerings in Children's Clothing and school necessities.

LOOK THESE OVER

Lot 1---Boys School Suits \$2.85

This lot comprises values up to \$6.00 and comes in all sizes and desirable colors.

Lot 2---Boys School Suits \$4.65

Many of the best suits that we have are included in this lot. You will be surprised at the extraordinary value at this price.

MISSES SCHOOL DRESSES from 95c to \$3.00.  
MISSES SCHOOL CLOAKS \$2.50 and up. All new styles and patterns.

SEE OUR LINE OF SCHOOL SHOES FOR BOYS AND GIRLS. WE'VE STUDIED THEIR NEEDS AND HAVE THE BEST LINES WE CAN OBTAIN FOR SERVICE.

## THE FAIR

