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BIG SMOKE IS CONFIDENT MAN

MEN MEET FRIDAY TO SIGN FIGHT AGREEMENT.

Johnson insists that there be a winners and a looser's purse as well. Has a big song and dance about his prowess and about his alleged yellow streak—Jeffries and Johnson will both be present at the conference.

New York, Oct. 28.—Sam Berger and George Little, managers for Jeffries and Johnson have decided to hold a meeting at 3 o'clock tomorrow to sign up the articles of agreement for the big fight that is to determine the actual championship of the world in the pugilistic ring. Johnson and Jeffries will both attend, the conference and will ratify the same by their signatures.

New York, Oct. 28.—Johnson arrived in New York city at 9:35 this morning. This afternoon he will meet Jeffries and will arrange the full details of their fight which will probably be held in San Francisco. He will be accorded a rousing reception from 5,000 negroes most of whom gathered at the Union Station to welcome their ideal. Johnson said: "I am here to sign articles with Jeffries. We will now see who is the four flusher, white or black."

Johnson said: "The only point that I insist on before signing up is that there must be both a winner's and a looser's end of the purse. To show that I am a good sport I will allow Jeff to name the percentage. This is the opportunity of my life and I propose to show the world that I am the best man that ever donned the mitts. If I can succeed in getting Jeffries into the ring with me. Frequently it is said that somewhere in my anatomy is a yellow streak. Doesn't it strike you as being funny that no one has ever been able to find it? Let me give you a little tip. When Jeff and I get into the ring don't let racial prejudice prevent you from getting down a few good sized bets on the black man. Of course, if you can afford to lose, bet on Jeffries."

An Echo man has 465 bales of hops.

HAS FASTED FOR 43 DAYS

CALIFORNIA MAN FEELS FINE WITHOUT EATING.

Has Often Tried Eating During Fasting But Doesn't Like It.

Willets, Cal. Oct. 28.—J. D. Barnwell, of this city, today entered the 43 day of his fasting. He declared that he was not ready to stop yet. Since he commenced fasting Barnwell has lost 50 pounds and now weighs 170 pounds. He is 70 years of age. He began starting himself with a view of getting relief for stomach trouble from which he has been a sufferer for many years. After abstaining for 14 days he attempted to eat soup but found that his stomach could not retain it. At the end of thirteen days he tried venison juice with a like result. He declares that he is feeling much better and that in his belief he will be a well man when he breaks his fast.

PERISH IN WILDS

RESCUE PARTIES START SEARCH FOR LOST ONES.

Said to be Lost For Many Months and Great Alarm is Felt.

Los Angeles, Oct. 28.—Missing for more than eight weeks in the remote fastnesses of the Sierra Nevada mountains, Erwin R. Weinspach with his wife and a society young lady by the name of Jessie J. Thornton, is now thought to have perished in the severe snow storms that have been raging in the Sierras for several days. They started out last August to make a long mountainous trip, intending to stay a month and have now been absent for two months, and no word has been received from them. No uneasiness was felt until recently the snow storms have set in and it is believed that the party delayed their return so late that they have been caught in the snow and have become lost. Searching parties have been organized and are now starting for the district in which it is supposed they have had their camp.

EDITOR CLAIMS HE IS SLANDERED

EDITOR OF 'FRISCO DAILY NEWS BRINGS SUIT.

Asks Ten Thousand Dollars Damage From Fickert the Republican Candidate for District Attorney—Accused of Having Fathered Movement to Have Heney Appointed Deputy if Fickert is Elected. Wason Wants Big Damages.

San Francisco, Oct. 28.—William D. Wason, the editor of the Daily News has filed a suit in the superior court this afternoon charging Charles M. Fickert, the republican union labor nominee for district attorney with slander and asking damages in the sum of \$10,000.

The petition sets forth that Frickert in his speeches stated that Wason, and Fremont, the old editor of the Bulletin and Attorney Hiram Johnson went to him and agreed to support him if Frickert would agree to appoint Francis J. Heney, the democratic independent candidate, as his deputy. The News is supporting Heney and Wason charges the statement made by Frickert to be false. Damages are asked on two counts of \$5,000 each.

CAPITALISTS NOT HERE YET.

No Word from Men from East Who Are Searching for Orchards.

Nothing additional has been heard today of the party of Red Oak, Iowa, capitalists who have left their Iowa town for La Grande. They were due here yesterday, but did not put in their appearance this morning as had been anticipated.

A sawmill is to take the place of a gallon house at Willamina.

COOK TO DEBATE WITH HIS GUIDE

QUESTION OF MT. MCKINLEY TRIP THE TOPIC.

Debate Takes Place at Hamilton Tonight Over Alleged Fraud.

Missoula, Mont. Oct. 28.—Dr. Cook and Edward N. Barrill, his guide, are to meet in a joint debate tonight at Hamilton.

Barrill is the guide who accompanied Dr. Cook on his original Mt. McKinley expedition in which the doctor claims to have scaled the mountain to its top, and in which his former guide claims that the doctor is mistaken. Barrill has made an affidavit saying that the doctor never reached the summit of Mt. McKinley and that he was never nearer than 14 miles of the summit. The pictures that the Dr. took of Barrill and the American flag purporting to have been taken on the summit of Mt. McKinley were taken on a lower level some 20 miles from the summit of the mountain.

Barrill promises to be present at the explorer's lecture tonight and says he will call the doctor's bluff and will tell the people of Hamilton exactly what Cook did at Mt. McKinley. Dr. Cook is apparently full of fight and says that he is anxious to face his traducers.

CANNON MENACE TO REPUBLICANS

SENATORS AND CONGRESSMEN WANT HIM DEPOSED NOW.

Party With President Taft Down the Mississippi Agree that Cannon Must Be Deposed for the Republican Party's Welfare—Conference Being held to Decide on the Question—Taft Alone Can Help Him—Taft Party Late.

Chicago, Oct. 28.—A dispatch received by the Tribune today from Helena, Arkansas, says that the congressmen and senators of the republican party have told the president that Joe Cannon must, if he again should become a candidate for speaker be placed on the retired list. This they say has become necessary on account of him being a detriment to the success of the republican party in the future.

Taft Behind Schedule.

Helena, Ark. Oct. 28.—Hours behind his schedule President Taft who is due to arrive at Vicksburg at three this afternoon will not arrive until dusk this evening. The fleet carrying the president and governor and congressmen will sail down the Mississippi until Vicksburg has been reached without stopping at any of the intervening places.

Superintendent Home.

Superintendent E. E. Bragg returned yesterday evening from a trip up the river where he visited the schools at Perry and Hilgard. Today he is giving his time to listing the books received from the state library commission.

Wallowa Stock Shipment.

Eleven fine cars of beef cattle came out from Wallowa county today enroute for the Union Stock Yards in Portland.

SPEAKERS FOR RALLY ARE HERE

SPEAKERS ARE HERE AND MORE COMING TONIGHT.

Delegates Will Also Come this Evening to Attend Services.

C. H. Hilton of Milton, Mrs. Clara G. Essen of Forest Grove, Oregon, who is state superintendent of the Christian Sunday School association, and others are here today participating in the opening of the Sunday School rally which opens tonight at the Central church. More delegates are coming tonight and tomorrow morning when the rally will have been well commenced. The program to be carried out and which commences tonight, follows:

Thursday evening at 8 p. m. address "The Complete Christian" by C. F. Swander, corresponding secretary of Oregon. Friday morning services will begin at 9:15 with devotional exercises. Rev. Willis of Elgin and G. H. Hilton of Milton will give addresses. The afternoon session will be in the charge of the C. W. B. M. In the evening at 7:30 Mrs. Clara G. Essen the Bible School superintendent of the state will present Bible School work. This rally is open for all who desire to attend. Arrangements have been made whereby the delegates from out of town will be entertained while in La Grande.

ANARCHIST IS GIVEN FREEDOM

DE LARA FREED AFTER A LONG AND HARD FIGHT.

Out On Bail Pending Settlement in Court of Serious Charge.

Los Angeles, Oct. 28.—L. Gutterrez De Lara, the Mexican socialist who is charged with being an alienist anarchist, was released from jail shortly after noon today, under a bond of \$3,000.

DeLara's release was effected after Inspector Ridgway had personally approved of the bond prepared by the counsel for De Lara. He was arrested on October 10 for delivering socialistic speeches on the plaza at Los Angeles.

Three days and nights in the mountains, without coats or food, and compelled to feed upon a young dog they were forced to kill and eat in order not to give out completely, was the experience of two Douglass young men.

FIENDS ACTIVE

TWO BURNED AND SOME 14 ARE BADLY HURT.

Carefully Prepare to Boast the Entire Occupancy of Structure.

New York, Oct. 28.—Two people were burned to death and fourteen others were badly hurt today in a fire of incendiary origin which destroyed two three-story tenements on East Fifteenth street.

The dead are Herman Tiedt, aged 34 and his wife Emma, aged 27.

Those who were responsible for setting the structure on fire made careful preparations for the destruction of the buildings filled with sleeping people. They poured oil all over the floors of the basement and lower floors of the buildings, then set it on fire and made their escape. The loss will reach about \$50,000.

Left Out By Mistake.

Inadvertently the name of the selling agent in the transaction between Mrs. McWhirter and S. H. Dalton, yesterday where the corner property on Adams and Fir was sold, was left out in the report. The La Grande investment company was the agent which made the deal.

ELECTION HERE NOV. 26

COUNCIL FAILS TO NAME A MAN FOR EMPTY CHAIR

At an important meeting of the city council held last evening an ordinance was passed authorizing the call of a special election on the 26th of November for the purpose of voting on the proposition of refunding the water bonds due this fall. The ordinance provided for voting on the refunding of the entire issue including the bonds due in 1912. This action was taken to save the trouble of another special election two years hence and because by refunding the entire issue of \$50,000 a cheaper rate of interest can be had.

Fall to Elect Councilman.

Several ballots were taken last night for a councilman to succeed S.

ARREST OFFICERS FOR COMPLICITY

PORTLAND OFFICIALS OF DEFUNCT BANK IN TROUBLE.

President Moore, Cashier and Three Directors all Under Arrest For Accepting Deposits in Defunct Institution—Men Out On Bonds Today After their Arraignment This Morning—Hearing Continued.

Portland, Oct. 28.—Walter H. Moore, president; W. Cooper Morris, cashier; E. E. Lytle, Harry A. Moore and Leo Friede, directors of the defunct Oregon Trust & Savings Bank, who were arrested yesterday on the charge of accepting deposits after it is alleged, they knew that the bank was insolvent, appeared in police court before Justice Olson this morning and on application of their attorneys the case was continued for one week. The officials were arrested on information sworn to by Abraham Henkle who was one of the depositors. They are now out on bonds of \$5,000 each.

A 42 pound Chinook Salmon was caught in Coos Bay.

TWO FIRES LAST NIGHT.

Blaze Breaks Out at Early Hour This Morning—Another Last Evening, M

After a long rest from fires La Grande has been visited by two fires since 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. At that time a mysterious blaze broke out in the vacant house owned by Judge Ramsey, just back of his residence. The building had been rented by the Lambda Phi Alpha club, a young man's organization, and about \$20 worth of gymnasium equipment was destroyed. No member of the organization had been around the building for several days owing to the fact that they had decided to change their location and the origin of the fire remains a total mystery.

The rust on the interior of the old fire bell was again disturbed about 3 o'clock this morning when flames was discovered in the addition to the Blue Mountain hotel. Owing to the fact that no wind was stirring the blaze burned slowly and the firemen gained control before it had spread. Because of the critical location of this fire, between a livery stable and the wooden hotel great damage might have resulted if the wind had been blowing.

LOWER RATES CERTAIN

BRIEF IN LA GRANDE RATE CASE ON WAY TO WASHINGTON

The meeting of the Commercial Club directors which was to have been held last night was postponed until Friday night on account of the special meeting of the city council which some of the directors had to attend. One of the matters of public importance to come up will be the report of Attorney Oliver on the progress of the railroad rate case.

The attorney has the brief of the La Grande case in the controversy all ready to forward to Washington. He states that while there is nothing to report concerning actual results before the case is reviewed and a decision is handed down by the Interstate Commerce Commission, intimations from the commissioners at the Spokane hearing were to the effect that La Grande would at least gain all that Spokane gained from the hearing. It was the private opinion of the

commissioners that Spokane would never be given terminal rates on the basis of water competition for she has no such competition, but that she would be granted rates lower than the coast cities on all articles produced in the central portions of the county where water competition cuts no figure. This will include about three fourths of the articles consumed in the west. Owing to the fact that La Grande is situated in some respects better than Spokane she will get better rates on many articles.

The commissioners asked, showing that they had some such action in mind, how a reduction in first class rates from inland cities from \$3 to \$2 would suit the plaintiffs. La Grande's answer was that it would be acceptable provided that a commodity rate on less than car load lots was also given.