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## LORIMER COMMANDS AN INVESTIGATION OF THE ILLINOIS BRIBE SCANDAL

### MAJORITY RAILROAD BILL PROCEEDINGS TO DEFEND HIS OWN NAME IN CONNECTION WITH BRIBERY AND PERJURY CHARGES NOW PENDING THE STATE OF ILLINOIS--INSURGENTS WANT DELAY

Springfield, Ill., May 28.—State Senator W. D. Holtshaw this afternoon confessed to the grand jury here that he received \$2,500 for his vote for Lorimer and also confessed that he got \$750 from the "Jack Pot" and \$1,250 for his vote in a furniture deal.

Washington, May 28.—William Lorimer, elected to the United States senate from Illinois after a long deadlock in the legislature last winter, was the star feature in the senate today.

## ENGINEERS MEET AT WESTON

### JOHNS FROM BAKER CITY IS THE SPEAKER.

#### One of the Largest Gatherings of Engineers of Recent Years Takes Place.

Weston, Oregon, May 28.—Special.—The largest meeting ever held in this part of the country is the Engineers' reunion which is in progress here today. All who were interested in starting this celebration felt it would have a large attendance but no one dreamed of the large crowd that is now in Weston.

Those who crossed the plains in early days are the guests of honor and it is an event of reminiscence thoroughly enjoyed by the younger generation.

The speaker of the day is Honorable C. A. Johns of Baker City. While Mr. Johns cannot be called an early settler although his hair is very gray, for years do not coincide with his hair, nevertheless he knows the Oregon country very well and his speech is considered the best of the kind ever delivered in Eastern Oregon.

First paying tribute to those who had organized the pioneer celebration movement, the speaker then took up the history of Oregon and the west and step by step reviewed the days when this part of the Union hung by a thread. His familiarity with the part England played in Oregon's career was interesting to everyone and when Mr. Johns raised his voice to praise the old patriots who in a little cabin on the banks of the Willamette resolved to save Oregon to the Union, the hills around Weston resounded with shouts and cheers.

Touching on the state affairs of today Mr. Johns went on record opposing the state division although he admitted that Eastern Oregon was never considered in state affairs until the Willamette had eaten all the meat from the bone.

He urged that the pioneer reunions be continued and called upon the younger generation to continue to make the lives of the old people happy and contented.

### Abandoned All Hope.

Port Limon, May 28.—Messages from Bluefields say that Estrada has abandoned hopes of holding the city against Madriz and is preparing to flee. The plans are to take his staff with him. The reports say that Bluefields is surrounded by 500 Madriz troops most of whom are on the bluffs overlooking the city.

day. The railroad bill scheduled for final consideration, was postponed in order to give Lorimer a chance to take the floor and explain the charges of bribery in connection with his election which led to a number of indictments against legislators for bribery and perjury.

The insurgents, through La Follette and Clapp, asked the explanation be postponed until Monday in order to give the railroad bill consideration. The regulars refused as they knew the insurgents wanted to go home and attend to political fences.

Lorimer demanded an investigation. He blamed the Chicago Tribune for the trouble and said he had fought the paper for twenty-five years and denied that any of the legislators had received any money to vote for him. He said the charges appearing in the paper purporting to have been written by White, was not written by him but by a train of newspaper men. He accused White of lying and forgery.

"It is plain that every word was passed upon by a lawyer before it was signed by that low creature—White, who doesn't hesitate to commit forgery for a few dollars, who perjury is no crime with him. When the truth is known everybody will understand that the publication of the article signed by White was a conspiracy to ruin me because I would not join with the Illinois machine or cater to the Chicago Tribune."

## 25 SHEEPSKINS GIVEN OUT

### GRADUATION OF HIGH SCHOOL CLASS POPULAR EVENT.

#### Speeches, Music and Orations Made Enjoyable Event at Steward.

Auspicious indeed, was the commencement of the class of 1910 from the La Grande high school last evening at the Steward when every available seat on the lower floor was taken by friends and relatives of the graduates. With pleasing effect the function was carried out to the extreme satisfaction of all.

The event lead off with Selac orchestra music, and was given a fitting climax with a catchy class song and an ear-splitting "Oregon Lightning" under the direction of Yell-leader Grady.

Miss Frances Farquharson delivered the salutatory in a very creditable manner. The subject matter of her oration was excellent. "Young America" was the theme of her salutatory, and she handled it extremely well. Branding him as possessing the three requisites that make manhood—heredity, environment and will—she pointed out that failure is the seldom exception in the ranks of the American bred and born youngster. The subject was handled as by one who has studied it.

The other graduate to be given the honor of appearing before the audience by virtue of excellency in her academic work was Miss Sarah Smith. Her valedictory was rendered in masterly fashion. Judge Lindsey, the Denver juvenile judge and his methods, with comparisons from inadequate child-courts abroad, were all

handled in the brief oration. Deep thinking cropped out at every sentence.

### Cochran's Address Inspiring.

Attorney C. E. Cochran delivered the commencement address and giving some attention in his peroration to the rapid advancement of La Grande's schools, he took up the stern realities which will meet the graduating class. Politics were touched upon as a sample of what the boy of today must face. A ballot that would tax the brain of the wisest faces the voter next fall; it takes brainy young men to vote intelligently said the speaker. "Be Not Faddists" was an admonition to the men in the class. Stop and think and ask why, when confronted with problems, he said. Interpreting his address with numerous stories, the address was made eloquent with flights of oratory and altruisms.

Superintendent Stout in presenting the diplomas told of what the sheepskins stand for in dollar and cents.

Prof. F. R. Bridges with a duet of vocal renditions and Mrs. Helen M. Geddes and C. P. Ferrin with two duets and the Selac orchestra gave a musical color of pleasing tone to the occasion, and though there was nothing of the ordinary commencement exercises in the way of class histories, etc., the invocation by Rev. Frank Gray, the music, the address and all made the function one of the most pleasant of its kind ever held in the city.

## HENSON RIDES TO FALLS

### ENGINEERS' TRAINS BREAK RECORDS FOR LONG RUN.

#### Delegate Henry Henson Writes of His Record-Breaking Tour to Falls.

Delegate Henry Henson, who is attending the national convention of Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, writes an interesting letter to the Observer dealing with his stay in Detroit, Michigan, where the convention is in session, and among the many enjoyable sidetrips which the delegates have taken, is one in which the long distance run was broken. A Detroit Free press description of the trip is appended below, but Mr. Henson supplements the statement and says he has seen great things in the way of land, but the Grande Ronde is still good enough for him. The Press says: "Two trains each hauling 12 coaches, left Windsor at 6 o'clock in the morning, bearing the gay party. They raced over the country to Niagara Falls, and performed feats unprecedented in the annals of railroaddom—feats which older men of the

road say will not be outdone in this age.

The first train, No. 8431, in charge of Engineer J. Savigny, bowled along from Windsor to Niagara Falls View, a distance of 224 miles, in 224 minutes. The second train with George Blanchard at the throttle, made the distance in 217 minutes. The time in itself does not appear record-breaking. But engineers, men who consider every phase of the trip, explain that the trains were hauling loads of extraordinary size.

Since the Michigan Central has been running to Niagara Falls, it was always the custom for the crew to change engines at St. Thomas. But yesterday both iron monsters raced right through. Of course, there were places where they were forced to slow down, unless they violated the laws.

At Welland bridge the greatest delay occurred, the train being held back five minutes by the condition of the bridge which is being rebuilt. But engine No. 2 made the run from Windsor to Welland, 212 miles, in 201 minutes, while the first train required 207 minutes. There were the usual water tanks which meant slow-downs, but other than that the trip was not marred.

By special arrangements, the gathering forced old Father Time to permit them to speed from Windsor to Niagara Falls, spend six hours viewing the world's greatest scenic wonder, and return to Detroit long before the owl cars were running.

## UNION AIMS TO AID GUESTS

### WILL CHANGE PRINCIPAL DAY OF SHOW TO FRIDAY.

#### La Grande Will Attend the Big Horse Show En Masse Friday

Union's horse show has been given a thorough shifting to accommodate La Grande. Learning that La Grande was coming to Union in a solid phalanx next Friday, the management changed the big day from Saturday to Friday and the La Grande people will get the best there is.

The matter of closing for half a day on Decoration day will likely be arranged so as to keep open all day Monday but to close their business houses on Friday all day.

The train leaves here at an early hour and their will be but little chance for the merchants to keep open door all that day. Practically every merchant has agreed to attend the show at Union and an effort is being made to have as many of the clerks as possible join the crowd.

## SCRIBER WILL NOT APPEAL FROM FEDERAL DECISION REACHED BY THE JURY

### M'MAHON ANNOUNCES SCRIBER'S DETERMINATION TO RECONCILE HIMSELF TO PRISON TERM--WILL GO TO M'NEIL ISLANDS WITH HIS HEALTH IN A DEMORALIZED CONDITION SAYS ATTORNEY

Portland, May 28.—Attorney McMahon, of Salem, who has been assisting in the defense of J. W. Scriber, said today that the Scriber case would not be appealed and that Scriber would commence to serve his sentence at the end of ten days, when he will be given judgment and go to the penitentiary. Scriber's health is broken.

"He will begin serving time on McNeil's Island, the federal prison near

San Francisco, as soon as Judge Bean sentences him," said McMahon today. "We have no funds to carry on the fight so we have given it up. Scriber was convicted by a honest jury and before an honest judge. Scriber has become reconciled to a prison term."

He may be imprisoned for a term of from five to fifteen years on each of the four counts but his attorneys are probably hoping for an early pardon.

### LINEUP WILL CHANGE.

#### Tomorrow's Game Will See New Faces and Rearranged Players.

When Enterprise faces La Grande tomorrow, there will be considerable change in the lineup of the La Grande team. Merrill Stoddard will make his initial bow to the public, probably from the initial sack where he is at home. Childers or Shanks will cover third, Proe on second, Stacy, Cotner or Shanks will be found in the field unless Bradley is switched from short to field and Shanks to short. Mulverhill of Union will also be in the game, either behind the bat or in the field. The definite arrangement will not be known until tomorrow.

### Marriage License Issued.

Howard Peck and F. Pearl Newkirk, both of this city, were granted a license today to be wed.

## NEW SERVICES REPORTED

### FAST COMBINATION MAIL AND PASSENGER TALKED OF.

#### Motor Car Between La Grande and Baker City is Also Discussed.

Either will a motor car be put in service between La Grande and Baker City or else a fast combination mail, express and passenger train will be inaugurated between Green River and Portland according to the latest rumors in railroad circles.

The reports that the new train will be very similar to the mail train but is to carry about one Pullman, more express and some of the mail which is now carried by the exclusive mail train. It is to be run at a terrific speed in an effort to cut the time materially between Green River and Portland.

### A Million Dollar Fire.

Minneapolis, May 28.—A million dollar loss is the estimate of a fire which burned a number of warehouses and lodgings in the manufacturing district early today. One man was injured. The fire was controlled at daylight but is still burning.

### One Hundred Homeless.

Globe, Arizona, May 28.—Twenty houses were burned and one hundred made homeless by a fire last night which swept the mining town of Miami. The damage was sixty thousand dollars. The entire water supply was thrown into the pipes but it was useless and the miners dynamited the buildings to stop the fire.

## BALLINGER IS UPHELD

### HIS ATTORNEY MAKES PLEA BEFORE THE COMMITTEE.

#### Accused Kerby and Others of Being "Slaves" to Pinchotism.

Washington, May 28.—"Pinchot the pure, who controlled Garfield as he pleased. Everything wild and chimerical with reference to tree or forest reserves," said Vertrees, Ballinger's attorney, summing up before the investigating committee today. Vertrees vigorously defended Ballinger's policy in regard to the Cunningham claims, saying it was honest and straightforward. This was the basis of his arguments. He bitterly arraigned "that Pinchot-Garfield outfit," as he characterized them.

Vertrees declared the testimony of the clerks in the interior department vindicated Ballinger. With arms uplifted and his body trembling with emotion he shouted the denunciation of Kerby, the stenographer who gave out the story regarding the preparation of the Lawler memorandum. He said, "He's a poor, weak, miserable creature, flattered by an invitation to the Pinchot mansion under the right to confer with such men as this Garfield and Brandeis. Representative McCall read a letter from Lawler, assistant attorney general, addressed to Chairman Nelson, retracting his disparaging remarks against C. P. Connelly and apologizing for uttering them."

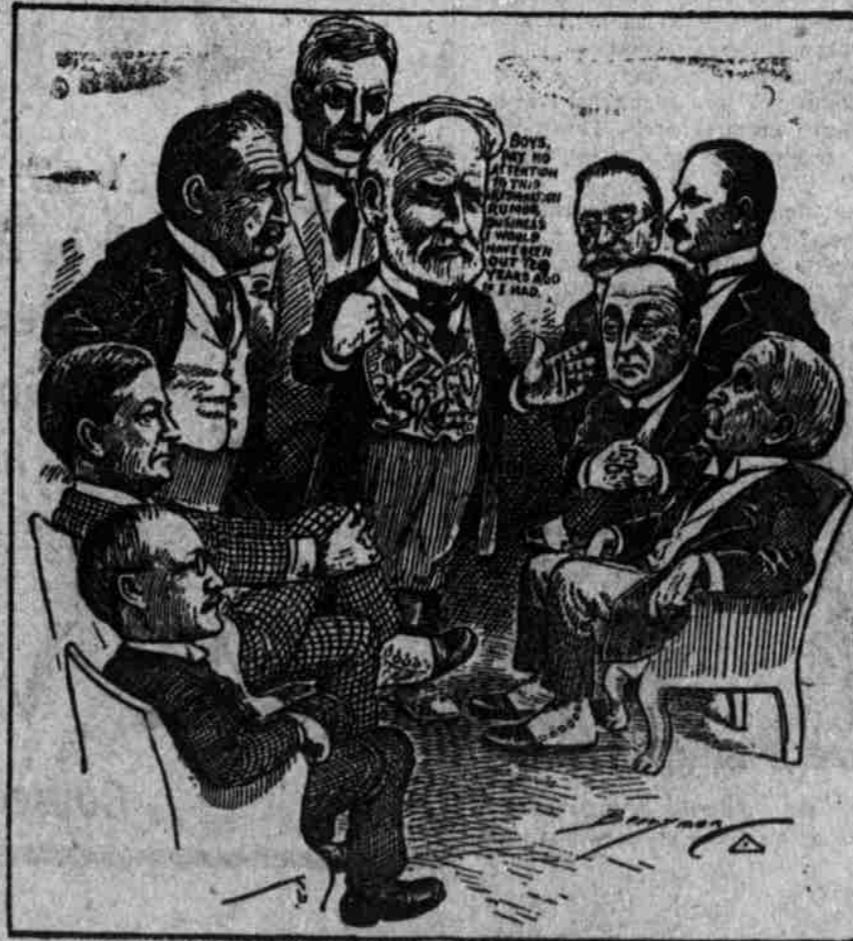
### Chinese Minister Visits Berlin.

Berlin, May 28.—Prince Tsai Taox, the Chinese minister of war, arrived here today to study the German military system. He will probably be received by the Kaiser Monday. His arrival has caused much stir. Part of the commanders want to show him everything and others oppose the plan, asserting that the Chinese in possession of the system could put an army in the field that would whip anything on earth.

### Jeff in Good Condition.

San Francisco, May 28.—Four thousand spectators cheered Jeffries last night at the Dreamland after the big fellow had gone three rounds with Joe Choynski showing that his physical condition is splendid. Jeff also went a short bout with his brother Jack. Sporting writers today declare that the exhibition proved Jeff to be in great condition and that he will be able to put up the fight of his life against Johnson.

## CURRENT CABINET GOSSIP.



—Berryman in Washington Star.