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FILLIBUSTER IN SENATE STARTS

BURTON OF OHIO COMMENCES A TWENTY-FOUR HOUR SPEECH ON FOREST RESERVES.

NO ADJOURNMENT IN SIGHT

Minor Bill Will Keep Congress Inactive Much Longer than Was First Believed—Fillibustering Comes as Surprise to Leaders Who Believed Early Adjournment Would be Possible With Bank Bill Ready.

Washington, June 23.—Hopes for an early adjournment of the senate disappeared today when Senator Burton of Ohio began a speech on a bill creating mountain forest reserves. It is expected to last two days. Representative Weeks threatens to begin fillibustering unless the bill passes the senate. Burton began the fillibuster with the hope that the threatened loss of time would cause the senate to postpone action on the measure. It was expected to adjourn Saturday but now that seems out of the question. The bill on which Burton is speaking is a proposition that the government maintain reserves at the headwaters of rivers in the Appalachian and White mountains. The bill was recommended by McKinley, Roosevelt and then Taft.

Fillibustering on the measure was a surprise to congress. When the Postal Savings Bank Bill passed the senate without signs of such tactics the leaders believed that all obstacles in the way of early adjournment had been removed. The forest reserve bill is regarded as minor matter which could be disposed of or allowed to go over. The fight has caused hasty conferences of senate leaders.

It is possible that night sessions will be held tonight to allow Burton time to complete his remarks which he estimates will take twenty-four hours.

DIPHTHERIA IN A LOCAL HOME

ONE CHILD DEAD ANOTHER ILL, THIRD THREATENED.

Emma, Youngest Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Stoddard, Dead.

Grim diphtheria early this morning claimed a victim in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George B. Stoddard, 1502 Fourth street, and another child is critically ill with the same disease. A third is threatened but may escape the ravages of the dreaded malady. Visitation by death came but a few days after the child was taken ill. The victim is Emma, three and one half years old, who last Sunday was as hale and hearty as her playmates, but falling ill with diphtheria, grew rapidly worse and despite all that physicians could do, was overcome and died this morning.

Older Daughter Ill.

Jeanneat, aged nine, and the oldest daughter of the family is critically ill today and her recovery is doubtful. With one dead another thought to be dying, and Waldo, aged five, threatened with an acute attack, the grief of the family is extremely keen and the family's friends too, are deeply grieved with the situation. The family has the sympathy of the entire community.

JONES WRITES LETTER

Accuses Ballinger of Being Unfaithful and Protests Dismissal.

Portland, June 23.—Former Special Agent Jones who was dismissed from the government service after testifying against Ballinger at the recent investigation, today mailed a letter to the committee protesting against Ballinger's action in dismissing him. Jones was "fired" for good service he affirms in the letter and states that he worked faithfully. He accuses Ballinger of unfaithfulness.

RUNAWAY MEETS AUTO

Running Gear of C. J. Black Machine Slightly Crippled

The C. J. Black Ford was slightly crippled this noon when a horse hitched to a cart collided with the machine which was standing idle in the front of the Black office. The damage to the machine is a bent front axle. The horse, belonging to Joe Williamson, became scared at some barking dogs and jumping straddle of the shafts, commenced a bucking run away. The damages to the machine are not serious and the horse escaped unhurt.

MANY JOINING CLASS.

Domestic Science Class Becoming Popular Throughout City.

Miss Helen M. Burr's class in domestic science will be one of the popular features of Chautauqua week, when Miss Burr comes from Walla Walla to conduct the class. The Neighborhood Club is soliciting for membership to the class and the committees are meeting with much success. The class is very reasonable so far as charges are concerned and a large school will no doubt hear the instructive lectures and demonstrations.

Band Concert at Airdome.

The Ethel Tucker Stock Company opens at the Airdome tonight in "Zaza," a French society drama, and doubtless a packed house will greet this popular actress on her first appearance. A scenic production will be given and there are many surprises in store for patrons of the summer theatre in the way of scenery, etc. The first act shows a state scene and is full of comedy—bright stage comedy—that makes you laugh. There will be a concert in front of the Airdome at 7:45 by the La Grande band.

Mrs. Carlock as Accompanist

Miss Edwards in her renditions at the tabernacle concert on Saturday night will be accompanied by Mrs. Carlock on the pipe organ. The effect will be most inspiring.

IOWA PASTOR IS COMING WEST

WILL BE LOCATED AT NEARBY ORGANIZED CHURCH

Alcel Will Have Eastern Minister for New Church After July Ninth.

At Alcel a Methodist Episcopal church has been organized composed of about 65 members. The District Superintendent, J. D. Gillilan has secured them a pastor who arrives on July ninth. He is the Rev. H. S. Hamilton, the orator of Morningside College of Sioux City, Iowa. This is one of the best acquisitions ever made to the ministry in the Grande Ronde valley.

Heat Spell Continues.

Philadelphia, June 23.—Two more deaths from heat are reported today making a total of twenty-six in this city.

COVE ENGINEMAN IS SCALDED

JOHN JONES LIES AT POINT OF DEATH SUFFERING FROM VERY BAD BURNS.

STEAM PLAYS ON BODY

Frightfully Burned, Cove Man is in Precarious Condition This Afternoon From Burns Sustained in Accident—While Crossing Katherine Creek Bridge Near Cove Engine Tipped Backward.

Suffering excruciating pains from steam burns John Jones lies at the point of death at his home at Cove this afternoon as the result of an accident at a bridge early this morning.

Mr. Jones had started towards La Grande with the Henry Chambers traction engine and on reaching the approach to the bridge over Katherine creek near Cove, the structure gave way, tilting the engine up on its rear wheels and pinning Mr. Jones who was at the steering wheel in such a way that when a moment later the steam gauge burst, he was frightfully burned. All the steam in the boiler poured out on the lower portion of Jones' body. Before he could be extricated by companions he was badly burned. He was hurried to his home and Dr. Martin of Cove called but he is in a precarious condition. The engine is still submerged in the stream and traffic is blocked. Late this afternoon reports from Doctor Martin's office say that Mr. Jones has a chance for recovery. He has a family of five children.

OBSERVER IS NAMED AS OFFICIAL PAPER FOR CITY OF LA GRANDE

At a meeting of the city council last evening every member being present, the city printing was awarded to the Observer. Four councilmen—Logsdon, Fleming, Orvis and Munroe—stood pat and refused to vote to save the city the difference in price, but the other four councilmen and the mayor decided the question on the side of the people and the matter was closed, the Observer becoming the official paper.

The four councilmen who refused to change their positions claimed they did not want to break faith with a contract they felt they were bound by, inasmuch as they had once voted for it, but when other members of the council were outspoken regarding the business side of the proposition the atmosphere soon cleared, forcing the question to a vote.

J. L. Mrs. brought up the matter of pay for excavating between Hemlock and Spruce streets on Adams, and the city engineer was instructed to investigate the matter making an estimate of the amount due and report to the council.

Sixth Street Estimate Made.

The commission appointed to obtain data on proposed hard surface pavement for Sixth street reported \$31,984. The report was accepted. In this report excavation to the depth of six inches was included but any excavation over six inches must be borne by the property owner in addition to the estimate cost.

Councilman Munroe desired that all expenses be named by the commission but this being an impossibility it was explained to the councilman that estimate cannot possibly include every item.

The matter of improvement assessment to triangle blocks brought forth

DEFENDANTS TO STAND TRIAL

CIRCUIT JUDGE OVERRULES ALL DEMURRERS TO RECENT INDICTMENTS

COME TO TRIAL THIS TERM

Adjourned Session Will Take up the Matter of Forty Bootlegging Cases—District Attorney to Announce Which Defendants Will be Given a Trial First—Arguments on Demurrers Heard This Morning.

Demurrers in forty separate bootlegging cases, resulting from indictments returned by the last grand jury were overruled this morning by Circuit Judge Knowles following arguments by attorneys in each of the forty cases. The indictments will now be tried separately and entirely, commencing with the opening of the adjourned term of the circuit court, which will be July 25th or the first Monday in August. With the exception of Adam Beck of Island City who pleaded not guilty every defendant—totaling less than forty as the indictments double and triple often on one defendant—served notice of demurrer when the cases were first brought up, but arguments were not heard until this morning. The decree overruling the demurrers followed at noon.

Within a day or two District Attorney Ivanhoe will announce which of the cases will be tried first. This arrangement will be made in conformity with the convenience of the court, witnesses and defendants.

some discussion and finally the city charter was read which treats on the subject making it imperative that the property abutting on any street that is improved must bear the expense.

Councilman Munroe again rose to a point of information asking whether estimates were made on benefit to property or cost to owners. Replying, Councilman Andrews explained that it was based on the benefit which in return was based on the cost.

Remonstrances to be Heard.

The council decided to take up all remonstrances to improvements three weeks from last night. At that time the remonstrance to hard surface pavement on Sixth street will be heard. It is understood that many property owners in that section are objecting to the pavement because of the increased expense over macadam.

Estimates Made for Sewers.

The committee appointed to make estimates for the three sewer districts rendered a report last evening as follows: First district \$71,800.08; second district \$35,972.79; third district \$74,346.05. This does not mean that an entire district is to be sewered at one time for only certain streets will be used to start with, and later on as the city develops, other sewers will be laid. The report was received and filed.

Some objection was raised because help had been employed by the committee, but it was clearly proven that such help was absolutely necessary to accomplish the result desired.

Councilman Munroe desired that the city marshal (probably meaning the chief of police) personally serve all property owners with notice of improvements to be made. This seem-

ed too much of a task for one man and it was decided that the Recorder should prepare blanks for the chief and such deputies as he might need to serve.

Councilman Orvis took the stand that it would be economy to remove the old water mains and sell them for old iron, but his contention was not well taken and the council decided to leave the old mains as a reserve for future growth of the city.

City Hauling is Discussed.

The city hauling is to be put up to the lowest responsible bidder, according to the council last evening and the party getting the contract will have to pay no license. It was intimated at the meeting that Jones and Fowler the two transfer companies had quoted the same price for doing the city work and that the price was too high. The schedule according to city records, shows it cost the city to unload the last car \$45 or \$1 an hour. Councilman Munroe thought that \$20 a car was good pay. He also claimed that any pipe broken in unloading was always supposed to be broken by city employees and not the transfer companies. These were some of the remarks made by Councilman Munroe.

The water Superintendent came in for a mild criticism and he was instructed to follow the council's decree in the future regarding work.

The city engineer was ordered to examine all pipe laid before the city accepted same and if there was any deviation from specifications same was to be reported at once.

Changing of the wage scale on public work was investigated but it was found that only one case was apparent. This was the man who handles the prisoners and he receives an advance of 50c a day.

A man presumably a detective, appeared before the council offering to submit evidence against near beer salesmen in the city but he was referred to the city attorney who passes on all legal questions before they are submitted to the council as a body.

WOODELL REUNION WEEK.

Festivities Commence Friday Continuing Until Sunday Evening.

The Woodell reunion will commence tomorrow and continue until Sunday. The annual gathering of the Woodell clan is coming to be important to a large number of Woodell relatives and friends of the family. On Sunday the friends will be given an opportunity to meet the Woodells for on that day all friends are invited to be present. All are to bring lunch baskets and Woodell hospitality will be free and overflowing. Rev. Canfield of this city will deliver the sermon Sunday morning and T. A. Rinehart will deliver the annual oration.

ELGIN MAN GIVEN HONORS

JAS MASTERSON OF ELGIN HEAD COUNTY PIONEERS.

Pleasant Reunion Comes to End with Brief Business Meeting

Selecting Elgin as the next meeting place, and naming James Masterson of Elgin as president, and Attorney J. D. Slater of La Grande, as secretary-treasurer the pioneer association adjourned last evening to meet next June. The meeting was an exceptionally pleasant one and the attendance included people from all parts of the county and many from out of town.

COMO MYSTERY MADE CLEAR

PORTER CHARLTON ARRESTED WHEN HE LANDED AT HOBOKEN THIS MORNING.

MAKES FULL CONFESSION

Gruesome Crime at Como Lake Early This Month is Explained in Detail by Porter Charlton Following His Arrest—Had Quarreled and Blow Was Struck With a Mallet—Body Dragged to Lake.

Hoboken, N. J., June 22.—Porter

Charlton hunted for on two continents was arrested here today and confessed that he murdered his wife and threw the body into Lake Como in Italy. The body was found June 10th by fishermen and immediately a world-wide hunt was started for Charlton. The police here say he was arrested upon his arrival on the North German Lloyd steamer Princess Alice from Italy. When sweated he broke down and confessed.

He had assumed the name of Jack Coleman of Omaha, and at first denied his identity, but finally he broke down. He said his wife had an ungovernable temper, and though they loved each other they quarreled frequently. The day he killed her he told her not to use a certain vile name or he would "fix" her. She did so and he struck her on the head with a mallet. Believing he had killed her, he said he stuffed the body in a trunk and dragged it to the lake at night and then began dodging the officers.

He said he left Como for Genoa and there boarded the steamer.

Wife's Brother Would Kill

While Charlton was confessing, Captain Scott a brother of the dead woman, pulled a revolver and pointed it. Charlton sprang from his chair and fell to his knees begging him not to shoot. Detectives grappled with the infuriated army man and wrested the weapon from his hand.

STATE WINS IN ESCHEAT CASE

JURY RETURNS VERDICT AT MIDNIGHT FOR PLAINTIFF.

Unless Reversed by High Tribunal, State Will Acquire Land.

Last night a verdict was reached by the circuit court jury which if upheld by the supreme court when it is appealed, will escheat the real estate of the late John Morrison to the State of Oregon and deprive the supposed heirs of about \$25,000 worth of land in this county. The case was given to the jury late last evening and at midnight a verdict was reached in favor of the State of Oregon. This is the second trial of the case but differed slightly from the first as the supreme court had ruled that the personal property of the estate had already been distributed by order of the probate court and therefore does not enter into consideration in this case.

The escheat proceedings were based on the allegations that the late John Morrison was an illegitimate son and therefore his heirs were not entitled to the property.

Ten Killed at Seattle.

Seattle, June 23.—Ten are reported killed in a cavein at Little Falls,