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BIG UPEHEAV IN THE COAST DEFENSES

COAST MILITIA TO BE MADE MUCH STRONGER AT EXPENSE OF THE ARMY.

OFFICERS ARE INEFFICIENT

Fortifications on Pacific Coast are Obsolete in Style and Must Be Reorganized—General Army to be Displaced by the Militia in Plan—Wood Blames the Regular Army Officers.

Washington, Sept. 16—A gigantic scheme for an entire reorganization of the Pacific coast for fortifications to national guard is being considered by the general staff of the United States army. Startling disclosures of lack of preparation for defense, are expected in response to resolutions which Congressman McCachlan of California introduced.

General Wood, chief of staff, lays the blame for what is termed deplorable condition, on lack of competent army officers. The situation of the regular army is bad, but in the national guard it is worse, said the general. It is planned to begin the reorganization by making the national guard more effective. Resolutions declares the entire coast to the Rockies is virtually defenseless and that such defenses as are in existence are almost of an obsolete type.

Young Girl Attacked.

Newkirk, Okla., Sept. 16—An entire district is aroused and poses are searching for an unidentified man who attacked Alice Shepherd, aged 13, after he had beaten the girl's father and young brother unconscious with a heavy club. The child's screams brought help but the assailant escaped. The men are in a critical condition and it is believed they are fatally hurt. The child's condition is serious. It is believed there will be a lynching if the man is caught.

Big Reward Offered.

Seattle, Sept. 16—The Alaska Pacific Express company expected to offer \$10,000 reward for the arrest of robbers who stole \$57,000 in gold bullion, a part of the \$170,000 shipment, from Fairbanks to Seattle, which was misused when the steamer Humbolt arrived here. In addition to this theft, nearly \$20,000 was stolen from registered pouches aboard the ship. A score of federal agents and Pinkertons are working on the mystery and Canadian mounted Northwest Police at Dawson in Yukon, have been called upon to aid.

Fitzgerald in More Trouble.

Chicago, Sept. 16—In spite of a statement of two members of the grand jury that no such action was taken, it is asserted today that another indictment against George Fitzgerald, former assorting teller of the sub-treasury, has been issued. Fitzgerald is accused of the theft of \$170,000 from the treasury three years ago. It is reported Fitzgerald dined at a cafe last night with a woman in a purple hobble skirt. According to current rumor she is employed as a detective by the government and is trying to get Fitzgerald to talk concerning the case against him. "That story is simply cooked up by some one to injure me," said Fitzgerald when asked about it.

TAXPAYERS MEET

Constitution Will Be Drafted Tonight or at Subsequent Meetings.

Taxpayers to the number of about twenty met this afternoon to take the preliminary steps in formation of a Taxpayer's League. The purpose of the meeting and the essence of the

constitution and by-laws which will be adopted, are said to be such as will curtail certain expenses and aid the county administration. The league will likely volunteer to aid in the improvement of county roads but on the other hand will recommend curtailing of expenses in other departments. The meeting was entirely preliminary. At 3:30 a motion was put to name a committee to draft the by-laws and a permanent organization will be effected late this evening or at a subsequent meeting.

BACK FROM CHESSMINUS.

Two Automobile Parties Enter Isolated Sections of Wallowa County.

Having penetrated the Chessminus of Wallowa county, S. D. Crowe, Fred Henney, Ed. Myersick and Press Lewis, constituting two automobile parties, returned last evening from a four day outing that took them where the smell of gasoline was a novelty. They crossed the devil's guich at the gateway to the Chessminus country and took a trip into the interior from there. In many ways it was a blazing trip for few if any automobiles have ever entered there before.

The men found plenty of grouse and incidentally enjoyed yanking at Joseph Lake which they also included in their itinerary.

CANADA SCOFFS AT AMERICA

RECIPROCITY NOT WANTED IN CANADA NOW.

Would Do That Nation No Good Says Cabinet Member.

Victoria, B. C., Sept. 16—"If they think prosperity of Canada would be retarded by reciprocity with the United States, especially if that policy extended to manufactured articles," said Sir Mack Bowell, for 13 years a member of Canada's cabinet today, "they are mistaken." He said the time for reciprocity with the United States is past now that the country is getting on its feet. He said, "You will remember how in 1864 United States repealed the reciprocity treaty with Canada. She believed then that Canada was unable to find a place for her trade and would seek annexation. The United States repealed reciprocity treaty and is willing to make concessions now. Why, because her politicians recognize that the United States is rapidly exhausting her resources and they must fall back on Canada for raw material.

If the reciprocity agreement is signed what good would it do Canada? Our raw materials will be shipped to the United States and manufactured there and then returned to us. What would labor and capital expended there do to us? None."

BIG LUMBERMAN HERE.

Millionaire Lumbermen of Wisconsin Transacting Business Here.

A. H. Stange, owner of the largest door and sash factory in the world, and a millionaire lumberman of Merrill, Wis., is in the city today with his secretary, looking after timber matters. Mr. Stange is credited with being one of the most prominent lumbermen of the United States.

ANOTHER STORY LIKELY.

That a second story is to be added to the new Lewis garage building and that the La Grande band is to lease the additional space for a period of two years and incidentally provide auditorium facilities, is the outlook for the future of the new building now under construction on Washington street. The plan is being seriously considered today and in all probability the thing will materialize.

This would not only give enhancement to the property on that street as two story buildings are scarce in that section of the city, but the band would be given facilities which at this time is lacking.

ROOSEVELT WILL BE CANDIDATE IS BELIEF

PERSISTENTLY REFUSES TO DISCUSS THE SITUATION PUBLICLY.

TAFT PLANS AN EXIT

Roosevelt aid to be After Nomination and Taft is aid to be Ready to Step out Gracefully—Confided to Friend Recently That He Had No Intention of Seeking the Renomination in 1912.

New York, Sept. 16—Colonel Roosevelt today resumed his editorial duties. He was willing to discuss anything but the report that Taft would run again if the Colonel decides to run for the presidency again. It is generally believed Roosevelt will run and that Taft is paving the way for a graceful exit at the close of his term.

Taft Still Silent.

Beverly, Sept. 16—Concerning the reports that Taft would not seek the renomination, Taft's secretary, Norton, today refused to issue any statement, despite the requests of scores of newspaper men.

Taft Makes Prediction.

New York, Sept. 16—President Taft is not hinking of the 1912 campaign and probably does not desire a second nomination, according to the New York Times today. The Times prints a special dispatch in which Taft is quoted as having said to a friend recently, "I am not thinking of 1912. In fact, don't know that I desire renomination. From the way things are drifting it maybe that no republican can be elected, save only one."

The Times continues saying the president sayings were repeated until his attitude is common property. The Times says: "The chief idea of the president is to fulfill the party pledges and he kept studied silence on the political topics. It is no secret that he is much discouraged. Roosevelt is of course undoubtedly annoying to him as has the triumph of the insurgents, and the refusal of some republican conventions to endorse his administration.

To Race Over Rapids.

Buffalo, N. Y., Sept. 16.—In tiny power boats racing through tumultuous waters at the rate of a mile a minute, several men will dare death tomorrow in an attempt to pass through the Whirlpool Rapids of Niagara Falls. The contest will be the most novel, and probably the most dangerous, ever arranged for small craft. The winner will get \$1,000 in cash and a \$500 cup. It will be a great piece of luck if some of the contestants do not lose their boats, and the possibility of a fatal termination of the race for some of the daring entrants is by no means remote.

The course of the race is from the Maid of the Mist landing just below the falls, extending down the rapids for about five miles, between dangerous rocks and eddies of terrible force, to Lewiston. The speed attained by the boats will be greatly accelerated by the current and the little craft will require the most skillful handling to escape disaster. In order that it may not be a drifting match each boat will be required to retrace the course upstream from Lewiston, so that it may be definitely proved that the boat's power is in working shape.

Latter Day Saints Meet.

Seattle, Sept. 16—The annual conference of the church of Latter Day Saints, not connected with the Salt Lake Mormons, opened here today, and continues for ten days. Bishops and elders from Idaho and several western states are in attendance.

ORIGINAL TRACT DESCRIPTIONS CHANGED

GOVERNMENT ISSUES NEW NOTICE RELATIVE TO THE WALLOWA OPENING.

CONSIDERABLE WITHDRAWN

Notices Sent Out by the Government Wrong—Error Discovered in Time to Give Public Sufficient Notice of Changes in Time to File—New Descriptions Compiled and Published Today.

Radical changes and eliminations have been made by the department of the interior relating to the land descriptions in the Wallowa opening, November 22, and the notices previously sent out by the land office department describing the lands available to be filed upon, are wrong and corrections have been ordered. The changes make all information formerly sent out by the land office department and private concerns null and void and the new description includes less land than the original ones.

The changes were necessitated when it was found that the state had applied for a portion of the land in the original tract under the 1909 Carey Act. This application was made prior to the time the land office department set aside the tracts in Wallowa county for filing October 21, but the government evidently did not find it out until later.

The Observer has not computed exactly how much has been eliminated from the original descriptions, but the new descriptions are appended herewith. The new notices are important as the originals were of course inaccurate, and hundreds of persons have consequently been inadvertently misinformed. The inaccuracies will merely mean inconvenience in some instances for the time for filing is still a month hence and the applicants can gain the amended information in plenty of time to allow accurate information to be placed in their hands before the actual date of filing.

The new official description compiled by the land office department follows:

In T. 5 R. 27, W 1-2 Sec. 14 and Sec. 15; in T. 10 R. 27, Secs. 6, 7, 8, 17 to 22, inclusive; 27 to 34, inclusive; all T. 11, R. 27; in T. 12, R. 27, Secs. 1 to 5, inclusive, E 1-2 and NW 1-4 Sec. 6, NE 1-4 Sec. 8; in T. 10, R. 28, W 1-2 Sec. 15, Secs. 21 and 22, W 1-2, Sec. 23 and 26, Secs. 27, 28, 33 to 36, inclusive; in T. 11, R. 28, Secs. 7, 18, 19, 30, 31, 32 and SW 1-4 Sec. 33; in T. 12, R. 28, Secs. 4, 5, 6, N 1-2 Sec. 8, Sec. 9; in T. 10, R. 31, Secs. 1, 2, and 5; in T. 10 S., R. 32, W 1-2 W 1-2 Sec. 4, Sec. 5 and N 1-2 Sec. 6; in T. 4, R. 32, Secs. 18, 19, 20; in T. 6, R. 42, W 1-2 Sec. 29, all Secs. 30, 31, and W 1-2 Sec. 32; in T. 7, R. 42, Sec. 5, N 1-2, SE 1-4, E 1-2 SW 1-4 Sec. 6, E 1-2, SW 1-4 E 1-2 NW 1-4, SW 1-4 NW 1-4, Sec. 7, Sec. 8, W 1-2 Sec. 16, Sec. 17, N 1-2, N 1-2 SE 1-4, SE 1-4 SE 1-4, N 1-2 SW 1-4, SE 1-4 SW 1-4 Sec. 18, NE 1-4 NE 1-4 Sec. 19, N 1-2, N 1-2 SE 1-4, N 1-2 SW 1-4 Sec. 20, N 1-2, SE 1-4, N 1-2 SW 1-4 and SE 1-4 SW 1-4 Sec. 21, S 1-2 Secs. 22 and 23, E 1-2 SW 1-4, SW 1-4 SW 1-4 Sec. 24, S 1-2 NE 1-4, SE 1-4 and E 1-2 SW 1-4, Sec. 25, S 1-2 NE 1-4, N 1-2 SE 1-4, E 1-2 NW 1-4 and N 1-2 SW 1-4 Sec. 26, N 1-2, N 1-2 SE 1-4 and W 1-2 SW 1-4 Sec. 27; in T. 7, R. 43, W 1-2 Sec. 28, E 1-2 Sec. 29, N 1-2 SE 1-4, SW 1-4 SE 1-4, S 1-2 NW 1-4 and SW 1-4 Sec. 30, SE 1-4 NW 1-4 and W 1-2 NW 1-4 Sec. 31, E 1-2 Sec. 32, Secs. 33 and 34; in T. 8, R. 44, W. 1-2 Sec. 6, Sec. 7, and S 1-2 Sec. 8; in T. 7, R. 45, S 1-2 NE 1-4, SE 1-4 and W 1-2 Sec. 23, SW 1-4 NE 1-4, SE 1-4, S 1-2 NW 1-4 and SW 1-4 Sec. 24, all Secs. 25 and 26, SE 1-4 SE 1-4 Sec. 27; E 1-2 E 1-2 Sec. 34, all Secs. 35 and 36; in T. 8, R. 45, Sec.

1, NE 1-4 and NE 1-4 NW 1-4 Sec. 2, NE 1-4, N 1-2 SE 1-4, SE 1-4 SE 1-4 and E 1-2 NW 1-4 Sec. 12, E 1-2 E 1-2 Sec. 13, Secs 18 to 21, inclusive, Secs. 25 to 36 inclusive; in T. 7, R. 46, S 1-2 Sec. 19; all Secs. 25 and 26, S 1-2 Secs. 27, 23 and 29, Secs. 30 to 36, inclusive; in T. 1, R. 47, Secs. 1 to 10, inclusive, Secs. 16 to 21, inclusive, Secs 23 to 33, inclusive; in T. 2, R. 47, W 1-2 Sec. 5, Secs. 6 and 7, W 1-2 Sec. 8, Secs. 14 to 22, inclusive, Secs. 23, 29 and 30; in T. 7, R. 47, Secs. 25 to 36, inclusive; all south and east; all T. 5, R. 42; in T. 4, R. 42, Secs. 1, 2, 3, 4, E 1-2 Sec. 5, Secs 7 to 36, inclusive; in T. 4, R. 43, Secs 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10 and 11; in T. 1, R. 45, Secs. 1 and 2 and S 1-2 Sec. 3; in T. 2, R. 45, Secs. 25, 26, 35 and 36; in T. 1, R. 46, Secs. 1 to 6, inclusive; in T. 2, R. 46, Secs. 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, to 36, inclusive; in T. 3, R. 46, S 1-3 Secs 32, 33, 34 and 35; in T. 5, R. 46, Secs. 1 to 12, inclusive; in T. 6, R. 46, Secs. 19 to 28, inclusive, Secs. 31 to 36, inclusive; in T. 1, R. 47, Secs 4, 5, and 6; in T. 2, R. 47, Secs 7 and 8, S 1-2 Sec. 9, Secs 16 to 21, inclusive, Secs. 23 to 33, inclusive; S 1-2 of fractional T. 6, R. 47; in T. 1, R. 48, W 1-2 sec. 9, Sec. 4 to 9, inclusive, W 1-2 Secs 10 and 15, Secs. 16, 17, and 18; in T. 2, R. 48, S 1-2 Sec. 16, 17 and 18, Secs 19, 20 and 21, W 1-2 Sec. 17, Secs. 28 to 33, inclusive, and W 1-2 Sec. 34; all fractional T. 6, R. 48; all north and east Willamette Meridian.

PORTLAND AUTOS IN HOLDUP

TWO PARTIES RELIEVED OF MANY VALUABLES.

Robbery Take Place on Highway Near Oregon City Last Night.

Portland, Sept. 16—Two masked bandits held up and robbed two automobile parties just outside Oregon City last night on the highway leading to Portland and secured loot worth several hundred dollars and disappeared so effectually that the police have no clue as to their identity today. A. W. Cheney and family of six were the first victims. The robbers placed a huge plank across the road. When the machine stopped the robbers leaped out of the bushes. Cheney surrendered while the robbers took a few dollars from his wife, her diamonds, rings and a watch valued at \$200.

John Gibson and his wife were the next. They stopped at the same place. Gibson relinquished a valuable watch and money and his wife her diamond rings and ear rings valued at \$450. They then ordered them to proceed.

Bryan Scores Roosevelt.

Lincoln, Neb., Sept. 16—Bryan in the Commoner today says that while some persons may question the good taste of Roosevelt to sit at a table with Lorimer at the recent Chicago banquet, this phase was an incident probably will be overlooked because of the distinct public service the Colonel rendered when he emphasized the fact that men profiting publicly by bribery are "unfit for the society of honest men." The Commoner scores Theodore Roosevelt for not taking a more prominent part in the campaign for LaFollette's renomination.

JURY IS DELIBERATING.

Case Given to Jury About Noon and Jurors Still Secluded.

At 3:30 this afternoon the jury in the third Townsend case is still deliberating. Arguments in the case were heard this morning and the case went to the jury during the forenoon.

Loudermilk Denies Story.

Mr. Loudermilk, the homesteader in the case at Union, in which a decision was handed down yesterday, today denied that he took "peaceable possession in the dead of night," as The Observer's story credited him with. He says he moved on in the daytime.

ACCUSED SOLONS RETURNED TO THEIR JOBS

CANNON RENOMINATED BUT HIS MAJORITY IS MATERIALLY REDUCED.

BROWNE ALSO SUCCESSFUL

Insurgents Carry Three Congressional Districts in Illinois Yesterday According to Latest Returns From the Primaries in Illinois—Twenty-one Democrats Named.

Chicago, Sept. 16—Twenty-one of the thirty-one democrats who voted for Lorimer, a republican, for United States senator, have been nominated for seats in the Illinois legislature, according to the latest returns today from the primaries. Among them are Lee O'Neil Brown, recently acquitted on a charge of legislative bribery. Senator John Broderick, Robert Wilson, representative Shepard, the latter three, it is alleged were also connected with bribery in the legislature. Insurgents carried three congressional districts, the ninth, eleventh and thirteenth.

Cannon was renominated, but his plurality was reduced.

Girl Arrested For Theft.

Louisville, Sept. 16—Miss Gladys Morgan of Chicago, was arrested here today, charged with stealing \$20,000. It is alleged the victim is a Chicago merchant, whose name is withheld.

Ballinger is Morose.

Spokane, Sept. 16—Ballinger was interviewed here today while enroute to Washington to attend the first cabinet meeting, and said he had nothing to say regarding politics or the recent outcome in the Washington state primaries. Likewise he refused to talk concerning the president's sudden change in attitude in giving back patronage to insurgents, thereby recognizing them as part of the party.

Crippen Seems Entirely Safe.

London, Sept. 16—Witnesses for the Crown, Doctors W. W. Wilcox and B. Spillbury, administered another blow to the case against Crippen today when they testified they couldn't determine the sex of the lime eaten body found in the basement of the Crippen home. Wilson said he found traces of poison and hyoscin, which he said caused death. Mme. Leneve and Crippen are both pleased. Crippen smiled when the physicians were testifying. Because the prisoners are now allowed to talk together it is generally believed the Crown feels that the case is falling. Wilcox admitted it is impossible to tell how long the body had been in the basement and also testified he found powder containing hyoscin and arsenic in the basement which undoubtedly had been used by morgue officials.

Poindexter Congratulated.

Spokane, Sept. 16—More proof of Roosevelt's interest in the welfare of Poindexter, the progressive republican nominee for the United States senate is indicated today by a telegram Poindexter received last night. It says, "New York—Thanks for your telegram. Pray accept my hearty congratulations. I assume as a matter of course that the decision at the primaries will be accepted as binding." (Signed) Theodore Roosevelt.

KENNEDY CASE ON.

Ulrich Lottes Case Will Follow the Kennedy Case in Court.

Following the retirement of the jury in the Townsend case today the circuit court took up the case of Dell Kennedy, an employe of L. Remmifard. Mr. Kennedy's case will be followed by that of Ulrich Lottes.