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CITY BALKS AT THE CENSUS AFFAIR

WIRES ALREADY RESORTED TO IN LEARNING STATUS IN THE BUNGLED COUNT.

RECOUNT IS TALKED OF

Probable That Some Action Will be Taken During the Next Few Days Looking Toward a Recount or a Statement from Durand as to What Was Done With Count sent in by Local Enumerators.

Smarting and fuming under the odium of the ridiculous census enumeration as announced by Director Durand at Washington, local business men and commercial organizations are planning on some tangible procedure to have the harm repaired. Already the Oregon delegation at Washington has been urged to investigate the matter, for J. H. Pearce today wired to Congressman Ellis to take a hand in the matter. Others will frame a general bill of objections and as soon as the proper steps can be formulated the director of the census will be asked to give some explanation of why the figures were cut down. It is very apparent that the bureau cut down the figures sent in, but why?

Extreme care was used by the enumerators, more so than customary, no doubt, and to have legitimate counts removed from the totals, which was evidently the case, has worked a hardship. The harm done to La Grande is not expressible in dollars and cents, of course.

A recount has been asked for and granted by several towns during the past several months and at Tacoma especially did the recount show a gain. Spurred on by the success of that town, local business men believe a recount should be demanded, or at least an explanation given out by the census department. During the next few days something looking toward this result will be commenced.

Rain Delays Aviation.

San Francisco, Jan. 12.—Rain today again postponed the Tanforan aviation meet.

OCTOPUS WILL BE DISSOLVED BY THE COURTS

BUT WILL RESUME ORIGINAL FRONT SAYS ATTORNEYS.

Dissolution of Big Trusts Will Not Solve the Problem At All.

New York, Jan. 12.—Addressing the Civic Federation today, Samuel Utermyer, the famous corporation attorney, declared the supreme court will declare the Standard Oil and American Tobacco companies monopolies in restraint of trade, but he said: "It won't relieve the conditions as the companies will reorganize as separate companies and business will go on the same as ever. The same danger exists to people, as the constitution prohibits confiscation of property. He said the same state of affairs is due to the attitude of the courts toward the Sherman Anti-Trust law, for both court and government tacitly consented to trusts in this form and that the present criminal prosecution of alleged trust and officials is a monstrous sham."

JAPANESE ARE CHAGRINED

Disappointed at Action of California Legislature Regarding Immigration.

Tokio, Jan. 12.—Surprise and regret is expressed in Japanese papers as a result of the attitude of the California legislature in presenting anti-Japanese measures. Very guarded, the Japanese officials admit they are annoyed over the situation. It is pointed out that two years ago when the Japanese sought to enforce restrictions regarding Japanese immigration to the United States it was self imposed and aimed to end the agitation against Japanese.

SHOOTING IN LOS ANGELES.

Colored Man Chases Mexican Into Saloon and Fight Follows.

Los Angeles, Jan. 12.—One man is dead and two are injured as a result of last night's shooting affray. A colored man, colored, is jailed today, charged with murder. Louis Lopez, a Mexican, refused to pay back some borrowed money and threatened the life of Mason, who chased him into a saloon where a hundred men were assembled and a duel followed. Lopez was killed, and bystanders, Edward Joslin and Fred Dunlap, were slightly wounded.

NATIONAL CIVIC BODY MEETS IN NEW YORK

SETH LOW PREDICTS ENACTMENT OF NEW LAWS.

Unusual Large Attendance Marks the Opening of Big Association.

New York, Jan. 12.—Owing to the attempt to place the National Civic Federation on record regarding federal regulation of the trusts, there was an unusually large attendance at the opening of the eleventh annual meeting at the Hotel Astor today. Rep-

Seth Low.

President of Civic Federation and Former Mayor of New York.



As president of the National Civic Federation Seth Low has an active part to play in numerous public activities. He was mayor of New York in 1902-3 and president of Columbia university from 1890 to 1901.

representatives of twenty-four state councils were present. It was opened by President Seth Low who predicted the enactment of a uniform corporation regulation laws and workingmen's compensation acts and compulsory arbitration.

Census Announced.

Washington, Jan. 12.—The census today announced Helena 12,515; Missoula 12,869; Anaconda, 10,134; Billings 10,031; Kallispel 5,549; Livingston, 5,359 and Bozeman 5,107.

NURSE HARMFUL TO WOMAN ON DEFENSE

TOLD SCHENK THAT FORTUNE TELLER PREDICTED DEATH DURING ILLNESS.

MEDICINES TAMPERED WITH

Nurse Who Cared for Millionaire Schenk First Witness Called by the State in Case of Mrs. Schenk for Poisoning her Husband and Tells of Frequent Attempts to Bungle the Medicine Given Husband.

Wheeling, W. Va., Jan. 12.—On the fourth day of the illness of Millionaire Schenk, his wife came into the room and said a fortune teller had informed her that Schenk would die. This was the testimony today of Miss Alma Evans, the nurse who cared for Schenk and who was the first witness today in the trial of Mrs. Schenk for the alleged poisoning of her husband, who finally recovered.

Miss Evans testified the wife meddled continuously with the medicines and told the nurse of other medicines. The nurse turned the first over to the doctor as she believed the medicine had been poisoned. Happ previously testified he found poison in the medicines.

The court room was crowded today with women.

After Schenk was taken to the hospital, the nurse testified, Mrs. Schenk called and went into the bath room of the hospital and locked the door and remained twenty minutes where the medicines were kept. When the doctor came the nurse told of it and the doctor ordered fresh medicines. These were kept away from Mrs. Schenk.

EASTERN STAR INSTALLS

Many Attend Installation Exercises Last Evening at Hall.

Hope Chapter No. 13 installed its officers last evening and a banquet followed. The installation work was conducted by Mrs. F. G. Schilke. A large number of members and visitors were present to enjoy the impressive ceremonies.

Late Senator Was Wealthy.

Denver, Jan. 12.—Senator Hughes, who died yesterday has been partly paralyzed for months. His fortune is estimated at five millions.

Lachner Reappointed.

Washington, January 12.—William Lachner, of Baker, Ore., was yesterday nominated as postmaster by President Taft.

EDUCATOR GIVES VIEWS ON THE TARIFF

COMMISSION COULD NOT DO ALL THE WORK ALONE IS HIS OPINION.

REQUIRES CONGRESS TOO

John Cobb Advises That Thorough Knowledge of Condition Be Gained Before Anything Else is Attempted—Jacob Schurman, Cornell's President, Advises That Commission Work With Congressmen.

Washington, Jan. 12.—Regarding the passage of a permanent tariff commission bill, President John Cobb of the national tariff commission association addressed the delegates today. "If we desire sound results," he said, "the first step is to secure a thorough knowledge of existing conditions."

President Jacob Schurman of Cornell university addressed them and said, "Revision shouldn't be left entirely to the commission. So many elements enter into the tariff revision that the commission can't replace a congress which voices the judgment of the people. This is a fundamental question and findings of the tariff commission alone cannot furnish scientific solution and take the tariff out of politics."

FIRE KILLS SEVERAL

Fire in Conneville Leads to Destruction of Property as Well.

Conneville, Pa., Jan. 12.—Four are believed to have been killed in an explosion and fire in McCory's five and ten cent store today. There were thirty persons in the building when the unexplained explosion occurred. Five girls were severely burned and were rescued shortly before the walls collapsed.

The fire was under control at noon, but it is impossible to search the ruins owing to the intense heat. When the building exploded the Citizens National bank adjoining was wrecked and the front was blown out. Several other buildings were burned.

STAR ENCAMPMENT INSTALLS

New Officers of Local Encampment Take Offices Last Evening.

Wednesday night, Jan. 11, the following officers were installed by D. D. G. P. George Ball:

C. P.—W. A. Forstell; S. W.—F. E. Macy; H. P.—George Ball; Treas.—W. N. Monroe; J. W.—W. W. Randall. After which a sumptuous banquet was served to which the patriarchs did ample justice.

DIAZ TO AID CALIFORNIA.

Movement to Stamp Out Smuggling Abetted by President Diaz.

Los Angeles, Jan. 12.—It was learned today that President Diaz is to assist the local immigration officials in stamping out Chinese smuggling coolies and opium across the border. The arrangement is said to be the result of a visit here of Commissioner General of Immigration Keefe. It was learned that Keefe will employ several Chinese as detectives also.

WISCONSIN DEMANDS LAWS

Reform Measures Asked for by Governor of Badger State.

Madison, Wis., Jan. 12.—Returns of a radical nature are demanded by Governor McGovern in his message to the Wisconsin legislature today. Closer conservation of natural resources, home rule for cities, institution of the initiative and referendum and the recall advocated. He also asked for government control of workingmen's compensation including insurance. He recommended the appointment of a committee to investigate the cost of high living and to make effective the corrupt practice act.

\$2000 FIRE AT HOT LAKE LAST EVENING

SHOP BUILDING AT THE LAKE IS COMPLETELY DESTROYED

Electric Room First to Burn and Woodwork Shop Follows.

Hot Lake, Jan. 12. (Special)—Entailing a loss of approximately \$2000 and without insurance, a fire last evening about six o'clock destroyed the machine and woodworking shops of the sanatorium plant. Due to the abundance of water, an excellent pressure and diligence of the fire department, the blaze was held to the one building and not allowed to spread to the adjoining string of living cottages occupied by the employees of the establishment. The fire was only a few feet from the nearest building though the sanatorium proper was never in danger.

The fire originated on the roof of the building and in that way the heavy machinery on the ground floor was not seriously injured.

The electric room was the first to burn, and the big motor is a total loss. Cut-off saws, band saws and the entire working paraphernalia of the shop went through the fire but much of it can be used after some repairs. Choice and dry lumber stored there was consumed. The building and contents was not covered by insurance.

JOHNSON FIGHTERS READY.

Reign of Railroads in California to End Tomorrow with New Bill.

Sacramento, Jan. 21.—The opening gun of the Johnson administration in its warfare to regulate railroads will be fired tomorrow in the senate when the progressive's railroad control measure is introduced. The organization recently elected a railroad commission and defining of its powers are first provided for. The bill outlines the power of duties of railroads and transportation companies and defines penalties of violations. The term transportation company includes express, dispatch, sleeping car companies and all vehicles in freight or passenger transportation.

Bear to be Insignia.

Sacramento, Jan. 12.—The Bear flag is to be the official flag of California in the measure introduced in the senate today by Senator Holohan becomes a law. The state at present has no emblem apart from the national flag and Holohan believes the old time flag of the republic of California should be adopted.

GIVE EXPLORER PEARY PLUM HE SOUGHT

WANTS EXPLORER TO BE REAR ADMIRAL AND GIVEN THANKS FOR DISCOVERY.

TAFT WANTS MILLIONS

Would Start Preliminary Fortifications of Panama Canal Immediately by Appropriation of Sufficient Money by this Congress—Special Message Accompany by Reports of Army and Navy Engineers.

Washington, Jan. 12.—A sub-committee of the house on naval affairs this afternoon voted favorably on a bill creating Peary, the explorer as a rear admiral. The bill also extends the thanks of congress for the discovery of the north pole.

TAFT URGES FORTIFICATION

Sends Special Message Asking for Five Millions for Panama Canal.

Washington, Jan. 12.—A message was sent to congress this afternoon by President Taft that urged the fortification of the Panama canal. The message was accompanied by a special report by the board of the army and navy engineers who have been considering plans for the fortification. The president recommended the appropriation of five million dollars for the beginning of the defense immediately.

STATE TO HUNT MURDERER

Governor Hay Urges Appropriation of Reward Money for Man Hunt.

Olympia, Jan. 12.—Governor Hay in a special message to the legislature today urged the appropriation of a thousand dollars for the capture of the murderer of Captain Sullivan of Spokane. It is believed this will result in the renewal of the hunt for the man as the rewards now aggregate \$13,000.

Portuguese to Be Remodeled.

London, Jan. 12.—The new Portuguese republic will probably be remodeled soon. The department heads of government are considering plans for a permanent organization along the lines of the Swiss confederation. Eight provinces will be allowed to govern themselves while the federal government will deal with purely national matters, it is believed.

MORE HUMBOLT THIEVES ARE ARRESTED

DETECTIVES HAVE MAN WHO KNOWS SOMETHING.

Prisoner's Identity Will Not Be Known Until Frisco is Reached.

San Francisco, Jan. 12.—More arrests in connection with the theft of sixty thousand gold bullion from the steamship Humbolt are expected here on the arrival of federal officers with a suspect arrested in Portland. The identity of the man under arrest is concealed but it is expected several men now in San Francisco will be implicated as a result of the information he has given.

Whalen Out on Bonds.

Portland, Jan. 12.—James Whalen the former La Grande man arrested in Portland in connection with having concealed some of the stolen bullion, was released on bail today.



—Lemar in Philadelphia Record.