

## ROAD BUILDING BONDS INVALID

### JACKSON'S ENORMOUS ISSUE IS THROWN OUT OF COURT

#### COURT SAYS LAW IS NOT APPLICABLE IN THIS CASE

General Initiative Law Not Molested but Court Holds This Sort of an Election Is Not Lawful—Jackson County Passed an Enormous Bond Issue for Good Roads Within Her Boundaries.

Salem, Jan. 23.—(Special)—Jackson county's enormous road building bond issue was blown to pieces today when the supreme court of Oregon reversed the lower court of Jackson county and knocked out the \$1,500,000 bond issue for the construction of permanent roads. The bond issue was ordered at a recent special election for that purpose and the case was soon after appealed to the supreme court by enemies of the permanent roads building to get a decision on the validity of the act.

The supreme court decided the act was unconstitutional. The initiative law proper under which the bonds were carried is not molested by the court in the decree but the court holds it does not provide for the holding of this particular kind of an election. In general the law is constitutional, the court says but not in this specific application.

Jackson county startled the whole state a few months ago by passing the \$1,500,000 bond issue for permanent building of roads.

#### "Stranger" Testifies.

Indianapolis, Jan. 23.—Charles Boho of Eullshoma, Tenn., who has been the "mysterious stranger" here for some days about the offices of the federal grand jury, testified before it today.

It is reported that his testimony is important. No inkling is gleaned whether he ever communicated with the McNamaras.

#### Women Denied the Ballot.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 23.—Women of Virginia have been refused the ballot by the house committee on privileges and elections of the legislature. It almost unanimously reported against the equal suffrage constitutional amendment. There is little likelihood of the bill coming before the house for a vote.

#### Socialists May Win Yet.

Berlin, Jan. 23.—A call for the reichstag to convene February 7th was issued today. From all indications the socialists will be in control with 110 members. The exact personnel cannot be determined until Thursday when there will be rebalancing in 33 districts where none were elected on Jan. 12.

#### Bath Tub Trial Ordered.

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 23.—United States Judge Angell today denied a motion of the Colwell Lead company, defendant in the bathtub trust case, to quash the indictment against the corporation. The trial starts January 26th.

## BUTTER PRICES DROP 3 CENTS

### INVESTIGATION BY GOVERNMENT HELD RESPONSIBLE

Chicago Board of Commerce Denies That This Is the Cause.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 23.—A three cent reduction in price of butter today is believed to be directly attributable to the government investigation of the Elgin board of trade and the Chicago butter and egg board. Local dealers, however, say the weather and market conditions caused the reduction.

#### STANDARD OIL FINED.

Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 23.—United States Judge Hagel fined the Standard Oil company of New York \$55,000 today for violation of the Elkins act. The company accepted rebates from the New York Central and the Pennsylvania railroads on oil shipments from Olean to Burlington, Vt., in 1904-05. A motion for a retrial was denied.

## FREDERICK THE GREAT HONORED

### MEMORY OF MASTER MIND HONORED IN BERLIN.

#### Two Hundredth Anniversary of the Birth of Frederick Celebrated.

Berlin, Jan. 23.—All Prussia, and in fact nearly all Germany, is in fête today for the beginning of the great celebration of the 200th anniversary of Frederick the Great. From the capital down to the smallest hamlet and village business is at a standstill and the populace has given itself up to the joyousness of the occasion.

The celebration in Berlin began today with a lecture at the war academy on the prowess of Frederick the Great as a general and strategist. The lecture was attended by the emperor, who was surrounded by ministers of state, generals of the army, admirals of the navy, and members of the diplomatic corps, all in glittering uniforms.

Tomorrow will be the big day of the bicentenary celebration. In the morning the emperor, attended by the high officers of the Prussian army, will participate in a solemn memorial service in the old garrison church at Potsdam, behind the altar of which Frederick the Great lies buried in an iron casket.

Berlin will observe the day as a public holiday. In the afternoon there will be parades, regimental celebrations and historical exercises. The day will close with a military gala opera. One of the principal events will be the fête in the white hall of the Schloss, which will be attended by delegations representing all of the regiments which can trace their origin back to Frederician times. Each delegation will consist of the commander of the regiment, one lieutenant, the colors of the regiment, the color-bearer and one non-commissioned officer.

The celebration of the day will not be confined to the capital. In all the principal cities and towns of Prussia the municipalities and voluntary citizens' committees have made preparations for the day. In every school the scholars will observe the day by applauding patriotic addresses delivered by the principals and teachers and by recitation and singing. Every scholar will be presented a short history of Frederick the Great.

Frederick, surnamed the Great, whose memory is being honored by the 40 odd million inhabitants of Prussia, is one of the dominant figures in the history of Europe. He was born January 24, 1712, and when he was 28 years old succeeded his father, Frederick William as king of Prussia. The character of the young king was still very imperfectly understood, when events occurred which exhibited it in a strong light.

A few months after his accession died Charles VI, emperor of Germany, and Maria Theresa succeeded to the Austrian throne. Frederick set up a claim to Silesia and in a short campaign succeeded in wresting that rich territory from Maria Theresa and annexing it to the Prussian dominions. His action, however, plunged all Europe into a bloody war. The conflict raged by sea and land in Italy, in Germany, and in Flanders.

The war lasted till, in the year 1748, it was terminated by the treaty of Aix-la-Chapelle. Of all the powers that had taken part in it, the only gainer was Frederick. Not only had he added to his patrimony the fine province of Silesia, but by his consummate diplomacy he had succeeded as well in alternately depressing the scale of

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## SOUTH LIKES ROOSEVELT

### HEADQUARTERS FOR COLONEL OPENED AT CHICAGO

#### HITCHCOCK EMPHATIC IN PRAISE AND TAFT SUPPORT

Oklahoma Delegates Are Likely to Be Instructed to Vote for Former President Roosevelt—Headquarters Are Opened by Attorney Sims in Chicago Today

Coalgate, Okla., Jan. 23.—The republicans of the fourth congressional district convened here today to elect the first delegates to the republican national convention. An unconfirmed report says that an effort will be made to instruct the delegates for Roosevelt.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 23.—Despite Colonel Roosevelt's "I have nothing to say" attitude, headquarters of the Roosevelt national committee were opened here today in the Congress hotel. As the former United States attorney, Sims, Roosevelt's appointee, is in charge, it is believed a statement from Roosevelt that he will accept the nomination if it is offered him, will be forthcoming.

Hitchcock Refutes Rumor. Washington, D. C., Jan. 23.—Commenting on the white house statement of Taft's confidence in his loyalty, Postmaster General Hitchcock said today: "I am as strong for Taft as I can be. I didn't realize how far the rumors of my alleged indifference are going. I insist that I am working and will continue working for Taft."

La Follette Favors Suffrage. New York, Jan. 23.—Friends of R. M. La Follette are convinced he won many more adherents by his address last night before the insurgent club here when he declared himself unqualifiedly in favor of the initiative, recall and referendum and also for woman suffrage.

#### Hearing of Diegel Appeal.

Columbus, O., Jan. 23.—The appeal in the case of Rodney J. Diegel, former sergeant at arms in the Ohio house of representatives, came up for hearing in the state supreme court today. Diegel is under sentence of imprisonment for complicity in legislative bribery.

## HOW FAR IS TOO FAR?

How far is too far? There is a series of lectures being weekly delivered in the auditorium of the high school building, that edifice which is supposedly for the purpose of educating the La Grande youth in the tenets of our national government as well as in some other things considered essential to the maintenance of the honor and the liberties of our land. These lectures are under the auspices of the socialist party and have thus far been presented and delivered by men and women who make no attempt to disguise their principles. In this they are open and above board. But could an old soldier who fought for the perpetuity of American liberty listen to them unmoved?

Last evening there was an address made by a witty Miss May Wood-Simmons, who said by way of introduction that the "socialists refuse to honor the constitution of the United States." Is this unlicensed license or not?

What is the constitution of the United States? Is it not the very foundation of our government? Do the socialists declare they do not honor the foundation of our government? What represents our government to the eyes of the people and the world? The flag. Then the socialist does not honor the flag of the American republic. How can such a person take the oath of allegiance and become a citizen? How can such person invoke the protection of the flag?

If he cannot revere the constitution he cannot be attempting to do other-

## ROYAL JEWELS FINANCE WAR

### MANCHUS WILL NOT GIVE UP WITHOUT MORE BLOODSHED

#### YUAN MUST RESIGN AND DR. WU IS DISSATISFIED

Whole Chinese Struggle to Be Re-Opened Again—Imperial Palace Equipment to Be Sold to Finance the War Further—Split in Manchu Factions Seen.

Pekin, Jan. 23.—Preparations to resume war in China began today following the announcement of the royal family that the imperial treasures of the palace at Mukden would be sold to raise money to finance the campaign. The action of the Manchu rulers, coupled with the almost certainty that Premier Yuan will resign, are taken by the diplomats here to mean another deluge of blood before the dynasty falls and the republic is established.

Not less than \$14,000,000 could be raised by the sale. Prince Chung has notified the dowager empress that he can raise 5,000 loyal troops immediately and hundreds of Manchus are offering their services. Yuan is in hiding.

The war department is active.

It is likely that breaches in republican ranks will be made by regulation of war.

#### Yuan Ready to Quit.

London, Jan. 23.—It is reported from Peking that Premier Yuan is abandoning all hopes for a settlement of the Chinese differences and has transferred the reins of government to the throne. General Yin Tohan, it is reported, will succeed him.

#### Dr. Wu May Resign.

Shanghai, Jan. 23.—Foreign Minister of the republicans, Dr. Wu, announced today he would resign rather than accept the personal responsibility for foreign intervention following the row with Sun Yat Sen, the president. The trouble arose over Sun's refusal to resign in favor of Premier Yuan who wanted to assume the presidency until the national convention chose one. Wu favored Yuan.

## GEO. MORGAN TO MARRY JAP.

San Francisco, Jan. 23.—Here to meet his Japanese wife, a Geisha girl purchased in Japan from her parents, J. Pierpont Morgan's nephew, Geo. Morgan, has today taken apartments at the Palace hotel. Morgan's wife is due to arrive from Japan on Thursday. She still wears Japanese clothes.

## REIDS CAPTURE SOCIETY FAME

Functions in Honor of Duke Bring Grief to 200.

New York, Jan. 23.—Two hundred members of the New York gilded famous 400 have been "commanded" to appear tonight at dinner at the home of Whitelaw Reid to the Duke and Duchess of Connaught and the Princess Patricia. As a result 200 grand dames are gnashing their teeth furiously. The Reids will not give out the list of invited guests.

Society leaders admit that this dinner will make the Reids the leaders of New York society.

#### WILDE JURY SELECTED.

#### Trial to Commence Tomorrow—Jury Locked Up.

Portland, Jan. 23.—The jury that is to try Louis Wilde, the San Diego banker for embezzlement of \$90,000 in the sale of telephone stock to the defunct Oregon Savings & Trust bank was completed today.

This afternoon court adjourned to give the jurors time to make arrangements for locking up when the trial begins tomorrow. The defense had two peremptory challenges and the state none.

#### Webster Enters Prison.

Oregon, Ills., Jan. 23.—Hoping for a pardon after which he declares he will devote the rest of his life to benefiting humanity, "Dr." Harry Webster, who killed his wife to escape prison for bigamy, was taken to Joliet prison to serve a life sentence. His parents accompanied him to the station.

"I am ready to pay the penalty," he said, before being taken on the train, "but it is a hard blow to my relatives. I sinned; I could do nothing else. I suppose I killed the woman because I wanted Zoe Varney. Without her life was not worth living. I am a victim of circumstances and I hope that some day the world will realize and understand."

#### Oppose New Woodman Levy.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 23.—A convention of the head camp of the Modern Woodmen of America, composed of about 800 delegates representing the 1,500,000 members of the order throughout the country, met in this city today to consider and act upon the question of raising the insurance rates of the organization. The higher rates are proposed in order to conform with the so-called Mobile law, a measure agreed upon by a convention of fraternal insurance organizations held at Mobile a year ago, which decided upon a uniform rate in order to meet the requirements of the insurance laws of many of the states. Many of the local camps of the Woodmen have protested against the proposed increase and the opposition has gone so far as to threaten secession from the parent organization if the assessment is raised.

#### Iowa Buttermakers Meet.

Mason City, Iowa, Jan. 23.—The growing importance of the dairy industry in Iowa was evidenced by the large and representative attendance here today at the opening of the annual convention of the State Buttermakers' association. The business sessions of the convention are being held in the court house and will continue three days. In connection with the gathering there is an elaborate exhibition of dairy products and dairy machinery.

## STRANGE FATE GUIDED TRAIL

### ROY CRANDALL FOUND DEAD IN FIVE POINTS CREEK

#### CRAWLED, ROLLED AND DRAGGED HIMSELF TOWARD SUCCOR

Body Half Submerged in Five Points Creek Yesterday Noon and the Remains Are Being Held Here for Burial Instructions—Did Strange Things Indicating That His Mind Was Unbalanced.

Remains of Roy Crandall who died a terrible death some time yesterday after being lost in the mountains since early Saturday morning, will be held in the Henry & Carr undertaking parlors until instructions are received from relatives in Kirksville, Illinois. Coroner C. T. Bacon this morning telegraphed the bare facts in the case and asked for instructions as to disposal of the body. The manner of death of the young man was most harrowing. He was found about yesterday noon but on account of the remoteness of the spot where the body was picked up it was night before the posse returned to La Grande with its load.

#### Circumstances Peculiar.

Every circumstance in connection with the case is peculiar in every respect. The entire distance covered by Crandall from the time that he left the Red Apple orchard is about seven miles as the crow flies but his circuitous route probably increased it to 14. The searching party covered in less than half a day what it had required Crandall to cover in two days and two nights for at no stage of the trail were there signs of a camping. The belief that he had no matches with him was erroneous for a handful were found on his person. Though his rifle was greatly bruised and damaged, it must have been in working order and how the man failed to make camp and recuperate is more than anyone can construe, except it be that the man befuddled his mind completely when he discovered he was lost. Some think he became snow blind in addition to his other troubles. At various times he passed close by cabins, circling around the Dial cabin at one time. The Dial cabin is about a mile northeast of the Stetsinger place.

#### Chased Coyote at First.

The manner of leaving his skis is explained by Ike Warnstaff who was the first to find the body. When Crandall had started out to inspect his traps Saturday morning, he overtook a coyote and leaving his skis followed the trail but found the underbrush too dense to get a shot at him. In this act, he spelled his own death for he began to circle soon after and notwithstanding that his trail led out to the clearing so that he looked out over the valley he turned away as no man except one crazed would, and then headed northwest, due west, southwest, and then north at various times. Sunday night, or about then, he probably became exhausted for much of his course at the last end showed signs of crawling, rolling and dragging over logs, cliffs and obstruc-

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## NOVICE MEETS END IN BIPLANE

### LACK OF EXPERIENCE RESPONSIBLE FOR DEATH.

#### Fatal Accident at Los Angeles Yesterday Is Explained.

Los Angeles, Jan. 23.—"He failed to increase his momentum to the combined speed at which he and the wind were traveling before he tried to make a turn," said Aviator Curtis in explaining why Rutherford Page, aged 24, a Yale graduate, and a novice aviator, was killed yesterday when his biplane fell at the aviation meet here.