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NOLAN SKIFF RECOMMENDED FOR LAND OFFICE RECEIVER IN THIS CITY

POST OFFICE POSITION HERE STILL IN DOUBT

LOCAL LAND OFFICE JOB FALLS TO PINE VALLEY STORE KEEPER.

FRANK MEYERS WINNER

Batch of Appointments Sent to Senate Today Include Settlement of Local Land Office Race—Skiff Is New in Politics—Sister Is Secretary to Senator George Chamberlain.

Washington, April 15.—The following nominations were sent to the senate by President Wilson today:

Ambassador to England—Walter Page.

Assistant Secretary of State—John Osborne of Wyoming.

Commissioner Internal Revenue—William Osbourne, North Carolina.

Surveyor General for Oregon—Edward Worth, Portland.

Registers of Land Office—Lakeview, James Burgess; La Grande, Nolan Skiff, Halfway.

Receivers Public Moneys—Burns, Samuel Motherhead.

The Dalles—L. A. Booth.

Postmasters.

Portland—Frank Meyers.

Ketchikan, Alaska—Minnie Swinard.

Condon—J. A. McMorris.

Echo—Arunah Longwell.

Burleson Scares Democrats.

The senate adjourned today without acting on the recommendations but great ado has been created by the announcement from Postmaster General Burleson which reads:

"All good republican postmasters will be retained." It was learned subsequently that a majority of the postmasters now in office will be retained.

The scope of the announcement was not made clear and there is much speculation as to just how far this edict will be carried out.

La Grande's next U. S. land office receiver will be an untried Democratic politician in that he has never heretofore sought nor held a political position.

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WELLES GIVEN STATE OFFICE

UMATILLA SUPERINTENDENT ASSISTANT AT SALEM.

Baker Man Picks Pendleton Man as His Assistant After July.

Salem, April 15.—J. A. Churchill who succeeds L. R. Alderman as state superintendent of schools in July, announced today he will appoint as the second assistant state superintendent, Frank K. Welles, of Pendleton, who has been county superintendent of schools of Umatilla county for two terms.

Prof. Strange, of The Dalles, has been named superintendent of schools in Baker to succeed J. A. Churchill, the new state superintendent.

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POLICE FIND STRONG CLEWS

MURDER OF GEORGE DEITZ LEADS TO DISCLOSURES.

Believed That Edna Frederickson's Death Was Cause of Murder.

Chicago, April 15.—Strong evidence that the slayer of George Dietz killed Sunday night to avenge the death of Edna Frederickson, sixteen, a former \$2 a week candy dipper, who later met men in the Chicago dance halls to get money for her sick father, is unearthed by the police. She died on March 17th after having submitted to a criminal operation.

The theory is based largely on the finding of a German newspaper clipping in Dietz' pocket giving an account of the girl's death and on another piece of paper on which was scrawled the name of a midwife suspected of responsibility for the girl's death.

George Ringler, Edna's sweetheart, is sought by the police. The girl got work in a candy factory to help support the sick father. There an older girl told her of money to be made in the dance halls and she became a frequenter of the night life. A few months later the operation was performed.

Dietz' name heretofore has not entered the Frederickson case but the police say they unearthed evidence showing the slain man had had "affairs" with young girls. The death of Miss Frederickson occurred while the "starvation probe" was in progress.

MORE ARSON PREVAILS.

Suffragettes Burn Summer Home of Member of Parliament Today.

St. Leonards, Eng., April 15.—Suffragettes burned the Seaside residence of Arthur Du Crois, a member of parliament today. Militant literature was found scattered about the grounds. The house was unoccupied.

Several explosions were heard while the house was burning and it is not known how it started. Many works of art were destroyed, and the loss is placed at \$50,000.

Aviator Meets Death.

Monte Carlo, April 15.—Aviator Goddard French fell into the bay and drowned when his aeroplane turned turtle today.

ENEMIES OF FREE CITRUS ARE DEFEATED

CALIFORNIA AND FLORIDA OPPOSITION TO PRESENT SCHEDULE FAILURE

WHEAT RATE IS DISCUSSED

Minnesota Opposition to the Proposed Wheat Rates Also Meet With Defeat—Caucus of Democrats Hears Discussion on Several Features of the Tariff Schedules This Afternoon

Washington, April 15.—Efforts of California and Florida representatives to induce the house Democrats to increase the duty rates proposed on the citrus fruit schedule of the tariff bill have failed. Every amendment to the schedule was rejected by the caucus today, which also refused to change the proposed duties on wheat and chicory.

Discussion of the agricultural products schedule of the proposed tariff bill was continued by the house Democratic caucus today. The first item considered was a provision for ten per cent duty on wheat with Minnesota representatives attacking the paragraph. The caucus refused to place wheat on the free list.



—Cesare in New York Sun.

PONTIFF HAS LESS FEVER, RESTS EASIER

CORRESPONDENT AT VATICAN DISPUTES OPTIMISM OF THE PHYSICIANS.

SAYS PONTIFF IS WEAK

Conflicting Reports of the Pope's Condition Today Exist—Physicians Issue Bulletin to the Effect That All Fever Is Gone and Much of Danger Is Past—Analysis Is Under Way.

CORRESPONDENT IS PESSIMISTIC.
Paris, April 15.—Despite the optimistic bulletins issued at Rome by the pope's physicians, the vatican correspondent to the Excelsior, telephone at noon the end was believed to be near.

Rome, April 15.—The pope continued to improve today and vatican physicians are greatly encouraged although they admit unfavorable weather may cause a relapse. At noon the following bulletin was issued: "The pope has no fever. His temperature is 98 1-10. The cough is disappearing. General condition is good." The doctors found today that the pope's bronchial trouble is receding

perceptibly with no present likelihood of invading the lungs. The pope breathed easier and woke this morning greatly refreshed.

Doctors are preparing for a bacteriological analysis of the pontiff's sputum to guard against tuberculosis and other infections.

SCUTARI FIRING CEASES.

Porte Order Turkish Commander to Cease Firing Against Allies.

Constantinople, April 15.—Essad Pasha, leader of the Turkish forces at Scutari, was ordered by wireless by the porte to cease firing. Some think it means Scutari is to surrender to the allies.

MISSING YANKEE FOUND.

Memphis Broker Discovered in Suburban Rooming House in London London, April 15.—Joseph W. Martin, a millionaire broker of Memphis who has been missing since April 3 was located today in a suburban rooming house, according to a news agency.

COPPER MINES DRAW CAPITAL

LOSTINE PROPERTIES TO BE WORKED AT ONCE.

Contact and Peacock Mines to Resume Activities at Once.

With the opening of spring comes activity in mining in Wallawa county which is good news to everyone in this section. L. M. Johnson, a well known mining man of Eastern Oregon, has just finished negotiations whereby the Contact and Peacock mining properties in the Lostine country are taken under bond and lease by the Wallawa Development company.

Mr. Johnson will leave La Grande the middle of the week for the properties and begin with a force of men on development work. This means that Mr. Johnson is after copper and that his confidence in the Lostine country has justified his recommendation of these two properties to his associates who will finance all development work, and if at the end of the season there is a good showing of copper the bond and lease will be operative and the two mines mentioned will pass from present ownership into the hands of Mr. Johnson and his people.

That there is good copper in the Lostine country and in other parts of Wallawa county no one doubts. Immense ledges of low grade copper show on the surface and what work has been done in different places indicate better values with depth. Why there has not been concerted action in this mineral region before is a mystery, for mining men who should know claim there are few places in the whole country that show such remarkable surface values.

Should the Johnson deal go through and there is plenty of money behind him to make it go, it will mean a transformation in Wallawa county. Claim after claim will be developed and inside of three years the ore trains on the branch line of the O.-W. R. & N. will be as numerous as the logging trains are today.

La Grande will essentially be the base of supplies for the upper country and will also be the business headquarters. This is a natural conclusion from the fact that this city is on the transcontinental line and when the Wallawa country becomes active it will mean every company operating there will have offices here.

WATERWAYS CONVENTION NEARING END

KENNEWICK IS CHOSEN NEXT MEETING PLACE OF RIVERS ASSOCIATION.

ELECT OFFICERS TODAY

President Lyman Will Retire From Active Head of the Big Association—All Towns in Affected Area Have Delegates at Pendleton Convention Which Is to Adjourn Tonight.

Pendleton, April 15.—Kennewick, Washington, was selected today as the scene of the fifth annual convention of the Columbia & Snake Rivers Waterways association.

Officers will be elected this afternoon. President Lyman has declared he couldn't serve another term because of his position as Washington director of the National Rivers and Harbors congress.

Wallace R. Stuble of Lewiston was endorsed by the officers for reelection to the secretaryship. The session today was occupied with speeches.

Much of interest to the upper Columbia district has transpired at the conclave which has representatives from all towns along the lower Snake and upper Columbia rivers.

MERCHANTS VISIT BAKER.

Quarter Hundred Leave This Afternoon on Local for Baker.

Intent on getting acquainted at Baker, and excited by promises of royal treatment, of hearing bands play in their honor, of hearing orchestra music during the banquet and promised the best Baker has, about 25 business men left for Baker this afternoon. They will return on the midnight train.

Slide at Elgin.

Mud and rock cover the branch line tracks at mile post 34 beyond Elgin today, causing delay to traffic. Main line eastbound traffic was delayed by engineer trouble this morning when No. 6 was held at Kamela for two hours.

DETECTIVES PROTECT BANK

ENGLISH MONEY CENTER FEARS FURTHER OUTRAGES.

Can of Dynamite Found Yesterday Prompts Police Guards.

London, April 15.—The Bank of England is surrounded by Scotland Yards today to prevent further attempts of suffragettes to wreck the institution. Experts today examined the can of dynamite slipped inside the bank's railing and found several hair pins and an electric battery with wires attached to a time fuse.