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HUG RESENTS SLURS COMING FROM SALEM

NORTH POWDER EPISODE HAS STIRRED LOCAL SHERIFF TO ANSWER WEST.

NO COMPLAINT HEARD FROM NORTH POWDER

Telegram of Remonstrance Sent to Governor West By Local Sheriff—Says He Is Willing to Enforce the Law When Complaints Reach Him Feels Himself Unjustly Treated.

FUNNY GOVERNOR WEST.

(Idaho Statesman)
Oregon not only gave the country prodigious samples of fool laws and United States Senator Jonathan Bourne, Jr., but it also gave it Governor West. By way of intimidating the people of that section of Oregon embraced within his unwarranted military rule, he recites to the press that the colonel in charge is a crack shot. Why, one day at the penitentiary the colonel saw a rat about 60 yards away. Drawing his trusty six-shooter, "he fired once and the rat was dead."
In Oregon and, in fact, throughout the northwest, Governor West may be taken seriously. The rest of the nation is saying: "What a funny little man!"

Sheriff August Hug of Union county has risen up in righteous indignation at insinuations cast upon the government of morals in Union county by Governor Oswald West in messages to city officials of North Powder yesterday. Sheriff Hug today sent a telegram of remonstrance to the Oregon executive objecting to the method taken by the governor in regard to North Powder, in this county. "I don't feel that we have been used right by the governor," said Sheriff Hug today. "If he has been informed that everything is not as it should be at North Powder, it was his duty to request a cleanup without jumping into print before he was sure of his ground. I have not heard a word of complaint from any point in Union county; if convinced that laws are being violated, I would certainly enforce them and I deeply regret the insinuations made from the governor's office relative to North Powder."

Sheriff Hug wired the following pointed telegram to Governor West today:
"Dear Sir—I notice from newspaper reports that North Powder is included in your cleanup campaign. I wish to state that it would be no more than justice to the officers of Union county to first give them the opportunity to do this work before publishing such a report. Up to the present time we have had no complaint in regard to North Powder since from you or anyone else."

Officials Still Obdurate.
Copperfield, Jan. 8.—Three militiamen, under Sargeant Renard, are maintaining martial law in Copperfield today, after an unsuccessful attempt to induce the city officials to resign. This demand was made by Colonel Lawson and Sheriff Rand yesterday afternoon, before they quit the district. Lawson and Rand are in Baker today.

Railroad Official Home.
James Corbett returned this morning from Portland where he transacted company business.

Sells-Floto Have Scheme

EFFORT MADE TO ESCAPE CIRCUS LICENSE.

REQUEST IS DENIED

La Grande Has Not Yet Been Accosted in New Scheme.

Mayor Palmer of Baker, yesterday received a letter from the management of the Sells-Floto circus company requesting that the city furnish it with free license, free water and light in return for the show's coming to the city. Colonel Cody, alias Buffalo Bill, is one of the attractions of the show and it is perhaps on the strength of that man's reputation that they made the unusual request. In speaking of the request the mayor is quoted in the Baker Democrat as saying: "We will not discriminate in favor of any show. Our ordinance says that they shall pay a license and be otherwise subject to our regulations, and we will hardly consider amending our ordinance in this case."

Manager Lafky of La Grande, was approached on the subject this afternoon and intimated that the city could hardly accede to a demand of this nature much as he desired any good shows to come. It means the appointing of an additional policeman, means ruin to the curbing and the pavement where heavy wagons are permitted to be drawn over them and takes much money out of the city. There is an ordinance regulating this, and granting this extraordinary permission would necessitate changing the ordinance.

The city manager has not received any communication from the Sells-Floto people relative to this matter, but it is certain or reasonably certain that they could not come here demanding such privileges.

REPORTS FROM FRANCHISES IN

CHARTER REQUIREMENTS FILLED BY CORPORATIONS.

Commission Now Has List of Franchise Holders in City.

As required by the new city charter, all corporations holding franchises to do business in the city of La Grande, have filed their reports. The charter sets out that within 90 days from the effectiveness of the new charter each franchise holder shall set out in full and correct statement the rights and privileges owned or claimed to be owned and shall designate the same by numbers and titles of the ordinances under such franchises were granted. Failure to do this would instigate a fine of \$100 per day after the 90 days were up.

These reports were filed with the general manager and commission yesterday and read:
Eastern Oregon Telephone Association reports that they operate under Ordinance No. 695, series 1913, passed March 5, 1913, approved March 10 1913.

Eastern Oregon Light and Power Co. reports that they operate under and are successors in interest to grantors in Ordinance No. 306, series 1905, adopted March 6, by council, attested by recorder April 10, accepted by company April 14, and acceptance filed with city recorder on April 15, 1905.

Home Independent Telephone company reports that it operates under Ordinance No. 304, series 1907, and as successor and assign under Ordinance No. 231, approved Feb. 5, 1898, granted to Inland Telephone Co., also under contract with Pacific States Telephone and Telegraph Co., dated April 1, 1911, also that the company operates under State law, 1911, chapter 279, and laws of Oregon 1912, page 9.

MOYER RETURNS TO CITY WHICH THREW HIM OUT

WITH NO FEAR OF FURTHER ATTACK WOUNDED MINER'S LEADER COMES NORTH.

MEETS WITH GRAND JURY AND GOVERNOR

Suffering Still From Effects of Recent Shooting, President Moyer Is Back in Hancock to Assist in Finishing His Fight Against the Mine Owners—Meets With Governor.

Hancock, Mich., Jan. 8.—Charles Moyer was on the verge of collapse when he arrived this noon. His wounded shoulder troubled him more than he anticipated and the strain of the journey told markedly on his face. Preparations were made to protect him, however, and fifteen deputies awaited him at the station when the train pulled in. He was hurried into a waiting auto and the entire party escorted him to the Scott hotel where he will have a conference with Victor Berger of Milwaukee and other associate leaders. He had an engagement with Governor Farris later.

Returns to Hancock Boldly.
Green Bay, Wis., Jan. 8.—Charles Moyer, president of the Western Federation of Miners passed through here on his way back to Hancock, Michigan. With him was Charles Tanner, an officer of the federation, who together with Moyer was forcibly ejected from Hancock where he is presumed to have agitated the strikers in the copper country. "I am returning to finish my work," said Moyer, "and I am looking forward to no more trouble. My enemies would scarcely dare attack me with Governor Farris and the grand jury investigating my previous deportation."

Moyer said he would testify before the grand jury.

Stock Distribution Favored.

New York, Jan. 8.—Directors of the Union Pacific approved the plan to distribute more than \$80,000,000 of Baltimore & Ohio stock held by the Union Pacific to holders of common stock. The directors also approved a recommendation to reduce the dividend rate on common stock from ten to eight percent.

Conference Is Resumed.

Vera Cruz, Jan. 8.—Charg d'Affaires Oshoughnessy stationed at Mexico City, arrived to confer with Emissary Lind. He brought his wife with him but left his small boy at the capitol, believing this would set at rest the reports that they would close the embassy and move from Mexico for good.

National Bank Closed.

Washington, Jan. 8.—The First National bank of Pensacola, Fla., was closed by orders of the comptroller of the currency, and the bank examiner Goodhart was put in charge. The institution was capitalized at half a million dollars and carried deposits of one million the three hundred and fifty thousand. Dullness of the lumber market and withdrawal of deposits is said to have been the cause of the failure.

Huerta Resignation Rumored.

Mexico City, Jan. 8.—Another Rumor is current that Huerta is on the verge of resigning and taking to the field against the rebels. While the report is unconfirmed it is persistent and credence is lent the rumor.

Indiana Doctor Accused Of Murdering a Woman



The trial of Dr. William B. Craig, dean of the Indiana Veterinary college, on the charge of murdering Dr. Helene Knabe two years ago is now under way. Ephraim Inman, chief counsel for the prosecution, put an end to the report that the state would introduce several clairvoyants as witnesses. It has been said that the detectives who brought about Dr. Craig's indictment received their tip through clairvoyants at Indianapolis, but Inman said no such evidence is to be introduced. The first witnesses to be introduced by the state were prominent Indianapolis physicians, who testified regarding the death of Dr. Knabe and the exact nature of the wounds. Inman, who is employed by the Federated Women's Club of Indiana, made the opening statement for the prosecution. The trial has caused a distinct sensation in the middle west owing to the prominence of the central figures.

ROADS GRAVELED AT THE RATE OF TWENTY DOLLARS PER MILE UNDER FRED KIDDLE'S METHOD

Fred Kiddle of Island City may develop into a Moses who will lead Union county over good roads cheaply constructed but effective in nature. After superintending the construction of three-quarters of a mile of graveled road for a total cash outlay of \$15, contributed to him by the Union County Auto club, he has aspired to the permanent construction of eight miles of road between Island City and Cove. His method is effective, but above all, is done with a minimum outlay of cash. He has a system, concocted by himself and backed by farmers, which does the business. He obtains enough cash to get gravel loaded into wagons and depends on the farmers along the right of way to haul the wagons to the defective roads. The layer of gravel is crowned up—an absolute necessity in any road repair scheme—and amply spread out, with the result that the system is the death knell to mud holes. Before spring, if a small amount of cash is given him, he will have the Cove road repaired to that the annual spring handicap to traffic will be entirely removed. La Grande people have promised him the money needed.

tend the spreading. It is believed that cheap road repair will result and the fruits promise to be excellent. The piece built east from Island City this winter is A No. 1, and the cost so trifling to be a mere bagatelle. Co-operation along the Kiddle method is loudly commended by the farmers, who are said to be perfectly willing to do the hauling if they can get the gravel loaded, and money for this purpose is forthcoming it is said. If this plan works out, as it appears it will, Union county will set a new mark for road repair.

Death Summons Arrives.

George W. Gilbert left La Grande this morning in response to a telegram from Glendale, Arizona, announcing the death of his mother, Mrs. Caroline Gilbert. Mrs. Gilbert left here on the 15th of December to spend the winter with her other son Frank T. Gilbert at Glendale, and was in good health when she left. She was afflicted with pneumonia a few days ago and succumbed in a remarkably short time. The remains will be laid to rest at Phoenix. She was 65 years of age; was born in Center county, Pa., but lived most of her time in Ohio. Her husband preceded her to the Great Beyond five years ago.

Mr. Gilbert, at the last moment, decided to take his adopted son with him, of whom he is passionately fond. He will go by way of Salt Lake and is due to arrive there next Sunday morning.

DRIFTING BOAT LOADED WITH 20 RESCUED AT SEA

WOMAN AND TWO CHILDREN PARTICIPATE IN SEVERE HARDSHIPS AT SEA.

DESERTED SHIP MAY BE DESTROYED NOW

Burning Coal Drives Crew and Captain's Family to Sea in Small Boat and For 54 Hours They Drift Aimlessly About—Finally Picked Up and Are Now None the Worse.

Astoria, Jan. 8.—Drifting about in an open boat for a period of fifty hours on the ocean 300 miles off Los Angeles before being picked up by the German Bark Eilbeck on January second, was the lot of Captain T. H. Marsters, his wife and two children and crew of 16. They had abandoned the British bark Abbey which was burning fiercely. Captain Thode was in charge of the Eilbeck and members of the Marsters family came ashore today. Neither they nor the crew were any the worse for their experience.

The Battle Abbey sailed from New Castle, Australia, October 18 with a cargo of coal for Vancouver. On December 31 they were compelled to abandon the ship after the cargo had been burning more than six weeks. Captain Marsters stated that the vessel was smoking badly when they left, owing to the coal gas with which it was loaded. It is probable that the vessel is blown up before this.

KANSAS CITY PEOPLE HERE

Mrs. Judith Snodgrass-Wells Greets Old Time Friends in City.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Wells, of Kansas City, are in the city the guests of relatives Mrs. Wells who was Judith Snodgrass before her marriage to the Kansas City business man, is greeting her many friends and Mr. Wells is becoming acquainted with Oregon climate and Oregon people. While here Mr. and Mrs. Wells will be guests with Mrs. Wells' relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Van Buren, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Snodgrass, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Snodgrass and other relatives.

Before returning to Kansas City, where Mr. Wells recently retired from extensive business, the Kansas people will visit friends in Portland.

M. B. A. OFFICIAL DUE

Local Lodge to Be Officially Visited By District Deputy.

Next Friday the M. B. A. will hold an important business meeting in its new lodge home in the Moose hall. The district deputy, recently appointed to the post, will be in La Grande at that time and it is important that a big delegation be out to greet him. Important matters will be transacted on that occasion.

Tank Farm On Fire.

Taft, California, Jan. 8.—A huge fire is sweeping through the tank farm in Midway oil fields. Two of the tanks have already been consumed and there is grave danger that the whole field will be totally destroyed. The loss will be heavy.

Goes to Hot Lake.

Mrs. John Dordan went to Hot Lake this noon to be with her husband who is taking treatment for rheumatism. She reports him improving.