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WEST WILL CLEAN COVE

LETTER FROM A WIFE AT COVE
BRINGS ACTION TO A
CLIMAX.

COVE MAYOR KNOWS NOTHING ABOUT PLAN

Mayor Wilson Says Cove is Running
Orderly as Far as He Knows—
West Claims to Have Been Watch-
ing Cove For Some Time—Said
Liquor Was Sold in the Dry Town.

Salem, Feb. 20.—Miss Fern Hobbs
will go to Cove Monday it was defin-
itely announced by Governor West
this afternoon.

Cove has jumped into the lime-
light, a la Copperfield. Governor West
has announced that, in answer to a
letter from a woman in Cove, he is
going to send Miss Fern Hobbs, the
heroine—at least stellar role player—
in the Copperfield episode to Cove
at once to investigate conditions and
“clean it up.”

The governor said in his announce-
ment issued at Salem last night:

“The recent election there voted
“dry” but that saloons continue be-
cause the officials refused to declare
the election result.

“I have had my eye on Cove for
some time, but the thing which de-
cided me was the receipt of a letter
from a woman living there whose
husband is being ruined by drink,
notwithstanding her appeals to the
saloons to not sell him liquor.”

Mayor Wilson today asserted, in a
telegram interview with the Obser-
ver, that he knew nothing of the
proposed cleanup of Cove. Everything,
he said, was orderly in Cove so far
as he could find out, and if the gov-
ernor was on his way, or was about to
send emissaries there, he had been
given no advice of the matter. He
claimed absolute ignorance of the
proposed campaign.

JOINT CELEBRATION IN DENVER

Denver, Colo., Feb. 20.—In an ef-
fort “to nationalize patriotism” in
the United States, to make the citi-
zens of every nationality come to-
gether in a body and celebrate as
one people instead of individual na-
tions, the patriotic societies of Denver
under the name of the Washington-
Lincoln Commemorative Association,
have joined to celebrate the birthdays
of Abraham Lincoln and George
Washington simultaneously tonight.
The promoters hope that their plan
will be followed by patriotic bodies
all over the United States next year.
Governor Elias M. Ammons is one of
the principal leaders in the move-
ment. The celebration will be held
in the Municipal Auditorium. Red,
white and blue will form the principal
decorations but each nation repre-
sented has been given one box to de-
corate in its national colors. In this box
will be seated the representatives of
that nation garbed in their national
dress.

The program will represent every
nationality in the United States. The
flag salute by school children will op-
en the program followed by the
highland fling and Scotch, Irish,
welsh and Swedish songs and patri-
otic drills by Italian, Greek and Japa-
nese societies, German, English,
French and Russian songs, concluding
with the national American anthem
“The Star Spangled Banner.” A tab-
leau will close the program—“The
Spirit of 1914,” with Columbia seat-
ed surrounded by representatives of
all nations on the globe.

DR. ARTHUR YAGER



Dr. Yager, president emeritus of
Georgetown college, Kentucky, is the
new governor of Porto Rico. He is
fifty-five years old, and has been prom-
inent in educational work for many
years.

MAY COMBINE THREE BOARDS

IRRIGATION DELEGATES RECOM-
MEND JOINING OF OFFICES.

Governor Sees Saving and Commends
the Measure—To be Initiated.

Salem, Feb. 20.—A movement has
been started combining the State
land board, the desert land board and
the State engineers' office under one
board.

The plan was suggested to the gov-
ernor by central Oregon delegates to
the State irrigation congress. The
governor said he would support the
measure, declaring that it would be
a great saving to the state.

DANGER WITH ENGLAND AHEAD

Britisher Who Denounces Villa to His
Face, is Admitted Dead.

Washington, Feb. 20.—W. H. Ben-
ton, who crossed from El Paso to
Juarez to denounce Villa to his face
is, to all likelihood, dead. Secretary
Bryan has admitted that such is like-
ly the case. Whether Villa had him
arrested or not he did not know. If

GOETHALS IN ACCORD WITH TOLL SYSTEM

THINKS ALL SHIPS SHOULD BE
MADE TO PAY FOR RIGHT
TO PASS.

NO FURTHER SLIDES
ARE EXPECTED OF HIM

Colonel Goethals Expresses Delight
Over Wilson's Stand on Toll Mat-
ters in Canal Squabble—The Gov-
ernor is Now in Washington—
Small Slides May Come Later.

Washington, Feb. 20.—The presi-
dent's plan of having the exemption
provision in the Panama Canal act
repealed, has met the approval of
Colonel Goethals. The Colonel is
here, having arrived from New York.
“I have always favored the plan to
make every vessel, whether foreign
or domestic pay canal tolls, he said,
and I am glad the president feels
the same way about it. We have
every expectation of opening the ca-
nal by July first. There is no dan-
ger of slides close to the waterway,
geologists say, but minor slides may
be expected when the water rises to
its full level in the cut. The defenses
of the canal have been completed.
Statements that the project has been
inadequately protected may be de-
nied.”

he did, he confessed that it would
likely precipitate some serious com-
plications.

El Paso, Feb. 20.—News of William
Benton has reached here. He was
shot by a Mexican firing squad at
Juarez Wednesday night. His widow
was notified by the attending consul.
It is understood that he was
court-martialed for complicity in a
move to kill Villa.

Vanderbilt Race Postponed.

Los Angeles, Feb. 20.—The Van-
derbilt cup race scheduled for tomor-
row, has been postponed until Feb.
28th. The Grand Prix has been pos-
tponed until Feb. 28th.

Fine Animal Sent to McKinnis.

James McKinnis of Imbler, is the
consignee of a 500 pound bear ship-
ped to him from Boise, Idaho. The
animal was sent by express and is a
purely bred Poland China and a
fine specimen.

LOS ANGELES FLOOD HAS RECEDED BUT LITTLE DURING THE PAST TWENTY-FOUR HOURS

Los Angeles, Feb. 20.—Beyond the
drowning of Mrs. Sue Belle, a wealthy
orange grower, and her nephew Har-
old Seitz, at Covina Newsberry, Santa
Barbara, no further details have been
reported from the scene of the dis-
aster. Rain fell throughout the night
bringing the total precipitation to
six inches. Fifteen thousand dollars

damage has been done to the streets
and thousands of basements have
been flooded. The storm continued
throughout the southern portion of
the state, including Pomona and Pas-
adena. Considerable damage has
been reported. But it is declared
the benefits will offset the damage
done. Railroad traffic is still demor-
alized.

Oregon Telegram Scheme Proves Favorite All Over The Country Last Night



Grand Chancellor Frank S. Grant,
Head of Oregon Domain of Pythian-
ism, who is in La Grande today to
attend the annual convention of the
11th district and who will figure in
the Dokie ceremonies tonight. Mr.
Grant was at Baker last night when
the chain of telegrams was for-
warded to Washington. He is father
of K. of P. telegram chain.

La Grande Knights of Pythias last
evening played an important part in
the chain of Pythianism which ex-
tended to every grand domain of the

United States save one, when an
Oregon-conceived scheme was carried
out. Grand Chancellor Frank S.
Grant of the Oregon Domain conceived
the idea of sending telegrams on
Golden Jubilee night—last night—to
every grand chancellor in the United
States and he in turn sending the
subject matter of each of these to
Washington, D. C. The Oregon-con-
ceived scheme spread like wildfire and
much compliment has been bestowed
upon the Oregon grand lodge from
everywhere in the United States. Last
night La Grande Red Cross Lodge No.
27, in convention assembled, tele-
graphed to Grand Chancellor Grant
who was at Baker, and from Baker
Mr. Grant telegraphed to Grand Keep-
er of Records and Seals, Lou Stinson,
who is representing this domain at
the Golden Jubilee at Washington.
The plan was immensely successful.

In Red Cross castle hall, the jubilee
ritual was read before an hundred
friends and members. Imperial Ikfr
Gus Meese of Spokane, and ex-su-
preme representative Turner Oliver
delivered brief addresses. Music was
provided by a male quartet. Services
such as these were observed in prac-
tically every castle hall in the world.

The Medford lodge sent several
boxes of Yellow Newtons to Mr. Stin-
son for distribution at Washington.
Each apple was wrapped in paper ap-
propriately inscribed for the occa-
sion.

KNIGHTS HERE FOR BIG NIGHT

MAIN DELEGATIONS COMING AT
5:30 O'CLOCK.

Past Grand and Present Grand Chan-
cellors Now in City.

Everything is in readiness for the
district convention of Union and Wal-
lowa county Knights of Pythias here
tonight and the institution of Khaled
temple, D. O. K. K. The train from
Wallowa county points arrives at 5:30
this evening and barring rain, the pa-
rade will be held immediately after-
wards. Several tyros are already
here from Pendleton and Baker to
participate in the Dokie ceremonies,
and prominent Knights from many
points in Eastern Oregon are in at-
tendance today. The convention proper
however embraces only Union and
Wallowa counties.

Many Wallowans Coming.

Knights of Pythias of Wallowa
county will go in large numbers to
La Grande to attend the annual con-
vention. Members from this county
will go on the regular train, but a
rate of a fare and a third for the
round trip has been provided says the
Wallowa Sun. Among those who are
going from here are: C. B. Smith,
L. F. Allen, J. S. White, Walt Curtiss,
Edw. Mason, C. T. McDaniels, John
B. Pace, H. B. Halsten, J. C. Baird,
F. T. Baker, Chas. A. Maher, Bruce
Cox, Henry Meehan, Jesse E. Tulley,
John Langmo, J. T. Clemens, M. C.
Davis, C. I. Fleming, W. G. Thill, C.
H. Thorp, Louis Carpenter, Earl
Schaffer, Roy Conklin, J. J. Beaty,
Ben Curtis, Wm. Spence, Henry
Morg, Geo. Coleman, E. L. Wiley, A.
V. McAlexander, Leopold Bell and
John McDonald.

Frank Grant, Grand Chancellor of
Portland, Marion Davis of Union, Su-
preme Representative, James Webb,
W. B. Gasset, Arch E. Kelley, E. M.
Wright of Union, J. H. Gwinn, past

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PINCHOT PLAN SUPPORTED BY PRES. WILSON

GARRISON REVERSES HIMSELF
IN ROANOKE RIVER
PROJECT.

PUBLIC UTILITIES ARE
TO GET PROJECT PERMITS

Permits Issued Only Under Such Con-
ditions as Would Permit State Con-
trol, State Protection and Control
of Revenues From Them—Asks
Congress to Act Thusly.

Washington, Feb. 20.—Wilson's ad-
ministration today went on record as
approving the Pinchot school of con-
servation. The stand was taken when
Secretary of War Garrison reversed
himself in connection with the Roa-
noke river dam project. Garrison origi-
nally approved the bill which
transferred valuable water rights to
private corporations. Today he
wrote a letter to congress disapprov-
ing of the measure.

The secretary of war, with Wilson's
approval, will ask the authorization
of the issue of permits for construc-
tion of water power projects with the
stipulation that they be issued only
to concerns incorporated as public
utilities under the state law, so re-
stricted and so controlled. It is ar-
gued that in this way it will be pos-
sible to protect rights of the states
and the revenue accruing from the
same.

Child Hunt Grows Warm.

Chicago, Feb. 20.—A newspaper
hunt for the four year old Winters
child, which has been lost or stolen
from its home in New Castle, Ind.,
last March has assumed great propor-
tions. It is probable that fifty addi-
tional papers will join in the hunt
since seventy Scripps and the Asso-
ciated Press started its campaign
last Monday. At the office of the
newspaper enterprise association
which initiated the movement, it is
stated that the girl's disappearance
has been called to the notice of 20-
000,000 people in the United States
and Canada in the last four days.
Reports of supposed clues are com-
ing from every section of the coun-
try. In four days more a score of
gypsy camps will be searched.

WILSON'S LIFE IS ENDANGERED

COOK, WHO SIGNS AS "GOD'S
SON," THREATENS TO KILL.

Arrest Follows and Prisoner Held in
Bail—May be Demented.

West Orange, New Jersey, Feb. 20.
—George Barnhardt a cook, was ar-
rested on a charge of threatening to
kill the president. These threats
were given expression in letters which
Barnhardt signed with the phrase
“God's Son.” Barnhardt has been
arraigned and held in one thousand
dollar bond. The police are not quite
sure that he is demented, but it is
presumed that he will be found in-
sane.

ASSESSOR RUMOR DENIED.

Joseph Paper Says Matter Has Been
Grossly Overdrawn.

The big mountain that was built
from a molehole last week in the As-
sessor Allen matter at Enterprise was
so crumbly and frail that it has been
knocked down by a bumblebee feath-
er says the Joseph Herald. It has
turned out that there was absolutely
no occasion for the big fuss and ex-
citement. There was no embezzle-
ment and no attempt to beat the
county out of a cent. Assessor Al-
len's books were found to be all
right, and all the money he held that
was due the county has been paid—
and that's all there is to it.