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COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AIDS WILSON POLICY

SIMS RESOLUTION REPEALING CANAL TOLLS REPORTED OUT FAVORABLY.

SEVERAL COMMITTEEMEN OPPOSED TO THE REPEAL

House Committee on Commerce After Brief Struggle Reports Favorably on the Sims Resolution and Wilson Scores First Victory in Pending Fight Over Canal Toll Questions.

Washington, March 6.—The house commerce committee has reported favorably on Congressman Sims' resolution to repeal that section of the Panama canal act which has been declared against the letter and spirit of the treaty existing between the United States and Great Britain. Committee-men Doremus, Knowland, Hamilton, and Lafferty voted against the repeal. Its repeal will mean that all American ships doing coastwise trade will have to pay tolls the same as the rest of the commercial world. Colonel Goethals is for the repeal.

The Sims resolution is exactly what the president asked in his message to congress. Adamson of Georgia, will press the adoption of the resolution in the house, but this will rest with Underwood of Alabama, who opposes the change in the canal bill. While it is said he will not organize any force against the measure, he is preparing to make a stand on it that is likely to undermine his prestige. There are indications that obstructive tactics will be resorted to. It is further unlikely that consideration of the measure will come up until the administration's anti-trust program has been disposed of. This would mean a delay until June or July. Senator O'Gorman of New York, is against repealing this section that is said to violate the Hay-Pauncefote treaty with England. He stated the senate committee would not rush the matter.

OLD MAN AT HOSPITAL.

Tom M. Hughey Undergoes Operation After Long Suffering.

As a climax to two months of suffering brought on by an accident in which he was knocked down by a team on the streets, T. H. Hughey, an aged citizen of La Grande who is nearly blind, underwent an operation yesterday. He was taken to the Grande Rondo hospital for operation on the bladder, and is today resting well. Two months ago today he was run down while crossing the street, and has been in much pain since.

BRIDGE ENGINEER HERE.

Revised Draft of Viaduct Approaches Submitted to Commission.

Bringing revised plans and a draft of the proposed approaches to the Second street viaduct, A. H. Alderson, bridge engineer for the O.-W., is in the city today. He met with Manager Lafky and the commission to discuss the possibility of an early start on the viaduct. The plans call for a wagon road clearance of 19 feet and a vertical clearance of 12 feet.

'Phone Used To Call Dog

LOCAL CANINE HAS UNCANNY INTELLIGENCE.

CLEANS OWN PAWS

Mr. and Mrs. David Clark Have Well-Trained Terrier.

A remarkable instance of animal intelligence is supplied by "Togo" a fox terrier owned by Mr. and Mrs. David Clark of this city. The almost human performances of this canine would leave one to believe that dogs had something akin to human intelligence and that every kind treatment and with proper training they could be made to be of more service than they are. This story would parallel that of the Victor dog hearing his master's voice in the phonograph and would have inspired Senator Vest of Missouri, to even greater flights in his masterly oration in the famous killing of a faithful dog. Togo can be directed by telephone.

A few days ago Mr. Clark had made a trip to Elgin and the dog followed him to the station. When the train left, Togo went to the office of Mr. Clark at the Security Land and Savings office and remained there until Mrs. Clark called Mr. Phy by phone and directed him to let the dog out of the office and tell him to go home. But Togo would not leave the office. Later Mrs. Clark called again stating that the pet had not made his appearance at the home. She then directed Mr. Phy to place the tele-

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COURT HEARS DRIER DISPUTE

FIRE AT UNION CAUSE OF \$6000 SUIT.

Central Railway of Oregon is Defendant in Union Damage Suit.

Laselle Brothers & Paine vs. the Central Railway of Oregon, a civil suit, is up for trial today in circuit court. The plaintiffs are suing the railway company for the loss of their prune drier, which they allege was destroyed through the flying of sparks from an engine of the defendant company. The drier was located near the railway tracks in the city limits of Union and is alleged to have caught fire about five or ten minutes after the passing of the engine in question. The defense have denied the liability on their part as alleged by the plaintiff and will strive to show that the building was destroyed through no fault of the company, but must have caught fire in a different manner. The amount of damages asked is \$6000. Jno. McCourt and Crawford & Eakin represent the plaintiff and Cochran & Eberhard of this city, and L. Z. Terrell of Union, represent the defendant.

PFEIFFER FACES OPERATION.

Amputation of Injured Hand Said to Be Necessary at Once.

H. M. Pfeiffer, who last week won a \$10,000 damage suit from the O.-W., will have to have his mutilated hand amputated at once, it is said. He has consulted local physicians because of trouble which the mutilated member gave him, and it is now planned that he undergo the amputation early next week.

CITIZENSHIP IS RENOUNCED TO EVADE TAXES

AMERICAN SCIONS OF MONEY GO TO ENGLAND TO EVADE PAYMENT.

MEMORIAL OF PROTEST DISPATCHED TO BRYAN

Banker and Oil Magnate Dodges American Law Recently Enacted—Others Will Follow Suit is the Word that Comes from Americans in England.

London, March 6.—Isaac Seligman, a wealthy banker, and Frank Bliss, former Standard Oil magnate, became British subjects in order to avoid payment of the American income tax. Other wealthy Americans have threatened to renounce citizenship in order to escape the payment of what they consider improper taxes. The memorial sent to Secretary Bryan protesting against the payment of the tax on incomes was produced in England and was prepared by men who have made their money in this country. A great commotion and endless criticism was aroused in this country when John Jacob Astor I scion of the Astor house in this country became a British subject presumably on account of the unaristocratic nature of the government. A similar connection, though more exaggerated, is about to break out again as a result of the action taken today.

AMOS BOY DEAD.

Fourth Demise in Two Years Occurs in North Side Family.

Otto Amos, aged four, son of O. M. Amos, died today at the family home, and the funeral will be held from the home on T street tomorrow morning at 1 o'clock. Interment will be at the Peach cemetery. The father and two brothers survive. Two years ago Mrs. O. M. Amos and two children were burned to death and this is, therefore, the fourth death in the family in two years. The funeral will be in charge of Henry & Carr.

Attorney Hyde Arrested.

Baker, March 6.—The hearing of Attorney C. F. Hyde, under arrest

JUDGE SCORES LAX PARENTHOOD

Alvin Orton is "not guilty" of the charge of rape preferred against him by the state. This is the verdict brought in by the twelve men who heard the evidence and the arguments of counsel in the case. The verdict was reached at 3 a. m. this morning and read in court at 8 a. m. this morning.

In charging the jury in the case Judge Knowles expressed himself to the effect that this case and others like it disclosed a deplorable condition both in La Grande and Cove; that evidence of young girls and boys being out until 2 and 3 o'clock in the morning could not be denied; that they drank beer and other intoxicants and otherwise conducted themselves in an indecent manner. Judge Knowles blamed the parents more than any one else for this lax condition and recom-

HUERTA REALLY GOING TO JOIN HIS FIELD ARMY

SATISFACTORY SUCCESSOR AS PRESIDENT WILL BE NAMED BY DICTATOR.

MINISTER ROJAS MAY TAKE HUERTA'S SEAT

While Huerta Goes to the Army Against Rebels He Will Leave Man in Charge Who Is Favorable to the Foreigners—Rebels Alone Opposed to Rojas Should He Be Chosen.

Mexico City, March 6.—After a successor will have been appointed, who is acceptable to the Washington administration, Huerta is unquestionably prepared to take the field in person to quell the rebels. It is said he had in mind Jose De La Portillo Y. Rojas, minister of foreign affairs. It is claimed Rojas was given the portfolio of foreign affairs to offer Americans a chance to make his acquaintance. He has proven friendly to them and it is reported he will be acceptable to all but the rebels. It is certain the rebels will insist on some one who has had no connection with the Huerta regime. Senor De La Barra, minister to France, would be acceptable to the rebels, but Huerta fears he could not occupy the president's chair in that event, because of the popularity of that gifted and impartial official.

on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon, will be held before Justice of the Peace Hubbard today. Mr. Hyde is accused by Tom Williams of Long Creek, Grant county, of attempting to shoot him night before last. The two men had quarreled over the bond money in a case in which Mr. Williams' son was implicated, and the quarrel led to the shooting. Mr. Hyde claims he intended to hit Williams with his gun if he attacked him, while Williams holds that the shooting was intentional.

Mr. Hyde was arrested yesterday afternoon by Constable Palmer, and at his examination before Justice of the Peace Hubbard, was allowed to go free on his own recognizance. Mr. Williams was shot in the hand, his injuries not being regarded as serious by the attending physician.

Rat Hunting Proves Sport

MINNESOTA TOWN JOINS IN RODENT WAR.

OVER 1000 KILLED

Former La Grander Writes of Peculiar Hunt for Minnesota Rats.

Rat hunting is a sport that now thrives in Minnesota. It is said to afford good sport, but more than that, removal of the rodents is profitable to the farmers. Fred Gilman, who for two years lived in La Grande, and is now located at Medford, Minn., writes to B. A. Benham of the La Grande Investment company, about a big rat hunting contest that has just closed there. The contest lasted one month and in that time more than 1000 rats were slain—anywhere, any way and any time, within a radius of two miles of Medford. The climax of the hunt became a big social affair. A Minnesota paper, inclosed with the letter, remarks about this peculiar hunt which could not be staged in Oregon because of the scarcity of rats in this state:

The big rat hunting contest came to a glorious finish Friday evening when a supper attended by over two hundred was held in Bailey's Hall to celebrate it. The contest was astonishingly close, there being a matter of only ten rat tails between the winning and losing teams. The team captained by Bill Easting and Gilbert McKeown was the winner, having a tally of 531 to show as against their opponents' 521. The losing team was captained by Ernest Wagner and Vern Reinhard.

FATHERS HEAR SEX LESSONS

REMARKABLE SPEECHES HEARD AT COMMERCIAL CLUB.

Method of Preventing Vice Told By Portland Physicians.

Social depravity due to ignorance outright or to misinformation was pictured and the relief and cure made clear at a banner mass meeting of men at the Commercial club last evening. All that could be crowded into the rooms were present, in spite of many counter attractions. Dr. Andrew C. Smith, of Portland, and Dr. Calvin S. White, secretary of the State Board of Health and president of the Oregon Social Hygiene society, were the chief speakers, with E. E. Bragg and George T. Cochran of this city, as men who gave local color to the speech program.

Ignorance Loudly Decried.

Throughout all the speeches which in themselves teemed with lessons of merit to the fathers present, ran appeals for home education of the boy and girl in social questions. Terrible maledictions were called down upon the father and mother who would permit his son to be given misinformation on sex problems instead of correct information. "If you fathers can't tell these things to your sons," pleaded Dr. White, "take them to a reputable physician for instruction. If you don't, he is going to the street corner for his information and he will get it wrong, and the result will be his physical and moral assassination, and furthermore the physical and moral assassination of your daughter."

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FEDERALS LIE IN WAIT WHEN TEAMS ARRIVE

GIANTS AND WHITE SOX BACK IN NEW YORK AFTER WORLD TOUR.

FEDERALS FOILED IN PLAN TO BOARD LINER

Wireless Telegram Asserts Federals are Waiting to Talk Business With Stars of Returning Barnstormers—Organized Magnates Board Liner at Quarantine While Feds Look on.

New York, March 6.—The Lusitania, bringing the Giants and White Sox back to America, after their tour around the world, docked at its pier at 10 o'clock this morning. Immediately there was started a grand rush for mouth-to-mouth negotiations with the players by the Federal league officials. Organized magnates, however, showed the best preparation and took charge of the liner.

Unable to secure passes, or even to charter a tug, the Federal league moguls were forced to wait at the pier while the organized officials went down and boarded the steamer at quarantine. Those who got on the steamer first were Ban Johnson, president of the American league, Owner Landin of Boston, and President Baker of the Philadelphia Nationals.

Wireless is Used. The Federals sent a wireless telegram to Tris Speaker before the boat landed, saying that he would please tell the other players that the Federal magnates were waiting for them at the Knickerbocker hotel, ready to talk business. The organized leaguers were visibly nervous, but jubilant nevertheless over the fact that they outwitted the Federals.

Flora Mail Stage to Continue.

News that the Flora mail contract had been awarded to Ed Bell of Flora, to be carried from Wallowa, has been received in Wallowa this week with general satisfaction, says the Wallowa Sun. The new contract will take effect the first of July at the expiration of the present contract held by E. W. Southwick with W. B. Apple-gate sub-contractor.

Enterprise made a concerted effort to secure a change in the contract, with a view to getting the North End mail routed out by way of Enterprise, but this they failed to do by reason of the haul being an easier and a shorter one from Wallowa, allowing the government saving in the expense of handling of the mail for the northern part of the county.

Knowles Files Papers.

Salem, March 6.—"I will endeavor to discharge the duties of my office with equal justice to all, and as economically as possible and will stand for the strict enforcement of all laws," is the slogan of John W. Knowles, of La Grande, candidate for the republican nomination for circuit judge in the Tenth district.

Harris for Justice of Peace.

Wm. E. Harris of Cove, has filed the necessary papers with the county clerk announcing his candidacy for the office of justice of the peace for the precinct of Cove. He is now an incumbent of that office.