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## PROTECTION APPEALS SENT TO GARRISON

**MILITARY CHIEFTAIN IN CALIFORNIA INSTRUCTED TO HANDLE SITUATION.**

**JOHNSON APPEALS FOR PROTECTION--GETS IT**

**Mexican Mutineers Shot Down by Squad of Federal Troops--Corpses Pile High Against Adobe Hut--Villa Said to be in Dire Straits South of El Paso.**

Washington, March 18.—Answering an appeal from Governor Johnson of California, for protection on the Mexican border, Secretary of War Garrison has instructed Major General Murray to take what ever military steps are justified.

Mexico City, March 18.—About a hundred and forty-nine mutineers were shot by federals at Jofutla barracks today. The executioners worked rapidly and less than 35 minutes were required to complete the job. The corpses began piling up high against the adobe hut wall against which the firing squad faced. The work finished, the bodies were unceremoniously dumped into a single trench and covered up.

Villa Hard Pressed.  
El Paso, March 18.—Villa is believed to be desperately pressed by federals at Escalon. This is the conjecture due to the fact that no news of the battle has been received here. Maurez rebels even deny there is a battle in progress. A general, one of the ablest, though who is not made clear, is rumored to have been killed.

**Important Case at Trial.**

The Lone Pine Irrigation company, composed of J. S. Davis, J. B. Wilson, J. W. Maharry and the L. S. Kelsey estate, of North Powder, vs W. J. and Clara M. Welch, is on for trial at the circuit court this morning. At 10 a. m. the plaintiff rested and the defendant moved the court to non-suit the plaintiff.

The grounds on which this motion is based are alleged omissions on the part of the attorneys for the plaintiff, in not alleging the right to divert water from the stream for irrigation purposes, that no application had been made to the land board to divert this water, or if such application had been made, that no allegation that the permission had been granted is contained in the complaint of the plaintiff—that the plaintiff had not set out the absolute necessity for the ditch, etc.

The circuit judge denied the motion and the defendant proceeded to offer testimony. The defendants will contend that the plaintiffs have not brought themselves within the meaning of the statute; that the Lone Pine Irrigation company is not a public service corporation, and that the benefits and rights asked by the plaintiff would in fact accrue to but two or three parties.

The case is hypothetical in a manner and will allow the jury to pass on the amounts alleged by the plaintiff and the defendant as to the real value of the land and the damage to the defendant, in case the condemnation proceeding is decided in the plaintiff's favor. The plaintiffs seek to show that the reasonable value of the land is about \$35 per acre basing their estimate on the value of adjoining land. The defendant will attempt to show the

court that permission to dig the ditch will damage him to a greater extent, as it will brake up his land and will compel him to build bridges across the irrigation ditch.

Attorneys Finn and Cochran & Eberard represent the plaintiff and Wm. Smith, former circuit judge of Baker county, and Crawford & Eakin for the defendant.

**SANDRIDGE FARM SOLD.**

**John Speckhart Buys 300-Acre Portion of Well Known Oliver Ranch.**

Geo. H. Currey, the land man, reports the sale of 300 acres of the E. W. Oliver sandridge farm to John Speckhart, who resides north of Island City.

Mr. Speckhart, by close attention to business has made a fortune in farming. In addition to his present purchase he owns two other farms containing 400 acres, all first class improved land.

Mr. Oliver at one time was among the largest land owners of the valley, having for years farmed 1200 or more acres in one body. Several years ago he commenced to subdivide his farm and now he only has about 200 acres left.

Mr. Oliver has large interests in Portland where he expects to permanently make his home in the near future just as soon as he can dispose of his present holdings.

## TWELVE-STALL PROJECT SURE

**WORK TO BE COMMENCED WITHIN SHORT TIME.**

**Needed Engine Room to Be Supplied By Building 12 New Stalls.**

Construction of 12 additional stalls to the O.-W. round house in this city, announced several weeks ago as a likely project for the coming season, will be commenced very soon. William Bollons, division superintendent, today verified the rumors that the building was to be commenced at once, or as soon as it is practical to do any building. The added room is needed to house equipment and with the additional boiler shop facilities now being provided, there will, it is believed, be ample stall room for all engines now in service out of here.

The building is to be added to the west end of the present building, and will require heavy expenditure and much employment for workmen.

**JONES LASHES WILSON.**

**Washington Solon Bitterly Scolds the President's Canal Policy.**

Washington, March 18.—Senator Jones of Washington, today voiced bitter denunciation of the president's attitude on the canal tolls question. Jones said the message advocating the repeal of the section of the canal bill relating to free passage of American ships doing a coastwise traffic was "not only remarkable for its lack of facts, and its dearth of reasons, but for its sublime assurance of the school master that the boy will do what he wants. It is still more remarkable for its conclusions."

For several hours the senate chamber rang with the denunciatory speech of the senator who had apparently forgotten his decorous dignity while he endeavored to substitute emotion for a cold discussion of this much vexed question. Congressmen who oppose the repeal are quoting the London Times and all the constitutional lawyers of both English speaking countries, who maintain the toll exemption of American ships does not violate the Hay-Pauncefote treaty.

**Slater Files Petition.**  
Salem, March 18.—James D. Slater, of La Grande, today filed as a democratic candidate for the office of district judge in the 10th judicial district.

## BIG FEE PAID LOBBYIST FOR FIGHTING BILL

**CANAL PROVISION AGAINST RAILROAD-OWNED BOATS PROMPTS ACTION.**

**ADMISSION MADE THAT LOBBY MONEY WAS USED**

**Objectionable Features of Canal Bill Opposed by Clarence Deknight in Active Lobby Campaign—One Thousand Paid as Retainer and \$4000 Contingent Fee is Promised Him.**

Washington, March 18.—Admission that Clarence Deknight had been given \$1000 as a retainer fee and promised \$4000 contingent fee, if he succeeded in eliminating provisions of the Panama canal bill forbidding railroad-owned ships from using the canal, was made before the senate lobby investigating committee today by F. T. Bowles, president of the Foreriver Shipbuilding company at Quincy, Mass.

Deknight, Bowles said, wrote him the following in March, 1912: "If you are interested I would be glad to assist in attempting to have this provision kept out of the bill. Of course I would want a retainer of say \$1000 and a contingent fee of \$4000 in the event that the provision was kept out of the law."

Bowles said he accepted Deknight's proposition and produced a copy of a letter to Deknight advising him of that decision.

**Pope Receives Local Bishop.**

A special to the Baker Democrat from Rome Dated yesterday, says: Right Rev. Charles J. O'Reilly, bishop of Baker, Ore., and 30 American pilgrims were received in audience by the Pope today. His holiness was in excellent spirits and showed great interest in articles made by the Catholic Indians in Baker diocese, which were presented to him by Bishop O'Reilly.

## DEBATE DRAWS HUNDREDS WHO COME TO HEAR WILSON POLICY RIDDLED AND THEN REPATCHED

Bitter arraignment on the one hand of the Wilson administration and vigorous defense of it on the other characterized the debate at Imbler yesterday evening in which L. H. Bergold, a former socialist lecturer and now an Imbler merchant, and Walter M. Pierce, local rancher, democratic wheel horse and ex-lawmaker, were pitted against each other. So great was the interest manifestations that the new hall at Imbler was wholly inadequate for the occasion and votaries were jammed out to the street in effort to hear the debate. No decision was announced, the results being left to the individual. The Imbler Good Development League, was sponsor for the meeting and Elgin, Summerville, Alicel, Cove, La Grande and Island City sent delegations.

**All Legislation Condemned.**  
Mr. Bergold had the negative side of

## WEST ORDERS OREGON GUARDS TO BE DRILLED

**GOVERNOR BACK FROM EAST—THINKS MEXICAN WAR IS CERTAIN TO ENSUE.**

**ONLY WAY TO UPHOLD MONROE DOCTRINE**

**Close Contact With Men of Affairs at Capital Brings Governor to Belief that Armed Intervention is Only Method to Maintain Sacred Doctrine of American Rights.**

Salem, March 18.—Governor West has returned from Washington and the east. He came by way of the Sunset route, near the Mexican border and declared that he could not conceive of anything happening that would bring about a condition of peace in Mexico, and that sooner or later the United States would be compelled to intervene to restore order and to uphold the Monroe doctrine.

Of this the governor feels so certain that he will advise the officers of the Oregon National Guard to immediately prepare for it. The governor has conversed with men who are close to the situation, and this conviction is born of this information.

**MORE BODIES RECOVERED.**

**Missouri Athletic Club Ruins Threaten Life of Rescuers.**

St. Louis, Mo., March 18.—Three bodies buried beneath the debris of the St. Louis Seed company's building as a result of a falling wall of the Missouri Athletic club building yesterday, were removed and a fourth body was located but could not be extracted.

Besides these there are six others missing and it is supposed they are buried beneath the ruins. Another wall threatens to collapse and rescuers are in imminent peril of their lives.

defense. "But," said Mr. Pierce, "if the Mexicans attempt to blow up another Maine, not even a socialist resolution can hold us back." Mr. Bergold left no substitute policy with his audience, after condemning the watch and wait attitude policy of President Wilson. Mr. Pierce combatted the attack on the administration in his logical method of reasoning and both sides were well entertained. The audience got a much better insight into the leading political questions, it is admitted, by having heard the debate. Band music, vocal solos and other numbers augmented the program, but in a political way it was a tremendously big innovation.

**Sparta Young Man Drowned.**

Sparta, March 17.—Arthur Jones, 25 years old, was drowned in George Keulieber's reservoir on Spring creek four miles west of Sparta yesterday afternoon by slipping from a raft on which he and Gerald Wilson were riding. An attempt at rescue on Mr. Wilson's part failed and, when he saw he could not get his companion from the water, he poled the raft to the shore and got help but all efforts to rescue the body failed. The reservoir was then drained and 7:30 o'clock this morning the water had all passed out and the body was found.

## CLUB SEEKING HEINZ FACTORY

**INSTITUTION MAY BE LOCATED SOME PLACE IN WEST.**

**La Grande Will Try for Vinegar and Pickle Factory.**

With a determination to land one of the famous Heinz institutions the La Grande Commercial club will at once begin a campaign to induce the western factory of the great Heinz institution to locate in La Grande.

From authentic information it is learned the company is looking for a location for a vinegar and pickle factory. Incidentally sauer kraut cuts some figure in the new factory's location. Merits of this valley as a cabbage producing section will put before the company's representative when he comes west this spring. Also the Cove cherry may have a large bearing in favor of La Grande as the point, for it is now well known among the trade that Heinz wants to pickle and preserve cherries.

Passenger Agent Jim Miller of the O.-W. R. & N., today stated that he believed La Grande had a good chance with the other localities so far mentioned. "There are many things in favor of La Grande," said Mr. Miller, "namely the cabbage and the cherries. If this city could land a Heinz plant your population would be three times what it now is in less than two years after the first season's work."

**TWELVE BANKS NEEDED.**

**Cabinet Head Suggests that Limit Number of Banks Be Created.**

Washington, March 18.—President Wilson and Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo held a conference today in which the currency question came up for lengthy discussion. The number of regional banks came in for most of the discussion and it is understood that 12 have been tentatively agreed upon. McAdoo said the details of organization would not be worked out until some time early in April.

**L. Trinkle Sentenced.**

L. Trinkle, the former La Grande restaurant keeper who shot his wife at Spokane shortly after their removal to that city from here, has been sentenced to 10 years imprisonment at Walla Walla. He confessed to the shooting.

## HIGHWAYMAN'S BULLETS FAIL TO SCARE GIRL

**IMBLER FARMER GIRL IS BRAVE IN FACE OF UNKNOWN ROBBER.**

**BULLET FIRED IN HER DIRECTION SCOFFED AT**

**Edna Parker, Living Near Imbler, and Her Brother, Held Up By Lone Robber But After Shot is Fired and Wordy Tongue Battle Has Raged, Maiden is Allowed to Go Her Way.**

Such feminine daring as is seldom read of even in thrilling books of fiction, was exemplified by Edna Parker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will Parker, who live on the Howell place near Imbler, Monday night when she defied a highwayman in the face of bullets to take from her and her brother, a horse which the hold-up-man demanded. In the face of Miss Parker's bold attitude toward the robber who fired a bullet in her direction to lend emphasis to his demands, the girl and a young brother were permitted to proceed on their way unmolested.

Miss Parker and a younger brother had been to Imbler and were returning afoot, after dark. The brother was leading a horse, that he might keep company with his sister. At a remote and isolated spot, the couple saw a horse tied to a telephone pole, and on reaching a point opposite it, a figure arose from a fence corner and demanded that the boy tie the horse near that of the other animal and go on home. The youngster was badly frightened but was about to obey the command when his sister took charge of the situation.

"I would have you understand, sir, this is our horse," she said to the highwayman.

"You heard what I said, do as you are told," was the stern answer from the fence corner, a gun at the same time making its appearance ready for use.

"If you want this horse you have got to come and get it," Miss Parker fired back at the man. At this point the highwayman fired from close range, but not directly at the couple, the bullet whizzing over their heads.

"You cannot bluff us. Fire away," Miss Parker prefaced a verbal attack on the man, that cowed him. On completing her thorough going expressions of what she thought of him, of his business and his alleged bravery, she motioned to her brother and they went on their way unmolested further. The man rode away in an opposite direction soon after the incident was over.

**Westinghouse Will Probated.**

Pittsburg, March 18.—The bill of George Westinghouse was today filed for probate. It leaves forty percent of the estate to the widow, and the remainder to the son. He is variously estimated to be worth about \$35,000,000 or more.

**Anti-Trust Bills Delayed.**

Washington, March 18.—Democratic house leaders predicted the house would not begin consideration of the administration anti-trust amendment bills before the middle of April. The trade commission bill is now the only measure on the house calendar.