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MANDAMUS PROCEEDINGS NOT BEGUN

Socialists Fail to Act But Promise Sensation--- Perry Petition Charged and His Name Cut Out

Though Socialist leaders walked to Jacksonville and back yesterday to begin mandamus proceedings to force the city recorder to place the name of their candidate for mayor on the ballot for the forthcoming city election, formal proceedings were not begun, as their attorney did not keep his appointment. They have not abandoned their intentions, however, and promise future sensations.

Recorder Collins, acting upon the advice of his attorney, W. M. Colvig, has refused to issue a call for the election of a mayor. Judge Colvig, after investigating the legal aspects, has satisfied himself that Mayor Heddy was elected for a two-year term and refused to undertake mandamus proceedings to force the election of a new mayor, because he regarded them as futile.

J. A. Perry states that his name was used without his consent by petitioners and upon his demand the petition was changed to a request upon the recorder to call an election for a mayor. The change was made after nearly all of the 190-odd signers had written their names on the Perry petition, which was circulated by H. A. Angle. The original petition was cut off and the names pasted to the new petition. Should Recorder Collins comply with the petition and call the election, its legality would be in question, as the charter does not confer upon the recorder the right to call elections save upon the order of the city council.

ALBANY IS PLANNING CALIFORNIA EXCURSION

ALBANY, Or., Jan. 4.—Plans are progressing favorably for Albany's "boosting" excursion to Los Angeles. M. H. Gibbons, who is arranging the trip, has stated that practically enough business men had signified their intention of going to assure the excursion. The party will leave Albany, probably February 10, in a special car, which will be decorated with appropriate banners, and everywhere in California literature will be distributed advertising Albany and Linn County. The party will make stops at Red Bluff, Sacramento, Oakland, San Francisco, San Jose, Berkeley and Los Angeles, and receptions will be arranged for it at each point. At Los Angeles the party will disband and its members will return whenever they desire.

NO MOTTOLESS COIN FOR PASTOR JONES

PITTSBURG, Jan. 4.—"If the brethren have no objection, I would rather not take these five double eagles. They are new money and very pretty, but they lack the sacred motto which my mother taught me to look for on all our country's coins."

With this little speech the Rev. W. A. Jones, pastor of the Knoxville Presbyterian church on the south side, turned back to the donors \$100 of a \$200 purse his congregation had given him as a Christmas present. The purse was made up in gold and the five objectionable \$20 pieces happened to be of the new issue which does not bear the "In God We Trust" motto.

DEAF MUTES WALTZ WITHOUT ANY MUSIC

SEATTLE, Jan. 4.—Deaf mutes from all over Puget sound gathered at the Labor temple. The occasion was the first annual ball given by the Puget Sound Association of the Deaf, and the programme included merrymaking of a most unusual character.

Waltzes, two-steps and Virginia reels, all without music from piano, clarinet or cello, were carried off in almost perfect time and with a spirit of vim strangely infectious to one familiar with the silent language of the fingers. Except for an occasional outburst of laughter the dance was gone through almost noiselessly.

More than 50 members of the association were present, most of them deaf and dumb, although some were deaf only.

DYNAMITE BLOWS UP BIG BANK

Bomb Exploded in Base- ment of First National at Kansas City---Panic Ensues.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 4.—A bomb was exploded in the basement of the First National bank building at the corner of Tenth and Baltimore streets, a few minutes before noon, caused much damage. The force of the explosion was terrific. Three were injured, one it is believed was fatally injured. Elbert Ward, the negro porter in the bank, condition is serious. Logan Wilson, a bank clerk, was badly hurt, but will recover. J. Donaldson, a bank clerk, was injured, but not seriously.

The bank was crowded with customers, and including employees, there were about 250 persons in the bank. A panic ensued and a wild scramble followed for the street doors. The building was one of the most beautiful in the city, and cost \$1,000,000. It was only finished last year.

Investigation shows that the bomb was placed in the toilet room of the basement, 20 feet from the main vault. The smell of powder was very noticeable. There are no clues.

CUSTOMS HOUSE RECEIPTS SHOW A FALLING OFF

The reports of the government's receipts and expenditures for the month of December show a decrease in the receipts as compared with December last year of \$8,529,152, and an increase in expenditures of \$9,381,414, making the net loss for the year \$17,910,566. The decrease in receipts is from customs, \$6,895,959; from internal revenue, \$2,768,645. Miscellaneous receipts increase \$1,135,452. Increases of expenditures are: Civil and miscellaneous, \$3,690,000; war, \$1,500,000; navy, \$4,000,000; pensions, \$2,400,000; public works, increase from 4,843,711 to \$8,899,000.

TURKEYS SELLING AT ADVANCE IN PORTLAND MARKET

An advance is shown in the turkey market values at Portland. With normal supplies and liberal demand the trade bid up on the few birds that came and the result is that turkeys sold around 22½ and 23 cents—the highest price thus far reached the present season. According to the trade the turkey market was never so bare of supplies at this time of the year as it is today. The public seems to have acquired a turkey appetite this season that never is satisfied. It consumed this year more turkeys than it ever did at holiday time. At Thanksgiving the consumption of turkeys was greatly increased by the lower range of values and at Christmas the demand far exceeded the supply, even though receipts were quite liberal.

Put Under Heavy Bonds.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Jan. 4.—Peter Petersteiner has been bound over to the circuit court under bonds in the sum of \$5000, charged with assault with intent to kill on Charles Johnston. The assault occurred on Christmas eve in the clinic saloon, and as a result Johnston lost an eye and is in a precarious condition. It is probable that two others will be made defendants with Petersteiner as accomplices. Johnston's chance of recovery is very slight.

Oregon Nursery Company's Medford Headquarters.

C. E. Cook, the energetic representative of the Oregon Nursery Company, has established an office in the Moore block, on Seventh street, two doors east of Hotel Moore, in the same room with Mr. Dressler, the real estate agent.

Mr. Cook has met with much success since his advent in Medford, having already taken orders for two carloads of fruit trees. He never spares any pains to please and is always ready to accommodate the public with the best in his line.

The Oregon Nursery Company is one of the leading institutions of its kind on the Pacific coast. It does an immense business and has established an enviable reputation in supplying its customers with the best trees, which are always clean, healthy and true to name.

Sketches of Prominent Business Men



ARTHUR H. DAVIS.

Medford is fortunate in having as a resident Arthur H. Davis. He is an eastern electrical contractor of unusual ability, with 20 years of experience. His office is in the White building, with William Aitken, the plumber.

MUST CUT OUT CITY SCHOOLS

Bishop of Pittsburg Or- ders Catholics Away on Pain of Mortal Sin.

PITTSBURG, Jan. 4.—Bishop Camerin of the Pittsburg diocese has issued an explicit letter to the effect that in places where there is a Catholic school within two miles parents and guardians are forbidden under pain of mortal sin to send their children to any non-Catholic school, and confessors are forbidden to absolve those who do not obey.

SLOW MARKET FOR OREGON WOOLS IN EAST

According to the latest market advices from Boston, there has been but little doing in Oregon wools in that market. Fine staple is well sold up and what is left is quoted at 23c. Eastern clothing wools are offered at 18 to 19c, to cost clean 66 to 67c, but are not in special demand. Valley wools are offering at 25 to 26c, for Nos. 1 and 3, and at 27c for No. 2.

In territory wools, a few transactions of large size were reported in the last week at prices below the market for good wools. The sales were forced and are not a criterion of what good wool will bring under ordinary market conditions. About 600,000 pounds of fine and fine medium clips, in the original bags, including Utah and Idaho, have been cleaned up on the secured basis of 58c.

AN ALLEGED FORGER SENT TO INSANE ASYLUM

C. L. Hammesley, who was arrested at Asland not long since and placed in the county jail at Jacksonville, charged with passing a forged check on L. P. Orr, the druggist, has been sent to the Oregon insane asylum. His mind was discovered to be unbalanced when he was placed on trial in the circuit court.

The possibilities of developing oil wells in the vicinity of Bonanza are now more encouraging than at any previous time. In boring a well for a new livery stable there a strata of black oil sandstone was struck and specialists have pronounced it an unmistakable sign of the existence of oil. Several other places in Klamath county, especially in that portion surrounding Bonanza, show signs of oil. The prospects are good and the development of the same may result in the discovery of one of the richest oil regions in this coast.

BACKBONE OF STRIKE BROKEN

Miners Deserting Federa- tion at Goldfield and Going Back to Old Jobs

GOLDFIELD, Jan. 4.—From appearances today it would seem that the backbone of the strike is about broken and that all mines will be in full operation, possibly within ten days. The hills are full of miners applying for work. They are deserting the Western Federation of Miners by the score. Mineowners are employing former federation men along with those imported.

DOOLEY ON CONGRESS AND WHAT IT MEANS

"Mr. Dooley" describes congress in the current American. He says in part: "Th' on'y reason congress goes on an' nobody cares if it that niver dales with subjects that anny man use iver talks about unless they are in drink. Who iver heard iv two sensible men discussin' th' river an' harbor bill— or waz sensible woman? Did you an' yer wife iver set down at night an' debate th' pension system or free rural delivery, great subjects that iver day th' three months will send congress to th' hure? No, sir. That's th' reason why we can put up with governmints, because they're always kept busy attendin' to matters iv no importance. Anythin' that's important enough to need attendance iv niver passes over to a collection iv lawyers fr'm th' rural districts. Whin ye see me with me face convulsed in passion an' anger gleamin' fr'm me eye, 'tis not about th' railroad situation I'm thinkin', but about me tight shoes. Whin ye see me with me head bowed in thought, it's not wonderin' about th' treasury surplus I am, but meditatatin' on how I'm goin' to raise th' money fr' th' monthly rent."

GOVERNMENT WILL TRY TO PROSECUTE GRAFTERS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—A decision has been reached by the president and attorney general that the government will use every measure in its power to bring about in the higher court its disapproval of the decision rendered in Colorado by Judge Lewis that there is no law against citizens agreeing in advance to purchase coal or other public lands that may be acquired by others under what is known as the dummy entryman system.

RUSSIAN STATEMEN ARE SENT TO PRISON

PETERSBURG, Jan. 4.—The trial of the 169 members of the first duma who signed the Viborg manifesto, resulted in 167 of them being convicted and sentenced to three months' imprisonment, while two were acquitted on the ground that they had signed under misapprehension. The sentence carries with it the loss of all political rights.

PETTIBONE NOT GUILTY OF STEAUBERG MURDER DECLARES IDAHO JURY

Prosecution of Western Federation--Leader Col- lapses--Moyer to Be Released From Prison To- day--Indictment Against Simpkins Still Stands--- Jury Stood Ten For Acquittal Two for Conviction.

BOISE, Jan. 4.—After 14 hours of deliberation a verdict of not guilty was reached by the jury trying George A. Pettibone, charged with complicity in the murder of ex-Governor Frank A. Steubenberg. The verdict was brought in at 11:15 o'clock this morning. No demonstration of any kind marked the reading of the verdict which made Pettibone a free man. After two years of imprisonment awaiting trial the defendant, pale and emaciated because of long illness, merely smiled as he heard the announcement. A moment later he was surrounded by attorneys and friends. His wife wept for joy.

All night the jury stood ten for acquittal and two for conviction. There was no change until the final ballot. The verdict caused little surprise in Boise, in view of the verdict in the Heywood case. Pettibone will return at once to Denver. Physicians fear that he will never recover from his illness. There was no action in the Moyer case this morning, but the attorney for the state admits that the prosecution of the Western Federation of Miners,

leaders for the Steubenberg murder, is at an end. Moyer will be released from jail probably this afternoon. The indictment against Jack Simpkins, who is a fugitive from justice, will stand.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 4.—Clarence Darrow, the Chicago attorney, who directed the defense of Haywood and Pettibone, sitting in a rocking chair beside his bed in the California hospital, wrapped in bed clothes and bandages, received the verdict of the jury in the Pettibone case with the greatest pleasure. The Associated Press was the first to apprise him of the news. He sent Pettibone the following message of congratulation: "Come here; I have flowers enough for two funerals."

Commenting on the verdict, Darrow declared: "There was never anything to these cases, but Orchard related a weird, fantastic and exciting story, but there was no corroboration of it that tended of itself to incriminate anybody. The country had seen in the Haywood trial what a monster or liar he was."

ALL STOCK SUBSCRIBED FOR REORGANIZED BANK

All the capital stock of the new German-American bank, which will take over the closed Oregon Trust & Savings bank, has been subscribed, states T. C. Devlin, receiver of the defunct institution. The stock signed for is \$500,000, which is the proposed capital of the new bank. The success of the reorganization is now assured, and Receiver Devlin is confident there will be no hitch in the plan.

Everything is working harmoniously toward the reopening of the bank's doors. An understanding has been reached by all connected with the movement and within a week it is believed that a definite announcement of the time of the reopening can be made. A petition will be made to the court asking for 18 months in which to meet all claims against the bank.

ASHLAND FOOTBALL TEAM CLAIMS CHAMPIONSHIP

On New Year's day the Ashland football team contested on a slippery field with the A. A. C. team for the championship of Rogue River valley, the game ending in a score of 2 to 0 in favor of Ashland. The last half was vigorously played. The Ashland team had two men severely hurt. Carter received a scalp wound that put him off the field, while Saylor's nose was badly bruised.

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MINUTES OF MEETING AT COMMERCIAL CLUB

Regular meeting of the Medford Commercial club, held at its hall, January 2. Minutes of the last regular and annual meeting held December 6 were read and approved. The secretary was instructed to write Mr. Lewis in full as regards the use of cuts. Moved and carried that the following gentlemen act as a reception committee to meet the members of the Inland Empire excursion on its stop at Medford on February 9: William M. Colvig, J. D. Olwell, Dr. J. F. Roddy, J. E. Watt and C. H. Pierce. Moved and carried that all of the bills presented be allowed and checks were ordered drawn for the several amounts. The following names were proposed for membership: H. L. Getchell, N. C. Sorenson and Clarence Wheeler. The rules were suspended and all three of the above named were elected to full membership.

Moved and carried that a committee of three be appointed, whose duty it will be to make arrangements for a public mass meeting of the people, the subject of discussion at the meeting to be "Greater Medford." The following were named as the committee: William M. Colvig, chairman; C. H. Pierce and P. E. Merriek.

PANIC OVER STATE'S CONTROLLER RIDGELEY

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—W. B. Ridgeley, controller of the currency, has given a statement dealing largely with financial conditions during the year 1907, in which he says: "The conditions which made this crisis possible are the accumulated, composite results of many years of business. The whole world has been overtrading and expanding and nowhere has it been more rampant than in the United States. The question was inevitable and though it might not have taken the form of bank panic, had we been better prepared with such a banking and currency system as we should have, the time has come when some or all must pay for our overindulgence."

Why Has It Been Discontinued?