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BENSON TO LEAVE THE BENCH

Circuit Judge Tenders His Resignation to Governor Chamberlain to Take Effect September 10.

SALEM, Or., August 26.—Henry L. Benson, circuit judge in the first judicial district and brother of Secretary of State Frank Benson, sent his resignation to Governor Chamberlain Monday to take effect September 10, Judge Benson will retire to private practice as the quickly developing Klamath country affords an alluring field to efficient attorneys. The first district comprises Lake, Klamath, Josephine and Jackson counties. Governor Chamberlain will be called upon to appoint a successor to succeed Benson at once, and it is thought that either George Nolan or W. J. Moore will be the appointment, with the chances in favor of the former. Both are democrats. Judge Benson has been on the bench in Klamath and Lake counties for ten years, having been elected for a second term four years ago, which leaves two more years of his unexpired term to be served by appointment. The first judicial district has been divided between Judge H. K. Hanna and Judge Benson on account of the poor transportation facilities. Judge Hanna has charge of Josephine and Jackson counties, while Judge Benson and successor has the Lake and Klamath counties.

WILL PROPAGATE GOLDEN TROUT

WASHINGTON, August 26.—The United States fish commission announces that within a few years one of the gamest and showiest species of the fish kingdom probably will be caught out of a thousand streams in all parts of the country where it now is found in but one, and that a most recent brook, this rare fish has been named the Roosevelt golden trout, because of President Roosevelt's efforts to preserve it from threatened extermination. The Roosevelt golden trout at present is the product solely of Volcano creek, a turbulent water course of 15 miles in length on the slopes of Mount Whitney, Cal. Two years ago some of President Roosevelt's friends in California appealed to him to save from extermination this most beautiful fish.

COUNT LEO TOLSTOI CRITICALLY ILL; MAY DIE

ST. PETERSBURG, August 26.—A message received here today from Yasnaya says that Count Leo Tolstoi, the famous philosopher and author, is critically ill at his home there from a complication of troubles and may die. Several weeks ago Tolstoi was stricken with a severe attack of rheumatism following a cold plunge into the river while in an overheated condition from a long walk. He was confined to his bed for some time and complications set in. Today's message says that he is very low.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC PLANS NEW SCHEDULE FOR NEWPORT

NEWPORT, Or., August 26.—The people here are puzzling themselves over the question of accepting the Southern Pacific company's offer of a noon train as a substitute for the present service. Those in favor of the change point out that the new schedule will enable them to spend the evenings at home, as under the arrangement by which the train arrived at night many went to town for the mail. The business men who are anxious for a resumption of the former night service say that the pecuniary gain is greater than any social detriment due to boys and girls having no home life and being on the street till late. The Newport and Lincoln County Commercial club is divided on the matter. Waldport is anxious for the noon service from Albany, Toledo is equally anxious for the old early morning and late at night service, while Newport itself is divided on the question.

IRON HORSE SUPPLANTS THE STAGE

For a Short Time at Least the Eagle Point Stage Is Relegated to the Past by the P. & E.

Again has the iron horse proved its superiority over the stage line. The Eagle Point stage has been put out of business after a fight extending over many months by the Pacific & Eastern railroad. The stage is sidetracked for the present and will remain in the back-ground for at least ten days, when it will again assume mighty proportions as the rival of the P. & E., unless the road is given a new right to run its flyer over the tracks of the Southern Pacific. But, like the proverbial cat with nine lives, the moment the train is forced to await its passengers at the junction the stag again will spring into life. When the P. & E. is forced to await the traveling public at the junction north of the city the fight between the line and the stage is about even. It is then that the traffic managers flit about nights trying as hard as ever did old officials of the Harriman and Gould lines to think of schemes by which they might attract travel to their respective lines. Some days the P. & E. would carry an extra passenger and sometimes the stage would do likewise. It was then that mighty brains bent to their tasks and made up the difference so that the fight was always horse and iron horse. But when the P. & E. at last got into town its coaches were crowded and the stage was forced down and out. Ten days of grace has the railroad, then the stage will again enter the arena and the old fight will be renewed. This unless the Southern Pacific sees fit to again grant the P. & E. the right to travel over their lines. When the ten days are up, again will a long suffering public be forced to choose between a mile walk and a back breaking ride over dusty roads. This unless the Southern Pacific takes pity on the local traveling public.

QUEEN OF PICKPOCKETS IS PLACED IN JAIL

RENO, Nev., August 26.—Irene Hawley, alias Irene Duff, known throughout the United States as "queen of the pickpockets," is in jail today at Sparks, after an exciting escape from officers yesterday morning. The woman cleverly robbed a Sparks bartender of \$90 and fled to Reno, where she was followed and arrested by Constable Malay of Sparks. On a street car bound for the latter place Malay missed a diamond pin and his wallet. He stopped the car and ordered a search, but while the car was in progress his prisoner slipped out of the car and jumped into an automobile standing near by and started away at breakneck speed. Hearing of the runaway prisoner, Deputy Sheriff Maxwell of Sparks started toward Reno in an automobile to intercept her. When she sighted the approaching officer the woman jumped from the speeding machine into a pond and swam herself. The deputy kept on after the chauffeur. Later the fugitive was captured at a roadside and arrested. While at the police station undergoing examination she slipped a diamond ring from the finger of an officer but dropped it on the floor by accident.

COLONEL STEWART MUST TAKE THE RIDING TEST

WASHINGTON, August 26.—Colonel William F. Stewart, who was sent to the abandoned military post of Fort Grant, Ariz., because of "temperamental incapacity," will be out of exile long enough to take the riding test prescribed for field officers by the president's orders to that effect which have already been issued. Colonel Stewart, it is said, was given the option of riding on horseback 30 miles a day for three consecutive days or walking 50 miles in the same period. He has been ordered to proceed from Fort Grant to Fort Puschaca, Ariz., a distance of 100 miles, to take the test. Fort Grant is 20 miles from the nearest railroad.

ITALIAN PROVES A BOASTER

Pietri Says the English Girls Are Darlings and That He Received Many Offers

MODENA, Italy, August 26.—The little god of love has become angered by the boastful attitude of Dorando Pietri, who finished first but did not win in the Marathon race at London, and today a report came from the village of Carpi that Dorando's sweetheart has foresworn her troth. Whether the girl has lost faith in her lover through his repeated declarations that he won the race fairly, or whether she is piqued by his flattering remarks about the English girls is not known. Since his return to Italy Pietri has given the newspapers several interviews in which he boasts of his conquests among the daughters of Britain. "The darlings," he is quoted as exclaiming, "they are lovely. Scores of them wanted me. I had many tempting offers, but before I could think of accepting any I should have to gain the consent of the girl I left behind in Carpi." The gossips have it that when "the girl in Carpi" saw this interview she wrote at once to her gallant that he had her full consent and he had better go back to his "tempting offers" at once. Another report declares that the young woman has admitted that "she will not marry anyone who cannot win a race fairly."

OFFICIALS UNCOVER BAND OF SMUGGLERS

SEATTLE, Wash., August 26.—The customs officials here today declare that they have discovered a band of smugglers composed of the firemen on many of the coastwise vessels, have been operating for some time carrying opium from Victoria, B. C., in Seattle. James Murphy, a fireman on the Pacific Coast Steamship company's steamship "President," is under arrest here today charged with smuggling opium in a vest made especially for the purpose. When he was apprehended on the boat yesterday he had ten pounds of the drug stowed away in the vest, which was worn next to his body.

SAYS AMERICA'S TRINITY IS SUCCESS, PLEASURE AND GOLD

NEW YORK, August 26.—The Rev. Albert H. Trick, a Presbyterian minister, lies dead at his home today, having killed himself yesterday because he could no longer worship "America's Trinity—success, pleasure and gold." He committed suicide in a room of the Mills hotel. In a letter which Trick wrote, just before he killed himself, he says: "I have never been able to conquer an inborn contempt for the place money has in the world. Neither can I worship success, pleasure and gold, America's Trinity. The church twists all the facts, philosophy and expressions of liberty to make them square with their petty traditions and systems of a day."

BREAKS INTO GOLD HILL TELEPHONE OFFICE

Someone broke into the local telephone office on Wednesday night of this week and did considerable damage to the furniture and other fixtures in the office. An entrance was effected by breaking the lock on the front door. After throwing the switch on the street lights they began telephoning up and down the line and otherwise engaging in a lot of boisterous conduct. The glass door on the public booth was broken and some wires in the office torn down. Manager Caine is at a loss to know who the parties could be or what their object was, as nothing was taken from the office.—News.

CLEANING UP READY TO LEAVE

All Absorbing Topic Continues to Be the Friendship Between Colonies and America

SYDNEY, N. S. W., August 26.—Jacky is cleaning the brasswork or scrubbing the deck today, preparatory to the departure of the fleet for Melbourne tomorrow morning, and no visitors have been allowed on the ships. As liberal an allowance for shore leave as is possible is made by Admiral Sperry, however, and the places of amusement are crowded with sailors and officers. The one all-absorbing topic here is the friendship between America and the British colonies that the visit of the fleet has re-discovered for both nations. The joining of interests for the control of the Pacific ocean by the white races is the one issue that has forced itself on everybody's mind by the enthusiasm that has attended the passing of the fleet. Civilians are discussing the issue over the last friendly glass today. It is certain that the visit of the fleet has opened the eyes of all Australia to the fact that America is a powerful nation and a tremendous factor in the control of the Pacific ocean. A demonstration has been prepared for the departure of the fleet tomorrow morning. Cannon will boom out the national salute and it is thought that more people will be here to see the American ships depart than were here to see them arrive, as thousands have come from their homes since the Americans' visit was begun. The officials of the government will deliver addresses of farewell to Admiral Sperry, when he is ready to leave tomorrow morning. The officers are glad that the schedule calls for the arrival of the vessels at Melbourne on Sunday. There is to be no formal demonstration until Monday and the officers and men will have had time to rest up a little before their work of celebration. Admiral Sperry arranged today for the coaling of the fleet at Albany, St. George's Bay, West Australia, on September 11.

ASSESSED VALUATION OF CALIFORNIA TWO BILLIONS

SACRAMENTO, Cal., August 26.—According to a report by the state board of equalization made public today, the assessed value of all property in the state for the year 1908 is \$1,991,254,663, an increase over that of last year of \$112,893,968. Such an increase in one year shows that the assessed wealth of the state is rapidly approaching the two billion mark. The showing is regarded as remarkable in view of the fact that California is just emerging from a period of financial inactivity. In the last two years the combined total increase has been \$397,323,926. The state tax levy is regarded as particularly gratifying. It has been reduced from 44 1/2 cents on \$100 to 40 cents. The rate will be formally ratified at a meeting of the state board in September. To relieve the situation the company has made arrangements for pickers from San Francisco and other coast cities. It is thought that 250 will arrive here before the first of September. The officials of this company claim that the hopping machines are a failure and will not use them.

MAY POSTPONE TOKIO EXPOSITION UNTIL 1912

TOKIO, August 26.—The unpopularity of President Kaneko of the Tokio exposition has caused difficulty which may result in the postponement of the great exposition, which now is set for 1912. The people are clamoring against the methods of Kaneko in spending great sums of government money, and the reports of the postponement have been so frequent that today the minister of agriculture and commerce found it necessary to issue a formal denial. He said that the exposition would be held at the time set, but even this assurance is not sufficient to quiet the reports. The strained industrial and financial situation in Japan is the matter uppermost in the minds of most of the people and there is a widespread feeling that the government chose a poor time to go to the enormous expense of holding the first great world's fair in the orient. Already millions of yen have been expended in the preparations and there is no doubt that further appropriations will have to be asked if the present plans are to be carried out. Postal authorities are warning merchants against the practice of cashing money orders for strangers, and especially Saturday nights. Money orders have recently been stolen from the postoffice at Schurz, Nev., numbered from 4601 to 4809, and from station 15 at Seattle, numbered in the 35,960 series. A number of the latter have been received by business houses at Astoria, San Jose, and Portland. Whoever a merchant cashes one of these spurious orders he is the loser.

MACHINES NO GOOD; HOP PICKERS WANTED

Musicians, attention! Wanted, piano, cornet and clarinet players who are willing to organize small orchestra for dance work. Address or see J. W. Nelson, Hale's Music store. 138

MANY ARE DROWNED IN SOUTH

Worst Flood in South Carolina Since 1840—Millions of Dollars Lost by Property Holders

COLUMBIA, S. C., August 26.—Reports received here today indicate that 45 or 50 persons have lost their lives in the floods which are raging in this state. The property loss will extend high into the millions, this state having been visited by no such disaster from high water since the famous floods of 1840. The Watercree river is out of its bed at Camden and the heaviest loss of life is reported there, where 19 persons were drowned when a bridge from which they were watching the waters collapsed. Water Still Rising. The Congaree here has done much damage and the water is still rising. Reports received from the Lynch river district, through Camden say the suffering and loss in that section is heavy and several deaths are reported. The heavy rains have been falling for three days and the damage done to telegraph and telephone wires has made communication with the surrounding districts slow and in many cases impossible. The full extent of the damage done by the floods is not known.

Official Report

WASHINGTON, August 26.—The following official report of the floods in South Carolina was issued today by the Southern railway from the general offices here: "Rains have been very heavy over our lines between Columbia and Greenville, S. C., and between Columbia, Spartanburg, S. C., and Asheville, N. C. 'The Broad river at Alston, S. C., is out of its banks and is higher than at any time in five years. The fill west of Shelton, S. C., on the Spartanburg line, is being washed out badly, and there is a crevice at Herbert's siding between Alston and Spartanburg. The trestle is reported to be in bad shape over Big creek just east of Wilcox, S. C. A 30-foot slide, a small or slide and a washout are reported from Melrose, N. C., and Tryon, N. C. The tracks for 400 yards have been washed out between Asheville and Piedmont, N. C."

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KLAMATH FALLS, Or., August 26.—The announcement that the government is to begin work by force on account on the Clear Lake dam has had a tendency to quell the dissatisfaction that has existed as to the Klamath project for some time. The petitions prepared by the landowners in the Upper project will now go to the waste basket and the residents of that section will work in harmony with the service. All that they have asked is that the work be begun this year so that they would have positive assurance that the government was going to build the dam and carry out its agreement in regard to the irrigation of the lands in what is for convenience called the Upper project. Work is to begin at once on the road to the lake and as soon as this is completed the dam will be constructed. It will be 800 feet long on top and will be about 30 feet high. The material to be used in the construction will be earth, rock and cement. The reservoir site covers 25,000 acres and was purchased by the government when the project was in its infancy. It will be remembered that the bids of contractors on the construction of the dam were rejected because they were considered excessive and instead of re-advertising the reclamation service will do the work itself. The preliminary work will be done this fall and most of the material will be put on the ground so that in the early spring work can be taken up and rushed to completion. It is the general opinion of all people here that the announcement that work is about to begin will offset all of the dissension that has existed for some time and that once more the government and the Water Users' association will work in perfect harmony.

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BRYAN SEES BOYHOOD FRIENDS

Is Received at His Birthplace by Band Playing "Home, Sweet Home"—Makes Address

SALEM, Ill., August 26.—With the band playing "Home, Sweet Home," and several thousand of his old friends and neighbors at the depot to greet him, William J. Bryan stepped off the train at his birthplace today. The candidate was escorted about town, followed by an impromptu parade, and enthusiasm was unbounded. Bryan was entertained at the home of his relatives here, and at noon was the guest of the Democratic club at a luncheon at headquarters. Theodore A. Bell was with the Commoner's party and was one of the guests at the luncheon, which assumed the character of a welcome to Bryan's old home. The democratic headquarters were crowded with old timers who knew Bryan as a boy and came to chat with him about old times. Knew Bryan in Short Pants. "I knew you when you wore short pants and went barefooted," exclaimed a grizzled old farmer, pressing forward in the crowd to grasp the candidate's hand. Bryan smiled and shook the old fellow's hand and drew him to one side, where they talked for several minutes over old times. Thousands of people were present to get a glimpse of the candidate and hear him talk. His address at the luncheon was informal. He sketched the policies of the democratic party and dwelt on his boyhood days. Most of his address was devoted to his issue, "Shall the people rule?" Bell followed Bryan with a brief address. The Californian scored the republican party for having "sold out to the interests," and declared that no relief could be expected from the party in power. He declared his belief that Bryan can carry the Pacific coast in the fall if the democrats will stand together. His speech was well directed.

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ENGINEERS LOOKING UP NEW OFFER

Water Committee Is Going Into the Merits of the Sterling Mine Water Proposition

The water committee has lost no time in going into the details of the Blakeley-Heard offer to furnish the city with 500 inches of water delivered to the city for \$230,000, which was made to the city council Tuesday. Wednesday morning Engineers Cummings and Foster left for the source of the supply in order to make measurements of the water. They will be followed Thursday by Engineer Robers, who will check up their figures. While Engineers Cummings and Foster were on their way to the Little Applegate Engineer Roberts, Fred J. Blakeley, Councilman Eifert and Wortman were on their way to visit the site of the reservoir five miles from the city. A thorough examination of the site is to be made. Tuesday afternoon Engineer Roberts went over the figures compiled by Engineer Foster and looked into all data carefully. He will be in a position to make a report to the council in the near future. No decision has been reached by Messrs. Blakeley and Heard as to their acceptance of city bonds in payment of an option of the \$230,000. They have the matter still under advisement. Committee Returns. The committee returned from their inspection of the different reservoir sites shortly before noon Wednesday and state that they are very much pleased with the location. The site is at least 300 feet above the city and is ideally situated. It is distant from the city about four miles, near Griffin creek. The city is offered the choice of a number of sites, and the committee visited each of them. They did not determine which one is the most suitable. As far as the committee and the engineers would commit themselves, they seem to be impressed with the proposition, the only drawback at the present time being the open ditch. There are arguments on both sides of this question, but all seem to agree that if the ditch is properly constructed that there can be no contamination of the water. Engineer Roberts leaves tomorrow for the source of the supply on the Little Applegate.

FRIDAY HAS NO TERRORS FOR TAFT

HOT SPRINGS, Va., August 26.—Arrangements for the departure of the Taft party were completed today and the start for the week's fishing trip will be made at 8:30 o'clock Friday morning. Newspaper reporters who have been with the candidate here will accompany the party in a special car, east to be borne in common. The first stop will be made at Gauley, where the car will be sidetracked for three hours. A three-minute stop will be made at Gallipolis, O. At Athens, O., Taft will make a non-political address to the civil war veterans. Toledo will be reached at 10 p. m. Saturday, and to avoid Sunday traveling the party will embark to Middle Bass Island, where the week will be spent at the Middle Bass club. It is expected that a number of leaders will come to the island during the week to hold conferences with Taft. But most of the time will be spent in fishing recreation in preparation for the hard work of the campaign, which will start as soon as Taft reaches Cincinnati, where he will make his headquarters.

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