

EXAMINERS OF BANKS IN CONFERENCE

Bank Experts Arrive in City From Five States--To Talk of Banking Methods

Following the instructions of Comptroller of the Currency Murray the national bank examiners of District 11, comprising Montana, Idaho, Oregon, Washington and California, are meeting today in this city for their first gathering of its kind.

The chairman of the meeting is E. T. Wilson of Montana, who arrived from the north on No. 15, accompanied by F. H. Luce of Washington, and Claude G. Cook of Oregon, C. L. Loveland of Idaho, J. A. H. Kerr and C. J. Reed of California arriving on No. 14 from the south.

The first session will be called at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon and will continue throughout the evening. It is probable that the convention will have completed its business before train time Wednesday so that the examiners may depart.

RHODE ISLAND HAS A NEW GOVERNOR

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Jan. 5.—Little Rhody has a new chief executive, the honor and duties of that office passing from James H. Higgins to Governor Aram J. Pothier today, when with the pomp and ceremonial that has characterized state inaugurations in the past, Mr. Pothier and the other officers elected last November took their oaths of office and the 1909 general assembly organized for the transaction of business.

All the customs that have marked the induction of governors for years were observed when Mr. Pothier assumed his duties. The swearing in of the new governor was announced, as of yore, from the balcony of the state house and was greeted with the governor's salute of 17 guns from the battery stationed on the lawn.

After the inauguration ceremonies and the organization of the legislature for its 60 days or more of legislation will come the reception of the new governor to the members of the general assembly and their wives and such dignitaries and guests as happen to be present. In the evening will occur the usual reception and illumination of the capitol, to which the public is invited.

ROOSEVELT EXPECTED TO CATCH 'EM ALIVE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—President Roosevelt is expected to capture an oryx, a kudu and a kudu during his African hunting trip and send them alive to the zoological park here. These animals are especially desired because they are nearly extinct.

The oryx is a South African antelope; the kudu is an antelope, too, but of another kind. The oryx has the mane and tail of a horse and the legs and feet of an antelope. Its horns are about three feet long and it is fleet of foot.

The kudu is the smallest variety of antelope known. It is only a foot high at the shoulders, and is so timid that it is almost impossible for hunters to get close enough to kill one.

The kudu, or pronghorn monkey, is an ape about three feet high, and one of the rarest of the monkey family. It is remarkable for its great length of nose, from which it derives its name. It is a native of Borneo, but some have been shipped from Africa recently.

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JEFFRIES MAY MEET JOHNSON

Vernon Arena Club Offered for Sale--Jim Is Considering Offer

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 5.—The Vernon Arena club, in which James J. Jeffries is the principal owner, was today offered for sale, this adding argument that Jeffries will re-enter the ring to put Johnson out.

It is believed that the \$50,000 purse, win or lose, that is offered the big boy will get him back into the ring.

Jeff's most intimate friends almost fell dead with surprise when the big fellow began commenting on what a lot of money \$50,000 was. In a conversation Jim said:

"Say, hey'd give me that \$50,000 all right, wouldn't they? Don't you think I could pick up \$50,000 on the road after I licked the shark?"

Wonder if the news that Jim Corbett wished to take on Johnson provided he was offered a big purse, got Jeffries to thinking?

"What do you think about Corbett's talk?" was asked Jeffries.

"Say, what could he do, anyhow? I bet he'd take \$50,000, though."

Although Jeff still refuses to even say "I might come back," it is evident that he is considering the big money which has been offered, a thing that he was not doing three days ago.

That Jeff utterly overlooks the probability of losing to Johnson is to be seen by his remark concerning \$50,000 to be picked up on the road.

ERSTWHILE MILLIONAIRE PASSES WORTHLESS CHECKS

RENO, Nev., Jan. 5.—Harry MacMillan, an erstwhile mining millionaire, who was recently engaged to Edna G. Dorch, the actress, who is now the wife of Nat Goodwin, the actor, was arrested last night in Tonopah on the complaint of James May, the gambling king, who charged MacMillan with passing worthless checks amounting to \$9,000. MacMillan declared he gave the checks asking May to hold them until he could get money to make them good.

TO PUT CAPITAL IN DRY COLUMN

Bill Introduced Into the House Providing for the Abolition of Liquor

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—The project for a "dry" Washington, which has been urged for years by anti-saloon reformers and has found expression in a bill introduced by Representative Sims, was considered today by the house committee on district affairs.

That the people of the national capital will not be allowed to vote on the liquor question is already decided.

The members all agree the prohibition question is one upon which all the people should be satisfied, but they say the plan to allow them to vote would be more difficult to arrange than would the passage of the bill. They also contend that sufficient hearings have been allowed by the district committee for all interested persons to state their approval or objection to the bill introduced by Representative Sims.

If the question were submitted to a vote of the people, say some of the committee, congress would have to give its sanction to it anyway, and, therefore, they contend voting on the proposition is useless. If the committee approves the bill introduced by Mr. Sims, they say, it will have just as much weight as would a vote of the people.

The population of Washington is made up of residents of so many states, and so many persons who go to their home states to vote, that the suffrage question would be hard to handle, believe the congressmen. They do not think the ones who vote in other states should be allowed to vote in any election that might be held in Washington, even if they were only on a local issue.

The government clerks and employees of the district comprise nearly two-thirds of the voting population, and if a question of suffrage were brought up, it would be necessary to effect the negro vote, or the white and blacks would be nearly equally divided. For that reason many of the members of the house oppose any movement to give suffrage to the people. They say it would be next to impossible to eradicate the negro vote.

Mitchell approached the boy last night.

GROUND IS BROKEN ON PIPE LINE

Men Clearing Reservoir Site--Pipe has Been Shipped-- Contractors Figuring on Work

Ground has been broken for the construction of the pipeline to Little Butte creek for the gravity water supply system of the city. A gang of men are engaged at the present time in clearing the reservoir site, while contractors are engaged in figuring on the rock work and excavation necessary on the work.

The larger portion of the rights of way for the pipeline have been secured by the water committee and not a trip has been made. The matter was taken up with the different parties along the line by correspondence and when the property owners have been in town they have made it a point to call upon the committee and fix up the matter of the crossing of their land. In this manner most of the rights of way have been secured and negotiations are pending for the remainder. No trouble is anticipated.

Engineer Roberts is busy figuring with contractors at the present time, showing them the details of the work and in making trips to the reservoir and to other points on the line. A number of sub-contractors are in the city figuring on sub-contracting the majority of the construction work. C. E. Bude is expected to arrive in this city Tuesday from Portland to figure on the trenching. According to Engineer Roberts, there is some seven miles of trench that can be easily constructed with the ditcher, which put in the sewer mains of the city and a considerable further distance that is along the side-hill, where it will probably be possible for the big machine to work.

The cast iron pipe for the water main from the reservoir has been shipped and will arrive in this city about January 15. This represents about 2500 feet of pipe.

At last the actual work on the pipeline seems about to get under way.

ROOSEVELT IGNORES PROPHECIES OF EVIL

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—President Roosevelt is not alarmed by the gloomy horoscope cast for him by Astrologer Meyers of Hoboken, and he will go on with his preparations for the African hunt, although in doing so he will fly in the face of all the planets.

"If this Hoboken seer cannot promise the president anything worse than that horoscope," said an official at the White House today, "we will refuse to pay any attention to him. Meyers saw only probable insanity, danger from big beasts and bullets and other terrors of the jungle. Other future gazers have had him blown up by bombs, stabbed by assassins, poisoned by servants, wrecked on railroad trains and sunk in ships."

The president today ordered two lightweight rough rider hats, one black and the other the regulation khaki color. They will have extra heavy leather bands. He directed the latter to send to London the form of his head, and there he will have made a pith helmet, to be delivered at Mombasa. The president's size is seven and three-eighths.

ROOSEVELT PARDONS MILITARY PRISONER

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 5.—Private William Ruwala, who was sentenced to five years in the military prison on Alcatraz island for applauding Emma Goldman, the "queen of the anarchists," was today pardoned by President Roosevelt. Recently his sentence was reduced to three years upon the recommendation of General Funston. Ruwala called to attend the meeting to take notes, but the military court did not believe him.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 5.—Mrs. Jack London in a letter to a friend in Berkeley declares that her husband, Jack London, is sick and will abandon the world voyage in the boat Snark. The novelist underwent an operation in Sydney. They will return to California.

LUMBER INTERESTS SEND COMMITTEE TO WASHINGTON

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 5.—A delegation representing the lumber interests of the entire Pacific coast, including the loggers, lumber and shingle manufacturers, will leave for Washington this week to discuss with Chief Forester Pinchot the problem which is playing an important part in making up tariff schedules. They will give the ways and means committee additional data concerning the lumber and shingle industry.

\$1000 LICENSE MAY BE ASKED

Council Will Consider Ordinance Tonight for High License

In all probability the city council at its regular session tonight will pass an ordinance fixing the amount of a license to conduct a saloon at \$1000 a year. The ordinance will also probably carry strict provisions for the regulation of the liquor traffic in Medford.

For some time the matter of imposing a heavier license on the Medford liquor dealers has been under consideration by members of the council, there being an ordinance submitted not long ago providing for a stricter regulation of the saloons and fixing the annual license at \$800. This ordinance was tabled at the time being.

If this be passed and the same number of saloons continue in business, it will mean a revenue to the city of \$10,000 a year.

14-STORY CHURCH AND OFFICE BUILDING COMBINED

PITTSBURG, Pa., Jan. 5.—A combination fourteen-story office building and church combined is proposed for downtown Pittsburg by the First United Evangelical Protestant German church. The plans were shown today.

The site is at sixth avenue and Smithfield street, is one of the most valuable in town, and was given free in the time of William Penn, one provision of the grant being that it should always be used for church purposes. This makes it impossible for the congregation to build elsewhere, though the property might be sold to great advantage.

The plans provide that for seven stories the building shall show a most elaborate church front, cathedral style, with a chime of bells. Above the seventh story will rise seven stories of offices. The new building will be one of the largest in the city.

ACTIVITY REPORTED IN MANY MINES OF COUNTRY

The company now operating the Black Channel mine, on Potts creek, have given out that they expect soon to begin the construction of a dredge upon their newly acquired property.

The machine to be installed is known as a pony dredge and is of smaller capacity than the two now operating at this place. It is likely the electric shovel that is not fitted, yet it has endless chains of buckets, the same as the Champion dredge.

No further information upon the subject has been given out. The Black Channel is one of the richest placer mines in Oregon and the installation of a machine will mean much.

The new "spud" print arrived the forepart of this week for the dredge on Potts creek and is now being placed in position. The print is a solid block of steel weighing 8300 and moving it from the depot at Gold Hill to the boat was no small task.

The McClure-Neilson stamp mill has been running the forepart of this week, upon a test run of ore from the Golden Eagle mine, near Rock Point. This mine is now being worked by H. D. Jones and son, and is making an excellent showing.

INTEREST IN HARDWARE COMPANY IS SOLD

H. A. Nicholson of the Nicholson Hardware company has sold a part of his interest in the business to J. A. Howard. This makes four partners in the business—Messrs. Butler, Platt, Howard and Nicholson.

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OVER 200 SIGN CANON PETITION

Time for Filing Petitions Expired Monday Night--Two Full Tickets Are in the Field

Monday evening the legal time for filing petitions for candidates for city officers to be voted for at the coming election expired. There are two complete tickets in the field, the business men's and taxpayers' ticket, representing the high license sentiment, and that headed by J. A. Perry for mayor, in dorsed by the prohibitionists and the Medford Mail.

The business men and taxpayers' ticket is headed by Judge W. H. Canon for mayor, E. A. Welch for councilman First ward, V. L. Emerick Second ward and John Demer Third ward. The prohibitionists and the Mail's ticket is J. A. Perry for mayor, J. H. Corey for councilman First ward, W. N. Campbell Second ward and P. W. Hallis for the Third ward.

Canon's Large Petition.

Judge Canon's petition is one of the largest ever presented, containing over 200 signatures, showing his popularity. Mr. Perry's petition had 50 signers. The others had from 40 to 100 signatures. The question as to who nominated Judge Canon is answered in the following petition:

To the Recorder of the City of Medford, Oregon:

We, the undersigned legal voters and qualified electors of the city of Medford, hereby nominate W. H. Canon, a resident and qualified elector of said city, for the office of mayor of said city for a term of two years, beginning in January, 1909, and hereby petition yourself and the city council of said city to cause his name to be placed upon the ballots to be voted at the city election to be held on January 12, 1909, as the business men's and taxpayers' candidate for said office.

The Signers.

E. A. Welch, John S. Orth, W. W. Elfert, William French, W. M. Colvig, V. L. Emerick, J. P. Bodge, H. H. Hicks, J. E. Barkdahl, George P. Hamann, A. H. Miller, E. W. Brown, O. N. Burnett, W. P. Isaacs, E. B. Van Dyke, W. C. Murphy, Grover Coram, R. P. Little, L. Hamilton, A. W. Walker, W. E. Weaver, J. H. Fitzgerald, E. J. Conroy, W. Reel, W. C. Green, W. C. Reagan, L. G. Porter, W. J. Haekney, W. E. Johnson, J. R. Stevenson, J. M. Keene, G. Miller, V. P. Souser, L. J. Roberts, S. Childers, W. A. Hooker, T. L. Master, E. T. Hammond, A. A. Ledbetter, W. M. Muller, D. C. Herr, C. B. Gay, J. C. Hall, J. D. Olwell, L. C. Hill, S. R. Purdy, A. Storer, J. E. Salsis, B. E. Allen, Frank Wait, E. J. Roche, D. R. Wood, T. J. Carney, P. G. Gooding, O. M. Selahy, W. Raster, B. H. Whitehead, A. E. Perreval, Bert Perreval, W. H. Stalker, W. P. Palm, L. M. Lyon, C. H. Hazelrigg, J. H. Atwell, J. C. Brown, L. Beckett, W. Dallen, J. H. Butler, V. T. McCray, J. W. Barkhill, W. E. Purdy, L. Bundy, J. W. Barb, J. Houck, W. Asplide, Jeff Brophy, L. L. Jacobs, T. A. Tifer, Z. Maxey, J. P. Pryor, L. Wills, J. T. Sumner, T. W. Mills, R. H. Taft, George Morrison, N. L. McEwan, C. R. Ray, J. C. Jones, J. E. Woods, D. C. Hale, J. J. Cleveland, J. C. Murphy, G. W. Puddy, Ed Andrews, W. H. Humphrey, B. P. Clark, P. C. Bigham, C. O. Stone, W. Welser, E. C. Robbins, R. E. Gray, J. M. Kellogg, E. C. Robbins, J. M. Krayman, G. M. Murphy, F. F. Downing, Charles Milligan, W. Miller, Edgar Hafer, Peter Donhoff, P. C. Morris, R. Ellis, C. A. Jackson, R. H. Donaldson Selahy, N. B. Bradbury, W. I. Orr, J. W. Lang, C. E. Tall, J. Berry, H. L. Roberts, Boy Taylor, W. H. Monty, F. H. Moore, S. S. Cole, G. A. Catechism, A. Coleman, F. Oenbrugga, W. M. Skeel, E. A. King, J. H. Henselman, E. D. Elwell, W. Wilbur, W. W. Lacy, W. D. Hazel, J. D. Buchanan, W. Angle, J. B. Dent, G. W. Nichols, H. V. Hargraves, H. W. Rothert, G. E. Young, A. J. Chalk, J. S. Payne, N. C. Sorenson, W. E. Phipps, G. Fiske, M. Ellwood, Louis Ellwood, L. B. Haskins, F. L. Colvig, Dr. E. R. Seeley, F. M. Jordan, L. D. Cranfill, J. H. Eskline, J. D. Lawrence, W. J. Friedlander, F. L. Smith, W. I. Wyter, C. W. Stone, C. F. Cooke, J. F. Ritter, F. A. Bliss, C. H. King, H. P. Platt, H. G. Uehelsson, P. J. Heid, E. A. Herber, H. W. Getchell, P. G. Lambert, E. D. Root, H. Lawrence, M. J. Love, James Stewart, W. H. Meeker, D. B. Anders, J. E. Gausway, Tom Cole, L. W. Berry, C. P. Talant, C. P. True, W. M. Hodson, J. H. Messler, J. Rohrback, H. T. Fladway and H. Helms.

THREE INCHES IN LAST STORM

Deluge Is General Over Coast--Snow in Willamette Valley

The present rainstorm is the heaviest of the present season. During the 24 hours ended at 7 o'clock Tuesday morning, three inches fell. The down-pour began with a gentle drizzle Sunday evening, which continued with more or less interruption until 3 o'clock Monday afternoon, when the floodgates opened and a heavy downpour commenced, which with daylight changed to drizzle again.

Rogue river at Gold Bay rose eight feet during the night, but fell slightly by noon. No damage was reported. Bear creek raised two feet and the dam at the city water works is threatened with destruction.

There is still a seasonal deficiency in the rainfall. The winter has been unusually dry one so far. Last year the last heavy downpour of the season occurred in the latter part of January.

The storm is general over the coast, a heavy downpour being reported from northern California.

The heaviest snow in years is falling in the Willamette valley today. Six inches fell in Salem before noon. Portland also wears a white blanket of snow. The stockmen will feel the snow, but otherwise it is not harmful.

LOS ANGELES TO VOTE ON HUGE SCHOOL BOND ISSUE

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 5.—Tomorrow the citizens of Los Angeles will vote for or against the issue of school bonds amounting to \$729,000.

Of this \$729,000 required, \$480,000 is planned to be used to remedy the most vital need of Los Angeles' school system—the competent equipment of the high schools occupied at present, and the establishment of a new one.

The bond issue provides for seven new grammar schools, all in new and developing sections of the city. Besides this, four annexes would be constructed at schools now on the verge of congestion. These 11 buildings call for \$329,000, the remaining \$400,000 of the grammar school bonds going toward the purchase of additional land near present sites.

PLANNING FOR INAUGURAL

Taft Will Become President Just Two Months From Yesterday

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—Two months from yesterday the national capital will be the scene of the most imposing inaugural ceremony in the nation's history.

In the expenditure of money, time and energy the preparations for the induction into office of President-elect William Howard Taft will exceed anything ever before attempted in Washington. No inaugural committee in the past has made such rapid progress in so short a time as has the present organization.

Hardly had the committee been announced when it became known that more than \$10,000 in subscriptions toward the inaugural fund had been received. This, too, was before any formal call had been made.

D. W. Martin, chairman of the sub-committee on railroad terminal facilities, has opened offices in the east wing of the Union station, and there members of his committee may be found working diligently over the problems of caring for the thousands of visitors who will come to Washington to attend the inaugural ceremonies.

Chairman Cass Rutolph of the fireworks committee promises many new features in the pyrotechnic display. He has two sites in view for the setting off of hundreds of gigantic bombs, Roman candles, rockets and other fireworks.

Frederick Owen, an architect, and chairman of a committee of citizens which has the beautifying of parks and buildings in view, has planned a novel scheme. He suggests that half of the appropriation for fireworks be put into illuminated floats—emblems of the various states.

"These floats," said Mr. Owen, "will be made to represent emblems of the various states. Each float is to be manned by young women dressed in costumes emblematic of the different commonwealths. The floats will form in line and parade from the capitol to the White House."

HEARING OF BARNUM IS UNDER WAY

Commission Meets in Jacksonville--Many Witnesses Are Called to Testify in Case Against Barnum

The railroad commission of Oregon is in session in Jacksonville hearing the evidence in the complaint that has been lodged against W. H. Barnum of the Rogue River Valley Railroad company, and judging from the number of witnesses that have been called to testify, the hearing will last for some time.

Owing to the fact that the courthouse was in use by the circuit court, the commission held their session in the city hall. District Attorney Mulkey is conducting the prosecution. The commissioners present are Thomas K. Campbell, C. B. Aitken and Oswald West.

The witnesses called to testify are E. B. Briggs, Frank Collins, E. E. Kelly, E. E. Phipps, C. L. Reames, W. L. Vawter, A. S. Rosenbaum, A. M. Woodford, Charles Prim, M. M. Taylor, Ernest Langly, Louis Ulrich, W. C. Kitto, F. Roundtree, J. B. Barnes, Charles Dunford, C. C. Beckman, T. J. Kinney, G. J. Davis, J. E. Miller and H. D. Angle.

The complaint against Barnum and his railroad covers a number of points, nearly all of them for not providing the comforts for passengers that are provided by other lines, such as waiting rooms, lavatories, heat, light etc.

UNCLE SAM TEACHING BOYS HOW TO SHOOT

NEWPORT, R. I., Jan. 5.—Instruction of the seaman's gunner class was commenced today at the Newport naval torpedo station.

This class is larger than before and about 100 men are to be enrolled. The course for the seaman gunner has now been lengthened from five to nine months, and no one below a petty officer's rating is admitted. Some of the seaman gunners who were graduated from the last class are back to finish out the new course, which is to be made exclusively of the study of mines and torpedoes. This will graduate the members of the class practically full-fledged mechanics or machinists' mates as they are to be known. This is the object of the new course, it being the desire of the navy department to have men on each ship who are capable of repairing torpedoes and mines without sending them to the naval torpedo station for minor defects.

PROF. FORD FINDS HOLE IN THE AMERICAN STATE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—With British Ambassador Bryce presiding, the American Political Science association met here today. The general topic for consideration was "The Increase of Federal Influence and Power in the United States." One of the principal papers was by Stephen Lenox of McGill university, Canada, on "The Limitations of the Federal Government."

Professor Henry Jones of Princeton university declared that neither the power nor the responsibility essential to democratic rule was embodied in the American state.

"The resemblance," he said, "that historians are now noting between ancient and modern bosses, grafters and spoliators rest upon substantial identities, affording a fine demonstration of the universal principle that like causes produce like effects, irrespective of the emotions and inventions with which the causes are set in operation."

He asserted that the efforts of reformers were directed to the conditions under which power was gained, rather than to the conditions under which power was exercised.

"Gold Hill does not owe a cent," states Sam McEllen, the Gold Hill realty dealer. "There is money in the town treasury, we own our water works, the town is sewered and it is paid for. The only town tax collected is 2.1-2 mills for the school. A five mill tax was voted last year, when it was found prohibition would carry but it will not be collected. Many improvements are under way, and Gold Hill wants no prohibition to upset our prosperity."