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TO EXAMINE MINES.

Representative Muncy of Gold Beach is the author of a measure now pending before the state legislature, providing for the creation of the office of state mine examiner, which is of intense interest to the mining industries of Oregon.

The main purport of the bill is to have an examination made by a state official of all mining properties owned by companies which are offering mining stocks for sale to eastern investors, with the intent of giving such investors an accurate statement concerning the properties which are made the basis of a mining flotation.

The mining interests of Oregon, as well as of other western states, have suffered greatly on account of the disgraceful operations of some fake mine promoters, whose misrepresentations have caused the loss of much money by investors, usually located in the east. And not only mining but other investment enterprises have consequently been affected. Several years ago the American Mining Congress, with headquarters in Denver, began a systematic agitation for suitable laws which would make it extremely difficult for fakirs to operate without being in danger of heavy penalties, and nearly all of the states have responded to its appeals for legislation. Representative Muncy's bill is thought by the mining congress to be an effective measure, and its passage is being sought by all the legitimate mining interests of the state.

For years the mining congress has labored to attract eastern and even foreign capital to the consideration of the merits of western mining and industrial enterprises, and one of its efforts has been to remove this obstacle to fair profits and safety for foreign capital. This organization, which represents the conservative and legitimate mining interests of the west, with many members in Oregon, is confident that an increased flow of capital towards western mining enterprises will follow the removal of a large part of fraud and misrepresentation from mining.

The Muncy bill provides that the expense of making such examination shall be borne by the investor, or the party asking for such examination, the state being put to little or no expense in the matter.

DESPOILER OF GIRLS GIVEN JAIL SENTENCE

STOCKTON, Cal., Feb. 18.—Within two hours of the time that the Stockton grand jury visited Chinatown districts this afternoon with a view of inspecting conditions there, William Edwards, 49 years of age and married man, was found in a box of the Chinese noodle restaurant with Hazel Chidister, aged 13 years, and Gladys Crabbe, aged 10 years. They were feasting on noodles and drinking beer.

The Chidister girl is a pretty blue eyed girl of babylike appearance, while the Crabbe girl is more mature in appearance. Edwards is said to have been out with each of the girls separately at late hours and in places where privacy was assured.

Edwards, when arrested, was hurried to the afternoon session of the police court and was sentenced to 150 days in the city prison. Efforts will be made to send the girls to a reformatory.

WOMAN TO BE ACTING GOVERNOR OF OREGON

SALEM, Or., Feb. 18.—When Governor George E. Chamberlain goes to Washington to be sworn in as United States senator, the acting governor of Oregon will be a woman. It is understood that Governor Chamberlain does not intend to relinquish the office of governor until he takes oath as senator.

There will consequently be a period during which he still will be governor after he leaves the state.

In the governor's absence from the state it has been the practice of the governor's secretary to attend to official business, such as issuing decrees and signing the governor's name.

W. N. Gatens, the present secretary, was today appointed to a judgeship and will be succeeded as secretary by Mrs. C. B. Shelton. As Gatens' successor, the governor has appointed Mrs. C. B. Shelton, who for several years was his stenographer, and as the president will be followed, Mrs. Shelton will be the acting governor.

LOW AMUSEMENTS CUT OFF FOR MINORS

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Feb. 18.—The assembly passed a bill today by Grace L. Johnson making it a misdemeanor for a minor to attend a cock fight, prize fight or horse race, and fixing the penalty of \$50 fine or 25 days in jail for lessees or owners of places where such contests are held, who allow minors to enter.

RUSSIA'S FINANCIAL PROPOSAL ACCEPTED

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 18.—The Porte has notified Russia of its acceptance in principle of Russia's latest financial proposal for a settlement of the Turko-Bulgarian dispute.

ONE WOMAN SAYS THAT CLOTHES MAKE THE MAN

CHICAGO, Feb. 18.—That "the clothes make the man" is an established fact in Chicago, according to Mrs. Esther Falkenstein, who in a communication to a woman's club cites concrete instances of wonderfully transformative instances in character effected by improvement in attire.

The topic was chosen from her experience with a man who was forced to come by poverty, and had at last become so notorious that he could not get work. Appealing to her at the settlement, she harbored him, got him a position in another city, and fixed him up with a new suit of clothes before sending him away.

"This man writes me," she said, "that he has given up all his old ways and is now an industrious worker. The whole success lay in that suit of clothes I gave him. He came to me in overalls and the change reminded him of his position and responsibilities as a man."

DANISH MINISTRY SEEKS DEFENSE APPROPRIATION

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 18.—Bills providing for better sea and land defense for Copenhagen and the coast of Zealand were introduced in the folketing today by the minister of national defense. The contemplated fortifications involve an expenditure of something over \$11,000,000 and construction of a score of torpedo boats and a half a dozen submarines also is contemplated.

In introducing the bills the minister referred to the necessity of Denmark being in a position to preserve her neutrality under all circumstances. It was proposed to raise the necessary money by a new income tax imposed on the richer sections of the population.

ASKS TO BE ALLOWED TO RETAIN NEW NAME

CHICAGO, Feb. 18.—Harry Hildreth, Jr., assistant city treasurer, has filed a petition to the circuit court asking that he be permitted to retain his present name. His true name is Harry Wood, but from the time of his mother's marriage to her second husband, the late Harry Hildreth, he has been known as Hildreth, Jr. The fact that he was not a son of Hildreth became known two months ago through proceedings in the circuit court.

OLDEST MAN IN WORLD, 130 YEARS OLD TODAY

GUADAJARA, Mex., Feb. 18.—Jose Guadalupe Alvarez, believed to be the oldest man in the world, has just celebrated his 130th birthday. Alvarez was born in this city 30 years before Mexico became a republic and has therefore lived in three centuries.

WANDERING BIRD OF PREY HAS CLOSE CALL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—Owing to the timely interference of federal authorities, the life of a large flock of prey which makes its home in the great tower of the public building of this city, and which has made victims of many pigeons and other small birds during the last month, was saved yesterday.

William M. Mooney, disbursing clerk in the department, had gone to the post-office building armed with a permit from the chief of police and a shotgun to shoot the bird, when he got word that the permit had been revoked on application of Dr. T. S. Palmer, of the biological survey. The latter told the chief that the bird, supposed to be an ordinary hawk, was a specimen of the rare and valuable Peregrine or warbling falcon.

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