

MURPHY OUSTED BY LEAGUE

Charles P. Taft Buys Controlling Interest in Chicago National Club. Cincinnati.—As a sequel to the recent deposing of John Evers as manager of the Chicago National League Club, Charles W. Murphy, president of the club, resigned as president, sold his stock and severed his connection with the Cubs. Mr. Murphy is like-wise no longer a director of the National League. His holdings in the Chicago club have been purchased by Charles P. Taft.

The retirement of Murphy in the manner announced means that he is not only out of the Chicago club, but also out of organized baseball, in so far as the major leagues are concerned.

Mediator is To Try To Avert Strike.

Portland.—To act as mediator between the O. W. R. & N. company and its telegraphers, and avert the threatened strike of the telegraphers, G. W. W. Hanger, of Washington, D. C., assistant commissioner of mediation and conciliation under the Newlands federal mediation law passed at the last session of congress, arrived in Portland.

Brief News of the Week

Wages of 5000 trainmen of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad, aggregating about \$100,000, were increased by the board of arbitration at Chicago.

New York state paid \$245,000 for conducting the impeachment proceedings against ex-Governor Sulzer. Of this sum \$100,000 went to attorneys in the case.

The New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad has decided, beginning March 1, to discontinue the sale of liquor on its trains throughout the entire system.

Holding that the petition for the license election was invalid the supreme court of South Dakota has made a ruling that closes the saloons of Yankton. Six saloons are affected by the decision.

Creditors of the Mercantile bank of Memphis, Tenn., will receive 50 cents on a dollar, despite the shortage of \$1,091,750, according to the report of the state superintendent of banks.

The district court at Denver rendered a decision adjudging the Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph company to be an outlaw, with no legal right to use the streets of the city. The ruling was rendered on quo warranto proceedings.

Revenue officers seized the books of the Western Fuel company at San Francisco in connection with the new charge that the concern has defrauded the government out of \$300,000 in customs drawbacks secured by false affidavits concerning weights of coal importations.

People in the News

Monroe Ward, aged nine, of Spinnertown, Pa., died as result of a small worm getting in his ear and destroying the boy's optic nerve. Total blindness occurred before the boy died.

Women of Butte have been warned in an opinion rendered by County Attorney McAfferty to the commissioners, that their plan to serve tea to women entering the court house to register will be a violation of the corrupt practices act.

President J. M. Hannaford, of the Northern Pacific, announced that his company would expend between \$4,000,000 and \$5,000,000 for betterments, equipment, safety devices and the carrying out of the construction work already under way.

That Carl R. Gray has not tendered his resignation from the official board of the Great Northern is the statement made by Louis W. Hill. It was reported some time ago that Gray was to resign to accept the presidency of the Boston & Maine railroad.

According to the decision of Justice Cohan of the supreme court of New York, garnishing of salaries of those back in their alimony may be permitted. Heretofore it has been the rule to confine the delinquents in the Ludlow street jail until the amounts have been removed.

The American ambassador to a foreign country is above the law of his home state, according to a ruling of the appellate court, which refused to compel James W. Gerard, ambassador to Germany, to return from his post to decide an appeal in a case which came before him while he was a justice of the supreme court.

Miner Entombed 8 Days Found Alive.

Seattle.—Mike Davasonick, one of the two coal miners who was entombed by a cave-in in the Cannon mine of the Pacific Coast Coal company at Franklin, 34 miles from here, eight days, and was given up for dead several days, was rescued alive.

Another Eastern Blizzard.

Chicago.—Heavy snow again fell over Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa and the Dakotas. In Missouri, portions of Kansas and Oklahoma the storm was marked by sleet that crippled transportation and wire service.

NEWS FROM OUR NATIONAL CAPITAL

Senate Ratifies Renewal of Treaties With Eight Nations for Five Years.

Washington.—General arbitration treaties ratified by the senate renewed for five years agreements with Great Britain, Japan, Italy, Spain, Norway, Sweden, Portugal and Switzerland, and marked the first step in the policy of President Wilson.

The treaties, briefly, provide for reference to The Hague tribunal of legal differences and questions relating to the interpretation of other existing treaties which cannot be settled by diplomacy.

No matter affecting the vital interests, independence or honor of the contracting powers is included in the scope of these treaties and all disputes involving the interests of third parties also are excluded.

Although the majority for the ratification of the treaties was overwhelming and the amendment to exempt by more than a two-thirds vote, senators who urge repeal of the tolls exemption provision insist that these votes are not significant of the attitude of the senate on the tolls issue.

State's "Equity" in Power Recognized.

Assertion of the power of the federal government under the constitution to control the building of all water power projects, but recognition of the equities therein of the states of the union—this is the cardinal principle in the conservation policy of the Wilson administration so far as it affects the navigable streams of the country.

Secretary Garrison, of the war department, is the author of the plan, which has been indorsed by President Wilson and the cabinet.

Secretary Garrison, with President Wilson's approval, will ask for authorization to issue permits for the construction of water power projects, with the stipulation that they be issued only to concerns incorporated as public utilities under state laws and so restricted that control by monopolistic corporations will be impossible. To protect the rights of states, revenues accruing will go to states, and not to the federal government. This suggestion is expected to heal the breach existing between advocates of states' rights and national control of the natural resources of the country.

May Exempt Small Business Concerns

President Wilson indicated to callers that he desires that the proposed bills dealing with the trust problem be so phrased and adapted to the decisions already rendered by the Supreme court of the United States on the Sherman anti-trust law that the efficiency of that statute shall be neither impaired nor complicated, but supplemented.

Mr. Wilson indicated that serious consideration has been given in the framing of the trust legislation to provisions that would protect small business concerns from statutes prohibiting trade arrangements and combinations. He suggested that it was a difficult thing to frame an exemption in terms of dollars, and for this reason did not believe it was practicable to exempt all firms under \$5,000,000 in capitalization from the inquisitorial process of the interstate trade commission, as had been proposed, but that some other plan would be worked out.

Would Reorganize Agricultural Dept.

Chairman Lever, of the house committee on agriculture, has completed the report to the house of the annual agricultural appropriation bill. It aggregates \$18,047,000 exclusive of permanent appropriations, an increase of \$900,000 over last year's total.

Many radical changes are proposed in the measure, including reorganization of the weather bureau and preparation by the secretary of agriculture of a plan for reorganizing and systematizing the department work.

Provision for attention to cost of living problems is made in several items. For investigating the preparation for market, handling, grading, packing, freezing, drying, storing and transporting of poultry and eggs a \$50,000 appropriation would be made.

National Capital Brevities.

Application for admission into the federal reserve banking system has been made by 7107 banks representing 40 states.

Hearing on new law to regulate grazing on non-arable lands will be held at Washington March 3.

The bill amending the reclamation act permitting settlers 20 years instead of 10 in which to pay for water, was reported favorably by the senate irrigation committee.

Delegates from every state and province of North America are in attendance at the annual convention of the supreme council, Knights of Pythias, at Washington. The delegates were welcomed by President Wilson and praised by Secretary of State Bryan.

BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

Rural free delivery route will be established May 1 at Vale to serve 120 families.

Scarcity of sheep has caused J. H. Christensen of Crook county some difficulty in stocking his ranges.

Eighty-two of the eighty-four national banks of Oregon have applied for membership in the federal reserve system.

Oregon lumber will be used in the construction of the Oregon building at the San Francisco 1915 fair, transported from Oregon mills in Oregon-built vessels.

Senator Chamberlain asks that the public lands committee be allowed to continue its work in order that the development of Alaska may not be retarded.

Professor C. I. Lewis of the Oregon Agricultural college says fruit men should organize to protect the industry and none but the best grade of fruit should be canned or shipped. A copy of Olney's Geography, published about 80 years ago, has been lent to Superintendent of Public Instruction Churchill by William Swisher, of Salem.

Representative Sinnott has introduced a bill for the relief of Joe Davis, a Slav, who was injured at the Cello canal. The bill carries an allowance of \$15,000.

Twenty petitions have been placed in circulation for solicitation of signatures demanding the recall of Mayor H. R. Albee and City Commissioners R. G. Dieck and W. L. Brewster of Portland.

Sheep men of Pendleton and vicinity are asked by Deputy Supervisor Wilson of the Clearwater reserve to pasture their flocks on the ranges. The grass in the burnt over sections is said to be plentiful.

Baker county wool growers anticipate better prices for their clip this year than in 1913. Buyers representing the big eastern houses are already in the field and offers as high as 16 cents a pound have been made.

State School Superintendent J. A. Churchill has been requested by the Oregon Panama-Pacific Exposition commission to take charge of the preparation and installation of the Oregon educational exhibit at the San Francisco fair next year.

An initiative bill will be placed in circulation in Hood River county within a few days providing for the organization of bonded districts for the purpose of issuing bonds for the installation of public utilities of every character.

John H. Lewis, state engineer, has received from the director of the United States geological survey a report that since June 1 last year, when the last previous report was made, 803 square miles have been surveyed, making a total of 21,454 square miles, or 22.3 per cent of the state.

The plan to take the cadet regiment of the Oregon Agricultural college to the Panama-Pacific exposition in San Francisco in 1915, received the unanimous approval of the college council, after the committee appointed to handle the matter reported favorably on the proposition.

Representative Sinnott has introduced a bill which allows entrymen to divide into two periods the five months of each year which they are allowed to spend away from their homesteads. This would enable them to take advantage of work in the logging camps in the winter and in harvest fields in summer.

On a platform indorsing statewide prohibition, ex-Governor T. T. Geer has announced his candidacy for the republican nomination for governor. He is the 14th gubernatorial candidate in the field. Eight republicans, four democrats, one progressive and one independent, are now seeking the nomination for governor.

Secretary of State Oleott announces that, according to the reports received by him, the republicans constitute 61.04 per cent of the total registered voters, the democrats 25.38, the Progressives 3.64, prohibitionists 3.62, socialists 2.55 and miscellaneous 3.79. The total registration to date is 53,899, of which 32,899 are republicans, 13,669 are democrats, 1961 are progressives, 1952 are prohibitionists, 1374 are socialists and 2044 come under the miscellaneous classification.

Announcement has been made that approximately 45,000 acres of land adjacent to Flora, Long Creek, Monument, Beech Creek, Pilot Rock, Enterprise and Baker, have been set apart for homesteading. This is classed as semi-arid land and will be subject to the enlarged homestead act. This land will be ready to be filed upon on and after March 9, and the applicant for the land will have the right to file on 220 acres if he is an original entryman. If he already holds 160 acres of this kind of land he is entitled to increase his holdings to 320 acres. That is he may file on 160 acres additional if he has a pending entry on which he has not made final proof. If he has made entry and final proof on 160 acres of semi-arid land, his right is exhausted and he cannot make another entry for further holdings.

Lived Six Months With Broken Neck.

Pendleton.—After living for more than six months with a broken neck, Frank Dunton, Canyon City stockman, died in this city. Dunton, while watching some children playing in his barn, endeavored to show them some tricks on a trapeze. He fell to the floor, striking on his head, and fracturing the sixth and seventh vertebrae. Since then he has been entirely paralyzed.

Auto Tax is Held Valid.

Medford.—Holding that the state has the right to regulate travel upon its highways, and collect fees from vehicles, the same as for registering deeds, Judge F. M. Calkins, of the circuit court, declared valid the state automobile tax contested by the Jackson County Automobile Protective Association through Henry E. Boyden.

If You Have Goods Worth Buying They Are Worth Talking About.

Buyers Must Be Informed.

ADVERTISE!

HOLD UP INTERURBAN TRAIN

Three Masked Men Take \$350 on Seattle-Tacoma Train.

Seattle.—Overawed by the revolvers carried by the bandits, 60 passengers and the train crew on the south bound Seattle-Tacoma interurban local train, leaving Seattle at 9:05 and due in Tacoma at 10:45, were held up and robbed of an aggregate of \$400 by three highwaymen Saturday night at South Side station, 20 minutes out from Seattle.

The bandits forced Norris King, a boy of Kent, to carry a hat through the smoker, obtaining \$200 from the male occupants. One of the bandits handled the rear car, getting \$100 from the men and women passengers. The remainder of the \$400 was obtained from the trainmen.

Hill Offers \$30,000 For Train Robbers.

Seattle.—L. W. Hill, president of the Great Northern railway, while in Seattle, announced a reward of \$30,000 for the apprehension, dead or alive, of the bandits who killed three passengers near Bellingham on the Seattle-Vancouver train.

THE MARKETS

Portland.

Wheat—Club, 87c; bluestem, 98c; red Russian, 86c.
Hay—Timothy, \$17; alfalfa, \$14.
Butter—Creamery, 35c.
Eggs—Candled, 36c.

Seattle.

Wheat—Bluestem, 98c; club, 87c; red Russian, 86c.
Hay—Timothy, \$17 per ton; alfalfa, \$14 per ton.
Eggs—37c.
Butter—Creamery, 36c.

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