

GIRL SECRETARY AIDS GOV. WEST

Miss Fern Hobbs Holds Unique Position in Oregon.

VISITS LAWLESS PLACES.

Delivers Message From Governor to Violators of the Law and is Always Treated With Respect—Pays No Attention to Threats Against Her, and They Are Never Executed.

Portland, Ore.—The cares of office, an exacting one, too, lie lightly on the shoulders of probably the only woman private secretary to a governor of any state in America.

Miss Fern Hobbs has won fame and honor as the "right hand woman" of Governor Oswald West, Oregon's unusual Democratic executive.

Witness her trip to the rough mining regions of the state, when she stood to the utmost height of her five feet three inches and read the governor's proclamation that ordered closed the saloons run by the accused Copperfield officials—and incidentally divested the same city officials of their authority.

"I truly did feel rather timid when I read in a morning paper that I was to be sent to Copperfield, but it's part of my job, so I trotted right along."

Outside of that Miss Hobbs refused to say any more about her trip—that is, about the "frightening" part of it, for as she laughingly replied to questions: "Why should I be afraid? I had heard that the men were a lawless element, but found many respectable people. When I arrived they were quiet, kind and considerate."

"There was absolutely no noise to speak of while I read the governor's message. These men, who had vowed vengeance on Governor West and had made open brags that they would not heed my message, stood peacefully by



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GOVERNOR WEST OF OREGON.

the track and listened to what I had to read. Some of them even shook hands with me, and a number of women carrying small children came to me with tears in their eyes and thanked me for coming to their town with law and order back of me. Yes, I will admit that I did dread it at first. What woman wouldn't? But when I got there I just got up and told them what I had come for—and it wasn't bad at all."

All the pleasing prominence that her recent appointment has given her has not "turned her head," as our grandmothers would say. She is just the same sweet, clever little girl who left Hillsboro, Ore., several years ago to accept a position as stenographer in the office of an attorney in Portland. Her father is J. A. Hobbs, who lives on a farm near Hillsboro, and her mother is—just her mother.

She always studied, and she put her heart and soul into her work. When she went to Salem as a stenographer in the office of the governor she enrolled as a student in the Willamette College of Law and was graduated in the class of 1913. Several months ago, upon the resignation of Ralph Watson, who was promoted from his position as private secretary to the governor to that of corporation commissioner, Miss Hobbs was appointed to succeed him. She is the only woman in the world who holds such a position.

At Copperfield Miss Hobbs stood out on the rickety little platform surrounded by an interested crowd of citizens, some in rags and most of them wearing great top boots and bandana handkerchiefs tied about their necks. Greeted by a silence that at times seemed almost ominous, the little woman, who would scarcely tip the scales at 110 pounds, fearlessly warned the city officials that the town must be cleaned up at once or action would be taken by the Oregon state militia. It is said that a number of threats were made among a few, but as a general thing the governor's representative was treated with the utmost respect. However, Miss Fern Hobbs, lawyer and teacher, implicitly trusted American chivalry—and she was not disappointed.

STARVING. HE HAD \$10,050.

Aged Man Accepts Charity and Loses His Wallet.

New York.—James A. Farvin, assistant station master at the Pennsylvania station, has lost his faith in human nature. He helped a supposedly starving man and then found him possessed of thousands of dollars.

The man was evidently exhausted and about to collapse. "I've not had a bite to eat in two days," he murmured.

Having helped the old man to a seat, Mr. Farvin rushed a porter away for hot coffee and sandwiches. The old man ate ravenously and wept as he told his story.

The old man said his name was Uriah Lane and on foot he had dragged himself all the way from up state in an effort to reach his son, whom he had not seen since they parted at Sag Harbor after a quarrel twenty years ago.

The 4:15 train for Sag Harbor was nearly due. Deeply affected, Mr. Farvin tried to cheer the old man up, paid his fare, \$3.04, to Sag Harbor and gave him the change from a five dollar bill.

Just afterward Mr. Farvin caught sight of a wallet lying under the chair on which the aged man had sat. Opening it, he found the name Uriah Lane on the flap. Inside were eight \$1,000 bills, crisp and clean; twenty \$100 and ten \$5 bills—\$10,050 in all.

When Mr. Farvin overtook the old man he demanded to be repaid for the sum already advanced. After much argument the old man did so.

WOULD MAKE SOLDIERS WORK

Congressman Would Also Put Sailors at Manual Labor.

Washington.—Warren W. Bailey of Pennsylvania introduced in the house a bill directing the president to "put the officers and enlisted men of the army and navy to work." The president is directed to employ the officers and men in the construction of the Alaska railway, the reclamation of swamp lands, construction of Mississippi river levees, river and harbor improvements, and is forbidden to hire manual labor outside of the services until the supply from within them is exhausted.

Mr. Bailey issued a statement in which he said:

"If we must have a huge standing army and a big navy—and all the jingoes agree that we must in the interests of the world's peace—then let's put them to work."

MIDSHIPMEN WILL TAKE UP DEBATING

Daniels' Suggestion to Be Carried Out by Captain Fullam.

Annapolis, Md.—Captain William F. Fullam, superintendent of the Naval academy, has taken up the suggestion of the secretary of the navy that the midshipmen of the first class engage in debates on current subjects to improve their acquaintance with the news of the day and to increase their ability to think and talk on their feet. He has had several consultations with members of the department of English and other instructors and officers and will endeavor to fit something along this line into the already rather crowded curriculum of the first class.

The need for special training of the midshipmen along the lines of writing and speaking on the topics of the day has been recognized, and much has been done to further it. The practice of having the first class men respond to toasts was started more than a year ago by Captain Gibbons, then superintendent, and is carried on with much success. A period of an hour and a half or two hours is devoted to this every week, one midshipman acting as toastmaster, others responding to set toasts or making extemporaneous remarks on each occasion. In this way each member of the graduating class has the opportunity of speaking several times during the year. Members of the English department are always present as critics.

WHISTLE HYMNS IN CHURCH.

Boy Chorus of Fifty Helps to "Humanize" Service.

Philadelphia.—A chorus of fifty boys, after considerable training with no small amount of patience, whistled the hymn tunes in the services of the Calvary Reformed church here. The girls carried the hymn with their soprano voices, and the effect is said to have been rather startling.

Another innovation in the movement for "humanizing" such services was the "all girl" service in the same church preceding the whistling.

Unjoins Shoulder Twelve Times.

Philadelphia.—For the twelfth time within a year William Symonds, thirty years old, a driver, applied for treatment at a hospital suffering from a dislocated shoulder blade. Since the first injury the bone has dropped from its socket every time the victim gives his arm a slight wrench.

Boasts He is Tallest Man.

Memphis, Tenn.—J. G. Tarver, twenty-eight years old, who is seven feet four inches tall and weighs 307 pounds, claims he is the tallest man in the United States. He was born in Dallas, Tex. His father was not unusually tall, and none of his four brothers is quite six feet tall.

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For Sheriff.

To the voters of Malheur county:

I will be a candidate for the nomination for sheriff of this county on the Republican ticket, subject to the decision of the voters at the primary election to be held on May 15, 1914.

Robert Odell.

For County Commissioner.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of county commissioner for Malheur county, Oregon, subject to the approval of the Republican electors of said county at the primary election to be held May 15, 1914.

Melville D. Kelley.

For Joint Representative.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for joint representative for Harney and Malheur counties, subject to the wishes of the Republican electors at the primary election to be held May 15, 1914.

Frank Davey.

For County Treasurer.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of county treasurer for Malheur county, Oregon, subject to the approval of the Republican electors at the primary election to be held May, 15th, 1914.

J. Ralph Weaver.

For Sheriff.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for sheriff of Malheur county, Oregon, subject to the decision of the Democratic voters of the county at the Primary election to be held May 15, 1914.

If elected as sheriff I will enforce the laws in all cases and endeavor to apprehend criminals of whatsoever character and I shall conduct business as economically as is consistent with efficiency.

J. A. Wroten.

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Notice to Creditors.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of Philip Pfeiffer, deceased, by the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the county of Malheur. Any and all persons having claims against the said estate are hereby notified to present them, duly verified, as required by law, to the undersigned administrator at his home in Westfall, Oregon, or to his attorneys, McCulloch and Wood, of Ontario, Oregon, within six months from and after the date of the first publication of this notice.

Done and dated and first published this 19th day of March, 1914.
J. D. Fairman,
Administrator of the estate of Philip Pfeiffer, deceased.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Vale, Oregon, March 24th, 1914.

Notice is hereby given that Henry S. Sutton, of Ontario, Oregon, who, on October 25th, 1910, made Homestead application No 91599, for the S. W¹/₄ NE¹/₄, NW¹/₄ SE¹/₄, N¹/₂ SW¹/₄, Section 27, Township 17 S., Range 46 E., Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final three-year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the Register and Receiver, U. S. Land Office, at Vale, Oregon, on the 30th day of April, 1914.

Claimant names as witnesses: A. S. Worth, F. T. Akers, S. D. Moore, of Ontario, Oregon; Leon Higby of Payette, Idaho, Bruce R. Kester, Register.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Vale, Oregon, March 24th, 1914.

Notice is hereby given that Albert S. Worth, of Ontario, Oregon, who, on

August 15th, 1910, made Homestead application No. 01527, for S¹/₂ SE¹/₄, Section 27; NE¹/₄ NE¹/₄ Section 34, NW¹/₄ NW¹/₄ section 35, Township 17 S., Range 46 E. Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final three year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the Register and Receiver U. S. Land Office, at Vale, Oregon, on the 30th day of April, 1914.

Claimant names as witnesses: Frank T. Akers, Henry S. Sutton, O. A. Palmer, L. E. Olson of Ontario, Oregon. Bruce R. Kester Register

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Vale, Oregon, March 24th, 1914.

Notice is hereby given that Frank T. Akers, of Ontario, Oregon, who, on October 13th, 1910, made Homestead application, No 91581, for S¹/₂ SW¹/₄ Section 27, and N¹/₂ NW¹/₄ Section 34, Township 17S., Range 46 E., Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final three-year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the Register and Receiver, U. S. Land Office, at Vale, Oregon, on the 30th day of April, 1914.

Claimant names as witnesses: A. S. Worth, H. S. Sutton, O. A. Palmer, D. E. Olson, of Ontario, Oregon. Bruce R. Kester, Register.

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