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FEARS GUILTY MAY ESCAPE.

The only note of apprehension was from Mann of Illinois, who called attention to the law which exempts from prosecution persons who may testify in the inquiry. In this manner, he said, the guilty officials, if any such were found, might be able to escape punishment. It was alleged that the resolution in no way changed existing law on this point, and the belief was expressed that in making the inquiry the Commission would exercise discretion in getting its information from sources which would not exempt possibly guilty parties.

THE HOUSE DEVIATES.

The House devoted the remainder of the day to minor matters and passed several bills, among which was the famous Mus-kegonas dam bill, which was returned by the President with suggestion from the Secretary of War. The bill permits the creation of an immense water power on the Tennessee River in Alabama, and has been pending before Congress for several years. The Tillman-Gillette resolution was the first business taken up.

TOWNSHIP (Rep., Mich.) PRESENTED THE RESOLUTION WITH A MAJORITY REPORT FROM THE INTERSTATE AND FOREIGN COMMERCE COMMITTEE.

In explaining the resolution, Townsend said:

REASONS FOR INVESTIGATION.

This resolution was born of a settled conviction among the people as reflected in Congress that injustice and wrong is being done them by certain interstate carriers of coal and oil. A members of the National legislature, it seems to me that it is the duty of Congressmen when great complaints are presented by numerous citizens of high character against conditions which are alleged to affect producers and consumers of the necessities of life, to at least investigate the complaints with a view to determining, first, whether the complaints are well founded, and, secondly, whether a law exists, to discover if possible whether existing laws are being violated, and, third, if any new legislation is necessary.

IT HAS BEEN ALLEGED THAT CERTAIN RAILROAD COMPANIES HAVE LARGE HOLDINGS OF COAL AND OIL LANDS; THAT THEY BUY AND SELL COAL AND OIL; THAT IN OTHER CASES OFFICERS OF THESE RAILROADS OWN SUFFICIENT OF THE STOCK OF COAL AND OIL COMPANIES, WHEN USED IN CONNECTION WITH THE STOCK OWNED BY THE RAILROADS, TO ENABLE THEM TO CONTROL SUCH COMPANIES; THAT BY REASON OF SUCH CONTROL, DEALINGS AND COLLUSIONS, THE TWO GREAT NECESSITIES OF MODERN LIFE—COAL AND OIL—are made more expensive to the consumer, and at the same time, independent owners of coal and oil fields are affected, and their interests are injured, if not ruined.

IT IS ALLEGED THAT HUNDREDS OF OWNERS OF COAL AND OIL MINES AND FIELDS ARE PREVENTED FROM OPERATING BY REASON THAT THE RAILROADS WHICH UNDER THE LAW SHOULD SERVE THEM EITHER FAIL ENTIRELY IN FURNISHING THE MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION OR ELSE FURNISH THEM SO INADEQUATELY AS TO MAKE OPERATION UNPROFITABLE.

ALL IN POWER OF MONOPOLY.

The result of this can only be that every consumer of coal and oil is subjected to the prices of a monopoly which are those of extortion and injustice. It is possible that existing law may not be adequate to reach the evils if they are found to exist, but there can be no doubt that the Government is strong enough to protect its citizens against any of its law-made creatures, and when publicity reveals a wrong Congress will be able and willing to apply a remedy.

THE RESOLUTION AS ORIGINALLY PRESENTED TO THE HOUSE COMPLETED ONLY AN INVESTIGATION IN RELATION TO BITUMINOUS COAL. THE SENATE RESOLUTION INCLUDED ALL OTHER PRODUCTS. THE GENTLEMEN FROM KANSAS (Campbell) MOST ABLY PRESENTED RESOLUTIONS, BACKED BY FACTS SHOWING THAT OIL SHOULD BE INCLUDED. THE COMMITTEE BELIEVES THAT CARRIERS OF ALL KINDS OF COAL AND OIL SHOULD BE THE SUBJECT OF INVESTIGATION, AND THAT THE INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION SHOULD MAKE IT.

THE INVESTIGATION SHOULD BE PROMPT, FEARSOME AND WELL CONDUCTED.

Governor briefly indorsed the resolution. Support to the resolution was made by Williams, the minority leader, in a brief speech.

GILLETTE, AS A JOINT AUTHOR OF THE RESOLUTION, SAID THAT SINCE ITS INTRODUCTION HE HAD RECEIVED MANY LETTERS, FROM BOTH DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS, AND THAT HE HAD HEARD WAS TRUE, THERE WAS A SYSTEM OF COMMERCIAL BRIGANDAGE PREVAILING COMPARED TO WHICH THE DESPERADO OF PIONEER DAYS WAS CHILD'S PLAY.

BILL FOR ALASKA MINERS.

Proceeding under call of committee, bills were passed to require \$25 worth of work annually on mining claims and \$25 worth of work on roads and trails for each mining claim in Alaska; allowing foreign ships to clear from American ports without examination certificates when the countries to which they belong receive American certificates of inspection; to prevent foreign-built dredges from operating in the United States, except dredges now at work in the United States under contract.

MAKE ALASKA A TERRITORY

Swineford Recommends Valdez or Seward as Capital.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—Gov. A. F. Swineford, of Alaska, appeared before the House committee on territories today to urge the granting of territorial government to Alaska. He said that, under the court government which now exists, the system of taxation is unsatisfactory. In response to questions as to where the capital of Alaska should be, he said either at Seward or Valdez. When asked if it would be possible for members of a Territorial Legislature from remote parts of the territory to reach the capital, Mr. Swineford said water travel was possible for persons in nearly all

CHARLES A. JOHNS FOR GOVERNOR



SOME OF THE REASONS ADVANCED BY MR. JOHNS' FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS IN HIS BEHALF

Mr. Johns is a native-born citizen of the United States, 41 years old, in the prime of life and of the younger and progressive element in the Republican party. He is a pioneer of Oregon. He has resided 29 years in the Willamette Valley and 15 years in Baker City. He graduated from the Willamette University with an A. B. degree in 1878, and was admitted to the bar in 1881. He has always taken an active interest in public affairs. He was elected Mayor of Baker City in 1891, re-elected in 1892, and again in November, 1894, by the largest majority any candidate ever received for that office. In June, 1895, he was elected School Director for the fourth consecutive term, and received every vote cast. He has always taken an active personal interest in education affairs.

Charles A. Johns has been a man of affairs in the history of the state and of Eastern Oregon in particular. His integrity has never been questioned. He has a clean record and the support and confidence of the people. He is recognized as one of the leading lawyers of the state, and as a campaigner has no superiors and but few equals in the State of Oregon. No man ever had a stronger home indorsement.

GRANTS THE WRITS

parts of the territory, and that railway development would soon make all points accessible.

FALSE ALARM ABOUT SUGAR

Philippine Official Says Product Will Go to China.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—The Senate committee on the Philippines today concluded its hearings on the Philippine tariff bill, which have been in progress for the past month, and Chairman Lodge said that he would probably call a meeting for next Tuesday to decide upon a report. There were three witnesses before the committee today. They were C. T. Smith, of Michigan, who opposed the bill in the interest of the beet-sugar makers; George E. Rea, of Manila, and W. C. Welborn, Director of Agriculture for the Philippine Islands, both of whom advocated the passage of the bill.

PROTEST AGAINST PROHIBITION.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—Representatives of the National German-American Alliance, one of the great German organizations of the country, called on the President today to protest against the Hepburn-Doolittle bill now pending before Congress. The measure is practically a Federal recognition of prohibition.

NOTES FROM THE CAPITAL.

Rear-Admiral Asa Walker will succeed Rear-Admiral C. M. Chester as Superintendent of the Naval Observatory at Washington on February 28.

REPRESENTATIVE ACCUSED OF TAKING ILLEGAL FEES.

Representative Spencer Blackburn of North Carolina is the latest member of Congress to be indicted. The grand jury of the special term of the United States District Court of North Carolina Tuesday returned two true bills against him, charging him with practicing before the Treasury Department and receiving fees for such service in violation of the laws. He is accused of receiving \$500 from Ace Dickins and \$100 from A. P. Davis. Representative Blackburn denies all charges.

VANDERBILT A PRISONER

Detained in Italian Town for Injuring Boy With Auto.

FLORENCE, Italy, Feb. 23.—W. K. Vanderbilt is detained at Pontedera, a town of 15,000 inhabitants on the road to Pisa, having had an automobile accident. A boy was hurt, but not seriously.

DELIGHTFUL NEWPORT.

Splendid Weather at This Popular Pacific Coast Resort.

Delightful in every particular is the weather at Newport, and the Southern Pacific and the Corvallis & Eastern railroads have resumed their cheap rates to this place for the winter. Particulars by asking at Third and Washington streets, Portland.

Store Opens at 8 A. M. Old's Northman and King Store Closes at 6 P. M. The "different store" - Fifth, Sixth and Washington Sts.

Be First to See the New Merchandise AT PORTLAND'S FOREMOST STORE

A CONTINUOUS "STREET FAIR" of Latest Fashions adds to the excitement created by the marvelous Array of Week-End Bargains—for Saturday. This store is a big, growing village. Think of every department as a separate specialty shop that lines the aisles—or streets. Then there're the telephone stations, letter boxes and postal facilities, lavatories and drinking fountains, two restaurants—one a public tea-room, the other a big store dining-hall that feeds nearly 300 employees daily. Writing-rooms and resting spots—the store's "parks"—all at your service. The Spring stocks are ready, also some mighty interesting economies for Saturday buyers. Come down and spend the day. Of course, you'll remember the Store closes at 6 P. M.

A SPECIAL SATURDAY SALE OF 50c Bonny Bungalow Silks for 26c Yd.

Wash Goods Shop—First Floor. Good news for hundreds of women who want these charming novelties; 2000 yards in the remarkable offering of beautiful bungalow silks, in fetching Jacquard effects and embracing all the newest shades. See the interesting window display. Best regular 50c values—for Saturday at, 26c the yard.

SPECIAL SATURDAY SALE OF Smart Silks and Shower-Proof Dress Stuffs

Fifth-Street Annex—First Floor. Special on Black Taffeta. 23-inch, regular \$1.10 grade—Special 87c for yard. 27-inch, regular \$1.25 grade—Special 98c for yard. 36-inch, regular \$1.25 grade—Special 98c for yard. These Black Taffetas are the best made in America, and have no equal at the regular prices in town.

Sale of Suitings

54 and 56-inch Rainproof Suitings, in the fine covert weaves which are dust as well as shower-proof, in all wanted colors. Regular \$1.50 grade—Special for \$1.23 yard. Regular \$1.75 grade—Special for \$1.46 yard. Regular \$2.00 grade—Special for \$1.67 yard. Regular \$2.25 grade—Special for \$1.89 yard. Regular \$2.50 grade—Special for \$2.14 yard.

A "CLEAN-SWEEP" SALE OF Odd Jewelry Pieces

First Floor Annex—Sixth Street. 35c SCARF PINS 5c. An assortment of Sterling Silver Scarf Pins in French and oxidized finish, comprising a variety of head designs. Our 15c value..... 3c. LADIES' POB CHAINS 25c. A handsome line of Ladies' Pob Chains that we are going to clear. These Pobs are fine solid-filled and silver chains with charm and swivel attached. Some of them form-erly sold as high as \$1.50; special..... 25c. FINE TOP SHAWL PINS 5c. A variety of large Pearl Ball-Top Stock or Shawl Pins—Values to 35c; special price..... 5c.

In the Realm of House Helps and Harmonious Home-Fittings

Special for Saturday—Fourth Floor. \$5.50 INDIAN SHAWLS FOR ONLY \$3.45. Fancy Colored Indian Shawls, made by Pendleton Woolen Mills; suitable for table covers, number robes, etc. Regular \$5.50; special, each..... \$3.45.

Women's Underwear and Hosiery Specials

First Floor. 45c VESTS 25c. Women's White Cotton Vests with high neck and long sleeves, in the medium weight, suited for present and early Summer wear—A regular 45c value; special for Saturday at..... 25c. CHILDREN'S 25c HOSEIERY 12 1/2c PAIR. Children's Fine-Ribbed Hose in black cotton. A grand value at 25c the pair; special for Saturday only at..... 12 1/2c. BOYS' 25c HOSE AT 12 1/2c PAIR. Boys' Heavy Cotton Hose; double-ribbed and seamless and with double knees, insuring added wear. Splendid values at the regular price of 25c the pair; special for Saturday..... 12 1/2c. WOMEN'S 25c HOSEIERY AT 25c PAIR. Women's Fine Black Lisle Hose (lace lisle), with finished feet, as above. Excellent 25c values at the pair..... 25c.

Last Day of the Sale of Boys' School Waists Saturday

50c to 60c WAISTS FOR 25c—These in "Mother's Friend" and blouse styles. 50c AND 55c WAISTS FOR 40c—(Choose from a splendid assortment of the "Mother's Friend," "Fautleroy" and blouse styles. WAISTS WORTH FROM \$1.00 TO \$1.25 AT 80c. These are white "Fautleroy" pretty piques with sailor collars, laundered percales, etc., in blouse and "Mother's Friend" styles.

Of Purse Interest to Housekeepers

Third Floor. NOTE THESE SAVINGS: No. 5 Copper Bottom Wash Boilers, each..... 75c. Colanders—11-inch size, each..... 12c. Lipped Kettles—3-quart size, each..... 19c. Sauce Pans—3-quart size, each..... 32c. Coffee Pots—3-quart size, each..... 35c. Tea Kettles—With copper sides and bottom..... 52c. Sugar Boilers—each..... 52c. Fry Pans—10 1/4-inch size, each..... 52c. Iron Spiders—each..... 52c. GRAY ENAMELED WARE. Lipped Kettles—No. 8; each..... 68c. Tea Kettles—No. 8; each..... 68c. Milk Pans—3-quart size, each..... 12c. Dish Pans—10-quart size, each..... 12c. Sauce Pans—Covered, each..... 32c. Wash Basins—each..... 23c. Covered Chamber Pails—each..... 23c. Scrub Brushes—White Fibre, each..... 8c. Chair Seats—each..... 8c. Clothes Baskets—oval shape, each..... 42c. Rug Beaters—each..... 12c. Sewing Machines—each..... 12c. Dish Mops—each..... 42c. Clothes Wringers—Guaranteed, each..... 22.40. Clothes Hampers—A large assortment of Fancy Clothes Hampers at extra special prices.

Portland's Great "Style Store" Shows the Swell Novelties First!

According to the Unbroken Custom of Years. Grand Salons—Second Floor. We gained the reputation years ago of style leaders and absolute dictators of correct fashions, and each season has seen us reach higher and higher, until today we are recognized throughout all the great Western Country as the foremost store west of Chicago for high-class novelties in women's correct attire. We offer today:

A Special Presentation of New Suits at \$25 and \$35

An out-of-the-ordinary collection of Suits to be offered at these popular prices. Really beautiful lines, and, in the opinion of all who see them, they are Suits that would easily sell for more.



A Swagger Group of Suits at \$25.00. Handsome jacket models of granite cloth, in dainty, modest yet striking "twilight grays" with mannish coat collars of moire. Jacket is embellished with strappings, is lined throughout with taffeta, and has leg-o'-mutton sleeves. The gored, circular skirt is plaited down front and back and trimmed in strap effects. A matchless value at..... \$25.00. A Stunning Convention of Suits at \$35.00. Modest but "natty" Homespuns, made on the blouse-jacket models and lined throughout with white taffeta. French Flannel effects, in light stripes and invisible checks. The white taffeta vests are trimmed with sea-green braids and dainty laces. Jacket trimmed with fancy cut-metal buttons. The leg-o'-mutton sleeves have turn back cuffs. Skirts cut in round length, with umbrella flare, and are 15 gored.

Late Arrivals--Swagger "Combination Suits". This house the first to show these stunningly smart favorites of Fashion. The new "Combination" Suits are a novelty, but not one of the questionable sort. These Suits have a jaunty Eton Jacket of beautiful silk in the plain shades of helios, "Alice" blues, greens and other favored shades, with skirts imported Panamas and fancy woolen materials in the extreme new plaid and check effects, shadow and smoke plaids and French flannel effects so much in vogue with style arbiters of 1906. Waists are trimmed in materials to match skirts, with laces and dainty, fancy braids. Other suits in the same family have box coats in the same beautiful colorings with plaided skirts to match. These bewitching suits are well worth a visit from every lover of correct garb for smartly dressed women.

SATURDAY'S MILLINERY SPECIALS. A Sensational Sale of 100 Women's \$3.50 Hats

A drastic, decided clean-sweep of our ready-to-wear Felt Hats. All smart, dressy shapes, attractively trimmed with wings, novelty buttons and quills. In all wanted colorings. Just the Hat for present and Spring wearing. Values from \$2.50 to \$3.50—none under the former figure, many worth and selling for the latter. To rid the counters of them to double-quick music—while they last—take your choice for..... 100c. SPECIALS FOR CHILDREN. Felt Sailors Worth \$1.50 to \$2.50 for 25c. Jaunty French Sailors, prettily trimmed with silk ribbon streamers, all colors in the choosing; a splendid Hat for school wear; values from \$1.50 to \$2.50. Special Saturday at..... 25c. 50c to \$2.50 Tams for 25c. To close—A lot of fancy "Tam O'Shanter" for misses' or children's wear, fetchingly trimmed with quills and ribbon bows; light, pretty colorings that may be worn at beach or country resorts during the coming Summer—splendid for present and Autumn school wear; values from 50c to \$2.50, at a choice for..... 25c.



THE GREAT STOCK-REDUCING SALE OF Smart Shoes for the Women-Folk

DRAWN NEAR THE FINIS. Sixth-Street Annex—First Floor. Some Specials for Saturday. \$1.79 FOR SHOES WORTH TO \$4.00. About 2500 pairs of Women's Fine Shoes, in patent kid or calf, vici kid, box calf, velour calf and gunmetal leathers; patent or kid tops, low or high heels, Goodyear welt or hand-turned soles; almost any style you might want is in the lot; values to \$4.00. Special Sale Price, the pair..... \$1.79. \$2.49 FOR WOMEN'S SHOES WORTH TO \$6.00. 1700 pairs of Women's Finest Garter Shoes. These Shoes are in patent and dull leathers, with Goodyear welt or hand-turned soles; lasts and styles are new and down to date. Don't try to form an opinion of these Shoes without having seen them. Values in this lot to \$6.00. Special Sale Price, the pair..... \$2.49. WOMEN'S SHOES AT \$1 DISCOUNT. All Women's Shoes at \$5.00 and \$6.00 a pair will be sold at a discount of, a pair..... \$1.00.

Variety Shop Melange

Tempting Specials for Saturday in the Small Ware Shops—First Floor. 5c cube Best Black-Headed Toilet Soap; special..... 3c. 15c Fancy Silk Ruffled Garter Elastic; special, the yard..... 10c. 2c Paper English Pins; special..... 1c. 10c Hardwood Handle Curling Iron; special..... 7c. 12c roll Best Quality Toilet Paper; special..... 7c. 2c back; special..... 1c. 10c cake White Castle Toilet Soap with wash rag; special..... 6c. 5c cake Williams' Quick and Easy Shaving Soap; special..... 3c. 25c tube Dr. Walls' Dental Tooth Paste; special..... 15c. 30c box Writing Paper in odd initials; special..... 19c. 10c Holdfast Book and Shawl Strap; special..... 6c. Odd lot of Lead Pencils; special..... 3c. 15c pack Playing Cards; special..... 10c. 50c game of "Pit"; special..... 25c.

AN ANNEX BARGAIN. Second Floor. 13c for "Two-Bit" Laundry Bags

Brown Holland Linen Laundry Bags, bound with red tape. Laundry stamped for outlining—Regular value 25c..... 13c.