

ARGUE WITH FISTS

Stockholders of Tacoma Tin Smelter Company in Row.

SEATTLE MAN GRABS BOOKS

Judge Garretson Badly Beaten About the Face While Trying to Wrest Property From Citizen of Grasping Spirit.

TACOMA, Wash., March 13.—(Special.)—The things done at the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Tacoma Tin Smelter & Hydraulic Company, held here today, were of a nature to cause a general feeling of indignation among the business men in attendance, and quite a number of Seattleites. The meeting ended in a fist-fight, some of the Seattle men made away with the books, and the police are now looking for at least one of the Seattle book-stealers. Judge Garretson, first vice-president of the company, after deciding against the Seattle men on a matter concerning the company's books, was badly beaten about the face by one of the Seattle book-stealers, who had them in a grip and was intent on leaving the room. Although his face was badly cut in two places by the blows, Judge Garretson was game and stayed in the fight. A. J. Hayward came to his friend's assistance and mixed in. Dr. McCutcheon, banker P. C. Kaufman, Joshua Peck, Henry Howitt, Jr., and other equally prominent Tacomans were present during the scrimmage that followed. After the turbulent meeting departed, Judge Garretson received medical attention, and a new set of trustees elected.

FOUR TICKETS AT TACOMA

BARTMAN STANDS BY MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP PLATFORM.

Nominated by the Labor Union People of the City Over a Week Ago.

TACOMA, Wash., March 13.—(Special.)—John Hartman, standing on a platform calling for municipal ownership and a closed town, will be one of the candidates for mayor to oppose R. L. McCormick, the Republican nominee. George P. Wright will, all probability, be the Democratic nominee to succeed himself, running on a platform which will endorse the policy of the present city administration. Mr. Hartman today announced his acceptance of the nomination for mayor, tendered him by the labor union delegates at a meeting held here last night. The Democratic primaries last night made Mr. Wright's nomination for mayor at the convention Thursday evening a foregone conclusion. There is no likelihood of an independent ticket, inasmuch as there is no Republican of prominence willing to allow his name to be used in connection with any such movement. There will be certain city tickets in the field—the Republican, Democratic, Municipal Ownership and Socialist.

PRESIDENT SMITH RESIGNS.

Head of Horticultural Bureau Strips for the Senatorial Fray.

SALEM, Or., March 13.—(Special.)—Because he has become a candidate for United States Senator, Hon. E. L. Smith, of Hood River, has tendered his resignation as head of the State Board of Horticulture. The appointing power is vested in a board composed of Governor Chamberlain, Secretary of State Dunbar and State Treasurer Moore. Mr. Smith was appointed chairman of the board, hence his successor may be appointed from any part of the state. In tendering his resignation, Mr. Smith says: I hereby tender my resignation as Commissioner-in-Charge and Chairman of the State Board of Horticulture. As a candidate for political preferment it seems eminently proper that I should take this action in order that the board may continue in the future, as it has been during my incumbency, strictly non-partisan.

DEAD OF THE NORTHWEST

William M. Tompkins.

FOREST GROVE, Or., March 13.—William M. Tompkins died in Tillamook County, Sunday. He was a pioneer in 1852, and lived in the vicinity of Forest Grove from 1853 until seven years ago, when he moved to a farm near Tillamook City. Born in Jerseyville, Ill., 1828, Mr. Tompkins spent his first winter in Oregon at the Dalles. While living in Washington County, he was known as the pioneer of the Northwest as an owner of fine-bred horses and of racers. His widow, who lives on the farm near Tillamook, survives him, along with the following children: Mrs. George Bacon and Mrs. C. F. Miller, of Forest Grove; Jesse R. Tompkins, of Gaston, Or.; James W. Tompkins, who lives on the farm in Tillamook County; and Mrs. N. Myers, of Tillamook City.

ONE MAN HANGS THE JURY.

EUGENE, Or., March 13.—(Special.)—The jury in the case of the State against Virgil Rowland, failed to agree and were discharged this morning. They stood 11 for conviction and one for acquittal. The first day of court term was set for a retrial of the case. Victor Fitzer and William Cavelor, convicted of robbing W. W. Scott while asleep, were taken to the penitentiary today, having been sentenced to serve one year each.

Woman Cannot Hold Office.

SALEM, Or., March 13.—(Special.)—Atter General Crawford today rendered an opinion coinciding with that recently rendered by District Attorney Harrison Allen in Clatsop County, holding that a woman cannot legally hold the office of County School Superintendent of School. The opinion was written in answer to an inquiry from Superintendent of Public Instruction J. H. Ackerman.

Puts New Mayor in a Box.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 13.—(Special.)—By ordering out all slot machines a week before he gives up the Mayoralty, Mayor R. A. Ballinger has placed Mayor-elect William Hickman Moore in an embarrassing position. The new Mayor must choose between reversing a "closed town" order of his predecessor and the emphy of tobacco men and saloon owners.

PAROLE FOR THREE PRISONERS

Granted by Governor Mead on Recommendation of Superintendent.

HER LIFE IS INSURED

Elmer Wagstaff, the Beneficiary, is Said to Have Twice Put Arsenic in His Wife's Cup, but She Still Lives.

STEWART RESIGNS HIS POST

Unable to Get Along With Superintendent of Asylum.

OLYMPIA, Wash., March 13.—(Special.)—It was admitted at the office of the Board of Control today that the resignation of S. C. Woodruff as steward at the Western Washington Hospital for the Insane was handed in March 1, to take effect on April 30, and that the same has been accepted. Members of the board deny any knowledge of or interest in Woodruff's successor, all inquiries on the subject being referred to Dr. Van Zant, superintendent of the institution. Members of the Board of Control and others who are familiar with conditions at the public hospital do not put any stock in the published story to the effect that the place is to be abolished. Members of the board themselves have said in the past the position is an important and responsible one, and that Woodruff was doing the work of two ordinary men. It is stated on high authority, however, that the relations between Woodruff and Superintendent Van Zant have recently become so strained that proper discipline and the welfare of the institution demanded that one or the other of them must go.

HEAD IS NEARLY SEVERED

Suspicious Circumstances Surround Death of Japanese.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 13.—With her head almost severed from her body and a bloody cleaver lying on the floor, the body of a Japanese woman, a Japanese woman, was found today in her room on Washington street. Other Japanese lodgers in the house declare that the woman killed herself because she was ill. Suspicious circumstances surrounding the case have caused the police to make an investigation.

Attended Volunteer Conference.

WHITMAN COLLEGE, Walla Walla, Wash., March 13.—(Special.)—K. Lyman, one of the Whitman College delegates to the International Conference Student Volunteer Movement, just held at Nashville, Tenn., returned here today. G. A. Greenleaf, who will reach Walla Walla early next week, Whitman College sustained its reputation of being a missionary institution by being the only college in the Northwest to have delegates at this the greatest religious conference of the century. In fact, there were only two other delegates from the Pacific Coast, one from California and one from Oregon. Lyman and Greenleaf are both members of the junior class of Whitman, and of the local student volunteer band of students pledged to engage in missionary work after their graduation.

SEARCHING FOR HIS INHERITANCE.

HOQUIAM, Wash., March 13.—(Special.)—Johnny Oya, a full-blooded Indian, whose father was a great medicine man of the now diminishing tribe of Hamptons, is in this city today trying to obtain the papers belonging to his father, which gives him a valuable tract of land just outside the city limits. Young Oya's father was paralyzed by being struck on the head by another Indian during a drunken orgy, and since then has lived but is unable to speak a word. He was abandoned 20 years ago, and the son, who has just finished his course at the Chemawa Indian School, is now here to obtain papers given his father by the Government.

Long Journey to Coast.

VALE, Or., March 13.—(Special.)—Circuit Court met at Vale Monday. There are about 40 cases on the docket. Among these are about 15 condemnation proceedings in the case of the Malheur Valley Railway Company. Circuit Court brings together at the county seat about 125 people from different parts of the county. The county is 200 miles by 80 miles in dimension, and it takes from two to three days for some of the jurors and witnesses to reach the county seat. It is necessary for the largest population to be present at the opening of the court and remain during the full term.

Gun Club Looks for Good Season.

CENTRALIA, Wash., March 13.—(Special.)—The Centralia Gun Club is now entering upon what the members hope will be a very successful season. Sunday the first weekly shoot was held at the club grounds north of Centralia. Shooters from Centralia, Chehalis, Grand Mound, Tenino and other small near-by points were present and took part in the shooting of the blue rocks. A new member was taken to the penitentiary today, having been sentenced to serve one year each.

Trains Delayed, Stock Is Lost and Mines Suspend Operations.

BUTTE, Mont., March 13.—Butte and the state generally was visited today and last night by one of the severest storms in years. The thermometer dropped as low as 22 degrees below zero, with a stiff wind. The height of the storm center is in the eastern and southern portions of the state, a heavy snowfall accompanying the intense cold. Traffic on the Oregon Short Line is demoralized. One passenger train due in this city at 2:45 o'clock this morning arrived this evening, 15 hours late. This train escaped the brunt of the storm, but the passenger following is still somewhere along the road, with communication interrupted. Northern Pacific and Burlington trains are all running hours late. Stock interests are suffering severely, and the loss will be considerable. The wave tonight appears broken. All of the mines of the Amalgamated Copper Company are compelled to suspend operations tonight, as the result of the cold freezing the ore in the bins, also hampering the work at the smelters.

Getting Ahead of the Council.

HOQUIAM, Wash., March 13.—(Special.)—Excitement in the matter of establishing a fire limit in this city reached its highest state this morning, when four property-owners, fearing the Council would pass the ordinance to that effect, allowing no more frame buildings within certain limits, began the erection of wooden structures. The matter of establishing a fire limit has been a thorn in the flesh of property-owners, who have failed to improve their property and now they have begun construction even before the Council can legally take action. Those buildings are: F. G. Postent, A. S. Hodson, Charles Beall and G. W. Lamping.

POISON IN HOT TEA

Albany Woman Accuses Husband of Attempted Murder.

Must Stick to First Choice.

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New Game Warden in Lewis.

CENTRALIA, Wash., March 13.—(Special.)—The Lewis County Commissioner this week announced the resignation of H. S. Hill and appointed William A. Brown, of Pe Ell, to the Game Warden from April, 1906, to April, 1907. Hill has made a very efficient warden, but says the salary allowed, \$78, out of which he has to pay all traveling expenses, is not sufficient.

Red Men to Meet at Coos Bay.

COOS BAY, Or., March 13.—(Special.)—The Great Council of Improved Order of Red Men is scheduled to meet here the third Tuesday in May, but many of the tribes throughout the state are endeavoring to have the date changed to June 19, and it is not yet known whether the Coos Bay Chamber of Commerce voted a bonus of \$50 at its last meeting, to cover a portion of the delegates' expenses.

Installed as Church Pastor.

MORO, Or., March 13.—(Special.)—The early part of the month the Presbyterian Church of this place had a congregational meeting for the purpose of calling a pastor. Rev. A. J. Adams, who has been with the church for nearly two years, was unanimously invited to serve as pastor, and on the evening of the 8th was installed by Rev. W. S. Holt, synodical missionary.

Drowned When Boat Upset.

ASTORIA, Or., March 13.—(Special.)—Saturday evening Jacob Raumlila, of this city, went to Crooked Creek, a branch of Deep River, in a small boat. After arriving there he was drowned. His body was recovered last evening and brought here today for interment. Raumlila was a native of Finland, 40 years of age and unmarried.

State Senator Is Indicted.

OAKLAND, Cal., March 13.—After an investigation of the charges made against him by Miss Isabella Davis, the grand jury of Alameda County today returned an indictment against State Senator M. W. Simpson, the City Attorney of Alameda. It is charged that Senator Simpson misled Miss Davis under a promise of marriage.

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