



REFERENDUM MAY BE USED ON O. A. C.

Petitions Started by Normal Lobby.

700 SIGNATURES AT ASHLAND

Would Hold Up Special Fund for State College.

NEW ISSUE NORMAL FIGHT

Movement May Reopen Battle at Special Session of Legislature and Threatens to Involve Many Issues.

SALTEM, Or., March 12.—(Special.)—That a desperate effort will be made to hold up the appropriation of \$200,000 for improvements and new buildings at the Oregon Agricultural College is shown by the statement of H. D. Briggs, Ashland attorney and normal-school booster, who stated while here today that a referendum petition is being circulated in the southern part of the state, and has already received 2500 signatures in Jackson County alone.

Briggs states that the petition is being very generally signed and that the required number of signatures no doubt will be secured.

Club for Normal Schools.

This is regarded as an effort of the normal-school partisans to secure a vantage point from which to bring pressure to bear on the friends of O. A. C. in the scheme to reopen the normal-school fight. As only 5 per cent of the electors are required to refer the appropriation there seems to be no doubt of the success of the movement to hold up the appropriation, if those behind it are in earnest.

Briggs, who was in the Legislature several years ago, was a member of a Southern Oregon party of boosters on their way to Portland to bring pressure to bear on the Multnomah delegation to secure support for the reopening of the normal-school fight.

Ashland Starts Move.

From Ashland it is learned that two referendum petitions have been forwarded to Attorney-General Crawford asking his opinion as to the correctness of form of the petition. Accompanying each petition forwarded to solicitor are two copies of a slip containing information as to the manner of securing and attesting the names signed and requesting that the petitions be forwarded to "Drawer J, Ashland, Or."

The appropriation bill for improvement at the State Agricultural College is separate from the continuous appropriation for maintenance. The special appropriations, totaling \$200,000, are divided as follows: Thirty-five thousand dollars for new armory, \$50,000 for central agricultural building, \$30,000 for new heating plant, \$20,000 for purchase of additional land at Corvallis, \$50,000 for construction of new greenhouses and \$90,000 for additional equipment not itemized in the bill.

Arguments as Advanced.

It is argued by the petitioners that the continuous appropriation for maintenance will allow the college to continue its work even though the referendum should succeed in holding up the appropriation until the election in November, 1910.

A printed sheet accompanying the petition sent to the Attorney-General sets forth the reasons for invoking the referendum. The Legislature is criticized for making a large appropriation for the extension of one state-supported educational institution in the face of the various evidences that there is hostility toward paying large sums of money for state-supported institutions and yet at the same time, as shown by the vote last June on the University of Oregon appropriation, which carried in the state by the small majority of 3580, while seven counties furnished large majorities against such an appropriation. Washington County led off with a majority of 74 per cent against the University of Oregon appropriation. Linn followed with 73 per cent, Marion with 70 per cent, Clackamas with 69 per cent, Benton with 65 per cent, Yamhill with 64 per cent, and Polk with 64 per cent.

Solons Accused of Incompetency.

It is charged that the members of the Legislature are too incompetent to estimate properly the needs of the state institutions, and that this special appropriation bill should have been referred by the Legislature to a vote of the people. It is pointed out that the invoking of the referendum on the special appropriation bill at this time will not interfere with the school continuing its work as far as maintenance is concerned. This, it is argued, frees this referendum of the prejudice that obtained in 1908, when the referendum voted on in 1908, which held up \$1,054,429 general appropriation bill for maintenance of the state eleemosynary, penal and reformatory institutions in order to defeat the \$113,000 for the maintenance of the then four normal schools.

The circular declares that invoking of the referendum on the special appropriation bill of the college will not produce any hindrance and yet at the same time affords opportunity and time for the friends of that educational institution to establish its place in the

HARRIMAN MUMON O'BRIEN PROMOTION

WIZARD WILL NEITHER DENY NOR CONFIRM.

Talks of Mexican Extensions and Says New Road Will Open Gila Valley in Two Years.

PHOENIX, Ariz., March 12.—E. H. Harriman and party, with their special train, were here a few hours this afternoon. Mr. Harriman made one statement, encouraging to the Southwest at least, when he announced that the surveyed line through the Gila River canyon, between Winkelman and San Carlos, would be constructed within the next two years.

Mr. Harriman, when asked concerning a dispatch from Portland yesterday announcing official changes in the Southern Pacific personnel, said he did not care to discuss it, and refused to confirm or deny the facts stated. He admitted that he was traveling westward for a conference on the Coast.

CHAMBERLAIN IS PLEASED

Tells New Yorkers How Much He Likes Direct Primary.

NEW YORK, March 12.—George Earle Chamberlain, new Democratic United States Senator from Oregon, presided tonight at a meeting of New York's Civic Forum. The session was for the discussion of the question of direct primary nomination and the chief speaker was Senator La Follette, of Wisconsin.

Before introducing Senator La Follette, Senator Chamberlain spoke at some length of the Oregon direct primary, prefacing his remarks by a history of the conditions and events which led to its adoption.

WIRELESS CALL ANSWERED

Wrecked and Battered, Schooner Ann J. Trainor Is Towed In.

NEW YORK, March 12.—With only her foremast left standing above her decks, the three-masted schooner Ann J. Trainor, of Philadelphia, was towed into New York harbor early today, after having been partly dismantled in a gale of wind off Atlantic City. The Trainor was discovered in distress off the Jersey coast yesterday by a crew of fishermen, who reported her plight to the wireless station in the vicinity of Egg Harbor. Passing steamers were informed by wireless and two of them went to the assistance of the schooner.

SEVEN BURNED TO DEATH

Ghostly Crime Revealed in Mexican Town, Where Family Is Killed.

PUEBLA, Mexico, March 12.—Seven persons were burned to death in the town of Resurrection when the home of Augustin Serrano was destroyed by an incendiary fire. The theory of the police is that either murder was committed for the purpose of robbery before the house was set afire, or that the victims were chloroformed and left to their fate. The victims include Serrano himself, his wife and their infant child, which was found clasped in its mother's arms when the remains were discovered in the ashes of the ruined dwelling.

ZEPPELIN NEARLY MILE UP

German Aeronaut Reaches Height of 3000 Feet.

FRIEDRICHSHAFEN, March 12.—The Zeppelin airship, which went up from Lake Constance this morning, attained an altitude of over 3000 feet, a record height for steerable balloons. Varied and difficult maneuvers were carried out at this height with great success.

DEATH WAS ACCIDENTAL

English Held Blameless Regarding Killing of Garrett.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., March 12.—(Special.)—Harry English, who killed William Garrett, of Portland, Or., in a quarrel about a puppy dog last night, was released today, the officials holding that Garrett's death was accidental.

TWO HOURS' EARTHQUAKE

Maui Seismograph Reports Huge Temblor 4000 Miles Away.

MANILA, March 13.—Local seismographs recorded serious earthquakes continuously from 7:35 to 9:30 o'clock this morning. It was estimated that the region of disturbance was 10,000 kilometers distant.

WOMAN REQUESTS KLEIN BE REMOVED

Stirring Scene in Courtroom at Tacoma.

JUDGE INSISTS HE REMAIN

Mrs. Sauvageot Says Prisoner Has Influence Over Her.

DEFENSE SCORES AT TRIAL

Prosecution Admits Moral Character of Defendant Shall Not Be Questioned—Woman Hides Head When Answering Questions.

LANDSLIDES KILL SCORES

Mountain Falls on Three Villages in Java, Spreading Ruin.

VICTORIA, B. C., March 12.—News of landslides burying three villages, involving loss of hundreds of lives, probably over 1000, at Pandjoleo, Java, was brought by the steamer Empress of China. A part of Mount Kenjama fell, eliminating the villages of Tigboebelan, Wardeng, site and Telok Bengot; but one man, one woman and two children escaping to tell the tale.

The ground was still moving from the last left, tons of earth slipping down. Crowds were flocking to see the terrible sight, while officials were carrying out the work of recovering the bodies, mostly buried deep below tons of earth.

The stench was awful and pestilence was feared. Dogs and birds were feeding on the corpses exposed to view.

STEAMER MEETS ICEBERGS

Tamarac Dodges 50 of Them North of Cape Race.

PHILADELPHIA, March 12.—Towering icebergs and a great area of field ice caused consternation to the officers and crew of the British steamship Tamarac when the vessel was several hundred miles off the Grand Banks, on March 2. The Tamarac arrived here yesterday and the report of her officers caused amazement in shipping circles when it became known that more than 50 icebergs were passed. The vessel was 300 miles northeast of Cape Race when the lookout reported icebergs ahead. The water was literally dotted with bergs of all sizes.

PLUMBERS' TRUST FOUND

Twenty-one Wholesalers in Milwaukee Made Defendants.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., March 12.—Twenty-one defendants are named by District Attorney Backus in a formal complaint today against the wholesale plumbers, alleging conspiracy in restraint of trade. The complaint is the result of the last grand jury's investigation into the general affairs of the city officials and private law violations.

SPECIAL REAL ESTATE NUMBER

The Oregonian will print tomorrow, with its regular Sunday edition, a special real estate supplement. Activity and development of the real-estate field are always a barometer of general business and industrial conditions; and to the extent that the real estate market expands, the progress and prosperity of a city are marked. What the live real estate men of Portland are doing for the city will be set forth in the supplement. The great industrial enterprises which have recently been launched here; the many fine buildings and beautiful dwellings being constructed; the manifold improvements in streets and in suburban tracts; the large municipal improvements—these and many other interesting things will be adequately set forth tomorrow, all with numerous timely illustrations. It will be a number of great interest to the investing public, and therefore it will be the most valuable medium for the advertiser.

LOS ANGELES CAST INTO CIVIC CHAOS

Has No Mayor and Officials Yearn to Quit.

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Harper's Friends to Attack Constitutionality.

ANTIS READY FOR FIGHT

Threaten to Recall Councilmen Who Vote for Smith, but Are Defeated—Harper Disappears and Business Wails.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., March 12.—(Special.)—Politically Los Angeles is in a state of chaos tonight, and there is no prospect that order will be established before Monday at the earliest. The city is without a Mayor and department heads are anxious to resign. The City Council today met in a chamber crowded with citizens intent upon the straightening out of the tangle that Harper's resignation caused, accepted the resignation, but failed to appoint a successor and put off action until Monday.

Will Name Smith, Defy Recall.

George A. Smith, an ex-Councilman, has been decided upon by a majority of the Council as Harper's successor, and there is little doubt that he will be elected Monday. His appointment, however, will provoke as bitter a fight as that against Harper, and the courts will finally be called upon to settle the mess into which Los Angeles city politics has been plunged.

Attack Recall in Court.

After a conference tonight with ex-Governor Gage, John H. Calland, United States District Attorney, Oscar Lawler, who, with other prominent attorneys, agrees that the cause of the recall election has been eliminated by the resignation of Harper, the anti-Alexander faction decided to direct its fight on the constitutionality of the recall law itself. An injunction will be sought directed against City Clerk Leland, demanding that he show cause why he should not be permanently enjoined from calling the recall election, and the court will be asked to determine upon the legality of the recall at once.

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EMMA EAMES IN DIVORCE TANGLE

SINGER NOT CRITICISED FOR CONDUCT.

Emilio de Gogorza, Member of Her Company, Sued by Wife Because of His Infatuation.

NEW YORK, March 12.—(Special.)—Mrs. Elsa De Gogorza, the wife of Emilio De Gogorza, an opera singer, today applied to Supreme Court Justice Ogorman for \$200 a week alimony and \$2000 counsel fees, pending her suit for separation against her husband, who is now on a concert tour with one Emma Eames.

Mrs. De Gogorza distinctly states that she has no cause for absolute divorce, as far as she knows. In her affidavit Mrs. De Gogorza says that in September, 1907, her husband called on her and said that if she did not apply for a divorce he would stave her into submission. In the argument which followed the application Attorney Loewy said: "This couple got along all right until this man became madly infatuated with a well-known opera singer, with whom he is now on tour. I do not care to mention her name."

NOTED DETECTIVE KILLED

Joseph Petrosino, of New York Force, Murdered in Palermo.

NEW YORK, March 12.—A special cable to the morning Herald says: Lieutenant Petrosino, of the New York police department, was shot and killed early this evening near his hotel. His assailants are unknown. He had come to Palermo on an important mission, which had for its object the protection of peaceful Italians in America.

Joseph Petrosino was a naturalized Italian and one of the most valuable members of the New York Detective Bureau. He was never seen at police headquarters and but a handful of the men on the force knew him by sight. All the department's orders to him were transmitted in secret and he was of tremendous value in ferreting out crime in New York's Italian colony. Scores of Italians, whose friends had been brought to justice through him, were sworn to keep him on sight, but as he only furnished information on which arrests were made and never figured in them personally, he was unknown by even the Italians. He did valuable work in breaking up the Mafia, and at the time of his death was on a mission connected with the Black Hand outrages.

GET 'TIGRESS OF CORDOBA'

Woman Leader of Mexican Bandits Captured After Fierce Struggle.

VERA CRUZ, Mex., March 12.—Augustine Mora, referred to as the "Tigress of Cordoba," leader of one of the worst of the bandit bands in this region, has been taken prisoner, after a fight in the mountain rendezvous of the gang between the bandits and Rurales. The battle occurred a number of miles from Cordoba.

In the battle, Pedro Perez, a Rurale Captain, and two of his men were killed. Three of the followers of the "Tigress" were captured, with her. The woman was wanted for three atrocious murders and many acts of robbery committed by her band. She fought desperately, and it required three of the Rurales to place her in irons.

HOLD-UP ROBS SIX JAPS

Then Makes Victims Aid Him in Escape on Handcar.

GREAT FALLS, Mont., March 12.—An unmasked man last night entered the section-house at Burnham, on the Great Northern Railroad, occupied by six Japanese, and after a struggle, in which they deliver all the cash in the party, amounting to \$100, and then compelled them to get out the handcar and carry him towards Havre. Three miles from that place he left the car and told the Japanese to go back to their section-house and keep quiet about it. The Japanese were so frightened that they made no report until late today.

DREYFUS WORTH \$100,000

President of Pittsburg Ball Club Insured by Corporation.

NEW YORK, March 12.—The Pittsburg Athletic Company, owners of the Pittsburg baseball club, today secured from the Equitable Life Assurance Society a corporation policy for \$100,000 on the life of Barney Dreyfus. The company is spending \$1,000,000 on what promises to be the finest baseball park in the country, and the directors decided that the death of Mr. Dreyfus would entail on them a financial loss equal to the amount for which he has been insured.

MUST LOOK FOR TRAINS

Chauffeurs to Act Like Car Conductors, Says Federal Court.

PHILADELPHIA, March 12.—That the driver of an automobile, on approaching a railroad crossing, is bound not only to follow the ordinary rule of "stop, look and listen," but, if necessary, should walk to the track, like the conductor of a streetcar, was decided today by the United States Circuit Court of Appeals.

PLAN TO PARTITION CENTRAL AMERICA

America and Mexico in Secret Agreement?

RUMOR FROM MEXICO CITY

American Minister Recalled From Nicaragua.

INTERVENTION IS LIKELY

Zelaya Accused of Threatening Attack on Neighbors in Defiance of Treaty—Two Big Republics of One Mind.

MEXICO CITY, March 12.—(Special.)—There is a story current in diplomatic circles here, that is believed to be true, that the United States and Mexico have reached a private understanding and an agreement to divide Central America and annex its four republics in the event of further disturbances in that part of the world.

According to the story afloat here the question of intervention in Central America has been discussed between Washington and Mexico City for some time, and the conclusion has been reached that annexation is the only solution of the problem of ending the periodical revolutions that have been the curse of Isthmian republics. As a result of this private understanding, which has not been placed on paper, it is said that the United States has consented that Mexico annex Guatemala and Honduras, and Mexico has in turn given her assent to the annexation of Nicaragua and Salvador to the United States.

RECALLS AMERICAN MINISTER

Taft Acts With Mexico and Threatens Joint Action.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—Owing to the continued disturbed conditions in Nicaragua and President Zelaya's failure to make serious efforts looking to the settlement of the Emery claims, the State Department today, by withdrawing Mr. Gregory, the American Charge at Managua, and ordering the legation placed in the hands of the Consul, who will have no diplomatic capacity, practically broke off diplomatic relations with that country.

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