

PRESIDENT TAFT AND COL. BRYAN ARE PLEASED WITH THOMPSON'S GLASSES

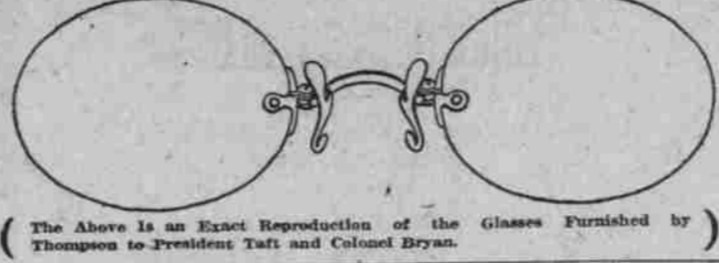


The letters reproduced below speak for themselves. President Taft and Col. Bryan have been wearing glasses for several years, having been fitted by the best eye specialists on both continents.

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Portland, Ore., Oct. 11, '09

R. A. Thompson,
Corbett Bldg., Portland, Ore.

My Dear Sir:
Allow me to thank you for the glasses which you fitted to my eyes. I am glad to inform you they are entirely satisfactory.

Yours truly,
W. J. Bryan

(Signed)

Below is another letter from Col. Bryan received a few days ago:

Fort William, Ont., Oct 28, '09

Dear Mr. Thompson:

The glasses are all right. No change necessary. Thanking you again for your kindness,

Very truly yours,
W. J. Bryan

(Signed)

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WASHINGTON

Portland, Oct. 2, 1909

R. A. Thompson,
Corbett Bldg.,
Portland, Ore.

My Dear Sir:
The President has received the glasses you furnished him on the 2nd of October and thanks you cordially for same. He much appreciates your attention.

Yours very truly,
Charles D. Smith

(Signed) Aide to the President

FROM GERMANY'S FOREMOST PHYSICIAN
Berlin, May 10, 1908.

Mr. R. A. Thompson:
The first night I attended one of your lectures and was surprised by the perfect system you have of detecting faults in human vision. The rapidity and accuracy with which you correct Astigmatism, Myopia and Hyperopia is nothing short of marvelous.

America can well be proud of an optician who has achieved such good results as you have. I am sorry you are leaving Berlin and wish you all the success and honors I am sure you will receive on your return to America.

Very truly yours,
W. J. Bryan

(Signed)



FROM "THE OPTICIAN"
The Official Organ of the Oculists of Europe, May 29, '08.

A new system for detecting and correcting the various defects of the eye with glasses was shown before a number of oculists last evening, at Mr. Sidney Richardson's. Mr. R. A. Thompson, an American optician, has demonstrated beyond a doubt, that he is master of his profession. Mr. Thompson perfected his system while studying in Germany, and the wonderful skill with which he discovers the various defects of the eye has caused quite a sensation among the eye specialists of Europe. By the "Thompson System," as he calls it, a mistake in fitting glasses is impossible. He certainly proved it last evening.

FROM "LE FIGARO," LEADING PARIS DAILY, JUNE 16, 1908.

Translation—R. A. Thompson, an American optician, astonished the medical world last evening with an important discovery for instantaneous sight-testing in a practical demonstration before the faculty of the University of Paris. The demonstration was unanimously declared a great aid to science. Mr. Thompson was born in Brooklyn, N. Y.

FROM "LONDON SCIENCE SIFTINGS," THE "SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN" OF EUROPE (June 6, '08.)

Mr. Robert A. Thompson, an American eye specialist, delivered a most illuminating lecture on the eye at the optical demonstration rooms of Mr. Sidney Richardson, of the Strand, on Wednesday evening. The great number of students present were greatly interested in the extraordinary skill of Mr. Thompson, who gave a practical demonstration of his "New System of Eyeglass Fitting." Several oculists present who were consulted by Mr. Thompson to examine their eyes to see how near he would come to the proper prescription. To their great astonishment he found the proper correction in each case in less than five minutes.

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FINCH DIES WITH PROTEST ON LIPS

Slayer of Ralph B. Fisher Insists He Shot Victim in Self-Defense.

DEATH COMES SWIFTLY

After Brief Speech in Firm Voice on Scaffold, Trap is Sprung and Physician Pronounces Life Extinct Within Four Minutes.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 12.—(Special.)—James A. Finch today paid the extreme penalty for the murder of Ralph B. Fisher in Portland a year ago. The execution was one of the most successful held in the Oregon Penitentiary.

The death march from the cell began at 12:24; the condemned man and his captors reaching the chapel at 12:55. The execution chamber was reached at 12:58, and Finch finished his brief talk to those in attendance at 12:59. At 12:59 the trap was sprung, and at 12:59 the man was pronounced dead by J. N. Smith, prison physician.

Finch showed some agitation throughout the forenoon, but walked to his death with firm and steady step. Walking to the front of the gallows, and leaning forward with his hands on the low railing, solemnly and in a perfectly steady and clear voice, he declared that he had shot Fisher in self-defense. His words were: "Shot in Self-Defense, He Insists."

"Gentlemen, I can imagine no sadder moment than this in the life of any man. The humiliation of this moment is very keen to me, but I wish to say a few words before I must bid you all good-bye. In a few minutes I expect to stand face to face with my God, and realizing this as I do, and as I know you do, I wish you all to believe that I am speaking the truth and the whole truth in what I am saying now."

"I did not assassinate Ralph B. Fisher as he was sitting in his chair in his office with his back toward me. I shot in self-defense. I want Dr. Smith and the other physicians to make a post-mortem examination and they will find upon my head the marks where the notary seal thrown by Ralph Fisher hit me. This is the truth as my last statement, and this deed today will be a rank injustice under the law."

"I want to forgive Mr. Kay and the newspapers who have misrepresented my actions. I want to thank Dr. Smith and the officers of the prison and of the jail for the fair treatment I have always received at their hands. Gentlemen, I wish to thank you; good-bye."

With these words he stepped backward upon the trap and three-quarters of a minute later was hurled into eternity.

FRAUD SIGNAL FLIES

Wildcat Firms Warned by Insurance Commissioner.

BAD STOCK ON MARKET

Promoters Trying to Sell Shares in Companies Not Authorized to Do Business in Oregon, Declares Bulletin.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 12.—(Special.)—In bulletin No. 1, issued today by Insurance Commissioner S. A. Koser, the public is warned to exercise caution in investing funds in the stocks and bonds of insurance companies without first making a careful investigation of the merits of the company.

The bulletin says: "In the promotion of many of these companies, the commissions paid for selling stock approximate as high as 50 per cent, which tends to the conclusion that the interest of the promoters without regard to his future after his capital advanced, has been fully subscribed and paid up, and it is authorized to begin business."

The new insurance department, it is stated, is anxious to see more of the right kind of insurance companies in Oregon, but it would have investors use care in buying stocks.

Outside companies that have not complied with the Oregon laws, and therefore are not authorized to do business in this state, come in for a share of the attention of the bulletin. It is stated that Harlow, Hewitt & Co., of San Francisco, are endeavoring through the mails to interest the citizens of Oregon in the Retail Grocer Underwriters and the Retail Hardware Underwriters. The latter is also said to be seeking a foothold in this state. These companies have not complied with the Oregon laws, and any business done in this state is done in open violation of the new insurance code; also those who do business with concerns not authorized to transact business here do so at their own peril, without recourse and without hope of protection from the laws of this state.

Irrigators Plan Deep Test Well.

ATTALIA, Wash., Nov. 12.—(Special.)—Owners of property on the uplands east of Attalia held a meeting here tonight to consider plans for securing artesian water for irrigating their lands. G. W. McBride, an experienced well-driller from Kansas, presented a proposal for a test well. A preliminary organization was effected, with W. M. Britten as chairman, and a stock company will be formed to put down a well 1000 feet deep.

Tong Chiefs Will Get Bail.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 12.—Judge Shortall today fixed the bonds for Tong King Cheng, the secretary of the Chinese Free Masons and editor of the Chinese Daily Free Press, and Gee Hong On, president of the On Yick tong, at \$30,000.

BEGIN CUNNINGHAM CASE

Witnesses From Many Points to Testify on Coal Land.

SEATTLE, Nov. 12.—Hearing of evidence in the famous Cunningham coal land case, in which the title to valuable land in the Bering Lake country of Alaska is involved, will be begun in the Federal building in this city November 18. The lands are claimed by a score or more of the richest men in the Pacific Northwest.

Witnesses from all over the Pacific Northwest, including Alaska, will be present. The Commissioner will take more testimony at Spokane.

WOMEN LEAVE IN CANOES

Settlers in Skeena Valley Fear Trouble With Indians.

VICTORIA, B. C., Nov. 12.—A dispatch received at Premier McBride's office today from Hazelton said women and children were being sent down the Skeena by canoe. The Indians have promised not to interfere. The situation at Hazelton is quiet.

In spite of sensational dispatches sent from Victoria, there has been no bloodshed in the Skeena country, and none is expected. Several Indians have been arrested for stealing railroad stores and interfering with railroad building.

The Indians are few in number and are not likely to make much further trouble.

MONTESANO WANTS A FAIR

Campaign to Get County Institution Indorsed by H. D. Chapman.

MONTESANO, Wash., Nov. 12.—(Special.)—Renewed interest in a Chehalis County fair, to be held here, was aroused today by the visit of H. D. Chapman, executive commissioner of Chehalis County at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition, to Montesano. Mr. Chapman said: "Everybody should favor a fair and Montesano is the place to hold it. Incalculable benefits to the county will follow the annual exhibit of products and the assembling of people from all sections of the county. Methods of agriculture are discussed and samples of products of all kinds are viewed and information is imparted concerning treatment of soil and the methods of cultivation. You may not only gain me as favoring an annual fair at Montesano, but you may say that I will do all in my power to encourage it."

HYBRID SALMON APPEARS

Silverides Caught in Columbia River Iverred to Be Crossed With Chinook.

ASTORIA, Or., Nov. 12.—(Special.)—During the present fishing season, the quality of silverides, especially in their high color, has been so noticeable that it is believed they are a cross between a silveride and a Fall chinook. At the expiration of the regular period the eggs developed and the young fish appeared and were released.

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