

REGULARS SCHEME TO REGAIN GROUND

Senate Adopts Resolution That Will Require New Action in House.

ABSENTEES ARE CALLED IN

Effort Will Be Made to Compel Appointment of Committee That Cannon Would Have Chosen if Left to Do So.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—With the full force of the House and Senate working with dynamite, so far as the effect in the House was concerned, the Senate committee on public lands declined to incorporate in its report the resolution passed Saturday a clause giving to the House the appointment of its six members of the committee in any manner it chose. Such an amendment was offered by Senator Newlands.

A majority of the committee argues that the joint resolution favored by the committee was in the form that precedent prescribed and that as notice of the House resolution had not yet reached the Senate, the committee had no knowledge of the House action.

Only Senators Newlands and Heyburn voted for the Newlands amendment. The former based his action on an expressed desire to see that Pinchot should be tried by a committee whose fairness could not be questioned and the latter on the belief that the Senate should not attempt to dictate the manner in which the House members should be selected.

The resolution reported by the committee is a substitute for the Jones-Humphrey resolution. Its preparation in the Senate is reported on Monday.

Another report, apparently well founded, is that the House organization is likewise getting ready for a fray, and that a desperate attempt will be made to have the Senate's resolution adopted in lieu of the House measure.

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president of the Lane County Fruitgrowers' Association at the annual meeting here today.

The principal addresses were by Dr. H. F. McCormack, president of the association, and C. D. Freeman, manager of the Commercial Club.

A new board of directors, as follows, was chosen: F. M. Wilkins, M. Svarverud, Frank Chase, D. E. Moran, Al Hampton, C. G. Young, H. F. Hollenbeck, George Rankin, A. Rankin, George Wilmer, A. Wilkins, Herman Schmitt, W. L. Wheeler, Mr. Wilmer, J. W. Bertsch, C. J. Ward.

Amos Wilkins was recommended as a member of the board of directors of the Second Southern Oregon District Fair.

ROBBERS BREAK INTO COUNTRY HOUSE WITH AX.

Many Articles of Value Left Untouched in Search for More Portable Property.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 9.—(Special.)—The country house of Henry J. Biddle, general manager and a large stockholder of the Columbia Contract Company, with quarters near Fisher, and member of the Portland Automobile Club, was ransacked Thursday night by thieves who broke in with an ax.

The beautiful Biddle country home is one of the show places on the north bank of the Columbia river, situated seven miles east of here, and is surrounded by a prime orchard of 17 acres, in which Mr. Biddle, who is wealthy, indulges his bent for horticulture.

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BANK RESERVE IS HIGH

Oregon, Washington and Idaho Have \$328,597,000 on Deposit.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 9.—Deposits in state and national banks of Oregon, Washington and Idaho on November 16 aggregated \$328,597,000, the loans and discounts \$218,232,000, and the cash and exchanges \$119,882,000, and a reserve of about 26 per cent. These figures are given in the Financial Record of Seattle.

The bank of Washington had deposits of \$187,195,000, the highest mark ever. Its loans and discounts were \$125,049,000 since November, 1908. Loans have increased \$27,000,000 since November, 1908.

Oregon banks had \$104,112,000 in deposits November 16, an increase of \$19,000,000 in the year. Loans increased from \$52,245,000 in November, 1908, to \$63,240,000 in November, 1909.

Idaho banks had total deposits of \$77,290,000, an increase from \$26,559,000 on September 30, 1908. Loans aggregated \$28,221,000, an increase from \$20,225,000 on September 23, 1908.

PREACHER SPURNS NEGRO

Spokane Pastor Soon Answered by Colored Editors of Local Paper.

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 9.—(Special.)—"No white man ever met a negro in any kind of physical contest. It is one of the good things about professional baseball that it drew the color line from its origin."

"Baseball would never be as popular with the American public as it is today if not for the negro in it. I don't want to have to associate with him, or to meet with him on any terms of equality whatever," said Rev. J. W. Hindley, pastor of the First Baptist church.

"All intelligent negroes of this land spurn social equality without exception. Equated in commercial life, a square deal before the courts of the land and an opportunity to honestly earn their daily bread in the various vocations of life this all negro demand," say the editors of Spokane's colored editors reply to the interview.

TACOMA POLICE MYSTIFIED

Stranger Complains of Wife Deserting and Robbery, Then Leaves.

TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 8.—(Special.)—Who are the persons who drove to the Harty Hotel, Twenty-fourth and C streets, at 12:30 o'clock this morning and looked at the door of room 12, and who is "Jack" Smith, who this morning reported to the police that those same persons drugged and robbed him of \$300 and that, as circumstances of the case with the strange visitors? The police have been asking these questions today with no answer.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith have roomed at the Harty Hotel for the past week. Smith is not known to have done any work. He has about \$300 and a small amount of clothing.

JOB FOR SALE IS CHARGE

South Bend Man Charges ex-State Senator With Offering Place.

SOUTH BEND, Wash., Jan. 9.—(Special.)—A sensation was sprung here yesterday evening when James Taylor, a contractor and builder, appeared before the County Commissioners and made a charge that ex-State Senator John F. Welsh offered to procure for Taylor the position of inspector of construction of the new Courthouse for a consideration.

Welsh denied the allegation and his wife and stenographer both made oath that they were present at the interview and that a consideration was not mentioned. The Commissioners decided that they had no jurisdiction in the matter.

ZELAYA SAYS THIS ADMITTED GUILT

Telegrams Said to Have Been Sent by Cannon and Groce Shown.

DEATH JUST, AVERS EXILE

Deposed Nicaraguan Produces Messages Asking Mercy—One Appeals as Mason—Papers Answer Madrid.

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 9.—As justification of his refusal to pardon Cannon and Groce, and in support of a denial which he made today of irregularity in the manner of their condemnations, Jose Santos Zelaya exhibited for the first time telegrams which he declared he received from the American victims of Nicaragua's martial law.

Zelaya's utterance was in reply to charges made by President Madrid, of Nicaragua, that the executions of Cannon and Groce were illegal, and that the United States Government was justified in its resentment of this action.

The telegrams follow: "El Castillo, Nov. 14, 1909.—Commander-in-Chief J. Santos Zelaya Campo de Marte: The confessions made by me in my trial are sufficient proof of my voluntary guilt; therefore I don't attempt to maintain before you the innocence which does not exist, and I limit myself to asking that your recognized magnanimity be extended to me, saving my life and imprisoning me instead for the number of years you may designate, promising you that you will recognize me again to mix in the political affairs of the country, and furthermore, to serve the government in which you preside in all that may be for the peace of the republic, which General Juan J. Estrada, with my humble collaboration, given in an unfortunate moment of excitement and madness, has disturbed."

"My salvation, after being condemned by the law and conscience to die, can only be the work of big hearts like yours, to which I appeal and in which I put my trust for the love of my good mother, who will be made happy by your noble action. Your servant, Leroy Cannon."

Appeal Made as Mason. "Senior General Don J. Santos Zelaya, Campo de Marte: I have always been magnanimous toward all. I pray you, in the name of God, to grant me clemency, now that I am in distress. I will remain your grateful servant for life. For God's sake, have pity on me. Your servant and brother Mason, L. W. Groce."

"El Castillo, November 14, 1909.—Senior General Don Santos Zelaya, Campo de Marte: I repeat my plea, Mr. President. I am guilty as I have confessed, but I promise you, General, never again to mix in the political affairs of this country, which I love as my own because my adored wife is a Nicaraguan. She and my four children will be happy through your magnanimity. I beg of you, graciously, to pardon Leonardo W. Groce."

The telegrams were written in Spanish and were shown to Cannon and Groce, who made many grammatical errors. Groce appealed to Zelaya as "thou" and "thou" in Spanish. Zelaya, however, is not a Mason, and the appeal, on this ground, had no effect.

STATE DEMANDS LEVITT

WARRANT ISSUED IN SEATTLE FOR LOS ANGELES MAN.

Bail for Manslaughter Once Forfeited. Grand Jury Probing Black-mall Charge.

SEATTLE, Jan. 9.—When the criminal calendar was called in the Superior Court today and the name of Ralph J. Levitt, charged with manslaughter, was reached, Judge Wilson J. Gay addressed the prosecuting attorney severely, ordering him to prepare an affidavit for a warrant, in the name of the State of Washington, that the State of California surrender Levitt as a fugitive from justice. The prosecutor announced that the warrant would be issued immediately and that the fugitive would be sent for.

An automobile agent, was riding in an automobile in this city two years ago, when his car struck and killed a street-sweeper named Rafael Segó. Levitt was arrested, charged with manslaughter, and was released on \$1500 bail, furnished by a Seattle cigar dealer.

When his case was called for trial he did not appear, and the bail was forfeited, his bondsman making no demurrals. Efforts to bring Levitt back from Los Angeles, his present home, have failed to date. The grand jury is expected to return county officials in both states, and the grand jury here is investigating.

FREE FERRY IS ASKED FOR

City of Newport and Star Route Agent Petitions County Court.

NEWPORT, Or., Jan. 9.—(Special.)—The Newport Commercial Club has presented a petition to the County Court, signed by residents of Newport, Waldport, Yachats and intervening territory, asking the county to help pay for a free ferry across Yaquina Bay, between Newport and South Beach. Lee Doty, who holds the mail and express contracts between Newport and Waldport, has subscribed \$500. The City of Newport will be elected.

This will benefit all the people living south of Newport who formerly had to pay heavily for ferrying across the bay or go out of their way to Toledo, where they would be transferred over the Yaquina river for a much smaller amount. The decision of the court is looked forward to with much interest.

PRIZE SYSTEM CHANGED

Yamhill Fair to Make Awards to Individuals Only.

Yamhill Fair to Make Awards to Individuals Only. M'INNISVILLE, Or., Jan. 9.—(Special.)—At the annual meeting of the Yamhill

County Fair Association held here today the following board of directors was elected: R. Merchant, of North Yamhill; Dr. Gilstrap, of Sheridan; J. B. Dodson, of Dayton; W. C. Hagarty, William DeHaven and W. T. Macy, of McMinnville. These will act in conjunction with the board appointed by the Governor, which comprises Milton Foster, Sheridan; Mrs. Inez Butts, of Newberg, and H. F. Wilson, of McMinnville.

Members of the board of directors of the county were present and some radical changes affecting the fair next Fall were discussed. Prizes to the school districts for competitive exhibits will be offered to individuals only. Cash prizes will be given to the pupils of the schools who contributed exhibits of their products or handicraft, as well as for the best individual exhibit of each class of product.

The proposal to charge admission to the grounds was heartily opposed by all of the business men of this city, who heretofore contributed funds toward the fair, so as to enable the organization to allow free admission. It was voted, however, to charge a small fee for general admission, with a free season ticket to all exhibitors.

ROBBER USES TAXICAB

WOMAN HOLDS UP MAN AND MAKES EASY ESCAPE.

At Command of "Stand Still, Give Me Your Money," Victim Loses \$10 and \$40 Watch.

CHICAGO, Jan. 9.—(Special.)—A description of the "Woman taxicab robber"—the latest variety of highway robbery—was given today by one of her victims, Tony Lenzo, a barber, who was robbed of \$10 and a watch and chain valued at \$40.

The woman, feigning fright, accosted Lenzo, and when close to him pointed her revolver at him and demanded that Lenzo surrender his money and as he was slow to comply she searched his pockets.

"I was just starting under a viaduct when the woman accosted me," said Lenzo. "She accosted me and told me to stand still. I started toward her and was within a few steps of her when I realized that I was looking at a revolver. 'Stand still,' she said, 'and give me your money.' I was a little too slow for her, and she reached out and searched my pockets until she had secured the watch and the other."

Seeking Wife, He is Shot. Man Would Kill Woman Who Starts Divorce Proceedings.

DENVER, Colo., Jan. 9.—Frederick Goebel, a packer employed in a wholesale goods house, was shot and probably fatally wounded early this morning while attempting to break through the door of his apartment to punish her for having instituted divorce proceedings against him.

The Goebels came to Denver more than a year ago from California, where they were married two years ago. Recently Mrs. Goebel brought suit for divorce against her husband, alleging extreme cruelty.

From 4:30 yesterday afternoon until an early hour this morning not less than a score of shots were fired by the police at the Goebel residence, on Welton street, resulting from the effort to break down the door of his wife's room and wreak vengeance on her.

During the afternoon he had met her on the street and nearly choked her to death. Later he again attacked her in a physician's office.

Goebel was shot in the chest and arm, and was taken to the hospital. He is in a serious condition. The police are investigating the case.

Press Club is Organized. Plan Proposes to Strengthen College Publications at O. A. C.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE. Corvallis, Or., Jan. 9.—(Special.)—Students representing the four student publications of the college met today and took the first steps toward the organization of a college press club. This club is expected to become the charter members of the club were S. A. Wilson, Harry Evans and E. Stratton, of the Bachelor; R. L. Davidson and M. E. Cox, of the Student Engineer; F. B. Steen and M. E. Smith, of the Countryman, and W. F. Jamison and W. L. Wright, of the Orange.

The aim of the club as stated by one of the members is to foster college journalism. The problem of news gathering and editing, particularly as they apply to local conditions, will be the subjects of the club's work.

Jury Justifies Lynching. "No Innocent Man Met Death" is Verdict at Cairo.

CAIRO, Ill., Jan. 8.—The grand jury which investigated the murder of Miss Anna Pelley and the lynchings of Henry Salmer and Willie James, the latter a negro, and today without returning indictments.

The report stated that it was evaded. Mrs. Johnson was not only not concerned in the lynchings, but "we believe no innocent man met his death at the hands of the mob."

LEBAM WILL INCORPORATE. Willapa Valley Town to Hold First Municipal Election This Month.

SOUTH BEND, Wash., Jan. 9.—(Special.)—Lebam, a thriving town in the heart of the Willapa Valley, will vote for the first municipal officers at the town meeting of the fourth class on January 24. At the same time town officials will be elected. The ticket will probably be as follows: Mayor, J. W. Goodell; Treasurer, M. R. Round; Councilmen, Dr. J. B. Blair, C. M. Rutherford, E. S. Soule, E. A. Kinch and W. L. Deery.

Mr. Goodell is the founder of the town and gave it its name. Lebam has a number of manufacturing and is the center of a rich farming district.

WOMAN SAYS BOARD SUSPECTS AGENTS

Claim Scandal Hinted at as Mrs. Johnson Goes to Vancouver for Trial.

CELL DOOR CLOSING AGAIN

Alleged Damage Suit "Faker," With Portland Police Record, Says Lawyers Persuaded Her to Resist Extradition.

Surprising developments may follow the arraignment of Mrs. Maud Johnson, said to be an expert "injury faker," in the Justice Court in Vancouver, Wash., Monday, when she will be arraigned on the charge of obtaining \$1250 from the Northern Pacific Railroad by fraudulently representing herself as having been injured through the negligence of the transportation company. Mrs. Johnson was returned to the Washington town last night, after having been extradited from Pendleton, Or., where she was arrested several days ago upon the complaint of Vancouver officials.

Testimony she may give in court will be a revelation of a conspiracy on the part of Northern Pacific employees in the claim department to rob the road through this woman's suit. Leading members of the legal department of the company, it is said, believe that the woman brought the suit in which damages were awarded to her at the instigation of some Northern Pacific employees, and that she divided the money she received with them.

Upon what grounds these suspicions are based is not made public, but every effort has been made by the legal department of the road to persuade the woman to implicate railroad men in a confession.

So far the woman has refused to admit that any employees or officials of the railroad were concerned in any way with her suit against the company. Upon her arrival in Portland Saturday night, on the way to Vancouver, she made the following statement, denying that she was absolutely certain she could say in regard to her troubles with the railroad:

"I believe that I am the victim of persecution by the Northern Pacific Railroad. I do not know why they should keep after me as they have unless it be that they hope to prove some criminal work among their employees. I have received repeated offers from them that if I would reveal to them the names of people higher up who professed by my damage suit they would not only release me from all further court action, but would pay me further money for my trouble. They have caused me. I cannot tell them anything, because I have nothing to tell; my damage suit was for bona fide injuries I received on the road, and that is all there is to it. I did not divide the funds I got with anybody; I have an affidavit against 'Fakers,' I have an unjustly called."

"I have been unfortunate. It is true, having been injured twice recently while traveling, I was absolutely all hurt in the last accident, it is still weak, and I have been bothered with it repeatedly. Aside from this I am a sick woman. You have heard of my late. In Pendleton, before I was arrested, I had planned to go to the hospital, but I was arrested. My husband and I were conversing, and as soon as I get clear of this present trouble I shall undergo that operation. Then I believe I shall leave this section of the country."

Asked whether if she were freed in Justice Court of the present charge she would sue the Northern Pacific for false arrest, Mrs. Johnson smiled and shook her head. "No," she answered, "I do not believe I will. If I were freed, I would say that I do not object to coming back to Vancouver to face this present charge. I want to come, for I am sure they can prove nothing against me. But case against them. I want the whole matter ended, and want to get away. I am sick of this persecution."

The baby later gave proof of its practice with Sheriff Taylor, who said Sappington spoke of his trip down from Pendleton.

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with officials of the road, were not successful. It was said that the fight against the extradition of the woman from Pendleton was inspired by others than the woman herself, but attempts to get the names of those interested in keeping Mrs. Johnson from taking the stand and testifying came to nothing.

There is a persistent rumor in Vancouver legal circles, however, that an effort will be made Monday to break down the woman's reserve, and to get her to tell facts about her damage suits that have so far been hidden. One Vancouver official declared last night that Mrs. Johnson would tell all she knew, there would be a scandal in the Northern Pacific claim department that would rival the Gordon scandal on the Great Northern.

DEBATING TEAMS BEATEN

Both Springfield Representatives Lose on Same Night.

SPRINGFIELD, Or., Jan. 9.—(Special.)—Both Springfield High School debating teams, negative and affirmative, were defeated last night by teams from Cottage Grove and Junction City. The other members in this district of the Oregon Interscholastic Debating League.

The affirmative team debated here, the negative at Junction City. Cottage Grove also defeated Junction City last night and is the winner in this district. The team will meet the winners of the Eugene-Albany-Salem and Lebanon-Jefferson-Corvallis districts. The judges at the debate here were Professor King, of Willamette University; Dr. J. N. Smith, of Salem, and L. M. Carl, of Albany.

The question was whether the State of Oregon should provide the text books used in the grade schools. The feature of this debate was that two of three members on each team were girls.

LABOR MEETS AT HOQUIAM

Hotels Are Thronged With Delegates Who Will Listen to Speakers.

HOQUIAM, Wash., Jan. 9.—(Special.)—The hostilities of Hoquiam are filled to overflowing with the delegates to the tenth annual convention of the Washington State Federation of Labor, which holds its initial session here Tuesday.

Among the more prominent speakers are elected John Z. White, of Natick, a reputation as a speaker, whose theme will be "Direct Legislation"; ex-Governor Charles W. Johnson, of Clatskanie, who will address the assemblage on "Woman's Emancipation"; and J. J. Smith, of Astoria, who will speak on "The Laborer's Responsibility."

Prior to the opening of the first day's session of the Federation, the Oregon State Federation of Labor will convene, the occasion being the convention of this organization. One of the first matters to be considered by the printers is the discussion of a meeting place for the International Typographical Union for 1911.

POLICE GET BOY "HOLDUP"

Harold True, Portland Suspect, Taken in Tacoma on Suspicion.

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MILE HIGH REACHED

Balloon and Five Persons Make Successful Trip.

TWO WOMEN ARE IN PARTY

Big Gas Bag "New York" Makes Initial Flight at Los Angeles, Covering 25 Miles in Aerial Tour of Two Hours.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 9.—The big balloon "New York," carrying its owner, Clifford B. Harmon; Mrs. Alvin French and her niece, Jean French, as passengers, and George E. Harrison and George Deussler, balloon pilots, landed at Casaverduga, in the Glendale valley, at 4:47 Saturday after a flight of nearly two hours.

The landing was made with ease, and no discomfort or danger attended any portion of this, the initial flight of the aeronauts who have gathered here for the aviation meet events