

COMMITTEE CLASH REVEALS DIVISION

Agreement in Ballinger-Pinchot Hearing Already Regarded as Hopeless.

PARTY LINES ARE DRAWN

Witnesses in Behalf of Secretary Brand Statements of Special Agent Jones as False—Sessions Lack in Harmony.

WASHINGTON, April 1.—The most serious clash that has yet occurred among the members of the Ballinger-Pinchot investigating committee marked the sitting today. The quarrel, which continued an hour or more, was a direct evidence of the growing feeling of partisanship among the Democratic and Republican members of the committee and was taken to mean the hopelessness of a unanimous agreement.

The row was precipitated when Chairman Nelson accused Attorney Brandeis, representing the prosecution, of attempting to deceive the committee or to conceal something. The attorney, flushed with anger, jumped to his feet and demanded that the chairman's remark be withdrawn.

Democratic members of the committee were quick to take up the defense of the attorney, and Representative Graham of Illinois moved that the chairman be directed to withdraw the imputation. Representative James seconded the motion.

Republicans Uphold Nelson.

Following a general discussion, in which every member of the committee present took part and stated his personal views, several Republicans said that they did not agree with Senator Nelson that Mr. Brandeis was attempting concealment of any sort, but at the same time they would not vote to compel the chairman to withdraw his remarks.

It was argued by Representative Madison, the insurgent member, that the chairman's remarks reflected only his personal views and in no wise committed any other member. Representative James argued that the matter Mr. Brandeis was accused of concealing was on record before the committee and consequently there could be no deception if the committee members were honest.

The question finally was disposed of by a motion from Representative Olmstead to lay on the table. This was carried by a vote of six to three.

Jones' Statements Denied.

Two witnesses testified today on behalf of Mr. Ballinger. They were District Attorney Elmer F. Todd, of Seattle, and United States Marshal H. K. Love, of Alaska. Mr. Love formerly was a special agent of the Land Office. Both of the witnesses declared that statements by Special Agent H. T. Jones for the "prosecution" were false. The direct examinations occupied only a few minutes, the cross-examinations by Brandeis taking up the rest of the session. Mr. Todd and Mr. Love were prepared to deny that they should be free to announce in open session how they voted in the private sittings.

Trooper Gets Reward.

"Well," he began, "I happened to be a trooper in Colonel Roosevelt's regiment."

"You need go no further," interrupted Senator Ellet, amid laughter.

The split in the committee has been emphasized by the action of the Democratic members in informing their Republican colleagues that they will participate in the executive sessions only on the understanding that they shall be free to announce in open session how they voted in the private sittings.

Elmer E. Todd, of Seattle, said in his testimony that he advised against criminal action in the Alaska cases "because Judge Hanford was constitutionally opposed to having that tried in public," was absolutely false. Mr. Todd denied that Jones and he had had a "conference."

What Object Would He Have in Making Those Reports if He Did Not Have the Conference?

"To show that he was working when he was not," retorted the witness.

"Well, what was he doing?"

"He was running around here and there making false reports," said the witness.

"He presented this matter to you didn't he?"

"Yes, but not fully; not so fully as he ought to have done."

Escrow Agreement Not on Record.

Todd testified as to the Wilson coal land case, in which he appeared as a prosecutor, that there never was an escrow agreement drawn up in this case, so far as the record showed. Glavis had testified he had been told that Ballinger had drawn up such an agreement and that fraud of gross nature was involved in the transaction.

H. K. Love, the former special agent, denied that he had told Jones that he was under obligations to several Alaska claimants. He declared that his obligations to H. R. Harriman, one of the claimants, were entirely of a personal character for services the Harriman family had rendered to Mrs. Love during an illness.

"Jones was at my house and he knew all these circumstances," he said. "It was for this reason that when we struck the Harriman group I asked Jones to take up that group and I would take another."

As to his protest in a letter to Denham that his report of August 2, 1907, did not "clear" the Cunningham claims, but raised a doubt as to their validity, the witness said it was the first time he had heard the term "clear list," and he took it to mean freeing the claims for all question as to fact and law.

As a matter of fact, he said, he had raised a question in his report of August 2, based on a statement by Ballinger, that a transfer even after entry constituted fraud.

"I never had understood the law that way and wrote to the department to say if that was the right construction of the law there was a question as to the Cunningham claims."

Love also contradicted Jones' statement that Love had denied ever having reported on the Cunningham claims prior to August 22.

Brandeis asserted that Jones and

Glavis were not attacking the witness' integrity, but merely wanted to show by reason of his relations in Alaska that his judgment was a little warped. When he first heard of the Morgan-Guggenheim option, Love said, he thought the claimants had lied to him, and he hoped they would lose their claims. Afterward, however, he discovered the option had been given after entry, and therefore he did not consider it as vitiating the claims.

Brandeis asked the witness about the tunnel on the Cunningham claims and he replied he understood the tunnel had been authorized by the department. Brandeis contested this.

"I was confined in my investigation to Alaska," retorted Love. "If not, I might have got the Cunningham evidence as to the tunnel work, there was every evidence to me the department was aware of its construction and had been notified of it."

But the point was persisted Mr. Brandeis, "that you did not get information that Glavis and Jones got."

"If you mean to infer my candidacy for the marshaling had anything to do with that I want to say that not one item was considered by me in connection with my marshaling aspirations."

Adjournment until tomorrow was taken, with Love still under cross-examination.

MAGAZINE ATTACK UNFOUNDED

Ballinger Exonerated by Federal Court and Bar Association.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, April 1.—Commenting on the latest attack, Secretary Ballinger today said:

"This is simply another chapter in the crusade to destroy my character and, like all previous chapters, is simply a gross, deliberate and malicious perversion of facts. I intend that in due time these muckraking assassins of character shall be brought to justice."

Mr. Ballinger exhibited certified copies of the proceedings of the Federal Court at Seattle, completely exonerating him and others from charges preferred by Gerald Pinch, which was discussed by the magazine. Investigation of the charges related in "Collier" was conducted as part of a proceeding in bankruptcy in United States District Court of Washington. Ballinger was exonerated by the judge of that court, by a master in chancery and by a committee of the Federal Bar Association.

C. H. Hanford, 39 years of age, judge of that court, said in his opinion:

"R. A. Ballinger and others accused by Pinch are hereby exonerated from all said charges. The court further holds and determines that there is not and was not any foundation for said charges, and that said charges are wholly untrue and without any evidence, and said petition and accusations are hereby dismissed."

A committee of the Bar Association, which also investigated the charges, reported that it was "unanimously of the opinion that charges made by Pinch were entirely wanting in any substantial foundation."

GOOD THINGS IN THE PORTLAND MARKETS

NOW THAT EGGS have come down somewhat in price and butter is alleged to be on the verge of a decline, chickens seem to consider it time to assert their importance, and, although goodness knows, they have not been what you would call cheap lately, they take occasion this week to climb a little higher and can only be had at 25 to 30 cents a pound.

Other poultry prices remain about the same—turkey, 35 cents, geese 25 cents, ducks 30 cents.

I saw a statement recently in a cooking book, recommending the recipe (you can't always believe a recipe just because it is in print) that sheep's hearts, cooked in a certain way and served cold, could "hardly be distinguished from guinea-hen." I take no responsibility for this statement, but offer it for the consideration of those housewives for whose table ordinary hens "roost too high."

Meat prices continue about the same level. Spring lamb is the fare, adorned with a garland of fat that will be to glorify its final crisp and brown appearance at table.

Fish is the resource of the economical Portland housewife. Halibut is lower, costing 12 1/2 cents a pound, clams also are rather lower than usual, costing 4 and 5 cents a pound for hatched and 12 to 15 cents a dozen for razors. Crabs are somewhat cheaper, good ones of medium size at 12 to 15 cents, small ones 10 to 15 cents. Shad is coming in more freely, 15 cents a pound; California salmon costs 20 to 25 cents; black cod, 15 cents; perch, flounder and sole, 15 cents, and smelt 5 to 10 cents a pound. Frog-legs are to be had again at 40 cents a dozen; mussels at 10 cents a dozen; and a few lobsters at about 40 cents.

Vegetables are now an encouraging feature of the market. Potatoes and onions remain low in price. Asparagus, at 12 1/2 to 15 cents, with other new green things, are coming in quantity and at a low price. Spinach, green beans and rhubarb are cheap, and there is a promise of other good things at lower prices to follow. Oregon rhubarb costs 10 cents a yard, but some of the best is available. Spinach, dandelion, field salad, mustard and cabbage sprouts, with several varieties of lettuce are the most prominent new greens. Broccoli are very good just now, and cost 8 to 10 cents each. Celery is scarce, but what there is is very good in quality. Cauliflower is still good—fortunately for those who have recently adopted vegetarian diet, for it is a vegetable which lends itself to charming meat substitute combinations. "Onions" remain about 20 to 25 cents a pound; hot-house cucumbers cost 25 cents a pound; and green peas 10 to 15 cents a pound.

In the fruit market there is little change. Oranges, apples, grapefruit, particularly fine ones—pineapples and bananas remain at about the same prices as last week. Strawberries will come in their own good time, and that time cannot be far ahead now.

VETERANS GIVE BANQUET

Spanish War Soldiers Hosts at Popular Entertainment.

The banquet and ball given last night by Camp Liscomb, United Spanish War Veterans, at Knights of Pythias Hall, was largely attended. The evening's entertainment was presided over by Commander W. T. Phillips.

Foss Griffith sang "Meet Me in Dreamland." F. N. Munsey spoke on the upbuilding and prosperity of the state and its future in agriculture and commerce and the benefits the state will derive from the opening of the Panama canal.

George Evans sang "Down by the Old Mill," and gave as an encore "The Armorer." Commissioner-General Adolph M. Brunswick spoke on the spirit of true comradeship. A. L. Hart told humorous stories.

Several veterans of the Grand Army were present.

Roanoke Nears Columbia River.

The United Wireless received the following message last night:

Steamer Roanoke—April 1, 8 P. M. 10 knots. Light breeze, moderate sea, light wind, light rain; barometer registering 30.0. Will arrive at Astoria about noon tomorrow.

NAPLES ON QUIVINE TO SEE ROOSEVELT

Thousands of Americans Are Gathering to Greet Honored Countryman.

PROGRAMME IS INFORMAL

No Official Reception Planned, but Welcome of City Will Be Given by Aldermen—N ewspaper Men Come by Dozens.

NAPLES, April 1.—Naples tonight is crowded in anticipation of the arrival of Colonel Theodore Roosevelt from Africa tomorrow morning.

Thousands of Americans wintering in Italy have swarmed to the city, as have hundreds of tourists from the big excursion steamers Cincinnati and Gronquist, Ernest L. Wiley and Levi C. Robinson, of Whitman.

F. S. Deitrich, United States Circuit Judge for Idaho, Fremont Wood, Judge of the Third Judicial District, and E. B. Conkline, superintendent of Ontario public schools, were the judges.

The verdict was in favor of the affirmative.

WOMAN BOUND; HOME FIRED

Unknown-Framp's Victim Is Rescued Unconscious.

DALHART, Tex., April 1.—A mob today was hunting for an unknown framp, who early this morning called at the home of Mrs. Chris Stanley and when he was refused money choked the woman, rifled the house, set fire to it and escaped. Two carpenters who were nearby saw the flames and rescued the unconscious woman. The house was destroyed.

TEXAS SHERIFF ELUDES MOB

Lynching of White Man Is Prevented by Flight.

QUANAH, Tex., April 1.—Only the quickness of the Sheriff in rushing R. Dwyer to the jail at Fort Worth prevented the lynching of Dwyer last night by a mob of whites, who were accused of assaulting the 5-year-old daughter of Milton Winbury on a ranch 17 miles from here. A mob formed last night to lynch him, but when it became known the prisoner had been taken to Fort Worth.

Railroad Personal.

B. S. Josselyn, president of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, returned yesterday from a month's vacation in Southern California. Mrs. Josselyn accompanied him.

Louis W. Hill, president of the Great Northern, returned yesterday from a month's vacation in California. Mrs. Hill accompanied him.

During the month of March, over 8000 acres of Government land in the Portland district of Oregon were filed on by settlers. This is a decided increase over the filings of any previous month.

Land Office Register Merrick said last night that the work in this department had been unusually heavy lately, especially in view of the fact that there are 28 contest cases pending. The Commissioner of the General Land Office recently sent Law Clerk McLoughlin here to facilitate the clearing up of this work.

When the present men took office in January, there was a large number of old contests pending, and the office was five or six months behind in the work. Mr. McLoughlin, who has had considerable experience in this special kind of work, was transferred from the Field Division to this city. He was formerly at Washington in the office of the Commissioner, where he handled such cases as those upon which he is now employed.

Mr. Merrick believes that the records of his office for the month of March show very gratifying results. The fact that the majority of prospective settlers reaching Oregon come to Portland first speaks well for the extensive advertising campaign which has been waged.

POSTAL WINS OVER BELL

Tennessee Judge Holds Discrimination in Phone Rates Unlawful.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., April 1.—(Special.) Judge Edward T. Sanford, of the United States Circuit Court today granted to the Postal Telegraph-Cable Company an injunction restraining the Cumberland Telephone & Telegraph Company (a Bell company), from discriminating against the Postal in the use of telephones.

A similar injunction was granted in behalf of the Postal against the East Tennessee Telephone Company, which is a subsidiary of the Cumberland Telephone & Telegraph Company.

It was contended that the telephone companies refused to furnish telephones to the Postal Telegraph Company for the same rental charged other subscribers and insisted on the Postal Telegraph

Company paying to the telephone companies 15 per cent of the tolls taken in by the Postal Company on messages delivered by the telegraph company over the telephone.

The Postal Company refused to pay this commission and two cents a message and the Cumberland Telephone company began taking out the telephones from the telegraph offices. Thereupon the Postal Company applied to the United States Circuit Court for an injunction.

The decision sustains the contention of the telegraph company that it is entitled to telephone service at the same rate charged other business subscribers and enjoins the telephone company from removing its telephones or otherwise depriving the Postal Company of telephone service because of its refusal to pay a higher rate.

IDAHO TEAM WILL DEBATE

Whitman Freshmen Defeated in Arguments on Arbitration.

CALDWELL, Idaho, April 1.—(Special.)—The freshman interclass debate was held in this city tonight between representatives of Whitman College and the College of Idaho. The question debated was—

"Resolved, That the President of the United States should be empowered to appoint, when appealed to in disputes of public importance between employers and wage-earners, arbitrators with compulsory powers for settling such disputes."

The question was debated in the affirmative by R. H. Davis, Edgar Oakes, and J. L. Boone of the College of Idaho; in the negative by A. W. Blomquist, Ernest L. Wiley and Levi C. Robinson, of Whitman.

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reservation and comprising 153 acres in township 29, range 40.

Pay J. Snoddy of Miller, S. D., holder of No. 2, was the second to file his claim. His land is located in section 14, township 28, range 39, and comprises 160 acres.

During the proceeding the Northern Pacific Railroad made the announcement that it claimed every odd section of land in the reservation. The claim was not allowed and it was announced that the Secretary of the Interior would also deny the company's claims, which would result in the matter being taken to court for final settlement.

FIRST CLAIMANT FAILS

Northern Pacific Railroad's Claim to Every Odd Section, Disallowed by Department Will Be Taken Into Court.

SPOKANE, Wash., April 1.—(Special.)—Miss Mabel D. McNickle, of Chicago, who held No. 2, was the first person to file on the Spokane reservation at the United States Land Office this morning. She was on hand an hour before the office opened in order that she might not miss her opportunity and when Allen Newton, of Helena, Mont., holder of No. 1, failed to appear she stepped forward and signed her application.

Miss McNickle paid \$168.74 for her land, located in the northeast corner of the

Broadbabin streets. The present two-story bank building and two one-story buildings facing on First street will form a part of the new structure, but the small brick buildings on the rear of the lots are being torn down. The new structure will be a modern business block.

Native of Portland Dies in Camas.

VANCOUVER, Wash., April 1.—(Special.)—Edward T. Sweeney, born 44 years ago in Portland, and for the past 40 years a resident of Clark County, died today of pneumonia in Camas. The funeral will be held from St. James' Cathedral Monday morning at 9 o'clock. Rev. Father Verwilghen officiating. The deceased is survived by three brothers—John Sweeney, of Aberdeen, P. E., and W. A. Sweeney, of Camas; and three sisters—Mrs. J. Ryan, of North Yakima; Mrs. Mary Deback, of Vancouver, and Mrs. Lizzie Haffrey, of Camas.

Late Snowfall Covers Hood River.

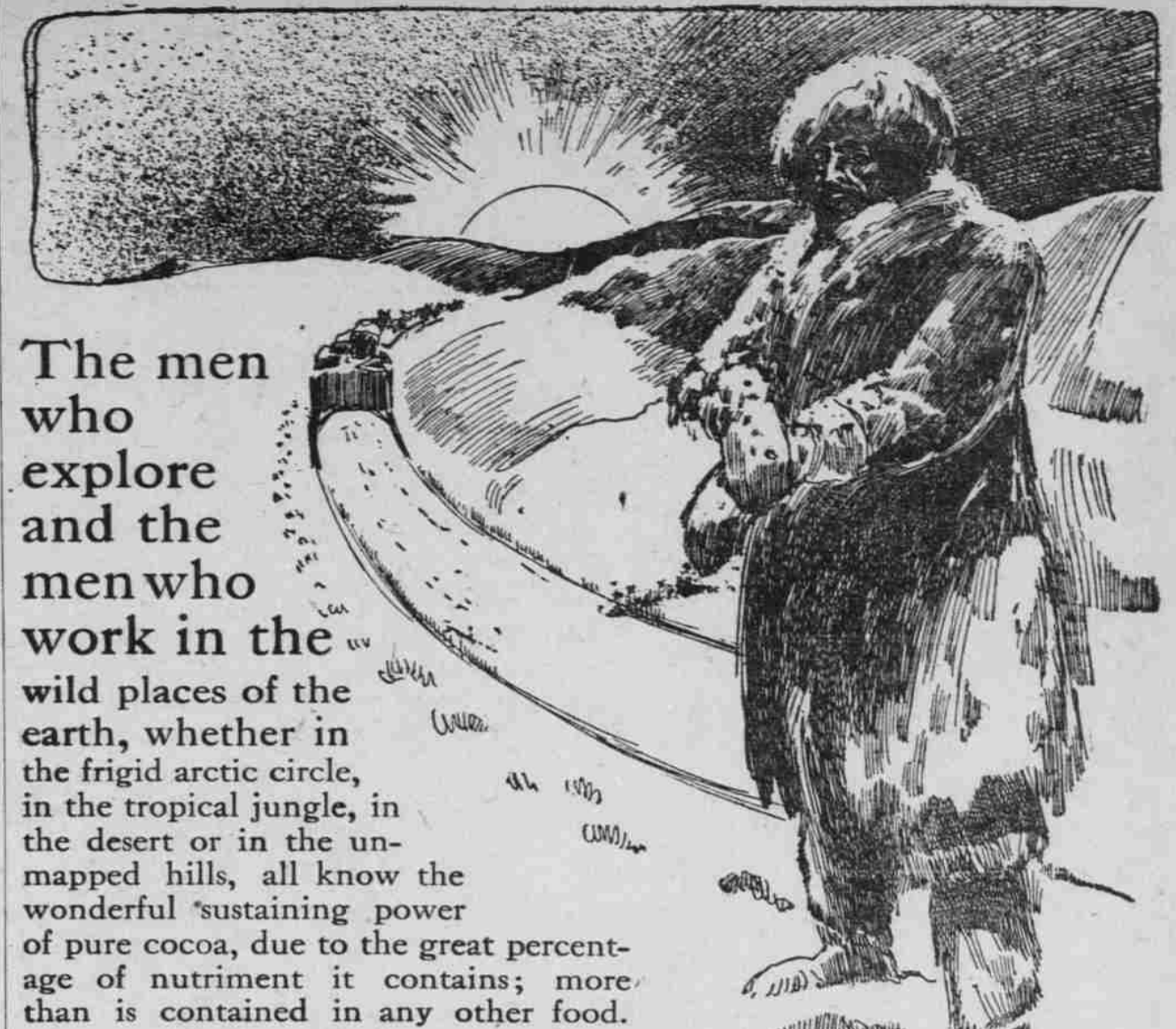
HOOD RIVER, Or., April 1.—(Special.)—The weather today was marked by a sudden drop in temperature and a light snowfall is reported in the higher altitudes in the valley. The snow was considered a novelty, as it fell in some districts in which the early varieties of apple trees are in blossom.

Driver Killed in Tacoma Runaway.

TACOMA, April 1.—David Piper, a driver for a truck company, was killed at a runaway today. He was hurled against a bulkhead and sustained a fracture of the skull. He was unmarried.

New Business Block for Albany.

ALBANY, Or., April 1.—(Special.)—J. W. Cusick & Co. today began work on the new two-story brick building, which will cover a quarter-block at the southeast corner of First and



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