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STATE OFFICIAL IS GRILLED IN REPORT

Dr. Steiner's Request Ignored, Cut.

TOO EXTRAVAGANT IS CHARGE

Legislative Inquirers Reduce Recommendations.

KNIFE IS USED FREELY

Item of \$141,750 Is Killed and Other Appropriations Are Cut One Half—Feeble-Minded School Misused Is Charge.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Jan. 20.

(Special.)—Recommending wholesale paring of the appropriations asked by Superintendent Steiner, of the Asylum, declaring that the aims, uses and purposes of the State School for Feeble-Minded have been perverted and entering into further recommendations as to the conduct of state institutions in and around Salem, the legislative committee appointed by the Legislature to make investigations as to conditions and estimates, filed its report in both houses this afternoon.

Dr. Steiner's recommendation that \$512,375 be appropriated for the use of the Asylum during the biennial period was cut under the pruning knife and the committee recommends appropriations amounting to \$52,157.34. Of this \$569,000 is recommended for maintenance and the balance for improvements and new buildings.

Appropriation Is Halved.

Appropriations as recommended for the Asylum farm are sliced from \$88,177 to \$24,344.50.

The report states that there are deficiencies of \$28,999 at the Feeble-Minded School. After declaring that the uses, aims and purposes of this institution have been perverted, the report goes on to state that more of the patients now in the school for Feeble-Minded should be in the Asylum and that only such patients should have been admitted to the school as are of suitable age and capable of receiving instruction. It is recalled that 123 patients were transferred from the Asylum during the biennial period.

Allegations of extravagance also are made relative to working of the farming land in connection with the institution. Members of the committee declare that there are too many farm employes used for a well-managed farm and that for the two years the cost of the farm help, including board, should not exceed \$4000. This is especially apparent, states the report, when it is considered that many of the inmates do farm and garden work.

Deficiencies are shown of \$250 at the Blind School; \$17,782.70 at the Penitentiary; and \$25,000 at the Asylum, this deficiency having increased \$5900 since the report was prepared. Very creditable mention is made of the conduct of staffs at the Mute School and Blind School.

Cost Per Patient Shown.

Among other interesting data furnished is a statement showing the cost per patient at each of the institutions, this cost being as follows: Asylum, \$13.45; Deaf School, \$24.25; Blind School, \$28.75; Reform School, \$25.50; Penitentiary, \$14; Feeble-Minded School, \$24.75.

Accompanying the report are two general appropriation bills which will immediately be printed. It also was decided in the Senate to furnish copies of the report for the use of the members, this being done both in the House and Senate.

The report follows: In accordance with the provisions of the Senate central concurrent resolution No. 25, your committee met and selected as the three duly elected representatives, Hon. J. D. Abbott of Multnomah, Hon. L. T. Reynolds of Marion, and Hon. J. T. Mahoney of Morrow and Umatilla, to act with us and thereupon adjourned to meet at Salem on the second day of January, 1911, and take up the active duties imposed by the said resolution. Two of these selected, Hon. J. T. Mahoney and Hon. L. T. Reynolds were unavoidably detained from actual participation in our work.

On our visit to the State Penitentiary, Deaf-Mute School, Oregon Reform School, and State institutions for the Blind we found that the superintendents of these several institutions have maintained the same on the several sums appropriated by the last Legislative Assembly, except a deficiency of about \$250 at the Blind School. At the State Penitentiary, according to the superintendent's report, there was a deficiency on December 30th of \$1788.70, and vouchers on file in the office of the Secretary of State for the quarter ending December 31st of about \$16,000, making a total deficiency at the State Penitentiary of \$17,782.70.

Our observations at the Mute School lead us to believe that the relocation of this institution in its new quarters

PULLMAN PROFITS SHRINK \$1,500,000

REDUCTION OF BERTH RATES TO HAVE EFFECT.

20 Per Cent of Regular Prices for Sleeping Accommodations on Trains to Be Stricken Off.

CHICAGO, Jan. 20.—(Special.)—Work on reduced rate tariffs of the Pullman Company that are to become effective February 1, is rapidly nearing completion and will, it is expected, be finished within the next few days. Announcement to that effect was made today at the offices of the Pullman Company. It was first announced the change would be made today.

The new rate schedules will mean a reduction of \$1,500,000 in the annual revenues of the company and is the result of negotiations that have been pending before the Interstate Commerce Commission for several months. Early in December officials of the company submitted to the Commission a rough draft of a revised schedule that meant a reduction of approximately \$1,500,000.

The reduction, which is country-wide, will mean a cut of 20 per cent for upper berths and between 25 cents and \$1, or 20 per cent of the total, on its lower berths.

The new rates will be based on a charge of \$2 for a 12-hour run, except on some of the fastest trains, but the 20 per cent cut will apply to all upper berth rates.

The lines over which Pullman cars are operated include all the main lines of the United States, excepting the New Haven roads, and the Great Northern and the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul systems.

JAIL FINISHES DOWNFALL

Harry Maxwell Brooks, Spokane Lawyer, Clubman, Is Embettered.

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 20.—(Special.)—Harry Maxwell Brooks, lawyer, clubman, Harvard graduate and Deputy Attorney-General of Washington until two years ago, was sentenced this morning to serve five months in the County Jail for embezzlement.

Brooks appeared in the court red-eyed, repentant and promising to make restitution of the money he confessed having taken, about \$300 belonging to a school teacher, Mrs. Nash. Sentence was passed by Judge Foster, of Seattle, who sat as special judge in the case.

Brooks is originally from Massachusetts, where he married the daughter of a wealthy man, in an elopement. After coming West the parents of Mrs. Brooks sent her \$5000 every Christmas-time, but when her husband was arrested, Mrs. Brooks returned to her home in the East.

It is charged that Brooks lost the money of his client, which was entrusted to him to pay off a mortgage, by shaking dice in cigar stores. Brooks, at the time of his arrest had bright prospects.

Proceedings are afoot to disbar him from practice.

LIGHTING PLANT FLOODED

Toledo Becomes Dark When Big Tide Meets River at Flood Stage.

TOLEDO, Or., Jan. 20.—(Special.)—High water has temporarily cut off the Lower Yaquina Valley from the outside world. Telephone and telegraph lines are out of commission. Several slides and a bridge damaged at Babyville on the Corvallis & Eastern Railroad have put a stop to through traffic. The company is operating its line in two divisions between Corvallis and Yaquina, transferring at the damaged bridge.

The flood coming down the Yaquina River met an exceptionally big tide blown in from the ocean yesterday and as a result the electric light plant at Toledo was out of commission last night and this city was in darkness. Water is said to be in the houses at Elk City at the junction of the Big Elk and Yaquina rivers.

ALL METHODISTS TO UNITE

Joint Committee Adopts Plan to Combine Three Churches.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 20.—After formulating the plan that it believed would lead to the unification of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church South and the Methodist Episcopal Protestant Church, the subcommittee composed of three members from each adjourned today. It will report to the general committee composed of nine members from each of the denominations at Chattanooga, May 17.

MRS. MANSFIELD WINS SUIT

Actor's Widow Awarded \$8781 Royalty on "Beau Brummel."

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—(Special.)—Judge Ward in the United States Circuit Court today directed that final judgment for \$8781.65 be entered against the American Play Company in favor of Susan H. widow of Richard Mansfield unless the company within ten days answers the complaint.

The widow alleges she agreed to turn over the manuscript and dramatic rights of "Beau Brummel" for two years from October 1, 1908, for royalties of at least \$10,000. She received only \$1215.20, she said.

GOODWIN'S WEALTH IN HANDS OF EDNA

\$1,700,000 in Trust Before Wedding.

HALF INCOME GOES TO WIFE

Document Signed While Actor Maxine Elliott's Husband.

HE HAS OTHER PROPERTY

Testimony Taken Before Referee Will Bring Out All Facts About Lavish Gift of Half Interest in Lands and Bonds.

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—Justice Goff

in the Supreme Court today named J. Campbell Thompson, a lawyer, referee to take testimony in the suit for divorce brought by Edna Goodrich Goodwin, the actress, against Nat C. Goodwin.

The suit promises to be productive of interesting developments, not the least among which will be the bringing out of the story of the alleged \$1,700,000 prenuptial trust deed by which Goodwin turned a big share of his wealth into a trust fund, the revenues from which, it was provided, should be equally divided between the pair during their lives and the principal to go to the survivor on the death of either.

Real Estate and Bonds Included.

Hermann L. Roth, counsel for Mrs. Goodwin, said today that the property embraced in the trust deed included real estate in California, a big amount of Government bonds, many New York state and city bonds and a lot of equally valuable staples and other securities.

The San Francisco real estate was the \$250,000 Lafayette apartment-house, for which the actor paid cash; other San Francisco residences and business property and a number of orange groves. Several choice pieces of Los Angeles realty also figured in the list.

Gift, Pure and Simple.

Mr. Roth declared that the agreement by which all this was converted into the trust fund for the benefit of Miss Goodrich was drawn up and signed while Goodwin was still the husband of his third wife, Maxine Elliott.

"It is an irrevocable document," continued Mr. Roth, "and it will be impossible for Goodwin to break it. It is not a pre-nuptial agreement, as such agreements are usually considered, for Mr. Goodwin, being then the husband of Miss Elliott, was not in a position to make a pre-nuptial agreement with Miss Goodrich. The transfer of the property was a gift, pure and simple."

The lawyer incidentally declared that the actor had plenty of other resources aside from the sum tied up in the trust fund.

Mrs. Goodwin is in New York awaiting the trial, but her attorneys would not disclose her address.

Attentions to Others Grounds.

According to Mrs. Edna Goodrich Goodwin's attorneys the grounds for her plea for divorce are the attentions (Continued on Page 2.)

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HITTING SPEED TO DOUBLE

British Warship's Test May Revolutionize Naval Gunnery.

LONDON, Jan. 20.—(Special.)—The Telegraph prints a report on the development of naval gunnery, which may double the present rate of hitting of the newest, large armored ships.

The new battleship Neptune will leave Spithead Saturday to make a series of important gunnery trials in the Mediterranean. Officials refuse all information regarding the experiments, which, according to the Telegraph, are expected to lead to a revolution in gunnery.

The nature of the reported development is not indicated more clearly than a suggestion that it is due to notable changes in the construction compared with original Dreadnoughts, principally in reference to the disposition of guns. On the result of the experiments depends the future construction of battleships. (Continued on Page 2.)

ACTION PROMPT ON VERMILION FRAUD

Grand Jury Calls 100 to Tell of Vote-Buying.

EXODUS OF HEELERS BEGINS

Fear Shown Lest Witnesses Yield to Pressure.

SHERIFF DRIVEN TO STEAL

Hardy Whitlock's Salary Eaten Up by Buying Votes—Lawyers Hold Law Giving Immunity to Vote-Buyers Unconstitutional.

DANVILLE, Ill., Jan. 20.—(Special.)

One hundred subpoenas for Vermillion County politicians were issued by the vote-fraud grand jury this afternoon directly after six of the wealthiest bankers of Danville had appeared. The subpoenas were placed in the hands of Deputy Sheriffs for service and were made returnable next Monday afternoon.

According to reports about the Court-house, where the jury is sitting, politicians of both parties and of both high and low standing in the community are named in the huge list. They will be made to testify regarding the alleged buying of thousands of votes in Speaker Cannon's home bailwick.

Exodus of Suspects Begins.

The action of Foreman Isaac Woodyard and the jurymen came like lightning out of a clear sky. It had generally been believed that the grand jury would dispose of the 40-odd criminal cases now pending on the docket before taking up the inquiry ordered by Circuit Judge Kimbrough. Fear that pressure might be brought to bear on important witnesses to prevent their testifying is said to have hastened the action.

Already a general exodus of ward-healers and the smaller fry of politicians has begun. Numerous witnesses wanted are on the missing list, while fully 100 alleged vote-sellers have applied to lawyers for advice.

E. X. Lenseur, son-in-law of Cannon, and the Speaker's local campaign manager, and five other bankers were before the grand jury today. These bankers, with Speaker Cannon and the late Wiley Fowler, were bondsmen of Hardy Whitlock, ex-Sheriff and County Treasurer, now missing, who was found short \$37,400 in his accounts after his unsuccessful race for Sheriff last Fall. These bondsmen are said to have made good the default.

Vote-Buying Drives to Stealing.

Whitlock's embezzlement is laid directly to Vermillion County politics. His political fights broke him. Vote-buying and heavy campaign expenses ate up his salary.

It is rumored that the jury is considering another person in the Whitlock affair. George F. Rearick, a member of the County Board, was also a witness. Whitlock, according to the testimony before the grand jury, began em-

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FATHER, WIFE NEVER KNEW, GIVES RICHES

LOS ANGELES MATRON IS LEFT \$50,000 IN WILL.

Hearing Rich Rancher Was Father but Few Months Ago, Family of Attorney Gets Surprise.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 20.—A fortune of \$50,000 has been bequeathed to Mrs. Robert A. Todd, wife of a prominent local attorney and ex-City Councilman of Los Angeles, by Deltrich C. Mensing, a rancher of Covina, whom she did not know to be her father until a few months ago. The wife of Mensing also was unaware that Mrs. Todd was his daughter and that she was to receive the greater share of the \$70,000 estate, consisting of orange groves, other real estate and collateral.

The bequest is the outcome of a romance of the old days in California, when the sanction of law was not so essential to the marriage contract. Mensing, who was a simple German farmer, met and lived with the mother of Mrs. Todd for 10 years. One day they mutually agreed to separate, and the woman and her baby daughter departed from the ranch.

Later, Mensing married again, and his former wife became the wife of Edward Rinehart. The wife of Mensing never knew of his former attachment and issue, but the old German farmer never forgot, and remembered in his will, not only the daughter, but also Rinehart, who had become the husband of the woman he had first loved.

PROJECT HELPS PORTLAND

Seattle Displeased With Apportionment of Irrigation Fund.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 20.—(Special.)—Asserting that virtually all of the \$3,000,000 appropriated by Congress for irrigation work in Washington and Oregon will be expended in trade territory that will benefit Portland and will work to the detriment of Seattle, Otto P. Schwarzschild, a contractor of this city, and other property-owners in the Kittitas Valley, have taken up with Representative Humphrey and will lay before the commercial bodies of this city a plan to effect an alteration in the Government's scheme which will result in the expenditure of some of the money in behalf of Seattle's trade territory.

The Government's plan was for five irrigation projects in Washington, all excepting one of which, it is asserted, is on or near the Columbia River, reached by railroad lines that will pour the wealth of the new districts into Portland.

It is charged that the present plan carried out through Harriman interests to benefit Portland, and not until the full measure of its import in diverting trade from Seattle's local territory, was comprehended, it is asserted, was any action begun toward saving a portion of the appropriation for rich lands nearer this city.

BIGAMIST PLACATES WIFE

Bogus Divorce Papers Induce Her to Withdraw Prosecution.

EVERETT, Wash., Jan. 20.—(Special.)—Unable to get \$1000 bail, James E. Dyson, who married in Oregon and again in Tacoma, was brought to the County Jail last night to await the disposition of his case. Rose Dyson, the Tacoma wife, who married him in 1900, said today that she would not take any part in the prosecution of Dyson. He told her he was divorced and showed her papers to that effect, she asserted.

It has developed that Dyson has been married three times and the Oregon woman is his second wife. The divorce papers he showed her were for the first matrimonial venture.

Mrs. Nellie Dyson, wife No. 2, has departed from Snohomish, with her two children, and it is considered possible she may relent and fail to push the case against her faithless husband. Dyson insists that he understood his second wife had secured a divorce as she had promised.

LABORERS' BAN IS ON AX

Grants Pass Faces Fuel Famine; Coal Is Ordered.

GRANTS PASS, Or., Jan. 20.—(Special.)—There is a shortage of wood here because of a lack of woodchoppers. One local wood yard dealer has ordered coal shipped from the mines in Washington.

Adjacent to this city are thousands of acres of the finest kind of wood timber but laborers won't chop wood. The building of the Grants Pass and Western between this city and Kerby will open a vast field for contractors to furnish wood to this city and Medford. The towns up the valley have for years relied upon Josephine County to furnish them wood.

CURSING TAFT COSTS \$10

Seattle Socialist First Sentenced to 15 Days in Jail for Disrespect.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 20.—(Special.)—Joseph Billows, a Socialist, was sentenced to 15 days in jail for cursing the name of President Taft.

Billows was arrested last night by Patrolmen Donlan and Barney Jones when he was heard to curse Taft and say, "Where I came from they kill such tyrants."

The sentence was later commuted to a \$10 fine, which was paid.

FIGHT IS STARTED FOR EXPOSITION

Decisive Battle Will Be Fought on Tuesday.

SAN FRANCISCO IS CONFIDENT

New Orleans Wins in Committee, but West Is Solid.

STATES BACK CALIFORNIA

Through Aid of Chairmen, New Orleans Gets Favorable Report in Committee—Kahn Will Put Entire House on Record.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—"Fight to the finish" is the slogan of the California delegation in the House, which is engaged in a contest with New Orleans for the location of the exposition to be held in 1915 in celebration of the completion of the Panama Canal. San Francisco lost the first round today by the adoption of a majority report by the committee on industrial arts and expositions in favor of New Orleans, but the real battle will come in the House next Tuesday, when the reports of the majority in favor of New Orleans and the minority in favor of San Francisco will come up for adoption.

The Californians were not dismayed by the unfavorable action of today, for the opposition of Rodenburg, chairman of the committee, had prepared them for it. On the contrary, they were nerved to continued effort by telegrams from the Legislatures of Oregon, Washington, Utah, Montana—in fact every state west of the Rocky Mountains. The Montana Legislature went so far as to suspend the rules for the adoption of a resolution endorsing California.

The House committee decided by a vote of 9 to 6 to report favorably the Estopinal bill recognizing New Orleans as the scene of the exposition, and authorizing the appointment of a board of governors and the making of a Government exhibit. This bill makes no direct appropriation in aid of the exposition, but will provide for an extensive Government exhibit to cost about \$1,000,000. A subcommittee is preparing the bill and will report to the full committee on Tuesday, when the report to the House will be made.

Kahn of California, who is leading the fight for San Francisco, will bring the question to an issue by calling for action on his resolution, which was favorably reported by the committee on foreign affairs at the last session, inviting the participation of foreign countries in the Panama-Pacific exposition to be held at San Francisco in 1915. The committee sidestepped the issue by also reporting the Estopinal resolution inviting participation in the Panama exposition at New Orleans in the same year. Both measures are on the calendar awaiting action.

The members of the committee who voted for New Orleans are Rodenburg, Illinois; Langley, Kentucky; Murphy, Missouri; Woods, Iowa; Rhinock, Kentucky; Heflin, Alabama; Collier, Mississippi; Cullop, Indiana; Irvington, Maryland.

The members who favored San Francisco are Gardner, Massachusetts; Southwick, New York; Steenerson, Minnesota; Polinder, Washington; Maynard, Virginia; Nelson, Wisconsin.

MONTANA INDORSES BAY CITY

Rules Suspended to Pass Vote—State Exhibit Proposed.

HELENA, Mont., Jan. 20.—Montana paid California a high compliment today. The rules of the lower House of the Legislature were suspended while a resolution, requesting Congress to recognize San Francisco as the exposition city of 1915, was submitted to a vote and passed, 61 to 3.

The same measure had been previously passed by the Senate and during the day there was introduced a second measure providing for an appropriation of \$200,000 to defray the expenses of Montana's participation in the Panama-Pacific International Exposition and empowering the Governor to appoint a commission of five to do the work involved in such participation. The measure was signed by the Governor before the day closed.

The interests of San Francisco were represented by ex-Secretary of State Charles F. Murray, California's ex-Senator J. A. McKee, of Sacramento, and Robert E. Connelly, chief of the exposition bureau of publicity.

SAN FRANCISCO IS CONFIDENT

Action of Committee Only Prelude to Real Fight.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 20.—(Special.)—The Panama-Pacific Exposition committee at a meeting called this afternoon issued the following statement through Charles de Young to the people of San Francisco:

"We consider conditions at Washington most encouraging. The action of the committee was a foregone conclusion, as Rodenburg, chairman of that committee, was a strong New Orleans man and was thought to control the committee."

"The minority report of six shows the good work done by the Washington delegation and encourages us to feel that, when the matter is brought before the House next week and the real fight made, San Francisco will win."

