



PRESIDENT HOLDS HALL IS INNOCENT

Ex-Federal Attorney Is Pardoned.

JURY PACKED AGAINST HIM

Abhorrence of Burns' Methods Is Expressed.

WILLIAMS PRESSES CASE

H. H. Hendricks Will Probably Be Set Free, Too, but Fact He Confessed Perjury Dims Enthusiasm in That Regard.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU Washington, Dec. 20.—John H. Hall, ex-United States Attorney, has been fully pardoned by President Taft, announcement to that effect being made by the Attorney-General today.

Hall is pardoned on two grounds: First, that the Department of Justice, after thorough investigation, is convinced he was not guilty of the offense charged, and secondly, that his conviction was secured by jury "packing" by William J. Burns, as was the jury that convicted Willard N. Jones.

Hendricks May Be Freed, Too. The pardon of Hall probably will be followed later by similar action in the case of H. H. Hendricks, self-confessed perjurer, and inasmuch as the Department of Justice finds that Hall could not have been convicted except on Hendricks' perjured testimony, there is little enthusiasm about granting him a pardon, and if he is pardoned it will be solely because of the character of the jury that convicted him, and in the face of his record, which is prejudicial to his appeal.

Before recommending Hall's pardon the Attorney-General submitted the entire record in his case to two officials in the Department of Justice, each of whom without consulting the other digested the case and submitted an individual report. These two reports were identical in effect and recommended the pardon of Hall on the grounds stated.

Hall Accused by Heney. Hall was convicted on a charge that was pressed by Francis J. Heney, then conducting the Oregon land fraud cases, and after Hall had been dismissed from office on Heney's accusation that he was disloyal to the Government. The specific charge was one of conspiracy against the Government and was based on delay in prosecuting the Oregon Land & Cattle Company, of which W. W. Stelwer was president, for illegal fencing of the public domain. It was shown by the records in the Hall case that while there were delays in instituting proceedings against this company they were not unusual, and were, in fact, occasioned by delay of land office inspectors or agents in making an investigation on which to base the Government's charges.

Hall, as records show, repeatedly urged the land office to hasten its investigation, but his requests were ignored. When proceedings were started Hall directed civil instead of criminal prosecution, and for this he was assailed by Heney, and political reasons were assigned for his course.

Course Justified by Precedent. The Department of Justice finds from an exhaustive examination of the records that it had been and still is customary to institute civil rather than criminal proceedings in cases of this character, and that Hall's decision in this case was not only in accord with precedent but entirely within his proper discretion and was not censurable in any way.

While the report of the Attorney-General and the letter of President Taft are not made public, it is announced officially that Hall is pardoned because the investigation shows he was guilty of no offense whatever, and because he was convicted by jurors drawn from a box "improperly filled through the machinations of William J. Burns, in a manner made plain at the time of Jones' pardon, and which consisted principally in filling the box with the names of men who had been previously interviewed and who were found to be favorable to conviction in land fraud cases regardless of what evidence might be produced in court."

Appeal to Be Withdrawn.

Hall was convicted on February 8, 1908, and sentenced to imprisonment for 40 days and to pay a fine of \$1000, and his appeal is now pending before United States Supreme Court, but that appeal will now be withdrawn. It is shown from records now in the possession of the Department of Justice that Hendricks was the principal witness against Hall, and it is the judgment of department officials that but for his testimony Hall could not have been convicted. At the time he testified against Hall, Hendricks had himself been convicted of perjury, but was also under indictment with Hall and immunity was promised him by Heney in that case if he would testify against the District Attorney.

Enough of the evidence in the case was transmitted to the President to show that Hendricks' testimony against Hall was unqualifiedly false, and he has

HELP FOR LEPERS SENT BY WIRELESS

CONCERT HELD ON LINER AS CHILDREN'S BENEFIT.

Wards of Territorial Government to Be Gladdened Christmas by Gifts of Passengers.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20.—(Special.)—While the oceanic liner Sierra from Honolulu was storm-tossed last Tuesday night, passengers were singing Christmas carols in a benefit concert given for the children of leprosy parents at the Kalaheo receiving station. The concert netted \$60, which was sent by wireless to the unfortunate children of more unfortunate parents at the leper colony.

As these children, who are forever barred from being with their parents by reason of the malady, are provided for by annual appropriations by the territorial government, the instructions were to use the money to buy toys for the children.

There are 33 of these children of leprosy parents. At the leper settlement on the island of Oahu there are 500 men and women who are forever isolated. Their children, who are wards of the territorial government, are in an institution at Kalaheo. This is the first time that a charity concert has been given on a Pacific liner in mid-ocean. The idea emanated from E. K. Fernandez, a wealthy real estate man and a former member of the Hawaiian Legislature of Honolulu, who was a passenger on the Sierra.

POPULAR BOOK LIST OUT

State Library Commission Tells of Carnegie's Contributions.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Chapman, "Story of Oregon"; Carroll, "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland"; Powers, "Famous Pictures"; Ruskin, "King of the Golden River"; Carpenter, "North America"; Grover, "Sunbonnet Babies Primer"; Carpenter, "Asia"; Dodge, "Hans Brinker and His Silver Skates"; Wiggin, "Birds' Christmas Carol"; Carpenter, "Africa." This is the list of the most popular books in Oregon for 1912, according to the report of the State Library Commission, which has just been issued.

The commission now has a library of 24,000 volumes, including books and pamphlets, and 11,300 classified clippings.

The report of the commission shows that the state has so far received from Andrew Carnegie \$423,000 for public library buildings. There are now 13 public library buildings in the state and two college library buildings.

"KING OF TRAMPS" HERE

Sailor of Many Voyages Selects Sweden as Next Destination.

Frank Clark, "king of tramps," a sailor who says he has visited every part of the world and walked through the principal countries on the globe, is making another visit to this harbor, having returned on the German bark Lisbeth, which is a recent arrival from Callao. About two years ago he shipped on the German bark Kilo for Callao and returning made another voyage on the schooner Lottie Bennett.

He says the next time he signs the articles it will be for a voyage that will take him where it will be an easy matter to reach Sweden, as he regards the hospitality of the inhabitants of that domain as the most striking of any his presence has graced. For 20 years Clark has followed the sea and his friends here say that his wanderings have no fixed purpose, as he is a child of the wanderlust.

STOREKEEPER IS HELD UP

Robber With Gun Forces G. Carlson to Look on as Till Is Emptied.

Calmly punching the "no sale" button on the cash register, a nervy robber with a large gun at 5:15 o'clock last night netted \$24 in a store at 321 Twentieth street North, when he held a revolver on G. Carlson, proprietor, and ordered him to remain in his seat and not "make any fuss." Carlson sat still under the gun until the robber placed the money in his pocket and left the store, then he followed him out to the street, but the thief had disappeared.

Carlson was sitting alone in his office in the rear of the store when the robber entered. He quietly placed a revolver at Carlson's head, and, keeping the storekeeper covered, backed to the cash register and took its contents.

HOLIDAY AT HOME COSTLY

San Franciscan Pays \$200 for Right to Visit Family Christmas.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20.—For the privilege of spending Christmas with his family, J. B. Ezra, a business man of this city, paid \$200 into the United States Treasury today. He arrived today on the steamship Sierra from Honolulu and was immediately detained by immigration officers because he had sailed from here by the Japanese liner Nippon Maru on December 7 and had disembarked at Honolulu. It is illegal for vessels owned abroad to carry passengers between American ports.

Students Will Spread Gospel.

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 20.—More than 200 students of the University of Wisconsin will spend the Christmas vacation in visiting more than 100 towns in the state spreading the gospel. The campaign is a result of a week's series of evangelical meetings concluded at the University of Wisconsin.

DEMAND ON MEXICO IS BEING PREPARED

Note to Be Sent to Ambassador Soon.

BRIGANDAGE AROUSES IRE

Action Justified by Reports of Growing Lawlessness.

DEFENSE MEASURES FUTILE

George Fred Williams Declares Intention of Making Investigation at Risk of Life, and Authority Will Be Given.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Henry Lane Wilson, United States Ambassador to Mexico, who has been here in conference with the State Department officials regarding conditions in Mexico, left today for New York, preparatory to sailing for his post. He is without the expected note of representation this Government is preparing to send to the Mexican government demanding protection for citizens and their property.

This action is taken as a further evidence of the intention of the Administration to deal circumspectly with this delicate situation. The communication is being prepared with the greatest care in the State Department, and will be transmitted to the United States Ambassador early in January.

Strong Brief Being Prepared. The deliberation with which the officials are moving is expected to result in the production of a brief that is expected to be well-nigh unanswerable except by a promise of prompt and adequate action on the part of the Mexican government to meet fairly and fully the demands of the United States in the matter of the plain American interests in Mexico.

Justification for this demand by the United States is declared to be found in the numerous reports from every quarter that conditions in Mexico have grown worse since the dispatch of Secretary Knox' note of protest last September, and that there has been a marked increase in brigandage and in the kidnaping of citizens of the United States for ransom and in the levying of forced war loans by rebels on American mines and plantations.

Stone Urges Delay. Senator Stone, of Missouri, who is a member of the foreign relations committee, issued a statement today in which he expressed the opinion that the present Administration should leave the Mexican situation "in statu quo until Governor Wilson assumes the Presidency."

The sub-committee on foreign relations (Concluded on Page 6.)

INTERURBAN AIDS OREGON

Prosperity, in which city and country share alike, invariably has followed the construction of interurban electric railroads. This has been demonstrated in a dozen or more transportation centers. Cleveland, Detroit, Indianapolis and many other cities have advanced as the direct result of their electric lines. Los Angeles citizens regard the system there as the greatest asset.

Portland and the Willamette Valley already have benefited from the interurban. The Oregon Electric, the United Railways and the out-of-town extensions of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company have opened up new districts, taking to them the advantages of the city, increasing the population and the output of the soil.

The Oregonian Annual will tell of the many additional electric roads under construction. The Portland, Eugene & Eastern alone is preparing to operate over 340 miles of track, and when this system is completed there will be nearly 700 miles of interurban tributary to Portland. A valuable feature of the Annual will be a new double-page map of the Willamette-Valley showing these lines and the territory served.

The price of the Annual is 5 cents. Postage in the United States and possessions, Canada and Mexico 5 cents. Foreign postage 10 cents. January 1 is the date of issue.

CHRISTMAS PAYROLL BIG

Grays Harbor Companies Give Loggers Week to Spend \$175,000.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—All logging camps will be closed for the Christmas vacation by tomorrow night and by that time \$175,000 will have gone out of Grays Harbor and other Chehalis County banks in payment to the men, some of whom will receive \$1000 in back wages. It is estimated that more than half of this money will have been spent back again by Christmas eve.

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WILSON STUDYING "FIELD OF CHOICE"

Cabinet Decisions to Be Made Slowly.

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LEADERS ARE CALLED IN

Bryan to Have Conference Within 24 Hours, and Clark, Underwood and Others Will Follow in Quick Succession.

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 20.—Whether William J. Bryan or any of the other prominent Democrats being mentioned by politicians for places in the Cabinet of President-elect Wilson will be appointed probably will not be definitely known until a few days before inauguration.

Governor Wilson said tonight that likely he would not make a single assignment of importance until about March 1.

Within the next 24 hours he will talk with Mr. Bryan and before New Year's he expects to see Speaker Clark, Representative Underwood and Senators Hoke Smith, Gore and other prominent Democratic leaders; but he indicated that he meant to keep strict silence about appointments until ready to make a general statement on the subject.

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CROWDS ON STREET TO JOIN IN CAROLS

SPOKANE REVIVES OLD YULE-TIDE CUSTOM OF ENGLAND.

Led by Four Sisters, Throngs Will Chant Sacred Songs on Main Thoroughfares Christmas Eve.

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Along Riverside avenue on Christmas eve will resound the sacred carols that gladden Yuletide in the older lands of the world. The City Council today assented to a request for permission to have the singing, and the attempt will be made to duplicate the festival that San Francisco gives on New Year's night.

Four young women—the Burns sisters—who are to be singing at a local theater next week, will lead the music. The tunes will be those appropriate to Christmas, and will belong to the class that everybody remembers.

The ceremony will be tried at 4 P. M. December 24, at a spot where all of the downtown crowds center.

"I think that is one of the best ideas possible," said City Commissioner D. C. Conter, today. "I have those old memories that I value above everything else of the carol singing back in England at Christmas time, when I belonged to the choir myself. Tramping through the city streets on Christmas eve, every singing society in the city would be rendering the strains of the Christmas music. It is about the best way to express the brotherly love and good fellowship that surely should reign supreme at this time of the year."

PARDONS ARE DEFENDED

Arkansas Governor Tells Why He Freed 316 State Convicts.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 20.—Characterizing the Arkansas penitentiary under the lease system as a "burning, seething hell, consuming human beings, who are being fed into it in a manner which results in nothing but making fortunes for contractors," Governor Donaghey issued today a statement in defense of his action last Monday in issuing pardons to 316 state convicts.

According to a newspaper compilation, based on the state records, 43 of those pardoned by Governor Donaghey were convicted of murder or manslaughter, 111 of grand larceny, four assault, five robbery, 19 forgery, 32 burglary, 28 assault to kill and 76 of varying degrees of larceny, ranging from hog stealing to bigamy.

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Intermissions Like Real. The combatants were treated as two regular prizefighters would be between rounds, given water to drink from bottles, lemons to suck, and fanned with towels, by their seconds.

At the end of each round, the combatants would drop into chairs in their respective corners, while their seconds worked faithfully over them with towels, and giving suggestions as how best to get the better of the other.

When the gong sounded at the end of the last round, the girls were "all in," as it were, and the referee was compelled to give the decision a "draw," to evenly matched were the combatants. And the decision seemed to meet with the hearty approval of the "fight fans" assembled.

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Refreshments were served, Mrs. Dolly Lyness, Miss Nellie Foley and William Bowes being the committee in charge. All present were pleased with the evening's entertainment and look forward with pleasure to a big dance to be given by the Artisans in Columbia Hall, January 9.

Musical was furnished by a piano and a harp, during the evening. Dancing filled in the latter part of the evening.

CANDIDACY IS SURPRISE

Cottage Grove Man Amazed to Learn He Ran for Office of Mayor.

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—To be second high candidate for Mayor and not be aware of the fact that he was running is the experience of A. McKinney, recent Socialist candidate for Mayor of Cottage Grove, who has just returned from a visit at Vancouver, where he and his wife were called by sickness of a daughter.

Mr. McKinney was absent during the election and had no idea of the occurrence until he met a friend on the train when returning home. He was much surprised by the news and immediately became inquisitive to know how he ran, except the winner, therefore he came out second best with over 100 votes.

VANCOUVER MAIDS GIVE BOXING BOUT

Three Round "Go" Has a Realistic Setting.

SECONDS AND REFEREE THERE

Combatants "All In" as Gong Sounds Last Clang.

LODGE SOCIAL IS SCENE

Misses Bertha Taylor and Alta Macomber Don Regulation Ring Gloves for Go, Then Mother Macomber Proves Victor.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Woman last night invaded another field heretofore monopolized by men and boys, when with well-padded, five-ounce regulation gloves, Miss Bertha Taylor and Miss Alta Macomber, boxed three light rounds to a draw before the local Lodge of Artisans No. 6, to the great delight and glee of the spectators. They sparred with vim and vigor, but did not hurt each other. They were accompanied by two young men, Mille Bowes for Miss Macomber, and John Elmgren for Miss Taylor. Louis Elmgren was the referee.

The girls wore gymnasium suits and had their hair done up so that it would not interfere with their natic endeavors. Each showed that she had studied the "manly art" before and understood the swings, hooks, jabs and uppercuts more than would be supposed. In private life both are gentle, docile and most pleasing to meet.

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WASHING DONE HERE

PORTLAND STAYS IN LEAD

Bank Clearings for Week Ahead of All Northwestern Cities.

In bank clearings for the week Portland leads all cities of the Northwest by a substantial margin, the totals being \$13,607,000. The gain is 14.7 per cent over the clearances for the corresponding week of last year.

The totals at Seattle were \$12,544,000, or \$35,000 less than Portland's clearings. The gain at Seattle was 4.2 per cent.

SPOKANE'S clearings were \$4,711,000, with a gain of 12.4 per cent. The clearings at Tacoma totaled \$3,988,000, with a loss of 16.5 per cent.

SHERMAN'S ESTATE LARGE

Late Vice-President Leaves \$400,000—Gifts Made to Family.

UTICA, N. Y., Dec. 20.—Evidence given before the tax appraiser today indicates that the estate of Vice-President Sherman will be at least \$500,000 and probably larger. The estate consists entirely of stocks, bonds and securities, as the real estate is all in Mrs. Sherman's name.

It was testified that Mr. Sherman on numerous occasions had given members of his family large sums of money, as well as stocks in enterprises in which he was interested.

TUB DIPS TOO FREQUENT

Police Fear Wanderer Will Bathe Himself to Death.

SAN BERNARDINO, Cal., Dec. 20.—Because he insists upon taking four baths a day, Michael Deweyer, who styles himself a wanderer and will not allow any person to call him a "nobo," is charged with insanity.

The authorities have placed a strong guard about him for fear he will bathe himself to death as he neglects his meals for dips in the tubs. He is scheduled for a speedy hearing before a lunacy commission.

Pointdexter Leaves for Panama.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU Washington, Dec. 20.—Senator and Mrs. Pointdexter left today for Panama to spend the holiday season on the canal zone, returning to Washington January 8.