

# 64,000 ACRES MAY BE THROWN OPEN

## Ex-Governor West Seeks Cancellation of Carey Land Grant in Baker County.

### POWDER RESIDENTS ACT

#### C. C. McCulloch Declares No Work Is Being Done on Thief Valley Project and Co-operative District Is Proposed.

BAKER, Or., April 19.—(Special.)—Steps have been taken which, if carried through, will compel the Powder Land & Irrigation Company to give up its proposed plan of carrying the Thief Valley project in the Powder Valley northeast of Baker, to completion. It will mean that if successful the 64,000 acres now tied up by the company will be thrown open by the company to entry and there is a possibility that if the Powder Valley Company's contract is cancelled a co-operative irrigation district will be organized.

Acting upon the request of several families in the Lower Powder and North Powder districts and in Baker, ex-Governor West and Claude C. McCulloch, attorneys of Portland, have begun the preliminary work toward drafting a petition to the State Desert Land Board at Salem to cancel the Powder Valley Company's contract and to the Interior Department at Washington, D. C., to restore the lands to entry. It is expected that by the time the petitions are ready to be presented there will be at least 50 subscribers. It is thought they will be ready within 60 days. Mr. West will handle the matter at Washington, W. S. Levens is the Baker representative of the petitioners.

**Failure of Other Projects Cited.**

The reasons given for the request for cancellation are that Carey act projects have proved unsuccessful, that the Powder Valley Company has not done any work on the land, that it has shown itself unable to finance the project, and these lands having been idle and of no use to anyone for six years, should be thrown open to those who seek farming land.

According to Mr. McCulloch, while in Baker Saturday, the assertion that Carey act projects have not proved a success is based on investigation in all parts of the United States and he says that Secretary of the Interior Lane has committed himself as being against the Carey act idea and in for the co-operative irrigation district plan. Mr. McCulloch declares that at the last irrigation congress at Denver, which was attended by Mr. West and other governors, it was shown that there are \$12,000,000 of Carey act securities in default. He says that there is only one successful Carey act project in the country and that is in Idaho, and its success is declared due to unusual circumstances. Mr. McCulloch added that only one Carey act project has been completed in Oregon, that of the Central Oregon Irrigation Company in Crook County, and he said this has not been a financial success.

**Proposed Profit Held High.**

Mr. McCulloch said the estimated cost of the Powder Valley Company's Thief Valley project was \$25 an acre and that the company planned to sell the land at \$110 an acre, giving this private corporation a profit of \$85 an acre. Mr. McCulloch asserts, it is too heavy a load for the homeseeker.

He further contends that the company has not turned a shovel of dirt toward the completion of the project.

What action, if any, will be taken by the Powder Valley Company cannot be ascertained because O. C. Finkenberg, the local representative, has been out of the city for some time.

FORMER PROVISIONAL PRESIDENT OF MEXICO, WHO IS VISITING UNITED STATES.



VICTORIANO HUERTA.

## STEEL PAY KEPT UP

### Common Stock Dividend Sacrificed for Wage Earners.

### HOLDERS OF STOCK OPPOSE

#### Directors Stand Firm, Management Considering High Cost of Living.

#### Prosperity Is Predicted in All American Lines.

NEW YORK, April 19.—Directors of the United States Steel Corporation, it became known today, in voting at their last quarterly meeting in January to pass the dividend on the common stock, did so in the face of opposition on the part of many stockholders who thought the dividend should be declared even if the corporation had to reduce wages to obtain the money.

Albert H. Gary, chairman of the corporation, divulged this situation at the annual stockholders' meeting in Hoboken today. In a formal statement, Judge Gary said:

"I assure you that the country will prosper and I want to pledge again that the management of this corporation is going to be thorough, open and careful."

"Our position among the nations of the world is taking the lead. Finance, industry and commerce are better today than ever before."

The announced plan of reducing the directorate from 24 to 18 members was approved at the stockholders meeting today.

mental columns about faked incidents from the front, their misrepresentations about conditions in Germany.

I used to get furious when I read the British papers and saw the columns devoted to "Bread Riots in Berlin," "Women Crying for Potatoes," "Germany at the End of Her Tether," etc. It is only this last week that any attempt has been made to let the people see the truth. The Post's leader for Monday morning was the frankest, most daring statement I have seen in an English paper since the beginning of the war.

#### Government's Policy Changing.

It is the case clearly—that Germany is fighting only on alien soil, that up to now she has had successes and the English have had many failures, that she is not lacking in food, men or ammunition, and that she won't be for a long time.

From other articles I have seen during the week, I think it may be governmental policy to educate the people to bearing the truth.

Really, isn't it odd that in the face of tens of thousands dying, men should insist—yes, vote and insist—on having racing, and that women should long to go to these races dressed in fluffs and laces and coquettish hats?

Is it a pretty example to set desolated France, striving under this so heavy burden, that the working men of England should strike for a penny extra an hour, when the lives of their comrades depend on their working?

What of men and officers in training spending their nights at delectable night clubs—such a widespread practice that a law has had to be made forbidding their appearing there in uniform.

French Amazed With Reason.

Is it to be wondered at that the French are amazed when they see English officers bringing their packs of hounds to the war—sporting mad?

Do I sound too severe? I agree with Frank Harris that what England needs is a sharp beating. But, as that is what Germany needs, too, I don't know where the stern paterfamilias can be found to chastise these two fat-headed children thoroughly.

From the other articles I have written in praise of the English system and charity and efficiency, you may think that I have suddenly changed my mind.

That is what makes it all the worse—seeing so many good things about England, and so thoroughly disliking the fundamental trait.

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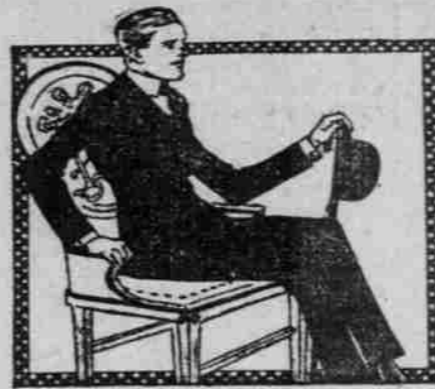
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## M'COMBS NOT TO RESIGN

### DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CHAIRMAN MAKES DENIAL.

#### Circulation of Report Is Intended to Create Discard, Says President Wilson's Private Secretary.

WASHINGTON, April 19.—Published reports that William F. McCombs would resign as chairman of the Democratic National Committee drew the following formal statement today from Secretary Tumulty at the White House:

"The story appearing in the morning papers of Mr. McCombs' resignation and my selection to succeed him as chairman of the National Democratic Committee is made out of whole cloth and is the result of persons whose purpose is to make trouble and create discord within the ranks of the party."

NEW YORK, April 19.—William F. McCombs, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, issued the following statement on his arrival in New York today from the West:

"I have no intention whatever of resigning the chairmanship of the Democratic National Committee. The reports that I am in poor health are untrue. The reports regarding matrimonial troubles have absolutely no foundation."

## BARON REUTER SUICIDE

### GRIEF OVER DEATH OF WIFE IS BELIEVED TO BE CAUSE.

#### Managing Director of One of Largest News Agencies in World Found Dead in English Home.

LONDON, April 19.—Baron Herbert de Reuter, managing director of Reuter's Telegram Company, was found dead yesterday at his home near Reigate, Surrey. A discharged revolver was found near his body and the authorities declare there is little doubt he committed suicide. Baron de Reuter was prostrated by the death of his wife last Thursday. Her body is still in the home awaiting interment. Their only son is in the army.

Baron Auguste Julius Clemens Herbert de Reuter was born March 10, 1852. He was educated at Harrow, Oxford and Paris. His wife, whom he

married in 1876, was a daughter of the late Robert Campbell of Buscot Park, Berkshire. Besides the son and heir, who is in the British army, they are survived by a daughter, who is the wife of J. W. E. J. Douglas.

Baron de Reuter succeeded to the title on the death in 1899 of his father, who was created a baron of the Duchy of Saxe Coburg Gotha in 1871. Royal license for permission to use the title in England was granted in 1891 by Queen Victoria.

The first baron was the founder of Reuter's Telegram Company, now one of the leading news-gathering organizations of the world. In 1851, when the cable was laid between England and France, the headquarters of the company was transferred to London.

## LEWISTON CLUBWOMEN AID

### "City Beautiful" Society Also to Seek Better Sanitation.

LEWISTON, Idaho, April 19.—(Special.)—To make Lewiston a "city beautiful" the leading clubwomen have organized a civic society, which will cooperate with the city and launch a campaign also to improve sanitary conditions and to assist in useful public endeavors.

At a meeting for permanent organization Miss Norma Vollmer was chosen president, Mrs. C. F. Osmer vice-president, Mrs. William Keitenbach treasurer and Mrs. G. A. Green secretary. The advisory board comprises President George H. Black, of the Lewiston State Normal School; Professor F. W. Simmonds, superintendent of the Lewiston public schools; City Commissioner R. S. Loring, Dr. Osborne, of the State Normal, and Dr. S. S. Salzberg.

## Vollmer, Idaho, Has Big Fire.

VOLLMER, Idaho, April 19.—(Special.)—Fire of unknown origin yesterday completely destroyed the Ramey Hotel here. The loss is estimated at \$10,000. The building and furniture were only partially insured. One guest leaped to safety from a second-story window.

## Town of Rochester Being Moved.

CENTRALIA, Wash., April 19.—(Special.)—The work of moving the east end of the Rochester business district to the west end, near the New Union Depot, is nearly completed. Four structures have been moved and the Woodmen Hall and Rochester Hotel are on wheels.

## Wallace Holds Election Soon.

WALLACE, Idaho, April 19.—(Special.)—The city election will be held



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on April 27. Two tickets are now in independent nominee for Mayor while the field, the citizens' and the independent, J. H. Taylor, incumbent, will run on the citizens' platform.

## BOOTLEGGING CASE UNIQUE

### Baker Man on Trial Throws Blame on Woman in Jail 15 Miles Away.

BAKER, Or., April 19.—(Special.)—Whether a woman in the Baker County Jail could be charged with running a bootlegging business was the question at the same time was one of the features of the trial in Justice Hubbard's court today of William Shook, charged with bootlegging.

Shook was arrested Friday in the cabin formerly occupied by Mollie Burgett, who was arrested 10 days ago being one of those who planned the hold-up of the Rainbow-Durkee stage and robbing it of \$7000 in gold bullion April 4. When she left the cabin Shook moved in. He admitted that he had found liquor there and gave some to George McIntyre, a miner, telling him if he wanted to pay for it to send the money to the Burgett woman, who had been convicted of bootlegging before her present trouble. William E. Anderson testified that he had bought beer from Shook and paid him.

Shook demanded a jury trial and fought the case bitterly. The jury was unable to agree, standing three for conviction and three against, and was discharged at 8 o'clock tonight, after being out four hours.

## SCALERS DISCUSS WORK

### State Weights and Measures Convention Opens at North Yakima.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., April 19.—(Special.)—Secretary of State Howland officiated today as chairman of the first annual convention of the Deputy Sealers of Weights and Measures of the state. Miss Mae Westerbeke, Snohomish County Auditor, and the only woman attending the convention, was elected secretary.

A variety of questions connected with the work of the officials were discussed. A. V. Rinehart, State Superintendent of Weights and Measures, explained the procedure necessary in filing charges in court. Demonstrations of scale adjustment were given by G. H. Kaiser, scale expert in the employ of the Public Service Commission. Twenty-five auditors, deputies and other officials attended.

## 21 DOGS KILLED IN DAY

### Cle Elum Starts Crusade Following Scare Over Hydrophobia.

ROSLYN, Wash., April 19.—(Special.)—Cle Elum has started a crusade against all dogs running at large. Today the deputy marshal of that city killed 21 dogs found on the streets.

The scare was caused when a bulldog from South Cle Elum invaded the main portion of the city and bit every dog it met. The bulldog was captured and sent to Seattle by Dr. McKnight, deputy county physician.

While an examination of inoculated guinea pigs is being conducted, the city authorities are taking no chances and are ridding the city of all dogs found at large.

## BRITISH EARS ARE SHUT

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that. It's the latest thing that takes her fancy."

"The second thought a white and said: 'She's a little too voluble. I wonder if she isn't a spy. If that story wasn't made up for the purpose?'"

"He had me investigated and followed the first few days I was here."

"I was out for tea one afternoon, and as all the company was learned and weighty, I kept still until some one turned to me and put the question un-avoidably:

"From what you have seen how do you think the war will end?"

"There was nothing to do but answer according to my own belief:

"It will be some sort of a draw, with Germany making fair, not startling terms for herself. I don't think it is possible to have a decided win on either side unless Holland is forced into it."

People Do Not Want Truth.

They fell on me so strong, and above the babbling of the many I heard one voice come out clearly:

"I have never heard a person of any intelligence put forward such an astounding view. She's an American, isn't she?"

And I assure you I was a deserted, desolate failure the rest of the afternoon.

The English people do not want to hear the truth. They prefer their jam and marmalade papers, their senti-

## Stumbling Over Essentials

WHY hesitate in spending a few dollars more for a better suit when you will get so much better service from it? Most of us throw away money here and there on inconsequential and think nothing of it.

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