

WHERE MONEY WENT

Part of the Davis Shortage Traced to a Land Deal.

FUNDS USED IN SPECULATION

Ex-Clerk Backed W. T. Radir, and When the Latter Died the Opportunity to Reimburse the State Disappeared.

That the estate left by the late W. T. Radir represents a considerable portion of the \$3,000 shortage of George W. Davis, ex-clerk of the state, is the belief of several persons who are familiar with the exceedingly friendly relations which existed between Davis and Radir, and who have knowledge of several transactions in land in which the two were interested.

A well-known Portland timber-land man told an Oregonian reporter an interesting story yesterday concerning the connection between Davis and Radir. He said: "While Davis was clerk of the State Land Board he was in my office one day and solicited my aid in disposing of two large pieces of timber land which he said Radir owned. He told me that he had helped Radir get money for the purchase of the land. As he put it, he wanted me to help Radir out. He was exceedingly nervous, and betrayed a very great desire to have the lands disposed of."

"One of these tracts was on the Des Chutes, and the other on the Nehalem. The Des Chutes tract consisted of 12,000 acres, and the Nehalem tract of several thousand—just how many I forget. Previous to this time, I had seen for myself that Davis was carrying one of these tracts on the books as sold, although no certificates had been issued for them. The purpose of this was to enable Davis from purchasing them, while Radir was trying to find a purchaser."

"Davis told me in this interview that Radir made him believe that he had a purchaser, when as a matter of fact he had none. Believing Radir's statement, however, Davis aided him, according to his story, in getting the money, so that Radir could keep a watch on the money, and when the State Land Board does not take it out of the power of the Legislature to relieve the board from responsibility, is one that Mr. Bingham thinks of considerable importance. This feature contains the difference between the possible liability of the board and the liability of the President of the United States for the default of the postoffice, but the California case is reported to the school funds. Mr. Bingham does not express his opinion as to the law of the matter, but he thinks it is of great importance to be ignored by one who is interested to the extent of \$5000."

SEVERE WIND STORM

Caused Widespread Devastation in Five Western States.

SALT LAKE, May 25.—The wind storm which swept over Nevada, Utah, Southern Idaho, Wyoming and Colorado Thursday night and which blew constantly until today, did damage that will run into the hundreds of thousands of dollars. It resulted in almost complete prostration of telegraph and telephone service in the states affected, and for nearly 24 hours during the height of the storm, the intermountain region was practically cut off from the rest of the world. The storm was severest in Eastern Nevada, where it did the most damage. In the northern part of Utah widespread devastation resulted. When the storm was at its height, last night, the wind at some points reached a velocity of 50 miles an hour.

At Ogden the storm was felt worst. Here the wind tore roofs from a number of buildings, including the Baptist Church, and demolished barns and out buildings, and scattered them far and wide, uprooted many shade trees and tore others to pieces, blew in plate glass windows in business blocks and prostrated electric light wires, so that after midnight the city was in darkness. The damage in Ogden probably reached \$100,000. At Pocatello, Logan, Smithfield, Hooper and other places the damage was very great. Hundreds of fruit trees were completely stripped. The force of the wind blew away the ploughed ground to the full depth that the plows had entered the earth, rendering the land practically useless.

Along the north shore of Great Salt Lake the wind picked up the dry sand in great clouds and hurled it across the country with terrific force, half burying the railroad tracks for miles.

MILEAGE AND FEES.

Senators Summoned as Witnesses Are Entitled to Them.

WASHINGTON, May 25.—The Controller of the Treasury has decided that United States Senators Bate and Tillman, having been summoned to this city as witnesses on behalf of the United States in the case of the United States against Cullen, are entitled to the usual mileage and witness fees provided by law, and that the law as to clerks and officers of the United States, which provides that in such cases they shall not be allowed mileage, does not apply to United States Senators.

New Minister to Persia.

WASHINGTON, May 25.—Herbert W. Bowen, of New York, was today appointed Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Persia. Mr. Bowen was Minister Resident and Consul-General at Teheran.

TOOK ANOTHER STEP

General Assembly Moving Toward Revision.

VOTE TAKEN WAS VERY CLOSE

Minority Report, Offered as a Substitute for the Majority Report, Was Rejected—An Early Adjournment.

PHILADELPHIA, May 25.—The Presbyterian General Assembly today took another step toward revising the confession of faith by rejecting the minority report, which was offered as a substitute for the majority report.

At the close of the session, the assembly adjourned for the summer months, and will meet again in Philadelphia in 1902.

A WRATHY SCOT.

Spurns Carnegie's Offer to Scotland's Universities.

LONDON, May 25.—"We trust in Scotland pride to rise in its wrath against this invasion of the almighty dollar," says the Glasgow Herald in an editorial on the offer of \$1,000,000 by Andrew Carnegie to the universities of Scotland.

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Germany to Withdraw Her Force as Quickly as Possible.

BERLIN, May 25.—The feeling throughout Germany of the tediousness of the China war still continues, and now includes even the Emperor, who, during Count von Bulow's absence, was thoroughly informed regarding the present status of affairs in China and thereupon agreed with the Chancellor that it was best to effect the withdrawal of the German forces as quickly as possible and reach some understanding in regard to paying the indemnity. This conclusion, it is said, was hastened by the fact that the German attitude in China recently has become outspokenly hostile to Germany and the danger seemed imminent of a serious clash there.

PROGRESS OF THE STRIKE.

Fifty-Two Thousand Men Have Returned to Work.

PITTSBURGH, May 25.—President James O'Connell, of the International Association of Machinists, who was here today, said that 35,000 machinists are on strike throughout the country, while 5,000 have returned to work. This equals the total number of machinists in the organization. President O'Connell predicts an early settlement with all the manufacturers.

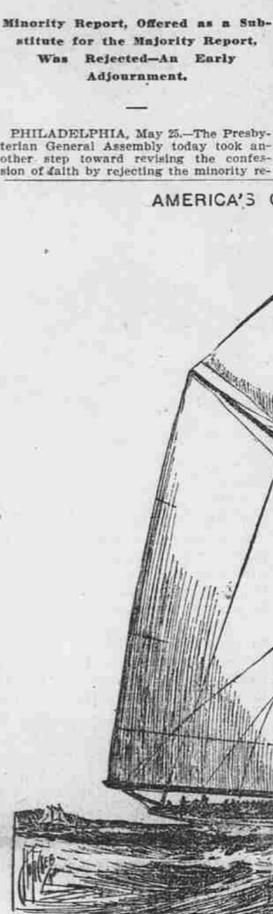
JAPANESE CUSTOMS EXPERT.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 25.—Y. Taumaki, assistant appraiser and head expert in the Tokio tax superintendent bureau of customs service of the finance department of Japan, has arrived here, and is employing his stay in studying the methods used in collecting customs duties and internal revenue taxes at this port. His tour is intended to enable Japan to cull from the various schemes such regulations as will be suitable to the peculiar needs of that country, and will probably result in a complete revision of the revenue laws there as well as important changes in the method of handling exports and imports.

AMERICA'S CUP RACES WILL BEGIN SEPTEMBER 21.

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NEW YORK, May 25.—The America's cup races will begin on September 21, Sir Thomas Lipton having by cablegram agreed to that date and promised to have a formal report, fixing that as the new time, sent by the Royal Ulster Yacht Club.



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WITHDRAW MAJORITY REPORT

Substitute Signed by Members of the Cuban Committee on Relations.

HAVANA, May 25.—The majority report of the Constitutional convention's committee on relations was withdrawn today, and there was substituted for it a report drawn up by five delegates—Giberga, Bertel, Quesada, Tamayo and Villuendas. This report is signed by the last three named, constituting a majority of the committee on relations. It accepts the Platt amendment, adding an appendix, including Secretary Rixey's explanation, which is quoted as being official, and explanations from Governor General Wood, authorized by Secretary Root, with additional explanations of the Platt amendment. An immense crowd had assembled at the ferry depot of the Southern Pacific, the wide expanse afforded by the junction of Market and East streets being a solid mass of humanity, through which the police with difficulty kept open a passage way for the President and his party. Heads were bowed in a more direct way. An immense crowd had assembled at the ferry depot of the Southern Pacific, the wide expanse afforded by the junction of Market and East streets being a solid mass of humanity, through which the police with difficulty kept open a passage way for the President and his party. Heads were bowed in a more direct way. An immense crowd had assembled at the ferry depot of the Southern Pacific, the wide expanse afforded by the junction of Market and East streets being a solid mass of humanity, through which the police with difficulty kept open a passage way for the President and his party. Heads were bowed in a more direct way.

SOUTHERN PRESBYTERIANS.

Action Taken on "Elect Infant" Clause of the Confession.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., May 25.—The Southern Presbyterian General Assembly has passed upon majority and minority reports on the "elect infant" clause of the confession, which was adopted, rescinds the order of the last general assembly to print in every edition on the confession of faith, thereafter an explanatory note regarding infants dying in infancy, but the report states that this action is in no way to be taken as modifying the answer made by the overtures to this city assembly. The report as adopted recommends that no action be taken on the "elect infant" clause for the following reasons: "First—Because it is unwise to initiate at this time the agitation of this question among the people. "Second—Because no modification that does not eliminate scriptural Calvinism from this section of the confession will obviate the objection which comes from Armenian sources. "Third—Because the Westminster confession of faith is the first great creed which taught the salvation of infants dying in infancy on truly scriptural grounds. "Fourth—Because the confession of faith in this section does not touch the damnation of any infant dying in infancy, for the reason that the contrast made in it is not between elect and non-elect infants dying in infancy, but between elect persons who die in infancy and elect persons who do not die in infancy. "Fifth—Because, while we have a well-grounded hope founded on Scripture that all infants dying in infancy are saved, yet the confession of faith goes as far as the Scriptures justify a positive credal statement upon the subject. "The minority report recommended that the following be sent down to the presbyteries for their concurrence: "That section 3, chapter 10, of the confession of faith be amended by adding the words, 'nothing in this section shall be understood as holding or teaching the possibility of the damnation of an infant dying in infancy. Our church does not hold, nor ever has held, such doctrine.'"

ERAZURIZ HAS RECOVERED.

SANTIAGO, Chile, May 25.—President Erazuriz, who recently was reported as suffering from a severe attack of paralysis, has recovered.

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BERLIN, May 25.—The feeling throughout Germany of the tediousness of the China war still continues, and now includes even the Emperor, who, during Count von Bulow's absence, was thoroughly informed regarding the present status of affairs in China and thereupon agreed with the Chancellor that it was best to effect the withdrawal of the German forces as quickly as possible and reach some understanding in regard to paying the indemnity. This conclusion, it is said, was hastened by the fact that the German attitude in China recently has become outspokenly hostile to Germany and the danger seemed imminent of a serious clash there.

PROGRESS OF THE STRIKE.

Fifty-Two Thousand Men Have Returned to Work.