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PORTLAND, OREGON, SUNDAY MORNING, MAY 15, 1910.

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TAFT OPINION NOT FORMED BY LAWLER

Some Data Used in Ballinger Vindication.

COMMON USAGE IS FOLLOWED

Attorney - General Submits Documents to Committee.

PUBLIC INTEREST KEEN

"Suggested Form" Often Submitted by Officials to Superiors, Is Explained—Not Regarded as Dismissal of Glavis.

WASHINGTON, May 14.—Oscar Lawler, Assistant Attorney-General of the Interior Department, of which Richard A. Ballinger is the head, did in fact prepare a draft of a letter addressed to Secretary Ballinger and in such form and phrase that it might have been adopted verbatim and signed by the President as Mr. Taft's exoneration of the Secretary from the charges of L. R. Glavis, and authorizing the dismissal of Glavis from his position of special agent of the Interior Department.

This draft by Mr. Lawler was delivered this afternoon to the Ballinger-Pinchot committee and ordered spread upon the records of the investigation. Careful comparison of the Lawler draft with the letter of the President shows that in fact Mr. Taft did adopt practically verbatim two short paragraphs of Mr. Lawler's language.

The substance of the two documents is otherwise widely dissimilar.

Washington Is Stirred.

The subject was on every tongue tonight in Washington where almost every man, woman and child is bitterly either a Ballinger or a Pinchot partisan.

The thing came to a head today in the publication of a statement attributed to Frederick W. Kerby, one of the stenographers in the office of Secretary Ballinger, in which Kerby related at length the circumstances under which he alleged the Lawler draft to have been prepared.

Kerby asserted further that all of the preliminary drafts used in the preparation of the letter were burned in a grate in the Interior Department at the suggestion and under the supervision of Don A. Carr, Mr. Ballinger's private secretary. Kerby drew the inference that the Lawler draft had been adopted by the President essentially as his own; that Mr. Ballinger and his legal adviser had therefore virtually prepared the exoneration which Mr. Taft had issued over his own signature.

Copy Is Submitted.

Almost simultaneously with the publication of the Kerby statement, Attorney-General Wickham sent to the Ballinger-Pinchot investigating committee, then in session, a copy of the Lawler draft, accompanied by a letter to Chairman Nelson, in which Mr. Wickham declared the document had been overlooked in sending the papers requested by the committee at the request of Attorney Brandeis.

The publication of the Kerby statement evoked from the White House a statement declaring that there was "absolutely no foundation" for the statement that the President's letter of September 13, 1909, was substantially prepared for the President's signature by Assistant Attorney-General Lawler, and asserting unequivocally that "the President dictated his letter personally as the result of his own investigation of the records and consideration of documents and papers in his possession at the time, and upon the report of the Attorney-General."

Custom Pointed Out.

It was further pointed out, both at the White House and by Attorney-General Wickham himself, that a comparison of the Lawler draft and the President's letter would show that the

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HILL AIDS WOMAN BITTEN BY SNAKE

AUTO TAKES RANCHER'S WIFE 80 MILES TO DOCTOR.

Railroad Man's Party Reaches Lakeview, Where School Children Give Cheering Welcome.

LAKEVIEW, Or., May 14.—(Special.) The Louis W. Hill party, now touring Central Oregon, made haste for 80 miles of its journey today to save the life of Mrs. George Gibbs, wife of a rancher in an isolated section north of Warner Lake, who was bitten by a rattlesnake last night.

The woman's arm had been found to be in a serious condition, and Mr. Hill volunteered to bring her with all possible speed to the nearest doctor, who lives here. Mr. Hill telephoned from Plush to a physician, who went out by way to meet the travelers.

The party arrived here at 7:30 o'clock, being met by a delegation in 12 automobiles six miles out of the city. The children assembled at the schoolhouse and waved flags and cheered as the procession of automobiles passed.

The party traveled 150 miles today, beginning at the ranch 75 miles south of Burns, where the members spent two days.

EUGENE TO VOTE FILTER

Changing Debt From Warrants to Bonds Also Up.

EUGENE, Or., May 14.—(Special.) Eugene will hold a special election Monday to vote on funds for the installation of a filtering plant for the city water system and the extension of mains, and the issuance of \$150,000 in bonds to take the place of the same amount of city warrants.

The city proposes to install a filtering plant that will be practically a duplicate of the one in use at Oregon City, which is reported as satisfactory. The University of Oregon faculty has passed a resolution in favor of a filter plant, and the committee on municipal affairs from the Commercial Club has endorsed it. The proposed appropriation, which is not to exceed \$150,000, carries also a provision for \$25,000 in bonds for the extension of water mains. The rapid growth of Eugene has made it impossible to furnish water to the outlying residential districts.

The proposition to bond the city for \$150,000 is not to incur any new debt, but to change the form of its present debt and to save the city 1 per cent, for city warrants bear 6 per cent and the bonds 5 per cent interest.

HYDE JURY LOCKED UP

Rumored Eight Are for Conviction, Four for Acquittal.

KANSAS CITY, May 14.—It is generally believed about town that the jury deliberating on a verdict in the Hyde case is locked up.

Shortly after 10 o'clock tonight the jury pleaded with Judge Lathrop to be allowed to go to bed and resume deliberations in the morning.

"Try it an hour longer," said the court, and the men went sleepily to renew their labors.

At 11 o'clock no verdict had been reported and the men were locked up for the night.

It is said that the men stand as they did this afternoon, eight for conviction and four for acquittal. This is a change from last night, when it was rumored that one man was for conviction and all the rest for acquittal.

FARMERS PLOW UP WHEAT

Hessian Fly Believed at Work Near Forest Grove.

FOREST GROVE, Or., May 14.—(Special.)—Farmers north of town are plowing their wheat crop because the Hessian fly, or an insect resembling it, is working at the roots of the plant. The wheat looks thriving, green and healthy, but where it emerges from the ground the plant is slightly yellow. In pulling the wheat out of the ground two or three bugs are seen gnawing at the tender stem.

Fortunately no other section is reported affected by the pest. By some it is thought foolish for the farmers to plow their wheat now.

SPAIN AWAITING STORK

Madrid Expectant With Visit Due Sometime in June.

MADRID, May 14.—It is learned that the announcement of Queen Victoria is expected within a month.

EAST TO WEST LINE TO CROSS OREGON

800,000-Acre Tract Is Put on Market.

HILL FRIENDS SO ANNOUNCE

Colonization Firm Has Capital of \$12,000,000.

ROAD'S ROUTE IS OUTLINED

Boise & Western Will Enter State at Ontario and Continue Westward to Bend—Publicity Scheme Gigantic in Scope.

FACTS ABOUT \$12,000,000 COLONIZATION SCHEME

The Boise & Western Railroad is announced as the east and west road to be built by the Hills in Oregon.

Pend will probably be the junction of the Oregon Trunk line and the Boise & Western.

Oregon & Western Colonization Company, with a capital of \$12,000,000, takes over the holdings of the Willamette Valley & Cascade Mountain wagon road grant, and will colonize.

Lands to be sold to actual settlers at from \$15 to \$200 an acre, and upon contracts which will allow all the time necessary for development and payment for the lands.

A feature of the dealings of the new company will be the elasticity of selling contracts, each tract of land and each person being fitted together on equitable terms.

Portland to be the headquarters of the operations of the largest development and settlement project ever undertaken on the American continent.

Colonization company will join Louis W. Hill and his plans for advertising Oregon.

The new company announces its willingness to stand behind irrigation plans for reclamation of its own lands.

With the arrival in Portland yesterday of John E. Burchard, of St. Paul, definite information became public as to the building of the Boise & Western Railroad, as the east and west branch of the Hill system in tapping Central Oregon.

Entering the state at Ontario, the Boise & Western will build in a northwesterly direction, through Malheur Canyon to a point directly east of Malheur Lake. From that point two surveys have been made for a continuation of the line.

One of the projected lines passes to the north of Malheur Lake and the other between Malheur Lake and Harney Lake. The objective point of the road will be attained through the use of either line.

Hill's Visit Will Decide.

Bend will in all probability be the junction point for the new line with the Oregon Trunk Line, the railway owned by the Hills, and which is rapidly creeping toward the heart of Oregon by way of the Deschutes River.

Whichever route may be finally selected will depend upon the visit now being made to that section of the state by the party of which Louis W. Hill is a member. It is believed that the northern route, following the survey and grade of the Willamette Valley & Cascade Mountain Wagon Road, will be the first constructed. It will open a larger territory which is soon to be populated, and which will be shipping to the markets of the world before the Hill lines reach the south boundary of the state.

The southern survey will be retained for the Hill road to California, which will be built in the near future.

Really Deal World's Largest.

Following close on the announcement as to railway routes, came that concerning the final closing of the largest real estate transaction, from an acreage viewpoint, ever consummated in the history of the United States, and

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FLOOD TO CANADA WORRIES NATION

NO WAY FOUND TO CHECK EMIGRATION TO NORTH.

Coincident With This Are Efforts of Administration to Settle Conservation Problems.

WASHINGTON, May 14.—(Special.)—Washington officials of the Departments of Agriculture and Commerce and Labor have a sharp sense of the need of something, no one knows just what, to stop the flood of emigration that is flowing on its way from the Western United States into Canada. The Administration proposes to take the matter up seriously.

It is probably only a coincidence that the high tide in emigration to Canada has occurred at a time when this country is engaged in trying to settle the problem of a proper way to conserve the natural resources of the country. The sharp fact is that Canada is receiving thousands of Americans every year, men who have made good citizens at home and who will make good citizens of the country to the north of us. We are getting immigrants enough to offset the loss, but the class of immigrants is so inferior to the class of outgoers that the United States gains nothing from the fact that the former outnumber the latter.

MANY AUTOS ARE SOLD

Studebakers Do Big Business in Portland and Seattle.

Thirty automobiles sold and delivered during the past 14 days is the record made by the Seattle house of the Studebaker company, and, just to show that they were also in the game, the officers of the local branch of the company delivered nine cars. Besides the 30 Studebakers which were delivered by the Seattle house, the same number of touring cars was also sold.

Five electric delivery trucks were taken by the Meier & Frank Company of this city, similar cars also going to the Carey Creamery Company and one to the City of Tacoma. A Studebaker-Garford, 40-horsepower, was purchased by W. B. Fehle, of this city, and P. Swinson, of Tacoma, bought a like car from the local concern.

Since taking the agency for the St. M. F. and Plante cars, the Studebaker branch has sold nearly a score of the popular machines.

RIGO SUED BY DOMESTIC

Musician and Wife Must Answer to Doctor's Complaint Bill, Too.

Suit was filed in the Justice Court yesterday against J. Rigo, musician in a local cafe, and Elizabeth Rigo, his wife.

The complaint is for \$50 damages and \$3 which it is alleged they owe to Goldie Rhodes, a domestic.

Dr. W. M. Killingsworth is the complainant in the \$50 suit. He alleges that he was called to give Rigo medical service which he values at the sum of \$50, and Rigo has since refused to pay.

Rhodes alleges that she worked five days as a domestic in the Rigo household, the agreed wage being \$1 per day. Of this she received \$2, and is suing for the balance.

Rigo is the man who eloped with Princess Chimay, the American wife of an Austrian nobleman.

TRACT SOLD AT AUCTION

1000 Acres in Whitman County Brings Average of \$84.

COLFAX, Wash., May 14.—(Special.)—John E. Young, of Thornton, through George Larue & Co., of Colfax, sold 1000 acres of improved farm land, two miles north of Thornton, in Whitman County Friday. The land was sold in 14 tracts at auction, averaging \$84 an acre. Three hundred and nineteen acres were sold to R. Y. Evans, of Colfax, at \$100 an acre. Eight hundred and fifty acres is in wheat, of which the buyers will receive one-third at harvest. Two hundred buyers attended the sale.

OREGON COAL DEAL CLOSED

Spokane Capitalists Invest; Purchase May Mean Road Terminus.

MARSHFIELD, Or., May 14.—(Special.)—It is reported that the sale of the Oregon Coal & Navigation Company property, consisting of over 2000 acres of land the Libby mine and the steamer M. F. Plant, has practically been closed.

The purchasers are said to be Spokane capitalists. The land adjoins Marshfield and as it is about the only large tract in this city which would provide a railway terminal grounds, it is thought that the negotiations may be for one of the railroad companies.

WAUGH HANGS SELF WITH 2 NECKTIES

Pioneer Alaska Prospector Suicide's.

COIN NEEDED TO WORK MINES

Failure to Interest Eastern Capitalists Leads to Death.

TAKES LIFE IN CHICAGO

When Success Seemed Within Man's Grasp, Well-Known Seattle Miner Goes to Hotel and Strings Neck to Bedpost.

CHICAGO, May 14.—(Special.)—Harry F. Waugh, of Seattle, mining prospector, member of the Arctic Club and leader of the Waugh sledge expedition to the delta of the Mackenzie River, committed suicide today by hanging himself to a bedpost in a room at the Rest Hotel, 78 Vanburen street, with a rope mad of two neckties.

Failure to interest capitalists in his mining project when success seemed within his grasp, is believed by the police to have prompted him to take his life.

Waugh Pioneer Prospector.

Quartz containing fine veins of gold and specimens of pure metal were found in his baggage. He was one of the first Westerners to enter Alaska when the rush for gold was made in 1896.

Waugh, it is believed from his letters and papers, came East for the purpose of obtaining the backing of capitalists in his quartz proposition of the Peel River, 200 miles northeast of Dawson. Machinery had been shipped to Alaska, supposedly to be taken by dog teams to the mines, but it is believed thousands of dollars were needed in taking out the gold.

Two pawn tickets, \$11 and a telegram reading, "Funds running low," found in his room, told the story.

Dead Man Was Melancholy.

Besides the mineral specimens in his room were found a number of letters and a copy of the Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam, in which several melancholy passages were marked.

The letters included several from Mrs. Laura Waugh, his widow, who is in Grafton, California. A copy of an inventory wherein he had been advanced \$1000 on the Peel River prospect April by merchants in St. John, N. B., also was found.

Waugh left a form of will giving to his wife the unspecified contents of a box at the Bank of Seattle Safe Deposit Vault Company.

TRADE TREATY UNDER WAY

Uncle Sam Negotiating With Canada Over Tariff.

WASHINGTON, May 14.—The Federal Government has taken steps looking to the negotiation of a trade treaty with Canada.

It was officially announced today that last Thursday Secretary Knox had sent a communication to the British Ambassador here transmitting to the Canadian Government a formal proposal that tariff negotiations be instituted as soon as possible.

NORTH YAKIMA GAIN BIG

Census Enumerator Places Present Population at 15,500.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., May 14.—(Special.)—Conservative estimates of the population of North Yakima made by Special Enumerator McSpadden and Secretary James, of the Commercial Club, who have been in close touch with the work, place the figures at 15,500. The special campaign of Thursday added 639 names to the list.

The population of the city, according to the census of 1900, was 3156.

STUDENTS INDULGE IN GENERAL FIGHT

SPOKANE HIGH SCHOOL BOYS ATTACKED AT GARFIELD.

While Excursion Is on Way to Pullman Track Meet, Hostilities Break Out—Two Injured.

SPOKANE, Wash., May 14.—(Special.)—Blood flowed and heads were bruised in a free-for-all fight between the Spokane High School students on their way to the Pullman Intercollegiate meet and a crowd of citizens about the depot at Garfield at 8:30 last evening.

E. O'Callaghan, choir director of the All Saints Cathedral and president of the Spokane Junior Baseball League, a member of the excursion, had his hand badly slashed by a saw swung by one of the students. J. W. Clark, of Garfield, a member of the Pullman team, was cut on the hand. Two-by-four and other less formidable instruments, including carpenter's tools, were freely used in the melee, according to the reports.

The clash, lasting for about 10 minutes, grew out of the theft of several Spokane pennants by a Garfield boy, according to the report.

The train, Northern Pacific No. 11, was waiting at Garfield for the Lewiston train when the trouble started. While the 100 Spokane youths were singing songs, waving pennants and shouting their "rah-rahs" a loyal son of Garfield stepped beneath the train window and grabbed pennants. Spokane students at once gave chase, Harry Goetz, Bill Rice and Ned Edris, local high school boys, locating the offender.

Goetz grabbed the young man's hat and started back for the train, the Garfield boys now being the pursuers.

Just as he reached the coach two men, one a gray-haired carpenter, grabbed Goetz and tried to take the hat away from him. He succeeded in getting into the train with the hat.

A Garfield youth grabbed the hat of Charles Galbraith, the one-legged athlete of the South Central High School, and started to run. He did not get far, however, before he was stopped by Spokane boys, and the general mixup ensued.

TREES WANTED IN STREET

Springfield Old Residents Object to "March of Progress."

SPRINGFIELD, Or., May 14.—Two large oak trees that stand at the intersection of Main and Second streets have been the cause of much strife between the City Council and some who think Springfield is too big to have trees in the middle of the streets. Others who dislike the horse-trotting that for the past 20 or 40 years has watered passing animals and the trees and those who have played under the oaks a children are also involved.

The City Council, with plans of civic improvement intended to do away with the old watering-trough and place a concrete basin at the side of the street. Likewise, the trees were to be cut down and to the street commissioner was given orders to remove them at once. Then a storm of protest went up from the old residents, who at once drew up a remonstrance petition that was well signed and will be presented to the Council at a meeting Monday night.

FIRST COUGAR IS KILLED

Bounty Secured by Clackamas County Man on Huge Beast.

OREGON CITY, Or., May 14.—J. M. Park, residing at Dodge, brought in the city the hide and scalp of a cougar to day which he shot near his home on the North Fork of the Clackamas. Mr. Park received \$10 for the scalp. This is the first cougar scalp brought to the County Clerk's office for a bounty since the law went into effect at the last session of the Legislature.

The animal was immense, and is considered one of the largest ever killed in the state. Mr. Park sold the skin to a den in Portland.

POINT LOST BY HOFFSTOT

Habeas Corpus Writ Granted Head of Car Company Dismissed.

NEW YORK, May 14.—The writ of habeas corpus, granted by Frank N. Hoffstot, president of the Pressed Steel Car Company, who was indicted in connection with the Pittsburgh bridge case, was granted today by Judge Holt in the United States Circuit Court here.

Judge Holt, however, said he would grant a stay if Hoffstot desired to appeal. Hoffstot's extradition to Pennsylvania was recently ordered by Governor Hughes.

BRIBE WITNESSES CLOSELY GUARDED

State Hampered in Lorimer Scandal.

TWO PROSECUTORS CLASH

Wayman Fears to Let Evidence Get Out Down State.

BURKE'S WORDS SIZZLE

Sangamon Attorney Emphatic in Assertion Cook County Official Shall Not Block Investigation of "Vote-Selling."

CHICAGO, May 14.—(Special.)—

State's Attorney Wayman today prepared to use all the powers and resources of his office, including armed guards, to prevent the bribery case against Representative Lee O'Neill Browne, which comes up for trial before Judge McCure Monday morning, from being placed in jeopardy by any action on the part of State's Attorney Burke, of Springfield, and the Sangamon County grand jury.

Representative Charles A. White, whose confession that he had accepted a bribe of \$1000 for voting for William Lorimer for Senator and \$5000 out of a "jackpot" started the inquiry into conditions in the late Legislature, suddenly was transferred to the custody of a deputy sheriff, and similar precautions were planned to keep Representative H. G. C. Beckemeyer, who made confession No. 2, in Chicago until the trial is finished.

Nigger Seen in Woodpile.

A fear that the testimony might leak out at Springfield and thus put the defense in full possession of all the evidence collected by the Cook County prosecutor in the Browne and Wilson cases will lead Mr. Wayman to fight to the last ditch any further efforts to get his witnesses before the Sangamon County jurors.

The news that the Springfield prosecutor will swear out an attachment for Detective J. J. O'Keefe for not appearing before the Sangamon grand jury today caused considerable astonishment in the Criminal Court building. The detective arrived in Chicago during the morning and after an interview with Mr. Wayman took up his work on the Browne case, taking stay ends in preparation for the commencement of the trial.

Wayman Is Determined.

"Detective O'Keefe returned to Chicago simply because he had his duties here to attend to," said Mr. Wayman. "I understand that an attachment has been issued for O'Keefe. I wish to say that despite State Attorney Burke's efforts to have my office force in Springfield when the Brown trial starts Monday, O'Keefe will be here. His presence is necessary in that trial and the attachment will be made in the usual way when that issue arises."

Attorney Frank Reed, counsel for Michael S. Link, returned to Chicago early in the day and conferred with Mr. Wayman. He said that counsel for the defense in the Browne and Wilson cases were busy at Springfield, and that Attorney J. K. McMahon, one of the attorneys for the defense, had interviewed State Attorney Burke.

Burke Resents Charge.

In a scizzling statement issued at Springfield tonight State Attorney Burke clearly intimates that he intends to make a vigorous and persistent attack upon State Attorney Wayman, of Chicago, for an alleged attempt to block the investigation of crime committed in this county. Just exactly what Mr. Burke desires to do to the Cook County prosecutor has not been disclosed, but it is believed that he will try to force Mr. Wayman into court to defend himself.

"We have a right," read Mr. Burke's statement, "to be let alone in our effort to discover and punish crime in Illinois."

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IN THE GENTLE SPRINGTIME HARRY MURPHY'S THOUGHTS TURN (AS USUAL) TO HUMOROUS PICTURES.

