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THE VOICE OF DISAPPROVAL

Judge Lowell Expresses Universal Sentiment on Asa B. Thompson's Removal.

ADMINISTRATION CANNOT AFFORD TO BE UNJUST.

Fair Trial and Speedy Acquittal Vindicated Thompson Fully in the Public Eye, and Department Should Accept Judgment of Court as Final—Creed of the Common People Who Ask for Even-Handed Justice, Should Prevail.

Judge Stephen A. Lowell, in voicing the universal dissatisfaction expressed by the citizens of Umatilla county, and Eastern Oregon, over the determination of Secretary Hitchcock to remove Asa B. Thompson from the La Grande land office, notwithstanding his acquittal by the jury in the charges against him, has written the following opinion in a timely letter to the Morning Oregonian.

The charge that the case against Mr. Thompson was conceived in political malice, seems to the members of his party in this county to be borne out in the actions of the secretary of the interior and the president in responsibility to the cry for his removal, following such a vindication of the charges against him. Judge Lowell's letter is as follows:

Pendleton, Or., Dec. 9.—(To the Editor)—The refusal of the secretary of the interior to reinstate Asa B. Thompson in the receivership of the La Grande land office is inexplicable and merits the condemnation of every lover of fair play. The suspension of this officer after indictment by the grand jury, was probably justifiable, although unnecessary and done at great public inconvenience, but after acquittal upon full and fair trial, what possible excuse can be offered for the attitude now taken by the department? No man was ever tried in any court whose innocence was more plainly demonstrated than was that of Mr. Thompson. The utterance of such an accomplished and impartial jury who tried the case, the prompt verdict of the jury, the testimony of the witnesses, and the opinions of the spectators all attest the integrity of the acts of this young man in the administration of his office.

Of Pioneer Stock, his honored father having had a large share in the material and moral development of this state, and having distinguished himself by his own force and merit, a position of influence and usefulness among his fellows, the how struck by the government, and how indicted, was a sad one, but confident of the ultimate recognition of his innocence, he bore it with fortitude and in his efforts to elevate and purify the public service. In that work he is entitled to the highest commendation and the fullest support; but he must hold the balance of justice even, else in the end he will surely find disaster. The creed of the plain people is common justice and to that love of fair play which is American, and ask that the people of Oregon sustain the delegation in congress in their just demand for Thompson's reinstatement.

Respectfully,
STEPHEN A. LOWELL.

HARRY GUY MURDERER IS FOUND

Burns, Dec. 10.—Harry Egbert, the murderer of John G. Saxton and Jack West, in Wild Horse valley, on October 4, was yesterday found guilty of murder in the first degree. Feeling has been high and at times it seemed impossible to prevent the people from taking vengeance on the murderer. Six days were consumed

BALTIMORE MINISTER WAS CHOSEN PRESIDENT.

They Report Favorable Progress in the Way of Securing Legislation, Giving the Anti-Cannin Law and Prohibiting Liquor in Capitol.

Washington, Dec. 10.—Secretary Mitchell announced today that the Anti-Cannin Law and Prohibiting Liquor in Capitol, Baltimore, Dec. 10.—The anti-Saloon League this morning elected Rev. L. Wilson, of Baltimore, as president; Rev. Baker, of Columbia, 2, general superintendent; Rev. Dinwiddle, of Washington, legislative superintendent; Dr. D. Carroll, of Baltimore, treasurer.

MINE EXPLOSION.

Three Men Fatally Injured in Pennsylvania.

Greensburg, Pa., Dec. 10.—At 10:30 this morning at the Euclid and Fort Henry mines, second explosion killed Superintendent Andrew Sweney and fatally injuring the pit boss and two others.

ORDERED TO COLON.

Three Hundred and Fifty Additional Marines From Guantanamo.

Washington, Dec. 10.—Secretary Hay announced today that the troops at Ft. Pringle, now at Guantanamo, will sail for Colon tomorrow. She carries a force of 350 marines, which will be landed to reinforce those already on the isthmus.

STOCKTON LOCKOUT.

California Manufacturers Start a War on Union Labor.

Stockton, Cal., Dec. 10.—The Holt Harvester & Manufacturing Company has written lockout orders to blacksmiths, with the declared intention of running an open shop. Later the Federated Trades Council declared the Holt lockout.

MIKADO IS HOPEFUL.

Thinks That Present Negotiations Will Bring Peace.

Tokyo, Dec. 10.—The emperor today opened the Japanese diet with an address in which he referred hope fully to the negotiations which he expected to bring peace through the east.

New Bishop of Columbus.

Rome, Dec. 10.—The congregation prepared today chose Harry of Steubenville, O., to be bishop of Columbus. It is doubtful if the pope will ratify the election.

Baron Rothschild Dead.

London, Dec. 10.—A despatch from Monte Carlo announces the death of Baron Arthur Rothschild.

Countess Divorced.

London, Dec. 10.—The Countess Russell was today granted a divorce from her coachman husband, Brown.

WORKMEN RIOT WITH WORKMEN

STREET CARS BADLY DAMAGED BY THE MOB.

Police Interpose and Have a Hard Battle in Trying to Keep the Peace—Conductors and Motormen Flee for Their Lives and Are Pursued Long Distance—Wild and Unnecessary Damage Done to Cars.

Chicago, Dec. 10.—Angered because the train crew of a Halsted street railway train on which they were riding did not wear union buttons, a sect of workmen left the car this morning and threatened to throw the motorman and conductor into the river. They smashed all the windows in the train and forced the crew to run for their lives.

The motorman was fleet of foot and escaped after being chased a mile and repeatedly hit with stones. Conductors collapsed after running four blocks, when policemen came and rescued him, dragging him into a house and held the mob at bay with rifles. A riot call was sent in. The battle was short of duration, as the squad of police, angered by the show of resistance, charged mercilessly, striking right and left with their clubs until the mob was finally dispersed. None were seriously hurt, although bloody heads were common.

The frightened conductor took his train back to the barn under a heavy escort. Both motorman and conductor were badly beaten. While the police were dispersing the mob the car of a conductor on another contingent was nearly demolished. The passengers and crew abandoned the train, and the mob tore out the seats and smashed the woodwork with bricks.

Twenty-Five Prisoners. The flying squadron of detectives today appeared against 25 prisoners seized in the dragnet last night. All were found carrying weapons and were heavily fined. One thousand persons were searched by officers last night.

Ordered to Vacate. A number of people at Nyssa holding property near the Oregon short line right-of-way have been notified by the railroad to vacate. Some time ago the railroad officials notified these people to pay ground rent, as the railroad claimed the land under their land grant, dating back in the eighties. The Nyssalites base their claim upon a government patent issued to the former owner, who proved up on the land.

A mass meeting was held at Nyssa yesterday to take action on the matter. Attorney H. A. Griffiths of this city was summoned and went down to advise them in the matter.—Coldwell News.

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OFFICIAL CALL TO STOCKMEN

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LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION AND WOOLGROWERS TO MEET.

Basis of Representation, Railroad Fares and Other Details of the Meeting—Portland Raising Large Fund to Entertain Delegates—Extremely Low Fares on the O. R. & N. and Other Roads.

The following is the full text of the official letter from the convention of the National Livestock Association at Portland, January 12:

To the members of the National Livestock Association and all others interested in the Livestock Industry. Complying with the orders of the executive committee, we have the honor to advise you that the monthly annual convention of the National Livestock Association will convene in the Marquam Grand theater, January 12, 1904, and continue through at many sessions as the business may require.

Delegates will be admitted according to the provisions of the constitution as follows: Each state, territorial, county or local range association of cattle, sheep, horse or swine breeders may appoint one delegate for every 10,000 head of stock, or part thereof, represented by the members of such organization. The governors of each state and territory may appoint one delegate-at-large.

Each feeders and breeders association may appoint one delegate-at-large and one for every 25 members or part thereof. In counties where there is no regular livestock organization, the county commissioners may appoint one delegate from among the stockmen of said county.

Each state or territorial livestock sanitary board may appoint three delegates. Each state board of agriculture or agricultural college may appoint one delegate. Each livestock commission merchant or exchange may appoint one delegate-at-large and one for each 25 members thereof.

Each stockmen's company may appoint one delegate. Each Oregon and transportation company may appoint one delegate. Each chamber of commerce may appoint one delegate for every 100 members.

Each dairymen's association may appoint one delegate. An alternate may be appointed for every delegate. Any bona fide stockman engaged in breeding, feeding, trading or handling livestock may become a member of this association by the payment of a initiation fee of \$10 and an annual fee of \$10.

Delegates may be appointed from Canada and the Republic of Mexico, but in such cases, except those from state and county, no requirements regarding membership must be complied with.

All associations, governors and county commissioners are requested to send the names and postoffice addresses of their delegates to the secretary as soon as named, in order that they may be promptly and properly arranged.

Railway Rates.

For this occasion the railroads have made the following unusually low rates from points west of Chicago: Memphis, \$2.75; St. Louis, \$3.00; St. Paul, \$3.25; Denver and common points, including Cheyenne and El Paso, Texas, \$4.50; from all other points in this territory, one lowest first-class fare for the round trip.

For territory south of the Ohio and Potomac and east of the Mississippi rivers a rate of one and one-third times the first-class fare for the round trip will be in force. Selling dates for these tickets are January 6, 7, 8 and 9, with final return limit January 31, 1904.

A reduced rate of \$13.50 from Portland to San Francisco has been made, so that any one desiring to stop off at all points of interest may do so. Stopover permits will be granted on the return trip on application to the joint agency in Portland.

The citizens of Portland have raised a generous sum and are arranging to entertain all delegates in a handsome manner. Immediately on arriving in Portland you should register with the secretary at headquarters, Par and Hotel, or suspended until it is proven beyond doubt that immense beds of coal underlie a vast section of territory in the John Day valley.

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with badges admitting you to convenient hall, and coupon tickets for all entertainments given by the citizens.

Be sure and ask for rates to the National Livestock Convention, January 11-15, 1904. If your local agent cannot give you full information as to details of sale etc., write the secretary of the association.

JNO. W. SPINGER, President. CHAS. F. MARTIN, Secretary.

National Woolgrowers Convention, Accompanying the call for the meeting of the National Livestock Association is an official call for the meeting of the National Woolgrowers Association, which meets in Portland on January 11 and 12 immediately preceding the meeting of the Livestock association.

The following representation has been made and all woolgrowers are earnestly urged to attend: "Each state association of woolgrowers will be entitled to one delegate for every 10,000 head of sheep represented by its membership, and one delegate for a fraction of 10,000 head over 5,000, and also five delegates-at-large."

"Each county association of sheep or woolgrowers will be entitled to one delegate for every 10,000 head of sheep represented or fraction of 10,000 over 5,000, and also five delegates-at-large."

"Each individual member or corporation member shall be entitled to one vote and an additional vote for each 10,000 head of sheep represented, or fraction over 5,000 head."

"The convention will convene promptly at 10 o'clock Monday morning, January 11, 1904."

"FRANCIS E. WARREN, President." "MORTIMER LEVERING, Secretary."

AN AMERICAN COMPANY GETS CANAL CONTRACT.

Underbid All Other Competitors—Will Be a Waterway for the Largest Vessels Afloat, and Dug Entirely on Russian Territory—Great Importance.

Berlin, Dec. 8.—A Koelnicke Zeitung dispatch says an American syndicate bid for the construction of the Russian ship canal from the Baltic to the Black Sea, \$150,000,000, which is 25 per cent cheaper than the German, English, French or Russian bids.

Russia proposes making this a deep-water canal that will float the largest war vessels and ocean merchantmen. The canal will be entirely on Russian territory, it will be of vast military and commercial importance, virtually giving Russia a continuous water front from the Baltic to the Mediterranean and Central Europe. It will be the culmination of a dream of a hundred years and of practical planning for the past 40 years.

CHARGE TO JURY WIFE MURDERS HER HUSBAND

JUDGE BELLINGER'S INSTRUCTIONS IN THOMPSON CASE

Says Three Such Shameless Characters as Saling, Rayburn and O'Hara Never Testified in an Oregon Court Before—Inspector Green Unjustly Censured.

The charge given to the jury by United States District Judge C. B. Bellinger in the Asa B. Thompson case, will be sent to President Roosevelt and Secretary Hitchcock, by Mr. Thompson's attorneys, in hopes of convincing the officials of the utter lack of support by judge or jury to the charges against Mr. Thompson.

It has been announced by Secretary Hitchcock that Mr. Thompson would retain his office in Memphis on the receipt of the office, notwithstanding his acquittal, and the Oregon delegation will make every effort to secure the resignation of Secretary Hitchcock.

Colonel J. H. Raley, Lowell and Attorney James A. Fee have sent the copy of the charge to the president and secretary of the interior, and have asked the delegation from Oregon to make every effort to have Mr. Thompson retained in office.

Following is the charge in part: "This indictment charges the offense of bribery or soliciting bribery, in three counts. It charges that the defendant solicited Cunningham to bribe him, and Rayburn, the transaction with reference to Saling and Rayburn in the same. It goes out of what Saling, Rayburn and O'Hara testified to as having taken place in an interview when all three were present with the defendant—the interview between Rayburn and the defendant.

"The prosecution relies in this case wholly upon statements attributed by the witnesses to the defendant. I wish to caution you with reference to the weight that is to be given to statements of that kind. It is easy to fabricate such testimony. It is easy, by slight variations or omissions, to make a conversation, innocent in itself, appear to be otherwise, or criminal."

"There are, then, two transactions, or two conversations, which are related upon to convict this defendant: the one conversation with Rayburn, in the presence of Rayburn, O'Hara and Saling, and the conversation with Cunningham."

AMERICANS AND TURKS IN FUSS

A Naturalized Armenian is the Cause of an Entirely New Difficulty.

CONSUL AT BEIRUT TAKES DOWN THE AMERICAN FLAG.

Consul Davis Was Assaulted by Turkish Police While Protecting the American Flag—Armenians—Mobsman Insult and Annoy Christians Generally and the Consulate is Closed—Leshman Investigating.

Constantinople, Dec. 9.—American Consul Davis left his post at Beirut and caused the American flag at Alexandria to be lowered in consequence of being insulted and assaulted by Turkish police.

Minister Leshman has made an earnest protestation to the porte, and it is believed when a more complete report has been received the United States will demand the fullest reparation.

The affair has grown out of the arrest of an Armenian, Attarian, a naturalized American, who was imprisoned at Aleppo, but released on condition that he immediately leave the country. Davis was escorting him to the seafront at Taurus, police attacked and assaulted Davis and re-stated Attarian. Davis then lowered the flag and broke off relations with the authorities.

Later a mob of Moslems made a demonstration against the consulate and Christians generally. The Turks claim Davis struck the police and guards and broke prison windows. Attarian had \$2500 on his person when arrested. The Turks claim they believed him to be a revolutionist.

NEBRASKA GIRL WHO HAD DISAPPEARED IS FOUND.

Found in the House of a Neighbor—Was Spirited Away by Defendant in a Criminal Case—Latter is Under Arrest and May Be Lynched.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 9.—Beulah Thomas, the pretty 16-year-old daughter of a York county farmer, who disappeared from home two weeks ago, was found last night in the house of John Black, a neighbor of the Thomas family, where she had been held captive after being kidnapped by John Blair, against whom in a criminal case, she was the principal witness.

Blair was suspected when the girl disappeared. Bloodhounds failed to locate the girl. Neighbors told the sheriff their suspicions last night. He with a posse made an entrance to the Blacks' house, and found the girl upstairs in a room.

The girl said she had been kindly treated, but kept in closest captivity. Blair was immediately arrested and taken to the York jail. Farmers threaten to lynch him.

WONT PAY SUGAR BOUNTY.

Idaho Auditor Refuses to Comply With the Law.

For several days there have been many rumors about as to what State Auditor Turner would do when claims were filed with him by the sugar beet manufacturers for one cent a pound on sugar manufactured in the state in accordance with the law passed by the last legislature. Mr. Turner was seen today by the Capital News reporter and asked what he would do when such claims were presented in response to the question, he said:

"The matter of the payment of a bounty upon beet sugar in conformity to the provisions of the act passed by the legislature at its seventh session is one of great importance to the people of the state of Idaho. Such payment would result in a great loss to be paid of other bounties and subsidies in the future and would impose upon the people a burden much too great to be assumed hastily or before the validity of the act is properly determined."—Boise Capital News.

NEW CITY OFFICERS.

Milton and Weston Elect Officials to Serve for the Enuing Year. In the city elections held in Milton and Weston, Monday, the following officials were elected for the ensuing year:

In Milton—S. A. Miller, temperance candidate for mayor; E. B. Tolan, temperance candidate for recorder; B. L. Archer, temperance candidate, for marshal; N. A. Davis, temperance candidate, for treasurer. For councilmen, three year term, W. A. Banister, L. O. Frazer and James Edwards; one year term, F. M. Keen, and F. B. Keen, all temperance candidates.

In the Weston city election, the following officers were elected, all favoring a high saloon license: S. A. Barnes, mayor; L. S. Wood, recorder; R. K. Moore, treasurer; M. A. Baker, P. T. Harbour and C. H. Stanfield, councilmen.

Welcomes Telephone Line. H. H. Gilbert, of the vicinity of Pilot Rock, was in the city today on a business visit. He reports the range in excellent condition and stock doing nicely without feed. The citizens of that part of the county welcome the construction of the Bell telephone line into the interior of the county, and many of them hope to become interested in the system later.

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