

ROSEBURG ELECTS A REPUBLICAN FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR

Wild Scenes Marks Closing Hours of State Legislative Assembly--Warner was Elected After the Oregon Style

Jefferson City, Mo., March 18.—After having been in a deadlock since January 18 over the election of a United States Senator to succeed Francis M. Cockrell, the Legislature at 15 minutes before final adjournment today elected Major William Warner, Republican, of Kansas City. Seven ballots in joint session were taken today in effecting a decision, and the closing scenes of the Legislature have not been paralleled in the history of Missouri politics. When it became evident that Warner would be the choice, the Democrats, who had steadfastly supported Cockrell throughout, locked horns with the Republicans, who were split among the caucus nominee, Thomas K. Niedringhaus, Richard C. Kerens and over a score of other nominees, and the Assembly Chamber became a place of general riot.

PORTLAND LAW FIRM TO DEFEND HERMANN

Congressman Binger Hermann who has just arrived from Washington has retained the firm of Delf, Mallory, Simon & Gearin to defend him in the coming trial when he is to answer to the indictments for the conspiracy in the land frauds. While the firm will appear as Mr. Hermann's attorneys, it is understood that John M. Gearin, the junior member, will have special charge of the conduct of Hermann's defense in court. Gearin is known as a very successful jury lawyer.

FREAK DEER FOR EXPOSITION

Grants Pass, March 17.—State Game Warden J. W. Baker has arranged with G. W. Bennett, of this city, to place the albino deer shot by Mr. Donnell, on exhibition in the display of Oregon wild game at the Lewis and Clark Fair. There is no doubt but that the albino which is one of few perfect specimens ever found in Western America, will be an object of great interest to the many visitors at the fair. It is pure white with pink eyes as clear and soft as the delicate tint of a conch shell. The hair is a little longer than that of the ordinary deer, and apparently more smooth and glossy; however, its whiteness makes it appear much more sleek than it would were it of the ordinary brown. Old-timers tell of a few such deer seen at sundry times during their hunting and prospecting experience of half a century in the Coast and Cascade Mountains, but these few were so shy that hunters were seldom able to get within rifle range of them.

THE BILLY GOAT MUST GO

Spokane, Wash., March 16.—The "billygoat" has been barred at Elk lodge initiations. Under new procedure all physical blemishes must be eliminated, and no initiatory methods can be introduced except those set forth in ritual. N. E. Nazum, district deputy grand exalted ruler, said last night: "I have notified all lodges that they must abandon pranks at initiations." The new ritual provides for a funeral service at the grave, and a service in the lodge room to announce the death of a brother. This change is only another step in the metamorphosis of the order from its early days, when the members were known as "jolly corks." The grip was recently cancelled, and there seems little likelihood that it will be replaced. Initiations among Elks here have been notable James Neill, actor got National fame three years ago by talking while a candidate. According to Mr. Neill's own account, he was robbed in a diaphanous gown, cut a mother Hubbard, and a blow from a stuffed club came to him as crowning ignominy in a series of supposed insults that his proud Southern breeding could not brook.

BANK ROBBERS FOUND GUILTY

Albany, March 17.—Eli Dunn and J. A. Croxley, alias Reynolds, were found guilty of robbing the bank at Lebanon the night of February 7 in the circuit court here last night. The jury was out an hour and 30 minutes before returning the verdict. Judge Burnett will impose sentence Monday at 1 o'clock.

LAND TRIALS TO BE POSTPONED

Portland, March 17.—None of the land fraud cases will be tried in June, or at any time in the near future, for the reason that every advantage is going to be taken of the delays allowed by law by all those indicted, and if this is done it will throw the cases into some term of court next year, at least, and it is doubtful whether Senator Mitchell of Congressmen Hermann and Williamson will be brought to trial even then, because they intend fighting every inch of the ground. This is the belief of those concerned in the cases. The interposition of demurrers to indictments, made familiar by the case involving S. A. D. Puter and others, will be one of the schemes by which the cases will be postponed. Senator Mitchell has announced that he will use every means he can find to fight the cases against him, and this is taken as an indication of the plans of the principal defendants. Rumors that all who intend to fight the cases against them to the last have formed a combine by which the expenses of trial will be borne by all are again current, and it is believed every detail of the combine has been perfected. All the defendants are virtually in the same boat, and it is about settled that the only ones who will be willing to have their cases passed upon at this term of the United States court will be those who intend to plead guilty in the hope of escaping with a light sentence.

HOLDING PATENTS IN LAND OFFICE

A week or ten days ago the receipt of a large number of cash patents at the Roseburg land office for government lands in this district was announced, and claimants were notified by the special agent in charge of the local land office to send in their final receipts and exchange them for the patents. However, a few days ago, word came from the Roseburg office that telegraphic instructions had been received from Washington to withhold patents issued for claims in certain townships, one of them being 39, 4 east, in the Jenny creek country, where several Ashland parties holding timber claims for which they are yet awaiting patents. What the order to withhold patents in this particular township means, is what the interested parties are wondering now—Tidings.

OREGON APPLES IN LONDON

Oregon apples have commanded the highest price ever paid for any apples ever sold in the European market. This fact is stated by President E. L. Smith, of the Oregon Development League, who has just received advice from London that Hood River Newton Pippins were selling for 22s 6d per box, equivalent to \$43.43. At the same time a lot of 1000 boxes sent to Edinburgh, Scotland, sold at 20s per box, equivalent to \$43.33, while apples grown in Scotland were selling at 15s 6d per box. These prices are equivalent to about 7 cents each for Oregon apples, breaking records for prices for the fruit in foreign lands. This information that Oregon apples excel those grown elsewhere is authentic, coming from the London dealers to whom the fruit was consigned by the Hood River Apple Growers' Union, is an official communication to President A. I. Mason, of that organization. Occupying first place in the foreign market is regarded as one of the best advertisements it is possible to give to Oregon apples for only the choicest fruit is desired for export, and a large amount of Oregon produce is consumed annually by the English people.

After E. D. Stratford

No further leniency will be shown those who have been indicted by the Federal Grand Jury for alleged complicity in the land frauds and in crimes and misdemeanors resulting from them. Unless bonds are put up immediately bench warrants for the arrest of those who are out without bond will be issued. Edward D. Stratford is the latest candidate for bench warrant honors. He was indicted February 11, with the Butte Creek Land, Lumber & Livestock Co. officials and employees, in connection with fencing the public domain, but has never been apprehended. He is now said to be somewhere in Kansas. He will be arrested wherever found, as no order of extradition is necessary under the circumstances. Mr. Stratford is well and favorably known in Roseburg where he formerly resided and held the position of special agent in the U. S. land office service. He was never connected with the company mentioned above other than in an official capacity in fulfilling the duties of his office.

Elks' Lodge at Ashland

Ashland, Ore., March 17.—A new lodge of Elks and 27 new members resulted from a visit of Deputy Exalted Ruler Blakely, of The Dalles, and a large number of the initiated hosts from Oregon and California towns. E. V. Carter was elected exalted ruler and G. F. Wilson chosen secretary. A. E. Reames was toastmaster at the banquet following the initiation.

JAPANESE STRIKE AT HARBIN AND VLADIVOSTOK

Russians Lose Tie Pass and are Desperately Fighting their Way North

Oyama in Hot Pursuit and He May Cut off Retreat of Russians and Compell Their Early Surrender.

London, March 18.—Beyond the fact that a fierce battle is in progress above Tie pass and that the Japanese are attacking the rear of the fleeing army, who, hotly pursued, are still fighting their way north, there is but little news of the war. St. Petersburg has received nothing from her front for 36 hours, indicating that the wires have been cut by the Japanese between Harbin and Tie pass. Tokyo is shutting down on all war news which forces the belief that Marshal Oyama has another great military operation under way. Chinese refugees at Harbin state the Japanese have announced that they will enter Harbin on April 10 and Vladivostok at the same time. They accuse the victors of barbarous cruelties. It is formally announced that General Kurapatkin, in a curt telegram to the czar, surrendered his command to General Linievitch, who took charge while the fight was on. Kurapatkin reports that a force of Cunechus has occupied Falmengung. It is reported from Chinese sources that the Japanese are engaging in an extensive movement against Vladivostok, intending to strike the seaport at the same time that Oyama strikes at Harbin. Refugees state that the Japanese boast that they will hold both Vladivostok and Harbin before another month has passed away. St. Petersburg authorities say that no information has reached them that the Japanese had cut the railroad in Linievitch's rear. They admit that communication with the army has been cut off for the last 36 hours. A dispatch dated at Chang Tu Fu, 40 miles north of Tie Pass at 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon states that the army was retreating in good order destroying the railroad as it progressed, but that it was constantly pressed by the Japanese and that the rear guard action was continuous. The dispatch concludes: "We believe that the Japanese are making a movement north and will be ready to fall upon us when we get out of the mountains surrounding Tie Pass gorge." Linievitch must make his retreat along a single road. If the Japanese succeed in throwing a strong force across his line of retreat it is recognized at St. Petersburg that the army may be forced to surrender. Mobilization of the new army has already begun in several provinces. Several divisions of the Imperial Guards have already received orders. A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph from St. Petersburg announces that an internal loan of 200,000,000 roubles at 5 per cent interest has been arranged. General Kurapatkin is followed in his fall by widespread English sympathy. He is regarded as the scapegoat for the sins of administrative incapacity and the corruption of the governing clique at St. Petersburg and the rash folly of the czar himself for whom he, with an unimpaired force, would have awaited the Japanese attack at that very Harbin upon which the Russians now are falling back, disheartened and famishing. As for the future, English writers forecast a short sequel to the story of Port Arthur and Mukden in further catastrophe at Harbin, Kerin and Vladivostok, unless meanwhile a grand council spurs Russia to a final catastrophe by prior acceptance of the inevitable.

THE PORTLAND EXPOSITION WILL BE READY JUNE FIRST

Portland, March 18.—"Will the Lewis and Clark Exposition be finished by June 1 the date announced for its opening?" is a question asked frequently on the tongues of visitors at the grounds. The answer given by those in authority and in close touch with the work is "yes." The answer most generally given by those who visit the Fair to take but a casual excursion over the grounds is "No." There is so much to be done, and the time is comparatively so short that it is hard to realize how every thing is to be in readiness by the end of 11 weeks. And yet by that time the Exposition will be open. Acres upon acres of space now unencumbered with building material or a mass of rats and mud where heavily loaded wagons have passed over must be rid of the debris and leveled down to grassy and in some places gravelly. Land yet in its virgin roughness waits to be traced or covered with a score of buildings. Scarcely a building, scarcely even an ornament vase, but will require retouching or alteration before the President presses the button in Washington which will make the chimes in the Government building resound the National air of America over the Pacific Slope, the pathway to the Orient. Excuse for Skepticism Several buildings are still mere skeletons of gaunt framework, where hundreds of busy workmen ply hammer and saw from morning until night. Every day, almost sees sod broken for another structure, and still there are many proposed for which plans have as yet scarcely been drawn. Little wonder, the visitor says, "I cannot see how it is to be done." Will Fill Lake Work is proceeding rapidly on the Bridge of Nations and the esplanades, and next week the pumps will be set in motion to fill Guild's Lake up to the proper level, about three feet below the level of the esplanades. Hundreds of men are finding employment at the Exposition and will find it there up to the opening day, but the more closely the daily progress is watched, the more definite becomes the assurance that nearly all the grounds and buildings if not entirely all, will be ready for the visitor when the opening day arrives.

SLAUGHTERING ELK IN COOS COUNTY

Marshfield, March 17.—George Herron came to town last week from a two months' sojourn on his homestead in Tioga county, where he was engaged clearing land and putting in a crop. The Tioga district is the haunts of the elk and George, while on his last trip, saw two bands, which is estimated in numbers, to be 70. This noble animal is free from the assaults of the settler, but Mr. Herron informs us that the city nimrod from abroad makes regular trips to this section and slaughter elk whenever they come upon them, and that if the practice is continued the herd will certainly be exterminated before the expiration of the time of their protection. He says, however, that the new license law, with a vigilant game warden in that locality, should prove of inestimable value in preserving the king of all forest animals.

WILLIAMSON HAS ENGAGED COUNSEL

Portland, March 18.—H. S. Wilson of The Dalles, who has been engaged by Congressman J. N. Williamson to defend him in the coming land fraud trials in Portland. Yesterday afternoon Mr. Wilson held a conference with A. S. Bennett, of The Dalles, who has been retained as an attorney by Senator Mitchell in the land fraud cases. It is probable that Congressman Williamson and Senator Mitchell will conduct a joint defense. H. S. Wilson is one of the prominent lawyers in Oregon and is well known as one of the leading citizens of The Dalles. A. S. Bennett, who has been practicing law in Oregon for years, is one of the successful attorneys in the West. He has been before the public a number of times through his connection with noted criminal cases.

TO BRING HARRY MILLER TO OREGON

It may be possible that Deputy United States Marshal Wilson, who yesterday took four Chinese to San Francisco for deportation, may bring back Harry W. Miller, recently indicted by the Federal Grand Jury of Oregon for conspiracy, and who is now in jail at San Francisco on a similar charge. Miller belongs to the notorious firm of Miller & Kincart, whose fraudulent transactions in Southern Oregon led to numerous complaints to the authorities, and ultimately to their undoing. Both have been indicted upon several occasions heretofore. Several weeks ago Commissioner Hancock of San Francisco remanded Miller to the custody of the United States Marshal for this district, but Miller appears to have been a sort of white elephant on everybody's hands, for neither the Marshall of California has been in any hurry to escort him to Portland, nor the Marshall of Oregon to go after him. Deputy Wilson's trip down that way may solve the problem.

JAPAN NOT AFTER THE PHILIPPINES

Washington, March 17.—Japanese Minister Takshira, in an interview today denies the assertion of Representative Hull, chairman of the house military committee, that Japan will attempt to secure possession of the Philippines, either by purchase or by force. He says Japan and the United States should be good neighbors in the Far East and steadily develop friendly ties, which would be mutually advantageous in all commercial relations. "There's no government in the world which can take from the United States, in the East or the West, anything which belongs to us." In the above language Senator Spooner, in the senate this afternoon, replied to the alleged statement of Congressman Hull, of Iowa, predicting trouble with the Japanese over the Philippines. Spooner expressed the sentiment that while there might be a difference of opinion as to the wisdom of acquiring the islands and of the policy and management, yet we would never submit to see them taken away by force.

KUROPATKIN GIVES UP HIS COMMAND

London, March 18.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Times says: "General Kurapatkin has asked the Emperor's gracious permission to turn over his command, alleging that he is in urgent need of physical and mental rest." St. Petersburg, March 18.—General Kurapatkin has telegraphed to Emperor Nicholas assuming all the responsibility for his late defeat, making no excuses except that the strength of the Japanese was miscalculated, and refusing to place any of the blame upon the Council of Generals, upon whose advice he determined to give battle. This manly course and the general's personal exertions in directing the retreat will, however, hardly save him. His reputation as an offensive strategist is gone and though the Emperor's military advisers know not where to look for a better general, his resignation will be accepted. It will be difficult to find a capable successor to Kurapatkin, but it is said now that it probably will be General Grodekoff, Governor of the Amur, although in casting about for another commander in chief some military officials are turning to Grand Duke Nicholas, the czar's cousin. In losing General Kurapatkin the army will lose the idol of the private soldier, an officer who, in spite of the intrigues of his Generals and his failure to win a battle, has won their confidence and affection. Linievitch Succeeds Kurapatkin St. Petersburg, March 17.—With the Japanese hanging on the heels and flanks of the remnants of the broken, defeated Russian army, General Kurapatkin, the old idol of the private soldier, has been dismissed and disgraced, and General Linievitch, commander of the first army, is appointed to succeed him in command of all the Russian land and sea forces operating against Japan. The word "disgrace" is written in large letters in the laconic imperial order gazetted, which contains not a single word of praise, and also disposes of the rumor that Kurapatkin had asked to be relieved. The Russian military annals contain no more bitter imperial rebuke.

Drain News.

T. E. Bloch is loading hay to ship to Salem. He will ship about ten car loads. Supt. Fields was in town yesterday and stated that the railroad company would spend \$2000 in building an addition to the depot and making other improvements about the yards here. The merchants will be asked to paint their warehouses along the track, remove the unsightly lumber piles and in other ways help to improve the appearance of the town in general. The McCallister Hotel changed hands yesterday and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Stark are now conducting the same. The McCallister family will move to their ranch near Elkton. The house will hereafter be known as Hotel Drain and will be thoroughly renovated. Mr. J. M. Stark will act in the capacity of manager, and it will be known to the traveling public—Nonpariel.

HEAVY IMMIGRATION TO NORTHWEST HAS COMMENCED

Train Loads of Homeseekers and Investors Leaving the Middle Western States in Search of Pacific Coast Investments.

Chicago, March 18.—For the first two weeks after March 1, when the homeseekers rates to California were put into effect, travel was light on most of the roads. During the last week, however, the tide has turned and a rush has set in which promises to tax the equipment of many of the Western trunk lines. From the Northwest word has been received that a movement has begun which promises to increase largely the population in North Dakota, Idaho, Montana, Washington and Oregon. Prospective settlers are passing through St. Paul also, seeking homes in the Middle and Southwestern states, via the Southern, Milwaukee & St. Paul, Santa Fe, Union Pacific and Southern Pacific. New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio are all contributing many practical farmers, who are said to be supplied with sufficient money to enable them to develop their farms. Western trunk lines for several years have been disseminating information concerning the irrigated lands in the West, and from the character of the numerous inquiries they are now receiving from Eastern farmers, it is evident that they are reaping their harvest. The Western trunk lines have made special rates for settlers to the sound country. Until May 15 westbound carloads return on agricultural implements, farm machinery, seed grain, livestock and other property of settlers for actual use and not for sale, will be half those which prevail usually. This concession is having an important effect in the movement and is resulting in the shipment of large quantities of equipment with which to begin agriculture operations.

FLETCHER THIRSTS FOR REVENGE

Cottage Grove, Or., March 16.—"When I get well enough to appear at a trial, I shall give John Branton the extent of the law."—John Fletcher. A statement from the victim in the now famous Branton case, of Cottage Grove, shows no wavering in his story. Meanwhile the net is tightening around John Branton, and it would be hard to find a man in Cottage Grove who does not think he tried to assassinate his friend. Fletcher was more communicative after a shave today, was feeling better, and inclined to talk. He told something of Branton's fourth wife-to-be. Pictures of Fletcher and other belongings at the Branton house in Cottage Grove, he declares to have been burned by this woman. The Branton house belonged to Mrs. Branton No. 3, and after she died, in December, 1904, the accused man fell heir to it. Branton's three children patiently wait his coming home. The father of Branton's first wife, J. Elliott, is taking care of them. The Southern Pacific has received new observation cars to be operated on the trains between San Francisco and Portland. The observation section is large and roomy, with plush upholstered chairs, library and reading tables, and with a plate glass observation end that opens upon a wide platform, where a number of passengers may occupy stools in the open air.

GOOD COPPER AT BOHEMIA

Cottage Grove, Ore., March 15.—The strike in the Oregon-Colorado is pronounced the best body of ore yet opened in this property. F. M. Root, in charge of the crew working there, was in the city, but when he left the best ore uncovered had not come in. Later the man reported that a beautiful breast of copper was in the drift, and the shoot had widened to 1500 the drift four or five feet. The face of this tunnel has a vertical depth of 400 to 500 feet, and any ore body opened there will value, because of the permanency assured on such a level and the backs above the adit.

TROLLEY LINE ON COOS BAY

Marshfield, Ore., March 17.—The announcement is made that an electric car line will be built between Marshfield and North Bend. This is the result of the purchase of the 600 acres of the Flanagan estate for \$50,000 last week by Frank B. Waite and John Shahan. Mr. Waite was called to Roseburg by the death of his father, John Shahan will arrive from Los Angeles and take charge of the property. The Petit Journal prints a dispatch from St. Petersburg stating that Kurapatkin lost 80 guns and 19,000 killed at Tie Ling Friday.

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