

## HEARST MAKES SENSATIONAL ATTACK ON SENATOR FORAKER

Declares That Statesman Was In Employ of Standard Oil Company.

READS LETTERS TO PROVE CHARGE

Ohio Man Says He Was Once But Is No Longer Retained By System.

(By Associated Press.) CINCINNATI, Ohio, Sept. 18. — That he had been several years ago an attorney for the Standard Oil Company but that this had nothing to do with congress or in anything that the federal government was interested in, is the substance of a brief statement by Senator Foraker in answer to the charges made by W. R. Hearst in Columbus last night. Foraker says he does not know whether the letters given out by Hearst are true copies or not, but assumes they are. He says he never made any effort to conceal the fact of his employment by the Standard Oil Company and that it had not then become discreditable to be employed by such corporations and declares that his employment ended before his first term in the senate expired. He says that he has not represented the company in any way since.

Mr. Hearst in his address roundly scored Senator Foraker as an "undesirable public servant," declaring that Foraker has been in the employ of the Standard Oil Company while he held his seat in the senate. He read numerous letters showing how Mr. Foraker had been busy acting for the Standard Oil Company. His address was regarded as one of the most sensational exposes that has recently been made of a public man.

### NO RECORD OF IT.

Supreme Court Books Do Not Show Foraker's Connection. (By Associated Press.) COLUMBUS, Ohio, Sept. 18. — A hasty search of the Ohio Supreme Court books has failed to reveal any record showing that senator Foraker has appeared for the Standard Oil Company in any cases brought against that company in 1889 or 1890.

### NEWS TO THEM.

Standard Oil Employees Refuse to Talk. (By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, Sept. 18. — John D. Archbold, vice-president of the Standard Oil Company, was not in his office today and the other officials said that they knew nothing of the charges by W. R. Hearst in his address at Columbus last night.

### DREDGE OREGON STARTS.

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 18. — The Telegram says: "Towed by the government steamer George H. Mendell, the new dredge Oregon left down Thursday morning on the first part of her voyage to Coos Bay. At Astoria she will be picked up by the tug Astoria, which is being sent from Coos Bay, and taken the rest of the way to Marshfield and North Bend. The ocean tug belongs to the Simpson Lumber Company.

"The Oregon was built by the Government for service along the Oregon and Washington coasts and in the harbors of the two states. She was recently completed and for the last two weeks the craft was subjected to thorough tests alongside of the new dock being built in the lower harbor by J. J. Hill. It was demonstrated that the dredge is capable of handling 5000 cubic yards of ordinary material in 24 hours.

"It is planned to have the dredge at Coos Bay by September 20 at the latest. The shippers down that way have been anxious for some time past to have the ship channel improved in a number of localities. The expense of operating the dredge will be borne by the residents of the towns along the bay."

## NORTH BEND TO VOTE TOMORROW

Special Election For Charter — Posters Opposing It Put Out.

North Bend citizens will vote on the new charter for the municipality tomorrow. There will be but one polling place and that will be at the city hall. The polls will be open from 8 o'clock in the morning until 7 o'clock in the evening.

It is generally believed by North Bend business men that the new charter will carry by a big vote, but there has been considerable opposition and the real extent of this spirit will not be known until the vote is counted. The opposition to the charter is apparently unorganized. Most of the business men are talking in favor of it and the administration is said to be strongly in favor of the new charter.

The principal matter of interest that was raised in the quiet campaign over the charter was the posting of placards around town urging the voters not to vote the new charter at this time. It stated briefly that the voters better wait another year and see what development there will be in financial conditions before they incur more debt. While these posters were signed "Citizen and Taxpayer," Capt. A. M. Simpson, who has been up from San Francisco for sometime is credited generally with the authorship.

The new charter is modeled closely after the Portland charter. Of course, it has been altered so as to apply better to the smaller city. The principal provision is one increasing the maximum debt the city may incur for public improvements. Another provision in which there is considerable interest is permitting the city to build and maintain its own waterworks system. This is considered important as it is expected that an organized movement will be made to secure a waterworks system within another year or so.

## BRYAN AND TAFT THERE

Presidential Candidates Will Attend Banquet In Chicago October 9.

(By Associated Press.) CHICAGO, Sept. 18. — W. H. Taft and W. J. Bryan will meet at the Chicago Association of Commerce banquet, October 7th, according to the announcement made today by Chairman Dixon of the Republican speakers bureau, and it is possible that they may meet at Galesburg earlier the same day. Taft has accepted an invitation to speak there and Bryan will be invited. "This talk that Taft does not care to meet Bryan is all twaddle," said Dixon. "Taft's date in Chicago was cancelled because of the Galesburg affair but when it was found that he could reach Chicago in time for the banquet by special train, the original plan was adhered to."

### DREDGE LEFT TODAY.

Tug Astoria Leaves Astoria With Craft For Coos Bay.

Dr. J. T. McCormac at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon received a telegram from Astoria stating that the tug Astoria crossed out over the Columbia river bar with the dredge for Coos Bay at 10:30 o'clock this morning. The weather was reported fine.

This will insure the dredge reaching here not later than Sunday and may be late tomorrow.

## SUICIDE ONCE PROMINENT MAN

Charles G. Van Fleet, Former Colorado Judge and Politician, Unable to Provide For Wife and Child Ends Life In Los Angeles.

(By Associated Press.) LOS ANGELES, Sept. 18. — Penniless and deserted by friends, Charles G. Van Fleet, a former Superior Court judge in Colorado and at one time a candidate for congress, committed suicide last night by drinking cyanide of potassium in a cheap lodging house. In one hand he held a letter from his wife dated at San

Jacinto saying: "Dear Charles— Send us money, we are hungry and the boy has no clothes. Yesterday a friend gave me twenty-five cents and I bought bread for him. We are nearly starving. Send us money, send only a dollar if you have no more."

Yesterday he received another appealing letter from his wife but when it was handed to him by the hotel clerk and he saw who it was from, he handed it back unopened. He also received a discouraging letter from a law firm whom he had asked to help him secure a judicial position near San Jacinto. He pawned his watch to secure money to buy the poison to end his life.

## THREE LIVES LOST AT SEA

Steamship Colon Reaches Port After Rough Experience In Hurricane.

(By Associated Press.) COLON, Sept. 18. — The steamship Colon, half-masted and showing evidence of the rough experience in the hurricane of Sunday, limped into port today. Three of the crew lost their lives while engaged in the hold repairing the water tank.

## NAME DONLAN FOR GOVERNOR

Montana Republicans Nominate State Ticket In Convention at Helena Today.

(By Associated Press.) HELENA, Mont., Sept. 18. — The Republican state convention resumed its labors this morning after having nominated Edward Donlan of Missouri for governor on the fifth ballot and renominated Chas. N. Pray for congress by acclamation. W. R. Allen of Anaconda, was nominated for lieutenant governor by acclamation. W. L. Holloway of Bozeman, was named for associate justice by acclamation.

## LARGE NUMBER ARE OVERCOME

Forty Men Succumb to Smoke and Heat of Fire In St. Joseph.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Sept. 18. — Forty men were overcome by heat and smoke in a fire at the swift company's packing plant in St. Joseph last night. With the exception of two men, all are out of danger. The fire did not get under control until the damage had reached about \$60,000.

### NURSE'S AWFUL MISTAKE.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Sept. 18. — Three deaths have resulted from the carelessness of Mary Arthur, a nineteen-year-old nurse at the county hospital, a fourth death is expected and four others are seriously ill. She put drinking water into a receptacle which contained a quantity of atropine. The dead are: J. Young, Charles Kemp, Henry C. Shuett. The seriously ill are: A. Paisler, not expected to live, Paulsen B. Tisler, George King, Mr. Penney.

## ONE KILLED AND ONE HURT IN BAD AEROPLANE ACCIDENT

## WILL PROBE VALLEY LAND

Government Agent Investigating Homesteading of Coal Tracts.

The appearance of a United States Land office inspector in the Coquille valley and his investigation of the homesteading of land there that is underlaid with valuable deposits of coal has caused much misgiving among the owners who believe that the government will shortly institute action to recover the land on the ground that it was not properly taken up. No one has been able to secure any definite information about the matter but the fact that the government is looking up the entries on lands that have since been sold as coal land is sufficient ground for alarm for some.

The inspector whose name is said to be Mr. McGinn, has been spending most of his time around River-ton. While most of the land around River-ton has been taken up for many years, it is now claimed that it was known more than thirty years ago that the entire section there was underlaid with coal and that the coal was much more valuable than the timber or agricultural possibilities.

One report has it that the government does not propose to molest any bona fide settlers, that is people who went on claims and made them their homes. However, claims that were taken and soon sold to others as coal land will be carefully traced, it is said.

Under ordinary rules, the government has the right to contest any homestead within six years from the date upon which the claimant proved up on it. Whether there are any grounds upon which contests can be made for a greater length of time is not known.

It is understood that the government land office has made arrangements for the hearing of a large number of contests in Coos and Curry counties.

## MISSING SHIP SAFE IN PORT

Aeon Which Was Reported Lost, Reaches Christmas Island With All On Board.

(By Associated Press.) TACOMA, Wash., Sept. 18. — A special to the News from Victoria, B. C., says a cablegram received at Bamfield reports the long missing steamer Aeon is at Christmas Island with the passengers all safe. Nothing is said as to whether the steamer was wrecked or not.

The dispatch to the News further says the passengers were carried safely to Fanning Island, a few miles from Christmas Island.

The Aeon is a British freighter that sailed from San Francisco in July for Sydney via Apia, Samoa. Although she had no license to carry passengers, she took several naval people including several men who signed as stewards and men who signed as members of the crew. The reinsurance on the Aeon was quoted at 55 per cent.

### OFF FOR MANILA.

(By Associated Press.) ALBANY, Australia, Sept. 18. — The American fleet under the command of Rear Admiral Sperry, left here this evening for Manila. The Connecticut did not leave with other vessels but will depart at midnight and overtake fleet tomorrow. She was delayed by coaling operations.

Crashes Seventy-Five Feet to Earth During Trial Near Washington, D. C.

LIEUT. SELFRIDGE IS KILLED INSTANTLY

Orville Wright, the Owner, Sustains Broken Ribs and Thigh In Fall.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 18. — Orville Wright, whose aeroplane met with an accident late yesterday, falling seventy-five feet to the ground and resulting in the death of Lieutenant Thomas Selfridge who was sailing with him and in breaking several ribs and the thigh of Wright, is doing well in the hospital today. The propeller broke in mid air, a piece injuring the rudder so that the machine became unmanageable. Wright did his best to right matters but could not regain control of his machine before it crashed to the ground, burying the two aeronauts in the debris. Selfridge died a few hours later from an injury to his skull at the base of the brain.

### SHOCK TO BROTHER.

Wright's Brother Stops Ascension In France.

(By Associated Press.) LEMANS, France, Sept. 18. — Wilbur Wright was shocked at the accident to his brother's aeroplane which resulted in the death of Lieutenant Selfridge and serious injury to his brother, Orville, yesterday. He has postponed his flights here indefinitely.

## GRAND JURY FINISHES JOB

Judge Hamilton Dismisses Body But No Indictments Are Made Public.

COQUILLE, Ore., Sept. 18. — The grand jury was dismissed yesterday by Judge Hamilton. While a number of cases were investigated by the body, many of them were dismissed. So far as made public no true bills were returned but there are intimations that a number of indictments have been placed in Sheriff Gage's hands to be served as soon as the parties named can be found. Among these are said to be the denizens of the Marshfield "Red Light district." The grand jury this term was composed as follows: Foreman, A. P. Owen; Jesse Clinton, C. A. Goodman, C. F. Waterman, C. H. Butler, Geo. R. Benham, James Stock. Fred Meutzel, the Ten Mile saw-mill proprietor who was bound over last summer on charges preferred by Albert Smith who accused Meutzel of trying to shoot him, was dismissed by the grand jury.

An indictment against George Heron charging him with selling liquor to a minor, James Johnson, was dismissed on motion of the prosecution. The lack of sufficient evidence to convict was given as the reason.

### DAMAGE SUIT ON.

The action of Wm. Cox, formerly an engineer on the local railway, for \$30,000 damages for personal injuries sustained in a wreck on the line several months ago is being tried in the circuit court at Coquille today. Cox alleges that the accident was due to negligence on the part of the company's officials.

PIANO STUDIO of Louis H. Boif, First Trust and Savings Bank building. Winter term now open.

New line hair goods.—Ladies Emporium.