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## RUMORS OF BRIBERY AT SALEM IN CONTEST FOR SENATORSHIP

Allege Offer of \$15,000 For One Vote Pledged to Chamberlain.

TRY TO BREAK STATEMENT PLEDGE

Second Man Is Offered Federal Position to Break Faith.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 15.—A special to The Evening Telegram from Salem, dated January 12, says: "Within the past 24 hours two Republican Senators have been offered bribes providing they would violate their Statement No. 1 pledge. This is not rumor; it is fact. These two senators have admitted they were solicited to break their pledge. They request, however, that their names be withheld from publication, at least for the present.

In addition to the two who frankly admit that representatives of the reactionaries have attempted this bribery, it is known that a third senator is feeling the pressure of the anti. The third senator does not say specifically that he has received propositions, but he has informed friends that "they are after me," and that they are doing everything they can to force him into line. Federal patronage and cash are the baits dangled. One United States appointment has even been offered to different men, which would appear as though the men attempting the bribery are not playing a square game, even from their standpoint.

To one Statement one Republican the offer of \$15,000 was made, providing he would not vote for George E. Chamberlain for United States senator. This offer, the senator says, was made by a man he has known many years, a man who has had considerable experience in the political machines of other days, and who is considered honorable in Portland. The offer was made without strings. On refusal to vote for Chamberlain the money was to be paid over.

To the second Republican senator a straight-out offer of a federal appointment was proposed."

## HERO FUTILE; LOSES LIFE

Chicago Flagman Killed In Endeavor to Prevent Collision of Trains.

(By Associated Press.) CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 15.—A flagman was killed, two passengers fatally injured and several persons hurt in the Chicago & Northwestern yards when the second section of the China and Japan express from San Francisco crashed into section one. A fog is said to have contributed to the accident. The flag man stood on the rear platform of the first section frantically endeavoring to signal the oncoming section but could not and he was ground to pieces. He could not be identified. He could have saved his life by jumping but instead he remained heroically at his post in the futile endeavor to prevent the accident.

Heavy Rainfall.—The official record of rainfall kept by Mrs. E. Minus, special government meteorological observer for Coos Bay, shows that one and three-tenths inches of rain fell between 5 o'clock this morning and one o'clock this afternoon.

## FIRE LOSS IN 1908 SMALL

Aggregate of Damage For Year Will Probably Not Exceed \$200.

The total fire loss in the city of Marshfield during 1908 did not exceed \$200, according to the annual report of the Marshfield Fire Department just filed by Chief Nicols with the city recorder. While Mr. Nicols limits his report to merely summary of the fire alarms turned during the year with a word concerning the work done by the volunteer fire department, the record pays the organization even a better tribute than words can. With the exceptions of the fires on the launches Curlew and Marshfield, the fires were extinguished before they had gained any headway.

The summary of the fires during the year as kept by Chief Nicols is as follows:

- February 17.—Fire in arbor in rear of Merchant house. No damage to house but \$75 damage to arbor.
- March 24.—Fire caused by spark falling on roof of Coos Bay Excelsior; damage small.
- May 23.—Fire in Mulloy's house on Third street; damage \$5.00.
- May 25.—Fire in Marsden building on Front street caused by electric wires; damage \$5.00.
- June 30.—Fire in kitchen of upstairs of Johnson building on Second street; loss \$3.00.
- July 31, August 1 and August 2.—Fire in timber north of Marshfield; houses all saved; damage only to timber.
- September 11.—Fire in launch Curlew caused by explosion of gas from candle or lantern spark.
- October 10.—Fire on roof of new high school building caused by pot of tar igniting. Damage small.

TO IMPROVE LIGHT PLANT. Owner of System at Roseburg Makes Announcement.

ROSEBURG, Ore., Jan. 15.—Plans for the betterment of the Roseburg water and light system were made public by one of the owners, S. A. Kendall, of Pittsburg, Pa. A new plant will be put in operation this year and will be built about one-half mile below the present plant at Winchester, four miles from this city. The old station, now in operation, will not be discontinued, but will be used as a pumping station. The new plant will have a capacity of about 20,000 lights, or nearly double the capacity of the present one. In connection with the above improvements, water mains and electric light wires will also be extended to Edenbower, one of the richest fruit-growing sections of the Umpqua Valley.

J. B. WEAVER STARTED "23"

His Votes for Populist President Originated Slang Phrase. HILLSBORO, Ire. Jan. 14.—Charles Weaver, of Muscatine, Ia., passed through the city en route to Nehalem, where he is interested in timber lands. He says that his family is directly responsible for the slang phrase "23," as this originated from the fact that his uncle, Jas. B. Weaver, received 23 votes in the electoral college of 1893, following Cleveland's election in 1892.

An Iowa country paper which had strenuously opposed Weaver, used the "23" with much vigor for some months afterward, and when anything went wrong it always used the call now famous and which has so many interpretations "23" as a designation of failure.

That shocked look on a man's face when a sympathetic woman says she "understands" him is probably caused by a hidden fear that maybe she really does.

## TWO KILLED BY GASOLINE FIRE ONE DEAD AND THREE DYING AS RESULT OF OMAHA BATTLE

Hotel at Everett, Wash., Destroyed, Killing Two and Injuring Several.

(By Associated Press.) EVERETT, Wash., Jan. 15.—Fire caused by an explosion of a gasoline stove cost lives of two guests at the Great Northern Hotel, a small two-story building at Delta a suburb of Everett.

The dead are J. A. L. Burnett, a telegraph operator in the office of the superintendent on the Great Northern and F. Leroux, employe.

The injured are Nora Smith, a domestic who may die. Mrs. Findlan, owner of the hotel. Frank Cockburn, a freight yard workman.

The men burned to death were sleeping on the second floor and perished while trying to make their way down the narrow stairs. Two other men escaped from the second floor by jumping from the windows. The loss is \$3,000.

Marshfield Citizens League Selects Officials—Discuss City Affairs.

The Marshfield Citizens' League at a meeting in the Finnish hall attended by about fifty last evening, adopted a set of by-laws and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President—C. A. Johnson. Vice-president—S. B. Cathcart. Secretary—John Butler. Treasurer—T. A. Howard. President Johnson then appointed the following standing committees: Executive committee—L. A. Cople, L. W. Traver, F. W. Reeder, George Baines and Dan Maloney. Finance committee—Jesse Luse, Nels Rasmussen and Henry Sengstacken.

It was decided to hold regular monthly meetings the second Friday evening of each month with special meetings to be called, whenever necessary the fourth Friday evening of each month.

Will Discuss Sewer. It was decided last evening to hold a special meeting two weeks from tonight to discuss the proposed sewerage system. Councilmen Carl Albrecht and T. Coke who were present said that they were opposed to the plan necessitating the maintenance of pumping stations for the sewerage system. They said they had not had sufficient time to thoroughly investigate it but that they believed that a gravity sewerage system could be devised. They said the maintenance of five pumping stations would probably cost the city about \$1,000 per month or \$12,000 per year, which they believed to be too much.

Cut In Expenses. There was considerable discussion of the proposed plan to cut the running expenses of the city. Some expressed the belief that Mayor Straw by referring the matter to various committees was trying to prevent the reduction in expenses. Councilman Tom Coke said that he thought it was rather funny that Mayor Straw should sidetrack the report as he did when other reports of committees were generally acted on at once.

Jesse Luse said that he thought it best to ignore Mayor Straw's special message. He thought that the special committee in cutting down expenses had not equally divided the reduction. The proposal to reduce the allowance for the fire department caused considerable discussion. Mr. Coke said that as a member of the committee he had fixed it at \$300 per annum because of the offer of Chief Nicols for the department to handle it for that. Mr. Nicols said that he did not remember having made any such offer—that he believed he had been misquoted. However, S. B. Cathcart, George Baines and others declared that Mr. Nicols had made the statement twice—once at a Citizens' League meeting and again at the caucus in the Odd Fellows hall. Mr. Nicols said the department could keep the engine in good shape for \$300 per year, but that it could not keep a man at the station all the time for that amount. Mr. Coke said that many business men had expressed themselves in favor of keeping a man at the station all the time and he thought this might be arranged. Carl Albrecht said this could be done for \$60 per month.

F. M. Friedberg and others severely criticised the service given by City Engineer Sandberg. It was stated that Mr. Sandberg had been doing private engineering and receiving pay for it instead of giving his entire time to the city. His work on Cedar street and 'C' street improvements was criticised, Mr. Fried-

berg declaring that 'C' street was not to the grade ordered. Finally, the following motion by Mr. Friedberg was passed: "Resolved that P. A. Sandberg is not a fit man for city engineer." It was decided to try to have Mr. Sandberg replaced as soon as possible. A motion that the league would not support any candidate for reelection who opposed Mr. Sandberg's discharge was tabled.

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Business of Marshfield Post-office \$2,207.14 Greater In 1908 Than In 1907.

For quarter ending—

March 31, 1907	\$2,626.01
June 30, 1907	2,148.22
September 30, 1907	2,492.15
December 31, 1907	3,335.18
Total for year	10,601.56
March 31, 1908	3,354.31
June 30, 1908	3,075.05
September 30, 1908	2,809.41
December 31, 1908	3,569.93
Total for year	12,808.70
Gain over 1907	2,207.14

The above statistics showing the business done by the Marshfield post-office during the years 1907 and 1908 show a most flattering growth and a steady one. The business for the year just closed was \$2,207.14 greater than for the preceding year which had been the best in the history of the local postoffice.

Postmaster W. B. Curtis is highly gratified over the showing of the office. During the year, he was granted an additional clerk, making four allowed to handle the business of the local office but the growth has been such that he declares it keeps the four of them busier than it did a few years ago when he and one assistant had to handle it.

It is interesting to note that Marshfield is making a much more rapid growth the last few years than the other offices of about the same class in Oregon. In 1908, the business of the Roseburg postoffice was \$13,213.87 or only \$405.17 greater than Marshfield. Heretofore Roseburg has been far ahead of the Marshfield office.

The showing for the year just closed insures the securing of free delivery just as soon as the city council arranges for systematically naming and numbering the streets. Yesterday, Mr. Grimes received a telegram from Congressman Hawley urging that this be done. The matter has been arranged except for the drafting of the new map by the city engineer and this will be completed in a day or two.

## SALOON OPEN; FINE OWNER

August Peterson of Empire City, Punished For Violating Sunday Closing Law.

August Peterson, a saloon keeper at Empire City, appeared before Justice C. L. Pennock in Marshfield this morning and pleaded guilty to a charge of keeping open on Sunday a room in which intoxicating liquors are kept. Peterson was fined \$32.85 by Justice Pennock. He paid the fine.

The charges against Mr. Peterson were filed by L. A. Liljeqvist, assistant prosecuting attorney to whom complaint had been made by Empire residents. Yesterday, Mr. Liljeqvist went to Empire City to investigate the case and the arrest of Peterson followed. Dave Roberts, Al. Nichols, Charles Anderson and Wm. Saunders had been subpoenaed as witnesses in the case but as Mr. Peterson pleaded guilty, they were not called upon to testify.

Mr. Liljeqvist announces that the Sunday closing law will be strictly enforced. The law provides that places wherein intoxicating liquors are kept must be closed on Sunday so that it is not necessary to prove that liquors were sold. Rumors have reached Mr. Liljeqvist that other liquor dealers are not adhering strictly to the Sunday closing regulation and these will be investigated, and if he finds them correct, the offenders will be immediately prosecuted.

## HALF BILLION ACRES TIMBER.

Forests Owned by Government One-Fourth of Total Area.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—The country's forests now cover 550,000,000 acres, or one-fourth of the total area of the United States, according to data compiled by forest service agents and made public today.

Forests owned by the government cover one-fourth of the total area and contain one-fifth of the timber now standing. Forests privately owned extend over three-fourths of the total forest area. Conservative lumbering is practiced on 70 per cent of the forests publicly owned, an don less than one per cent of the forests privately owned.

## BARON SCHLENK PASSES AWAY

Originator of "Portland Crawfish" Victim of Pneumonia.

(By Associated Press.) PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 15.—"Baron" John Schlenk, who introduced the idea of cooking crawfish in wine, forming the dish known as "Portland Crawfish" and famous the world over, died of pneumonia. He accumulated a large fortune as a result of his ingenuity in preparing the delicate crustacean.

## TILLMAN HAS ANANIAS CLUB

Accuses Attorney General and Postmaster General of Telling Untruths.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 15.—In addressing the Senate, a second time in regard to his alleged connection with the Oregon land frauds, Senator Tillman replied to the utterances of Attorney General Bonaparte and Postmaster General Meyer. He flatly contradicted Bonaparte's attitude and desire to "bolster up the President." He denied certain statements of Meyer, also.