

NO QUORUM AT CITY COUNCIL

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ney Goss out into the hall and held a brief conference with him.

Meanwhile Mayor Straw returned from a call on a patient and Marshal Carter reported that he had telephoned the two absent councilmen notified them that their presence was required. He said both had good reasons for not attending. He said Mr. Copple had informed him that he was worn out from being up late Tuesday night and had already retired when Mr. Carter phoned him and could not come down. Mr. Ferguson, Marshal Carter said, reported that he was also in bed. When Mr. Carter offered to come down in an auto and bring him up, Mr. Ferguson was reported to have replied that he would be found at home.

Councilman Powers had been manifesting much displeasure at the non-attendance of the absent ones. He declared that he did not like to come down and sit around like a bump on a log and was in favor of having the marshal force them to come.

When he heard Marshal Carter's report on their absence, he gave expression to his feelings in terms that would have made Mayor Straw open his eyes. He declared that the absent members were poor sports, had dropped about one hundred per cent in his estimation, that they were fine "representatives of the people," etc., etc., etc.

Finally Mayor Straw asked City Attorney Goss what would be the best thing to do and Mr. Goss said that he thought the council should adjourn for two days and give the members written notice to be present. This motion was finally adopted and the council adjourned.

Councilman Savage objected to adjourning saying that he was going to Bandon for four or five days and would not be able to be present.

When Marshal Carter was ordered by the council to bring in the absent members, Mayor Straw suggested that Mr. Copple be brought in but City Attorney Goss said that both of them would have to be treated alike.

BILLS ARE PAID.

American Federation of Labor Pays Clarence Darrow.
(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 6.—The McNamara ways and means committee of the American Federation of Labor, met today at the office of President Gompers. All phases of the McNamara case, it was said, were not considered. As to the defense fund Morrison said he did not think there was much remaining of the \$190,000 raised, although he had not seen the statement of the expenditures he did not exactly know how much was left. Clarence S. Darrow was given a retainer of \$50,000 and was paid his regular charges per day, so that after this was paid, in addition to the other expenses which have been heavy, Morrison thought not much was left.

Delay in the arrival of Frank Ryan, president of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers caused a temporary postponement this afternoon of the conference of the ways and means committee of the American Federation of Labor having in charge the McNamara defense fund. Ryan will arrive late today when the conference will be resumed.

WICKERSHAM IS ILL

Attorney General Suffers Sudden Attack today.
(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 5.—Attorney General Wickersham was taken suddenly ill while attending a cabinet session today. He is suffering from a slight attack of indigestion. His condition is not serious.

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But more than a pound of it—four pounds and two ounces, to be exact—was exhibited at The Journal office this morning. It was shown by Dr. Harry Lane, to whom it was sent after "kicking around" as he expresses it, at the home of his uncle in Douglas county for many years.

How the bottle found its way to Portland, and where it came from, make an interesting story that leads back to pioneer days. About the year 1853 two Mexicans, vagrants of fortune, came up the Oregon coast. At the mouth of Whiskey Run, a short distance above the mouth of the Coquille river, they came upon a glitter of riches. The stream had washed a large deposit of gold-laden sand to the beach. As soon as the secret was out, thousands of treasure seekers flocked in, and Whiskey Run became famous in the mining history of that day.

Squawman Finds Gold.
But gradually the diggings were worked out, and the people departed. Years afterward, a squawman, living in that country killed his squaw and became a fugitive. He roamed over the mountains, keeping away from the habitations where danger lay. One day, about the year 1868, as he stopped to drink from a mountain stream, his eye caught the glitter of gold. The secret of Whiskey Run was rediscovered. Following up the lead, he finally located the place from which the gold was being washed, at the foot of a bank. The yellow particles lay in banks of black sand. He staked a claim, and with wealth at his command, he ventured out.

In the course of time the squawman discoverer sold his claim, and Simon R. Lane, uncle of Dr. Lane, became the owner. Mr. Lane, now about 80 years of age, resides in the mountains of Douglas county. He worked the claim, and for a time it yielded bountifully in gold.

The miners, however, found difficulties in washing out the gold. Platinum was in the way. Platinum then was worth little. It was merely a nuisance. The black sand carrying the gold also carried the platinum, and it was difficult to make the gold and platinum part company. Furthermore, the platinum also carried iridium, likewise heavy and useless to the miners of that day.

The little flakes of gold were flat. The platinum was flat, but the sand cubical in form, and when the sand was sent through the sluice boxes the gold and platinum would sink together to the bottom of the box. It was a great pest. Gradually the gold was worked out of the platinum, and the platinum thrown away. Perhaps half a ton of it was discarded.

Later on the platinum market began to pick up. Instead of being worth 50 cents a ounce, it was quoted the other day at \$46 an ounce troy weight. That means \$552 a pound. Gold is worth only \$16 an ounce. The bottle of platinum sent by Mr. Lane is diluted, adulterated, so to speak, with flakes of gold, so it will not assay as much as pure platinum.

Some years ago, Mr. Lane began collecting some of the platinum in a bottle. The old mines were being worked a little and the platinum was scraped from the sluice boxes, where it persisted in gathering. The other day he sent the bottle to Portland to Dr. Lane. Besides being a curiosity the bottle is worth \$2,300 in gold. One might travel half around the world without finding four pounds of platinum in one "bunch."

Platinum has several peculiar qualities, which make it valuable in the arts. Intense heat is required to melt it, such as an electric furnace, and no known acid will cut into it. So it is used for crucibles in melting other metals, by jewelers in mountings, where a tenacious grip is required to hold settings, and by dentists for "pegs." Formerly it was used for electric light filaments, until Edison or some one equally wise, found that bamboo "makings" would do as well, and bamboo costs but little.—Portland Journal.

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ALONG THE WATERFRONT.

The San Gabriel, belonging to the Gardner Mill company, came in today to load at the depot with lumber from the Coquille.

Captain Levi Snyder has taken command of the gas schooner Anvil in place of Captain Alfred Hansen, who left last night for San Francisco.—Portland Journal.

The Wilhelmina will take on a cargo of general merchandise here for Yaquina and Waldport. It was brought in from Portland on the Breakwater this morning.

The Homer will sail at 12:30 Friday noon with passengers and freight for San Francisco. It was found that instead of having broken a shaft, merely a key in the shaft had slipped out. This was quickly repaired while she was beached near Empire.

Captain T. J. Macgenn of the American steamship Breakwater, reports that on October 20, 1911, the chart plane depth over Coos Bay bar was 19 feet. Aids to navigation in proper position and good order. Channel straight from 100 feet south of end of jetty to bar buoy, which will leave black buoy 100 feet to starboard going out, where best water will be found. There is an average depth of 18 feet at low water in the inner harbor from No. 2 buoy to Marshfield.—Portland Telegram.

STRIKE IS OVER

Illinois Central Says that it no longer Affects Them
(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 7.—The Illinois Central railroad officials announced the strike of the shopmen is a thing of the past, and now there are about 12,000 workmen on the payroll compared with 13,300 before the strike.

SPARK PLUGS and COILS at The GUNNERY.

The Norwegian Lutheran Ladies' Aid Society will hold its annual Christmas auction sale Saturday evening, Dec. 9, in the church hall. Refreshments will be served.

North Bend News

J. E. Edmunds of the Coos Bay Wiring Co., was a North Bend business visitor yesterday.

Mrs. W. B. Simpson and little daughter visited her sister, Mrs. W. N. Ekblad in Marshfield yesterday.

Mrs. E. W. Riggs injured her arm badly yesterday by a fall.

E. R. Hodson of South Marshfield visited relatives here yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bolster visited in Marshfield yesterday.

The "Advance" came in yesterday from the Coquille and is taking on a consignment of freight from the Box Factory.

Mrs. L. J. Simpson returned today on the Breakwater from Portland where she has been spending a few weeks.

The "Oregon," which unloaded lumber here the past few days, left for the Coquille yesterday in tow of the tug Kilhyam.

The schooner Advance with a load of spruce timber for the box factory was towed over from the Coquille this week by the tug Kilhyam.

Capt. Edgar Simpson of North Bend will leave Saturday for Portland, on the Breakwater, where, it is understood, he will be elected captain of the Oregon Naval Militia.

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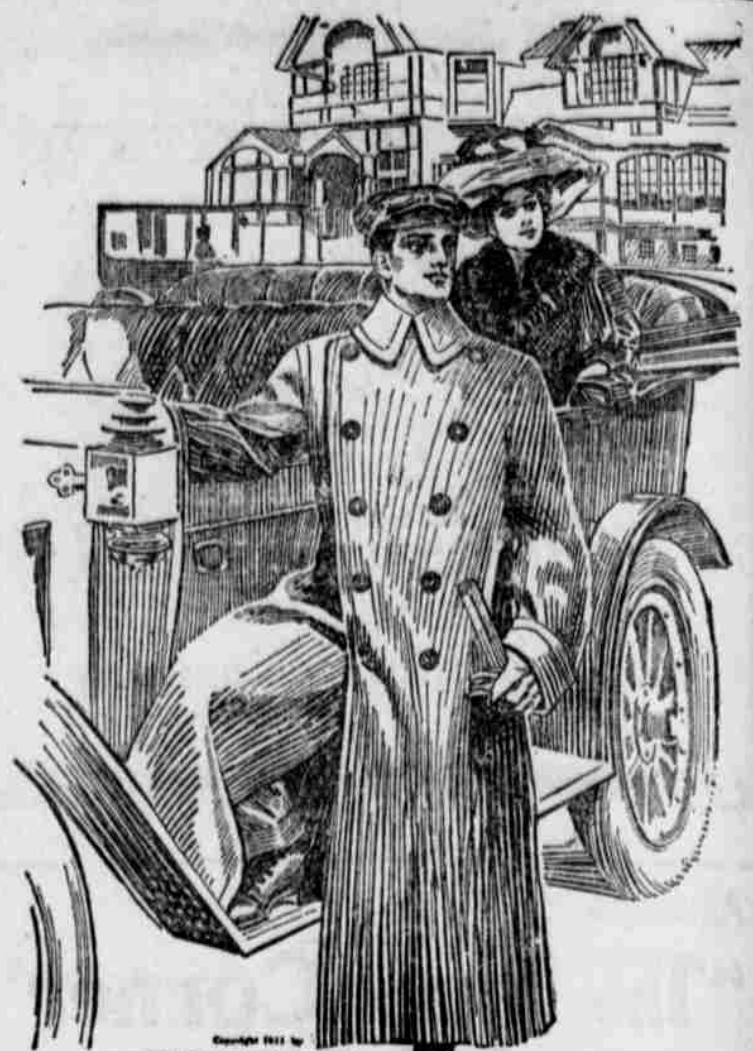
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