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STATE CREDIT

Referendum Petition Filed With Secretary.

CREDIT IS IMPAIRED

Normal Schools Will Have to Do Business on the Credit System.

STOPS MANY IMPROVEMENTS

Thousands of Signatures Secured to the Referendum Petition Submitting the General Appropriation Bill to a Vote of the People of Oregon.

Salem, May 18.—The filing of the petitions for the referendum upon the general appropriation bill this afternoon with the secretary of state, throws the state upon its credit until the next legislature makes good the deficiency, unless the people see fit to sustain the actions of the legislature and adopt the measure at the June election of 1906.

The general appropriation bill carried a total of \$1,452,378.90 and the invoking of the referendum upon it not only blocks the progress of the normal schools, inclusion of which in the bill was the direct cause of the referendum movement against it, but also seriously impedes the contemplated work of improvement and enlargement of the asylum for the insane and other state institutions which depend upon the appropriation for maintenance.

The referendum petitions filed contained the signatures of thousands of voters, principally from the Willamette valley counties, and many more could have been secured in other counties of the state had the petitions been presented. The consensus of opinion prevails, that when the question is submitted to the voters next June they will administer a severe rebuke to legislative extravagance. The main fight is against the normal school graft, it being considered that four normal schools are wholly unwarranted by reason of the population of the state. If adopted it will have a tendency to do away with at least two and probably three of the state normal schools.

EMERY WHEEL BURSTS.

Tacoma Workman Frightfully Injured by Flying Pieces.

Tacoma, Wash., May 18.—Chas. Dirdriksen of Tacoma was frightfully injured by the explosion of an emery wheel at the plant of the Tacoma Ice Company South Twenty-sixth and Adams streets. One fragment of the wheel tore open his abdomen and another smashed his collar bone. He also sustained numerous cuts and bruises on face and hands. Despite his dreadful injuries Dirdriksen retained consciousness and talked with his associates. Laparotomy was found necessary and portions of the shattered collar bone were removed. The man may die. He is married, but has no children.

GERMANY SATISFIED.

Results Attained in Morocco Meet With General Approval.

Berlin, May 18.—The German government appears to be well satisfied with the results attained by the mission to Fez. The sultan of Morocco, according to the Cologne Gazette, refused all French requests, except that 2000 troops be placed under French instruction, Count Von Tattenbach Ashold, the head of the German mission is, content with the reception accorded his mission as being consonant with the real character of German influence at the Moroccan capital.

MANCHURIA SITUATION.

Violent Rainfall Retards Movements of Japanese Troops.

Gunshu Pans, May 18.—After several days of rain a violent downpour set

in today, which ruined the roads and will necessitate a period of military inactivity, besides increasing sickness in the camps of the two armies. Luxuriant vegetation is springing up which will furnish green fodder and so favor future operations of the cavalry.

According to Chinese reports, the Japanese are strengthening their left wing and also sending important reinforcements to Korea, but no change in the position at the front is noticed.

FAILED TO ORGANIZE.

Cumberland Presbyterian Church Has Not Elected Moderator.

Fresno, May 18.—The Cumberland Presbyterian church failed today to elect a moderator for their general assembly because of a contest over seating some of the delegates. It is currently reported that the anti-unionists are seeking to prevent an election of a moderator until they can get more men on the ground, and the unionists also expect an increase. It is estimated that the unionists have a majority of over 30.

WHITELAW REED BANQUET.

Ambassador to Great Britain Given a Grand Ovation.

New York, May 18.—Three hundred prominent citizens attended a farewell banquet given to Whitelaw Reid, the United States ambassador to Great Britain, by the Lotus Club tonight.

Among those at the table with Reid were senators Dewey, Clark, Howell, M. H. DeYoung, Edmund Clarence Stedman, President Butler of the Columbia university and former Mayor Low.

INDIGNANT PEOPLE

Philadelphia City Council Votes to Lease Gas Works.

EXCITED CITIZENS PROTEST

When the President of the Council Announced the Vote a Great Uproar Started in the Gallery and Hisses and Cries of "Thieves" Heard.

Philadelphians, May 18.—Amid scenes of disorder unprecedented in the annals of Philadelphia's legislative body, the city council tonight voted to lease the city's gas works to the United Gas Improvement Company for a term of 75 years. The council chamber and committee rooms were crowded with excited citizens protesting against the lease all the afternoon and until 8 p. m. when the select council passed the bill. The climax was reached when the vote in the common council was announced.

The moment the president of the council announced the vote a great uproar started in the gallery, which was crowded to the door. From all over the gallery came hisses and cries of "thieves."

A detail of police cleared the gallery. Mayor Weaver is expected to veto the bill and in that event both chambers will probably pass it over his head. The vote in the common council stood 24 to 9 and in the select council 27 to 4. There is only one democrat in each body and both voted against the lease. There is some talk of taking the matter into the courts.

EXHIBITION OF FREAKS.

Monstrosities to Be Prohibited by Coney Island Authorities.

New York, May 18.—For the first time in the history of Coney Island, a censorship has been established over the exhibition of freaks and amusements there. An employe of the Brooklyn license bureau will exercise this function. He has already withheld permits from the managers of several monstrosities which he declared to be revolting.

RAILROAD COLLISION.

Misreading of Orders Causes Death of Eight Men.

Louisville, Ky., May 18.—In a collision today between two Illinois Central freight trains two miles south of Echols, Ky., eight men were killed and four injured. Misreading of its orders by southbound crew, it is said, caused the collision.

RAILROAD RATE

Senate Committee Taking Testimony.

RATES LOW ENOUGH

Commissioner Prouty of Interstate Commerce Commission Testifies.

COURTS HAVE NO POWER

Brooks Adams Representing the Spokane Chamber of Commerce, Testified That Rate Injustices Were Practiced Against Spokane by Companies

Washington, May 18.—Commissioner Prouty of the interstate commerce commission today gave testimony before the senate committee on commerce on the subject of the regulation of federal rates. He said that neither the commission nor any court had the power to determine reasonable rates for the future. He said he would create a department of railways before which informal complaints could be filed and also a commission which would decide all questions of rates to go into effect at once to be reviewed by the court.

In his opinion railway rates are lower now than they would be if fixed by a commission. Competition in railways he declared, had ceased or would cease in a very short time. Discontinuation, he predicted, would be a greater evil than rebates in the future.

Brooks Adams, representing the Spokane chamber of commerce, said that rate injustices had been practiced against Spokane. On six staple articles the discrimination was 80 per cent. Where the rate was \$1.50 to Spokane from Chicago, the rate was \$1 to Puget sound points. This was effected by the suspension of the long and short haul clause of the law because of water competition. Railroad classification in some cases, he said, had closed manufacturing establishments in Spokane.

OREGON DEFEATS WASHINGTON.

Oregon Agricultural College Defeats Washington University.

Carrollville, May 18.—By a decisive score of 71 to 51 the Oregon Agricultural college defeated the University of Washington in the field and track meet today. The Oregon state record for discus throw was broken by Stout of Oregon who threw the metal 114 feet and 3 inches.

McCrary of Washington tied the Oregon record of a mile run in 4:43.5. The surprise of the day was the defeat of Tom McDonald of Washington by Walker of Oregon in the hammer throw.

IMMENSE WHEAT YIELD.

Oregon Wheat Crop Will Be Largest in Its History.

Portland, May 18.—From present indications Oregon's yield of grain this year will be an immense one. "The equal of anything ever raised in this state," is the way it is put by those who are making estimates of the probable crop. The crops are no win good condition, and if normal weather conditions are encountered from this time on a record-breaking yield will result. It is gratifying to note that in this fair year, when Oregon is expected to do her best, the grain crop will be successful.

Both spring and fall grain is now in good condition, and the indications for a full yield of both is very favorable. The seasons were most favorable for seeding purposes both last fall and last spring. Weather conditions have been satisfactory for the crops in every respect, rain always coming just when needed.

There is an increased acreage in all grain this year also, considerable new ground having been devoted to grain-

raising this spring. It is estimated that there is an increase of 7 per cent in the wheat acreage, and an increase of 20 per cent in the acreage of oats in the northwest this year. This increased acreage, combined with favorable prospects for a good yield, should tend to make the crop the largest in the history of the state.

WORTHINGTON RESIGNS.

General Manager of Harriman Lines Tenders Resignation.

Portland, May 18.—The Oregonian received a dispatch from General Manager E. A. Worthington of the Harriman lines stating that he had tendered his resignation to take effect June 1. The message was dated at Pleasant Valley, Ore. Worthington will arrive in this city tomorrow. city admit any idea as to who will be city admit any idea as to who will be Worthington's successor. J. P. O'Brien, superintendent of the O. R. & N., is spoken of as being in line for the appointment, but past history seems that the policy of Harriman has been to send men from the outside to take charge of the Portland office and Pacific northwest territory.

SULLIVAN AND MITCHELL.

Have Signed Articles for a Fight to Take Place at Tacoma.

Tacoma, May 18.—Charles Mitchell and John L. Sullivan have signed articles for a 15-round fight in Tacoma on September 19 for the gate receipts, to be divided 65 and 35 per cent.

STRIKE SITUATION

Teamsters Union Refuses so Agree to Any Arbitration.

ARRANGE FOR CONFERENCE.

President Gompers Left Chicago Yesterday, Stating That He Had Been Unable to Accomplish Anything, But Believed Difficulty Will Be Settled.

Chicago, May 18.—Peace in the teamsters' strike is still hanging in the balance and although it is generally expected that a settlement will soon be reached, it seems tonight further away than it did 24 hours ago. It was confidently asserted by the team owners association that the teamsters had consented to arbitrate with them on the question whether or not union teamsters would make deliveries to boycotted houses. President Shea of the teamsters' union today upset this arrangement entirely, declaring that he would never agree to any such proposition. Members of the team owners' association, however, state just as positively that the officials of the teamsters' union had agreed to such an arbitration.

"The misunderstanding caused a halt in the impending settlement and a meeting was arranged for tonight between the team owners and the teamsters. At headquarters both organizations, it is denied that such a meeting is to be held. It is positively known, however, that arrangements have been made for a conference. For the first time in several days, a riot broke out today and there were numerous fights between non-union men and union teamsters.

President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor, who has been in Chicago for the past two days negotiating for peace in the present trouble, left for Dayton, O. tonight. Before leaving the city Gompers said that so far he had accomplished very little, but that the prospects were that both sides would soon be able to reach a basis where a settlement of the difficulties would be satisfactory to both interests.

Later—Team owners and officials of the teamsters' union held a protracted meeting tonight. The team owners demanded the drivers' make deliveries at any place they might be sent. The teamsters accepted this, but stipulated that the rule should not apply to houses where boycott existed. The difference between the two propositions really covered all questions involved in the present strike and at 1:30 this morning the meeting broke up, members of the teamsters' union announcing that they would reply to the team owners tomorrow night.

NOT SETTLED

Gompers Discusses Strike Situation.

NOTHING TO ARBITRATE

Employers Association of Chicago and Samuel P. Gompers in Conference.

ADJUSTMENT OF DIFFICULTIES

Although the Strike Situation Was Thoroughly Discussed at the Meeting, no Proposition Was Submitted for the Settlement of Differences.

Chicago, May 18.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, and Levy Meyer, representing the Employers' Association of Chicago, held a four-hour conference last night in the Chicago Athletic club. When they separated they had not settled the teamsters' strike, but they had arranged for another meeting today.

Present also in the club were Attorney C. S. Darrow, and George Perkins, president of the Cigarmakers' Union.

At the close of the long session between these men, Mr. Gompers made this statement:

"Mr. Perkins and I met Mr. Darrow and Mr. Meyer and went over the strike fully. We discussed its causes, results, and present condition.

"No propositions for a settlement were made by any of the people present. We simply expressed the desire of the participants that the matter be adjusted as soon as possible.

"I have seen the mayor and many prominent citizens, and they have all assisted me in arriving at an understanding of the conditions. I have no authority to act in the matter, but am only an intermediary as it were."

Mr. Meyer left the club shortly after Mr. Gompers had departed.

"There is nothing to say," declared the attorney for the employers' association. "Mr. Gompers, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Darrow and I had a long conference, during which we discussed every phase of the strike. It was the first time that I had met Mr. Gompers, and I found him a delightful gentleman and highly informed. No propositions for the settlement of the strike were made, by any people present."

"Are the employers any more willing to arbitrate the difficulties between them and the teamsters?" was asked.

"Arbitrate?" he replied, "that implies a controversy—something open to dispute. There is nothing to arbitrate in this matter."

BODY RECOVERED.

Otto Kroeschell's Remains Found in the Chicago River.

Chicago, May 18.—The body of Otto Kroeschell, a wealthy manufacturer of boilers and machinery, has been found by dredgers at work on the Chicago river. The finding of the body ended a search by the police and relatives of Mr. Kroeschell that has lasted nine days. He had been missing since May 8 when he left his home to go to his office.

For several months Mr. Kroeschell has shown symptoms of mental aberration, according to his family. It is supposed that he either fell accidentally into the river while wandering or committed suicide in a fit of derangement.

EXPRESS COMPANIES PROTEST.

Object to Ruling of Havana Collector of Customs.

Havana, May 18.—The American express companies who have been protesting against the ruling of the collector of customs at Havana requiring that all merchandise imported by express be treated as freight are now basing their claims on an order of

General Biles, issued when he was administrator of customs, authorizing the acceptance of the companies' bonds directing the expedition of express parcels.

The Cuban government has taken the matter up with Minister Squires and the result is expected to be that Cuba will admit foreign expressage under regulations similar to those in force in the United States.

WILL MEET IN PORTLAND.

Baptist Anniversaries to Be Held in Portland Next Year.

St. Louis, May 18.—Instead of following the usual custom and allowing the place for the next meeting to be selected by a committee, the delegates to the Baptist anniversaries today practically unanimously voted Portland, Ore., as the place for the Baptist anniversaries of 1906.

FIRE ESCAPE BROKE.

Woman Trying to Kill Felines Falls and Kills Herself.

New York, May 18.—An effort to drive away noisy cats which had gathered under the window of her apartments in Amsterdam avenue, has cost the life of Mrs. Anna Hildebrand. Piling a pan with hot water the woman stepped out upon the fire escape and dashed the water on the felines in the court yard below. Just as she did this the fire escape broke and Mrs. Hildebrand was carried down to instant death.

MAY BAR NEGROS

Theatres Have a Right to Forbid Negroes to Boxes.

LAW APPLIES TO EVERYONE

Judge Fraser of Portland Rules That the Proprietor of a Theater May Revoke Theater Tickets Already Issued by Refunding the Money.

Portland, May 18.—If the proprietor of a theater wants to keep a negro or any other person from sitting in a box or reserved seat at his theater, he has a perfect right to revoke a ticket already purchased and send the person from the theater, according to a decision handed down by Presiding Judge Fraser in state circuit court this morning. The decision was rendered in the case of Oliver Taylor vs. S. Morion Cohn, and Cohn's demurrer to the complaint, setting forth that there was no cause of action, was sustained.

Taylor is a negro, and he purchased tickets for himself and party; also colored, for a box at the Star theater. When he went to take the seats he was not permitted to do so, because of a ruling of the theater that negroes are not allowed to sit in the boxes. He was offered the money he paid for the tickets, but refused to take it, and brought suit for \$5000 damages. The court held that a ticket was a license which could be revoked at any time, and a person sent out of a theater would have a right to recover the price of the ticket, but did not have a cause of action for damages. The ruling was not made because the plaintiff was a negro, but would hold good in any case.

NEW OFFICER APPOINTED.

Governor Chamberlain Appoints J. H. Lewis State Engineer.

Salem, May 18.—In accordance with the provisions of the new state reclamation act which goes into effect tomorrow, Governor Chamberlain today appointed John H. Lewis of Portland, state engineer. The appointment was made upon the recommendation of the director of the bureau of geological survey at Washington. The term of office is for four years at a salary of \$2400 per year. Under the new law the state reclamation service in the country is operative with that of the government and under the same system.

Baseball Scores.

San Francisco, Portland 2, San Francisco 6.
Los Angeles, Tacoma 2, Los Angeles 6.
Seattle, Oakland 4, Seattle 5.