



A STATEMENT BY CITIZENS

At the Mass Meeting Friday Evening.

VOTE "YES" ON BILL 332

Twenty-Five Thousand People Depend on Salmon Industry for a Living.

BREAD-WINNING VS. GRAFTING

The Legislation Will Rear Upon This Foundation Such Legislation as Will Increase Manifold the Salmon Yield of the Columbia River.

The following is the full text of the public statement adopted by the citizens of this city, in mass meeting assembled last Friday evening, and speak for themselves in plain and convincing terms:

To the Voters of Oregon: "The salmon fisheries of the Columbia, one of the great industries of this commonwealth, have declined year after year. Their total destruction is inevitable, unless the people intercede and at the coming June election vote carefully upon the initiative salmon bills proposed.

"This is not a fight of the lower river against the upper river, as has been claimed.

"This is not a fight of gillnetters against other fishing interests.

"We are not asking special privileges. But we demand the same protection that the salmon industry receives from other nations and states.

"The Dominion of Canada absolutely prohibits fishing for salmon above head of tide.

"The United States Government, December last, established the principle of prohibition of salmon fishing above tide water in the territory of Alaska.

"The State of Oregon itself prohibits fishing for salmon where its rivers become narrow.

"So does California and Washington.

"The only exception from this fully-established rule is the Columbia.

"Mark you, on the Columbia wasteful destruction continues, where three-fourths of the salmon of the State are caught. On the Columbia, where 25,000 people depend on the salmon industry for a living. On the Columbia where the salmon industry brings annually over \$3,000,000 into the State.

"Why is this discrimination against the salmon industry of the Columbia.

"Because a handful of rich fishwheel owners have been able to blind legislators and send scores of hirelings throughout the State to misrepresent conditions.

"They say to remove fishwheels means confiscation.

"But we answer: To remove obstructions that destroy the salmon just as they approach the spawning grounds for the purpose of laying their eggs, does not mean confiscation. Besides, have they not already made the value of their destructive wheels, over and over again.

"We ask you, our fellow citizens: how long would the cattle business last if a band of cattle thieves were to kill the cows, just as they were about to calve?

"How long will Oregon's great salmon industry survive, if these few men are permitted to kill the salmon near their natural spawning grounds? "The interests have introduced an

opposition measure for the purpose of misleading the people.

"Hence, we, the people of the center of the Columbia River salmon industry, beg of you, our fellow citizens of Oregon to

"Vote on Initiative Bill 332, X 'Yes.'

"Vote on Initiative Bill 319, X 'No.'

"We leave our just cause in your hands, fully convinced that the voters of Oregon next June will put a stop to the wanton salmon destruction by the fishwheels; fully convinced, that once the primary principle of protection for our salmon, viz, the stoppage of fishing at head of tide is established, the Legislature will rear upon this foundation such legislation as will increase manifold the salmon yield of the Columbia.

"We remain, yours for the protection of the natural sources of our State:

"Citizens of the Columbia River, in mass meeting assembled,

"HERMAN WISE,

"Mayor of Astoria, Chairman.

"Astoria, April 10, 1908."

Hon. Herman Wise, mayor of Astoria, in obedience to the resolution passed on Friday night last, at the great fisheries meeting, has named the following gentlemen as a committee to solicit funds for the fish-bill campaign and generally manage the conduct of the same; those named having signified their willingness to take over the work:

S. S. Gordon, Dr. Frank Vaughan, John E. Grake, John H. Whyte, Charles Wilson, Ed. Rosenberg, W. E. Schimpf, Charles V. Brown, John C. McCue, G. Wingate, C. M. Celler, Norris Staples, H. G. Van Dusen, C. H. Abercrombie, and Herman Wise.

The committee will begin its work tomorrow morning and it is not expected, in the light of the exceeding importance and popularity of the cause they will be very long at the task of raising a handsome figure to merge with the generous contributions on Friday night.

MORE BATTLESHIPS

Hobson Pleads for Four Battleships Instead of Two.

REGARDS WAR AS INEVITABLE

He Pointed Out That From Now on the United States Should Have a Fixed Policy With Regard to Its Naval Construction.

WASHINGTON, April 11.—The debate on the naval appropriation bill in the house today resolved itself in the main into a discussion of the possibilities of war between the United States and Japan. In line with his well known views on this subject, Hobson pleaded for four battleships instead of two for the next fiscal year and pointed out that from now on the United States should have a fixed policy with regard to naval construction. War with the yellow and white races he regarded as inevitable and he asserted that Japan's present military activity is with a view to the supremacy of the Pacific and the natural cure would be clash at arms with the United States.

On the other hand, Burton of Ohio and Kitchin of North Carolina disputed that contention, each of them avowing that the clash not only would not come, but that the United States should remain in the forefront of modern civilization as an exponent of peace. Others who spoke were Congressman Lilley who criticized the navy department for maintaining several useless navy yards; Gill, of Maryland who denounced the president for his treatment of Rear Admiral Brownson; Dawson of Iowa, who advocated the consolidation of several bureaus of the navy department; Loud of Michigan who favored a navy program of two battleships a year for ten years;

JIMMY BRITT OUTCLASSED

McFarland Wins in The Sixth Round.

PRACTICALLY KNOCKOUT

He Fought Wildly at Times And Displayed Much Weakness in His Clinches.

"I AM THROUGH FOR ALL TIME"

At the Count of Nine he Struggled to His Feet and Tried to Make a Game Stand—McFarland Was Right After Him.

COLMA, Cal., April 11.—Packy McFarland, the Chicago light weight made short work of Jimmy Britt this afternoon in a scheduled 20 round contest. Britt was sent to the floor three times in the sixth and last round by a powerful right wallop on the point of his jaw. He took the count of nine twice and after the time-keeper had counted five, Britt's father jumped into the ring and waved McFarland away. It was practically a clear knockout. McFarland outclassed Britt from the start to the finish. It was easily seen early in the contest that Britt, who faced McFarland this afternoon, was not the Britt of old and that he had deteriorated greatly in every respect. He did not seem able to gauge his blows; he fought very wild at times and displayed much weakness in his clinches and close range fighting. McFarland on the other hand had remarkable speed, his judgment of distance seemed infallible and he displayed a great punching power. McFarland showed also that he was a wonderful two-hand fighter. He started for his man from the very outset and when the first round terminated, Britt went to his corner with an anxious look on his face. In the second round he seemed to realize that he had met his master. McFarland outboxed, outpunched and outgeneraled him completely and Britt began to break ground and at times stalled for protection. McFarland gave Britt no chance to rest in the third, fourth and fifth rounds. He hammered him mercilessly, his principal blows being rights to the jaw. Toward the close of the fifth round, a right smash to the jaw sent Britt to the mat and only the timely clang of the gong saved him from being counted out. His reprieve was only temporary. McFarland went for him again in the sixth and it was only a question of time before the Californian must succumb. Finally McFarland unhooked a wicked right that caught James on the point of the chin, and the poor fellow dropped like a log.

At the count of nine he struggled to his feet and tried to make a game stand. McFarland was right after him and another right to the same tender spot sent Jimmy down again for the count. His eyes became glazed and he seemed totally unconscious of his surroundings. He rolled on his back and made a fruitless effort to regain his feet and it was then that the elder Britt stepped into the ring and acknowledged the defeat of his son.

Britt gave a remarkable exhibition of gameness throughout the contest. Both winner and loser were cheered as they left the ring. After the fight Britt stammered out the following: "There is nothing for me to say. I was clearly beaten. He has an awful

fast right. This is the last time I will ever box in a prize ring. This is no 'Patti' farewell. I am through for all time."

McFarland in a statement after testifying to Britt's gameness says in the next year he hopes to gain lots of experience and by that time he expects to be ready to take Joe Gans' measure.

BY WIRELESS.

The South Dakota is 200 miles south of the Columbia River and bound for the Bremerton navy yard expecting to arrive there on the 13th inst.

The station here was in communication with the station at Sitka, Alaska, at 1 a. m. They were also working with the Tennessee at Bellingham and also in touch with Portland.

STOCK MARKET STRONGER.

NEW YORK, April 11.—The stock market moved out of sluggish irregularity early in the week into growing strength. The Eric settlement helped the market although the unexpected manner of the settlement gave rise to much puzzled conjecture over the inferences to be drawn from the apparent conflict of position between the Morgan and Harriman groups over the policy to be adopted in Erie affairs. The favorable crop report on winter wheat by the government was a substantial factor in the increase of confidence. Iron and steel trade advances as are unfavorable and the price of copper declined. Railroad traffic showed no appreciable expansion. Returns of earnings showed continued heavy shrinkage. Money was easy and some improvement in the investment position was perceptible.

HENEY'S ADDRESS

He Reiterated Many of His Past Charges Against Fulton.

PRaised AND CENSURED U'REN

He was unhesitating in Urging His Hearers to Guard Their Law Providing for the Nomination of U. S. Senators by a Direct Vote.

PORTLAND, April 11.—Francis J. Heney, who came from San Francisco for the purpose, delivered a "Good government" address before an audience established at 40000 people in night. He paid further attention to U. S. Senator Charles W. Fulton, and reiterated many of his charges against that legislator and adding others. He eulogized president Roosevelt and U. S. Senator La Follette: He warned his hearers against the greed of corporations and the great concentration of wealth, and gave the government land swindlers and several local politicians a severe dressing down. He was unhesitating in urging his hearers to guard their law providing for the nomination of U. S. Senators by a direct vote of the people, saying that without their effort the people of this state had secured a jewel which was only obtained in California after ten years of effort.

Heney while he did not devote as much time as was expected to Fulton, yet took time to read from a bulky envelope, letters and documents bearing on the "Hold-up" session of the Oregon legislature of 1897 and discussed the alleged methods used in the effort to return the late senator Mitchell to office.

W. F. Matthews, T. Cader Powell, Pierce Mays and several other politicians of state prominence came in for around scoring, and W. S. U'Ren, the "Father of statement No. 1" received both words of condemnation and the highest tribute. Some of U'Ren's principles, Heney does not approve of, but he declared U'Ren to be one of the most brilliant men of this country.

HIGHWAYMAN CAPTURED

Sheriff Shatters His Knee Cap

WOUNDS JUDGE STOREY

Three of the Men Were Seated at a Camp Fire When the Officers Appeared

BLOODHOUNDS ON THE TRAIL

The Sheriff Took Steps Tonight to Prevent the Men Getting into Eastern Oregon the Suquamie Pass.

SEATTLE, April 11.—Deputy Sheriff Starwick and K. C. Storey, the justice of the peace of Ravensdale and Special deputies in the hunt for the slayers of Marshal Miller of Kent, captured one of the Kent highwaymen this afternoon after a pitched battle in which Judge Storey was wounded. The fight occurred near camp Five of the Milwaukee construction gang, seven miles above North Bend. The man who was captured was shot in the knee by Starwick and one of the other highwaymen was shot in the right side. The man who was arrested is believed to be the leader of the gang. That he is one of the highwaymen that the officers have been hunting for two days is almost certain from the fact that he had recently been shot through the tip of his nose. Storey was not seriously wounded, the bullet passing through the fleshy part of his right leg. Starwick and Storey took the trail of three men answering the description of three of the five desperados who shot Miller and followed them along the pipe line of the Seattle Water System up Cedar river, overtaking them at two o'clock this afternoon. Three of the men were seated at a camp fire when the officers appeared. Starwick at once commanded them to throw up their hands and surrender. One of the men gave an order in Austrian to the others to open fire and at the same time reaching for his gun. Starwick understood the order and fired at the leader, blowing off his knee cap. The other two men ran and securing shelter behind a stump and opened fire on the officers. Storey was shot with the first volley but continued to fight. Starwick fired several shots at the men as they were running for shelter and one of the men was wounded in the right side. After continuing the battle for nearly half an hour the two hind the stump and forced into the woods. Starwick following them and continuing to fire at every opportunity until he ran out of ammunition. Storey and the wounded prisoner were taken to the construction camp and left while Starwick went to North Bend for more ammunition and assistance. He reached North Bend about five o'clock and secured rigs and organizing a fresh posse returned to the scene of battle. Deputy Sheriff Liner and P. C. Peterson, well known woodsmen of North Bend and two other men returned with Starwick, fully armed. The party took two bloodhounds belonging to Peterson and they will take the trail at the point where the battle occurred. Three of the men who engaged in the fight were well armed and apparently intend to fight to the death to resist capture. Unless the officers can surround them and

take them unawares another battle is anticipated. Sheriff Smith took steps tonight to prevent the men getting into eastern Oregon through the Snoqualmie Pass. Wires were sent to Cle Elum, Easton and several other towns that are only a short distance from the East side of the Pass asking that officers be sent to intercept the men if they should succeed in getting through the Pass before being overtaken by the Starwick posse.

OUTLAWS Routed.

MANILA, April 11.—A Despatch to the constabulary from Bayon reports that the detachment sent against Lingay, the outlaw leader, whose band treacherously murdered a policeman has been attacked and a sharp fight ended in the rout of the outlaws who left nine dead.

PORTLAND FINALLY WON.

At San Francisco—Portland 7, San Francisco 0.

At Los Angeles—Los Angeles 9, Oakland 3.

FORREST SMITHSON

Lowered The World Record For High Hurdles.

EVENT NOT ON THE PROGRAM

The Meet Was Held on the Big Indoor Track of Columbia University in Portland University of Oregon—Others Competing.

PORTLAND, April 11.—Forrest C. Smithson, running under the colors of the Multnomah Cub today lowered by 2-5 of a second the world's record for high hurdles for the distance of 50 yards. The event was a special number and not on the program and was arranged for the purpose of giving Smithson a chance to better the time made in a regular event in which he equalled the world's record. The event was fully sanctioned. The meet was held on the big indoor track of Columbia University in this city. The contest as between the University of Oregon and Oregon Agricultural College and Multnomah, who came out third best and the other contestants not getting enough to really make them candidates for honors. The final scores stood, Oregon University, 46; Agricultural 36; Multnomah. When the Varsity stood 36 points, Corvallis candidates were three points behind.

50 yard dash—Forrest Smithson, M. A. A.; Huston, U. O., second; Dart, Portland High, third. Time: 5:25 seconds.

440 yard run—Reid, U. O.; Greenshaw, O. A., second; Smith, Multnomah, third. Time: 0:34 2-5.

Pole vault—Mullen, U. of O., 10 ft. 9 inches; Swann, O. A. C., 10-5; Kuykendall, U. of O., third, 10.

Shot put—Wolff, O. A., 42 feet; McIntyre, U. O., 39 feet 6 inches; Zacharias, third, 38 feet 1 1-4 inch.

880 yard run—Davolt, O. A.; Dodson, U. O., second; Mays, U. O., third. Time: 2:06.

50 yard hurdle—Smithson, Moores, U. O., second; Kuykendall, U. O., third. Time: 6 4-5 seconds. (Equals world's record).

Running high jump—Chapman, O. A., 5 feet 9 inches; Harbert, Astoria High, second, 5 feet 8 inches; Smithson, third, 5 feet 7 inches.

220 yard dash—Schroeder, O. A., Moores, U. O., second; Meon, U. O., third. Time: 24 4-5.

Running broad jump—Smithson, 20 feet 1-2 inch; Moores, second, 19 feet 8 inches; Lounsbury, O. A., 19 feet 4 1/2 inches, third.

Mile—Davolt, O. A.; Downs, U. O., second; Robinson, Pacific University, third. Time: 4:46.

50 yard hurdle, special event—Smithson; Kuykendall, second. Time: 6 2-5 seconds. (World's record).