

GOOD EVENING
Tonight and Saturday, occasional rain; southwesterly winds.

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GEORGE C. BROWNELL, PRESIDENT OF LAST STATE SENATE, MUST EXPLAIN HIS CONNECTION WITH THE LAND FRAUDS

SERVED AS A NOTARY

Brownell Attested Signatures Considered Fictitious by Government.

WILLIAMSON ALSO IS SAID TO BE INVOLVED

Congressman's Record in Land Cases Will Be Examined by Grand Jury—Ormsby and Loomis Near Indictment.

George C. Brownell, state senator from Clackamas county and president of the senate at the regular and special sessions of 1903, will be the subject of investigation by the federal grand jury, which is probing the land frauds. Evidence in the possession of the government which connects Senator Brownell with transactions declared to have been fraudulent, and the facts are to be submitted to the grand jury.

It is asserted that Brownell, as notary public, numerous affidavits signed with the names of fictitious persons, who were represented to be settlers upon government lands in order to make large profits through the letting of contracts for government surveys.

Brownell and Meldrum have been close personal friends for many years. It was through Brownell's influence that Meldrum secured his appointment as surveyor-general of Oregon. When Meldrum was indicted for the frauds committed in his office, Brownell appeared as his attorney and one of the episodes of the trial which excited much comment was the fact that no evidence was offered in the defendant's behalf. It was whispered that this was due to the fact that if witnesses were placed on the stand in Meldrum's behalf disclosures might be made which would implicate others who had been accomplices in his crime.

Indictments against S. B. Ormsby and C. E. Loomis are expected to be next. Their cases have been under consideration yesterday and today, and it is likely that a third person will be indicted to be tried before the grand jury. Senator Ormsby was formerly superintendent of the Cascade forest reserve, and Loomis was special agent of the land department. Both were appointed by President Wilson. They are accused of having been parties to the Puter-McKinley conspiracy and of having aided it by sending false reports upon the fraudulent entries in township 11-7.



FLASHLIGHT OF THE MEMBERS OF THE OREGON DAIRYWOMEN'S ASSOCIATION, TAKEN DURING THEIR SESSION AT ODD FELLOWS' HALL. (Photo by Kissar Bros.)

MISTLETOE HUNG IN CENTRAL SCHOOL

And a Kissing Bee Brought the Christmas Exercises to a Very Spirited Close.

PLEASING PASTIME WAS ENJOYED BY THE BOYS

Willie Spence Bussed the Teacher, and Earned Very Speedy Reward.

The mistletoe hung in Central school, East Twelfth and East Washington streets, yesterday, and while it was busy the 30 or more boys who were present were not idle.

Some of the girls objected; others did not. There was furious stamping of tiny feet, muffled screams and laughing protest. There were angry tears and ready compliance, some scratched, others kissed back.

One young woman who arrived unexpectedly failed to see a bold young man suddenly hold a piece of mistletoe over her head, and did not know what was going on until it was over. Then there was a metamorphosis; instead of the pretty girl who had just entered the room smiling and unconcerned there was a little fury that turned violently upon the daring youth who laughed at her discomfiture. She sprang upon him, and today he wears court-plaster on his face and there are rings around his eyes.

SEEK IRRIGATION FOR KLAMATH LAND

Klamath Falls Citizens Adopt a Systematic Course of Campaign for Funds.

REVIEW SITUATION IN LETTERS TO SOLONS

Quote Engineer Newell and Tell of Action Taken at National Irrigation Congress.

Klamath Falls, Or., Dec. 22.—Pursuant with its policy of conducting an aggressive campaign for irrigation, the committee appointed by a mass meeting has addressed letters to the California and Oregon congressional delegations and the governors of the two states, accompanied by resolutions passed at the mass meeting. The letter read:

"Dear Sir: The engineers of the reclamation service have spent the summer investigating the irrigation possibilities of the Klamath basin. Extensive preliminary surveys have been made and the chief engineer, Mr. Newell, and staff have said to us that, if existing rights can be adjudicated, there can probably be 300,000 acres of land irrigated in Klamath county, Oregon, and in Modoc and Siskiyou counties in California.

"The waters of the Klamath lakes are interstate and navigable. This fact, taken with the existing water laws, makes the irrigation matter somewhat, and there will be need for new legislation, both in California and Oregon, before the government can begin construction in this vicinity.

SAM BRIGGS HIGH IN SHRINE COUNCILS DEAD

Cleveland, O., Dec. 22.—Sam Briggs, one of the best known Mystic Shrine members in America, died yesterday afternoon at his home, 48 Cedar avenue, in this city. Death was caused by a severe attack of pneumonia, which, owing to the advanced age of Mr. Briggs, soon proved fatal.

LIKE ELIZA, ELOPERS CROSS OVER ON ICE

Mississippi River Not Nearly So Terrifying as Angry Mother Left Behind.

Lacrosse, Wis., Dec. 22.—Calling to each other, and goaded to desperation by the hostile shouts of a constable behind them, pretty 16-year-old Ines Pierce and her boy lover, Archie Dunbar, leaped like Eliza from cake to cake of floating ice in the Mississippi river and landed safely on the Minnesota side.

VERMONTERS BUNCOED BY 'PETRIFIED WOMAN'

Montpelier, Vt., Dec. 22.—One of the most carefully designed and skillfully executed fakes ever used to deceive the public has been exhibited throughout Vermont since last July. No one had a suspicion that it was a fraud. What was asserted to be the petrified body of a woman was dug up on a farm. Professor Richardson of the department of mineralogy and geology of Dartmouth college examined the object and said that it was apparently the body of a human being belonging to a prehistoric race.

BIG PRICES PUT ON CHINESE HEADS

Gambling Tong Offers One Thousand Dollars for Murder of Two Men.

JUE SUE AND SEID BACK ARE THE MEN WANTED

Believed to Have Given Information Which Resulted in Raid by the Sheriff.

For the death of Seid Back and Jue Sue, prominent merchants of this city, there is a reward of \$500 each, offered by Chinese gamblers whose places have been raided by Sheriff Word and his deputies.

OKU ASSAILED BY RUSSIAN CAVALRY

Desperate Attempt Made to Capture Lamuting Is Repulsed With Heavy Loss.

RUSSIANS ON SHAKHE MAKE NIGHTLY ATTACKS

Seafarers Believe Togo Has Divided His Fleet to Intercept Rojstvensky.

Tokio, Dec. 22.—A report from General Oku today states that the Russians made a determined attack on Lamuting in the night of December 20, but were driven back with a heavy loss. Discomfited Russian cavalry attacked the cavalry on the extreme left of the Japanese line in the night of December 21, but were repulsed with heavy loss.

MUST AGAIN FACE JURY

No Verdict and Final Disagreement in Nan Patterson Case.

PRISONER COLLAPSES ON JURY'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Her Faithful Father Boothes and Comforts Her and Says 'Have No Fear, My Girl; God Is With Us.'

New York, Dec. 22.—Nan Patterson will again, and for the third time, have to undergo the ordeal of trial for the murder of Bookmaker Caesar Young, the jury having failed to reach an agreement and resolving its discharge.

MINNESOTA GIVEN GLORIOUS WELCOME

Turkey and Oregon Strawberries at Xmas

Turkeys today retail at 17 and 25 cents a pound. With larger receipts the turkey market at retail shows a decline today. Some poor grade stock can be obtained for even less than the quotations given.

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