

# OREGONIAN COBBLES FOR CLOSED RIVER

## TREACHERY TO PEOPLE IS EXPOSED

### Newspaper a Stockholder in Corporation Owning Locks—Gets Farmers' Profits

### Jones Exposes Efforts Made by Journalist to Willard Interests of People of Willamette Valley by Importing Government Engineer to State Capital.

(By a Staff Correspondent.)  
Salem, Or., Jan. 31.—The perfidy of the Oregonian to the people of the Willamette valley and its concealed partnership with corporations was unmasked in the house yesterday by Representative Jones who laid bare the course pursued by the Portland newspaper in lobbying to kill the bill for the purchase or construction of locks at Oregon City to relieve people of the interior from excessive freight rates. It is surmised that similar exposures will follow the Oregonian's efforts to defeat a railroad commission bill.

The members of the house rode over the Jones locks bill in committee of the whole, cutting out the amendment offered by Jones of Polk and Lincoln, providing for condemnation of the existing locks, which provision had been left out of the original bill through oversight and clearly showing their intention to give the measure no serious consideration.

**Oregonian's Treachery.**  
Sensational charges were made by Jones, who accused Leslie Scott of the Oregonian and Representative Newell of having sent to Portland for a government engineer to come to Salem to assist in killing the bill. He alleged that the Oregonian, though posing as a friend of the people, had never referred to the effort being made for the opening of the Willamette river until it attacked his bill and that it had taken the stand it had because the Oregonian owned stock in the locks company, and did not want to be deprived of the holding.

The speaker contended that it was not manly for the house to sluff the bill in committee of the whole or by indefinite postponement as seemed to be intended, but that the members who opposed it should come out in the open and go on record against a measure which had been called for by the whole people of the Willamette valley. He said that the house might kill the bill at this time, but that the people of the state would have vengeance and justice in June next, when they could go to the polls under the initiative and secure their rights.

The bill was finally referred to the special committee having it in charge after its first reading and in all probability will be reported in all probability.

## TRIES TO FEED FATHER POISON

### Ten-Year-Old Boy Attempts to Put Strychnine in Food for Foster Parent in Revenge for Punishment Administered.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
Garfield, Wash., Jan. 31.—Orville Jackson, aged 10 years, the adopted son of T. L. Jackson of this place, attempted to poison his foster father yesterday.

Mr. Jackson and the boy live alone on a ranch four miles south of Garfield. The boy had played truant from school and had been punished by the father. The little fellow resented the whipping and yesterday, before leaving for school, he doctored the bread, meat and potatoes with strychnine which was kept in the house by the older man for poisoning squirrels.

When the father came in at noon for his dinner he discovered the poison scattered liberally over the table and the food. That night upon his return from school the boy admitted having tried to poison his father. He spoke of his efforts as follows:

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### Lieutenant F. C. Taylor of The Dalles Is Said to Have Been on Prolonged Debauch, in Uniform, in Portland's Bad Lands.

First Lieutenant Franklin C. Taylor, company D, Third Oregon Infantry, stationed at The Dalles, has been ordered by Governor Chamberlain to appear before a board of inquiry in Portland and show reasons why he should not resign his commission. Lieutenant Taylor is specifically charged with conduct unbecoming an officer and gentleman.

It is said that Lieutenant Taylor came to Portland in the holidays, to attend the officers' banquet at the regimental armory and afterward, while dressed in his military uniform, visited the north end resorts, where he lived for two weeks. His absence was noted at The Dalles and advertisements were published in The Dalles papers by his relatives and friends, who feared that Taylor had met with foul play.

The Portland police were notified to search for the missing officer and for two weeks the search went on without trace of the lost man. Finally he was picked up in a north end lumber yard by several workmen.

At the time Taylor was found he was in a dazed condition, said to be a result of his extended debauch among the gay inhabitants of the north end, where it is said the dashing military officer spent about \$500 on his escapade. It is said:

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D. H. Hendee and wife, an aged couple living at 456 Fifth street, were rescued from possible cremation by their son, O. S. Hendee, this morning. Both, however, were seriously injured in the fire which partly destroyed their residence.

On his arrival this morning the son found the house enveloped in flames and smoke. Rushing inside he found his mother almost overcome by the smoke and nobly trying to raise a window that she might escape.

The father, who had been ill for several weeks, was in his bed in another room and partly suffocated. The son quickly removed his mother from the house and rushed back to save his father.

Carries Out His Father.  
The old man was unable to walk and was carried bodily from the place. He was removed to the home of a neighbor and a physician summoned.

Having rescued his parents, O. S. Hendee returned to the house and began to fight the flames. Meanwhile one of the neighbors had turned in an alarm, which was answered by an engine company close by. However, he had succeeded in practically extinguishing the flames before the arrival of the apparatus.

The aged man and woman were found to have suffered greatly from the smoke and excitement and both are prostrated as a result. It is said Mr. Hendee's condition is serious.

Vibrator Caused Fire.  
The fire is believed to have been caused by a defective electric vibrator attached to the wire that enters the house. The woman was using the vibrator, and, though she is unable to explain how it happened, it is believed that the instrument caused the fire.

Several articles of furniture were destroyed and the walls of the house damaged. However, the fire was extinguished before great loss was sustained.

## FEAR GAGS MOUTHS OF SHIPPERS

### No Favors in Future if They Complain too Loudly of Rates of the Railroads

### Axiom Well Established That Oregon Shipper Is to be Charged All He Can Possibly Afford to Pay Without Regard to Legitimate Profits.

### Of the specious arguments advanced by railroad attorneys before the joint legislative committee at Salem perhaps the most misleading was a statement that there has been no complaint about high railroad rates in Oregon.

No one who is a shipper will, of course, believe this statement for a moment. But in the absence of actual shouting and uproar against rates, audible to the ears of the general public, it might be assumed that this railroad advocate was right; that there was no protest outside of the newspapers.

No greater mistake could be made by a legislator than to believe that there has been no complaint from shippers and consumers against the existing railroad rates in Oregon, and throughout the country. It has become an axiom that the railroads charge, not rates that are fair, but rates that represent all the traffic will bear. In other words, the railroad rate-makers size up a man's business, make a freight rate that allows him a small profit, and the remainder of the money that is to be made in a given territory the railroads appropriate to themselves.

Partial to Trust.  
An example of this theory may be seen in the shipment of any raw materials that are necessary in the manufacture of articles that are finished and sold in Oregon. Pulp plaster is one. Recently a pulp plaster concern quietly closed up its business and stored its machinery in Portland because it could not get a freight rate on gypsum that would enable it to manufacture and sell at a profit here. At the same time the railroads are hauling ore for the smelter trust at much lower rates than were asked by the plaster people, and are apparently making a profit on the ore tonnage, else they would not carry the business.

Shippers who are groaning under excessive freight rates do not complain aloud. They suffer in silence a long time. That is the reason "there has been no complaint" about freight rates in Oregon" loud enough for the railroad advocate at Salem to hear them.

The shipper who roars aloud against the oppression of the railroad baron is

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## GARVIN WILL OPEN THAW CASE TODAY



This is a sketch of Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, by Hearst staff artist, H. Richard Boehm. It shows Mrs. Thaw intently following the examination of a prospective juror.

## EVELYN LOSING HER BEAUTY

### With World Weary Stoop of Sorrow and Care, Young Mrs. Thaw, Barely Twenty, Shrinks to Hide Herself From Public Gaze

(Hearst News Service.)  
New York, Jan. 31.—Day by day and hour by hour through the two weeks that has seen jurors chosen who will decide the fate of Harry Thaw, little Evelyn Nesbit Thaw has sat behind her husband and listened with intense interest to every word uttered by the lawyers for the defense and the prosecution, and with eager, searching eyes the little veiled figure has anxiously watched each juror as he walked into the box—the men who will decide whether the young prisoner shall walk out of that courtroom a free man, or whether he shall be found guilty.

The situation is one of the most awful that devoted woman was ever called upon to face, and the pathos seems the greater when one looks upon those four helpless ones—mother, sisters, wife of the man whose trial is just begun—who sit there in the courtroom taking feverish interest in every detail of the proceedings.

Evelyn's black tailor-made suit and dark furs and the heavy shifon veil which she keeps over her face throughout the entire day makes her look even more diminutive than she really is, and that, indeed, is small for Evelyn Thaw is scarcely five feet in height and weighs 92 pounds.

The ordeal is telling on young Mrs. Thaw. Through the film of her veil, her blue eyes gleam large and fearful. Great dark rings have formed under the eyes, and her lips are red and swollen. The great beauty which has led her husband to the bar of justice is rapidly deserting the young woman. Her face is wan and pinched, the features are growing sharp and her figure is wasting away.

## CHANGES IN JURY CAUSED BY JEROME

### Two Jurors Excused on Court's Opening. Expected List to Be Completed by Night

(Journal Special Service.)  
New York, Jan. 31.—Jurors David B. Walker and Louis Hays were excused this morning upon the opening of court by Justice Fitzgerald.

The prisoner was surprised at the announcement, but appeared satisfied with the explanation of Attorney Peabody, though he showed irritation at the further delay.

Upon leaving court, Walker said he was surprised that he had ever been accepted as he was acquainted both with White and some members of the Thaw family. He has refused to discuss the matter. Jerome told the court he did not think it advisable to make known the reasons for relieving the two men.

It was rumored before court opened that Jerome would ask the dismissal of the two jurors—Thaw's counsel, in hearing the reports, said he would oppose any such move. Jerome and his assistants consulted with the judge and counsel for the defense just previous to the opening when the names of the two excused were announced. At 11 o'clock before his attorneys appeared in court, it was said Thaw's lawyers fought hard to retain the jurors Jerome dropped.

Thaw Family Harmonious.  
All of the Thaw family was in court when the court called the order roll of the new panel. Thaw was a friendly greeting between the Thaws and Evelyn, an evidence of restored amity. Thaw entered smiling but is in a thoughtful mood today. He carefully perused a pile of letters and a number of newspaper clippings.

Oscar A. Pink, salesman, 45 years old and married, was chosen the twelfth juror at 12:15 o'clock. Wilbur F. Steel, a manufacturer, 52 years old, was selected as the thirteenth juror. Eleven more are now in the box. The twelfth and thirteenth take the places vacated.

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## PHILOSOPHICAL IN POORHOUSE

### Bret Harte's Daughter Makes the Best of Her Bad Luck and Employs Her Time in Writing Drama

Portland, Me., Jan. 31.—In very comfortable quarters in Portland's poorhouse Mrs. Jessamy Harte Steele, daughter of Bret Harte, is accepting her sudden poverty stricken condition almost philosophically. The overseers of the poorhouse have been very kind to her and all her wants have been attended to by the motherly head nurse of the hospital.

Mrs. Steele has been given the largest and sunniest room in the building. When the correspondent called, Mrs. Steele was engaged in writing a play. In her four days stay at the almshouse she has almost completed a four-act drama. The authorities here think Mrs. Steele has a mania for spending

money and on this one subject they do not consider her quite rational. She herself says:

"Why is but a temporary embarrassment. I intend to go on the stage soon, and besides the play ought to bring me in something." When asked about her debts, she said: "Oh, I owe a little money, but it is a mere pittance, some \$500 or so." Her only assets are magnificent gowns.

## PRESIDENT HANDS FORAKER A LEMON

### Roosevelt Gives Ohio Senator Chance to Prove Friendship for Negroes by Appointing Ohio Negro to Federal Office.

(Journal Special Service.)  
Washington, Jan. 31.—A blow is about to descend on Senator Foraker. Last Wednesday night the president at the Gridiron club dinner said, "All coons look alike to me," and read Foraker a lecture on his duty as senator. Foraker rebuked the president and said that a senator's office is as sacred as the president's, and that he (Foraker) would do his duty free from dictation from the white house.

Apparently the senator scored a victory oratorically, judging from the applause, and until tonight it looked as if Foraker was a real friend of the colored man. Tonight it was announced that the president had selected Ralph Tyler of Columbus as surveyor of the port of Cincinnati. Tyler is a negro and a friend of Booker T. Washington. It is said he had no expectation of getting the place, which pays \$5,000 a year. Booker Washington recommended Tyler, but Foraker did not.

Tyler's selection has been made without any consultation with Foraker. It is expected to prove a body blow to Foraker politically. "It is an answer all the implied Foraker arguments that Foraker is a special friend of his colored brother. Of course Foraker and Dick will have to vote to confirm Tyler's nomination, because the negro vote is \$0,000, considerably more than the normal republican majority.

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## SERIOUS SITUATION CONFRONTS THE GOVERNMENT—THOUSANDS OF MIKADO'S VETERANS ORGANIZING REGIMENTS IN UNITED STATES.

(Journal Special Service.)  
San Francisco, Jan. 31.—A special to the Call from Washington says: Despite the most vigilant precautions of the president and his advisers in keeping the information to themselves, the fact has leaked out that the relations between the United States and Japan have reached a most critical stage.

According to one of the president's advisers the two countries seem to be drifting rapidly toward war, and deft and vigorous diplomacy must be exercised if certain new developments are to be disposed of without explosion. An important attaché bluntly stated the administration is in possession of information which forces it to assume the Japanese government is attempting to withstand tremendous pressure tending toward a rupture of the friendly relations with the United States.

This ominous situation with Japan is made doubly critical by the attitude of the Pacific coast. In the face of this stubborn attitude of the people of Japan, and those of California comes the ugly rumor from Hawaii that thousands of Japanese veterans of the Russo-Japanese war are forming a movement to secret to organize military companies on American soil. This information is said to have reached the war department from authentic sources.

In negotiations over the new treaty it is understood that Japan stands in stop the immigration of soldiers, but stands firm on the other hand, insisting that Japanese be permitted to grant the right to bring their own soldiers.

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