

TO LAND GRANT

Special Attorney for the Department of Justice B. D. Townsend Coming Here to Bring Suit Against S. P. Company.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, May 26.—B. D. Townsend, special attorney in the department of justice started today for Portland, Oregon, to start legal proceedings on behalf of the government to take from the Southern Pacific railroad about 3,000,000 acres of land in western Oregon, said to be worth between \$20,000,000 and \$50,000,000.

Townsend will try to secure a decree which will annul the grant and restore the lands to the public domain. The Southern Pacific railroad got possession of the property many years ago from the Oregon & California railroad on the promise that it would improve the construction of railroad lines, although roads were built, the government attorney will charge that the holders of the grant failed to carry out other parts of their obligation.

The news of Townsend's coming to Portland is of great interest to thousands of Oregon settlers who have tried in the past to secure part of the great public domain controlled by the Southern Pacific company. Townsend was in Portland last year and laid the basis for the suit which will be started upon his arrival in the Rose City. As a result of the investigation last year in which Townsend obtained data regarding the transfer of the lands to the company as well as other information relative to the facts and law involved in the case, Townsend announced that the only course for the government to pursue was to secure an act of congress granting permission to the attorney-general to sue the company.

Tracy C. Becker, who is associated with Townsend has already written articles in the Rose City papers where he appeared for the government in the removal cases against several wealthy Californians charged with complicity in the Oregon land frauds. Becker stated today that the bill of complaint in the suit against the Southern Pacific would be filed in a few days.

CLAIMS TRIP IS PARTLY FOR PLEASURE—FRIEND SAYS NOT FOR DIVORCE.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Boise, Idaho, May 26.—After a three days' mysterious visit in Boise, during which time she was registered at a hotel under the name "Mrs. Norton of New York," Madame Nordica, the greatest singer left Boise today for Payette Lake, declaring she would return in a few days. Madame Nordica arrived Saturday, but her identity was not discovered until yesterday. Sunday she visited the penitentiary, where Harry Orchard is confined, and yesterday attended a church service. She declared she will visit Salt Lake, Los Angeles, Portland and Seattle before returning.

STRIKING CARMEN APPLY FOR WORK

(United Press Leased Wire.) Cleveland, Ohio, May 26.—While their brethren in other states were voting today to break out, 300 striking carmen applied for their old positions and were reinstated. The traffic is now rapidly approaching normal state, and officials of the municipal traction company say the usual number of cars will be in operation shortly. The company is badly crippled and they are confident of winning. They have further plans for the campaign.

CITY AMBULANCE BID RECOMMENDED

At a meeting of the city health board this morning the members voted to recommend to the city council that the bid of the Red Cross ambulance company for municipal ambulance service be accepted. The company through its representatives has offered to perform the work for \$174 a month, which the members consider very reasonable.

CALIFORNIA "DRYS" SOLID FOR WHEELER

(United Press Leased Wire.) Modesto, Cal., May 26.—Sentiment in California favorable to the nomination of Fred Wheeler of Los Angeles, as the presidential candidate of the Prohibition party continued to grow today as delegates poured into Modesto to attend the state convention to elect delegates to the national convention to be held in Columbus, Ohio. Indications just before the convention opened this afternoon pointed to a strong probability that the delegates will be instructed to vote for Wheeler in the national convention until all hope of nominating him has vanished.

LA ROSE ARRAIGNED IN NEUMEN CASE

Jack La Rose was arraigned in the circuit court this afternoon, charged with the murder of H. Neumen, May 12. He was given until Friday to plead. Jay H. Epton and L. W. Humphreys were appointed his attorneys by the court.

LITTLE FELIS CONCOLOR MAKES A LOVELY PET



Young Panther at Grant's Pass That Takes Kindly to Domesticated Life.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Grants Pass, Or., May 26.—Old hunters declare that panthers, also known as pumas, cougars or mountain lions, are more plentiful in the southern Oregon mountains than they have been for many years. A number of full-grown panthers have been slain in the Joseph county forests lately. Several cubs have also been captured and domesticated. Though very large when full grown, a pet panther is as docile as a kitten and will romp and play with no thought of doing injury to any one. The cub panthers are fed on milk from a bottle when young, and later are given roast beef with an occasional feed of raw meat. This past year several full-grown panthers, raised from cubs in this city, were shipped to eastern municipalities and parks and several more will be raised this season.

REAL BIG BOOST FOR PORTLAND COMES FROM THE PENINSULA

Those who have read the advertising literature put out by the Rose Carnival committee of the Peninsula, say the story surpasses the famous \$1,000 prize story written by Dr. Stratton of Baltimore. Secretary Nolta says Penland is boosted in the Peninsula folders as never before and that if visitors pay the proper attention the whole city will benefit thereby. Mass meetings at which speakers appointed by the Peninsula Rose Carnival committee will read this story have been called for tomorrow night. The places for these meetings are: Multnomah hall, North Albina fire hall, Wil-

ELECTRIC COMPANY WILL CUT HUCKLEBERRY MOUNTAIN SUMMIT

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Baker City, Or., May 26.—The Sumpter Valley Railway company has commenced one of the most important pieces of work yet contemplated by that corporation in the way of public improvements, in the cutting down of the summit of Huckleberry mountain. The cut is being made at a point where the road crosses the divide separating Powder and Burnt rivers, some six miles from Sumpter. It is the intention to reduce this elevation several hundred feet. Steam

GIRL "PARHAMITE" FOLLOWER JUMPS IN LAKE MICHIGAN

(United Press Leased Wire.) Chicago, May 26.—Miss Florence A. Ferran, 20 years old, pretty and follower of a fanatical religion known as "Parhamites," after seeing visions of her father writhing in a sea of brim-

HIBERNIANS NOW LEAD THE KNIGHTS

Foresters in Turn Will Try to Forge Ahead in Popularity Contest. In spite of the cold weather last evening the crowd at the Young Men's club carnival on Morris street was undiminished, and the breezy "Stroll" was as busy as if the thermometer were trying to break out at the 120 mark on a July day. The men and women of Hibernia were out to collect the record made by Knights of Columbus and other societies on their special days, and the Ancient Order of Hibernians certainly made good. In the popularity voting contest they secured a lead of more than 2,000 votes over the Knights.

SUICIDE BLUM HAD ASKED FOR DIVORCE

J. Edward Blum, who killed Mrs. Daisy Hickey and himself at the La Porte lodging-house last Sunday morning, began suit in the circuit court only a few days before he took his own life. He was not at that time contemplating a deed of violence, but expected to get a divorce that would permit him to marry Mrs. Hickey. Blum made assertion as the ground for divorce. He and Clementine Blum were married at Newburg in 1889 and have two children, who are with their mother in eastern Oregon. Lynn Blum, a son, is 15 years of age, and their daughter, his wife, deserted him August 20, 1907. He did not ask for custody of the children. Hearst Wins His Fight. (United Press Leased Wire.) New York, May 26.—William B. Hearst won an important victory today in his long fight for a recount of the Maine vote in the mayoralty election of 1907 when George B. McJannet was declared elected, and at least the boxes are to be opened.

REMAINS IN CONFERENCE WITH PROVISOR UNDER CONSIDERATION

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.) Washington, May 26.—The senate and house conferees on the currency bill remain apart, though with a slight prospect of an agreement on the Vreeland credit currency bill, with the additional business attached, if they can agree on a gold basis. A feature that will probably be agreed on is the retention of currency in unlimited quantities. The senate Republican leaders continue to filibuster against Beveridge's national labor bill and they will make the government liable for injuries to government employees. Fulton at the close of the morning business at the senate has been designated to make a speech, so he might as well speak to the omnibus territory bill. He spoke at length, presenting action on the Beveridge measures.

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TURN LIGHT ON COLONEL RALEY

Investigation of the Umatilla land frauds is now under full swing before the federal grand jury. One hundred and fifty witnesses have been subpoenaed by United States Attorney Meador, and are now in town waiting their turn to go before the grand jury and tell what they know of the well-known case, supposed to involve Colonel James H. Raley and perhaps a score of other prominent residents of Pendleton and Umatilla county.

HORRORS IN GREASE

(United Press Leased Wire.) Dallas, Tex., May 26.—As the hours pass the horrors of the flood in this section increase. It is believed the complete list of dead, when compiled, will show at least 100 lives have been lost. It is estimated that 10,000 people are homeless, having been driven from their homes by the raging waters. The property loss is estimated to be at least \$25,000,000 over the entire stricken district. The Trinity river has surpassed all records. Last night it was believed the crest of the flood had been reached here, but more rains in the north have sent the waters down with increased fury and today the floods were greater than yesterday and continually increasing. Business is suspended and Mayor Hay has organized a relief and rescue corps, the members of which have been doing most heroic work.

EXTOL VIRTUES OF ENGLAND'S DEAD QUEEN

British Subjects Hear Appropriate Addresses and Music. By far the largest and most enthusiastic crowd of Britons that ever came together in Portland assembled in the Armory last night to do honor to the memory of Victoria, queen of England and empress of India, the occasion being the jubilee of the 89th birthday of the good queen. The big room was elaborately decorated with flags and stripes and the red flag of the British Empire Refranchisement League was prominently displayed. Refreshments were served from booths representing England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Canada and New Zealand.

SEE PAGE WASHOUT ON UMATILLA DITCH

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Pendleton, Or., May 26.—A section of the main feed canal of the Umatilla irrigation project about 40 feet in length was washed out between Foster and Goble last evening, the cause of the washout being seepage water which has constantly drained through the porous soil at that point. The O. R. & N. track is within a few feet of the canal at that point and the grade has been softened for about half a mile by the seepage. The government engineers have decided to construct a section of the canal there. It is estimated it will cost \$21,100 to complete the cement work needed to guard against the washout. Under the tracks the company has kept track walkers constantly there for several months. All trains have run slowly in that place for some time. Costly repairs will be made on the O. R. & N. track. Water will be turned off the feed canal while the repairs are in progress.

BLUEJACKETS' PARADE GALA SEATTLE EVENT

(United Press Leased Wire.) Seattle, May 26.—Bluejackets and marines of the United States navy, in the harbor joined with a large force of soldiers representing the military posts in this vicinity and a great number of other organizations in the most notable parade this city has ever known. The event took place this morning at 10 o'clock and was a chorus of crowds that lined the streets and occupied doors, windows and housetops. After the parade disbanded sailors and marines were again taken charge of by the entertainment committee, and luncheons, rides, athletic sports and regattas were provided in abundance for the remainder of the day. The bodies of Fred Lutinski and J. J. Staub, marines on the battleship New Jersey, who were killed last Friday night at Bellingham by being run over by a trolley car, will be shipped to their homes for final burial. Both bodies go to South Chicago and Staub's to Detroit.

MUSIC AT THE RALLY

Members of the Brooklyn Republican club have planned a rally at their club quarters, 577 1/2 Milwaukee, Thursday night, George A. Carney and George A. Brown will be the principal speakers. A musical program has been arranged with Frank J. Hennessy as one of the soloists. Limit to Banquet Seats. The number of applicants for seats at the big banquet of the United East Side club this evening at the Sargeant hotel exceeded all expectations. The banquet committee and a limit of 150 had to be placed on the number of seats to be provided. Each of the public clubs on the east side will be represented, the largest delegation going from Monterey which will have 25 delegates. No club will have less than three representatives.

DEFENSE CONTINUES IN LAND FRAUD CASES

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, May 26.—Arguments supporting the motion of the defense in the Hyde-Benson land fraud case to quash the indictments against the defendants were resumed today. Assistant Attorney-General Fugh, opposing the motion, charged that the operations of Hyde and Benson were fraudulent and that Joseph Schneider, one of the defendants, knew they were illegal. Missing Girl Found in Auto. Joy Journalist, the young woman who disappeared from her home at St. Johns about four weeks ago, was located last night at the corner of Sixth and Alder streets in Astoria. She will be sent to her home in St. Johns.

HEILFRICH DECLARES, HOWEVER, THAT WIFE WAS THE DESERTER—USED GASPIPE

All through the morning hours in Judge O'Day's department of the circuit court John G. Heilfrich sat in the witness chair and answered questions that were fired in rapid succession by the attorney for Mrs. Beada L. Heilfrich, who is suing him for divorce. He declared that he deserted his wife on the chicken ranch near Spokane, as she had testified yesterday, and also denied many other things his wife, his mother-in-law and his sister-in-law had told. Heilfrich said that one day as he was reclining on the couch his wife, without a word of warning, threw a heavy tankard at him. She followed that with half a dozen books, he said, and he was kept busy dodging the volumes of learning. He told of a time when he and his wife engaged in a struggle over putting the cows in the barn, she using a gas pipe as a weapon. Mrs. Milster, mother of Mrs. Heilfrich, testified that the only time she ever spoke an unkind word to her son-in-law was once when she said, "Jack, all you lack is the ears." She said that she had never seen her son-in-law in the house and threw her out he was wearing a shirt she had given him. Mrs. Milster confirmed her daughter's statement to Heilfrich's devotion to the baseball games. She said that he would neglect the work and "run off his base" when he was playing when a baseball game was in sight. Heilfrich on the stand this morning pleaded guilty of being an admirer of the great pitcher, even putting the cows in the barn, as he always looked after the work before he started for the diamond. Heilfrich asserted that his wife was the deserter and he had written to her since they separated, telling of his love and expressing solicitude for her, where Mrs. Heilfrich admits that these letters never were answered, but they kept coming. The case promises to consume the remainder of the day.

TWO DROWNED IN LEWIS RIVER

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Cougar, Wash., May 26.—Charles Ball and Orville Hanna, employed by the Croglister Logging company at this place, were drowned while trying to cross the Lewis river in a box run on a cable wire. Neither could swim and they were drowned before the eyes of the men on the shore. It was possible to save them, but the power to save them. When the box touched the water the wire on the south side slipped off the box and let it into the water, where it hung. The men held on for about 20 minutes, although at times the water was over his head, while efforts were being made for his rescue. He was the first to be rescued. Hanna lived near Arlie, 16 miles below here. Ball owned a ranch in British Columbia and had been married in Michigan next fall.

WATER ENGULFS AN AERIAL TRAM—MAN CLINGS TO CABLE 20 MINUTES

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) In discussing the necessity of the state at large he took advanced ground in advocating laws that would be of benefit to the people of the state and the nation. He urged that the state should demand more consideration at the hands of congress than they have heretofore received, and that the state should have a voice in the selection of the men to represent them in the senate and thus eliminate the corrupt and unscrupulous men who have existed in practically every state of the union in elections of senators. He said the people of the nation are interested in the principles of the state and are anxious to avail themselves of its benefits if it proves a success here. He reviewed his official career and answered briefly the charges made against him by one of the Portland papers in regard to the whipping post. He said he never felt he had been fully justified and upheld by the defense made in his behalf in the case of the whipping post. He is a leading man of the opposition in Portland.

NO REASON GIVEN BUT REPORT IS WOMAN IS AFTER THAW'S PITTSBURG ESTATE

(United Press Leased Wire.) New York, May 26.—Counsel for Mrs. Evelyn Nesbit Thaw appeared before Referee Day today and applied for a withdrawal of her suit to annul her marriage to Harry K. Thaw, who yesterday was adjudged insane by Justice Morschauser at Foughkeepsie. The counsel gave no reason for their sudden change of attitude, but it is reported that it is a step toward an effort on the part of Evelyn to gain control of Thaw's estate. With the withdrawal of her suit she remains the wife of an insane man, and it is reported that her counsel are preparing to bring a motion to annul her marriage to Harry K. Thaw, who yesterday was adjudged insane by Justice Morschauser at Foughkeepsie. The counsel gave no reason for their sudden change of attitude, but it is reported that it is a step toward an effort on the part of Evelyn to gain control of Thaw's estate. With the withdrawal of her suit she remains the wife of an insane man, and it is reported that her counsel are preparing to bring a motion to annul her marriage to Harry K. Thaw, who yesterday was adjudged insane by Justice Morschauser at Foughkeepsie.

MURDEROUS PRISON BREAKER SENTENCED

(United Press Leased Wire.) Dear Lodge, Mont., May 26.—William Hays, convict, was today sentenced to hang July 5, for the murder of Prison Guard John A. Robinson, in an attempt to escape last March. George Rock, already convicted with hanging, is charged with the murder. Oram Stevens, who is now on trial. Young in his testimony said the four men took the press in prison to pieces and of the bolts and weapons for the attack on the guards. Stevens' trial will be concluded tomorrow. Hays on being sentenced said he knew no reason why the court should not pass the death sentence on him.

PROMINENT MILLER OF OREGON DEAD

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Ashland, Or., May 26.—W. J. Virgin, the well-known southern Oregon flouring mill proprietor, died at the Southern Oregon hospital in this city yesterday. For several years he has owned and operated the Ashland Flouring mill and he was also the proprietor of the Central point flouring mill. He had been in poor health for the past 18 months, suffering from heart trouble. In closing the governor reviewed his campaign of the state and said that everywhere he had been received with the greatest honors and that the people were alive to the needs of the state and would support his claim to the senatorship.

DEVOTED SUPPORTERS GIVE HIM AN INSPIRING RECEPTION—QUOTES FULTON ON DEMOCRATS IN SENATE—ASSAILANTS ANSWERED

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Albany, Or., May 26.—Governor George E. Chamberlain last evening addressed the largest crowd that ever filled the opera house here in advocacy of his election to the United States senate. His address was received with the greatest possible enthusiasm and his former fellow townsmen will give him the greatest vote that any citizen ever received from them. The reception was an ovation. The crowd had been drawn from the remotest sections of the county. The Albany band early in the evening appeared on the streets and entertained the crowds. W. R. Bilsby of this city introduced the speaker. His speech was a tribute to the candidate and was received with an outburst of enthusiasm seldom equaled in political meetings. The Appointee of Direct Vote. The governor immediately entered into a discussion of the issues of the campaign and a presentation of reasons why he should be elected senator from Oregon. His speech was an aggressive one. At no time did he take position on the defensive. The principal points of his speech related to the people's right to have a voice in the selection of the men who represent them in the senate. He appealed to them to use the great power now vested in them by the direct primary law. He reviewed conditions that have existed in the state, legislators chosen to represent the interests of the common people having sold themselves to the corporate interests. Calk's Sidelight. The governor clearly showed the position of Calk before and since the primaries and the selection of the men who stepped his former position and now clearly occupies the position that Fulton occupied during the time that he and Calk were contending for the indorsement of the common people having sold themselves to the corporate interests. Open Issues; Free Zippers. In discussing the necessity of the state at large he took advanced ground in advocating laws that would be of benefit to the people of the state and the nation. He urged that the state should demand more consideration at the hands of congress than they have heretofore received, and that the state should have a voice in the selection of the men to represent them in the senate and thus eliminate the corrupt and unscrupulous men who have existed in practically every state of the union in elections of senators. He said the people of the nation are interested in the principles of the state and are anxious to avail themselves of its benefits if it proves a success here. He reviewed his official career and answered briefly the charges made against him by one of the Portland papers in regard to the whipping post. He said he never felt he had been fully justified and upheld by the defense made in his behalf in the case of the whipping post. He is a leading man of the opposition in Portland.