PARCELS POST MEN LOSE FIGHT

Transportation Interests Too Strong for Friends of Rapid Transmission at Low Cost—Mormon Apostle Boasts of Wives.

San Francisco, Oct. 10.—After an all-day fight, the Trans-Mississippi Commercial congress today voted down a resolution offered by Edward Berwick of Pacific Grove, Cal., president of the Postal Progress league, indorsing the recommendation of Postmaster-General Meyer for a cheaper parcels post. Without any opposition, a resolution presented by Mrs. Scipio Craig, asking recognition of equal suffrage for women, was adopted. The most earnest advocate for the cause of the suffragists was Apostle John Henry Smith of the Mormon church, who said:

"I know that the women who have called me husband would be competent to vote on national subjects, and the same is true of the women of the United States."

From the time the congress opened in the morning until nearly 5 o'clock in the afternoon there was a constant struggle between those who favored the parcels post resolution and the men who opposed it, for the attention of the delegates, although the speaking limit was 10 minutes, except in cases where a vote of the congress extended the time five minutes for some of the speakers. Every minute Berwick was in the thick of the battle, but he held his ground against a dozen men, aided by Postmaster Arthur G. Fisk, former Governor Rickard of Montana and two or three other delegates. Former Governor Gosper of Arizona and Ed Harris of Galveston, Tex., became involved in a question of parliamentary procedure, and, disregarding the protests of the chairman, defied each other and held a spirited personal argument at close quarters, and for a few minutes the congress was almost as belligerent as the situation in the Balkans. The two gentlemen finally assured each other that there was no ill feeling, and the delegates settled back into their seats.

Antis Forced to Fight Fair.

Berwick's first resolution had been killed by the sub-committee and he wanted to introduce a second one before the general congress, but O. W. Hart, who had the chair, declared there would be a special report by the committee on resolutions.

Former Governor Pardee offered a resolution indorsing the work of the Tree Planting clubs. It seemed that Pardee wanted to have a resolution presented to establish a precedent so that the chair would not refuse to accept any more resolutions, the work of the committee on resolutions being completed. Pardee succeeded in getting his resolution adopted and then former Governor Gosper, of Arizona, succeeded in getting a resolution adopted favoring the admission of Arizona and New Mexico as separate states.

L. E. Pinkham of Honolulu, a member of the sub-committee which had killed the first parcels post resolution, got the floor and urged the delegates not to support the parcels post.

The report of the committee on resolutions, which was a long argument against parcels post, was read. It ended with a motion that it be adopted, but the parcels post people demanded that a motion should be put in the regular way, and not "sneaked through" in the report.

G. W. Burton, of Los Angeles, opposing the resolution, made a motion to adopt, and Delegate Harris, of Texas, was on his feet in an instant and demanded to know what Burton meant by such action. Harris had opposed the resolution. Burton was mystified by the challenge of a man who had been with him, and then Harris discovered that he had mistaken Burton for Berwick, and apologized.

Vain Pleas for the Measure.

Berwick then "threw himself on the mercy of the congress," and as he had been blocked the day before by a tangle of parliamentary law, he asked to be advised as to how he could put his resolution before the congress. He was finally allowed to enter it, and then Postmaster Fisk got the floor. He said that he could not understand how a commercial congress which stood for cheaper transportation rates could consistently oppose a reduction in the postal rate, and told of the success of the rural free delivery service and explained the cheaper rates prevailing in Europe on parcels sent by mail. Fisk said there had been a misunderstanding in regard to his being instructed by Postmaster-General Meyer to fight for the measure before the congress, and that he had been appointed a delegate by Meyer by telegraph, but was not instructed as to taking any action in the parcels post fight before the congress.

"Postmaster-General Meyer wants the rate reduced from 16 cents per pound to 12 cents, and the maximum weight of packages increased from four to 11 pounds," he said. "You can now send a package to Europe cheaper than you can to Oakland, and a larger one at that. Do you want to refuse the American people the benefit of a lower rate, while the people of Europe are giving a cheaper rate through our post-offices? The present parcels post is an injustice to the American people. The real opponents to the measure are the commercial travelers and the express companies."

Adverse Report Adopted.

When the vote was taken by states the result was 80 to 140, no delegation having more than 30 votes, but a state represented by one delegate was allowed 10 votes. The adverse report of the committee on the resolution was then adopted.

Mrs. Craig then offered her resolution for equal suffrage. Hugh Craig, Apostle Smith, former Governor Gosper and Arthur R. Briggs spoke in favor of the resolution and it was hastily adopted, it being past the time for adjournment.

A vote of thanks was extended to San Francisco for the hospitality of the city and the entertainment of the local reception committee and the gavel of President Walsh dropped until the 1909 convention in Denver.

CLOSE RACE PROMISED IN WALLOWA AND UNION

Strong Bryan Sentiment Is Found in Eastern Oregon Counties—Rousing Enthusiasm Marks Democratic Meeting Held at La Grande.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Enterprise, Or., Oct. 10.—Union and Wallowa counties look well from the viewpoint of those who are striving for the election of William J. Bryan to the presidency. A conservative estimate of the political complexion of these two big counties, with due allowance for the normal Republican majority in each admits of the conclusion that Bryan will poll a heavy vote. He may not carry both, or either, though local leaders of Democracy by no means admit that the fight is a forlorn one; but the certainty is very much alive that before the polls are closed the G. O. P. will know that the Nebraska commoner has been in the race.

Union county has organized and is preparing to wage an effective campaign. This will open in earnest with the speech of ex-Senator John M. Gearin at La Grande the evening of October 13, when a capacity house will be on hand to greet and hear him. A rousing meeting of the Democratic county central committee and local leaders of the party was held in La Grande Wednesday night, and measures were taken to get the campaign in full swing.

John H. Stevenson Speaks.

The meeting listened to a short talk by John H. Stevenson of Portland, who was present on behalf of the state committee, and who urged the county organization to prepare for an active campaign of education among the voters of Union county.

The plan does not contemplate a campaign of red fire and barn-storming demonstrations in this or any other county of the state, but a quiet and dispassionate campaign of discussion with and enlightenment of voters on the great principles of reform advocated by Mr. Bryan.

Observations in practically all the counties in the great district east of the Cascades show that the Nebraska statesman will receive an enormous majority of the votes cast by the men who toil with their hands. This embraces an overwhelming vote by members of the labor unions. He will get a big vote in the farming sections, and some among the sheepmen, but candor necessitates the statement that the woolgrowers will in large part follow the traditional political stunt of "votin' 'er straight," although the price of this year's clip is lower than at any time in a decade, while the tariff on wool is higher than the crest of Eagle Cap.

In Union and Wallowa, the same as elsewhere, unprecedented apathy and indifference is the noticeable condition among the great mass of Republicans, while large numbers are intending to cast their votes for Mr. Bryan.

USE SPOON TO GAIN HIS LIBERTY

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drifted to Washington, D. C., where his brother, George M. Bowers, is commissioner of the United States bureau of fish and fisheries, and after a life of inebriety there his people sent him away to this city, in the hope that change of place and conditions would straighten him out, but with no success. His career in this city has been that of a chronic drunkard.

A few years ago Bowers married a young lady of Oregon, of highly respected parents. She evidently took a contract to reform him, but it is evident that she eventually found him "past all surgery" in the reformation line, as she began a suit for divorce. About a month ago, and after divorce proceedings had been commenced, Bowers went to the house of his wife's father at Gladstone in a state of savage intoxication armed with a revolver. Finding his wife alone, he said he would finish her. She grabbed the gun and held the muzzle away from her, at the same time screaming for help. Her mother and sister came to the woman's aid and the three of them overpowered Bowers and took the gun away from him before he could do any harm with it. For this offense he was awaiting trial in the circuit court at the time of his escape.

SERVIA FACES INTERNAL STRIFE

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tive service, 409,000; reserve, 381,000; total war strength, 790,00; available for duty, unorganized, 4,700,000.

Servia: Available for active service, 27,000; reserve, 198,000; total war strength, 225,000; available for duty unorganized, 80,000.

Thus it will be seen that Servia is hopelessly outnumbered from the very start. Austria could bombard Belgrade and throw 150,000 men across the Servian frontier inside of 24 hours, so that the struggle must necessarily be short-lived if war does come.

The peace movement is going steadily forward under the leadership of France, but there are many difficulties to be surmounted before the proposed treaty conference can be called.

British opinion now regards a conference of the Powers as necessary to prevent a general conflagration in the Balkans, but Great Britain insists on confining it to the accomplished facts.

London is the seat of negotiations between M. Iswolsky, the Russian minister of foreign affairs, and Sir Edward Grey, the British foreign secretary, looking to the convocation of an international conference to maintain peace.

A dispatch to the Times from Sofia reports conditions there which point to trouble between Servia and Bulgaria. Some alleged Servian spies have been arrested in the neighborhood of the magazines at Sofia. It is stated that a large number of Servian laborers will be expelled.

The Servian representative has made friendly representations as to the attitude of his country but complications are feared.

Great Britain has instructed Mr. Peel, the English consul general at Canea, to inform the government of Crete that Great Britain will not recognize any change without the consent of the powers. It is officially stated that Servia's reply to Austria's request for an explanation of the calling out of the Servian reserves is that the step was taken "in view of the general situation."

Only the first-class reserves have been ordered to rejoin the colors, it was said, and they had not been mobilized with a view to any immediate action. Assurances were given that they would be confined to their barracks.

Turkey continues to give evidence of self-control. She is following a contained and prudent course, under the tutelage of Great Britain. The latest advices from Belgrade indicate that the Servians are doing their best to quiet the radical element in the country in accordance with the suggestion of the powers.

MARTIN WILL

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tators, who craned their necks with the men in catching sight of the witnesses and of the gory exhibits that constitute a feature of the case. Not since the Waymire-Radding trial for defaming Mayor Lane has such interest been shown in a trial in the circuit court among the people of all classes, and this interest will grow as the time for a verdict approaches.

District Attorney Cameron last night declared that he is holding in reserve testimony that is to clinch the case and send Martin to the gallows. He would not divulge its nature, but intimated that a sensation from the side of the state may be expected tomorrow. He said he could not say more because he did not want to divulge his testimony to the other side, but that it will be the high card in the case.

MARTIN SAYS POLICE "LOOK UP" EVIDENCE

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Now I am a new man, for my blood is like that of a baby. Not for months have I taken any morphine, and the craving is gone.

"Another thing you may have noticed is that I am constantly sneezing. A "dope" fiend does not sneeze. The drug takes away the action of the nerves that cause a man to sneeze, and I never saw a man who used morphine who would catch cold. I have a cold now, for I catch cold easily."

On Martin's back was a large porous plaster. He tore it off with one strong jerk without flinching, exhibiting in this thing the indomitable nerve that he exhibits in a different way in the courtroom when listening to the details of the murder he is accused of having committed. He said he wore the plaster because of an attack of pleurisy.

Martin repudiates any knowledge of the bloody overcoat found hidden under the seat of an old coupe in South Portland, along with a gun that was stolen from the Wolff pawnshop. When he was told that this coat bears the mark of a clothing firm of Broadway, New York, and that this was the reason the state was anxious to put in evidence the fact that he came from that city, Martin declared:

Was Ready-Made Coat.

"It was a ready-made coat and if they can prove that I ever bought any ready-made clothing on Broadway I will go up and plead guilty. I never had that short overcoat in my hands, and I think it was put where it was found by one of the detectives working on the case."

Martin asserted that Detective Hellyer falsified when he testified that at the time of the arrest Martin tried to persuade the officer not to take the overcoat and umbrella with them.

"I told those officers that I wanted to take the coat with me, and they were the ones who objected to taking it. They said the coat and umbrella could be looked after by my friends. This I will be able to prove.

"And the woman from whom I rented the room said that I told her I wanted it so I could rest. I did not tell her that. I rented that room so I could telephone to some of my friends, get my things in shape, have my wife notified, and attend to things of that kind before I gave myself up."

Martin does not seem the least depressed in spirit by the testimony thus far given against him. He referred to several points, particularly declaring that the evidence of Max Drey regarding the shirts does not appear very damaging. He said he expected to explain the circumstances before the case is finished so as to insure a verdict for acquittal.

Notaries Commissioned.

Salem, Or., Oct. 10.—Commissions as notary have been issued to Alfred A. Aya, William F. Powell and M. B. Keefer, Portland; S. W. Stark, The Dalles; E. C. Warren, Oak Grove; and O. F. Morton, Astoria.

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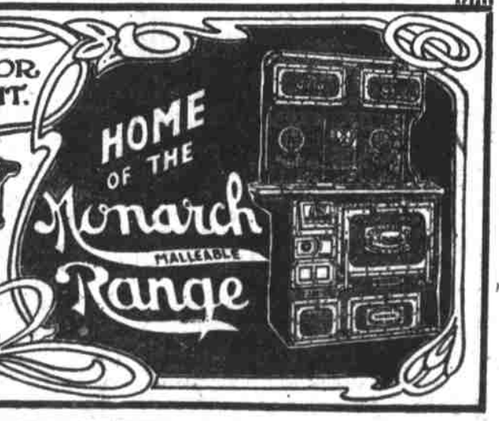

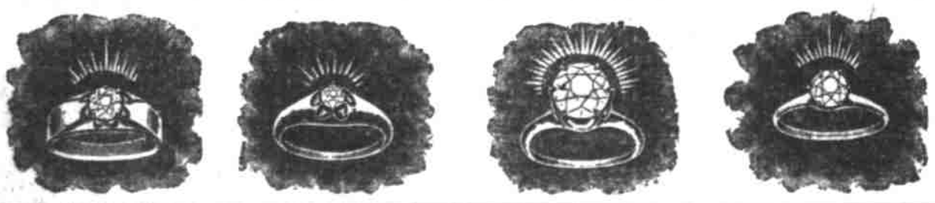

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STEWART OUT OF THE ARMY

President's Signature to the Board's Findings Last Step in Noted Case.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Washington, D. C., Oct. 10.—"Approved, Theodore Roosevelt."

With these words attached to the findings of the army board which yesterday concluded its consideration of the case of Colonel William F. Stewart of the coast artillery, that officer was today formally retired from active service in the army. Tonight Secretary of War Wright addressed a letter to Colonel Stewart informing him of the president's action.

Immediately upon the close of the case, Recorder Howland of the board set about preparing the record. Early today the transcript was handed to Brigadier-General Hall, president of the board, and shortly thereafter the board's report, finding that Colonel Stewart was physically disqualified to remain in active service and recommending his retirement, was in the hands of the secretary of war.

The papers were sent over to the White House and as soon as they were brought to the attention of the president he inscribed his indorsement and sent them back to the war department.

By reason of his enforced retirement, Colonel Stewart will hereafter draw a salary of $281 a month, instead of $375, his pay while on the active list.

MIDLAND SAID TO BE MOFFAT'S

Incorporation Articles Filed to Build Railroad From Weiser to Tillamook.

Articles of incorporation for the Oregon Midland Railway company, which proposes to build a line from Weiser, Idaho, to the Tillamook Bay country, touching at Portland, have been filed with the secretary of state at Salem. It is claimed that the line is to be a branch of the Moffat main line, and that connections will be made later with the road being built into Salt Lake.

The incorporators are C. M. Conry, Miller Murdoch and Robert Caples of Portland, and John P. Van Orsdel, a civil engineer. The capital stock of the company is given as $100,000.

Although it is claimed that the proposed line is a connection of the Moffat road, such a plan is not considered very probable, as the Denver, Northwestern & Pacific is still threading its way through the mountains of northwestern Colorado, and has not emerged into the plains leading to Salt Lake. Moffat is said to have experienced considerable difficulty in financing his line thus far, and it is not believed that he would undertake at this time to secure a right of way for a possible line in Oregon.

ROLLS WILL SHOW BIG REALTY INCREASE

The personal tax roll which has just been completed by the county assessor shows an increase over last year of more than $3,000,000, the total being in the neighborhood of $65,000,000. The realty rolls have not yet been finished but they are expected to total about $240,000,000 as against $238,000,000 last year. The board of equalization will not meet until Monday, October 19, but the books will be open for the inspection of taxpayers next Monday morning at the assessor's office in the city hall.

SIDETRACKED CARS GO WILD

Mrs. Harry Hunter Fatally Injured When "Home" Coach Breaks Loose.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Butte, Oct. 10.—Mrs. Mary Hunter, wife of an engineer employed by the St. Paul railroad was, fatally injured this morning, when the car in which the Hunter family was living on the sidetrack at Grace station, 24 miles east of Butte, and 17 others on the same switch, broke loose and ran wild down the mountain colliding with a worktrain, two miles down the hill.

Mrs. Hunter jumped from the car in which she was, after the string had run a mile down grade, and sustained a double concussion of the brain, and a fractured left arm. Her infant was with her and escaped injury, despite the fact that the mother took the leap with the babe.

It has been estimated that the eyelids of the average man open and close no less than 4,000,000 times each year.