

POWER TRUST IN HEAPS OF FOOD FOR POOR PEOPLE CRAZY GAME TO FOOL DEMOCRACY

Appeals to States' Rights Sentiments—Seeks to Forestall Federal Power—How Mr. Dubb Can Block Mr. Dough.

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.) Washington, Dec. 24.—Frank H. Short of Los Angeles is the admitted lobbyist for the water power interests which are endeavoring to prevent legislation to protect the national power sites from passing into the possession of that which will eventually be a central water power trust. Mr. Short admits that he is here for the winter, but he thus defines his mission: "To prevent the states from surrendering their constitutional rights as to power sites."

Salvation Army and Volunteers of America Provide Christmas Dinners for Many.

Seated on chairs, stools and on the floor at the headquarters of the Salvation Army and the Volunteers of America, Portland's poor gazed longingly today on double lined baskets of Christmas comfort—waiting. The pleasure of anticipation that lighted their pinched faces and the interest proceeding assured square meals, were often the corner stones of their lives, were absent, was indescribably pathetic.

THE KINK OF DENMARK



TRAIN DELAYS KEEP AUDIENCE WAITING

A delay of an hour in the raising of the curtain and an extra \$150 for a special train to get the company into Portland, were incidents of the opening night of the production of "Father and the Boys" by the team H. Crane and the Bungalow last night at the Bungalow. Last night the company made the jump from North Yakima, missed their train out of Tacoma, and by taking a special train were scheduled to reach Portland at 4:15, but unavoidable delays retarded the arrival.

CHRIST COMING FOR VISIT, SAY MEMBERS

Four persons were immersed last night after A. E. De Vennis had blessed the waters of the Portland swimming baths, in the old Y. M. C. A. building. De Vennis is head of the Church of Christ and goes under the title "Divine." Last night's ceremonies were in preparation for the coming of Christ, say members of the Church of Christ, will be here soon after Christmas for an 11 weeks visit.

HOLDUP NOT JOKE; MAN DANGEROUSLY HURT

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.) Salem, Or., Dec. 24.—Mason Siefert was shot twice last night at St. Louis, a little town in this county, north of Salem, while endeavoring playfully to hold up a friend. Siefert masked, entered the store of Goffin & Miller, at St. Louis and demanded the proprietors to turn over their hands. The sheriff, one was aware of what had happened, two bullets were fired by J. J. Miller, one of the proprietors, both taking effect, one in the shoulder and the other in the thigh.

CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED SATURDAY

The city hall will be closed all day tomorrow, but the hard working officials of the various departments are sorry that Christmas doesn't come at some other seasons of the year. Deputies and their stenographers have been laboring overtime for the past week in an effort to complete the annual reports, which must be in the hands of the printers by the first of the year, and any cessation of the routine messes increased pressure on the clerical force at some other time.

Kennewick to Pave, (Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Kennewick, Wash., Dec. 24.—Kennewick's city council, which during the past three months has been instrumental in having almost a mile of cement sidewalks laid in the city, has turned its attention to the construction of paved streets and a sewer system.

JAP RESTAURANT MAN BRIDEGROOM; WHITE GIRL BRIDE

Henry S. Yamashita and Maude Lawrence Married at Tacoma — Traveled From Frisco to Have Knot Tied.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 24.—Henry S. Yamashita, a Japanese restaurant keeper, and Maude Lawrence, a white girl, both of San Francisco, were married by Justice of the Peace Graham in the Pierce county courthouse this morning. After Justice Card had refused to perform the ceremony, the bride is 27 years of age, a handsome brunette, and stands head and shoulders above the groom. Blushingly she confessed that she loved Henry devotedly. Her mother accompanied the party.

EXPLORER COOK IS TURNED DOWN BY FOREST GROVEITES

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Forest Grove, Or., Dec. 24.—Dr. Cook has not only been turned down by scientific men of Forest Grove, but Forest Grove has also passed unfavorably upon him. The members of the Christian church had made elaborate preparations for the Christmas entertainment of the Sunday school children, wherein Cook and Peary were to play a prominent part. But now that Cook has been "Copenhagened" Peary will be the only explorer present at the festivities.

PENDLETON MAN SLIPS AWAY; GETS BRIDE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Pendleton, Or., Dec. 24.—D. H. Goral, who is the prime mover of the Oregon-Washington Traction company, which proposes to build an electric line between this city and Walla Walla, has returned, after a mysterious absence, bringing with him a bride. He was married in Boise Sunday to Miss Lena Alexander, a prominent young woman of that city, daughter of M. Alexander, banker, merchant, former mayor of Boise, and recent candidate for governor of Idaho.

19 Above Zero at Roseburg.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Roseburg, Or., Dec. 24.—With the mercury down to 19 degrees above zero for one hour Wednesday morning, makes this month the coldest December since 1844, a period of 65 years. The cold snap has lasted for several days, but the weather is becoming warmer. Roseburg hasn't had sufficient snow to cover the ground so far this year.

IF YOU ARE A TRIFLE SENSITIVE About the size of your shoes. It's a satisfaction to know that many people can wear shoes that are made by the... (Text is partially obscured and difficult to read)

GRANGERS SHOW ANGER AGAINST EDITOR IN VOTE

Resent Editorial Which Upholds Assembly Scheme—Grange Appoints Committee Which Makes Hot Reply.

"Do we want an army of deputy sheriffs on one side of the street, with an army of police on the other, each representing different factions of the same political party at a state convention, while just inside the convention hall one faction is pulling a United States senator off the stage by his gray whiskers?"

In these vigorous terms indignant grangers at Hood River reply to an editor who stirred them to wrath by upholding in his article the assembly scheme, the right of the granges to defend the primary law and direct legislation. By unanimous vote, Pine Grove grange, after a discussion of the editor and his editorial, appointed a committee to prepare a rejoinder, and the above quoted phrase is some of the interesting matter contained in their reply.

Though the rare gas neon composes but one twenty-five thousandths of the volume of the atmosphere, its presence in one-twentieth of a cubic centimeter of air can be detected by the spectroscopic.

"Pine Grove Grange, Dec. 18.—Editor News—By unanimous vote of Pine Grove grange we were instructed to reply to your issue of the 15th inst., which criticizes the action of some of our grangers who have rightly condemned the attempt of some of our politicians in trying to override and destroy both the intent and the spirit of our laws giving us direct nomination and direct legislation. We grangers are law abiding citizens and do not propose to sit idly by and permit these privileges to be misconstrued or destroyed through such false statements to be used by the assemblyites—those self constituted guardians of the people."

"You assert that the large part of our grange work is devoted to politics. Had you said political economy, or the science of good government, you try to leave the impression that we are doing the very same thing in our order that we deny assemblies the right to do. How ignorant you are of grange work. We have long since stopped discussing men and parties, but devote our efforts to principles and results. My dear sir, in our order we many times vote our choice without even a nomination and we never delegate our franchise to anyone. Some of our grangers have not forgotten many of the disgraceful scenes recorded in Oregon's political history that were the direct result of nominating our public officers through the old convention system, and your assembly scheme has just imitated the old convention. Do we want an army of deputy sheriffs on one side of the street, with an army of police on the other, each representing different factions of the same political party at a state convention, while just inside the convention hall one faction is pulling a United States senator off the stage by his gray whiskers."

"Do we want some of the grotesque propositions of the assembly scheme to be adopted?"

POULTRY SHOW OPEN CHRISTMAS

Tomorrow Children of Portland Will Be Admitted Free to See Pets.

With all but the specials in shape, and with every prospect that this afternoon will see the ribbons in these classes distributed, the show of the Oregon Poultry & Pet Stock association is now at its climax. The ribbons have all been distributed and the pens are today in gala attire. The show will be open all day Christmas day and children are to be admitted free on that day.

As an outgrowth of the display of cats made at this year's show, it seems that a club of cat fanciers will be organized in the state this winter. C. D. Minton, under whose direction the show is being given this year, has promised the exhibitors that soon after the first of the year he will call a meeting of all the prominent cat breeders and fanciers in the state and that efforts will then be made to start an association. Should these efforts be successful it will mean that next year will find two separate and distinct shows given, one for the poultry and the other for the cats. The cat exhibit this year is a large one, yet it is thought that with proper advertising a much larger exhibit can be formed.

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White Angoras with blue eyes—Bill Bryan, owned by John E. Howard, first; Billiken, owned by Mrs. H. E. Allen, second. White Angoras with amber eyes—Mimi, owned by Mrs. Bathurst, first; Crystal, owned by Mrs. H. E. Allen, second. Orange Angoras—Red Wing, Dr. M. E. Austin, first; Yankee Princess, John E. Howard, second. Blue Angoras—Male: Corotte, Mrs. H. E. Allen, first; Sunny Jim, Mrs. Allen, second. Female: Pluta, Mrs. Allen, first; Belle, Mrs. Allen, second. Angoras Tabby—Male: Joe, Mrs. E. Gillingham, Salem, first; Multnomah, Mrs. M. B. Breeze, second. Female: Libschen, Mrs. Breeze, first; John Doe, Mrs. W. H. Johnson, second. Angoras of any other color—Male: Goldy, Mrs. T. A. Short, first; Peter Pan, Dr. Austin, second. Female: Genevieve Guinness, John E. Howard, first. Best amber-eyed cat in the show—Red Wing, owned by Dr. M. E. Austin. Best Blue Persian or Angoras—Cocotte, owned by Mrs. H. E. Allen. Best Angora, any other color than white—Multnomah, Mrs. Breeze. Best Angora or Persian, Blue Eyes—Bill Bryan, John E. Howard.

Big Dairy in Columbia. (Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Dayton, Wash., Dec. 24.—Columbia county is assured of one of the largest dairies in the Inland Empire if the project of A. Granger and other Seattle capitalists carries through. Initial steps were taken yesterday for the purchase from W. S. Wooten for \$18,000 of 38 acres of meadow land, one mile north of Starbuck. Representatives of the Seattle capitalists are now buying high bred cattle in this state with which to stock the dairy. Upwards of 50 head of cows will be pastured on the farm.

Resigns from Commission. Salem, Or., Dec. 24.—E. G. Miller, who has been with the Oregon Railroad commission as rate clerk and statistician since the organization in 1907, has resigned and accepted a position with the street railway company of Walla Walla, Wash. The resignation will take effect the first of the year. Andrew F. Harvey, formerly with the freight department of the Northern Pacific, will take Mr. Miller's place at Salem.

Revival Meetings at Forest Grove. (Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Forest Grove, Or., Dec. 24.—Revival meetings are being conducted in the Vineland district, and much interest in the meetings is being manifested, all having been converted since December 4. Elders J. Garrigus, C. F. Hayes and J. C. Garrigus, have the meetings in charge.

8 Days from Salem to Coquille. (Salem Bureau of The Journal.) Salem, Or., Dec. 24.—It took Sheriff W. W. Gage, of Coos county, eight days to bring a prisoner from Coquille to Salem and return. The trip was made by river steamer, ocean, steamer, rail and stage. Jack Rose, convicted of larceny in a dwelling, and sentenced to serve two years, was the prisoner.

NEW MAGNATE'S NEW RAILWAY TO CROSS CONTINENT

Hawley and Others Thrown to Surface at Harriman's Death Said to Be Linking Coming Greatest System.

(United Press Leased Wire.) New York, Dec. 24.—A new transcontinental railroad, to compete with the Hill and Harriman lines, may result from the action of the Moore and Reid interests, owners of the Rock Island, in taking over control of the Lehigh Valley line, according to a story that gained wide circulation in Wall street today. The new road would be formed, it is suggested, by an alliance if the Lehigh, the Wabash, the Rock Island, the Denver & Rio Grande and the Western Pacific, giving a direct route from the Atlantic to San Francisco. Wall street says that Edwin Hawley, the "new little railway giant," is behind the deal and the report is part and parcel of the stories that he is destined to become the successor of Harriman. Swift movements in the railroad world have followed the recent withdrawal of B. F. Yoakum from the Rock Island, to take charge of the Frisco system as a separate road. It was understood at the time that Hawley was allied with Yoakum. Wall street would not be surprised to hear of an alliance of interests between the Goulds, Hawley, the Moores, Reid and Yoakum, forming a monstrous new factor in the railroad business. The combined holdings of these interests would place such a combination immediately in the forefront of the railroad world.

NEW LAW RETARDS LAYING OF MAINS

The annual report of the Portland water department, which is just being completed, shows that the number of miles of new water main extensions, including all mains of four-inch diameter and larger, that have been laid during the present year totaled 5.07. This shows a falling off in the extension of the water distribution system of more than 50 per cent, as compared to the average net increase of the past five years.

The decrease in the number of mains laid is ascribed to the new water law which took effect July 1, 1908. Mayor Simon has contended that the water board cannot carry out its plans because contractors are afraid to bid under the present law. This is one of the main reasons for the calling of a special election by the city's executive.

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—Every one of our departments is brimful of suitable gifts for men and boys. Men's and boys' Suits and Overcoats, Bath Robes, Smoking Jackets, Gloves, Umbrellas, Neckwear, Pajamas, Night Robes, Handkerchiefs, etc.

—Tomorrow is Christmas and we wish our many friends and patrons a Merry Christmas.

—Store will be open tonight—closed tomorrow all day.

Meet Me Tonight At Gills The Ideal Gift Store.