

W. H. A SMITH CASE SHOULD NOT BE PASSED UP

ASSEMBLY PLAN IS DENOUNCED BY COOS BAY EDITOR

Leading Republican Newspaper of Coos County in Editorial Dramatically Arraigns Promoters of Plan.

SAYS REPUBLICANS DO NOT WANT RING RULE

Plan of Few Professional Portland Politicians for Personal Reasons.

With a ringing declaration that it will fight the assembly to the bitter end, and insisting that the scheme is an "open" contravention of the laws of Oregon, the Coos Bay Times, the leading Republican paper of the Coos Bay country, is out in a dramatic arraignment of the plan and its promoters. In an editorial on May 25, the editor, after declaring how and why he is a Republican, says his Republicanism is that of Lincoln, Roosevelt and Taft and not that of the rule or ringing whose efforts are to subvert the will of the people for personal and private gain.

"A call has been issued for a Coos county Republican assembly," says the article. "The word assembly used here is merely a subterfuge. It means convention and is in fact an effort to return to the old convention system. As a convention the assembly is in direct contravention to the recently enacted laws of the state of Oregon."

"The committee issuing the call did not send a copy of it to the Times. Possibly they did not send the call to this paper because it has expressed itself as opposed to the assembly plan. The Times is a Republican newspaper. Its editor is a Republican. He has always voted the Republican ticket because he has believed in Republican principles. The Republican doctrine which he has believed and boasted and boasted has been the Republicanism of Lincoln, of Roosevelt, of Taft. It has not been the principles of the professional politician, or the rule or ringing whose efforts are to subvert the will of the people for purely personal interests and private gain and greed."

"The assembly is the plan of a few professional politicians of Portland, who are dissatisfied with the primary law because they cannot dominate the party and dictate its nominees. It is the same gang that controlled the party and made it a stench in the nostrils of the people until in the name of decency they arose in their wrath and wrested control from the ringers and enacted the direct primary law. Now the same corrupt gang seek to subvert the people's will and nullify the direct primary law with an assembly that seeks to accomplish the same purpose as the old convention plan."

"The Times does not believe that the rank and file of the Republican party of Coos county and Oregon are ready to return to the discredited system of the ring rule, the surrender of their right to rule themselves and make their own laws."

Call Dictated at Portland.
This assembly call is signed by Dr. (Continued on Page Two.)

LORIMER ALLEGES BRIBERY CHARGES ARE ENEMIES' LIES

In United States Senate Replies to Charge of Bribery With Counter Accusation Against Chicago Tribune.

REFERS TO WHITE AS "POOR, LOW CREATURE"

Says Tribune Assails Him Because He Will Not Submit to Its Dominance.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Springfield, Ill., May 28.—State Senator W. D. Holtzlaw this afternoon confessed to the grand jury that he had received \$2500 for his vote for William Lorimer for United States senator. Holtzlaw also confessed that he received \$750 from the "jackpot" and \$1500 for his vote in the furniture deal.

Washington, May 28.—Demanding an investigation of the bribery charges in connection with his election to the United States senate, William S. Lorimer appeared before the senate today with an explanation of the case. He charged the Chicago Tribune with bringing up the charges as part of its political fight upon him.

The resolution demanding an investigation was referred to the committee on privileges and elections. In his explanation Lorimer reviewed his 35 years of warfare with the Chicago Tribune and declared the paper led when it made the charges that his election was the result of bribery. He denied that any member of the Illinois legislature ever received a dollar from him. He alleged that the attack by the newspaper was directed not only at himself personally, but at a new banking association which he and his friends were organizing.

"It is plain every word was passed upon by a lawyer," he said, "before it was signed by that poor, low creature, White, who does not hesitate to commit forgery for a few dollars, and to whom perjury is no crime."

"When the truth is known, everybody will understand that the publication of an article signed by White was part of a political conspiracy to drive me out of public life and ruin me financially, because I will not do as other Illinois Republicans do—place myself under the absolute control and dictatorship of the Chicago Tribune."

Albany People Will Boast.
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Albany, Or., May 28.—The work of collecting funds for the support of the Albany Commercial club for another year has begun. The committee in charge of the work is meeting with gratifying success.

Senator Lorimer



Man Who is Under Fire.

BALLINGER'S MAN LAUDS CLIENT AS PEERLESS PATRIOT

Garfield Puppet of Pinchot, Is Sarcastically Called "The Pure"—Calls Conservationists Foolish and Visionary.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, May 28.—"Pinchot—Pinchot the pure—controlled Garfield just as he pleased. Everything wild and chimerical, with reference to a tree or a forest reserve, he was willing to do at Pinchot's suggestion," declared Attorney Vertrees, for Ballinger, summing up today before the congressional investigating committee.

Vertrees vigorously defended Ballinger's policy in regard to the Cunningham claims, declaring it was unaimed, honest and straightforward. This was the basis of his argument today.

He bitterly arraigned "that Pinchot-Garfield-Glavis outfit" and denounced as foolish and visionary the men whose names he linked together. He declared that Richard A. Ballinger, secretary of the interior department, was a public servant without a peer.

Vertrees declared that never had more valid claims been presented to the land office than those of the Cunningham group, which Glavis presented and which caused the controversy which ended in the congressional investigation.

MILLION DAMAGE AT MINNEAPOLIS

Early Morning Fire Rages in Manufacturing District—Controlled at Daybreak.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Minneapolis, Minn., May 28.—Damage estimated today at \$1,000,000, was done by a fire which broke out late last night in the manufacturing district, in South Minneapolis, and destroyed a number of warehouses and lodging houses. One man was severely injured and several firemen had narrow escapes from falling walls. The fire threatened to get beyond the control of the firemen, but at daylight had been controlled.

FRIENDS PRAY TO SOLVE MYSTERY OF MISSING WOMAN

Congregation of the Swedish Church Attended by Mrs. Hanna Smith Meet and Invoke Prayers in Her Behalf.

CIRCUMSTANCES ARE BAFFLING IN EXTREME

It is Hard to Understand Why Woman Would Make Away With Herself.

There has not been discovered a clue that might lead to the reason for the mysterious disappearance of Mrs. Hanna Smith. The man Ericson may or may not know anything about the case. Mrs. Smith might be heard from at any moment, but on the other hand it is unlikely that she will ever come to life. Her friends sincerely hope that she will be located and are making every effort to solve the puzzling mystery.

During the investigation of this strange case it may become necessary to show up the shortcomings of Ericson and this whether he knows anything about the case or not. His connection with the affairs of the old lady are to say the least suspicious.

The case should not be allowed to die a natural death. The person or persons responsible for the woman's disappearance should be run down or the friends of the woman should be assured that she is alive and well.

The Swedish congregation which met last night at Seventeenth and Glisan streets prayed together for the daily mystery surrounding the disappearance of Mrs. Hanna Smith and her friends. The offending old woman either be found or the cause of her disappearance discovered. It was in the Swedish Friends' church where Mrs. Smith was one of the most faithful attendants for many years, that the meeting was held.

No event has ever more deeply stirred the Scandinavian colony in Portland. Rev. B. J. Thoren, Mrs. Smith's pastor, with Mrs. Lidell, the Swedish consul, and a score of the missing widow's friends are aiding in the search. The sight of these people united in invocation of divine help in lending success to the quest was unique and peculiarly impressive.

"There is nothing in all our acquaintance with Mrs. Smith that would contribute to an opinion that she would voluntarily wander away without intimating that she was going or without sending some word back to let us know how and where she is," said Rev. Mr. Thoren. "Our people are mightily interested in the matter and none will cease searching until we have learned what is the cause of her absence. If some one is guilty of taking her away by force, he too, shall be found."

Near Friends Talk.
Mrs. O. Boden, closest friend of Mrs. Hanna Smith, who has so mysteriously dropped from sight, declared today her belief that Mrs. Smith was being taken to Ericson's undertaking parlors by Mrs. Edmunds and Mrs. Ouelens Saturday night, May 7, rather than Sunday night, May 8.

REALTY OPERATORS IN RACE TO OBTAIN GOOD SITE FOR KLAW & ERLANGER THEATRE

Realty operators are busy today available sites for the new theatre which Edward G. Cooke, representative of Klaw & Erlanger, says that firm is going to have in Portland by January, 1911. Several property owners along Sixth and Seventh streets, south from Yamhill, were approached by brokers yesterday and asked for options on their holdings.

Herman Leffert, the Washington street jeweler, who owns a fractional quarter block at the northern corner of Seventh and Salmon streets, has been asked for a price on the lot by a local broker, who intimated that he was acting for the Klaw & Erlanger syndicate. It is known that the same broker is seeking to get possession of several small parcels adjoining the Leffert property, belonging to George LaFrance, J. J. Kennedy and Richard Williams.

Half Block Offered.
The Burke half block on the east side of Seventh street, extending from Salmon to Main, has been offered as a site for the proposed new playhouse. The property can be had on a long time lease, and it is reported that the local representative of the Klaw & Erlanger syndicate is favorably impressed with it as a site for a theatre. Another report which gained circulation today was that the effect of negotiations are in progress for the Meier & Frank quarter block at the southwest corner of Seventh and Salmon streets as a site

Mysterious Fortune



Miss Dora Palmer, the East Orange, N. J., girl, who has sailed for England to qualify as heir under a will whose maker's name she does not know. All she knows is that she has been given \$250 to pay expenses and that she is to visit a maternal grandmother who lives in England. The identity of the donor or the possible amount of the legacy are absolutely unknown. She was notified by a London agency.

"PARDON RING" IN COLORADO ALLEGED

Information Against Secretary of State Board of Charities and Corrections.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Cripple Creek, Colo., May 28.—Information charging C. E. Hagar with having accepted a bribe of \$100 while secretary of the state board of charities and corrections was filed here in court today by John E. Wright, a local business man. The charge is that the alleged bribe was to secure for Samuel Hans a pardon. Hans was serving a 10 years' term in the penitentiary for assault with intent to kill.

The complaint is the outgrowth of reports that a "pardon ring" has operated in Colorado under many past administrations.

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CONVICTED BANKER GIVES UP STRUGGLE; WILL SERVE TIME

J. W. Scriber, Who Wrecked La Grande Bank, Announces He Is Ready to Go to Prison as Soon as Sentenced.

HAS NO MONEY TO FIGHT JURY'S VERDICT

Attorney Thinks 90 Per Cent of Depositors Will Sign Petition for Pardon.

J. W. Scriber, who was convicted yesterday by a jury in United States district court for wrecking the Farmers' and Traders National bank of La Grande, Or., of which he was cashier, has given up the fight. He will begin serving time in the federal prison at McNeill Island immediately after he is sentenced by Judge Bean next week.

One of Scriber's counsel, L. H. McMahon, said today his client will not take an appeal, and neither will he ask for a new trial. He has reconciled himself to the decision of the jurymen and will go to jail without further legal fight.

"Mr. Scriber was convicted by an honest jury, before an honest judge," said Mr. McMahon. "We have no funds with which to make a longer fight. So we have given up."

Scriber has a 10-day lease on freedom, for Judge Bean yesterday gave his counsel that period of time in which to either move for a new trial or take an appeal.

Scriber is 54 years of age. When the jury returned a verdict of guilty on all four indictments yesterday, after deliberating only about a half hour, United States District Attorney John McCourt announced that the law prescribes Scriber may be imprisoned for from five to 15 years on each indictment. He probably will be given the minimum—20 years in the federal prison, or five years on each indictment.

Scriber's plea was temporary insanity. He alleged he was demoralized when he wrecked the bank by forging more than \$50,000 in securities, and going away in the aggregate, with more than \$134,000. The bank was turned over to the controller of the currency in 1908 and hundreds of depositors were impoverished. Scriber pleaded guilty to the forgery, but said he was prompted to commit the crime when laboring under an insane delusion that he was saving the institution from disaster. Scriber could not be found today.

Probably Scriber's counsel hope for an early pardon, for McMahon said today he believed more than 90 per cent of the depositors of the bank will sign a petition of pardon to the president.

ESTRADA HAS LOST HOPE OF WINNING THE FINAL VICTORY

Battalion of Coffee Colored Troops Now Menace Handful of Revolutionists Under Provisional President.

TOY WAR MAY SOON BE BROUGHT TO END

"American" Gunners and Their Ammunition Reported to Be Exhausted.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Port Limon, May 28.—Messages from Bluefields today say that provisional President Estrada, revolutionary leader, has given up hopes of holding the city against the Madriz forces and is preparing to flee. He plans to take his staff with him. It is declared, Bluefields, according to reports received here, is surrounded by the Madriz soldiers. Five hundred Madriz troops are on the bluffs overlooking the city and commanding the entrance to the port. Boats are ready to carry these men into the city should a general attack be ordered.

General Arias has made a second demand for the surrender of the city and if it is not accepted soon, it is believed a general attack will follow. If Commander Gilmer of the Padua continues his refusal to allow the bombardment of the city, it is reported, the Madriz generals plan an advance upon the city which will bring the fighting to the very doors of the homes in Bluefields.

The fall of the custom house on the bluffs was a severe blow to the defense of the city. Reports today say that the final assault occurred yesterday. The American gunners who had been defending the entrenchments about the customs house almost continuously for 72 hours were exhausted. Their ammunition was exhausted and reserves brought up from another division of the Madriz army stormed the customs house, and captured 200 revolutionists without firing a single shot. The Americans who had borne the brunt of the fighting, fell exhausted in the trenches and were unable to offer resistance to the fierce charges of the Madriz troops.

Marines from the Padua surround the consulate today. The troops are ready to suppress any disorder in the city and should the soldiers storm the city a clash between Madriz troops and the American forces is not unlikely.

PUBLIC-SPIRITED CITIZENS URGE CITY TO BUY COUNCIL CREST AS SITE FOR PARK

The city will be urged to buy Council Crest and transform it into a city park. A number of prominent citizens, headed by E. L. Thompson of Hartman & Thompson, announced today their intention of going before the city council and advocating the purchase at a reasonable figure.

The reasons assigned for the carrying out of such a plan were numerous. Chief is the advantage obtained for the city by preserving Council Crest as one of the world's most famous view points in its natural beauty without the marred influence of any structure that would tend to obstruct the view.

Some of the expressions given this morning follow:
E. L. Thompson—Council Crest is known all over the world as one of the most marvellous of the accessible scenic points. But apparently the value of the

crest is better known by outsiders than Portland citizens.

Shame of City.
It is to the shame of the city that this place of natural beauty has not been acquired many years ago. It is worth buying at any reasonable price, and I believe the owners of it will be glad to sell more reasonably to the city than to any private individual or interest. The tremendous advantage accruing to the city through the proximity of such a viewpoint has never been realized. There is nothing on the Pacific coast to compare with it.

E. S. Jackson—Council Crest is one of the best viewpoints reached by transportation and one to which all tourists go. In scenic beauty it is unsurpassed by anything any other city I have ever seen.

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CHEMAWA WINS FIRST RELAY IN 50-MILE RACE SALEM TO PORTLAND

(Special Bureau of The Journal.) Salem, Or., May 28.—Walter Haight, an Indian, won the first relay by three minutes over McDonald in the Chemawa-Portland relay race today. Time, 57 minutes; distance, 6 1/2 miles.

Salem, Or., May 28.—In half sunshine and half rain Walter Haight, for the Chemawa Indian Training school, and McDonald of the Portland Y. M. C. A. left Salem at 9:08 o'clock sharp in the fourth annual 50-mile relay from Salem to Portland, having been given word to go by C. M. McArthur, secretary to Governor Benson, in the absence of the latter. Each of the couriers carries a billet in which is enclosed the following message from the governor of Oregon to the mayor of Portland:

"Honorable Joseph Simon, Mayor Portland, Or.—Sir: It gives me great pleasure, as governor of the state of Oregon, to send you greetings from Salem, the cherry city, for these fleet footed athletes. Yours very truly,
"F. W. BENSON, Governor."

This relay race, participated in by 30 men from each institution, has become an annual event. Each man runs an average of five miles, though some relays are longer and others shorter.

The message sent to the mayor of Portland by the governor must be handed on to each succeeding contestant. Heretofore Indian couriers have been the winners, but the Y. M. C. A. has hopes this time of taking the cup.

Walter Haight, who ran the first relay for Chemawa today, is considered the best contestant for the Indians, and has started the long race for his team every year so far. In the race today he set the pace by taking the lead, and though he had much shorter stride than his opponent, McDonald, the speedy built youth, he ran strong and confidently.

The course at the Salem end was changed this year so as to route the runners through the business portion of the city, and the sidewalks were thronged with interested spectators, who cheered the runners on the long race that will end this afternoon at Portland.

The contestants for Chemawa are: Walter Haight, James Olney, Louis Dan, Klutus Jim, William Moss, Frank Dan, Julius Tabbot, Buford Spencer, Sam John and Ben Beachchild.

For the Y. M. C. A. they are: McDonald, Schwabauer, Perkins, Vanderbilt, Laesch, Kurtz, Nessegue, Barnedollar, Paulson and Newell.

Several automobiles, carrying Superintendent Campbell of the Chemawa institution; Physical Director Grilley of the Portland Y. M. C. A.; and runners for the Y. M. C. A. timers and others, followed in the wake of the racers. All the Chemawa participants were stationed last night.

The record time for the event is 6 hours, 16 minutes and 30 seconds. The message should be delivered to Mayor Simon about 1:00 o'clock.