

ANTI-PINCHOT MEN TRY TO DISCREDIT FORMER FORESTER

Adverse Interests Seek to Show Misuse of Public Funds; Chapman Says the Charge is Absurd.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Denver, Dec. 22.—In an effort to secure enough evidence to bring a criminal prosecution against Gifford Pinchot on the charge of misappropriation of government funds while holding the position of chief forester, secret agents are scouring the country. They are backed by some of the richest cattlemen of Colorado, Montana, Wyoming, Idaho and other states, as well as by people who have suffered financial losses as well as the burning to death of relatives in the forest fires of the past year.

The movement, it is reported in dispatches from both Montana and Idaho, had its inception in those two states and the investigators have been in Washington checking up the records to see where every dollar of the forestry service appropriation went. When they finished in Washington they headed for the west and have been in every important center where the forest service has offices. If they get evidence which they consider damaging enough to hold the galling fire of the federal courts of the land it is certain that a grand jury will be asked to bring a criminal indictment against one or two of his chief lieutenants.

The agents who have been in Denver are of the opinion that when they complete their work a grand jury will be called in Montana, Idaho or Colorado. In these three states the war on the forest service has been waged hardest and if an attempt is made to indict Pinchot it is argued that in one of them a jury of "farmers" could easily be secured to bring in the necessary true bills. Dispatches from Montana and Idaho carry what is alleged to be definite information obtained in Washington regarding the manner in which money was illegally spent by the former forester.

The reports say that these records show that in 10 years fully \$20,000,000 has been appropriated for the use of the forest service, by congress, for the preservation and protection of the national forests, but that every time a small blaze starts in any part of them it usually eats its way over large tracts.

District Forester C. S. Chapman was asked today his opinion of the report that Mr. Pinchot was to be indicted for misappropriation of government funds while in charge of the forest service.

"The report," said Mr. Chapman, "is too absurd to warrant serious comment. The expenditures of the service are checked by the treasury department, and no payment would be made for purposes not covered by the appropriations of congress. If it is intended to show that Mr. Pinchot personally benefited by government money it would be a rather hard charge to sustain. The balance would be on the other side of the ledger by a good big sum."

NO MENTION MADE OF FRANCHISE IN TRANSFER

City Attorney Grant this morning sent to City Auditor Barker a letter in which he pointed out the fact that, while the city has taken over the Macadam road as a municipal street no reference was made in the transfer from the county to the city of the franchise of the United Railways on Macadam street.

Under the contract between the county and the railway company the company is to pay the county for the franchise \$6500 in 12 annual installments. An installment of \$500 falls due January 1, 1911.

The city attorney's object in sending the letter was to have the matter placed before the council so that body could authorize the city attorney's office to make an arrangement with the county whereby the franchise transfer can be made before the first of the year.

TUNNEL LABORER SUES FOR \$40,000

As the price for making Peter Stepanoff "sick, sore and disabled" the Utan Construction company was asked to pay \$40,000 in the United States court today. Stepanoff claims he was working in a tunnel being built by the construction company at Copperfield, Baker county, and was ordered to enter the tunnel while it was improperly lighted. When he got in and went at his work, he was struck by a rock he says a portion of the roof of the tunnel fell upon him disabling him. He does not specify how he was hurt, except that it was to the extent of \$40,000.

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RHODES SCHOLAR TO BE CHOSEN TODAY

The holder of the 1911 Rhodes scholarship from Oregon will be selected this afternoon, when the state committee empowered to make the appointment will meet at Jefferson High school. The successful applicant will be entitled to a three-year course in Oxford under the endowment established by Cecil Rhodes, the empire builder of South Africa.

The committee having the selection in charge, consists of President Campbell of the University of Oregon, of Eugene; President Homan of Willamette university, of Salem; President Ferrin of Pacific university, of Forest Grove; President Riley of McMinnville college and President Crooks of Albany college.

Five candidates passed the Oxford examinations, or entrance examinations, but two of these will be eliminated because only one candidate may be considered from one educational institution. The remaining candidates will be considered today are J. D. Collins of Dallas, from the University of Oregon; James Fee of Pendleton, who prepared at Whitman college, and either Mr. Woody or Mr. Fowler from McMinnville college. The remaining candidate who passed the examination but lost was Mr. St. John of Eugene, a state university man, Mr. Collins being from the same institution.

In judging the candidates four points are considered on a total rating of 200. Scholarship counts 50, athletics 40, sympathy of character 60 and executive ability 50. This brings in review the student activities of each candidate. In athletics the quality considered is that of good sportsmanship and fairness, not with the idea of calling for star performers.

Dr. Parkin, secretary of the Rhodes trust, recently visited Oregon and spoke in high terms of the men sent from Oregon and of the interest in the institution. Four men have heretofore been sent from Oregon, three from the state university and one from Willamette.

The man chosen today will enter Oxford in September next. Next year will be an attempt to choose a man, as in the case every third year under the provisions of the Rhodes benefaction.

TICKETS FOR TETRAZZINI CONCERT OPENS DEC. 28

A voice that is pronounced soprano in delicate shading of color, above that of all living singers, and a personality so naive and winning that it brings all hearts to her feet—this is the rare combination that gives Tetrazzini her power to thrill and move the great audiences that come to greet her. Everywhere she carries the vast multitude of enthusiasts by storm. The San Francisco Examiner of December 15, says: "There was a big and beautiful program, and it was heard with extreme sound of delight by one of the biggest audiences ever seen in San Francisco. After the final number the audience, composed chiefly of women, surged toward the front of the great pavilion, walking over chairs, brushing aside the ushers, humiliating the police, as only women can."

Tetrazzini will sing in Portland Friday night, December 30, at the Hellig, under the direction of Lois Steers-Wynn Coman. The sale of seats opens Wednesday, December 25.

CITY WILL INSTALL 200 FIRE HYDRANTS

The special hydrant committee of the city water board yesterday awarded contracts for the installation of 200 fire hydrants. The Ludlow Valve Manufacturing company will get the contract for 175 at \$40.30 per hydrant and the John Wood Iron works of this city will install 25 hydrants of a new type. These will be in the nature of an experiment.

Hoge & Swift, local representatives of the Ludlow company, reported that the water board has the hydrants furnished by the company tested and accepted at the factory. The last consignment of hydrants sold to the city was held up indefinitely by the fire department and was the cause of numerous investigations by the lead executive board.

SENTENCED TO ROCKPILE FOR ROBBING MAN

Through the testimony of 11-year-old Helen Greenbach, of 60 1/2 Grand avenue, Willford D. Moore, arrested on complaint of Ross Hurch for robbing him of \$25, was this morning sentenced to pay a \$250 fine.

Although a strenuous effort was made to confuse the little girl, her testimony was directly to the point. She stated that she saw Moore reach into the other man's pocket and take a purse from it and then put the purse in her pocket. Strict cross-examination did not confuse her in the least. In passing sentence, Judge Taswell stated that it was her statement as much as anything else that resulted in the conviction. As Moore will be unable to pay the fine he will have to serve 125 days on the rock pile.

HARRIMAN LINES TAKE OVER BIG CITY TRACT

The Portland Terminal Investment company, a corporation organized and officered by local officials of the Harriman system, took title yesterday to 18 blocks of North Portland property which was purchased two years ago by Charles K. Henry, who represented the Harriman roads in the deal. The property transferred includes nearly all of the nine blocks between Twelfth and Thirtieth streets extending from Hoyt to Quimby and all but one quarter block of blocks U, V, W and Y lying immediately south of the union depot.

Involved in the transfer was a consideration of \$3,000,000, which represents the amount paid by Mr. Henry for the property two years ago. The deeds transferring the property to the Harriman corporation were signed by Charles K. Henry, John W. Greig of Los Angeles, and W. Charles Bardsley of Tacoma. The two last are relatives of Mr. Henry in whose names the property was taken pending its final transfer to the Harriman corporation.

WAR VETERANS' SHOW PLEASURES BIG AUDIENCE

With topical songs, local hits, musical selections, military drills, and bright remarks from end men to middlemen on the minstrel line, the local camp of Spanish-American war veterans entertained a crowded house at the Hellig theatre last night. It was the third annual show. Heretofore the entertainment has been produced two nights. This year, because of the large accommodations at the Hellig, it was made a one-night affair. It is believed the receipts will about equal those of preceding years. The proceeds of the box office go to the sick fund.

"What's the Matter With Oswald" to the air of "What's the Matter With Father" and the answer "He's All Right" as sung by Seneca Pouta, was one of the hits of the evening. Bowerman and the assembly were polished off, and there were hits on the streetcar company, the telephone service, and other local institutions. Pouta was called back until he ran out of ammunition.

About 40 men from Vancouver barracks materially assisted the entertainment by a drill. These men compose the crack drill team of the First regiment of the regulars. They also gave an exhibition of wall scaling and bayonet exercises.

CLIFF INN OWNERS WILL APPEAL CASE

An appeal is to be taken by proprietors of the Cliff Inn, a roadhouse on the Linnton road, from the county court to the state circuit court, on the decision refusing them a liquor license. This refusal was based upon a petition of voters in the precinct, who objected to the place. The county court held that none but registered voters could have anything to say in the matter, and that names could not be added to or taken away from a remonstrance after the same had been filed.

Attorney E. E. Haney is preparing the appeal, and it is to be argued. His contention is that affidavits of legal voters, who may not be registered, should be counted. He further contends that names can be added to a petition after it is filed, which, comparatively speaking, would be similar to swearing in a vote at the polls. A question has arisen over the return of the \$400 license fee, in which the county court has been advised by the district attorney's office that the fee cannot be returned. This is based upon the theory that after the money has been paid in, passed into the general fund, and the identity lost, it cannot be withdrawn.

CONTINUES FOUR YEAR FIGHT TO GET DIVORCE

Samuel Hallal, an Assyrian water, is having a hard time to get a divorce from his wife, Rosa, a pretty black-eyed lace maker. He has been in the courts the past four years, during which time she has bitterly contested his efforts to obtain a decree. They are before Judge Gatens today with another story. He charges his wife has greatly annoyed him by circulating reports of his infidelity. Mrs. Hallal declares he has an affinity.

SMALLEST OF BABIES; IT WEIGHS LESS THAN POUND; IT WILL LIVE

(United Press Leased Wire.) Galt, Cal., Dec. 22.—A baby boy weighing less than one pound and 5 1/2 inches long, born to Mr. and Mrs. John Harvey Saturday night, will live, the attending physicians say. The youngster is the tiniest on record. His father weighs 200 pounds and is 6 feet tall. The mother weighs 120 pounds.

SET OVER COAST COLLIER FUND TO GET SUBMARINES

Proposal Wired by Portland Chamber of Commerce to Oregon Senators; Appropriation Insufficient for Collier

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.) Washington, Dec. 22.—The Portland Chamber of Commerce has telegraphed the Oregon senators the request that they urge that the appropriation for colliers for the Pacific coast be transferred to the fund to build submarines there.

The Chamber of Commerce on December 17 sent a telegram to the Oregon senators after the Seattle chamber of commerce had been informed by the secretary of the navy that there was not quite enough money to build the proposed collier for the Pacific coast. There is already a fund provided for the building of a fleet of submarines for the Pacific and the Chamber of Commerce therefore urged that the money proposed for the collier be spent on the submarines, in order that the coast might not lose the benefit of it.

LOVETT WILL PERMIT U. S. TO REGULATE

(United Press Leased Wire.) New York, Dec. 22.—Testifying before the legislative securities committee yesterday, Judge Robert S. Lovett, president of the Harriman system, declared the Harriman interests would not oppose federal regulation of railroad stocks. He added that personally he doubted whether such legislation was constitutional.

FORGOT DATE ON WHICH HER SON WAS KILLED

A misunderstanding as to the date upon which her son was killed came near costing Mrs. William Easton her chances of recovering any damages for his death. In the United States court today, for two days the case has been tried on the supposition that young Easton was killed September 22, 1909, immediately following a heavy wind and rain storm. Today it was discovered he had been killed three days later.

Easton was a lineman and was killed in Roseburg, while repairing telephone wires. The defense showed there had been no storm just prior to September 23 and brought data from the weather bureau reports from Roseburg to prove it. The reports so directly contradicted the testimony of the plaintiff's witness.

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hears that an investigation was made and it was learned young Easton had been electrocuted September 25. Attorneys for the defendant, J. A. Kendall, one of the owners of the Roseburg Electric Light company, asked that a verdict for the defense be directed, but Judge Wolverton allowed the attorneys for Mrs. Easton to introduce witnesses to show the man was killed September 26.

Mrs. Easton is trying to recover \$7500 for the death of her son, alleging the wires of the light company were faultily insulated.

GRACE CAMERON WILL RAFFLE OFF ROOSTER

Grace Cameron, the charming little "Nancy" at the Bungalow this week, will enter the Red Cross seal sale this afternoon at 5:30 at the Oregon hotel, where for two hours she will raffle tickets for the ownership of the big red Rhode Island rooster "MacRae." The rooster was donated by the popular chief clerk of the Oregon hotel, for whom it is named. It has been twice given away as a wedding present, but no bride has had the courage to carry it from the hotel.

The Hawaiian singers will aid "Nancy" in securing a fat price for the big chicken.

At noon today Alice Lloyd, of the Orpheum circuit, disposed of hundreds of seals in the lobby of the Hotel Portland. It was "keep the change day" with Miss Lloyd and the dainty little actress had no trouble in increasing

the stamp fund to a large amount. The Commercial club will serve its members with an Irish "Mulligan" in which the big sheep donated to the Red Cross association by Adama Brothers, of Columbia Slough, will be the main portion. They purchased it this forenoon.

Those who will preside at the different booths on Friday are: Peter & Frank—Mrs. Robert Forbes, Mrs. Morris Whitehouse, Mrs. Frank Owen.

Olds, Wortman & King—Mrs. J. W. Ladd, Miss Mal Hirsch, Miss Ruth Rosanfeld, Miss Helen Simpson. Lippman & Wolf—Miss Cornelia Cook, Miss Della Hahn.

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U. OF C. BASEBALL TEAM RETURNS FROM ORIENT

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 22.—After a six months' sojourn in Japan the members of the University of Chicago baseball team reached Victoria this morning on the Nippon Yusen Kaisha liner Kamakura Maru, and proceeded on the steamship to Seattle this afternoon. The trip undertaken by the Chicago boys was in every particular successful. Out of the numerous games played in the east only one was lost, and that was at Manila, where the Americans met a fast aggregation and were noosed out from winning by a lone run.

MRS. BEEBE'S BOND FIXED, FURNISHED

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Wenatchee, Wash., Dec. 22.—Mrs. Hannah Beebe, convicted of manslaughter for conspiring with Mrs. Della H. Totten to kill James Sutton on July 10 last, will not get her Christmas dinner in the county jail. Judge Grimshaw today fixed bail at \$3,500 and the bond will be furnished within the next 24 hours.

SOUTH BEND BANKER DIES AT AGE OF 64

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) South Bend, Wash., Dec. 22.—W. R. Marion, for more than 40 years a resident and leading citizen of this county, died of heart trouble this morning in a hospital in this city, after a short illness. He was about 64 years of age. He was born in Ireland and had no relatives in this country, except his widow. He was twice elected county commissioner and was president of the leading bank of this county for several years.

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