



**THE WEATHER**  
Showers to-night and to-morrow, with southerly winds.

# Oregon Journal

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## PROFITS OF STEEL TRUST RUN FROM 10 TO 23 PER CENT

Commissioner of Corporations Shows Large Returns on Monopolies of U. S. Steel; Lower Tariff Is Advised.

## TRUST-OWNED ROADS PROVE GOOD VENTURES

Common Carriers Controlled by Corporation Said to Show Good Returns.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, May 14.—Declaring the net profits of the United States Steel corporation are excessive, particularly in products wherein no competition is met, and pointing out that the real earnings are hidden on the books for the reason that various processes of manufacture are performed by subsidiary or allied corporations, each of which takes a profit, Acting Commissioner of Corporations Francis Walker today submitted a full report on the steel industry to the president.

The effect of a competition on prices and profits is shown by a comparison of the cost and sale of steel rails and steel plates by the "trust" in 1910. Rails, says the report, were made by the corporation at a net cost of \$15.67 per ton, and the average selling price was \$27.45, giving a profit margin of 41.78. Taking all matters into consideration, this indicates a profit on the investment of 16 1/2 per cent on rails, something which the corporation monopolizes. The profit on plates, where competition was met, is placed at 10 1/2 per cent, 6 1/2 per cent lower than earnings on the monopoly.

**Controls All Branches.**

Calling attention to the fact that the United States Steel corporation either owns or controls the mines, the railroads transporting their ore, and the coke plants, each of which takes a big profit for its share in the process, the report says in part:

"The statements of cost of production, as shown by the cost sheets of iron and steel manufacturing companies, ordinarily include important items of profit accruing to the same manufacturing interests. This arises from the fact that the ore and coke used in making pig iron are largely produced by allied or subsidiary companies, which sell such materials to the manufacturing plants operated by the same interests at prices which ordinarily include a profit, and in the case of ore a very large profit.

"Thus, for the steel corporation in 1910, the intercompany profit on iron ore was no less than \$1.30 per ton out of an average ore price per ton of \$4.18 in which was, in addition to the profit

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## 'DUTY TO STATE' FORCES JOHNSON TO APPROVE BILL

Governor Notifies Bryan California Believes It Has Violated No Treaty Rights, Has Shown No Discrimination.

## SEES NO CONTROLLING NECESSITY FOR DELAY

"We Have Been Forced to See the Question as We Do or Be Blind."

(United Press Leased Wire.) Sacramento, Cal., May 14.—"It is with the highest respect for yourself and the president that I feel my duty to my state compels me to approve the action of the legislature."

This is the reply of Governor Hiram W. Johnson to the plea of the national administration to delay action on the anti-alien land law as it is set forth in a lengthy telegram sent to Secretary of State Bryan today.

The statement follows:

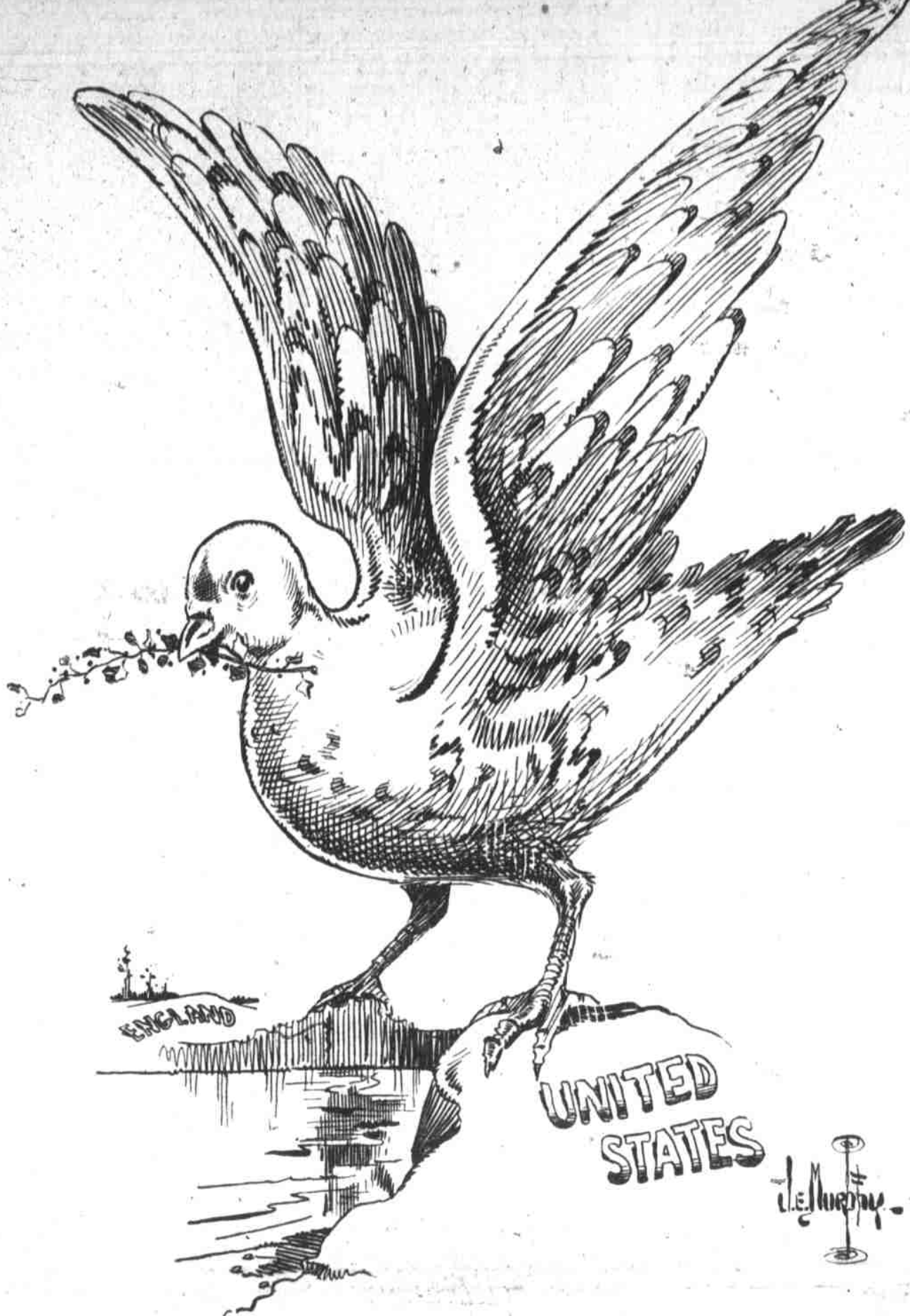
"We of California believe firmly that in our legislative dealings with this alien land question, we have violated absolutely no treaty rights; we have shown no shadow of discrimination; we have given to no nation the right to be justified in taking offense. So believing—with a strong reliance on the justice and the righteousness of our cause, and with due deference and courtesy, and with proper consideration for the feelings and the views of others—we had hoped the authorities at Washington would have seen the question as we in this state have been forced to see it—as we must see it or be blind.

"And so, with all respect and courtesy, the state of California feels it its bounden duty to its citizens to do that which the interests of its people demand; that which the conscience of its people approves; that which violates no treaty rights; that which presents no discrimination, and that which can give no just cause for offense.

"You have suggested to me delay but this question was very earnestly and fully presented by you to our legislature, and the legislature determined to proceed. My province is to approve or disapprove the law as presented. Our people as represented in the legislature have overwhelmingly expressed their desire for the present alien-land bill. The vote in the senate was 33 to 2, and in the assembly 72 to 3. With such unanimity of opinion, even did I hold other views, I would feel it my plain duty to sign the bill, unless some absolutely controlling necessity demanded controlling necessity demanded.

"It is with the highest respect for yourself and the president that I feel my duty to my state compels me to approve the action of the legislature." (Signed) "HIRAM W. JOHNSON, Governor of California."

## THE COLOSSUS



## NEWSBOY ORDINANCE PASSES CITY COUNCIL IN AN AMENDED FORM

Age Limit Reduced From 12 to 10 Years; Free Badges for Sellers.

Amended in several particulars to conform to the views of certain members of the city council, the newsboys' ordinance was finally passed at today's session of the city council by a vote of 10 to 3.

The original ordinance fixed the age limit for boys and girls who may sell papers on the public streets at 12 years. The ordinance was amended to make the age limit 10 years.

Another amendment provides that badges shall be issued to licensees free. The original ordinance provided for a charge of 25 cents a year.

Councilman John Montag strongly objected to what he termed the "red tape" of the section providing that parents or custodians of applicants for licenses must furnish a baptismal certificate or school census report to establish the age of the applicants. This provision was amended, on motion of Councilman Daly, to read: "The parent or guardian of an applicant for a license shall furnish the license committee of the council satisfactory evidence that the applicant is of proper age, under the terms of the ordinance."

Councilman Montag objected also to a provision fixing a fine of \$5 for falsely certifying to the age of an applicant. He said he believed that it would be sufficient punishment just to take away the news seller's badge. It was pointed out by representatives of women's organizations, however, that the ordinance would prove ineffective without this penalty clause.

Other provisions of the original ordinance were retained. Some of these prohibit any boy or girl under 16 years of age from selling papers on the streets after 8 p. m. or before 6 a. m. and from selling papers in street cars, saloons or bawdy houses.

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## O.-W. PRESIDENT CONTRADICTS ITS COUNSEL IN TRIAL

J. D. Farrell Declares That S. P. & S. Business Over Steel Bridge Would Be Part of Transcontinental Haul.

A peculiar situation developed in the course of the hearing of the petition of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle for the right to run freight cars over the O.-W. R. & N. bridge to its new east side terminals on a common user basis before the railroad commission this morning, when President J. D. Farrell of the O.-W. R. & N. expressed views apparently exactly contradicting the main contention of W. W. Cotten, chief counsel of the road, in opposing the petition.

Mr. Farrell was placed on the stand by Attorney Cotton to show that it is customary for roads using a bridge under common user contract to assume an equal share of the interest and depreciation charges with the owning road. Instead of paying on the basis of the number of cars run over the bridge, as the S. P. & S. desires. When Attorney Carey of the S. P. & S. took him for cross examination he asked him if he considered his plan a fair basis of payment if the S. P. & S. should handle only a tenth of the business to cross the bridge.

"Yes," replied Mr. Farrell with emphasis. "I contend that this business is transcontinental business. It does not originate in Portland, but is brought here from outside points. If the S. P. & S. has the ambition to enter the east side and be identified with the growth

## TROUTDALE'S COUCL, IN STAYING BY MAYOR, MAY LAND HIM IN JAIL

Village Head Would Resign to Avoid Prosecution, but Finds He Cannot Do So.

The town of Troutdale, through its city council, has openly defied Sheriff Word by not accepting the resignation of its mayor, S. A. Edmondson, who had promised Word that he would resign from office several weeks ago. When Edmondson officially turned in his resignation at the meeting of the city council last night, the members of the council refused to accept it. One of the members of the council is the owner of a saloon and he openly boasted some time ago that the council would never allow Edmondson to resign.

Edmondson was arrested several weeks ago on a charge of selling liquor to Harold Brundage, a minor of "Camas, Wash. Edmondson secured his liberty from jail on his promise to Sheriff Word that he would resign and pay Brundage's expenses to Camas.

Edmondson, it is said, wants to resign and save himself from being prosecuted, but the members of the council cannot see it in that light. Now Edmondson is wondering how he is going to quit the job as mayor when the council will not accept his resignation. Sheriff Word said this morning that unless the council rescinds its action Edmondson would find himself in jail again.

## FILIBUSTER BEGUN ON TARIFF BILL IN SENATE BY SUGAR CHAMPION

Ransdell of Louisiana Holds Floor; Final Vote on Penrose Plan Tomorrow.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, May 14.—A personal filibuster on the part of Underwood tariff bill was started in the senate today by Senator Ransdell of Louisiana. He held the floor, despite the opposition of Senators Simmons, Reed and others, reading protests to the provisions of the sugar clause.

When the senate convened the debate on Senator Penrose's motion demanding open hearings on the tariff bill was resumed. The fact that Penrose accepted Senator La. Follette's list of proposed questions to be put to all manufacturers appearing at the proposed hearings indicates that the minority is united on the motion.

After a two hours' debate, consideration of Penrose's motion was postponed until 4 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, when a final vote is expected.

## ORATORICAL WINNER IS LA GRANDE YOUTH

(Special to The Journal.) Pendleton, Ore., May 14.—Milton Stoddard of La Grande is winner of the annual eastern Oregon interscholastic oratorical contest, John S. Jenkins of Baker is second and William Brethaupt of Pendleton third. The contest was held here more than a week ago, but was only judged upon delivery. The papers were sent to Professor McCully of Pullman, who forgot to mark them before leaving on a trip. The scores were received today.

## MALHEUR "OIL LANDS" MAY BE HOMESTEADED

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.) Washington, May 14.—Senator Chamberlain has reported favorably from the committee on public lands a bill making subject to homestead entry land in Malheur county withdrawn or classified as oil lands.

## NEW CHARTER CARRIES BY MAJORITY OF 292, SAYS OFFICIAL COUNT

Precinct No. 62 Gives New Rule Vote of 5 to 1; No. 14 Goes Against Plan.

The official count of the ballots for and against commission government at the recent election, completed by the city auditor today, shows that the new charter carried by a majority of exactly 292 votes, there being a total of 24,242 votes cast. Of these 17,322 were for the charter and 17,025 against it.

Precinct No. 62 was carried for commission government by a vote of almost 5 to 1, the vote being 128 for and 27 against. This is the home precinct of President of the Council George L. Baker, who took the stump for the new charter, making speeches in many parts of the city. He made a personal canvass of his own precinct.

The greatest number of ballots cast for commission government in any one precinct was 264 in Precinct 12E. The vote against the charter in this precinct was 161.

The heaviest vote recorded against the charter in any one precinct was in Precinct 14 where there were 257 opponents of the charter to 149 advocates of it.

The Mount Scott district, comprised in Precinct 62, gave the charter a vote of 3 to 1, the count being 221 to 75. A close analysis of the vote in all parts of the city shows that the new charter derived its main support from the small home owners of the east side. Without the handsome majority rolled up in the precincts on the east side the charter would have gone down to defeat, as the 54 precincts on the west side numbered among them far more enemies of the charter than friends.

## CONGRESS LIMITED TO TARIFF AND CURRENCY

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, May 14.—The present special session of congress will consider no general legislation except the tariff bill and currency reform, according to Congressman Underwood of Alabama, leader of the Democratic majority in the house. Underwood admitted today that strong pressure was being exerted to force consideration of the Burnett-Dillingham immigration bill.

## 1000 EXPERTS WILL AID CURRENCY REFORM

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, May 14.—Senators Owen of Oklahoma and Hitchcock of Nebraska are preparing today a series of questions to be asked of 1000 financial experts in connection with the hearings on the proposed Democratic currency reform bill.

"I sincerely expect the bill to pass before the regular session of congress opens," said Hitchcock today. "We will be fortunate if we complete the hearings and get the bill drafted and approved by the committee this summer."

Many members of the senate predicted today that the tariff bill would not be finally passed before August.

## CLUB MAN EMBEZZLED TO PAY BLACKMAILERS

(United Press Leased Wire.) Los Angeles, May 14.—Declaring that he had stolen from the Santa Fe railroad to get money to bribe five men who threatened to expose him as a former prisoner in the state reformatory at Elmira, N. Y., William St. John Ranney, Pasadena clubman, pleaded guilty today to grand larceny. He will be sentenced Saturday.

Ranney was arrested recently and charged in eight counts with peculations aggregating about \$60,000. He was employed as an auditor by the Santa Fe Railway company.

In his statement of the blackmailing which was written and submitted to the court, Ranney said he was sentenced to the New York reformatory after stealing from a firm in New York. Since coming to California, Ranney moved in exclusive society circles in Los Angeles and Pasadena, and was a member of many well known clubs.

## WISCONSIN APPROVES INITIATIVE, REFERENDUM

(Special to The Journal.) Madison, Wis., May 14.—A constitutional amendment providing for the initiative and referendum stands approved today by the Wisconsin legislature.

## ILLINOIS DEFEATS MEASURE

(United Press Leased Wire.) Springfield, Ill., May 14.—A resolution providing for the initiative and referendum was defeated in the house early today by a single vote. It needed 102 votes to pass. The measure may be reconsidered later.

## TOWN SURROUNDED BY BLAZING PRAIRIES

(United Press Leased Wire.) Winnipeg, May 14.—Little hope is entertained today for the town of Andrews, which is entirely surrounded by prairie fires. The citizens of the town are putting up a desperate resistance to the encroachments of the flames.

## STATE SENATE IS INTERESTS' ORGAN, GRANGE BELIEVES

Resolution Favoring Abolishing Is May Be Adopted Tomorrow by Members in Session at Albany.

## "CORPORATIONS AND NOT PEOPLE REPRESENTED"

Attendance More Than 300 Today; Banquet Tonight, and Degree Work.

(Special to The Journal.) Albany, Or., May 14.—Maintaining that the Oregon state senate represents personal interests and corporations more than it does the people, the members of the Oregon state grange, now in annual session at this city, have introduced resolutions looking toward the abolishment of that body. The entire morning session today was devoted to a thorough discussion of this question, and it was the sentiment of the convention that the senate should be abolished. The grangers are considering the matter carefully and will investigate all phases before taking any definite action toward disposing of the body of lawmakers.

The grangers state that they believe that the state senate is unnecessary and that instead of helping legislation of benefit to the people it has in the past retarded such legislation. After discussing the matter all morning, it was continued until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock, when it is expected that some definite action will be taken.

The session this afternoon will be devoted to the hearing of reports from several committees and the appointment of an executive committee to serve for the ensuing year. The attendance today is over 300.

This evening the grangers will be tendered a banquet at the First Presbyterian church by the Albany Commercial club, after which all members will return to the Moore hall, where the sessions are being held and where some degree work will be put on by the team from Mountain View grange, near Corvallis.

## COMMISSION GETS WEST SIDE DOCK SITE FOR \$300,000

Suit Against Star Sand Company Is Compromised and Settled Out of Court; Case Is Dismissed.

## SLIPS FOR BIG OCEAN LINERS TO BE BUILT

Negotiations Started With O.-W. R. & N. to Acquire Strip Near Nicolai Street.

In addition to acquiring the property of the Star Sand company yesterday afternoon for the site of the west side municipal dock, the commission of public docks also started another important project when they began negotiations with the O.-W. R. & N. company for a part of the O.-W. R. & N. "boneyard" for pier and slip construction. The condemnation suit brought by the city attorney in behalf of the commission was dismissed late yesterday afternoon, when the parties came to an agreement whereby the city would receive the property in consideration of \$300,000, including the fills and improvements. The commission is to take possession not later than July 1, and the possession of the property will be subject to the existing rights of the Northwest Steel company, which occupies about half of the Star Sand company's property. At a recent meeting this company stated to the commission that they would not be inconvenienced by having to get off the property after January 1, but that during the summer months they would be at a great loss in moving their plant.

The property involved lies at the foot of Fifteenth street and is a strip 320 feet long on Front street between the American Can company's property and that of the Pacific Milling & Elevator company. It has an average depth of 425 feet.

Secretary and Engineer Hegardt yesterday opened negotiations in behalf of the commission, with the O.-W. R. & N. for a strip of land 500 feet long on the waterfront and extending back to Sherkland avenue, and while the city papers from Nicolai street. It is the desire of the commission to secure this strip for the purpose of constructing piers and slips for the accommodation of large ocean liners.

Preliminary plans have been drawn for one slip and two partial piers to extend out between 700 and 800 feet into the river. The approximate distance between the piers as shown on the plans is 225 feet and the depth of water in the slip will be at least 30 feet.

The property being negotiated for is at what is known as the O.-W. R. & N. "boneyard" where steamers belonging to that company are tied up and repaired. The river at that point is especially well adapted for the construction of piers.

## VENTRILOQUIST HAS A BUNCH OF FUN WITH GOOD FOLK OF TIGARD

Voice Thrown Into an Attic Is Thought for 3 Hours to Belong to Maniac.

(Special to The Journal.) Tigard, Ore., May 14.—A painter employed by the Oregon Electric railway at Tigard, Ore., caused great excitement Monday about the depot, first by projecting his voice so the source seemed within the safe. He was soon discovered, however, to be a ventriloquist.

An hour later Mr. Thompson, a rancher, came to the depot to haul some freight, stored in the warehouse, and the agent took the opportunity to have some fun by telling Mr. Thompson that a maniac had climbed the ladder into the attic and that attempts to route him had proved disastrous.

Mr. Thompson started at once to climb the ladder and about the supposed maniac, and a hot argument was carried on between Mr. Thompson and the ventriloquist for at least ten minutes. Mr. Thompson then proceeded up the street to get aid, with the result that within a half hour not less than 50 citizens were gathered in and around the depot, armed with rocks and long gas pipes, prepared to poke or stone the maniac out of his place of concealment.

If it Tigard; very dignified merchant of Tigard, climbed to the top of a rick of wood, stored inside the warehouse, and declared he saw the intruder and had recognized him as a man that had worked around Tigard the past winter, describing him.

The joke was continued for fully three hours, women dropping their work to run over to the depot for a glimpse at the crazy man. The news spread through country, and people stopped farm work to come into town to take a hand in the capture.

As soon as the joke was discovered the ventriloquist left on the first train, feeling rather nervous until well out of town. The agent was in danger of being hanged Monday.

## BOMB IN WESTMINSTER ABBEY THRILLS LONDON; IS SUFFRAGETTE HOAX

When Supposed Infernal Machine Is Examined It Proves Harmless.

(United Press Leased Wire.) London, May 14.—The biggest sensation of the suffragette campaign here today when an apparently "good" bomb, wrapped in suffragette literature, was found in Westminster Abbey. The supposed deadly engine was at once rushed to Scotland Yard, and while the city papers were filled with the story of its discovery, detectives cautiously investigated. It was found that the bomb was a fake, and the sensation died a-borning.

The police are at a loss whether to believe the placing of the fake bomb an anti-suffragette hoax or a warning from the militants that hereafter they will spare no buildings in their war for the ballot.

Continuation of the suffragettes' arson program was seen today in Sandgate, where a cottage was burned with \$2500 loss. Militant literature was found nearby, among which was a placard reading, "We hope this is not a poor widow's home."

## LAFFERTY EMBARKS ON GRAND EUROPEAN TOUR

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.) Washington, May 14.—Representative Lafferty will leave tonight for New York whence he will sail, according to the story he gave out this morning, for Europe. He will visit England, France, Germany, Italy, Russia and other countries. His office denies that this will be a wedding trip.

## SOCIETY WOMEN LOSE IN FIGHT FOR "WET" TOWN

(United Press Leased Wire.) Santa Barbara, Cal., May 14.—Saloons in Santa Barbara must go out of business by August 1, as the result of a municipal election in which the "dry" element emerged victorious by a majority of 123 votes. Mrs. Babson, widow of Stevenson, Mrs. Mill Potter and other society women worked against the plan to make the city "dry."

## FAVORABLE REPORT IN SENATE FOR SUFFRAGE

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, May 14.—A favorable report on Senator Chamberlain's bill providing a constitutional amendment for woman suffrage is agreed upon here today by the senate suffrage committee. The formal report is delayed because of the absence of Senators Ashurst, Hollis and Randall.

Senators Jones, Thome, Sutherland, Owen and Clapp favored the bill, with Senator Capron voting the only opposition.

## PHILADELPHIA GETS BIRTH ABRAHAM

(United Press Leased Wire.) Buffalo, N. Y., May 14.—Philadelphia today is victorious over San Francisco in the race for the 1913 convention of the Order of B'nai B'rith.