

REPUBLICANS CHANGE FRONT IN MATTER OF APPOINTMENT MAKING

With "Harmony Governor" in Saddle Return to Spoils System Is Imperative.

WEST'S WINGS CLIPPED

Legislature Vested Power of Naming Practically All Officials in Board When Democrat in Chair.

The plan to take away from the state board of control the authority to fill appointive positions in connection with the state government and vest it in the governor is now taking definite form in the discussions by persons very close to the governor-elect.

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Need of Change Seen. During the last several sessions of the legislature, while Democratic governors have been in office, the tendency has been to take appointive power away from the governor, but now the Republican hosts see the need of a quick change back to the old system of the victor belongs the spoils. Not only is this view held by the many who hope to land positions, but by Republicans in the inner circle who hope to see the Republican organization so strengthened thereby that the state may hereafter be held in steady Republican control.

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WANTS FEWER USELESS BILLS

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He said unless Representative J. T. Hinkle, of Hermiston, has in mind legislation for the benefit of irrigation projects, he knew of no special measures his delegation would be interested in. They are interested with the rest of the state in tax reform and such general measures.

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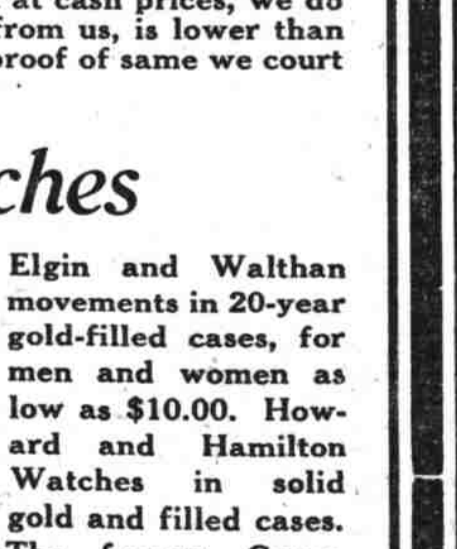
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Beaten and Robbed; Shipped on Freight

Centralia, Wash., Dec. 9.—E. Knapp, an employee of the Lincoln Creek Lumber company, was held up Monday night, beaten into insensibility, robbed of all of his money and placed on a flat car on a southbound freight. When the train reached Castlerock, Knapp rolled off. He was picked up in a badly battered condition and brought to a Centralia hospital, where it is said he will recover. His injuries include a fractured collar bone, broken ribs and internal injuries.

BOER LEADER DROWNS WHILE TRYING TO GET AWAY FROM BRITISH

General Beyers Shot While Forcing Vaal River, Current Carrying Him Away.

(United Press Local Wire.) Pretoria, Union of South Africa, Dec. 9.—Although his corpse was missing, it was believed here today that there was no shadow of further doubt of the death of General Beyers, leader of the Boer rebellion against British rule in South Africa.

Full details had been received of his final fight with the loyalists, and all accounts agreed that after being shot he unquestionably was drowned in the Vaal river.

Overtaken by a detachment of loyalists under Captain Viljoen, Beyers and 50 of his followers were surrounded on the Vaal river bank near Greyling. Viljoen demanded the rebels' surrender. They refused, and, forming along the stream, showed fight. A brisk engagement ensued. Finally it became evident that the rebels were overmatched, whereupon the rank and file attempted to cover the flight of Beyers and his officers across the river.

The fugitives drove their horses into the water, but in midstream Beyers was shot from his saddle. He caught the tail of another horse, and was seen for a few moments struggling for life, then the swift current swept both horse and man down stream.

Later the general's field glasses and pistol were found, but his corpse was not recovered, owing to the floods which swelled the Vaal.

Beyers distinguished himself in the war between the Boers and the British. After peace had been reestablished he was elected speaker of the Transvaal parliament, and later became chief of South Africa's military forces.

This post he resigned when fighting began between the South African British and the Germans in the Kaiser's African territories. He said he was prepared to fight in defense of the Union of South Africa, but declared that the British were in that case the aggressors, and he would not help them in an offensive campaign.

Later when an element of the Boers revolted against the British and undertook to reestablish the Dutch republic in the Transvaal, he joined them.

House Saved by Moving

One residence was completely destroyed and another one was nearly burned down Monday evening, in a fire at East Sixty-fifth avenue, S. E., and Sixty-eighth street, in the Lents district. It is believed the fire originated from an overheated stove. A smaller house next door was saved by firemen.

Circuit Court Is Open at Baker

Trial of the Copperfield Saloon Men's Damage Case Most Interesting Set for Session—Grand Jury Busy.

POLICE BAND TO GET HALF

Next Tuesday night is Police Band night at the Ice Hippodrome, and one half the receipts will be donated to the fund that is being raised to send the band on a trip to eastern cities in the interest of the "Buy Your Ticket via Oregon" advertising campaign. The band will play throughout the evening, and a feature of the athletic events will be the ice hockey game between teams of policemen and firemen. Frank Bourke, who claims to be the champion ice skater of the world, will give an exhibition of fancy and long distance skating, and other specialties will be offered.

Operate on Young McAdoo

Philadelphia, Dec. 9.—Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo's oldest son, Francis, is doing well following an operation for appendicitis.

EX-CONSUL IS INDICTED

J. W. Matthes, former vice consul of the Netherlands; Robert J. Snow and W. J. Summers were indicted on two counts yesterday on charges of forging mortgages. The three were charged with the forgeries last September but no action was taken, although the grand jury has had the cases under investigation since that time. A motion was filed Monday by Matthes asking for dismissal of the charge and exoneration of his bail on account of the lack of action. This motion was denied by Judge McGinn when it was learned that the indictments were to be returned at once. The three men are charged with having defrauded the International Mortgage bank of Apeldoorn, Holland, out of approximately \$100,000 by means of worthless mortgages.

Election Warrants Ready

Hundreds of officials at the election last month are apparently well supplied with cash, for they have not yet called for their warrants. The warrants have been ready for almost a week and at least half have not been called for. The warrants can be secured at County Clerk Coffey's office in the courthouse.

French Still Buy Oregon War Horses

Third Company Enters Field as Sub-Purchasers—Inspecting to Be Made Within the Next 10 Days.

Baker, Or., Dec. 9.—Three Baker horse buying firms are now acting as sub-contractors to purchasing agents of the French army in buying horses for use in the European war. Salisbury & Willoughby yesterday signing a contract with Russell & Co. of Walla Walla, rival bidders against Campbell & Jones of Montana, who held an inspection at the Turner Brothers' stables here two weeks ago, which ended in a small sized riot, and in Turner Brothers ordering the Russell & Co. buyers off their premises. Salisbury & Willoughby have contracted for between 400 and 500 horses, to be delivered here for inspection within the next 10 days. Besides Salisbury & Willoughby and Turner Brothers, Fraser & Fraser, big local horse dealers, are also under contract to furnish horses to French army agents. Prices for horses for cavalry purposes have been ranging from \$85 to \$150.

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