

## LABOR COMMISSIONER

### First Commissioner State, Visits Eastern

### ING DATA FOR A VOLUMINOUS REPORT.

Oregon Industrial Commission Be Thorough and Complete Industry Will Be Classified Surrounding Conditions in Detail—Visits Union, Harney and Wallowa Counties.

Commissioner's first labor census in the city last week of inspection and making, through Eastern Oregon counties.

### Central Oregon.

The sentiment this Oregonians do not know the magnitude of the they get out and travel of it to the other, especially coach. He has just a trip into Morrow, Gillman counties, and found in Oregon is not a proverbial wet countermatte valley, but that has her share of this rejected to think that makes mud, and that it is a county to see what holes in real estate are.

ent the day in Pendleton with the difference, and getting in touch situation here. He is laying the foundation report on labor industries ever an state of Oregon, and in the enormity of his but is more of a present one in which he will with the owners of the the leaders in the lanes of Eastern Oregon to get authentic information later on.

Every Phase. go to the bottom of to him by the labor commissioner of labor his report to the next contain brief reports able phase of the in of the state. He number and extent of concerns, the number ayed in them, the living, conditions sur- veyers, property owned per cent of savings, them of interest and with each industry in

prepare an elaborate agricultural industry, farms, their size, prod- uce products, cost of wages, cost of living of farm lands, cost of soil, per cent of sav- ings, and other vital agricultural pursuit.

Enterprises. al industry in the and the minut- ing each will be order that the out- people of the state tract status of every employed in each, of production of each be given, the cost of stary, in different ate, the cost of liv- ings, and the dif- fering surrounding each

come in for a good report on account of manufacturing interests and Umatilla county and space on account agricultural interests. committees of this taken as representa- Eastern Oregon coun-

rather all the data county officials and is exhausted will canvass for further

information, if it is needed to complete the report on the different counties.

**Manual Training in Schools.**  
One important matter which will receive much attention from Mr. Hoff in his forthcoming report is the subject of manual training in the public schools, and to this end he will confer with the superintendents of the different counties as to the extent of this work in the public schools of the state. He believes it a matter of public importance, and will make a specialty of giving exact statistics upon the subject.

He leaves tonight for Union county, and from there will go to Malheur. He will visit Wallowa county, on his return from Malheur, and return to Salem after this Eastern Oregon visit. The counties of Harney, Lake and Klamath will be visited next April, when the condition of the roads will permit of travel.

Mr. Hoff is a genial gentleman and is deeply interested in the work of his office.

### PLAGUE OF TYPHOID.

#### Beaver River Found to Be Source of Infection.

Butler, Pa., Dec. 2.—Sixty nurses arrived in a special car from Philadelphia this morning and nearly 100 physicians are here now. The typhoid has been traced to Beaver river, from which the city takes its water supply. Health bulletins have been sent to all towns down the river. The physicians say there will probably be not less than 3,000 cases before the epidemic ends.

## ASSEMBLY HALL THIRD PROGRAM

### WILL BE PRESENTED NEXT FRIDAY EVENING.

Will Discuss the Indian Problem From a New Standpoint—Debate Will Be Followed by a Very Excellent General Program Given Below.

The third of the series of entertainments to be given by the pupils of the high school will be presented on Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock in the assembly hall. A very interesting program has been arranged to which is invited all of the friends of the schools. The program as prepared is printed below:

**Music.**  
Debate—"Resolved, That the United States government place the American Indian on the same footing with other people; i. e., all government aid be withdrawn." Affirmative, Mary Williams and George Strand; negative, Elva Turner and Glenn Scott.

**Decision of judges.**  
Instrumental selection, Bertina Alexander.

**Essay, Roy Leezer.**  
Recitation, Jessie Cameron.  
Essay, "A Trip to Switzer's Island," Faye Carney.  
Vocal solo, Bernice Stuppe.  
Recitation, Guy Myrick.  
Music, Sybil McDaniel.  
Oration, Nell Jay.  
Current events, Nell Jay.  
Recitation, Ivy Younger.  
Oration, "Chloe Stanfield."  
Music.  
Critic's report.

### GRAIN MARKETS.

Quotations Furnished by Coe Commission Company—B. E. Kennedy, Local Manager.

**Pendleton, Dec. 2.**—The continued indifference of the foreign market to our strength is having some effect. There is a disposition on the part of timid holders to take profits on the long side of the market and wait for a further reaction to replace their wheat. Liverpool closed 3/4 lower. Northwest receipts 709 cars against 865 a year ago. Wheat opened about at yesterday's close but soon eased off on general selling by commission houses. Minneapolis market weaker than Chicago.

Provisions opened a shade easier and ruled rather weak during the first hours trading. A good demand for May pork soon developed which carried the list up to above yesterday's close.

The stock market opened strong and active at about yesterday's closing prices. Trade seems to be broadening out with the sentiment growing more bullish daily. The fact that stocks are readily absorbed whenever offered and the market continuing strong in the face of some bearish news, we advise our friends to purchase sugar at 115, this stock gained four points today, closing at 125. We look for further advances and are very friendly to the long side of good stocks.

Chicago, Dec. 2.—  
Wheat— Opening. Close.  
Dec. 81 1/2 81  
May 80 1/2 80 1/2  
Corn—  
Dec. 42 42 1/2  
May 42 1/2 42 1/2  
Minneapolis, Dec. 2.—  
Wheat— Opening. Close.  
Dec. 79 1/2 79  
May 81 1/2 80 1/2

## T. G. HAILEY DESCRIBES STATUS OF THOMPSON CASE

Says That Charles Cunningham Made Advances to Thompson, But Was Ignored and Made Threats.

Judge Bellinger Roundly Scores the Witnesses for the Prosecuting—Sailing and O'Hara Admit They Never Saw Their Land Nor Lived Upon it —Thompson Told Asa Reyburn it Would Take \$50 to Get His Filing Through.

Portland, Or., Dec. 2.—"It is a pitiable thing that the court has to listen to such testimony as this," said Judge C. B. Bellinger in the course of the trial of Asa B. Thompson, receiver of the land office at La Grande, this morning. Glen H. Saling, one of the government's witnesses was on the stand and had just stated that when he made affidavit to his compliance with the regulations regarding his homestead proof, he was not aware of the questions and answers as set forth in the paper.

Dallas O'Hara and Saling had both sworn that they had not resided on their land, had not built houses or fences and did not even know the exact location of the property. But they identified their signatures to the proofs of their claims.

The witnesses declared they were not aware that they had taken an oath when they signed the affidavits.

Turning to Saling, Judge Bellinger said: "Don't you know whether you knew that you were sworn when you signed that affidavit?" Saling shook his head.

"Will you say under oath that you know whether or not you are committing perjury?" was the next question from the court.

After a moment's silence the witness replied that he did know at present what he was doing.

Both Saling and O'Hara swore they heard Thompson tell Asa Reyburn that it would require \$50 each for a favorable decision regarding their held-up claims, and that the receiver further stated that the money was not for himself, but for Edward Bartlett and someone else, the name they did not remember.

The witnesses said Cunningham furnished the money with which they made their entries, and that there was an understanding that the sheepman was to take a mortgage on the land after their titles had been established.

The only other witness called this morning was Joe H. Parkes, of Pendleton, a real estate dealer, who also conducts an abstract office.

Mr. Parkes' testimony consisted mainly of the denial of statements accredited to him in a conversation with Special Inspector Green. Parkes admitted making inquiries concerning the claims of Saling and the rest at the La Grande office, but denied ever going to that place for the express purpose of seeing about their held-up claims.

The court room is crowded.

### Review of the Case.

The federal grand jury convened in Portland October 24, indicted Thompson upon three counts. He is charged with asking Charles Cunningham, a sheepman, to pay \$50 apiece for favorable decisions on the final homestead proofs of Mari Shackelford, Shelly Jones, Kate James, Charles Walker, Ethel Thompson and Ora Hamilton, and of requesting a like sum from Glen H. Saling and Dallas O'Hara for favorable decisions regarding their proofs.

The homesteads upon which the bribes are alleged to have been requested are in the neighborhood of Pilot Rock, Or.

Witnesses who testified before the grand jury are: Charles Cunningham,

Mark Shackelford, Dallas O'Hara, A. C. Rayburn and Glen H. Saling.

### The Jury.

This jury was selected to try Thompson: Horace Michelson, Medford, Jackson county; W. A. Taylor, Macleay, Marion county; Charles Hegele, Portland; D. B. Troutman, Tallman, Linn county; Charles N. Gable, St. Helena, Columbia county; W. R. South, Lacombe, Linn county; William Sheehy, Portland; James Hume, Brownsville, Linn county; W. L. Smith, Wasco, Sherman county; T. B. Churchman, Sheridan, Yamhill county; C. Tyestrop, Reelville, Washington county; J. K. Fisher, Haines, Baker county.

### Jurors Refused.

The jurors challenged were: M. G. Edwards, Dundee, Yamhill county; James R. Ewing, Portland; I. A. Allen, Rickeral, Polk county; J. M. Duncan, Nyssa, Malheur county; R. H. Graves, Gwoson, Umatilla county; J. B. Johnson, Portland; E. L. Barnett, Athena, Umatilla county; John P. Cole, Barlow, Clackamas county.

### Mr. Hailey's Remarks.

Mr. Hailey, in opening the case for the defense, spoke of the good character and excellent reputation borne by Mr. Thompson, who, he said, was born and reared in Umatilla county, came from one of the oldest pioneer families in the state and had married into another.

"He draws a salary of \$3,000 a year as receiver of the land office," said the attorney, "and besides that he owns several hundred head of stock and has a large amount of valuable land. There is no motive as to why he should demand a petty price for favorable passage upon the homestead proofs."

"It was Cunningham who approached Thompson, not Thompson who went to Cunningham. Cunningham asked why the proofs had not been passed and when Thompson informed him that the applicants had not fulfilled the requirements of the law, Cunningham exclaimed:

"If you don't know any better than to act like that, after you have got into this position, I will make you wish you had never been in the office."

"It was Thompson who was indignant and who walked away from Cunningham, as we will prove. Ask anyone in Pendleton or Umatilla county who knows the latter and they would brand it as perfectly ridiculous that Charles Cunningham should be insulted by a thing like that."

Mr. Hailey went on to say that before the case was ended the defense expected to prove that every cent of money used in the proving upon the land held by O'Hara, Saling and the rest mentioned in the indictment, was put up by Cunningham; that the sheepgrower desired the land to add to the thousands of acres he already owned, and that Cunningham has had from 1,200 to 1,500 sheep grazing on each claim in question.

"It will be for you to say how Cunningham got the other thousands of acres of land that he holds, before this trial is ended," exclaimed the attorney, "and I think by that time my friend Mr. Hall, here, will feel like the proverbial 30 cents."

### ISLE OF PINES.

Pennsylvania Capitalists Insist Upon American Ownership.

Washington, Dec. 2.—Senator Penrose, of Pennsylvania, talked with the president this morning relative to the proposed treaty ceding the Isle of Pines to Cuba. Penrose represents Pennsylvania capitalists who are protestants because they own heavy interests in that territory and want American ownership. If the treaty is ratified they will attempt to have congress reserve certain commercial concessions.

### CHOLERA IN JAPAN.

All Vessels From That Country Will Be Rigidly Quarantined.

Washington, Dec. 2.—Reports show an epidemic of cholera has broken out at Nagasaki, Japan. Orders are issued for unusual vigilance in quarantining and inspecting all vessels from Japan.

### New Battleship.

Newport News, Dec. 2.—The new battleship Missouri was placed in commission today.

### RUN DOWN A GANG.

Special Train Carrying Railroad Officials Kills Three.

Mahony City, Pa., Dec. 2.—An engine and private car carrying Philadelphia & Reading officials this forenoon, in a fog, mowed through a gang of trackmen near Gilbertson, killing one and fatally injuring two. A special brought the injured to a hospital here.

### MURDER IN CALIFORNIA.

Both Men Drinking, But There Had Been No Quarrel.

Dunsmuir, Cal., Dec. 2.—C. J. McKenzie, a gambler, shot and killed John Inhof last night while drinking, nearly blowing the top of his head off. There was no quarrel, McKenzie tried to commit suicide in jail after being taken in custody. There is fear of lynching.

### Japanese Killed.

The Dalles, Dec. 2.—Frank Nogata, a Japanese section man, was killed by a west-bound O. R. & N. freight train, nine miles west of The Dalles, Tuesday.

### UNIVERSITY BURNED.

Priests, Teachers, Students and Domestic Jump From Fifth Story.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 2.—Ottawa University was completely destroyed by fire this morning. It is a Roman Catholic institution. Loss, \$250,000. Although many students jumped from the fifth stories, none were injured. Father Boyon was probably fatally injured in jumping from the fifth story. He fell on a veranda. Father Fulham landed on his side in a fireman's net in a jump from the fourth story and was seriously injured. An aged woman servant was badly hurt in jumping from the fifth story. Another domestic, Miss Duhaus, was badly burned.

### SERVIA'S MILITARY BILL.

Minister of War Asks for the Heaviest Appropriation in Her History.

Belgrade, Dec. 2.—It is ascertained today that the minister of war's budget coming this season will be the heaviest in the history of Servia. Parliament will be asked for \$2,500,000 for the purchase of the most modern quick-firing guns and ammunition.

### DUEL IN KENTUCKY.

One Killed and One Fatally Wounded on the Streets.

Chillicothe, Ky., Dec. 2.—Henry Gray and Louis Skaggs fought a pistol duel on the streets this morning. Gray was instantly killed and Skaggs mortally wounded.

## ZION IN DEBT AND DISASTER

DOWIE'S CITY IS IN THE THROES OF BANKRUPTCY.

Has Gone into the Hands of a Receiver—Industrially and Commercially Has Good Prospects and Can Be Made to Pay Out With Management.

Chicago, Dec. 2.—Receivers in bankruptcy today took actual charge of Dowie's property at Zion City. Dowie asserts the corporation solvent, although the liabilities exceed \$3,000,000.

### Negotiations in Progress.

After an all-night consultation with lawyers, trying to borrow \$1,000,000, pending the receivership, the court has issued an order restraining any creditors from prosecuting suits for debts.

A monster meeting of Dowieites will be held in Shiloh tabernacle tonight. Pastors announcing it are all over Zion and portions of Chicago today. Dowie will appeal to the faithful and give all his possessions to save the city from the creditors.

Among stories current is one that when his wife departed for Australia, she carried with her \$7,000,000 in negotiable securities.

The Dowieites admit great disappointment that the \$300,000 crusade in New York failed to develop into a treasury fund. It appears to have been Dowie's Waterloo. Dowie owes \$200,000, due January 1.

### CHICAGO FOGS.

Many Accidents Caused by Inability to See the Streets.

Chicago, Dec. 2.—The dense fog this morning is responsible for a number of accidents. The most serious was a rear-end collision on the south side elevated. Harry Campbell, a motorman, was fatally hurt, Charles Newton, a passenger, was badly bruised and cut and several others were more or less injured.

### PANAMA RATIFIES.

Canal Treaty Now Awaits Washington's Re-indorsement.

Panama, Dec. 2.—The junta this morning signed the Panama treaty without amendment. There is great satisfaction among the people. The treaty will be returned to Washington immediately, where it should arrive Monday.

### Ratification Expected.

Washington, Dec. 2.—Mr. Cullom, chairman of the committee on foreign affairs after a long consultation with Roosevelt, said he believed the senate would take up the the Panama treaty immediately, when received Monday or Tuesday, and ratify it without delay.

### Trial Trip Postponed.

Gloucester, Dec. 2.—Owing to the storm the trial trip of the new cruiser, Des Moines, has been postponed.

Buy a good, clever hen, and she may lay the foundation of your fortune.

## BIG STEAL AT GRAND RAPIDS

Story of a Graft as Told by One of the Grafters in a Court Confession.

### A MICHIGAN CITY WAS ROBBED BY WHOLESALER.

Only a Mere Slip Between the Boodlers and Being Millionaires—Water Bonds of the City Manipulated According to the Most Approved Methods of Professional Business Robbers.

Grand Rapids, Dec. 2.—Lant K. Salsbury continued his sensational testimony today in the water hoodlum case. He gave details of bribing ex-Alderman Depagter, also of ex-Alderman Muir, known as "Honest John" Muir.

"We had plenty money in sight to reward our friends," said Salsbury, "and if the Lake Michigan deal had gone three days longer we would all have been millionaires."

Salsbury testified that he intended to bleed all the outside parties then go before the common council, expose them and keep the money. He stated all the aldermen implicated contributed toward the expenses of his trial after his arrest in Chicago. The prosecuting attorney refused today to state how many warrants would be issued in the next batch or how far he will go in prosecuting those whom Salsbury implicated yesterday.

The case of ex-Alderman James C. McCool was then taken up. Salsbury swearing he had asked McCool to become a member of the special council water committee of seven and that he agreed. "I finally paid him \$500 and he was to have \$5,000 in bonds in addition."

Salsbury admitted that when he promised the aldermen the bonds he never expected to deliver them, believing that no contract for furnishing water to the city would be signed.

### SELLING STREET MUD.

Street Commissioner Will Get 25 Cents Per Load for It.

Street Commissioner J. R. Means has put a force of men to work on Main street with a scraper and shovels, and will in a short time have all of the mud off and everything swept up clean. He was authorized by the council to clean Main and Court streets, and see that the mud was kept off to the best of his ability.

He has sold the mud to be taken from Main street, at the rate of 25 cents per load, to James Mansfield, of Bluff street, who will use the dirt to fill in some lots on that street. As there is almost an unlimited quantity of the material, the street committee and the treasury of the city will be greatly benefited should the street commissioner be able to find buyers for all of it. It is to be hoped that he may, for it will redeem the script made necessary by the sewer fund shortage, pay the interest on the municipal debt, and put the corporation on a sound cash basis before the winter is over.

### ACCEPTS CARNEGIE OFFER.

Walla Walla Accepts the Carnegie Library Offer and Will Raise \$2,500 Per Year.

Walla Walla, Dec. 2.—The city council last night voted to accept the offer of the Carnegie agent and agreed to raise \$2,500 per year for the support of a library, providing the Carnegie library fund was increased from \$15,000 to \$25,000. There were no votes against the proposition, all the councilmen being favorable to it.

### Freshmen Ducked.

Walla Walla, Dec. 2.—Three Whitman freshmen were "ducked" by a crowd of students last night, in a pond near the college. No serious results are expected from it, as it was not done in a spirit of "hazing."

### Denver, Dec. 2.

A message has been sent by the Western Federation of Miners to Roosevelt protesting against the banishment of striking miners from Telluride, and appealing to the president to order an investigation of conditions. The action is bitterly opposed by the partisan friends of the president, who claim that he can do nothing.