

TAX CLAUSE BE SET ASIDE

Smith's Bill Removing Tax Disability Sure

AMENDMENTS AND CITY CHARTERS DISCUSSED

Amendments to Charters... Being Changed in This Bill Limiting and Regulating Public Highways Passed the House...

Feb. 3.—Senator Smith's bill to the charter of the city... removing the poll tax from the ballot in city elections...

...to whether city officials should be elected by the people...

...in order to determine whether...

...has been caused by Representative McElroy...

...to wait for teams.

...anti-automobile bill...

...to prohibit the employment of children under 14 years...

...to increase the weight of hops...

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convicts. They express the opinion that 35 cents a day is disproportionate to the amount of labor done daily by each of the convicts.

WORK ON BARRACKS STOPPED. Contractors Do Not Come Up to Their Plans, It is Said.

Walla Walla, Feb. 3.—Through a difference of opinion as to what constitutes a perfectly safe foundation, work on the new brick barracks at Fort Walla Walla has been discontinued pending a decision from the war department at Washington.

Captain Creager, superintendent of the construction of the new barracks, has refused to accept the foundations put in by the contractors, Goldie Brothers, contending that the foundations should extend to hardpan in order to insure a perfectly safe foundation, while Goldie Brothers claim that the foundations they constructed are of sufficient strength for all ordinary purposes.

Captain Creager has forwarded his report to Washington and until a decision is reached work on the barracks will remain at a standstill.

GRAIN MARKETS.

Quotations From All Points Handling Umatilla Products.

Chicago, Feb. 3.—May wheat opened at \$1.15 1/2 and closed at \$1.16 1/2. Barley, 42 to 46. Flax, \$1.16; Northwestern, \$1.22. July wheat, 89 1/2 and closed at \$1.00 1/2. Corn, 45 1/2 and closed at 45 1/2. Oats, 30 1/2 to \$1.65. San Francisco—Cash wheat, \$1.50 to \$1.65. Portland—Walla Walla, 86; blue stem, 91; valley, 87. Tacoma—Blue stem, 91; club, 86. Liverpool—May wheat, 7s 3/4d.

Milliners Have the Refusal.

Santa Rosa, Cal., Feb. 3.—Luther Burbank, the horticultural wizard, has given the refusal of his wonderful fadeless flower to Paris, London and San Francisco millinery concerns. It is understood that no price is set, and that Burbank will not do so until the flower is brought to a full state of perfection.

Four Persons Cremated.

Johnstown, N. Y., Feb. 3.—Jay Antis, his wife and two grown-up daughters perished in a fire which destroyed the Antis' home early this morning.

TEACHERS WILL MEET AT WESTON

PROGRAM BELOW FOR THE ENTIRE SESSION.

Committee Having the Preparation of Exhibit for the Lewis and Clark Exposition Will Meet at the Same Time and Place—Music and Interesting Discussions Will Characterize the Session, and Many Will Be Present.

Tomorrow afternoon at one of the local teachers' institute at Weston will be called to order by Superintendent Frank K. Welles. The teachers in attendance will be mainly those of the towns of Athena, Adams, Weston and country districts tributary to those places. The following is the program to be followed:

- "Employing a Teacher"—(a)—From a director's standpoint. Dr. M. V. Turley, of Weston. (b)—From a teacher's standpoint. Prof. E. H. Anderson, of Athena. "The Educational Exhibit," by E. B. Conklin, of Pendleton. "The Local Institute; Suggestions for Improving," by Prof. G. A. Forbes, of the Normal School. "Proposed School Legislation," by Prof. T. C. Salt, of Milton.

Adds from the teachers in attendance from the three towns above mentioned, the members of the county exhibit committee will also be present at the opening and it is thought the Pendleton members of that committee will remain for the entire institute. The county committee will hold a session at 10 a. m. for the purpose of discussing plans for the Umatilla county school exhibit at the Lewis and Clark fair. The committee is composed of the following: E. B. Conklin, city superintendent of the Pendleton schools; George W. Eyre, principal of the Pendleton high school; W. H. Bleakney, principal of the Pendleton Academy; J. E. Cherry, principal of the Adams schools; E. H. Anderson, principal of the Athena schools; D. Lynn Gubser, principal of the Weston schools; T. C. Salt, principal of the Milton schools; Kyle McDonald, principal of the Vincent schools; L. W. Keeler, principal of the Helix schools, and Miss Grace Gilliam, principal of the Pilot Rock schools.

RESCUED FROM ABDUCTORS.

Seattle, Feb. 3.—After a desperate struggle at midnight last night, Carl Olsen rescued 15-year-old Ellen Baskett from abductors who had engaged a tug to carry her away. The girl was taken to the dock by C. M. Landerkin, a former husband, who was on the point of putting her aboard, when Olsen interfered. He fought Landerkin, who threw some liquid in their faces, but Olsen finally rescued the girl. The girl may lose her eyesight from the liquid thrown in her face. She is in a critical condition. A warrant is out for Landerkin's arrest. It is believed he is cruising somewhere on the Sound in a tug. This is the second time he has tried to kidnap the girl.

UNITED STATES NOT IN CONTROL DESTITUTE AND NO EMPLOYMENT

Reports and Facts Concerning Government Promised Protection to Workingmen, But Abandons Them.

EARLIEST AGREEMENT WAS REJECTED AT WASHINGTON.

Another Will Be Submitted to the Senate—Senate Meets as a Court of Impeachment in the Swayne Case, and Senator Thurston Files a Defense, Giving Justification for Charging Certain Expense Accounts to the Government—Exhausted by Precedent and Usage.

Washington, Feb. 3.—Notwithstanding the reports from San Domingo that the United States has taken over the management of the customs in accordance with a recent agreement, the affair is a mystery. The state department announces today that the agreement has been rejected by the government. It is stated, however, a new protocol will be submitted to the senate for ratification, covering the main points of the first agreement.

Judge Swayne Makes Defense.

Washington, Feb. 3.—The senate at 12:30 resolved itself into a court of impeachment to receive the formal reply of Judge Swayne to the impeachment charges. Senator Thurston, counsel for Swayne, read the answer of the respondent to the charge of returning an expense account of \$10 per day while outside his district. The respondent declared his belief of the law is intended to allow that amount as a reasonable compensation. As proof that his construction of the law is proper, copies of similar charges made by the judges of the third, fifth, seventh and ninth districts were appended.

May Repeal Bankruptcy Act.

Washington, Feb. 3.—The house committee on judiciary today authorized a favorable report on the Clayton bill to repeal the bankruptcy act.

All Procedures Legal.

Washington, Feb. 3.—Father Ketchum, head of the Indian educational bureau of the Catholic church, in refutation of the statements of Senator Bard and others, told the senate committee on Indian affairs today there is nothing illegal in the use of Indian trust funds for the support of the Catholic Indian schools; that Attorney General Knox has given his written opinion that their use is legal and approved by the cabinet. It is said that Dr. Scharrf has no official connection with Catholic church, and if he promised Bard Catholic support, he did it on his own responsibility.

PATHEPIC CASE OF INSANITY.

Mrs. E. A. Miller, of Long Creek, Loses Her Mind After Birth of Her Child.

This afternoon Mrs. E. A. Miller is being examined for insanity before County Judge Bean. She was brought here last evening from Long Creek by her husband. They made the trip in a buggy and were on the road three days. The case of Mrs. Miller is a very pathetic one and also of interest from a medical standpoint. Both she and her husband are school teachers and they have one child, now three months old. Her mind became affected immediately after the birth of her child and her condition has gradually become worse until it has become necessary for her to be placed in an asylum.

Evidently a predisposition of her trouble was inherited from her mother, as the latter was afflicted in identical the same manner upon the birth of Mrs. Miller. The actions of the patient are those of a child and she is not violent.

In 69 cotton producing counties during 1904, 9,717,693 bales were ginned, compared with 7,168,381 bales in 1905.

GRAND JURY INVESTIGATING. Witness Disappears and Deputy Sheriff Suspended.

Portland, Feb. 3.—The federal grand jury this morning continued the investigation of the alleged conspiracy to defame District Attorney Heney, A. P. Caylor, one of the alleged conspirators, has disappeared. Deputy Sheriff Cordaro has been suspended by the sheriff for connection with the conspiracy.

FAIR WORKMEN STRIKE.

About 175 Men on Lewis and Clark Buildings Are Out.

Portland, Feb. 3.—Workmen on four buildings at the exposition are now out—about 175 men. They want an 8-hour day and \$3.50. The government building is surrounded by armed guards to keep the strikers away. C. E. Stevenson, a picket, was severely injured this morning in attempting to get past the guards.

Will Maintain Neutrality.

Manila, Feb. 3.—An American squadron of 15 warships sailed today from Luzon for the waters of the southern archipelago, to maintain neutrality in American waters between the Russian and Japanese fleets.

Shot Dead for Stealing.

New York, Feb. 3.—One man was shot dead by Private Lawrence and three others narrowly escaped the same fate while attempting to steal metal from the Brooklyn navy yard early this morning.

Twenty-five Plasterers Strike.

Portland, Feb. 3.—Twenty-five plasterers on the government building at the Lewis and Clark exposition, struck this morning. They want their pay Saturdays instead of the middle of the week. Guards about the buildings have been doubled.

Off for a Cruise.

Berlin, Feb. 3.—It is announced the Kaiser and Kaiserin and Prince Eitel Frederick will shortly start for a cruise in the Mediterranean.

Paris Electricians Strike.

Paris, Feb. 3.—Striking electricians of the Edison company this morning are marching on Saint Denis to compel the workmen there to quit.

RECLAMATION BY PRIVATE HUSTLE

WILL WATER 15,000 ACRES NEAR WALLULA.

Water Will Be Taken From the Columbia River by Pumps—Main Canal Will Be 12 Miles Long and Is Being Dug—Land to Be Benefited Has Heretofore Been Classed as "Desert"—Will Be Planted to Alfalfa and Orchard.

Private enterprise in Washington, as in Oregon, is not waiting the action of the government in the matter of irrigation, but is reclaiming thousands of acres of land that will be open for settlement in the next few months.

At Wallula and Pasco a large force of men is now at work on a project which will reclaim 15,000 acres of sandy desert lying between those two points. Water will be raised from the Columbia by pumps at Pasco, and turned into a main canal covering the tract. At this time, 45 men are at work on the canal, which will be about 12 miles long.

It is estimated that the land will be worth \$50 per acre, the instant the water is turned upon it, although in its raw state, it has been considered worthless. It is the same general character as the land at Echo, where 10 tons of alfalfa is grown on each acre annually.

Water will be lifted by pumps about 25 feet to the level of the canal. The pumps will be installed in duplicate, in order to insure a water supply in case of accident. It is thought by the promoters that by thorough winter soaking of this land, very little water will be needed in the summer season.

Most of the tract to be reclaimed will be used for the production of alfalfa, although some few tracts will be planted to orchard, it being an ideal peach district. Most of the finest Alberta and Malta peaches sold in Pendleton markets come from the Wallula district.

"Two Little Waifs" Tomorrow Night.

"Two Little Waifs" will come to the Frager tomorrow night for a two-nights' engagement, Saturday and Sunday nights. It is one of the well known productions and comes in charge of a strong company. It is said.

A bill absolutely prohibiting collegiate football and making it a felony, was introduced in the Nebraska legislature a few days ago.

SANTA FE ROAD VIOLATED LAW

Interstate Commerce Commission Announces to That Effect.

HAS NOT PUBLISHED AND ADHERED TO ITS TARIFF.

For Two Years It Has Also Wilfully and Continuously Disregarded an Order Made by the Supreme Court to Observe the Elkins Law—The Colorado Fuel and Iron Company Has Also Systematically and Persistently Violated the Provisions of the Interstate Commerce Law.

Washington, Feb. 3.—The interstate commerce commission today formally announced an opinion in the Santa Fe rebate case, holding the company for the last five years has "wilfully and continuously violated" the provisions of the law which requires carriers to publish and adhere to certain tariffs.

The statement calls attention to the fact that after the company was enjoined in 1902 to observe this feature of the Elkins law, from that date to November 27, 1904, the company was in continuous disregard of the court's order.

The opinion also charges the Colorado Fuel and Iron company with systematically violating the provisions of the act in accepting a tariff on coal less than the published rates.

Combination Kills Competition. Secretary Morton's name is not mentioned in the opinion, which was prepared by Commissioner Proutt. The entire matter has been placed by the commission in the hands of the attorney general for such further proceedings as he may deem proper under the law.

The opinion says the evidence produced shows competition is shut out by the agreement between the railroad and the Colorado Iron and Fuel company and that the railroad and coal company are virtually partners in business.

LEGISLATURE AND SCHOOLS.

Probable and Unlikely Legislation Reviewed.

Superintendent Welles today received the following from State Superintendent Ackerman in regard to the present status of the educational measures now before the legislature: Senate bill 124, to allow traveling expenses of county superintendents to the state annual conventions, has passed the senate. Not sure that it will pass the house.

House bill 31, to provide for uniform eighth grade examinations has passed the house, but may not pass the senate.

House bill 60, to amend the school laws, has passed the house, and will undoubtedly pass the senate.

House bill 180, relating to district school levies, has been indefinitely postponed.

Senate bill 183, to authorize county superintendents to dispense with annual institute during 1905, has passed the senate and will undoubtedly pass the house.

CHINESE NEW YEAR HAS BEGUN

Ushered in With Firecrackers and Feasting Last Night.

There are a lot of sleepy Chinese in Pendleton today after their festivities last night. A number of them were congregated this morning in Ung Goe's store and were filled with the holiday spirit. In the early part of last night they were collected in various groups throughout the Chinese quarters, where they feasted in honor of the occasion. At midnight fireworks were set off, and the new year ushered in with appropriate noise. This morning the sidewalks in front of the different houses were strewn with exploded firecrackers, giving a Fourth of July appearance to the day.

There is no particular program for this evening, and each household will celebrate privately as they may see fit. However, there is talk of having a general meeting within a few days.

Business Houses Burned.

St. Louis, Feb. 3.—Six large office and store buildings in East St. Louis were destroyed by fire at 5 this morning. Several persons were injured, but none seriously. The losses of the Josephine building equals \$100,000, the Walsh and Zeigenthal buildings \$50,000 each, and other losses, \$10,000. The cold obstructed the flow of water.