

# RAILROAD LITERARY BUREAU IS CLOSED

"Finitis," the epitaph of the Michaelis and Ellsworth railroad publicity bureau of Chicago, has been written. The edict has gone forth that the main office in Chicago, and all of the branch offices throughout the middle west shall be closed. The hundreds of representatives who have been traveling industriously over the country "interviewing" the editors of newspapers and trying by one means or another—usually the other—to spread the propaganda against President Roosevelt's rate regulation program, all have been ordered in, to receive their last pay envelopes and to have their elastic expense accounts checked up.

The railroad men are as silent about this closing order as they have been about their interest in the bureau during its existence. At the office of the bureau itself the subassistant manager, who was the only person in charge, declared that he had not been told yet to close the office. Nevertheless the fact remains that the bureau is to close.

### Why Bureau Closed.

There are several rumors as to why the bureau will close, both of which have their adherents. On the one hand it is said that Samuel Spencer, and the railroad presidents who originated the idea of having a publicity bureau to wean the people of the United States from President Roosevelt's idea on rate regulation, have come to believe that their object has been accomplished. It is only a short time before the convening of congress, and the railroads will transfer all their energies to Washington, to work direct with the congressmen and senators. It is said that the railroad executives have been led to believe from the reports they have received from their agents in the bureau that the work has been eminently successful, that newspapers all over the country are beginning to voice the railroad's side of the question, and that a majority of the people would vote against a proposition to give the interstate commerce commission rate making power, if the question were put to them as a referendum tomorrow. The maintenance of this bureau

has been extremely expensive, the different roads having been assessed nearly \$2,000,000 pro rata, to pay its expenses. It is said that the officials and directors will not be sorry to have this drain on their resources cease, especially as there will be new expenses to be incurred in connection with their lobby at Washington.

Another reason which is given for the closing of the bureau is that George V. S. Michaelis, who is said to be the head and brains of the bureau, is lying at death's door in a hospital in New York. In this connection it is said that the railroad presidents feel that without Mr. Michaelis the bureau will not be able to continue the work as outlined, and that has helped them to come to the present decision to close the bureau.

The other rumor concerning the closing of the bureau, and this has even more adherents than the first rumor, is that the bureau has proven a failure, and an expensive luxury, which has done the railroad cause incalculable harm, and scarcely any good. It is pointed out by those who believe in this theory, that the latest fiasco of the bureau was the rump convention in Chicago, which it organized to nullify as much as possible the law convention. Instead of helping matters, it only brought into more prominence the underhanded methods which the railroads have been using in their campaign.

It is recognized by every railroad president in the country that in the case of the rump convention the bureau did a great deal of harm. They were so open in managing the rump convention that every one with eyes could see that it was no more than a railroad scheme.

Another thing which has disgusted the railroad officials with the bureau is the fact that while they were expected to work in the dark and accomplish their results and issue their pronouncements, editorials and news matter, without disclosing the fact that they were in any way connected with the railroads, they have as a matter of fact managed to get in the limelight from the first, and several times their agents have been exposed for trying to bribe newspaper publishers.

### WOOD IS PLENTIFUL

Over 6000 Cords at the Blue Mountain Stations Ready for Shipment.

Perhaps the increased use of coal as fuel in this city and other wood consuming cities of the inland empire is responsible for the plentiful supply of wood at the Blue Mountain stations this fall, as the amount cut last summer was not as great as former years by many hundreds of cords, and yet the supply is greater than for several years it seems.

It is estimated that on the Blue mountains between Huron and Spring Spur there are 6000 cords of excellent wood awaiting shipment to this city, Walla Walla and other wood markets. Cars are plentiful for all present needs and the wood is loaded out of the yards as rapidly as the orders are received.

### REMODELING OFFICE.

Will Greatly Improve the Sheriff's Official Quarters.

Today the workmen at the court house began remodeling the sheriff's office, and as a result all clerical work has been suspended, it being impossible to use the office while the work is in progress. The ceiling of the room will be replastered and the walls papered. Also, the arrangement of the counter will be changed, and all of the woodwork repainted or varnished. Some new desks are likewise to be added to the office, and when the improvements are completed the office will present a much better appearance than in the past.

### CHANGES IN THE PARLORS.

Will Promote Warming of the Library and the Reading Room.

Some changes are now being made in the arrangement of the Commercial association rooms by Librarian A. W. Nye. The librarian's desk, together with the cards and cigars, are being moved into the library room, thus allowing more room for card tables. Also, it is proposed to have the stove to the side next the library, so as to better heat both the library and the card or reading room.

### HEGERMAN WILL BE GOVERNOR.

Will Succeed Oteros January 22, in New Mexico.

Washington, Nov. 24.—The president this morning announced the appointment of Herbert Hegerman of Roswell, N. M., to be governor of that territory, to take effect at the expiration of Oteros' term, January 23, 1909.

### Bank of Mendon Dynamited.

Mendon, O., Nov. 24.—The bank of Mendon was dynamited last night and \$75,000 is reported stolen.

At a bullfight at Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, Felix Robert, French matador was tossed and badly hurt, while Francisco Piquero, a Spanish matador, was tossed, gored and killed.

### ATTRACTIONS AT THE FRAZER THEATRE.

#### The Great McEwen.

The great McEwen and company will begin a five nights' engagement at the Frazer next Sunday night, with a Thanksgiving matinee at 2:30 on Thursday afternoon, November 30. Aside from his excellent hypnotic entertainment McEwen is accompanied by a first-class company of vaudeville artists who will assist in each evening's entertainment. McEwen is well known here, where he has appeared before delighted audiences on several occasions.



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#### "Jolly American Tramp."

The happy-go-lucky "Weary Willie" will be a new exponent on the stage when Manager U. D. Newell presents E. E. Kidder's strikingly original comedy drama, "A Jolly American Tramp," at the Frazer on December 2. This piece is said to be more strikingly intense than the same author's other plays, "Peaceful Valley" and "A Poor Relation," that he wrote for Sol Smith Russell.

In "A Jolly American Tramp" he holds the attention of his audience by the quality of his wit, the deep touches of pathos that he has interwoven in its interesting plot, and the convincing comedy with which it is interspersed. Of course, the despised tramp turns out to be a hero in rags, and the supposed millionaire whose greed for gold leads him to commit felony, simply does what all his ilk in the big trusts are doing every day. There are many scenes and incidents portrayed that will be worth witnessing in that it shows how the rights of the many are ruthlessly brushed aside by the few, but in the end the wronged triumph, and justice gets its reward.

The cast that is to unfold this interesting story contains the names of many of this country's best players, among them being Clark Ross, Berline Farnsworth, Cora Lee Jefferson, Virginia Melville, Vera Wilson, W. S. Ely and others. Much attention has been paid, too, to the costuming, each character presenting the exact prototype of the original from which the talented author took his conception.

#### PROMPT PAYMENTS.

One of the Many Thankful Patrons of the Conservative Life Insurance Co., Expresses His Appreciation.

This is one of many letters of appreciation received from policy holders in Umatilla county for the payment of accident and health claims under their combination policies held in the Conservative Life Insurance company of Los Angeles California:

Pendleton, Or., Nov. 14, 1908. C. A. Youngberg, Special Representative Conservative Life Insurance Company:

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Yours very truly,  
WILLIAM R. MEINERS.

#### AN APPEAL FOR HELP.

People of Oregon Asked to Send Thanksgiving Offering.

The Boys' and Girls' Aid Society of Oregon, has issued an appeal for Thanksgiving donations and as usual Oregon will respond liberally:

A year ago Pendleton public schools collected over \$200 worth of money, food and clothing for this institution and it is thought some effort will be made this year to duplicate that gift.

The superintendent's annual report shows that they have cared for during the past year 408 children. Out of this number 259 were entirely new cases, the balance were children returned or recalled from family homes for cause. The 259 cases were from the following counties: Baker, 1; Benton, 10; Clackamas, 4; Clatsop, 5; Columbia, 4; Coos, 6; Crook, 2; Josephine, 1; Lane, 14; Linn, 2; Multnomah, 181; Marion, 7; Polk, 2; Umatilla, 6; Walla, 1; Wasco, 6; Washington, 4; Yamhill, 4.

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- \$1.25 Yard Table Linen; Sale Price.....89c
- 95c Yard Table Linen; Sale Price.....69c
- 75c Yard Table Linen; Sale Price.....47c
- 45c Yard Table Linen; Sale Price.....29c
- 15c Huck Linen Towels, each.....9c

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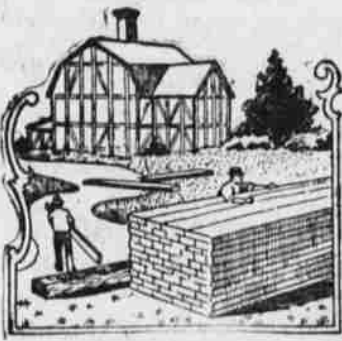
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