



PLUMMER SAYS GEER TOOK MONEY

New and Strong Affidavit is Made Concerning Penitentiary Deal.

GEER RECEIVED \$200,
\$50 AND \$750 IN CASH.

Details of the Transaction Are Given and Sworn to This Week by H. B. Plummer—He Tells When, Where and by Whom the Disgraceful Deal Was Made and Stands Ready to Back His Statements.

Since T. T. Geer has called the editor of the East Oregonian, H. B. Plummer, Belden H. Grant and everybody else in reach of his voice, liars, scoundrels and impostors on account of the publication of the fact that Geer sold the office of superintendent of the Oregon penitentiary for \$1000 and then failed to "make good," the following fresh and juicy affidavit from H. B. Plummer, dated in Portland this week, may be of interest.

Mr. Plummer has voluntarily made the affidavit so the voters of the second congressional district may know the facts in the matter and it is only just to the voters that the affidavit be made public. Mr. Plummer's word is pledged against that of T. T. Geer and the matter is submitted without comment.

State of Oregon, County of Multnomah, ss.

I, H. B. Plummer, being first duly sworn according to law, depose and say: That at present I am a resident of Portland, county of Multnomah, state of Oregon; that previous to locating in Portland I was a resident of Polk county, state of Oregon, for some 30 years, serving as sheriff for that county from July, 1894, to July, 1898; that Belden H. Grant was my deputy from July, 1896 to July, 1898; that on or about March 11, 1898, I went to Salem, situated in Marion county, this state, T. T. Geer, then a candidate for governor, accompanying me on the return trip to Dallas, Polk county, this state, where he was to speak that night; that on the way over in my buggy, Mr. Geer said if he had the money to put up to carry what he called Governor Leard's precinct, he was sure he could get the nomination, and added that he was short of money; that I made the proposition to him, if he would appoint me superintendent of the penitentiary, I would put up \$1000 for his campaign expenses and would pay him \$200 to be used in Salem as he had suggested; that I said substantially: "If you don't get the nomination I lose the \$200 and if you get defeated I lose the whole \$1000, but if you are elected I get the penitentiary superintendency."

The next morning by appointment, Mr. Geer came to the sheriff's office, going into the private office, my deputy, Belden H. Grant, being present, but before any conversation was had Mr. Grant stepped out into the main office. I said, "what do you think about the proposition?" Geer said in substance, "Well, I have considered your proposition and if you will help me in Salem to carry the town and Leard's precinct I am sure of the nomination. I'll take the \$200, and if I am nominated you can pay me \$800 more and if I am elected I will give you the superintendency of the penitentiary."

He added that "it was good politics" to give me this place; that I took \$200 out of the safe and handed it to him, making a tag for the same; that afterwards in Salem, the day of the primaries and before he was nominated, I paid him \$50 more in the recess of the Albert Bank; that after the state convention at Astoria, I met Geer in Salem on the street, on April 28, 1898, and he took me to Dr. J. N. Smith's office where he said: "We will fix things up;" that Dr. Smith being busy, we went to the republican headquarters and there I paid him the balance of \$750 due him and previous payments, he signed a sort of receipt and contract combined, which acknowledged the payment of the money and stated that if elected I was to have the superintendency of

REPUBLICANS CARRIED EVERYTHING IN SIGHT.

Tacoma, April 8.—Thousands of scratched tickets in the municipal election yesterday, made Linck, the republican candidate, mayor by a large majority and backed him with a solid delegation of republican officials. It was the most sweeping victory in many years here. The new officials will be inaugurated next Wednesday.

the state penitentiary; that said receipt was substantially as follows: "Salem, Oregon, April 28, 1898. Received from H. B. Plummer \$1000, in consideration of I am elected governor of Oregon next June, I will appoint H. B. Plummer superintendent of the penitentiary for a period of four years." (Signed) "T. T. Geer."

This contract Mr. Geer failed to keep and afterwards, as the people of Oregon will remember, he appointed J. D. Lee to the place instead of myself; that said receipt has been seen by some of the most prominent citizens of Oregon, many of them republicans who were and are well known; that they recognized the signature as that of T. T. Geer; that of all these facts and many more corroborative of this transaction, I stand ready to back either in the public press of this state by interview or affidavit, or by word of mouth; that the affidavit of Belden H. Grant is substantially true in every particular.

(Signed) H. B. PLUMMER.
Subscribed and sworn to before me, in the county aforesaid this 4th day of April, A. D. 1908.

GEO. A. BRODIE,
Notary Public for Oregon.
(Notarial Seal)

UMATILLA CATTLE SENT TO ALASKA

FIFTEEN CARLOADS TO
GO OUT THIS WEEK

J. T. Cox, Independent Buyer of Seattle, Takes Cream of Eastern Oregon Tard for the Alaskan Market—The North Country Is Fast Becoming an Excellent Market for Inland Empire Stuff.

Fifteen carloads of eastern Oregon's finest fat steers are being sent out this week to Alaska by J. T. Cox, the well known independent cattle buyer of Seattle.

Mr. Cox has just purchased two cars from Dan Shaw of this county and the remainder will be shipped from Ontario. All of the shipment are heavy cattle, the choice of the herds, and will be sent in to Dawson by Mr. Cox early this spring.

The Alaskan markets are opening up gradually every year and according to Mr. Cox that vast region will soon afford a market for more stuff than is now prepared for market in the inland empire.

All that is now needed is better transportation facilities to make Alaska the greatest market on the western hemisphere. All parts of the territory are being rapidly settled and all the mining districts are proving to be substantial and permanent and an immense population will soon be supported by that country.

The bulk of the fat cattle has been shipped out of eastern Oregon this spring. Nate Rains shipped out two cars last evening to Seattle. These were purchased from Roy Arbogast of Ritter and but few small herds of fat cattle now remain in this section. Over 10,000 head have been shipped out during the past winter and the prices have been highly satisfactory to feeders.

Two-Mile Record Broken.

Some remarkable performances, including the breaking of the intercollegiate coast record in the two-mile, marked the athletic meeting between Pomona college and the University of California this afternoon, says a Berkeley item. The final score was, Berkeley, 902-3; Pomona, 311-3. Himrod, of Pomona, ran two miles in 10:10 2-5, breaking Nash's record of 10:11. Stanton of California, equalled the coast record in the 440-yard dash in 50 3-5 seconds.

six bishops and 40 priests in attendance. The ceremony will commence at 9 o'clock and the principal address will be by Archbishop Christie. In the evening another service will be held, the address being by Bishop Carroll of Helena.

Within a short time a handsome residence of 18 rooms will be erected for Bishop O'Reilly adjoining the cathedral. The residence will cost \$10,000.

Father Neate, priest of the Pendleton Catholic church, Father Chianale, of St. Andrews' mission on the reservation, Mother Stanislaus and Sister Killian will all leave this evening for Baker City to attend the cathedral dedicatory service which is to be held there tomorrow.

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FLEET'S PROGRAM ON PUGET SOUND

Bureau of Navigation Issues Itinerary for the Northwest Coast.

FLEET TO REACH PUGET
SOUND WATERS MAY 21.

Four Ships Will Go to Port Angeles Eight to Bellingham and Three to Port Townsend—On May 26 Fleet of 12 Will Go to Tacoma and From There Eight Will Go to San Francisco—Will Reach Bay City by July 3.

Washington, April 8.—The bureau of navigation today issued a program for the movement of the Atlantic fleet after the grand review in San Francisco.

On May 18 the fleet will leave for Puget sound, and will arrive on May 21. Four ships will then visit Port Angeles, eight Bellingham bay and three Port Townsend.

The vessels will then be docked and afterwards anchored at Seattle.

On May 26 12 of the ships will sail for Tacoma and then without anchoring eight vessels will leave for San Francisco, leaving four at Tacoma.

By July 3 all of the vessels are expected back at San Francisco.

Naval Bill Is Enormous.

Washington, April 8.—An enormous increase of the naval expenditure is planned in the naval appropriation bill submitted to the house today. Twenty million dollars is the amount demanded.

The measure provides for two battleships costing \$5,000,000 each, 10 torpedo boat destroyers at \$700,000 each, eight submarines at \$3,500,000 and one sub-surface boat at \$22,500. The enlistment of 6000 additional men is provided for.

France Abandons Race.

San Francisco, April 8.—The owners of the French automobile, Motor-bloc, in the New York-to-Paris race, have ordered car sold in San Francisco and will abandon the race. Information has reached here from Port Liem, Alaska, that the roaded through Alaska is impassable. This may compel the Thomas car now en route to Alaska, to abandon that route.

Once More—Jack London.

San Francisco, April 8.—Mr. and Mrs. Jack London started on a round-the-world cruise again on the yacht Shark. She news arrived here by steamer from Tahiti that the London party left Tahiti on March 25 for the island of Moorea. He will return to Paapea and then go to Papeete.

Governor Gillette Ill.

San Francisco, April 8.—Physicians attending Governor Gillette who is at the Fairmount, say the governor is improving and will be able to leave his bed in a few days.

NEWSPAPER FROM GUAM.

Guam News Letter Sent by His Son to B. F. Renn.

B. F. Renn, ex-councilman, has just received a copy of the Guam News Letter, a weekly paper published at the island of Guam in the Pacific ocean. The paper is printed half in English and half in Spanish and gives an insight into life in that lonely American possession.

It was sent to Mr. Renn by his son, who is on an American gunboat now in the waters of the Pacific. It is dated February 29, which is its natal day, this being the first number.

The first item tells of the celebration of Washington's birthday on the island by firing a salute of 21 guns from the naval station.

The population of Guam is now 11,361, of whom 10,998 are natives and 363 foreigners, the remainder being the naval force of the United States numbering 140 men.

The only advertisement carried in the paper is that of a drug store, the Susanna pharmacy, in which a base-mist hospital is conducted.

Buy a Big Automobile.

The largest auto to be owned by Union autoists, is on the way here, destined to Hot Lake, for Dr. Phyl says the La Grande Observer. It is also the highest priced machine, costing \$4600. The machine is of the Franklin make, of 6-cylinder grade and rated at 60 miles an hour. This will, of course, be a wonder when it gets here. The sport of automobilism in Union county is rapidly becoming more and more popular. At present there are 17 machines in La Grande and 34 in the county outside of La Grande. More are coming. Jay Van Buren is in Portland with the intention of purchasing a new machine, and still others are contemplating the purchase of new machines.

WAR CLOUD NOW OVER THE ORIENT

Chinese-Japanese Difficulty in Manchuria is Far From Settlement.

CHINA SAYS JAPAN
SEEKS TO COERCE HER

Arrival of the Evans Fleet in the Waters of the Pacific Said to Have Direct Bearing on the Oriental Question—China Has Become More Haughty and Will Now Fight to the End—Will Not Run Away from Japan.

Tokio, April 8.—Japan is worried over the negotiations now progressing between the United States and Russia over the status of the latter in Manchuria.

Sensationalists connect the arrival of the Evans fleet with the opening of these negotiations.

A Washington dispatch says that the United States will oppose both Japan and Russia in Manchuria and will insist upon the unrestricted domination of the Chinese in government affairs in Manchuria.

Advices from Harbin quote Consul Fisher as stating that the United States demands the abandonment of Japan's present status in Manchuria. The foreign office refuses to accept the alarmists' view of the situation and states its belief that the American government is not opposed to Japan's position in Manchuria.

China Will Not Back Down.

Peking, April 8.—That Japan is trying to force China into an armed clash rather than arrive at a peaceful settlement of the many questions now pending between the two nations, is the impression at Peking.

Premier Hayashi's unyielding attitude over the status of the Manchurian question and has the appearance of having been assumed for driving China past endurance.

China on her part is inclined to put up a stiffer defense than usual and an agreement looks to be far away at present. The Chinese believe that the presence of the American fleet in Chinese waters will uphold her position.

Ship Subsidy Bill Killed.

Washington, April 8.—By the refusal of the ship subsidy committee to report that bill back to the house, as a result of the committee vote today, all hopes of the passage of the ship subsidy bill at this session were killed.

Ruef's Last Hope Vanishes.

Los Angeles, April 8.—The supreme court sitting in this city today denied the application of Abraham Ruef for a writ of mandate to prevent Judge Dooling from hearing the Parkside bribery case. This is the last hope of the curly boss to evade trial which is now on in San Francisco.

GOOD PROSPECTS IN GOLD MINE

Old Workings Are Being Retimbered and Work Will Be Rushed.

Big things may be expected from the old Tom Paine mine, in Pocahontas district, in which a big strike was made a few weeks ago, in the near future, says the Baker City Democrat.

The rich ore body ran into recently is at a point in the old workings, and where a huge cavern occurred on account of the rotten timbering, necessitating the clearing away of hundreds of tons of country rock and earth and the putting in of new timbers. This work has been going on ever since the strike was made and it will take some time before it will be finished. This done the extent of the rich ore body will be determined.

Mr. W. F. Grove, president and manager of the company, was in the city Wednesday transacting business. He is enthusiastic over the developments occurring at the Tom Paine and being a practical and scientific man, what he says gives encouragement to the belief that the Tom Paine will soon be in the producing class on a large scale.

Will Shear 40,000 Sheep.

Sheep shearing began at Smythe & Smith's plant, five miles south of Arlington, Saturday, says the Condon Globe. Sixteen shearing machines will be used, the power being furnished by a six horse-power gasoline engine. Forty thousand sheep will be sheared at this plant this season and an average of 2000 head daily is expected. Sheepmen report that the sheep are in good condition, but that pasture is getting scarce. This has been one of the most successful lambing seasons known, but a few lambs being lost from any cause.

"Knocking" at someone else's door may help to smash it in, but it won't strengthen yours.

CHICAGO UNEMPLOYED MARCH ON CITY HALL.

Chicago, April 8.—A mob of 200 men shouting that they were starving, marched on the city hall this morning and were driven from the place by the police before they desisted in their efforts to see the mayor and obtain city employment. Chief Shipley has been told that a mob of 2000 will organize this afternoon to march on the city hall.

RUEF WILL BLOCK TRIAL.

Tactics of the Boss Will Make It Impossible to Secure Jury.

San Francisco, April 8.—That the threat of the defense in the Ruef-Parkside bribery case that it will take six months to get a jury was not an idle one, was demonstrated this morning when the tactics of Ach and attorneys for Ruef were fully developed. All morning was spent and no jurors were secured and only two taxmen were examined owing to the exhaustive detailed examination on the part of Ruef's lawyers.

BASEBALL SCORES.

Record of Yesterday's Games Among the Leagues.

Los Angeles, April 8.—Los Angeles, 2; Oakland, 3.

San Francisco, April 8.—Portland, 2; San Francisco, 11.

In Memory of Pope.

Rome, April 8.—Memorial services were held in St. Peter's today in remembrance of Pope Clement XI, who died April 8, 1721, at the age of 72, after a reign of 20 years.

IRELAND WILL MEET STOCKMEN

ADVISORY BOARD TO
CONFER WITH OFFICIALS

Problems of the Eastern Division of Blue Mountain Reserve Will Be Discussed—Executive Committee of Oregon Woolgrowers' Association Here on Friday, April 10—Sheepmen to Protest the Cut in Allotments.

On Friday, April 10, the advisory board for the eastern division of the Blue mountain reserve will be here for the purpose of meeting Henry Ireland, supervisor of that reserve. The meeting has been called at the instance of Mr. Ireland himself and problems connected with the administration of the reserve will be gone over.

On the same day the executive committee of the state woolgrowers' association will meet here to protest to the forestry bureau against making any cuts in the number of sheep to be allowed upon the reserves this summer. This subject will also be discussed with Mr. Ireland while he is here.

The following men compose the advisory board for the eastern division of the Blue mountain reserve: M. B. Gwinn, chairman; Douglas Belts, Herbert Boylen, William Barrett of Heppner, and John Kilkenny of Heppner.

CHANGE ADAMS BOUNDARY.

Special Boundary Election Is Being Held Today.

Today the people of Adams are holding a special election for the purpose of voting upon a proposed change in the boundary lines of the town. The change in the charter was proposed by initiative petition and the following is the proposition as it appears upon the official ballot:

"For amendment of section 2 of the charter of the city of Adams, so as to change a part of the eastern boundary thereof making it run due north from the point of intersection of Wild Horse creek, with the north line of William Baker's ranch."

CITY BONDS SELL WELL IN BOSTON

Pendleton bonds are now selling at a premium in the east and pessimists who feared that the last \$135,000 issue could not be sold will have to change their views. The following press dispatch from Boston appeared in the Oregon Daily Journal last evening:

"Boston, Mass., April 7.—Two blocks of Pendleton, Oregon, city bonds, \$6000 levee and \$19,000 street improvement, offered in the Boston market by E. H. Rollins & Sons, Boston bankers, are meeting with ready sale to investors in small lots. Both are 5 per cents, due in 1928 to 1933, and sell at 103.20, yielding 4.75 per cent income to the purchasers."

The entire issue of \$135,000 was sold by the city to Rollins & Sons at par and the bonds are now being disposed of in small blocks by the original purchasers. Approximately \$100,000 has now been paid, or will be paid shortly, to the city by the brokers.

Under the terms of the sale \$50,000 was to be paid down almost immediately and the remainder in monthly payments of \$25,000 each, the city being paid interest on the deferred payments.

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