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NEW SCHOOL MEASURES TO BE REVISED

Papers to Be Boycotted as a Retaliatory Measure to Aid Schools.

PORTLAND OREGONIAN AND TELEGRAM ON BLACK LIST

The Movement Began at Ashland and Will Be Extended to Weston and Other Normal Towns—Defeat of the Normal Appropriation Has Been Charged to Portland Papers and Systematic Plans for the Re-consideration of the Normal Appropriations Will Be Laid During the Short Time Before Special Session.

That the friends of the normal schools throughout the different sections of the state are not going to calmly submit to the action of the legislature in leaving the schools without any support is evidenced by the reports being sent out from the different sections. Aside from the efforts that are to be made to have something done in their behalf at the special session, radical and far-reaching retaliatory measures are to be invoked.

Senator C. J. Smith received a communication from Senator Mallitt of Ashland, this morning, in which he said that a strict boycott had been declared on the Portland Oregonian and Telegram in his part of the state and that the boycott would be extended until it covered the three counties of Douglas, Jackson and Josephine.

He also stated that the merchants of the southern Oregon towns had agreed to purchase their supplies, in future, entirely from San Francisco unless Portland withdraws its opposition to the normals. This kind of a boycott is expected to be even more effective than the one on the papers, and as the southern Oregon cities are not such a great distance from San Francisco they can easily carry their threat into execution without working very much of a hardship upon themselves or their patrons.

Weston Will Fight. Now that the special session of the legislature has been called the people of Weston are also preparing to again present their claims before the legislature. They are in hopes of securing maintenance until June if they can do no better. To this end the Westons have collected in a comprehensive form the arguments in favor of sustaining the normals. These will be published in the East Oregonian tomorrow and copies of the paper will be sent to all members of the legislature and to influential men throughout the state.

In connection with the work that is now underway G. W. Proebstel and Clark Wood of Weston were here this forenoon. Mr. Proebstel came down for the purpose of enlisting the aid of some local people in the work that will be done when the legislature convenes in special session.

STANDARD OIL LIKELY TO ESCAPE LARGE FINE

Chicago, March 9.—When the opposing attorneys in the trial of the Standard Oil company for alleged acceptance of rebates from the Chicago & Alton railroad ended their labors of the first week tonight the consensus of legal opinion was that the government has slight prospect of securing a conviction.

The view of uninterested lawyers is that the decision of the circuit court of appeals so tied the hands of the prosecution that it has an almost hopeless task ahead of it.

Theory of Case Changed. Not only has the record-breaking fine of \$29,240,000 which was imposed by Judge Landis been remitted, but the entire theory of the case has been so changed that leading attorneys believe the present indictment

HILL STEAMERS TO AID NORTH BANK ROAD

Portland, Ore., March 9.—Hill representatives are at San Francisco arranging for a line of steel steam schooners to ply between Portland and the bay city in conjunction with the North Bank road. This information was given out here on good authority and it was also stated that Hill representatives have been making preliminary arrangements here.

The steamboat line will be operated entirely independent of Hill ownership, but under such traffic arrangements as to make it practically the same combination as that now existing between the Harriman rail and

CUSTOM OFFICERS AFTER JAPANESE SMUGGLERS

Honolulu, March 9.—An increasing amount of smuggling of the Japanese fishing fleet in and about Hawaiian Islands led today to a decision on the part of the local custom officers to appeal to Washington for a rigid investigation. The treasury department will be asked to dispatch a fleet of revenue cutters to the islands and to remain stationed here until the smuggling traffic is entirely broken. The islands have a large number of Japanese and Chinese residents and because of their natural clanishness and the broken line of the islands of the group, smuggling is hard to prevent and detect.

can not be sustained by the only evidence the government can procure. It is too late to get new evidence and in the opinion of the legal experts the whole case as it now stands would fall.

RAILROAD THEFTS TO BE PROBED

RAILROAD ATTORNEY AND DETECTIVE ARE COMING

Confessions Said to Have Been Made By Some of the Railroad Employees and Prominent People Implicated—District Attorney Phelps Thinks Matter Overstated.

Additional interest in the hearing of Charles Ely and William Edwards, two of the men who are charged with stealing articles from the O. R. & N. freight depot is lent from the announcement from Portland that both O. R. & N. Attorney Spencer and O. R. & N. Detective Wood leave there today for this city. Both men are credited with saying that several arrests have been or are to be made in connection with the thefts. The hearing is set for tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock before Justice of the Peace Parke.

The intimation from Portland that somewhat of a sensation is to be sprung tomorrow comes as a surprise to District Attorney Phelps who had been led to believe that the railroad officials cared more to ascertain the facts in the case than to institute a wholesale list of prosecutions with doubtful outcome. The intimation from Portland was to the effect that city officials and prominent business men, as well as railroad employees, are to be haled into court and charged with crime.

District Attorney Phelps stated today that there was absolutely no evidence, sufficient to warrant an arrest or prosecution, against any city official or prominent business man and that while it is possible that the arrival of the O. R. & N. attorney and detective tomorrow morning may be followed by additional arrests, they will probably be confined to employees of the railroad company. It seems that in his lengthy written confession, Dickens has detailed his stealings completely and told how and where each of the stolen articles was disposed of. If the railroad men have changed their minds and are now determined upon making a clean sweep, the entire confession will probably be read and those who have been so unfortunate as to have come into possession of stolen property, will be called upon to prove that at the time they made the purchases they had no reason to suspect that the goods were stolen.

NORTH YAKIMA MAN VICTIM OF CELLULOID CUFF

North Yakima, Wash., March 9.—The deadly celluloid cuff claimed another victim in S. J. Lowe, a wealthy farmer, who was severely burned about the hand, and arm, when the cuff exploded while he was starting the fire of the kitchen stove yesterday.

SPANISH WAR TAX MAY BE REVIVED

Bold Measures Necessary to Meet the Hundred Million Treasury Deficit.

PRESIDENT AND HIS CHIEFS IN DAILY CONFERENCE

Likely That the Lumber Duty Will be Cut in Two—Hides May Be Placed on Free List—A Stamp Tax on Telegrams, Checks and Legal Documents Similar to That in Force for Five Years During and Following the Spanish-American War May Be Reimposed As a Bold Step to Increase Existing Revenue.

Washington, March 9.—A stamp tax on telegrams, checks and similar articles, a four cent per pound duty on coffee, and an inheritance tax, are among the propositions that may be decided upon at the coming session of congress in consideration of the tariff necessary to meet the hundred million deficit in the national treasury, which the Taft administration faces. Daily conferences are being held between Taft, Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh, Speaker Cannon, Senator Aldrich and others. President Taft realizes that the tariff revision must be accomplished soon to settle disturbed business conditions throughout the country.

Taft realizes that the "insurgents" congress will fight for delay from the very opening to the closing of the special session of congress, and is laying lines accordingly. The new tariff bill, which is now in the hands of the printer, includes a great part of the stamp tax law that was in force during the war with Spain. In addition to this the bill provides for a 50 per cent cut on lumber, and hides are placed on the free list.

Steel Rails to Be Reduced. While no figures were obtainable regarding the steel schedule, it was said, on the same authority, that a substantial reduction in the duty on steel rails, tools and similar products is provided for.

A duty of four cents on coffee is levied, by way of compromise with the Porto Ricans, who demanded a tax of six cents a pound.

Whisky and beer will remain as they are at present, if the subcommittee recommendations are enacted into law. It was felt that whisky was already carrying all the tax it could stand, while in the case of beer the prohibition movement throughout the country, it was explained, had cut down the consumption of beer and it was felt that it would be a hardship to impose any further tax.

It having become manifest to the committee that the customs duties under the new bill would not produce the revenue expected, it turned to the expedient of reviving the war revenue act of 1898, which placed a tax on telegrams, bank checks, playing cards and all stocks bought or sold.

HIG WHEAT CROP LIKELY FOR CROOK COUNTY

Prineville, Ore., March 9.—With the present harvesting of almost 2,000,000 bushels of grain annually, the farmers of Crook county do not seem to fear over production, regardless of our lack of transportation facilities, and are preparing to harvest the greatest crop in the autumn of the present year that the county has yet seen.

Although the output last fall was smaller than that of the previous one, there was almost 1,000,000 bushels of wheat alone harvested here, which added to the holdover of two thirds as much, held the market at a low figure for a time, but at present the local market stands at 80 cents and may go considerably higher before another crop is harvested.

These combined conditions should make the wheat crop alone almost 1,500,000 bushels in the county and two-thirds as much of other kinds of grain.

Weather conditions are ideal, the heavy snowfall left the ground in capital condition for farming, and the fall grains were protected from the extreme cold by the blanket of snow. Considerable spring grain is being sown now and the farmers are all jubilant.

FRIGHTFUL EXPLOSION AT STANDARD OIL STILL

Richmond, Calif., March 9.—With a roar to be heard a half a mile the great refining still of the Standard Oil company near this city exploded this morning wrecking the engine room, seriously injuring two men. The cause is unknown. N. B. Tiller and George Shaw were burned, the only two men near the plant. They were so frightfully burned as to be unable to make a statement.

MANY DEAD IN ARKANSAS STORM

Eighteen Perish at Brinkley and a Million Dollars in Property Damage.

HOUSES DESTROYED AND SPECIAL TRAINS TO RELIEF

Entire Town Is Blown Down, Followed by Fire in the Wreckage—Telephone and Telegraph Wires are Down and Communications Difficult—Tornado Made a Clean Path Sixty Yards Wide and Was Followed by Hail and Rain—Whole Families Buried in Debris and Car Windows Shattered.

Helena, Ark., March 9.—The first news has been received from T. N. Kinneel, the operator of the Rock Island road, who, with Lineman Richards, were in the depot when a terrific storm broke. The station was blown to pieces over their heads. After the gale had passed the men scrambled from their hiding places, walked to Wheatley, where they managed to find a wire working and Kinneel began sending messages appealing for help. A relief train was hastily organized, food and surgical and medical supplies, doctors, and nurses were sent from Brinkley. Great damage is reported in the vicinity of Guerday; buildings have been unroofed at Fourche dam, where the storm crossed the Arkansas river and turned into a tornado. The water of the river was lifted in a waterspout two hundred feet high, and the storm swept to Kerr through Bauchum, plowing a path 60 feet wide, leveling buildings, uprooting trees.

RELIEF HASTENED TO SUFFERERS.

Little Rock, Ark., March 9.—Flames have spread with such rapidity that trainmen fear that many are under the ruins incinerated. Relief has been rushed from Memphis, Helena, Jonesboro, and this city. The storm had a general northeasterly direction, sweeping the state east of this city and culminating at Bauchum, with Brinkley in the path of the tornado. The communication with the stricken territory is difficult and reports are coming slowly.

Twenty Probably Dead at Brinkley.

Helena, Ark., March 9.—From ten to twenty have been killed and hundreds are injured and many dying; thousands of dollars worth of property are damaged as result of the tornado followed by fire sweeping several towns in the vicinity of Brinkley, near here late yesterday as shown by latest reports. Brinkley, with five thousand inhabitants, was completely destroyed by the fire, which started during the gale and was fanned by a high wind. Telegraph and telephone systems are prostrated. Many are pinned under heavy beams with fire sweeping toward them. There is a long fearful delay in sending messages for help.

Later News From Brinkley.

St. Louis, March 9.—J. A. Stoker, resident of Brinkley, received a private message today saying that eighteen persons are killed in that town by the tornado.

Special Train Out From Brinkley.

Little Rock, Ark., March 9.—A train loaded with injured from Brinkley arrived here today. Train men say that Brinkley caught fire in a dozen places and that the streets are filled with debris.

Million Dollar Damage.

Helena, Ark., March 9.—The latest reports from the tornado show eighteen whites and twenty negroes killed, and forty seriously injured. Three thousand are homeless in the wake of death and destruction. Six residences alone escaped destruction in Brinkley. Loss conservatively estimated at a million dollars.

NEWS FROM CAPITAL CITY.

Insurance Commissioner Appointed—Prescott Becomes Secretary to Bourne.

Salem, March 9.—Insurance commissioner Koser announced the appointment of J. M. Throne, Roseburg, an experienced banker as chief clerk of the insurance department.

A. W. Prescott, the Salem correspondent of the Portland Oregonian, has accepted the appointment as private secretary to Senator Bourne for Washington March 15.

Articles of incorporation were filed today for the South Oregon Mines company with a capital stock of a quarter of a million. The principal office of the company will be at Applegate, Ore.

Ex-Senator G. W. Proebstel came down from Weston this forenoon.

MANY CARS FOR PORTLAND AUTO SHOW.

Portland, March 9.—Portland took rank with all the big cities of the east last night in the eyes of the automobile world at least, when its first annual automobile show opened at the Armory at 7:30 o'clock. Over 100 cars of the leading American makes will be shown at the Armory during the coming week, and it is only the lack of room that kept the number of exhibited cars down to that figure. There are as many models at the show as were exhibited at the famous New York and Chicago shows.

H. A. CODY KILLED BY JACK NYE AT SPRING MOUNTAIN

Boise, March 9.—The news of the killing of H. A. Cody by Jack Nye, his life long friend, at Spring Mountain, Idaho, was received here today. The men occupied the same cabin, and it is believed quarreled. It is reported that Cody assaulted Nye with a knife and the result was the killing of Cody.

DUEL TO DEATH NEAR PORTLAND

BODIES OF TWO MEN FOUND AT COLUMBIA SLOUGH

A Rifle and An Ax Near, Point to a Probable Fight to Death Between John Dale and Oscar Hiett at the Smith Ranch on the Columbia Slough.

News of a double tragedy, either a duel to death between two men or probably a double murder, was telephoned to the Portland police this afternoon from Columbia slough, says a special dispatch from the Portland Daily Journal, the message announcing that the corpse of John Dale, watchman at the Pittock & Leadbetter ranch, and that of a laborer known in the neighborhood only as Oscar Hiett, had been found in the brush on the Smith ranch. Between them was an ax and a rifle.

Coroner Norden, accompanied by several officers, has gone to the scene of the tragedy to make an investigation.

The bodies were discovered by Mrs. Hiett while she was searching for her husband, who had left his home to pack his belongings at the Smith place on Columbia slough. According to Mrs. Hiett her husband and Dale left her home yesterday together. Dale having called for Hiett. This morning when the two had not returned Mrs. Hiett started out to hunt for them, accompanied by her brother. They were rowed across the slough by C. V. Bergen, in charge of the Smith place, and Bergen had just left them to row back when the woman's cries called him to the bank. Mrs. Hiett said there were two bodies near an old cabin on the bank of the slough.

Bergen hurried back and went with Mrs. Hiett and the boy to the spot where the men lay with the gun and ax between them. Mrs. Hiett identified one of the men as her husband. Bergen did not allow Mrs. Hiett to touch either body, however, and after assuring himself that both were dead he took Mrs. Hiett and the boy back to their home and notified the coroner and sheriff.

BLACK CHAMPION ARRIVES IN AMERICA TO VISIT

Victoria, March 9.—Johnson, the heavyweight champion of the world, arrived today on the steamer Makura and will proceed to Chicago and thence to Texas to visit his parents. He is suffering from the "big head," according to his late manager, Sam Fitzpatrick. He says he will not fight Sam Langford, nor does he think Jeffries will re-enter the ring.

EXCITING LAST DAYS AT OLYMPIA

Still No Investigation of State Officials Though the Matter is Not Dead.

ORIGINAL INVESTIGATION RESOLUTION TO BE CALLED

Paul Hamus Still Leads the Members Who are Trying to Force the Investigation and It is Declared that the Governor Will Call a Special Session to Investigate the Insurance Commissioners Office if the Present Session Does not Act—Sanitorium Bill With \$45,000 is Defeated in the House.

Olympia, March 9.—A promised fight over the resolution to investigate the state officers failed to materialize in the senate here this morning. The date was advanced until tomorrow when Senator Paulhamus will renew charges against secretary of state Nichols and insurance commissioner Schively. Booth today introduced a resolution providing for investigation of insurance departments alone. The chair ruled that the resolution was out of order, and upheld it by a vote of 27 to 13. The senate then passed the house bill compelling the insurance commissioner to turn over all money collected for the examination of the insurance companies to the state treasurer, Dr. Ghents tuberculosis sanitarium bill carrying appropriation of forty five thousand dollars, was defeated in the house. Senator Potts' bill permitting liquor to be sold in hotels in Sundays, also reconsidered, was passed.

Special Session Rumored.

Olympia, March 9.—Paul Hamus tomorrow will call up his original investigation resolution and the governor is likely to send a special message to the senate asking it to investigate the insurance commissioners office. If the senate refuses, as seems to be its present intention, the governor will call a special session immediately on adjournment of the present one, and force the legislature to make the investigation. The house reconsidered yesterday's vote whereby the bill providing that the judges of the superior courts wear gowns while in perior courts wear gowns while in law.

EXCITING TIMES BEFORE SACRAMENTO COMMITTEE

Sacramento, March 9.—"I want to say to you, Ackerman, that I am neither a knave nor a fool. I believe however, that within thirty days I can prove by the records of the office of the surveyor general that you are both," declared Attorney General Webb last night, shaking his fist in the face of John D. Ackerman at the assembly committee meeting of the House, on public lands and forestry. Ackerman is the lieutenant of F. A. Hyde, the convicted land grabber who is opposing Thompson's anti-land bill. The defense of the bill by Webb resulted in the measure being favorably reported by the committee.

WALLA WALLA CLAIMS A REAL LAND BOOM

Unequaled in history of this country is the big land boom going on in this valley and land previously selling for small sums has been placed within the last few days up into the hundreds, says the Walla Walla Union Statesman. This boom is not the result of a sudden violent frenzy nor has it been occasioned by some of the colossal real estate transfers recently consummated; but it is the natural consequence following the rise in the price of wheat and is also due in some measure to the influx of home-seekers who are beginning to pour in to this section of the country.

HOT LOCAL FIGHT AGAINST FULTON BEGINS

From local appearances the fight for and against the appointment of Charles W. Fulton, to the federal judgeship, about to be created in Oregon, is now on in earnest. Petitions for Fulton's endorsement are being circulated today by J. E. Robinson and E. W. McComes and from the fact that they are allowing no grass to grow under their feet, it is believed that the Pendleton friends of the erstwhile senator are somewhat anxious as to the outcome. It seems that with the announcement that Fulton was slated for the job, both President Taft and the Oregon delegation to congress, were flooded with protests from every sec-

tion of the state. Baker county and Portland are said to have been particularly active in voicing their disapproval of Fulton's selection. With the arrival of these protests in Washington, Fulton's Oregon friends were immediately notified to get busy and come to the rescue without delay. This they have done and the list of petitioners from Umatilla county will be quite strong as his friends here are numerous. The announcement from Judge Lowell that he would accept the position, if it should be tendered him, has also stirred up that part of the republican party which has opposed the Judge heretofore.