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CLERK KERBY TELLS SECRET

Stenographer in Ballinger's Office Tells How Lawler Letter Was Written.

FURNISHED TAFT WITH HIS GLAVIS DECISION

Ballinger Excused from Stand After Week's Testimony—Pincho's Attorney Will Call Attorney General Wickersham to Testify—Ballinger Admitted for Complaints Against Forestry Department.

San Francisco, May 14.—A Washington special to the San Francisco Daily News today quotes Frederick M. Kerby, stenographer in Ballinger's office, as saying that the "Lawler memorandum" about which there has been so much discussion, was a letter evidently intended as a basis for the letter by Taft exonerating Ballinger and answering the Glavis charges. The letter was taken to Taft when Lawler, assistant attorney general for the interior department, went to Beverly to consult Taft shortly before this trip. Kerby said Lawler dictated the letter, which obviously was being written for Taft's signature, reviewing the Glavis charges, exonerating the secretary. "As I said," said Kerby, "the letter was dictated in Ballinger's private office by Lawler. Probably half a dozen drafts were made before the final one. Lawler revised every fresh draft, corrected it and had it rewritten. For two days, many (another stenographer) and myself did nothing but help write this work. Lawler frequently consulted E. C. Finney, assistant to Ballinger. On the afternoon of the second day a consultation was held between Ballinger, Lawler, Finney, Commissioner Fred Dennett of the land office, Chief of the Field Service Schwartz, and I think Secretary Pierce and his private secretary, Carr. They discussed the draft in detail and if my memory is correct, Ballinger read the letter aloud and general criticism of others was invited and received.

It is now the belief that Taft himself added the latter part of this letter of Sept. 13. The section which takes up the general conservation of the natural resources in the so called whitewashing letter. Lawler closed his final draft with, "And I hereby authorize you to dismiss from the government service, Louis R. Glavis." In the president's letter before his remarks on conservation comes the clause authorizing Ballinger to dismiss Glavis, which Ballinger previously had requested. Certain portions of Taft's letter I can identify as being the substance of Lawler's thoughts. In general Taft softened Lawler's draft." Kerby was formerly a stenographer employed by Secretary Garfield.

Kerby ended his statement by declaring that he has possession of his original note books containing Lawler's dictation, which he can produce should he be called before a congressional committee.

Will Quiz Attorney General. Washington, D. C., May 14.—Ballinger was excused from the stand yesterday afternoon after a weeks cross-examination. The capitol is waiting on tip toes for the calling of Wickersham, whom Brandeis has requested to appear, and which request the committee granted. Brandeis will probably ask Wickersham to explain how the summary of the Glavis charges was written after September 11, though it bears that date.

TALK BONDS FOR YAKIMA ROADS

County Commissioners Invite Voters to Discuss Issue. North Yakima, May 14.—Those interested in the proposed county bond issue of \$625,000 for the building of roads in this section have been invited by the county commissioners to meet with them June 6 for general discussion.

It is proposed to raise money, immediately available, to construct the trunk system of roads toward the building of which the commissioners have been working for some time. In this system would be included a main road from the Benton county line from North Yakima into the Selah, Ahtanum, Naches and Moxee valleys, and two main branches in the lower valley, one extending south of Mabton into the Horse Heaven country and another from Toppenish to Zillah and into the Parker country.

PROVE UP ON 32,494 ACRES. Land Worth \$150,000 Added to Klickitat Assessment. Goldendale, Wash., May 14.—Abstracts received by Frank L. Runnell, assessor of Klickitat county, from the United States land office at Walla Walla and Vancouver, show that from March 1, 1909, to March 1, 1910, final proof was made on 32,494 acres in Klickitat county. In addition the Northern Pacific turned in 9707 acres making a total of 42,201 acres added to the assessment for 1910 in Klickitat county. A conservative estimate of the value of this land for assessment purposes is \$150,000.

NEW MEXICO HAS INDIAN "UPRISING" NATIONAL GUARDSMEN CALLED INTO SERVICE Indians Assaulted Family, Drove Away Stock and Terrorized Whites—Trouble Results from Dispute Regarding Land. Santa Fe, N. M., May 14.—Two companies of New Mexico national guardsmen are being rushed to Bexara, where they will take horses for the ancient Taos Indian pueblo to quell an uprising among the Indians on request of Sheriff Elkizandro, who notified Governor Mills the situation is beyond civil control. The Indians are reported to have cut telegraph wires, to be driving away stock and terrorizing white settlers. Reports from the scene of the uprising say the Indians assaulted Mrs. L. S. Meyers and her two small children and stole their stock. Trouble is said to have started when they fenced lands claimed by the Indians.

CHANGE IN CAREY ACT BOON TO IRRIGATIONISTS Salem, Ore., May 14.—An act of congress approved March 15, which amends the Carey act, is regarded by the state engineer's office as a great boon in this state to the more rapid reclamation of its arid lands. The act removes the red tape formerly necessary to withdraw acreage under the Carey act for reclamation and has made it possible to withdraw lands now within a few days temporarily, or on approval for one year, so that the state can go ahead at once and close negotiations with the contractors for its irrigation.

Heretofore it has been necessary to wait for all the cumbersome machinery of the interior department to start moving and wait until surveys and investigations could be made before the state could go ahead with the project. Now the secretary of the interior may upon the application of the proper state officer, withdraw acreage temporarily from settlement or entry pending the investigation and the making of maps and surveys. At the end of the year the state must present its maps and plats and apply to have the segregation permanently withdrawn.

Under the act as it formerly existed it was impossible to announce new reclamation projects for fear that settlers would rush in and take the land, so slow did the government machinery move. Now the project will go ahead and the government machinery can move at its leisure. The lands will be restored to entry if all the former requirements before demanded are not complied with within a year, just as formerly, so that the interests of the United States are as fully protected as before.

SALMON RIVER OUT OF BANKS. Idaho Stream Higher Than Ever Known at This Season. Grangeville, Idaho, May 14.—Reports received today from Whitebird say the Salmon river is rising rapidly, caused by melting snows in the mountains, and is higher than ever known at this season. The stream has overflowed its banks in a number of places and there is fear of property loss in the lowlying districts between here and Salmon City. The state wagon road from Whitebird to Freedom, Goff, Riggin and several other outlying settlements, which depend upon Whitebird for their supplies is under water for miles.

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The prosecution yesterday brought a number of witnesses to corroborate Gatch's testimony regarding the alleged shortages. Walter Pierge was the principal witness. He said that after the failure he tried to locate \$8000 in bonds of the Grand Ronde Electric company, which was in the possession of the bank and that Scriber told him he did not know where they were. He finally located them with the Ladd & Bush bank at Salem, where Scriber had given them as security for a loan. Pierge paid this note he said in order to get possession of the bonds. He said that Scriber had bought \$4000 worth of bonds of the Hot Lake sanatorium for which he had paid the money.

The witness said that Scriber borrowed \$4000 of the McCormack bank at Palouse, Idaho, giving six notes as security. One of these notes was for \$2000 given by Pierge to the Scriber bank, and another was for \$1000 given by Thorsen. The other four notes were forgeries. Scriber had paid all but \$1500 on this note when the bank failed and Pierge had paid the remainder, being given his \$2000 note and the \$1000 note of Thorsen, together with the four forged notes. In exchange for having done this Scriber returned \$7500 worth of Electric company bonds to Pierge.

There were two issues of the Electric company bonds, Pierge said and Scriber had held a lot of the old bonds at the time the new issue was made. The old bonds had been put up as security for two loans made to Scriber, personally, by the Oregon Trust and the Canadian Bank of Commerce of Portland. Scriber had been given new bonds in exchange for the old and had promised to put the new bonds in place of the old with the Portland banks, cancelling the old bonds. Instead of doing this, however, he left the old bonds where they were and used the new bonds given him as collateral for fresh loans.

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To Open Canals. Albany, N. Y., May 14.—Great activity prevails today along the state canals preliminary to the opening of the season. The canals to open this month include the Erie, Champlain and Cayuga-Seneca, and the Oswego canal, with the exception of that portion between Three-Mile Point and Fulton. The Black River canal will not open until June 1.

O. R. & N. WILL RUN SPECIAL STOCK TRAIN TO PORTLAND

On account of the prospects for a large movement of stock from interior Oregon, Idaho and Washington points to Portland, as a result of the packing plant and the Union Stock Yards which have recently been established at Stockdale, the O. R. & N. company will arrange for special livestock trains from Huntington to Portland in order to furnish fast and satisfactory service for this class of traffic. It is now contemplated to inaugurate on about June 20, a twice-a-week service which will consist of a special livestock train leaving Huntington about 9 a. m., arriving at Stockdale the following afternoon under a schedule of approximately 30 hours.

This train will pick up stock at intermediate points and shipments can be made from branch line points such as the Joseph Branch, Pilot Rock branch and the Washington division, so as to connect with this train, thereby affording shippers an opportunity to get their stock through without delay, and reach Stockdale in the afternoon so as to have the benefit of rest and feed before the stock is placed on the market the next morning.

It is proposed to schedule this fast stock train out of Huntington Wednesday and Saturday mornings so as to reach Stockdale Thursday and Sunday afternoons, and have the benefit of the markets on the following mornings.

Livestock for Seattle, Tacoma and points north and south of Portland will also be handled on this train, making close connections at Portland and avoiding delays of unnecessary expense to the shippers. The service will be increased as the business justifies and it is hoped that with the active demand and benefit of the competitive market at Portland, the business will increase in time to an extent that will require a daily service of this kind.

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BANKERS AGREE ON BIG TASK

White Nations Will Co-operate in Building Canton-Hankow Railroad for China.

AMERICANS WILL BUILD PORTION OF THE ROAD

Financiers of Germany, England, France and America End Long Conference Over Matter—America's Share Will be Seven Millions—Work to Start at Once.

Washington, May 14.—After protracted negotiations the leading financial groups of the United States, Germany, England and France have reached an agreement on financing the Canton-Hankow railroad loan according to reports circulated today. Only unimportant details remain to be completed. Loans will be negotiated for the Chinese government and the work of construction begins immediately. The United States' share in the loan is seven million. American engineers will be employed for part of the work. American material is to be used for construction.

W. S. C. CADETS WERE OUT FOR INSPECTION

Washington State College, Pullman, Wash., May 14.—The annual inspection of the military department by an officer of the general staff of the United States army, was held yesterday and the cadet corps was put through a thorough inspection by Major Michael J. Lenihan.

Major Lenihan arrived in Pullman Wednesday and was the guest of Lieutenant P. J. Hennessey, U. S. A., commandant of cadets of the state college.

Promptly at 1:15 o'clock the two battalions of the regiment of cadets were assembled on the athletic field for inspection, under command of Cadets Colonel Clinton Imus. The following was the program of inspection: Regimental review, regimental inspection, guard mount, regimental inspection, guard mount executed by company D; advance guard, company G; rear guard, company E; extended order, company F; close order, company A; manual and firings, company B; close order, company C; close order, company H; close order followed by normal attack; close order followed by formation for march, battalion under Major Clifford L. Imus.

HYDE JURY CANNOT AGREE ON VERDICT

Kansas City, May 14.—When the Hyde jury filed into court today it announced it hadn't agreed. There is a court room report that four are for acquittal, two for murder in the first degree, and with two for an imprisonment penalty, and the remainder for murder in the second degree. The defendant slept soundly and appeared today fresh and smiling. Mrs. Hyde visited the jail and comforted her husband.

(Later)—The jury reported a disagreement. Judge locked them up and said he would hold them until Tuesday.

SENATOR JONES FAVORS LONG AND SHORT HAUL PROVISION

Spokane, Wash., May 14.—Mayor N. S. Pratt is strongly in favor of the long and short haul clause in the interstate commerce law for Spokane. He believes that it will solve the present difficulty over freight rates and a few days ago he communicated this fact to United States Senator Wesley L. Jones, asking him to stand firmly by the clause. Yesterday the mayor received the following letter from the senator:

"Your telegram, asking me to stand for the unrestricted long and short haul clause in the interstate commerce law, at hand.

"I am in favor of this proposition, but I feel that I have to take into account the legislative situation here and get the very best we possibly can.

"There are extremists on both sides of the proposition and there are friends of the principle, but who occupy a middle ground, and all legislation of this kind is usually a matter of compromise. It may be that this is what we will have to do in this case."

SIEMOGRAPH RECORDS QUAKE LASTING 48 MINUTES

Washington, D. C., May 14.—Early today the government siemograph recorded an earthquake of 48 minutes duration. The location of the quake is not ascertained.

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AUTO WENT WILD IN 13TH HOUR OF RACE

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