



COMPETENCY COMMISSION

Interior Department Appoints Men to Judge of Responsibility of Local Indians.

SECOND COMMISSION TO BE APPOINTED IN U. S.

E. J. Somerville, Superintendent Swartzlander, and Indian Agent McChesney Appointed to Determine Indians Competent of Citizenship—Omaha Reservation Only One Experimented On—Redskins Will Be Divided Into Three Classes.

To determine the extent to which the Indians on the Umatilla reservation are capable of bearing the personal responsibilities of citizenship, the interior department has appointed a competency commission, which will examine the three tribes on the reservation. The members of the commission are: E. J. Somerville, Pendleton; Edwin L. Swartzlander, superintendent of the Umatilla Indian school, and Charles E. McChesney, special Indian agent.

There are about 1200 Indians involved, belonging to the Cayuse, Umatilla or Walla Walla tribes. The report of the commission will indicate who are capable of managing their personal affairs entirely free of government control, those who are qualified in this respect under restrictions concerning the alienation of their lands, and those who are wholly incompetent and regarded as wards of the United States.

This is the second competency commission to be appointed, the first operating among the Omaha Indians. The result of the experiment among the Nebraska Indians demonstrated, in the opinion of Indian officials, the wisdom of this means of determining the qualifications of the red men and ultimately, it is expected, all of the reservations will be likewise examined.

Dr. McChesney Is Here.

Dr. McChesney arrived yesterday and was at once taken to the agency. It is not known, however, just how soon the commission will get organized and start to work on the proposition in hand. Major Swartzlander said this morning that they had not yet received their instructions from Washington, though notice of the appointment had been received. He did not know exactly what they would have to do or what would be the ultimate result of the commission's work.

In discussing the great problem of handling the Indian affairs, in a recent number of the Sunset Magazine, Robert G. Valentine, United States commissioner of Indian affairs said: "Perhaps the chief step which we have taken recently along the right lines is the establishment of competency commissions. Many of the Indians, through the handling of their lands and moneys and by means of the education they have received both by books and at jobs, have become ready to take their places in the citizenship of the states. The question up for decision is as to the competency of any individual. Hitherto we have handled this business largely on the recommendation of the local agents, depending of necessity upon his judgment in deciding the case at Washington. I have felt that even with the straightest and broadest gauged superintendent on the ground, our action was too narrowly based. He could not properly represent all of the interests involved and out of the necessities of his position, might often lose sight of broader principles in the immediate facts before him. To remedy these administrative defects we have established a competency commission on the Omaha reservation in Nebraska. This commission is made up of the local superintendent in charge, standing for all that is best

ADVISES ALICE TO SMOKE A CORNOOB.

Pittsburg, July 23.—Mrs. Alice Longworth, daughter of Colonel Roosevelt, today has an elderly woman whose name is not given out, to thank for defending her against the cigarette habit. Last night a discussion came up in the Pittsburg "Playboys" club regarding cigarettes. Many polished their hammers for Mrs. Longworth. At the height of the interesting talk, the elderly lady rose and pointed out the fact that many of our grandmothers smoked. "Alice might do many worse things than smoke," said the woman, "but supposing she does, why not let her get a cornob and smoke like our grandmothers did?"

ARTIST BURNED TO DEATH IN SAN BERNARDINO

San Bernardino, Cal., July 23.—Mrs. Gustav Faber, a well known artist, was burned to death yesterday afternoon, as a result of trying to fill a gasoline stove while it was lighted. She was instantly enveloped in flames and, running from the house, was a human torch and beyond relief when aid arrived. She died a few hours later. The home was destroyed. Mrs. Faber was an artist of rare talent her pictures having been awarded prizes at many art exhibits.

500,000 SUFFRAGISTS MARCH IN STREETS

London, July 23.—The greatest suffragette parade in history was held in London today. Half a million women marched the streets to show their indignation at the shelving of the Shackleton bill introduced to give women the franchise in parliamentary elections if they held property. The great column was headed by 617 jail "Martyrs" in correction house uniforms. The women were formed in brigades. In one, over a thousand nurses were in uniform. In another were 600 artists with brushes. There were also superbly mounted women to guard the leading suffragettes and a number of beautiful floats, etc.

In the protecting guiding hand of the government; one of our most broad-gauged traveling inspectors who would bring to the particular problem a wide range of other experience; and best of all in my judgment, a high class citizen of the state of Nebraska, who would judge the case from the point of view of the best interests of the state.

Interests of State Represented.

"If the interests of the state are not concentrated in some such man to represent the real welfare on this competency board the personal and some times selfish interests of individual citizens of the state are likely to obscure the question, shutting out the real ultimate interest of the state and the community. For example, A or B or C, one or all want to get control of that Indian's land. C and D want to sell him liquor. E and F and G want to give him credit, all together and separately representing forces which will not only injure that particular Indian but which will vitally injure the community in that if they have their will the community will have as a part of itself, not a self-respecting self-supporting citizen, but a pauper or a drunkard or a vagabond as a burden on its tax-rolls.

"The member of the state on this commission is bound to see deeper than these individual interests of some of his fellow citizens and see that, while all the ordinary competitive forces in a community which try out the fibre of citizens, whether red or white, must be given reasonable play, the stronger elements must not be allowed to play on the weaker to an unfair degree. The credit of the state and the welfare of the community are even more on trial than the ability of the government as a guardian. "The principal to bear in mind is that while the government should not

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CUTTING AFFRAY ON ECHO STREETS

PROPRIETOR OF STABLE STABBED IN THE WRIST

Ed Horsch Attacked by Laborer With Knife When He Resents Abusive Language—Assailant Sentenced to 90 Days in County Jail.

(Special Correspondence.) Echo, Or., July 23.—The main street of Echo was the scene of a cutting scrape last evening which resulted in one man receiving a bad cut on the wrist and another being sentenced to serve 90 days in the county jail. Ed Horsch, proprietor of a livery barn, is the man who received the knife wound, while Paul Butcher, a laborer, is the name of the man who inflicted the wound and who will have an opportunity to spend three months in the county jail at Pendleton.

It seems that several men of the hobo type who had been working in the hay fields for a few days came to town and filled up on near beer. They then congregated in the Horsch livery barn where their foul language made them obnoxious and they were driven out by the proprietor. Later in the evening Horsch met the crowd on the street, whereupon one member of the crowd, Paul Butcher, aged 22 years, began to abuse Horsch.

The latter slapped Butcher and it was then that the laborer pulled out a knife and started for the liveryman. After inflicting the wound in the wrist he was disarmed and placed under arrest. This morning he was given a hearing before Justice of the Peace Scholl and sentenced to serve 90 days in jail. He will be taken to Pendleton this evening by Deputy Sheriff Jerry Boreland.

RAINS ASSIST FIRE FIGHTERS

Forest Fire Situation in Northwest is Reassuring Owing to General Rains.

PINE CREEK FIRE IN IDAHO STILL RAGING

Most All of Big Mountain Conflagrations Which Have Been Devastating Timber Areas are Extinguished or Under Control—Biggest Fire Still Burning in Idaho—Oregon Fires are Dying Out—Flames Gain Headway North of Spokane.

Portland, July 23.—The forest fire situation in the Pacific northwest is much improved owing to rains. The Idaho Pine Creek fire is still burning furiously, and has eaten up nearly four square miles. One hundred men are fighting it. Practically all of the smaller fires have been extinguished or are controlled. Fires in the Clearwater district are now controlled and Washington fires near Hoquiam are nearly out. The dry weather however means more fires. A large fire is burning on Grouse creek in Washington, fifty miles north of Spokane. Several sections are reported burned over.

In Oregon, rains have relieved the situation and the small fires in the Cascades and Coast mountains are nearly all out. The big fire on the north Santiam river in Linn county is still burning but is gradually dying out.

Rains Help in B. C.

Victoria, July 23.—The British Columbia forest fire situation is reassuring today. The latest official dispatches from the threatened districts say the improvement is due to rains. Nelson reports that rains are assisting the fighters and the forest situation in the southeastern portion of the province is better. More rain is predicted.

LOUIS CHEVROLET GOES MILE IN 50 SECONDS

Buffalo, July 23.—Louis Chevrolet's mile in 59 seconds over a circular track was the feature of the two day automobile meet at the Fort Erie, Ont., race track yesterday. The Frenchman was driving his 150 horsepower Buick special in the five mile free for all. The other starters were his brother, Arthur, and Ed Crane. Louis ran away from his competitor, covering the five miles in 4:59 2-5.

Visited by Floods.

Los Angeles, July 23.—Messages received here early tonight conveyed the report that Bisbee and Douglas, Ariz., were again visited by floods caused by mountain coudbursts today and that four persons had met death in the former city. Efforts to procure further information were balked by the falling of the telegraph wires connecting that section of Arizona with the rest of the world.

REP. C. A. BARRETT SCORES ASSEMBLY AS WORST YET

An interested observer, though not a delegate to the recent assembly in Portland was Rep. C. A. Barrett of Athena, who returned home yesterday morning. This morning Mr. Barrett came down from his home town and while here made it very clear that he is not one of those who believe in the "assembly" system.

"It was interesting to watch the assembly," said Mr. Barrett. "But any one familiar with Oregon political conditions could easily see the wires that were pulled to bring most of the results about. The assembly scheme was a corporation plan and they used it. The great question is whether the corporations or the people are to run the government. I believe in the rule of the people."

According to Mr. Barrett the assembly plan is simply the old convention system resurrected but in a more vicious form. The system of selecting delegates and the voting of the absentees was worse than anything ever attempted in the old days of machine rule. Though a big announcement was made that no proxies would be allowed it is a fact, so Mr. Barrett declares, that vacancies were filled by delegation chairman, which was worse. He estimates that of the Umatilla delegation of 47 only half that number were actually in attendance at the assembly.

May Run for Senator.

For many weeks past it has been

EX-PREMIER OF SPAIN IS SHOT

Friend of Francisco Ferrer attempts the Assassination of Senor Maura.

SPAIN FEARS RECURRENCE OF INTERNAL DISORDERS

Posas Roca Shoots Former Premier at Depot—Only One Bullet Finds Lodgement—Wound Not Serious—Assailant Under Arrest—Authorities Fear Grave Damage is Ahead—Republicans are Jubilant Over the Shooting.

Madrid, July 23.—In the attempted assassination of former Premier Maura at Barcelona last night by Posas Roca, a driver and friend of Francisco Ferrer, who was executed last year, the Spanish authorities see grave danger of further trouble and it is feared this is but the start of long deferred disorders. Roca is under arrest. Maura was shot slightly in the leg while en route for Majorfa where he intends spending the summer. Senor Olivara, a friend of Maura, was slightly wounded by one of the five shots Roca fired.

The conservative cabinet of Senor Maura resigned October 21 of last year after having been in power two years and nine months. The 18 months preceding its formation had witnessed the fall of five liberal ministries. The religious issue was the cause of the dissensions and the return to power of Maura, who had previously held the premiership, was regarded as a sweeping victory for the clericals and one likely to arouse the revolutionary spirit.

This proved to be the case. The opposition united against the government's conduct of the war in Morocco and stern measures it took to put down the anti-war demonstrations in Spain. Then came the execution in Barcelona prison of Francisco Ferrer who was charged with being a revolutionist. Threats repeatedly have been made against the life of Maura and only recently it was reported that he was being constantly guarded.

Republicans Rejoice.

Madrid, July 23.—Republicans of Spain are joyful over the attempted assassination of former Premier Maura yesterday who was shot in the depot in Barcelona, but only slightly wounded. The republican members of Cortez met at midnight when it was rumored that Maura was dead and resolved on measures which they intend shall throw open to investigation the charges that he was responsible for last year's bloody riots at Barcelona. Maura is heartily hated by the populace. He has been carefully guarded since he retired as premier.

Prisoners Mutiny.

Madrid, July 23.—Authorities today are investigating the mutiny of prisoners in the Madrid prisons yesterday which lasted for three hours.

GIRL KILLS YOUTH— WAS IT ACCIDENTAL?

Washington, D. C., July 23.—Relatives of Benjamin Smith, a son of Addison Smith, who is private secretary to Sen. Hepburn of Idaho, do not believe the youth was killed accidentally yesterday by a girl. Benjamin and his 14-year-old brother Walter and friends went to Virginia on a vacation several days ago. Yesterday they were standing on the wharf when a launching party, including a number of girls came up. The girl asked to see Smith's pistol and the next moment the gun was discharged, the bullet going through the temple of young Smith, killing him instantly. Witnesses declare it was accidental. The father, traveling west, was notified by telegram and is returning to Mount Holly where the accident occurred.

The leader will be dealt with severely as he nearly caused serious trouble. The troops were called out.

IMMIGRATION SHAKE-UP.

Reported Secretary Nagel Will Transfer Frisco Officials.

San Francisco, July 23.—A shake-up is scheduled in the immigration service of the Pacific coast, particularly among the Chinese inspectors and interpreters according to Washington dispatches in the Sai Gal Yat Po, a local Chinese paper appearing this afternoon. The report is that Secretary Nagel has directed Immigration Commissioner North of San Francisco to prepare a list of names of the inspectors and interpreters in his office and to forward them to Washington where the department of commerce and labor will assign the men to other parts of the country. The reason for the shake-up is said to be certain irregularities in the exclusion and admission of orientals to the United States.

Broker Sentenced.

Chicago, July 23.—Willis, Counselman, broker and clubman, whose divorce from his insane wife, Lulu Counselman, was set aside by the courts after Counselman married Miss Clara French, was sentenced to three months in jail by Judge Chetlain in the superior court here today. Judge Chetlain held Counselman in contempt of court because of the broker's testimony in the hearing.

Japanese Executed.

New Westminster, B. C., July 23.—Ishimaru Kenge, a Japanese, was hanged in the provincial jail here today for the murder of his partner, Nishizawa, at White Rock last year.

WAR VETERANS OF STATE MEET HERE

2ND ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT IS NOW IN PROGRESS

Attendance Not Large But Occasion is Enjoyable One—Auto Tour This Morning—Business Session This Afternoon—Banquet Tonight.

Roosevelt for Chief. Roosevelt for commander in chief of the United Spanish War veterans of America, and Portland for the 1912 national encampment, is the double-headed slogan of the Oregon encampment here this afternoon. A delegation of sixteen enthusiastic comrades is to be sent to the national encampment at Denver, Aug. 29 to 31 and the above instructions will be given to them.

The election of officers was in progress at time of going to press, H. E. Williams of Scout Young camp, of Portland, having been elected department commander.

Veterans of the Spanish American War representing the different local camps in the state which form the United Spanish War Veterans of Oregon are meeting at Armory hall this afternoon in second annual encampment. While the attendance is not as large as was anticipated the meeting is proving to be a most enjoyable social event. Among those in attendance are Department Commander Seneca Foutts and Department Adjutant H. E. Williams, both of Portland. Among the different camps represented are Scout Young camp No. 2 of Portland, Phillips Camp No. 4 of Albany, Hal Hibbard camp No. 5 of Salem, Malaban camp No. 6 of Pendleton, Owen Somers, camp No. 7 of Marshfield and Captain Clay camp No. 8 of Burns. Visitors are also here from Henry W. Lawton camp of Walla Walla, and

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SAYS G. O. P. IS WORKING GAME

Norman Mack Declares Republican Party Has Clever Plan for Retaining Power.

USE TEDDY IN WEST AND TAFT IN EAST

Chairman of Democratic National Committee in Magazine Article Says Roosevelt is An "Instrument No Longer Effective"—Declares Republicans Will Use Ex-President in West and President in East During Congressional Campaign.

Buffalo, July 23.—Norman Mack, chairman of the democratic national committee, in a signed article in the National monthly today characterizes Roosevelt as "an instrument no longer effective," and also discloses what he believes are the plans of the republican leaders in the coming campaign. He says: "The republican organization plans to make Roosevelt an issue in the congressional campaign in the west and Taft in the east. Those benefiting by republican success are not particular whether Roosevelt or Taft are apart in their views or together. The republican organization will maintain if all of the insurgents are returned to congress and will control with even additional insurgents. The regulars will defend the tariff and pool pool the high cost of living, while the insurgents denounce the tariff. Thus the republicans enter the campaign on both ends of every important proposition."

BRITISH TROOPS PURSUE REVOLUTIONIST VESSELS

New Orleans, July 23.—A strong detachment of British troops is sailing today in pursuit of General Manuel Bonilla, former president of Honduras, who left Belize with armed men in two schooners to attack Puerto Cortez and Celba, where President Bavilla of Honduras has his troops entrenched. If the British win the race, Bonilla's plans will fail. They are trying to capture him as he violated the neutrality rules by sailing from a British port on a warlike expedition against a friendly nation. Bonilla is leading a revolution in an effort to gain the presidency.

DETROIT POLICE HAVE LETTERS OF DR. CRIPPEN

Detroit, July 23.—It was learned today that the police here sent London police some recent correspondence between Dr. Crippen, the accused murderer and his friends. One letter was written July 17th and should help Scotland Yards materially in the search, say Detroit police. Authorities decline to give out the contents of the letters. It is reported several relatives of Crippen are under surveillance.

Westerner Loses.

London, July 23.—In a six round bout for amateurs held here last night Mr. Adler, a London stock broker, won from Ivan Kahn of Los Angeles, Cal.

BOLD ATTEMPT TO ROB PAYMASTER BY BANDIT

Kittanning, Pa., July 23.—After shooting and killing Horton Craig, his bodyguard, a bandit today held up and attempted to rob F. H. Brown, paymaster of the Widnoon Coal company of \$2,800 being taken from the office to pay the men. The Superintendent of the company arrived and prevented the robbery. The bandit fled followed by a posse who has him cornered in a shaft of an abandoned mine.

TWO GIRLS CROSS CONTINENT IN AUTO

San Francisco, July 23.—Sunbaked and freckled, two society girls, Misses Blanche Stuart and Gertrude Phillips of New York arrived here today in an automobile after 41 days spent in traveling 5322 miles from New York to this city. They were greeted by a large delegation of motor enthusiasts this morning when they crossed on the ferry from Oakland. They paraded Market street in triumph, followed by hundreds of machines. A car inscribed "A car, a girl and the wide world," was the center of interest. "We had a delightful trip," said Miss Scott. "We fixed our own punctures and were not bothered by men tinkering with the automobile. We have demonstrated that a woman as well as a man can cross the continent alone."