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WATER RIGHT OWNERS COMBINE TOGETHER

HAVE SECURED ATTORNEYS
TO FIGHT THE SUITS
Defendants of Birch and McKay
Creeks Projects Appoint a General
Committee to Work in Case.

For the purpose of more effectively fighting the suits instituted against the owners of water rights on Birch and McKay creeks, the majority of the defendants have banded together in an organization and have appointed a general committee with three sub-committees, the chairman of which comprise a board of control to work under the direction of the general committee. Attorneys Railey and Railey and Frederick Steiwer have been retained as counsel by this board of control but any individual water user has the privilege of securing his own attorney. However, that there may be harmony and uniformity in the many answers, the committee requests that the above attorneys be supplied with contents notices and necessary information.

Several weeks ago the government instituted about 150 suits against water users on these two creeks for the purpose of adjudicating the rights. As it involves considerable expense to fight these cases, a meeting of the water users affected was called at Pilot Rock about two weeks ago and a committee of seven with James Johns as chairman was named to act for the defendants. Later this committee met in this city with a number of the water users and decided to

enlarge the committee to the number of fifteen. The territory affected was divided into three districts, district No. 1 taking in both forks of Birch creek down to the south line of rank Sherman's place about three miles below Pilot Rock, district No. 2 extending from there on to the Umatilla and part of the Umatilla river and district No. 3 taking in all of McKay creek. Five men were appointed from each district as a sub-committee to the general committee. From district 1, J. N. Burgess, T. J. Tweedy, Lon Knotts, Alfred Smith and Frank Byrd were named, from district 2, Julius Guderain, Charles McBee, Frank Sherman, Lee Teutsch, and Berg Sparks, and from district 3 Dan Shaw, Joe McBill, Levi Eldridge, John Wynn and Joe Holmes. The chairmen of these committees constitute the board of control with power to secure counsel, surveyors and expert irrigationists and to undertake test cases. However each defendant will be required to file his own answer.

Fight Over a Million.
San Mateo, Cal., May 29.—A contest over the will of the late David F. Walker, a millionaire banker, was resumed in the courts of this county today. The controversy is between Mrs. Althea Walker, the widow of the financier, and the children of Walker's first wife. The estate is valued at approximately \$1,000,000.

GERMANY AGREES TO ARBITRATION TREATY

Washington, D. C., May 29.—Germany today expressed a willingness to enter into negotiations with the United States for a general arbitration treaty. Information to this effect was given to Knox by the ambassador for Germany.

Newsy Notes of Pendleton

Boy Injured in Runaway.
Clayton Sloan, the sixteen year old son of George Sloan, a farmer living about five miles west of this city, is confined to his bed as the result of a broken leg sustained in a runaway Saturday.

Two Drunks in Court.
The Monday morning police court docket was short, only two drunks having their names enrolled thereon. These were Oscar Brecklan and Simon Whitman and both forfeited their bail of five dollars.

Cattle Thief Pleads Guilty.
Frank Johnson, the Indian cattle thief recently arrested by Sheriff Taylor for driving off ten head of cattle from the upper McKay country, today changed his plea from not guilty to guilty and will receive sentence some time this week.

Will Work in Bank.
A. C. Hampton, principal of the high school, will be employed at the first national bank during the most of the summer as a supernumerary member of the banking force to fill vacancies while regular employees of the bank are upon their vacation.

However, Mr. Hampton will not enter upon this work until about June 10. In the meantime he will accompany the high school debating team to Eugene for the debate on June 2. While in the valley he will also visit at his home in Monmouth.

Game of All Nations.
Baseball is known as the great national game of America, but the mixed attendance at the Pendleton-Walla Walla game yesterday proves that it is international in its interest and fascination. There were many number of nationalities represented in the attendance and every race had members there. There are always a large number of Indian braves present at local games but it is unusual to see squaws in the grand stand. Yesterday, however, six purchased tickets and sat with the best of the Caucasians. There were a large number of negroes in the crowd and also a goodly number of Japs and Chinesemen.

Indians Have Real Roundups.
The Indians and cowboys are now engaged in their yearly roundups and while there is much entertainment about these occasions, the primary purpose is not amusement as the Pendleton Round-up. They are for the purposes of collecting the scattered stock, branding the yearlings and breaking the wild horses. This week they will be working in the Thorn Hollow country at the mouth of Buckaroo canyon and tomorrow and Wednesday will be the future days. Quite a number of local people are contemplating a trip out to the camp to watch the performances. Next week they will hold forth at Cabbage Hill and the week following on Upper McKay.

Pioneer Picnic Success.
According to Pendletonians who attended the last day of the Pioneer picnic at Weston, the last day of the celebration was a great success, the splendid weather bringing a large crowd to join in the festivities. The principal feature of the program was the memorial address by President Penrose of Whitman college in which he told the story of Marcus, most noted of all Oregon pioneers. In the annual old timers' contest, Dr. L. Dell of Athena took first prize, J. H. Luna of Athena second and Al Johnson of Athena third and Bill King of Weston fourth. The judges were L. M. Morrison, Robert Jamieson and R. W. Fletcher. In the ball game in the afternoon, Athena defeated Weston by the score of 8 to 6, winning the game after the home team had a good lead.

Plumbers Meet in Denver.
Denver, Colo., May 29.—Several hundred plumbers of Colorado, Idaho, Wyoming, Utah and New Mexico are guests of Denver's most expensive hotels today while attending the fourteenth annual convention of the International States Association of Master Plumbers.

Texas to See Warships.
Galveston, Tex., May 29.—Excursionists from all over the south-west will visit Galveston this week to inspect the battleships Minnesota, Vermont and Mississippi. The vessels are due here tomorrow and will remain until next Monday.

Bantams to Fight.
New Haven, Conn., May 29.—A fight to decide the bantamweight championship title of the world between Johnny Coulton of Kenosha, Wis., and Frankie Burns of Jersey City will be staged tonight by the Crescent Athletic club. The men will weigh in at the ringside at 116 pounds and the fight is scheduled for fifteen rounds.

**FORCED TO JOIN UNION
MAN COMITS SUICIDE**
Philadelphia, Pa.—Driven to distraction over the efforts of fellow-workmen to force him to join a union Ernest Heibel, 23 years old, an employee of the Baldwin Locomotive works, shot and killed himself today. The young man's reason for his act was given in a letter addressed to his wife, in substance as follows:
"My Dear Wife: I can no longer endure the efforts of my fellow-workmen to force me into joining the union. I do not believe in unionism and they are making my life so miserable that I cannot bear it any longer, so good-by."

Nell—He swore I was the only girl he ever loved.
Belle—For my part I don't care for amateurs.
Do you read the East Oregonian?

POLITICS AND POLITICIANS.
The summer capital will soon be shifted to Beverly.
The legislature of Wisconsin has passed a bill for the popular election of senators.
The Hardwick special committee, charged by the house with the duty of investigating the sugar trust will meet on Thursday of this week.
Attorney-General Hogan of Ohio, has declared the Dean saloon character bill invalid. The measure, passed a year ago, seeks to prohibit local taxing authorities from accepting saloon taxes from aliens, felons and from saloonkeepers who sell to minors or improper characters.
Members of both the democratic and republican national committees have already begun to look to the selection of cities next year for the national conventions. Singularly enough according to some, a number of members of both national committees have a hankering toward New York city, the same old hankering that has always been observed in the two committees for years and which in the end is always offset by a sentiment against the metropolis.
Senator Warren of Wyoming, declares that democratic indecision over the wool schedule is playing havoc with the entire woolen industry. Senator Warren is the greatest shepherd of modern times and the question concerns him vastly. He declares that not only have the sheep raisers suffered, but the woolen mills have reduced their output to a minimum. Many of the New England mills are running only three days a week and the entire market, according to Mr. Warren, is in a state of partial paralysis as a result of the uncertainty of tariff tinkering of the democratic house. It would not be complimentary to say some of the things that are given in reply to Senator Warren.

Henry L. Stimson, who assumed the duties as secretary of war today, succeeding Joseph M. Dickinson, will probably do much traveling for the president. According to present plans it is said that Mr. Stimson will do the globe-trotting for the Taft administration that Mr. Taft did for the Roosevelt administration. Mr. Stimson has already made a good start by addressing the Intercolonial Club of Boston in the interests of reciprocity. In fact for the present, it is understood, all of Mr. Stimson's addresses will be chiefly upon this subject, until the matter has been satisfactorily settled. Mr. Stimson is a fluent and convincing speaker, and there is no doubt that he will create a favorable impression on his various tours.

SHOOTSELF ON DARE.
Laporte, Ind., Man Recovers and Asks Divorce Because Spouse Laughed.
Laporte, Ind.—Harry Plumbeck, a business man who recently shot himself and for several days was despairing of, today brought action for divorce from his young society bride of a few weeks.
He alleged that his wife dared him to kill himself and that to prove that he had the nerve, he went into an adjoining room and fired a bullet into his body, fully intending to kill himself.
Plumbeck says that his wife then stood above him and laughed in glee at his agony.

**ON BRINK OF ETERNITY
TELLS OF SENSATIONS**
New York.—Death self-inflicted from cyanide of potassium, came swiftly this afternoon to Joseph Hull, 26 years old, but not before he recorded his sensations and thoughts while on the threshold of eternity. A postscript to a farewell note, that wavered and broke towards the end, was penned, the coroner said, while the drug was at its task.
"I am not afraid," it read. "I am glad of what I have accomplished." "The farewell, scarcely longer, was "I have often argued that the inefficient and useless should be eliminated from society. I am simply practicing what I preach."
Near the body the coroner found letters bearing an Alabama postmark written, apparently by an uncle, upon the subject of the marriage of the young man's father. There was also a letter from the father, postmarked Bridgeport, Conn., but dated 83 Summer avenue, Newark, N. P.

EX-MAYOR SCHMITZ BROKE.
Loses All Boothe Obtained in San Francisco.
San Francisco, May 22.—Ex-Mayor Schmitz, who escaped going to San Quentin prison with ex-Boss Abe Ruef by the slender legal technicality and who is now at liberty on heavy bonds, has lost all the boodle that he accumulated by wholesale grafting on rich corporations with Ruef. Schmitz is in Mexico, dead broke, all his business ventures having gone wrong.
When Schmitz was trying to get out of jail on bail he secured the assistance of William J. Dineen, an Oakland capitalist. In return Dineen induced Schmitz to invest many thousands of his ill-gotten wealth in a large cement factory near Santa Cruz. When Dineen failed last year Schmitz lost every cent he had invested in it. Then the mine which Schmitz put considerable money into at Oroville in Butte county, pinched out. In despair, Schmitz started for Sinaloa, Mexico, where his brother is interested in some mines, but a letter was received yesterday by one of his old friends saying the mine is worthless and that Schmitz is stranded.
It is estimated Schmitz made \$500,000 out of wholesale grafting with Ruef, the only thing that remains is a fine house in his wife's name.

WANTED TOO MUCH.
During the recent senatorial unpleasantness "Tom" Smith, the secretary of Tammany Hall, had occasion to visit one of the little up state towns, says the New York correspondent of the Cincinnati Times Star. The principal hotel of the town was full to the eaves with drummers and sample cases. The name of Tammany carried no weight there, and as for Smith—"You say your name is 'Tom' Smith?" said the clerk of the hotel. "Mister, every third man in this neighborhood is named Smith and two out of three of 'em are captains."

So that Tammany Tom Smith fitted a neat curse to the un hospitable hostility, its clerk and its future, and went out to find him a place wherein he might sleep for the night. He eventually located a somewhat snabby hotel, which was principally used by workmen from a near-by construction camp. He paid a dollar in advance for room and breakfast, the clerk remarked caustically that "a fullcase isn't a guarantee that the bill will be paid—especially when a guy has a room on the second floor." And just before midnight the indignant Mr. Smith plied down into the hotel office, almost dressed.
"What's the matter?" asked the clerk, shifting his pipe to the other corner. "Anything wrong?"
"Wrong," gasped Mr. Smith, trembling. "Wrong. Confound your old dump, anyhow, I saw a pair of rats as big as hedge hogs fighting in the middle of the floor of my room."
"Huh," said the clerk, closing his eyes and preparing to return to sleep. "What do you want for a dollar—a bull fight?"

DEATH OF PLAYWRIGHTS.
There may be portions of the theatrical season marked by the production of few plays than at other times, but it does not appear that like slack times prevail for playwrights.
At the Liebler & Co. offices alone it is said that a daily average of a dozen plays come through the mill. Half as many more are brought in by their authors in person, making an annual total of about 5000 plays that are read in that office annually. Yet of the twenty new plays that are put out by that firm each year over half are either written to order or contracted for in advance of completion. Of the others many are obtained abroad.

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