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WARM FIGHT BREAKS FORTH

Umatilla Extension Proves Bone of Spirited Controversy in Club.

SPECIAL MEETING SOON

Members Defer Action to Await Hermonston Side But Notify President of Status of Affair—Lively Tilt Ensued.

On next Tuesday evening, December 12, there will be a special meeting of the Pendleton Commercial club for the purpose of listening to both sides of the controversy that has arisen over the subject of the Umatilla extension. It is expected speakers will be present from Hermonston, Umatilla, Stanfield, Echo and Pilot Rock to set forth their respective views.

Birch Creek Rights

Last night's meeting of the club developed the Stanfield side of the affair and the claims of the Birch creek people were likewise made known. As an attorney for the water-users on Birch creek, Frederick Stelwer set forth their views. He asserted that the state engineer's figures show the minimum flow of the Umatilla river to be 219,000 acre feet, the figures being for 1914-5. He declared that in adjudicating the rights along the river and tributary creeks the minimum flow should be taken as a basis of calculation. Should this be done he held there would not be sufficient water to meet the needs of the present settlers and to carry out the extension.

In his discussion Stelwer also touched upon the reservation rights and criticized the reclamation department for seeking to use water upon the project extension when the first right to use the water will rest with the Indians in the event the reservation rights are established.

Must Be Adjudicated.

While Stelwer was speaking the first spark in a lively debate that followed was struck when Will Moore interposed to ask if the adjudication of the water rights by the government would not in some cases save water-users down the stream from bringing suits to establish their rights.

After this point had been disposed of, Mr. Moore moved that a special meeting of the club be held one week hence to again consider the subject and to listen to parties from Hermonston and Umatilla in relation to the subject. Attorney J. P. Winter moved to amend the motion to defer the meeting for two weeks. It was here suggested by Stelwer that such an arrangement would be very satisfactory provided word be wired at once to the president to the effect the club would take action at that time.

Smith Opposed Change.

Before a vote was taken upon the amendment several lively tilts ensued between those present. Dr. C. J. Smith, who was chairman of the committee that worked for the extension, warmly defended the extension and decried the efforts to place the club on record against it at this late hour. He declared that when the extension was first proposed people from practically all sections of the county were favorable to it and so expressed themselves through resolutions passed by commercial clubs. He declared himself vigorously opposed to any action by the club that would appear as wavering or indicating a possible change of sentiment.

To Notify President.

However, when the question was finally given to the club for decision those present voted as favoring a special meeting one week hence and the amendment which called for instructing the secretary to wire the president to the effect such a meeting would be held at that time to consider the matter. When the vote upon the amendment was first taken President Smythe declared the chair in doubt as to the result and called for a standing vote. Ten of those present voted as favoring the notification of the president, while but five voted against it.

Stanfield Was There.

The feature of the meeting last evening was the presence of the delegation from Stanfield, Echo and vicinity. Among those in attendance were Frank Sloan, James Kyle, E. N. Wheeler, Cashier Holt of the Stanfield bank, G. L. Hurd, O. D. Teel, the Ward brothers and others.

Among those speaking against the extension were Messrs. Sloan, Kyle and Hurd. Both Kyle and Sloan declared Stanfield people anxious for an investigation of the merits of their claims and they asserted the carrying out of the extension would be ruinous to settlers on the Meadows and unjust. They hotly refuted statements made by reclamation men regarding

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INCENDIARY BLAZE DAMAGES RESIDENCE

Coutts-Averill Families Made Homeless By Fire Fiend

Sleeping Occupants Aroused by Sizzling of Locomotive Siren, and Find House in Flames.

As a result of a fire that is charged to an incendiary the families of G. W. Coutts and E. F. Averill are homeless today and the old Arnold house on Willow street, near the O. W. R. & N. round house, is partly destroyed. The fire evidently originated about 1 o'clock and the first alarm was given by an O. W. R. & N. engine. According to G. W. Coutts he was awakened by the whistling of the engine and awoke to find his woodshed in flames and fire coming through the rear wall into the dwelling house. After the two families had been gotten out in the safety of the work of rescuing the furniture was taken up and most of the furniture was saved. The central fire companies and the local company in that vicinity responded to the fire bell and extinguished the blaze before it had done more than burn the woodshed, the rear portion of the dwelling and much of the roof.

The burned building was the property of the Arnold estate and was occupied jointly by the Coutts and Averill families. The woodshed immediately joined the house in the rear. It contained several cords of wood and also some dry shingles that proved very combustible.

In the opinion of Mr. Coutts the fire was started by an incendiary. He says that in no other way can he account for its origin. No lights were ever used in the woodshed as it is lighted by an electric light on the rear porch. Mr. Coutts was last in the woodshed at 5 o'clock last evening and declares no member of the family entered the place after that time.

Insurance amounting to \$500 was carried by Mr. Coutts upon his household goods, while his son-in-law, Mr. Averill, carried \$500 insurance. These policies will protect the tenants in their losses.

The Arnold house was insured for the sum of \$3000 but it is understood that the policy was allowed to lapse and in consequence the heirs will be losers to the extent of the damage upon the house.

Once before an attempt was made to destroy this same house by fire, but the blaze was discovered by a high school student who gave the alarm. But slight damage was inflicted by the first fire.

FIRE CHIEF VAUGHAN IS AGAIN CHOSEN

At a spirited firemen's election held at the city hall on the evening of the city election, J. L. Vaughan, present fire chief, was re-elected to his position, while J. R. Childreth and William Gardner were elected as first and second assistants, respectively.

The firemen's election this year brought forth a larger vote than any similar event of recent years. For the position of chief a total of 72 votes were cast and they represented virtually the entire membership of the fire department. Vaughan received 56 votes, while his only opponent, A. J. Gibson, drew 16 votes.

For the position of first assistant the candidates were J. R. Childreth and William Bogert. Childreth won with 53 votes by his credit while Bogert drew but 19.

John Dyer opposed William Gardner for second assistant chief and was given 24 votes by his fellow firemen while Gardner was given 49 votes. Under the rules of the fire department the firemen elect their officers every two years and the elections are held on the evening of the regular city election.

White Slaver Held.

John Sullivan, accused of being a white slaver, and his female companion who gave numerous names, were arraigned this morning before Mrs. Vida Johnston, U. S. Commissioner, and they have been bound over for trial in the federal courts. Sullivan's bond was set at \$5000 while the woman's bond was made \$2000. As neither could secure bail both are held in custody and they will be taken to North Yakima for trial in the federal court for eastern Washington. Deputy U. S. Attorney McGuire represented the government at the hearing this morning while Deputy Marshal Baker and Immigration Agent Wells of Walla Walla were also in attendance.

SIX HUNDRED BANKERS TOSSED BY HURRICANE

New York, Dec. 6.—Dispatches state that three United Fruit company steamers, bearing six hundred members of the American Bankers' association and their families, from Panama, where they had been visiting have weathered a big hurricane sweeping the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea. All are safe. The Costa Rican banana crop, valued at \$60,000,000, is badly damaged.

PACKERS ON TRIAL AT LAST

After Years of Legal Comedy, Beef Trust is at Bar of Justice.

ELEVEN JURORS SECURED

Federal Government Will Attempt to Prove J. Ogden Armour and Nine Other Men Are Guilty of Criminal Conspiracy in Restraint of Trade.

Chicago, Dec. 6.—Brought to book after a hunt of more than seven years, J. Ogden Armour and nine other Chicago meat packers were placed on trial here today before United States Circuit Judge Carpenter, on a charge of criminal conspiracy in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law. The court was jammed when the packers this morning pleaded "not guilty."

The work of examining veniremen began immediately and at noon eleven jurors were in the box, subject to peremptory challenge.

Eight Begins. Chicago, Dec. 6.—Ten millionaire magnates of the packing business today answered before the bar of the United States circuit court for the northern district of Illinois to the biggest of Uncle Sam's suits under the criminal section of the Sherman anti-trust law.

An array of the most expensive lawyers in the country is on hand to defend the beef barons of charges of conspiracy in restraint of trade as a penalty for which the government demands a term in jail.

Nearly eight years of legal maneuvering has been occupied in actually bringing the so-called "beef trust" to trial. The National Packing company, the government will attempt to show, is a "holding company" operated in furtherance of the plans of the heads of the alleged trust in precisely the same manner that the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey, or the American Tobacco Co. of New York, was manipulated by the Oil and Tobacco trusts, respectively.

The climax of the grand jury's work came on September 12, when indictments were returned under the criminal section of the anti-trust law against the following ten magnates: Lewis F. Swift, president of Swift & Co.; Edward H. Swift, vice president of Swift & Co.; Charles H. Swift, director of Swift & Co.; Edward Tildon, president of the National Packing Co. and also of the firm of Libby, McNeil & Libby; Francis A. Fowler of Fowler Brothers; J. Ogden Armour, president of Armour & Co.; Arthur Meeker, general manager of Armour & Co.; Thomas J. Connors, superintendent of Armour & Co.; Edward Morris, president of Morris & Co.; Louis H. Heyman, manager of Morris & Co.

Three indictments in all, containing seven counts, were returned against these packers. They were charged with a conspiracy to effect a combination in restraint of trade in fresh meats, and a monopolization of that industry by unlawful means.

Tacoma, Dec. 6.—Following arguments for and against calling a special session of the legislature, to enact a presidential primary, Governor Hay today has the matter under advisement. Women voters hint they will fight Hay if he does not call the session, so they can get a chance to vote on their choice for president.

GENERAL REYES GIVES UNCLE SAM THE SLIP

San Antonio, Dec. 6.—Federal officials are searching for General Reyes. It is alleged he jumped his bond and re-entered Mexico, via Corpus Christi, disguised. Search warrants will probably be issued.

COMMERCIAL CLUB AFTER NEXT MEET OF TRI-STATE UNION OF SOIL TILLERS

In hopes of inducing the next tri-state meeting of the farmers' union to come to Pendleton, Secretary Jack Keefe of the Commercial club, this afternoon presented an invitation from the Pendleton Commercial club and Mayor E. J. Murphy to make this place the next convention place.

In the past the sessions of the tri-state organization have all been held in Walla Walla and some 1000 or more delegates have usually been in attendance. Owing to Pendleton's excellent hotel facilities and its convenient location from a transportation standpoint, it is urged the next session should be held here.

Today's Sessions. At the sessions of the farmers' union state convention today many matters of vital interest to the organization and its members have been under consideration. At the forenoon session C. E. Curry, terminal agent at Portland, was one of the speakers. It was expected Mr. Curry would arrive yesterday but he was unable to attend any of the sessions until today.

DESPONDENT TAILOR SUICIDES WITH SHOT

Spokane Man Ends Spree in Local Rooming House

Companion Tells Coroner Poor Health Causes Melancholia—Has Wife in Empire Metropolis.

Despondent through poor health brought on by drinking or else temporarily insane, M. M. Harris, a tailor of Spokane, committed suicide by sending a bullet into his brain at 5 o'clock last evening at his room in the Gibson lodging house at 512 South Main street.

The suicide had been in Pendleton for some weeks past and was accompanied by F. Auke, who at the coroner's inquest held over the body declared he had known Harris for some six or seven years. According to the story of Auke his companion was in poor health and his wife induced him to come here in hopes of recovering from a nervous breakdown. While here he was supplied with money by Mrs. Harris, who has been conducting a tailoring business in Spokane.

At the time of the suicide there was no one in the lodging house save Harris and his dead body was discovered shortly after 5 o'clock by Auke who returned to the room from the depot where he had gone to purchase an evening paper. On returning to the room he found Harris dead and a .32 calibre pistol told the tale. The shot was directed at the unfortunate man's forehead and apparently he died instantly.

After being notified of the tragedy, Coroner Tolson took charge of the body and had an inquest with George Stangler, W. A. Hyatt, H. G. Kirkpatrick, B. Jensen, E. G. Sturdevant and W. M. Wolf as jurors. The jury found the dead man had been killed by a party or parties unknown and held that Auke, his companion, was free from any suspicion in the matter.

Coroner Tolson has been in communication today with the suicide's relatives in Spokane and arrangements are being made to ship the body to that city for burial.

SOCIALISTS LOSE BY 35,000, LOS ANGELES

Los Angeles, Dec. 6.—At one o'clock Alexander led Harriman by 35,726. Prohibition was swamped by 35,695.

Los Angeles, Dec. 6.—Completely overwhelming Job Harriman, socialist-union labor candidate, Mayor Alexander was yesterday re-elected by a plurality exceeding 35,000 and he carried the entire good government ticket to victory.

Admitting utter route, Harriman men say the McNamaras' confessions were responsible for the vote which was the largest ever polled in the city.

It was the first time women were allowed to vote here and they balloted almost unanimously against Harriman.

Milwaukee Not Discouraged.

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 6.—Socialists here were not discouraged by the defeat of the socialists at Los Angeles. "It only puts victory off a little longer," said Mayor Siedel.

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FEDERAL PROBE IN DYNAMITE CASE POINTS AT LABORITES

Union Leaders Are Scheduled for Indictment for Conspiracies Throughout Country, Says Official

BRIBERY CASES DRAW INTEREST FROM McNAMARA

District Attorney Fredericks Will Rest On His Laurels and Turns His Information Over to Government Authorities ---Gompers Denies Associates Are Involved.

Indianapolis, Dec. 6.—It is asserted here today that the confession of John McNamara is relied upon to furnish the last link in a chain of evidence being forged by the federal grand jury.

"I feel certain that indictments will be returned against prominent laborites of Cleveland, Detroit, St. Louis, Indianapolis, Buffalo, Boston, Louisville, Omaha, Kansas City and Peoria," said a prominent government official today.

New Clews Found. Indianapolis, Dec. 6.—New clews involving John J. McNamara, as international secretary of the Structural Iron Workers, are reported to have been found today.

Secret service operators are endeavoring to connect the McNamaras with a long chain of other dynamite outages. They have found that John had many money order transactions with outside persons and that he also received some of his mail as C. J. Sandusty.

Bribery Cases Next.

Los Angeles, Dec. 6.—With Judge Bordwell saying the McNamaras' confessions were due to the bribery developments alone, and District Attorney Fredericks determined to push the charges against Franklin interest today switched from the McNamaras in their cells, to the bribery and the federal probe.

When Franklin appears in court Monday it is problematical what sort of a fight will be made. It is admitted that it is up to District Attorney Fredericks.

The federal probe into the dynamite cases, promises soon to overshadow the original McNamara case. The grand jury meets tomorrow. Orville McManigal will be among the first witnesses. Agents say that his story, when published, will electrify the entire country.

Meanwhile five hundred secret service men have been placed at the disposal of Special United States Attorney General Lawlor who has charge of the probe here.

It is unlikely that there will be any further criminal proceedings in Los Angeles as far as the dynamiting is concerned.

It is intimated that the first indictments will come out here and not in Indianapolis. Proceedings here will be pushed before the eastern cases in order that the indicted men, who might escape, can be entangled.

In addition to evading the enormous expense District Attorney Fredericks is convinced that the federal courts can do quicker work and Detective Burns and his evidence will be turned over to them.

It is said that some high labor chiefs are soon to be indicted. James B. McNamara won't be required to tell his story to the grand jury. Owing to his confession he can't be qualified as a witness.

John J. however, may be called, though this is doubtful. Lawlor is still debating on the matter. Until he decides, the brothers will be kept here.

Lawlor expects the indictment of a dozen labor leaders in San Francisco.

ROOMING HOUSE LADY WARNED TO LEAVE

War is on between Deputy District Attorney Pruitt and Mrs. Mosier, landlady of the Empire rooming house on West Webb street. It is asserted by the deputy prosecutor that the aforesaid landlady is conducting an improper house and he has sent an ultimatum to the effect she must give up the establishment and leave town within five days or suffer prosecution for conducting a bawdy house.

According to the deputy attorney he has the facts to sustain his charge against the Empire landlady and Alma Peck, a girl still in her teens, is held as the state's chief witness. The young lady is from Kansas City and is said to be of a wealthy family of that city.

It is declared she has pawned diamonds valued at \$1000 in Pendleton and at Baker, a report which if true would bear out the story of her affluent parentage.

Washington, Dec. 6.—"Congress will force the abrogation of the 1832 treaty with Russia," declared Congressman Sulzer of New York at the white house today.

He claims there is strong sentiment against Russia because she refused passports to American Jews, who wished to enter Russia. Sulzer claims he has proof that the treaty was violated.

DEMOCRATS PLAN REDUCTION ON NUMEROUS COMMODITIES

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New York, Dec. 6.—I am glad a death sentence was not imposed. I am opposed to capital punishment under any circumstances. I think the sentences received by both men were appropriate to the crime." This was the comment of Samuel Gompers when asked if he was satisfied with the punishment meted out to the McNamara brothers in Los Angeles yesterday. Mr. Gompers and Frank Morrison, secretary of the American Federation of Labor expected to return to Washington last night after the conference with Alton B. Parker, their counsel in the Buck Stove and Range company case, for which both men will have to answer to the court several days hence.

Gompers Challenges World.

Washington, Dec. 6.—Gompers, who reached here today, challenged the world to show that organized labor had any connection with the McNamara dynamiting plots and declared the enemies of Unionism cannot permanently injure the labor cause.

Burns Trailing Accomplices.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 6.—Detective Burns is here and said he believed Caplan and Schmidt are hiding in Philadelphia. He arrived here today to hunt for the alleged accomplice of the McNamaras.

RULING PRINCE OF CHINA IS DEPOSED

Peking, Dec. 6.—Prince Chun today was deposed as regent to the Manchurian throne on an order from Premier Yuan Shi Kai. Chun will probably be banished.

Empress Signs Edict.

Shanghai, Dec. 6.—The edict deposing Chun as regent, was signed by the empress dowager and grants the prince the right to abdicate. It allows the premier and his cabinet to take up the appointment of a substitute regent later.

The emperor will be raised as a Chinese. The prince regent retains his title and an annuity of 50,000 taels.

Revolution leaders declare this does not satisfy them.

LOCAL SCHOOL LEVY WILL BE SIX MILLS

At a meeting of taxpayers of the local school district held at the court house this afternoon it was voted to levy a six mill tax for school purposes during the coming year. The board asked for a levy of but five and a half mills but the showing of the needs of the district was such that those present voted to raise the levy to six mills.

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