



MORE MONEY IS ASKED

Commercial Club Takes Advice of Senator Bourne Regarding Federal Bldg.

\$35,000 MORE NEEDED

Upon Recommendation of Postmaster Brown Decision is Made to Ask for Additional Appropriation—Present Fund Cannot Build Adequate Structure.

Adopting the telegraphic recommendation of Senator Jonathan Bourne, Jr., the Pendleton Commercial association Saturday night voted to urge the Oregon delegation at congress to secure an additional \$35,000 appropriation for the construction of the federal building granted to this city rather than ask the government to proceed with the building with the \$70,000 already appropriated.

Though the attendance at the meeting was not large, the sentiment of those who were present was unanimous. Following Postmaster Brown's statement that all of the bids submitted on the plans already drawn had been rejected because they exceeded the amount appropriated and his declaration that considerable time would have to elapse, even if the club voted to be satisfied with the present amount available, in order that new plans could be prepared, it was the opinion of all that if delay were necessary in any case, it would be advisable that such delay be occasioned by the desire to secure a bigger and better building.

No Opposition. After Vice President Brock had called the meeting to order and Secretary Keefe had read the Bourne telegram as published Saturday, Judge Stephen A. Lowell, candidate to succeed Bourne, asked for a statement of the situation from the postmaster who responded as chronicled above and who concluded his remarks with the recommendation that Pendleton wait two years more if necessary rather than accept a building which would soon prove inadequate for the needs to which it would be devoted. He declared Pendleton needed a larger building than those being constructed at Baker and La Grande for the reason that the eastern Oregon branch of the federal court meets here and the headquarters of the northwest department of the federal bureau of animal industry is located here.

Dr. C. J. Smith made the motion that the club notify Senator Bourne of its desire to ask an additional appropriation and, after a few remarks, the motion was carried without a dissenting voice.

Five Trainmen Killed. New Castle, Pa., Jan. 15.—Five trainmen were killed when a passenger train on the Baltimore and Ohio struck an open switch here today.

NEW HIGH SCHOOL TO BE READY FOR USE BY OCT. 1; LOCAL MEN GET MUCH WORK

At a meeting Saturday evening, the contract between the school board and the Advance Construction company of Portland was signed up and the company thereby agrees to have a new high school building completed in Pendleton by October 1 of this year. For every day beyond that date that the completion is delayed, the company agrees to pay to the school board \$20, and for every day before that date that the building is completed, the board agrees to pay the company \$10. Work of dismantling the old building will probably commence before the present week is over, as the company has announced that it wishes the grounds cleared by February 10 in order that it can commence work on the new structure. The old Pendleton academy buildings on the north side of the river are rapidly being cleaned and made ready for occupancy and Superintendent Landers and Principal Hampton announce that they will begin the work of moving desks and apparatus of the high school on Wednesday and will have completed the work by Saturday evening.

So eager are the faculty and students to see work commence on their new building that they are but awaiting the word to take up their books and walk to their temporary quarters. It is expected that two rooms in the academy buildings can be made ready by Wednesday and during the rest of the week the janitor, his assistants and a volunteer corps of students will be kept busy. Superintendent Land-

KRUSOW NOW HEAD OF FARMERS' UNION

Grass Valley Man Succeeds Late J. W. McAllister, of La Grande

Fred Krusow of Grass Valley, is the new state president of the Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union, according to C. C. Connor, well known local worker for the union, the executive board having installed him into office at La Grande Saturday following the death of President J. W. McAllister in that city Saturday morning. Krusow was formerly vice president of the farmers' organization.

The funeral of the dead president was held in La Grande yesterday afternoon, the Masons having charge of the burial ceremonies. The casket was borne to the grave by two members of the Farmers' union, two members of the Masonic order and two members of his church.

The deceased was one of the most prominent pioneers in Union county. Twice he had represented Union county in the legislature, for many years he had been actively identified with the grange and at the time of his death was serving his second term as president of the Farmers' Union. He had been a farmer all of his life and when the call came he was still the owner and manager of Springbrook farm a mile and a half east of La Grande which farm was the homestead his father took up 53 years ago.

GUARDSMEN CHARGE ON RIOTING STRIKERS

Lawrence, Mass., Jan. 15.—After the police had been swept aside today by 3000 strikers who stormed a factory, demolished fences and windows, two companies of militia and the local battery with ball cartridges were sent at the double quick to the Pacific mills. The militia charged the rioters with bayonets. Fifty men, women and children were injured in the charge. The strikers fled. No serious violence is yet reported from the factory towns of Lowell, Lynn and Haverhill, where thousands are striking against the wage cut resulting from the operation of the states' mandatory 64 hour work law.

The rioters were charged after they had fired at the troops trying to clear the millyards. Further outbreaks are feared.

More than 100 foreigners were arrested after the riot. Most of them carried revolvers and knives.

Boston, Jan. 15.—Five more companies were ordered to Lawrence today by Governor Foss. They left on a special train.

Would be Seattle Mayor. Seattle, Wash., Jan. 15.—Thomas Parish resigned today as state tax commissioner to devote his time to his candidacy for mayor.

Herbert Strohm, well known Hermitonian, came in Saturday from the project town and spent yesterday in the city with friends.

BLACK HAND GANG IN CITY

Sends Letters to Two Well Known Ladies Demanding Money.

HOMES THREATENED; FIRE

Mrs. Clive Cheshire and Mrs. John Stockman Frightened by Ominous Missives—Police Lay Trap But Fail to Catch Culprits—Think School Boys Guilty.

Threatening to destroy the homes of Mrs. Clive Cheshire and Mrs. John Stockman if compliance were not made with their demands for money, members of a black hand gang have succeeded in causing considerable uneasiness among those acquainted with the attempts to extort money. Letters were received by each of the two ladies last week but the police have kept the fact secret in the hopes of being able to apprehend the culprits.

Mrs. Cheshire received the first letter in which she was ordered to leave \$50 in gold at a water hydrant at the corner of Wilson and Garfield street and a day or two later Mrs. Stockman received a similar letter, evidently written by the same person and in which the same spot was designated for depositing of \$35. Both demands were emphasized by a threat to burn the residences of the recipients upon failure to respond.

The letters were turned over to the police and Chief Kearney stationed an officer for several days and nights near the hydrant mentioned in the hopes of apprehending the black hand men when they came to ascertain if their intended victims had complied with their demands. These efforts proved fruitless, however, for no one appeared to get the bag of washers which had been left there.

Probably School Boys. Chief Kearney is of the opinion that the letters were the work of school boys for the handwriting is of the vertical style now being taught in the public schools. Investigation, however, has failed to throw any light on the identity of the culprits and the chief announced this morning that he would pay a substantial reward for information leading to the arrest of the guilty parties.

The Letters. The Cheshire letter bore the signature B. H. S., presumably meaning Black Hand Society, but the Stockman letter was unsigned. The letters appear here in full:

Pendleton, Ore., Jan. 8. Mrs. Cheshire, personal. We want you on Wednesday, just as the clock strikes twelve without delay to put \$50 in gold at the bottom of that hydrant on the corner of Garfield and Wilson streets. If the contents is ever let out of your family or if the said money is not there at the appointed time, we will burn your house sooner or later. So you better do as we say. B. H. S.

P. S.—Place it at the bottom of the north side of the hydrant not in a purse.

The Stockman Letter. Mrs. John Stockman, Jan. 15, 1912. We want you to place \$35 on the north side of that large hydrant at the corner of Garfield and Wilson streets. This must be in gold and placed there before 6 o'clock Thursday, Jan. 11, 1912, and if this is not there then or if you tell anyone we will burn your home inside of two weeks. Now remember this is a small sum for your house and maybe your life. If you don't do this you will pay dearly. Put money in a paper and place at hydrant.

Both Mrs. Cheshire and Mrs. Stockman live on Garfield street not far from the corner designated and both being of nervous temperaments were badly frightened by the threatening letters.

This is the first black hand attempt which has been made in Pendleton for about a year, or since Mrs. Rose Campbell, the milliner, received a letter demanding money. The writer of that missive was never found but the police were so vigilant that he never carried out his threat if he ever intended so doing.

NEW MEXICO INSTALLS FIRST GOVERNOR WITH MUCH POMP

Santa Fe, N. M., Jan. 15.—W. C. McDonald, New Mexico's first governor, was inaugurated at noon today in the hall of representatives. Thousands witnessed the parades and ceremonies.

McManigal to Testify. Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 15.—With McManigal scheduled to testify before the federal grand jury either today or tomorrow the government investigation into the alleged national dynamite conspiracy is rapidly closing. Lawler who conferred with Taft returned today.

LIABILITY LAW UPHELD

United States Supreme Court Declares Congressional Act Constitutional.

SUPERIOR TO STATE LAWS

Opinion by Justice Vandevanter Covers Four Suits Pending—Wife of Northern Pacific Engineer Gets \$8,000—Case Appealed from Montana.

Washington, Jan. 15.—The U. S. supreme court today declared the employers' liability law passed in 1908 constitutional. The opinion was delivered by Justice Vandevanter.

Vandevanter's opinion says in part: "It rested with congress to say whether a law operating in all the states is better than laws in several. It is true liability is imposed only on interstate carriers but it doesn't follow that this preference is in violation of the constitution."

The court holds the act rightfully supercedes acts in the various states. The opinion was delivered in four cases. A freeman on the Northern Pacific named Babcock was killed in a collision at Young's Point, Mont., 1908. His wife sought \$5000 damages under the employers' liability law and won. The company contended the federal law was unconstitutional for the reason that a Montana law governed the case. The supreme court rules cases may be brought in either state or federal courts having concurrent jurisdiction.

JUDGE WILLIS BROWN IS COMING TOMORROW

Tomorrow night in the auditorium of the Methodist church, Pendleton people will hear one of the greatest authorities on boys in the world tell of his experience in reclaiming young Americans from evil tendencies. Judge Willis Brown, will deliver a lecture as the third number of the high school entertainment and, in view of the national reputation of the man, a large crowd is expected.

Judge Willis Brown, is the originator and administrator of the Parental Court of Gary, Ind.

This Parental Court is the first one of its kind in existence, and is the latest advanced method of caring for the deficient child. Judge Brown had defined the undisputed legal status and proceedings of this new system which is conducted on purely educational methods.

He is the founder and first judge of the Utah Juvenile Courts, which are pronounced the most advanced of any, Utah having a state system, separate and apart from all other courts.

He is the originator of the Boy City movement of the National Boy City located at Charlevoix, Mich.

He devised the Boyville civic plan which is an educational system of boys' worked on preventative lines.

He is the instigator and leader in the movement for civil law and educational methods to govern all dealings with children who need the intervention of the state in their behalf, as against the present universal fundamental—except in Utah—of criminal law basis for Juvenile Courts with trials and commitments of children to institutions for punishment and reformation.

MINISTER CHARGED WITH SERIOUS CRIME

Pittsburg, Jan. 15.—A case almost paralleling the Richeson case developed here today when a warrant was issued for the arrest of Rev. W. F. McFarland, aged 60, pastor of the United Presbyterian mission, at Grenville, Tenn. A coroner's jury recommended he be held, pending an investigation into the death of Mrs. Elsie Coe, aged 23, his private secretary. The police say the minister performed two criminal operations on her here at her home. The police are searching a dozen cities for the minister who is married and has children.

LORIMER DENIES CORRUPT DEAL FOR SENATORIAL VOTE

Washington, Jan. 15.—Lorimer resumed the stand before the senatorial committee investigating his election today. Regarding the events leading up to his election, he admitted he told State Representative Shepard he would do all he could to prevent the reappointment of the postmaster at Jerseyville, Illinois, Shepard's home. He denied this part of the deal by which Shepard voted for him.

CHICAGO GIRL HAS SCORN FOR MONEY

Quits Rich Home to Be With Poor Waiter Who Is Sweetheart

New York, Jan. 15.—Infatuated with a waiter, Jack Clewne, and found working as a \$3 a week nurse girl that she might be near him, Violet Buehler, a 15 year old Chicago heiress who disappeared November 25, and for whom the skyscrapers of Chicago were searched because it was believed she had been kidnapped, is held here. She was arraigned today before Justice Olmstead in children's court on a charge of being under improper guardianship and held until her parents arrive. Clewne was arrested and then released. The police declare his relations with the child were proper.

The girl admitted her infatuation for the waiter. She said she expected to marry him when older. She said she met him in Chicago where he used to "bum around with her gang." They say I'm foolish to leave all that \$100,000 to work for \$3 a week but I can't see it that way," she said. "I would rather work and make my own way than be rich in Chicago. My foster mother treated me right but would not let me go out or have any boy friends."

CITIZENS REVIVE RELIEF ASSOCIATION

For the purpose of rendering aid to the sick and the suffering, the poor and the destitute, the City Relief association, which existed during the hard times of the 90's, was revived this afternoon at a meeting held in the Commercial club rooms. R. H. Wilcox was named as president of the organization, Mrs. J. S. Landers, secretary, J. T. Lambirth treasurer, and an executive committee consisting of the officers and Mrs. James A. Fee, Clarence Penland and J. E. Keefe, Jr., was chosen.

The meeting which was called by several prominent citizens began at 2 o'clock with Judge Stephen A. Lowell presiding and the purpose was explained by him. He declared that the number of cases in the city needing relief was unusually large this year and this statement, he said, was not based upon the great number of men on the streets begging the price of a meal, but upon information secured through local physicians and ministers. Whether the task of relieving the situation should be left to the ministers working in co-operation with the county, the ladies aid societies of the different churches or to an organization of citizens was the subject up for discussion, he said. R. H. Wilcox responded with the suggestion that the old City Relief association be revived and the suggestion was accepted unanimously.

Those wishing to join the association or to contribute to the cause are requested to notify J. E. Keefe, Jr.

DOES TAFT FAVOR OWNING TELEGRAPHS

Washington, Jan. 15.—That the government control of telegraph and government ownership of them perhaps is a Taft policy was made clear this afternoon following a conference between Hitchcock and Taft. A statement that Hitchcock and the white house are in harmony was given out after Hitchcock called on the president.

TWENTY SEVEN DROWNED IN GERMAN RIVER EMS

Emden, Germany, Jan. 15.—Twenty seven are known to be drowned and several are missing as a result of the breaking of ice on the river Ems while hundreds were skating today.

DR. C. J. SMITH BOOMED FOR DELEGATE TO DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION

Friends of Dr. C. J. Smith are out with a movement to have him elected as a delegate to the national democratic convention which is to meet this summer to nominate the democratic presidential ticket. They believe they will be successful and are going upon the assumption that Dr. Smith will accept the post if elected. Under the presidential preference law the democrats elect their national delegates at the primary election to be held in April. Oregon is entitled to eight delegates and the eight men receiving the highest number of votes will be chosen. It matters not how many men run nor from what section of the state they come. Each voter at the primary election may vote for but one candidate.

MANCHUS ARE LOSING OUT

Fall of Dynasty Now Admitted By Wu Ting Fang to Be Certain.

FIERCE FIGHT AT SIAN FU

Province of Shen Si in Turmoil—Reported Killing of 10,000 Manchus by Rebels is Confirmed—Russia Enters Province of Mongolia From Three Points.

Peking, Jan. 15.—After a terrific fight in Kan Su the Imperial army is reported within sixty miles of Sian Fu. The province of Shen Si is reported in a turmoil. The reported massacre of 10,000 Manchus by rebels is confirmed.

Russia is Encroaching. London, Jan. 15.—Dispatches from Odessa say the partition of China has actually begun. Coincident information received at St. Petersburg states that the Manchu emperor will resign immediately. Russian troops have crossed into Mongolia at three points. An announcement of a Russian protectorate over Mongolia is expected.

Dynasty Has Fallen.

San Francisco, Jan. 15.—Special cables received from Shanghai today quote Wu Ting Fang as admitting without reserve that the Manchu dynasty has practically fallen. He said: "While it is settled the Emperor's abdication shall take place soon I am not advised officially as to when it will occur." Negotiations will continue with Premier Yuan to decide upon a form of action of the provisional government to frame a constitution. It is improbable that Yuan will be elected president of the republic.

WAR VETERANS PUT ON SHOW TONIGHT

With every evidence of a big patronage, the Spanish American War veterans of Malabon camp will give the first of three successive performances in the Grand theater this evening. They believe they have prepared a program of assorted numbers which will please anyone from a highbrow to a cannibal and they are not reluctant in recommending the entertainment to their friends.

One of the principal numbers of the program will be the comedy war drama, "Obeying Orders" by the Austin company in which will be seen some clever acting. A special feature will be the 125 slides showing the boys of Old Company "D" enroute to and from the Philippines and in the land of Aguinaldo and his native bands.

The Commercial club quartette with Jack Keefe featured will present its riot of rough stuff and a number of other stunts, are scheduled to fill out an enjoyable evening.

UNIONISTS AND SOCIALISTS MAY UNITE IN CALIFORNIA

Fresno, Jan. 15.—With the defense of Olaf Tveitmo, its secretary treasurer, to charges in connection with the McNamara dynamiting and possible political action looking towards the merging of the unionists with the socialists as two big things before it, the California state building trades council opened its seventh annual convention here today.

SPANISH PREMIER WILL STAY WITH HIS POST

Madrid, Jan. 15.—Alfonso's efforts to induce Premier Canalejas to resign his resignation have been fruitless. Today Canalejas said he would continue his office.