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BINGHAM AND HUGHES WOULD PUNCH THEIR OPPONENTS' FACES

Governor Chamberlain Sends a Special Message
to the Senate--Sensational Scenes
Marks Legislature's Close.

Salem, Or., Feb. 17.—Just before the house convened this morning Senator Bingham, in representative hall, accused A. B. Manley, a Portland abstractor, with resorting to bribery in an attempt to defeat Bingham's bill requiring title guarantee companies to furnish bond. Bingham charged Manley with having caused his bill to be held up by the house committee on judiciary and that Manley had been winning and dining house members elaborately in the interest of the bill's defeat. Manley resented the accusation and, raising his hand as if to slap Bingham, the latter dislodged the threatening fist with a blow. House officers interfered before further damage could be done. Bingham's bill has passed the senate and this morning's incident served to force the measure out of the house committee. It requires that title guarantee companies shall be required to deposit a bond for \$50,000 before engaging in business. This deposit must be added to at the rate of 10 per cent per annum until the total reaches \$100,000.

PERSONAL ENCOUNTER.

A personal encounter between Jaeger and Hughes, in the house, was narrowly averted this morning during the consideration of Hughes' bill requiring hotels and lodging houses to equip all gas burning apparatus with safety devices. Jaeger accused Hughes of owning stock in a company handling these fixtures and later walked across the floor and shook his fist in the face of Marion county man, but the prospective scrap ended before any blood was shed.

GOVERNOR'S LATEST MESSAGE.

Governor Chamberlain sent a hot special message to the legislature Wednesday calling upon them to put through the amendment to the constitution providing for state aided railroads. The amendment has already passed the house, but has been hung up in the senate. The message is generally looked upon as striking a hard blow at Harriman and emphasizing the state's determination to build her own railroads. Coming as it did with announcement alleged to have been made through Harriman of a road up the Deschutes, it caused surprise. However, the governor is inclined to be skeptical regarding the sincerity of Harriman's Deschutes railroad building

announcement. In conclusion the governor says: It seems to me that the time has arrived when Oregon ought to do something to relieve herself from the oppression of railroad monopoly. If her people show a determination to act for themselves it may be prophesied with safety that the one system now operating within the state will redeem promises which have been made from time to time and which have thus far been violated.

PEOPLE SHOULD ACT

Certainly it can do no harm to submit the proposed amendment to the constitution as the resolution under consideration authorized, to the people for their consideration and let the people say whether or not the state is ready to construct and operate a railroad for their benefit. Business men from different sections of the state have been before committees in the legislature in behalf of the proposed resolution and it seems to me that your attention needs only to be called to the importance of the resolution to have this distinguished body give it earnest and careful consideration.

NEW SCHOOL LAW

The senate passed the house bill yesterday, without a dissenting vote, to give every district in Oregon six months of school, and \$300 annually to pay for the same. Where necessary a five mill tax will be levied, with or without the consent of the property owners of the district; or so great a tax as shall be necessary. And in cases where this will not bring the sum up to \$300, money enough for the purpose will be taken from the general fund. There is one school district, over in Tillamook county, with only one family that will have the \$300 and the 1/2 months of school. In doing just a little injustice, however, this new law will do a great deal of justice. It will help to make the school districts in the country richer and more populous and thus draw less and less upon the general funds.

CUTS DOWN APPROPRIATIONS

Salem, Or., Feb. 18.—The senate this morning saved the taxpayers of the state about \$56,000 when it postponed indefinitely three house bills carrying appropriations as follows: Reimbursing Indian war veterans for use of horses, \$50,000; Oregon Humane Society, \$3000; paying claims of Drain Normal School, \$2982.25.

WILL ESTABLISH A BANK AT CRESWELL

E. C. Bolnstedt, E. S. Darling and others who recently came from Minnesota, are making arrangements to open a banking institution at Creswell. Creswell has reached such proportions that she feels she should have a bank of her own and it will be forthcoming. There are many well-to-do orchardists, farmers and stockmen in that community, besides the local business men, and considerable business is transacted at that place annually, which is the center of a large, well improved and rich territory. A home bank will be a great convenience to our neighbors on the north.

Won His Contest.

Jerry Damon was up from Tangent Wednesday, where he has been clerking for some time for R. J. Moses & Son in their store there. He says he has recently been advised that he has won out in his contest of K. L. Hall's homestead on Wolf creek, which he says has about 7,000,000 feet of timber on it.

An air gun free with every boys suit at Lurch's for this week only.

GOLD BULLION FROM BOHEMIA

Three Weeks Run of West
Coast Mill Produces
Over \$5,000

Superintendent Ryan of the West Coast Mining Company, successors to the Oregon Securities Co., came down from the Bohemia mining camp Wednesday, bringing with him something over \$5000 in gold bullion, representing the output from a recent three weeks run on the Champion ledge, one of the three fine mining properties included in the holdings of the West Coast Mining Co. Having blocked out a great quantity of fine ore, some of which had become in the way, a three weeks run was decided upon in order to partially clear the dump and the output of the mill during this short run is most encouraging and gratifying. This company has done a great deal of development

GOLD HARVEST PROMISES BIG

Grants Pass, Or., Feb. 16.—It now seems certain that the amount of placer gold from the surface mines of southern Oregon will be greater for the present season than it has been since the palmy days of pioneer mining. Every placer mine, large and small, is in full operation. Even the "dry diggin's" which have not been worked for many seasons, are this year giving up their golden treasure.

The harvest of gold is already pouring in from the smaller properties that have made cleanups. The local banks report an unusually heavy purchase of virgin gold, and the express company has made many shipments to the mint. The surface diggings in Josephine county alone will produce fully \$600,000 and the figures may reach \$750,000 for the season. There is no means of ascertaining the exact output, as a great number of the miners ship their gold direct to the mint.

Geronimo, the noted Indian chief, died Wednesday at Fort Sill, where he had been confined as prisoner of war for 22 years.

WORK OF THE GRAND JURY AT EUGENE FOR THE TERM

Many Indictments Returned--Several Prisoners
Plead Guilty and Were Sentenced or
Fined by Judge L. T. Harris

Elmer Yerger and Harry McClure, the youthful bandits who held up four or five men in Eugene a few nights ago and were captured two miles northwest of the city the next morning by a posse headed by Deputy Sheriff C. C. Hammond, were each sentenced to ten years in the state penitentiary by Judge Harris Wednesday. A true bill against them was returned by the grand jury. They were arraigned shortly afterward and each pleaded guilty and waived time for sentence, whereupon Judge Harris gave them each ten years. They took the sentence with the same nonchalance that has characterized their demeanor ever since their arrest.

TWO YEARS FOR PANDER

Al Pander, who ran away with a team from Bailey's livery stable in Eugene and took them to southern Oregon, where Pander was arrested, entered a plea of guilty and was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary.

FINED \$25.00

Charles Jackson Nopens, a logger, who was charged with stealing an overcoat from a man near Cottage Grove, and who has already served about a month in jail, pleaded guilty and was fined \$25. He stated that he had not stolen the coat, which was by no means a new one, but had simply worn it

into town on a cold day and expected to return it, and that when arrested he stated that it belonged to the prosecuting witness. Attorney Ness made a short plea for the prisoner. Not having the money to pay the fine, he will probably serve the time in jail.

ACCUSED OF SERIOUS CRIME

Louise Ham, who was arrested Tuesday evening on complaint of a 16-year-old girl and placed in jail, was released yesterday on \$1500 bail, which was quickly furnished. The girl, who made complaint against him, was taken from the Boys and Girls Aid society at Portland and given a home with Ham and wife, and it is reported that she became dissatisfied and wanted to return to Portland, and told this story in order to get a chance to go. At any rate the case will be fought in the courts and its real merits learned.

TWO INDICTMENTS RETURNED

Indictments were returned yesterday morning against J. P. Colyar, charged with forging checks, and against the young man Ray Martin, who is charged with the burglary of Polders' store. The evidence is so complete against them that it is more than probable they will plead guilty to the charges. The grand jury adjourned at noon Thursday.

BIG NEWS PAPERS INDICTED FOR LIBEL

Washington, Feb. 17.—The federal grand jury returned indictments today against the Press Publishing Company, of New York, and Joseph Pulitzer, Caleb Van Hamm and Robert H. Lyman, editors of the New York World, and the owners of the Indianapolis News, Delavan Smith and Charles R. Williams, charging libel in their publications in connection with the purchase of the Panama canal.

The indictment against the publishers of the News charges Smith and Williams with the crime of libel on seven counts, and that directed against the World charges Joseph Pulitzer, Robert H. Lyman and Caleb M. Van Hamm with libel on five counts. The persons alleged to have been libeled are President Roosevelt, J. P. Morgan, Charles H. Taft, Elihu Root.

WILL PLANT SWEET PEA SEED MONDAY

With the experience gleaned from the first annual sweet pea show held by the Civic Improvement committee of the Woman's Club last spring, the ladies expect to be able to make their second annual show even a greater success. Planting day has been set for February 22nd and it is hoped that everyone will plant their sweet pea seed as near on that date as possible that the blossoms may mature uniformly and before the rose season is over, that roses may also be used in the floral decorations.

The show will be held this season in the pavilion at the fair grounds where plenty of room will be afforded to all intending exhibitors. Many valuable prizes will be awarded and this exhibit will be made one of the principal events of the season.

Saginaw Items.

C. A. Smith was a Grove visitor Thursday.

There was a dance at the hall Saturday night.

What do you know about that dream of Hoses's?

Guy Kerr was a visitor in our burg one day last week.

Harley Queener is able to be out and around once more.

Skating is all the go in Saginaw now-days—roller skating.

Mrs. Henry Olson is visiting with Mrs. Robert Hanna.

Frank Lajoie was a visitor here the first of the week, he went to Springfield Wednesday.

Some of the comic's handed out of the post office here Sunday morning were hum dingers.

Quite a number went from this place to Springfield Wednesday to attend the funeral of Clyde Colcard, who died at that place Monday night.

The B-K Lumber Co. are putting in a new edger at Prune Hill, and it is rumored that they will put in another planer, a dry kiln and other machinery at their plant here.

Wm. Parazoo, an employe in the Booth-Kelly logging camp near Saginaw, was taken to the Eugene hospital Tuesday suffering with a badly mashed foot, the accident having occurred in the camp. While the injury is very severe, there will be no serious results.

work and has blocked out much fine ore during the past winter, preparatory to an active season's run, which, if the short test run is to be taken as a criterion, the output for the season will be beyond the company's most sanguine expectations, and will make Bohemia a heavy and regular producer. There are other properties, including those of F. J. Hard and the Kelso people, which should also begin soon to turn out some bullion and become regular producers.

Bohemia promises to be heard from as never before during the forthcoming season.

MORE ABOUT A BIG OREGON POULTRY FARM

Articles of incorporation were filed recently with the secretary of state for the Pacific Poultry and Pigeon plant, which is a result of a combination of the Krebs-Reynolds Poultry farm and the Eugene Poultry farm. The former has approximately 600 fancy chickens, including the White Plymouth Rock cock which was estimated by Judge Denny to be worth \$1000 as well as three hens, prize winners, at \$300 each. The total stock is valued at \$8000. The original stock of this poultry farm was purchased from the Sears poultry farm of Tacoma, which was conceded to have the finest flock of White Plymouth Rocks in the west. The Eugene Poultry farm has approximately 500 chickens, estimated to be worth \$5000. This farm has won 182 prizes in

the last show season. This company has also purchased the entire flock of pigeons of the Mt. Scott pigeon loft of Lents, consisting of over 600 pairs of exhibition and working pigeons. The aim and object of this company is to increase the stock to a capacity of 20,000 laying hens, which will be the largest plant in the world.

The new concern is originator of the idea of raising poultry in a hop yard. Squabs will be one of the features and it is said negotiations are now under way for disposing of the full squab product to Portland hotel people. Six hundred more pairs of pigeons will be secured by the firm.—Salem Statesman.

Meeting of Poultry Association.

F. H. Rosenberg, president Calapooia Poultry Association, gives notice that a meeting of the association will be held at the office of Chas. Walker next Tuesday evening and it is urged that every member that can, will attend, as business of importance will be transacted.

Dixie Jubilee Singers Coming.

Williams Original Dixie Jubilee Singers, will appear at the armory theater Monday evening March 1, under the auspices of the local camp, Woodmen of the World. This famous troop of professional colored singers have delighted Cottage Grove audience heretofore and they are assured of a full house again on this visit to our city. Admission 25, 35, and 50 cents.

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