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METHODISTS ELECT DR. QUAYLE BISHOP

Altmore, May 25.—Rev. Dr. William A. Quayle of Chicago, was elected bishop on the tenth ballot today the M. E. general conference.

ALLEGED THAT MRS. GUNNESS IS ALIVE La Porte, May 25.—Attorneys for the defense in the case of Ray Lamphere, charged with the murder of Mrs. Belle Guinness and her three children, are in receipt of a letter from a man in Arkansas, who claims they have evidence to substantiate such a conclusion.

JOS. JACOBS ARRESTED FOR SELLING LIQUOR

Joseph Jacobs, the Jewish merchant, whose general store is on West Eighth street, between Olive and Charnelton, was arrested Saturday night by Policemen Graham and Purdy for selling liquor in violation of the local option law. He was lodged in jail for the remainder of the night, the officers refusing to accept a bond at that time.

Judge L. M. Freeman, of Wendling, is in the city for a few days.

Notice of Publication United States Land Office, Roseburg, Or., April 1, 1908. Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the states of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington territory," as extended to all the public land states by act of August 4, 1892, Leslie P. Miller, of Eugene, county of Lane, state of Oregon, did on November 16, 1907, file in this office his sworn statement No. 9426 for the purchase of the W 1/2 of SW 1/4 and SE 1/4 of SW 1/4 of Section No. 34, in Township 19 south, Range No. 2 west, W. M. and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before W. W. Calkins, U. S. Commissioner, at his office in Eugene, Oregon, on Tuesday, the 4th day of August, 1908.

He names as witnesses, L. B. Poill, of Eugene, Oregon; Joseph B. Wilhelm, of Zion, Oregon; Hermann Miller, of Glis, Oregon; James Wilhelm, of Creswell, Oregon. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before the said 4th day of August, 1908. BENJAMIN L. EDDY, Register.

TAFT AGREES WITH BRYAN ON CAMPAIGN FUNDS

Washington, May 26.—When Secretary Taft reached his office today he found a number of newspapermen charged with inquiry as to what answer he intended to return to the invitation of William J. Bryan to join him in an effort to secure the enactment of a bill requiring publication of campaign expenses. The secretary replied that he had not seen any communication from Mr. Bryan on this subject, and in fact it was several hours later before the telegram reached him, as follows: "I beg to suggest that as leading candidates in our respective parties we join in asking congress to pass a bill requiring publication of campaign contributions prior to election. If you think best we can ask other candidates to unite with us in the request."

"WILLIAM J. BRYAN." Taft Gives out Answer. Secretary Taft had meanwhile, and before he had received this telegram, had a talk with the president at the White House, so that he was prepared immediately upon his return to the war department to give out for publication his answer, as follows: "Hon. William J. Bryan, Lincoln—Your telegram received. On April 30 last I sent the following letter to Senator Burrows, the chairman of the committee on privileges and elections, as follows: "My Dear Burrows:—I sincerely believe that it would greatly tend to the absence of corruption in politics if the expenditures for nomination and election of candidates and all contributions received and expenditures made by political conventions could be made public, both in respect to state and national politics. For this reason I am strongly in favor of the purposes of the bill which is now pending in the senate and house, bringing about this result so far as national politics are concerned."

"Why It Is Personal" "I mark this letter personal because I am anxious to avoid assuming an attitude in the campaign which it is quite possible I shall never have the right to assume, but so far as my personal influence is concerned, I am anxious to give it for the passage of the bill. "Very sincerely yours, "WILLIAM H. TAFT." "Since writing the above, in answer to inquiry, I have said publicly that I hoped such a bill would pass." "WILLIAM H. TAFT."

SERIOUS FLOODS ON TEXAS RIVERS

Dallas, Texas, May 25.—A sudden and record-breaking rise of Trinity river threatens a destructive flood at this point. One life has been lost and many families on low-lying spots have been driven from their homes. At 2 o'clock the flood had reached 51.3 feet, the highest ever known, and the situation is growing worse every hour. It is now estimated that two thousand are homeless in Dallas and the city will be in darkness tonight. The mayor has issued a call for a conference of business men. Trinity river is a raging torrent. Bridges in several directions have been washed out, and it is reported a number of persons have been drowned. A section of the Texas & Pacific bridge was washed out and fifteen men were thrown into the river, six being drowned. The city is without water, the mains probably being broken by the force of the flood.

In Oklahoma. Guthrie, May 25.—Flood conditions in Oklahoma are still serious today. All the principal streams continue to rise, notwithstanding there have been no rains since yesterday.

WAS TAX ROLL OF 1907 INVALIDATED?

The tax roll of Lane county was invalidated for the year of 1907. The tax laws provide that the board of equalization shall meet upon the 3rd Monday in October, of each year, which came upon the 31st day of October, for the year 1907. The board meeting was not advertised and the board met for the year of 1907, thus invalidating the tax roll of 1907, because of the negligence of the Assessor, in not calling the meeting, as required by law. Although Mr. Keeney probably merely forgot or overlooked the date required by law for the board to meet, yet, inasmuch as the entire validity of the assessment depends upon the meeting of the board of equalization, his forgetfulness can hardly be excused, as to so vital a part of his duties. It is true that the farmers paid their taxes, just the same, but the corporations took advantage of this oversight to get their assessment fixed satisfactorily to themselves. Mr. Stevens of Springfield promises the voters, that if he is elected, the board of equalization will be called, each year promptly upon the date specified by law, and that the complaints of the farmers will be heard and considered as carefully as the complaint of the corporation.

LOST VALLEY NOTES

(Special Correspondence.) Lost Valley, May 27.—Albert Johnson is seriously ill with pink-eye. D. S. Hunsaker is in the valley visiting relatives and friends. Miss Verda Neet has moved her belongings to J. M. Keeney's, where she will remain throughout the summer. Miner Wegner, of Camp Creek, was in the valley last week visiting.

B. E. Williams and wife went to Eugene Saturday.

Mrs. Williams will remain with her sister, Mrs. Parker, for some time. The Dexter school children rendered an excellent program and finished the day with a ball game last Friday.

Joe Wilhelm made a trip to Eugene last Monday. Rev. D. E. Baker's many friends of this place were pained to hear of his recent illness, and all join in wishing him a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Hunsaker are now far on their way through Southern and Eastern Oregon, having left about two weeks ago. House-cleaning time often resurrects old relics. For instance, on Tuesday Mrs. Fenton, of Dexter, drew from his hiding places an old school register, and in looking through the records found the name of Harry L. Bown, who was a pupil of hers while she was teaching the spring term in 1885 in the Elmira district. The old schoolhouse was a very unstable structure, swaying in a threatening manner with each gust of wind. The building was without desks, having benches without backs. It also had an immense fire-place, which was built up outside the wall. It is interesting to note that although our future sheriff had many difficulties to overcome in his early education, he has risen, through studious effort and perseverance, to a station of life where he is lauded and respected alike by both his political colleagues and opponents. Mrs. Fenton says that though she has no right of franchise, she intends to see to it that the head of the house shall vote for Harry Bown.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

At Saturday's meeting of the athletic council the following football schedule was adopted for the coming season: October 23—Oregon vs. Willamette, at Eugene. October 31—Oregon vs. Idaho at Moscow. November 7—Oregon vs. Whitman at Eugene. November 14—Oregon vs. Washington, at Eugene. November 11—Oregon vs. O. A. C. at Portland. November 26—Oregon vs. Multnomah Athletic Club at Portland. In addition to these games the football manager is authorized to arrange for games between the freshmen and Eugene high school, Portland high school and the O. A. C. freshmen. A game for the second team with one of the valley colleges was also authorized. The varsity team's contracts have all been signed, with the exception of that for the O. A. C. game, and that will be signed in a few days. The schedule is one of the best ever arranged for an Oregon team and general satisfaction is expressed over its adoption.

CAN THE EUGENE HUSBAND STAND FOR THIS?

The director gown that has been shocking the police and creating a furore in Eugene is headed for the Chicago Tribune, which gives a description from a Chicago dressmaker as follows: "It is simple," she said. "The gown is slit on each side from the knee down, and underneath the woman wears trousers, just like a man. It is pretty and nothing can be more modest. I see that the foreign dispatches tell about the women's stockings showing through the slits. That is possible. Of course, in such a case the woman leaves off the trousers. That is all a matter of taste."

FEDERAL SUIT IS BROUGHT AGAINST SMITH

Portland, May 25.—To recover 9,280 acres of the best timber land in Oregon, valued at approximately \$1,000,000, now in possession of C. A. Smith, a millionaire lumberman of Minneapolis, United States District Attorney John McCourt today filed bills of complaint and suit in equity. The defendants named are Smith, his financial agent, Frederick A. Kribbs, the Meeley Brothers, who are alleged to have secured "dummy" entries, and the entries themselves. The tract is in Linn county, and unless the holdings are cancelled, it is alleged, by June 4, 1908, Smith will have absolute possession.

THE REAL ISSUE

If Oregon is to have a university called by its name and supported by its citizens, let the funds necessary to give such an institution a standing among the universities of other states be adequate for its purpose. If the state is not to have a university thoroughly equipped and ungrudgingly supported, there is nothing more to be said beyond soundly denouncing the equipment of a futile and discredited attempt in this direction. If Oregon is to be known as a state of small colleges and sectarian schools that are always hovering upon the brink of a collapse and are saved therefrom from time to time only by strenuous appeal to sectarian spirit and civic pride, let us accept the situation, quit talking about state university and keep on sending our sons and daughters to other states to be educated. This, stripped of all compliment and pretense, is the question that the voters of the state will be called upon to decide on the first Monday in June by voting "yes" or "no" upon the appropriation allowed by the Oregon legislature at its last session, for the betterment of the State University. It is a question upon which every voter in the state, without regard to the time and place of his birth, has an unquestioned right to record his opinion and wish by marking his ballot in accordance therewith. It is scarcely conceivable, in the present stage of our educational development and the needs of the immediate future, that this appropriation will be voted down. N. Anderson and wife, of Ogdan, Utah, are in the city.

HARRIMAN WILL FINISH WALLOWA ROAD

Portland, Or., May 26.—Orders were issued yesterday by General Manager O'Brien, of the Harriman lines, in this territory for the immediate resumption of construction work on the Wallowa extension, the railroad under way from Elgin, in the heart of the Grande Ronde valley, to Joseph, in Wallowa county. The engineering department was instructed to assemble forces of workmen immediately and push the work with all possible speed. It is expected that the line will be in operation into Joseph within the coming three months.

The line into the mountains of the Wallowa country was started over two years ago, but owing to the difficulties of construction and the fact that little could be done in winter, together with the recent financial stringency, the work has been delayed from time to time until the people of the section to be opened up despaired of ever realizing any benefits from the projected line. The road is hard to build and is expensive, much of the grade having to be constructed across mountains. Swift streams along the route that rise suddenly, washing out the grade already built, have added to the difficulties encountered by the engineers.

BOUND OVER TO COURT ON SERIOUS CHARGE

(From Monday's Guard.) Walter Birmingham, who lives three miles northwest of Eugene, was examined before Judge Bryson of the justice court this afternoon, being charged with the seduction of Erma Miller, of this city, who is now a ward of the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society at Portland. After the testimony of several witnesses, including the girl, was heard, Judge Bryson concluded that it was sufficient to warrant him in binding Birmingham over to the circuit court and his bail was fixed at \$600.

DIED

In Portland, May 24th, 1898, at 2 a. m., Mrs. Margaret Odell, mother of C. H. Hales. The remains will arrive in Eugene on the Cottage Grove local this evening. Funeral services will be held at Gordon's undertaking parlors Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock, under the auspices of the First Church of Christ, Scientist. Services private to relatives and special friends.

At Corvallis, Or., May 10, 1908, Martha Janice King, beloved daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Ross King, aged 4 years, 9 months and 18 days. Mr. and Mrs. King formerly resided at Cottage Grove.

JOINT DEBATE ON STATEMENT NO. 1

A joint debate was held here Wednesday afternoon between the different candidates for representatives. Those participating were L. E. Bean and W. W. Calkins, Republicans, L. R. Edmundson, Democrat, and Geo. O. Knowles, Independent. The two last have signed Statement No. 1, and the first two are opposed to it. The merits of the statement formed the principal basis of contention.—Florence, West.

REGULATE ALL FISHING.

Some peoples' ideas of salmon protection: "The Astoria Idea has contended that no closed season in tidewater was necessary. It has extended the open season for fishing by means of its influence in Legislatures. It has required the Fish Warden living at Astoria to permit suspension of the closed season laws. It has allowed gill-nets on the bar, thus setting up a barrier to entrance of salmon into the river. It has so amended the laws that they are now a nullity as far as protection through closed season goes. It has successfully resisted efforts to cut down the catch of tide-water fish. It has permitted the tide-water fishery to be carried on until the August fish have been almost cut off from hatcheries."—Oregonian.

MERFORD ADOPTS UNIVERSITY RESOLUTION.

Whereas, Certain shortsighted individuals have seen fit to invoke the referendum on the last state legislature's action in granting the University of Oregon an appropriation of \$125,000 thus seriously hampering this great institution, and Whereas, this action has been the subject of much unfavorable comment outside the state, and, inasmuch as our university has been receiving less financial support than most any state university in the Union, and Whereas, This measure is coming up for a vote of the whole people at the June election, be it Resolved, That the Merford Commercial Club most heartily and emphatically recommends and requests all men who have the welfare of the rising generation and the cause of higher education at heart to support the appropriation and vote yes on their ballots at the coming election. Further, that these resolutions be entered in the permanent records of the Commercial Club and a copy be

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ODD FELLOWS TO MEET AT ALBANY

Salem, Or., May 21.—Selection of Albany as the place for the next meeting, installation of officers and a street parade in which nearly 500 Odd Fellows and Rebekahs participated, were the principal incidents in the last day of the session of the Odd Fellows' grand lodge.

HELP THE UNIVERSITY.

(Marshfield Daily Times.) Certain countries of Europe possess a double headed school system. There is a crowded and insufficient course up to twelve years of age for the children of the farmer and the workman; who then leave and go to work; for the children of the so-called upper-class, there is a long and complete course of study made so expensive that none but the children of the rich can avail themselves of it. It is surprising that in these countries the working men and farmers do not get their rights? The classes who have the training and knowledge inevitably control the nation. Do we want such a condition following in Oregon? Jefferson and the fathers of 1787 foresaw this danger and laid the foundations of the present system, which provides free common-school education up to four years of age, free high school education until eighteen years of age and after that free University education for those who are prepared for it. In this way through training is the monopoly of no one class as in Europe. As a matter of fact a



WE BUY FURS AND HIDES

large percentage of the students in state institutions are children of poor men, many of whom earn their way through. In the University of Oregon more than half the men belong to this class. Yet a dastardly attempt is being made to cripple the institution in Oregon which stands for the thorough equipment of every boy and girl of ability, regardless of wealth or social rank.

COMPLETE WORK IN PLEASANT HILL CEMETERY

The people of Pleasant Hill will meet at the cemetery there on Thursday morning to complete the work begun. Dinner will be spread in the Woodman hall, prepared by the ladies. All interested are requested to be on hand. The Dalles fruit cannery will within the next few days commence work on a new addition to the cannery building, which will be 30x80 and two stories over an eight-foot basement. The cannery building is now 100x60. Prospects are that there will be a large crop of fruit this year and this addition is to be used to take care of the business. F. Fountain and wife, of Medford, are in Eugene.

ABOLISH MERCILESS FISHWHEELS SAYS DAVID STARR JORDAN

Stanford University, Cal., May 23.—Mr. Edward Rosenberg, Astoria, Oregon: In response to a request from Mr. Hylen I am giving you my opinion as to certain matters connected with the salmon fishing in the Columbia. As you know I was the first Commissioner ever sent out to investigate the salmon. I spent some time in Astoria in 1880 and I have made a number of visits there or farther north in the same interest since then. I have not changed my opinion as to these matters.

OREGON GRANGE SPEAKS.

The Oregon state grange passed the following resolutions at its meeting this month: Whereas, There has been referred to the Committee on Resolutions for consideration the two fish bills relating to the fishing industry to be voted on at the June election, bills No. 319 and 332, respectively: Your committee has carefully examined into these two bills as far as their time would permit and have to report that we favor proper protection to all natural spawning grounds; and to that end, we condemn as a great detriment to said industry and to our state the operation of fish-wheels in the narrows of said river and demand and urge the passage of a law removing the same and also further recommend said law shall be so constructed as to remove all traps from said stream.

LABOR FEDERATION.

The Oregon State Federation of Labor has also endorsed the same proposed legislation. To save Columbia River Salmon vote as follows: True Fish Bill 332 X Yes. 333 X Yes. 318 X No. 319 X No. Save this clipping until election.