

GOVERNMENT REPORT DEALS WITH WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC AND ITS HORRIBLE PRACTICES

Washington, Dec. 10.—Stories of the revolting practices of American and foreign procurers of women for importation into the United States for immoral purposes are told in the report today of the immigration commission. In explanation of their act in laying bare to the public the horrible details of the discoveries by its agents, the commission says:

The "white slave" traffic is the most pitiful and most revolting phase of the immigration question. The inquiry has covered New York, Chicago, San Francisco, Seattle, Portland, Salt Lake, Ogden, Butte, Denver, Buffalo, Boston and New Orleans, and the commission believes the evidence secured warrants legislative and administrative action.

The report deals with the methods used by procurers to lure women into this country for immoral purposes, and goes into details. Under the head of recommendations the report says:

"Owing to the difference between American and European views regarding prostitution, co-operation for suppression of the 'white slave' traffic can be expected from most European countries only along certain lines. Most of the European countries are rigid in their regulation regarding the procuring for prostitution minor girls or women by means of fraud and deceit. Women who are of age, however, and who enter the business of their own accord, are not interfered with. From continental countries where these conditions exist practically no co-operation could be expected to prevent professional prostitutes from sailing to the United States. Such governments probably would co-operate to prevent the seduction of minors or the fraudulent or forcible exportation of their women. In the main, however, the United States must rely upon its own officials for the prevention of this traffic."

The report deals with methods used by men and women procurers to lure women into this country for immoral purposes. These methods differ as adopted in different countries. In some countries men and women in the business of enticing innocent girls to the United States resort to proffers of attractive positions, and in many cases the men offer themselves in marriage and frequently risk prosecution on charges of bigamy in order to attain their desires.

Much of the evidence taken by the agents of the commission is given in proof of statements made in the report and there are also affidavits from police officers and letters from

government officials giving the character of evidence on which the report has been based.

The report says concerning talk of a great monopolistic corporation, whose business it is to import and exploit these unfortunate women:

"The commission has been unable to learn of any such corporation and does not believe in its existence." It is stated, however, that persons engaged in such importing business in many instances have a wide acquaintance among themselves and in many instances they have rather close business relations, one with the other, so as to prevent their victim from getting out of their clutches before they have realized the desired profits from the base ventures.

SPRINGFIELD'S ELECTION MAY BE ILLEGAL

Up to a late hour this afternoon no injunction suit had been filed against the city of Springfield, seeking to prevent the city limits from being extended over the addition of J. C. Brattain, which was recently voted on and carried. It has been rumored for some time that this suit was to be begun, and reports were on the streets last night and today to the effect that the prayer for the injunction had been filed.

It is the general impression that if this injunction is secured and it can be shown that the method of extending the city limits was illegal, the recent election of city officers would be null and void, because there were votes cast by residents from these additions who were and are not citizens, if the injunction wins. If it can be shown that these votes would have been sufficient to change the result of the election, and a complaint is filed by any one, this is the case, and a special election must be called. However, all this is on the probability that the injunction will be allowed and the claims proved.

This last move has surprised many in a way, for it has been realized that there has been more hard feeling than there should have been over this election and this will tend to further complicate matters. Many disagreeable threats have been made. The defeated candidates are not in favor of this, and feel satisfied with the outcome of the contest. Ex-Mayor Peery said this morning that if the injunction was granted, he would resign rather than serve any more than his present term, to say nothing of being a candidate for re-election. This is the general opinion among most of the candidates themselves, and the trouble seems to lie among their supporters.

The greater probabilities are that the re-election will not be necessary, but if it is it will be very complicated and full of hard feelings that will hurt the town very much.

SPRINGFIELD MILLER WILL ENJOY CHRISTMAS

S. K. Noel, the Springfield miller, can enjoy Christmas this winter. Over a month ago he purchased 13,000 bushels of hard wheat, mostly the blue stem variety, at a price below a dollar. The cost of shipment here was 7 cents a bushel. The price of this wheat now ranges in Portland from \$1.15 to \$1.20 and there are few prospects of it going down. Along with this, the price of hard wheat flour is going up. When it is a matter of 13,000 bushels a few cents per bushel makes quite a difference. This will help toward that new automobile.

SPRINGFIELD HAS FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Many people in Springfield do not know that there is a public library in the city. The library was established over a year ago by a small gift and the enterprising work of some loyal ladies. At present the library has several hundred books of its own besides those it receives from the state as a traveling library. It is open Saturdays in the city hall building. The librarian is Mrs. Kester and her assistant is Mrs. Page.

This afternoon and this evening a bazaar is being held for the benefit of the library's new book fund. The general admission is 10 cents. This should be attended by all who wish to show their appreciation for the good work that is being done in this line. It is well known that a library can maintain itself without outside help in a city of this size.

RECORD SHIPMENT MADE TO NATRON

The record daily shipment to Natron was made yesterday when 21 cars of lumber and ties and one car of supplies went up. The lumber came from Wendling where the greater part of the lumber used by the Utah Construction company is bought. Besides this, two car loads of workmen were shipped in. The ties went more like a railroad than anything else that has gone in for some time. However the most of these are for the contractors' rock roads. No heavy rails having been sent in.

WASHBURN HOUSE HAS NARROW ESCAPE

The residence of B. A. Washburne had a narrow escape from fire yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Washburne was cleaning out a closet, in which was a suit case that had been left there unopened since last spring. In it was a bundle of sulphur matches, which became ignited when she moved it back in the closet after she finished the task. In a few moments a hot, smoky odor of smoke that became so strong that she tried to learn where it was coming from. When she discovered the contents of the suit case, they were burning fiercely.

GOOD SUM FOR THE CITY LIBRARY

The city library received the sum of \$55 as a result of a successful bazaar held yesterday. This fund will be used to purchase new books. The library now has something over 250 books at present.

Soon an effort will be made that was in the minds of those who organized the move, to get the city to maintain it as a city library. The ladies who have worked hard to make

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It is a success and who have nearly been discouraged more than once at the opposition of those who said the town was not large enough for this establishment. It has been shown that Springfield is a city and wants and will support such an institution. The city could, by the expenditure of only a few dollars, make this a permanent feature to boast of, and relieve the work from those who have started it. It certainly would be a feature to be proud of.

BASKET BALL TEAM MAY BE ORGANIZED

Springfield is to have a basket ball team and one that will do this city as much credit as her baseball efforts have. It is to be an all star team and exclusively local aggregation. It has been discussed that living in Springfield are several basket ball players who have elsewhere made individual reputations as stars. Several of these have come together and have decided to form a team. Although several have not played for some years they expect, by a little practice, to win back their former reputation on the canvas this winter.

The greatest difficulty that lies before them is the lack of a suitable hall in Springfield. The only one that could be of use at all is the "opera" house, and that is too small for anything but practice and even for that, \$25.00 is charged that this is not available. This places the would-be team sort of up in the air.

Among those who will play are A. C. Churchill, who has played center with the Co. C team in Eugene; Cecil Rhodes, a forward with Astoria's team two years ago; Raymond Clark, a guard; B. K. Giesstrat, played forward with Hamilton, Minnesota, when they started the state by their record; Bill Emery will play forward.

THE REAL ESTATE BUSINESS IS GOOD

This is the time of year that the real estate men generally sit on their chairs before the fires and read the newspapers. However, this winter in Springfield an unusual number of transfers are being made. At this time of year it is hard to show property conveniently and many dealers lower the prices considerably in order to keep things moving. This often opens a number of good bargains, that not everyone is onto. J. Newton Rhodes reports the following recent transfers:

C. A. Arehart has sold his one-acre tract in Hunt's addition to C. L. Hanson of Junction City. Mr. Hanson has bought it as an investment and will build four houses on the property. Mr. Arehart has purchased from O. O. Voss a bungalow on the corner of 9th and F. Streets where he will live.

Mrs. Nettie Fisher sold one acre in Stewart's addition to Lillian B. Burns, a recent arrival from Ashland. Her husband has a position at the sawmill. They will build here this winter.

Mr. Rhodes has bought two lots upon which he will build a residence. He tells a joke on himself. Before his election for city recorder he was living in the house of Jim Carhan on 4th and D streets. Now he has moved to the corner of 6th and G streets. Jim had said that he would rent a house to J. Newton Rhodes, city recorder. The real reason however, was that Mr. Carhan needed the house for his own use.

Springfield Briefs. Died December 9, 1909, Mrs. W. H. Steensinger, from cancer of the breast. The funeral was held today from Walker's undertaking parlors.

Interment at Laurel Grove cemetery. Simpson and Co. have completed a \$100 plumbing contract for the Utah Construction Co. at Natron. All the company's buildings at the new city have been connected with water and sewer. Sanitation is one of the points that they are very careful of.

Springfield is beginning to have a few metropolitan names. The post office delivers mail to Rockfellow and Carnegie. The former is a new arrival.

The river came up very suddenly yesterday morning but stopped before it reached a dangerous height and has been at a standstill since. The cold prevented the snow from melting. If it had stayed warm there would have been another flood.

The railroad has a force of bridge carpenters at work strengthening the bridge which was damaged by the high water. They have their car in which they live, stationed near the shingle mill. When they have completed their work here they move on to the next bridge or trestle and inspect and make repairs where necessary.

A force of men are at work clearing the drift from in front of the approaches of the two bridges. Several logs are being split into cord-wood, the rest burned.

Lights have been placed along the approach trestle from the hop house to the stairs at the former end of the bridge.

Springfield Briefs. The Springfield orchestra has returned after a period of several weeks' absence. They played for the first time last evening at the library bazaar. The orchestra consisted of: John Clark, pianist; John Parker, cornet; J. Potters, violin; Cecil Rhodes, slide trombone; they will play during the winter.

Drs. Barr & Pollard are attending a number of cases of pneumonia in the family of Route Edwards at Unity a few miles above Fall Creek. The boy and girl, aged 17 and 15, are sick.

The electricians are at work at the

TO PREVENT OVERFLOW AT COTTAGE GROVE

County Judge Thompson is in Cottage Grove today to investigate the condition of the county road, which is a continuation of River street on the west side, which was badly damaged by water during the recent flood. There are 160 feet which require an eight-foot fill, 12 feet which requires a six-foot fill, 320 feet which requires a five-foot fill, 160 feet requiring a four-foot fill and the balance of one thousand feet requiring a three-foot fill. This would bring the highway above the high water mark from the railroad bridge to the small bridge across the mill race. Alexander Spar has offered to give the county the right of way over a levee constructed by him a few years ago, and by graveling this, and some additional grading, would change the road a little to the west, and save the filling above described. The dyke is wide enough for the highway. Mr. Spar has also offered dirt from between the present highway and the river for improving the dyke as regards width.

If this proposition is accepted, Mr. Spar will give the city the right to construct a breakwater or dike, on the west side of the Coast Fork, which, if built, would practically stop future overflows. Possibly the city would have to look after one or two other places, but the expense would be small.—Sentinel.

COUNCIL OF CRESWELL VOTES FIVE-MILL TAX

The Creswell city council met in regular session last Monday night with all members present except Councilman Shaub. There was no other than that of levying the tax. This question was freely discussed by the councilmen. All were in favor of the tax, but the amount to be levied was the question. Some were in favor of 10 mill tax and others favored a five mill. After much discussion those favoring the 10 mills dropped to seven and one-half, but those favoring five mills prevailed and the first city tax levied in Creswell is five mills.

At the last assessment the property value of Creswell was placed at \$23,457. On this amount five mill tax will raise a trifle over \$300. It is estimated that the next assessment will increase the value to \$200,000.

Those in favor of 10 mill tax cited the fact that while the five mill tax would raise sufficient money to pay outstanding warrants, it would leave very little in the treasury after the warrants were paid.

Councilman Weber then proposed an occupation tax, and this was discussed with the result that Councilmen Weber and Ogram were appointed to look into the matter of an occupation tax. They will report at the next meeting.—Chronicle.

FOUND A SKUNK IN HIS PARLOR

Forest Grove, Or., Dec. 9.—A skunk in the parlor is a rare thing, but one actually entered the old Marmon residence in Forest Grove a few days ago.

The house has been unoccupied for some time, and when the owner went there to ascertain the condition of the house, he noticed the window had been opened and thought a hobo had gone into the dwelling. In entering, the odor was such that he realized what the intruder was. He saw the animal and attempted to drive it up the chimney and then to close the grate.

Felix Varhaeven, it is said, who is one of the owners of the property, was unable to capture the animal unaided and went out for help. The animal was driven into the chimney and the grate fender made secure and a fire started. The animal was roasted, all other efforts to capture it proving unsuccessful. It is said that brown sugar has been used as a deodorizer with good results.

Light plant rewiring. All the wires from the machines, transformers and switch boards, are to be connected overhead above the ceiling. It is somewhat of a job and will take a week or so. An automatic volt recorder is being installed.

W. Edgewort, aged 76, was sent to the hospital in Eugene from Springfield yesterday, as the result of an attack of chronic bronchitis. The old man and his son have come overland from California with a wagon, bound for Portland. They stopped in Springfield during the high water. The old man was sick when they stopped and was unable to go on when the water subsided, and has been cared for by the doctors. The son has sold the horses and wagon to pay the expenses here. He is about 21 years of age.

The bus to the street car only goes as far as the former end of the line, and the passengers have to walk to the hop house. The mud became so bad that the wagon nearly was mired several times.

The county road to Judkins Point is being repaired with a few loads of gravel. The water washed the mud off and left it better than it was before, in some places.

Four large blasts were sent off on the railroad construction near Jasper at 8:25 this morning, that were clearly heard here.

There is an exposed switch within reach of children on the trestle at the end of the car line, used to turn off and on the lights that carry over 500 volts of electricity. This is sufficient to kill anyone who might carelessly place his hand on the switch.

A marriage license was granted this afternoon to LeRoy G. Bailey and Miss Beanie Brown, both of Eugene.

PROSECUTION OF SUGAR TRUST TO BE PUSHED VIGOROUSLY ACCORDING TO WICKERSHAM

Washington, Dec. 11.—That the Department of Justice intends a vigorous prosecution in the efforts to recover all money due the government as a result of sugar frauds at New York, and to punish all who may have participated in them, is shown by the annual report of Attorney-General Wickersham, made public today. After briefly reciting the facts in the cases, which are of public knowledge, he says:

"The evidence has disclosed a network of corruption, not confined to the American Sugar Refining Company. Extending over a period of years, affecting both importers and officers of the government, it is as yet premature to state the precise extent of the conspiracy or the amount of the revenues of which the government has been defrauded."

"While it is feared that the statute of limitations may have run in favor of many of the malefactors who are responsible for these frauds, yet no effort will be spared to learn the precise amount of which the government has been defrauded, to recover all moneys due and to punish all those who may be found to have participated in a respect to the frauds, whether as officers or of

agents of the importers or as officials of the government. I earnestly request a special appropriation of \$50,000 to enable this work to be effectively prosecuted."

As to Land Frauds. In the matter of public land fraud prosecution, the attorney general makes clear his determination in no respect to abate the frauds, which have been for so long a time perpetrated in the procuring for private individuals of portions of the public domain contrary to the conditions upon which Congress has authorized these lands to be patented.

Important recommendations contained in the report include those for a broadening of the right of appeal of the government in criminal cases; a repeal of section 560 of the criminal statutes regarding evidence in general immunity statute in criminal cases, which article is in the endeavor to procure testimony for the government; favoring a national law providing for indeterminate sentences, and a modification of the statute fixing the punishment for the funds of a national bank at imprisonment for five years.

NEW RAILWAY SWITCH INVENTED BY EUGENE MAN

Emmett Howard, of this city, who is a son of the late Samuel Howard, who lived on a farm north of the city, has patented a railroad switch that promises to make a fortune for him. He has always been of mechanical turn of mind and some time ago conceived the idea of making a switch that would prevent the derailment of trains as they come upon an open switch. According to those who have seen his model in operation he has been successful and they are confident that the young man will be able to dispose of the invention at a handsome profit.

Company Organized. To properly exploit this invention, a stock company has been incorporated in Eugene, known as the Howard Automatic Railway Switch Co. The incorporators are Emmett Howard, Robert Veltum and Dr. T. W. Harris, all of this city. The capital stock is placed at \$1,000,000, divided into 200,000 shares of a par value of \$5 each and the principal place of business is in Eugene. The corporation has elected directors and officers and the articles were filed with the county clerk this morning. Mr. Howard, Dr. C. B. Willoughby, Robert Veltum, Dr. T. W. Harris and John H. Hartog, are the directors and the officers are as follows: Mr. Howard, president; Dr. Willoughby, vice-president; L. E. Bean, secretary and treasurer and Mr. Hartog, manager.

Hartog Will Exploit. Mr. Hartog will have charge of the public work and during his trip to the East soon he will exploit the invention in a tentative way, but no great amount of advertising can be done until a number of working models are manufactured.

Mr. Howard and Robert Veltum, who was formerly a partner in the Vray and Veltum Automobile Co., made the first model and it worked very satisfactorily, but it was only in a crude form. Captain C. A. Sachs, the machinist at the Eugene Gun Co.'s, store, is building a larger and much better model and it will be ready soon for the inspection of the public. The switch is a very simple thing, but absolutely effective, declares those who have seen it work.

It is the intention of the company to install one of the switches on the local street railway line so that the public may see its effectiveness, but it was invented primarily for steam railroads.

FULL BUSINESS COURSE AT EUGENE HIGH SCHOOL

Board Takes Up Matter At Meeting Last Night—Action Will Be Taken Soon

The Eugene school board held a meeting last night and several matters of importance were attended to, including that of a full business course to supplement the commercial course that was recently established. Professor James Canning, who is now at the head of the commercial course, presented to the board a list of furniture and fixtures necessary for the new course, including six typewriters, a number of desks and other apparatus. The board is favorably inclined toward the matter, and definite action will be taken soon.

It is planned to use two rooms in the basement of the building for this purpose. The matter is in the hands of a committee consisting of O. J. Hull, S. D. Allen and W. C. Yoran.

Attie for Gymnasium. It was decided to fit up the attic in the high school building for a

boys' gymnasium, and the necessary apparatus will be purchased to carry out the plan. A gymnasium has long been needed at the high school. The football boys and members of the track team have had the advantage of a shower bath in a small building on the school grounds for that purpose, but this is the only convenience in that line at the school.

Suppress Tobacco Using. Two resolutions aiming at the suppression of the use of tobacco among the pupils of the public schools were introduced at the meeting last night, one by S. D. Allen and the other by R. McMurphy. As they differed from each other somewhat, they were referred back to Messrs. Allen and McMurphy to draw one resolution embodying the features of both, to be reported at the next meeting. There is a strong feeling among the members of the board that the use of tobacco should be stopped as far as it is possible to do so. The law provides that the school board has the power to cause the arrest of any of the pupils who is found using tobacco from the time they leave their homes for school until they reach their homes again after school is dismissed.

CUMMINS FIRES FIRST GUN IN GREAT RAILROAD STRUGGLE

Washington, Dec. 10.—A controversy over railroad legislation will be precipitated in congress this winter, which, in importance promises to surpass the legislative conflict over railroad rates of four years ago. The first gun was fired today when Senator Cummins of Iowa, introduced a bill proposing radical changes in the interstate commerce act. In a large sense the Cummins measure is a substitute for the present interstate commerce act. It is also expected that measures proposing amendments to the law will be introduced early in January by Elkins, which will differ from the Cummins bill in many important details.

In brief, the Cummins bill requires the Interstate Commerce commission to promulgate a uniform classification of freight and to prepare a plan for the statement of freight rates, which shall hereafter be made in a uniform way. Common carriers are required to adopt this classification. The commission is authorized to consider rates on its own motion with a

view to determining their reasonableness and is empowered to fix minimum and maximum rates. By the long terms of the bill the carrier is prohibited from issuing capital stock without payment at par, either in money or property and in effect the commission shall have supervision of the issues of stocks and bonds by any carrier.

Specific directions are given for the disposition of the proceeds of the sale of bonds, and, after January 1, 1911, no carrier doing interstate business shall be permitted to engage in any other business than that pertaining to a common carrier.

Among the recommendations is one that the transportation of persons from one state, territory or district to another for the purpose of prostitution be forbidden, under heavy penalties. The commission also expressed the opinion that the legislatures of the several states should consider the advisability of enacting more stringent laws regarding prostitution.

SCHOOL CENSUS SHOWS CITY HAS OVER 12,000

While the work of counting the names of the school children enumerated in the Eugene district recently has not yet been completed, Clerk Reiser stated today that the number is a trifle over 2700. According to that, Eugene has a population of between 12,000 and 12,500. Multiplying the number of school children by five, which is the ratio usually used to estimate the population, would give latter figure. Multiplying by four and a half, which is done by more conservative estimators, would give a population of 12,150. Very few children are enumerated as outside the city limits.

W. W. Chappell, G. L. McMurphy, George Hodge and Thomas Edgar, saloon men of Falls City, who were indicted for selling intoxicating liquor in violation of the local-option law, were convicted yesterday and sentenced this afternoon. Chappell gets 25 days in prison and \$100 fine; McMurphy, 25 days and \$10.

DEATH GATHERS RICH HARVEST IN LAKE STORM

Cleveland, Dec. 12.—The terrific storm, which passed over Lake Erie Wednesday night, and Thursday reaped a harvest of death and laid waste to more than a million dollars' worth of property. Late reports show that 59 lives were lost and 20 sailors rescued, four vessels destroyed, and one aground and badly damaged.

RED CLOUD TO THE HAPPY HUNTING GROUND

Washington, Dec. 10.—Red Cloud, the famous old Sioux Indian chief, is dead. The information was received today by Superintendent Brannan, of the Pine Ridge Indian Agency, who is in Washington attending the meeting of those interested in the education of the children.

Red Cloud was 86 years of age, and for the last 25 years had lived at the Pine Ridge Agency.

Great is the moving picture. It recently caught an actual murder at Harbin, Manchuria.

T. H. Fenton of Dexter, was in the city over night.