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## WORSE AND MORE OF IT

The Cook mystery deepens with every effort toward unraveling it, a new chapter having been added by yesterday's developments in New York. The latest affidavits have not hurt the doctor's cause in the least, but the fact that he has disappeared and no trace can be found of him is hurting him. For some time there has been a dwindling of faith in him among former supporters, but this does not mean that these Cook doubters have increased their allegiance to Peary. We do not know for how much of the despicable trickery and perjury that has been brought out Peary is responsible, but his partisans are most certainly guilty of one of the most abominable and diabolical conspiracies that was ever concocted, if we are to believe even a small part of what the Peary Arctic Club is alleged to be trying to accomplish for him. This country will never have any great love or admiration for Peary, even though it be proved he was the only man at the pole. No strong man with the peevishness of childhood can ever sit very high in public estimation.

As for Cook, it is highly probable that his nerves have gone to pieces and he is being guarded somewhere in a sanitarium, without any knowledge of what is going on in the outside world. Even though guilty of the smooth deception that is by some credited to him, it is not probable that he has deliberately fled, since he could have maintained his bluff for months, and perhaps indefinitely. The decision of the Copenhagen University authorities is being awaited with much interest, and with opportunity to compare Cook's records and the supposed contents of the alleged fake records, they should be able to render a fair and common sense judgment as to whether or not he is sincere in his claims. Meanwhile some of us might be able to stand by Cook a little closer if we had his postoffice address.

## ADMIT THEY'RE LIARS

The guide who accompanied Cook on his Mt. McKinley trip, afterward telling repeatedly that they went to the top, then denying this through resentment, it was said, because Cook had never paid all the charges for the tour, proved, if he proved nothing else, that he was, at one time or the other, a liar and unworthy of respect. The men who are now asserting that Cook hired them for \$4000 to prepare his North Pole report, and disappeared without paying them all the money, are in the same category. On their own showing they volunteered their services, and men who would do this are confessed rascals. Cook may be a fraud and a deceiver, but he has not heretofore indicated that he is an utter fool. Certainly he would be one if, after his experience with the guide, he put himself in the same position by refusing to pay other men into whose power he had placed himself. It looks very much as if these men were seeking to make money out of the affair by selling their story, or that they were working in the interest of malignant Pearyites for the purpose of casting discredit on any findings that the Copenhagen scientists may make. It is certainly a very strange case in whatever light it is considered.

## LOP-SIDED FOLKS

As a well-known lecturer has emphasized, there are plenty of "lop-sided folks" in this world. It has just developed that Captain Thomas Franklin, of the United States army and one of its bravest men, having been twice commended for heroism, is guilty of the theft of about \$5000 from the mess fund at West Point. He has been sentenced to two and one-half years in federal prison.

If Captain Franklin had only been about half as brave and had devoted the other half of his enthusiasm in that direction to honesty, he would have been better balanced. It is a common idea that all persons have some decided weakness that makes them noticeable; where they are overly good in one direction they lack in some other ideal of morals, and in too many cases this seems to be the fact, but it's not true in all cases. There are some really well balanced people, quite a number of them, no doubt, and they deserve not a little credit for their part in offsetting the distrust so frequently caused by the lop-sided ones.

War in deadly earnest has been declared to the south of us. The Drain Nonpareil asserts that it will defeat the Nesmith county bill or die on the field of battle, or words to that effect. Here is what that paper says editorially: "We propose to defeat the above bill" (for Nesmith county) "if it is in our power to do so, on the day of voting. Of the 11,900 names upon the petition we do not think one-third of them will vote on the question, and another third will dodge it if they can. What we want is organization here in Douglas county. It stands to reason that all in this county will vote against it. Roseburg don't want it. Gardiner don't want it. Elkton don't want it. Oakland don't want it. Yoncalla don't want it, and Drain will oppose it tooth and nail. Why should Cottage Grove selfishly hope to ram this matter down our throats, and take what don't belong to them? 'Shinney on your own side,' Mr. Cottage Grove, and we will have nothing to say."

Hon. Judson Harmon, the very democratic governor of Ohio, has decided to run for president in order to save the party and incidentally to keep the country from going to the bad. Uncle Jud is said to be a great mixer with the plain people, and no slouch as a vote getter—witness the result in Ohio—and Big Bill may have to shake off the Cannon incubus and get rid of a few other incumbences in order to get under the wire ahead of the old man.

But with Christmas coming on and him needing the money for presents, how could those cruel men expect Doc Cook to pay up right on the spot?

FOREST SERVICE  
ROW SUBJECT  
FOR CONGRESS

Washington, Dec. 21.—The senate today practically decided upon an inquiry into the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy by adopting a resolution introduced by Senator Flint, of California, calling for all papers bearing upon the case. Senator Jones of Washington, stated that if no one else should propose a resolution of inquiry he would do so after the holidays.

Jones presented a letter from Secretary Ballinger expressing his desire that the investigation should be undertaken, sufficiently broad and far reaching to cover the entire subject, including the forest service, which he charges with pernicious activity. Flint's resolution requested the president to transmit to congress any reports, statements or documents on which he acted in reaching his conclusions with reference to the charges against L. R. Glavis.

SCHOOLMASTERS'  
CLUB DISCUSSES LOCAL  
ADMINISTRATION  
Subject Exhaustively Treated  
From Historical Stand-  
point

"Local School Administration and Supervision Outside of the City" was the topic discussed at a recent meeting of the Lane County Schoolmasters' Club, an organization at Eugene, under Dr. Henry D. Sheldon, of the University of Oregon. The topic was exhaustively treated from a historical standpoint by Dr. Sheldon after which the members discussed it freely. The sense of the meeting was then taken upon the various mooted points.

Discussion centered for the most part about the various sorts of school administration as found in the United States. The first one considered was the plan of the township unit, which has prevailed for the most part in New England since the beginning of American history. In this plan the town or township is the unit, and the county and district are unknown, except as the needs of the sparsely settled parts of New England have caused the creation of districts.

Another plan is the county and district plan, which prevails throughout the South and West, and may be termed the "Oregon plan." By this plan the state is divided into counties, and the counties into districts. Each county is supervised by a superintendent elected by popular suffrage and the local affairs of each district are attended to by a board of directors elected from among the citizens of the district.

A third plan is the "Utah plan," in which the unit is likewise the county, but in which there are no district boards, one board being elected for an entire county and assuming for the larger unit the duties performed in Oregon by the boards of the smaller units or districts.

A fourth plan, found in some of the states of the first Northwest, notably Illinois, Indiana and the Dakotas, is a mixture of the township and county plans. It varies much in the several states in which it is in force. Most of the members of the Schoolmasters' Club were of the opinion that, however well suited the township plan may be to the thickly settled region of New England, the time is yet far distant when it can be accepted with benefit in the South and West. For the same reason, the fourth plan, or mixture of the township and county plans, is not feasible in such a thinly settled state as Oregon.

As between the Utah and Oregon plans there was much divergence of opinion. At the conclusion of the discussion, somewhat over sixty per cent of the teachers present expressed themselves as of the opinion that at the present time the Oregon plan is better suited to the needs of the state. Its advantages were held to be the maintenance of the American principle in school matters, and the ultimate though gradual attainment of efficiency through the fostering of local pride and interest in schools. The failure to get good teachers was assigned to several causes, among them being low requirements for certificates, low wages, and often a lack of sufficient care in selection on the part of local boards.

Those present agreed that subdivision of districts is fostered by the low requirement of ten census pupils to organize a district and six to continue, and by the law which allows each district three hundred dollars from the county fund. Fifteen pupils as a basis for the organization of a district was the minimum suggested.

The lack of efficient supervision was discussed with reference to the office of county superintendent of schools, as that officer is the sole supervisor of the rural districts. Inquiry showed the average salary for county superintendents to be at least 60 per cent below that of city superintendents in the county seats. Such a salary, it was held, will not secure for a term of any length, an efficient and successful teacher for this important position. That the fixing of the salaries of county superintendents has long enough been a matter for legislative lobbying, and that a statute should be passed fixing minimum salaries for these officers in the several counties on the basis of school population, was the sense of the meeting. A measure granting an increase of salary for length of continuous service in office was not favored, as it was declared that such a provision would place a premium on the defeat of a capable man when running for reelection. The minimum was placed at \$1600 instead of \$400, as at present.

The county unit was also declared city.

to be too large for efficient supervision by one man, as at present in most of the counties the superintendent can visit the schools at most but twice during the year. Granting that there should be a supervisor for every 20 districts, at the most, most of the principals present expressed themselves as favorable to a law giving the right to districts to unite by petition in groups of twenty, and have over each group a competent supervisor to visit each school once each month and to do in general the work which must now be done inefficiently by the county superintendent. Several principals declared that were such a law passed there would be several such groups formed immediately in Lane county.

## WALLA WALLA

## GOES VERY WET

Washington City Gives Over  
Six Hundred Majority  
for Saloons

Walla Walla, Dec. 20.—After a campaign notable for the intense partisanship displayed by the respective factions, Walla Walla today voted "wet" by a majority of 622. The total vote cast was 2638, which is 81 per cent of the registered vote.

Only One Precinct Go Dry.  
But one precinct in the eight was carried by the "drys," and that had been conceded by the opposing forces with a larger majority than was recorded. Clark precinct, with a majority of 67, was captured by the "dry" people, the vote having been 181 in favor of no license and 248 opposed. Whitman precinct, which had been conceded to the "dry" faction, went "wet" by a vote of 273 to 257, and the other six rolled up majorities far beyond the expectations of those who following the campaign closely.

## JUDGE WINTERMEIER

## AND MRS. HAWK MARRY

They Surprise Their Friends  
and Wed in Portland  
This Morning

Their numerous friends in Eugene will be surprised to hear of the marriage of Judge C. A. Wintermeier and Mrs. Kathryn Hawk, both of this city, in Portland this morning at 10 o'clock. They will make a trip to Eastern Oregon points and will return to Eugene about the first of January.

Judge Wintermeier secured his marriage license last night, but the names were not entered upon the records and no one but the attaches of the county clerk's office and one or two intimate friends knew that he was to be married.

Both the judge and his bride have lived here for many years and are popular. Their friends are as well pleased as they are surprised at the marriage.

## DIED

At her home in Coburg Monday, December 20, 1909, Mrs. Mary A. Van Duyn, wife of William Van Duyn, aged 54 years, after a lingering illness of several months' duration, from cancer. She leaves her husband, a daughter, a son and her father, J. E. P. Withers, besides four sisters and one brother. The funeral will be held at 10 a. m. Wednesday at the family home in Coburg, with interment in the Gillespie cemetery.

At the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. C. Bryant, at Bridge, Coos county, December 13, 1909, Mrs. Lucy Baldersee, aged 78 years.

Mrs. Baldersee was a resident of Gardiner, this county, where she settled with her husband, now deceased, about the year 1879. She was a prominent member of the Methodist church of that place and an aunt of Deputy Sheriff R. F. Ashworth, of this city. The funeral was held at Gardiner last Friday.

Besides Mrs. Bryant, four other daughters survive Mrs. Baldersee. They are Mrs. P. A. Brownell, of Gardiner; Mrs. J. I. Crozier, of Eugene; Mrs. Rebecca Myers, of Eastern Oregon; and Mrs. Ann Larsen, of Alameda, Calif. She also leaves two sons, George Baldersee, of Sampson, this county, and Grant Baldersee, of Eugene. There are also surviving her one brother and three sisters, J. R. McKinney and Mrs. E. M. Mead, of Gardiner; Mrs. W. J. Smith, of Arkansas; and Mrs. Elizabeth Morse, of Berkeley, Calif.—Roseburg Review.

## CHAMPION RIFLE

## SHOT IN ALBANY

Albany had the honor this morning of having a brief visit from Bud Mooney, of Cottage Grove, one of the champion rifle shots of the United States National Guards. Mooney was one of the members of the Oregon team at Camp Perry, Ohio, last August. Mr. Mooney is a member of the Cottage Grove militia and was in town with a friend, Mr. Wicks, who had to stop in town for a short time on business with Senator F. J. Miller of the Albany team. Mr. Wicks is a sawmill man and is having some machinery repaired by the local shop. The two gentlemen went to Newport this noon on a two or three days' business trip.—Albany Herald.

CHOKED TO DEATH  
is commonly said of babies who have died of the croup. How unnecessary this is. No child ever had the croup without having a cough or cold at the start. If you stop the first symptom of the cough with Ballard's Horehound Syrup there is no danger whatever of croup. For sale by Dillon Drug Co.

W. H. Fenton, of Dexter, is in the

Late Arrivals  
In Christmas Goods  
at STANLEYS

## HANDKERCHIEFS

Four hundred dozen Handkerchiefs arrived direct from New York City yesterday bought direct from the manufacturers who have mills in Switzerland and England

The newest and nicest creations shown in Eugene this season

Ladie's Handkerchiefs by the thousands at 2½c to 35c each

Great assortment of elegant goods at 10c, 15c, 20c and 25c. These usually retail at double our present sale prices

One tremendous assortment of ladies handkerchiefs, regular 10c to 15c quality at 5c each

Men's handkerchiefs at 5c, 10c, 12½c, 15c, 20c, 25c and 30c

If there's anything in Handkerchiefs you can be suited at Stanleys

Christmas  
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