

HOUSE OF CONGRESS EXPLANATION OF THE PRESIDENT UNSATISFACTORY

Jan. 8.—Having given consideration to the views regarding the secret service, contained in the house Monday, the special committee appointed with the subject today brought in its final report. It was a resolution which declared it to be the sense of the house that it shall decline to consider any communication which is not respectful and recommends the objectionable portion of the president's annual message on the table; that similar action be taken with the message of last Monday because of it being "unbecomingly inquisitive of the house" as to what the president says in referring to the limitation placed on operations of the secret service that the "chief of the provision was that the congressmen themselves to be investigated."

PERKINS MAKES SPEECH

Members greeted Representative Perkins, of New York, who came to make his report as chairman of the committee. Messrs. Tawney, Smith, Sherley and Fitzpatrick were on the floor prepared to resent what they deemed an insult to the president upon them as members of the committee. They were not alone in their indignation, for some time past the feelings of the members have been more and more intense and some of them have expressed their sentiments in language which has wounded the president's pride.

Mr. Perkins said the president had veered from the moderate and just criticism into the realm of speculation and innuendo.

Secretary Latta appeared with three members of the White House and his appearance was greeted with laughter. The messages being of a routine character, he was not allowed to interrupt the proceedings any further.

Mr. Perkins was frequently interrupted by applause. Upon the conclusion of his remarks he submitted the committee's report, which, after quoting from the President's message was as follows:

Committee Report.
"Understanding this language to be a reflection on the integrity of the membership and aware of its own constitutional duty as to its membership, the House in respectful terms calls on the President for any information that would justify the language of the message or assist it in its constitutional duty to purge the House of the implied charge of corruption."

"The President in his message of January 4, denied that the paragraph of the annual message casts reflection on the integrity of the House; attributes to the House 'an entire failure to understand my message'; declares that he has made no charge of corruption against any members of this House and by implication states that he has no proof of corruption of any member of this House. 'Whether the House, in its resolution of December 17, 1908, correctly interpreted the meaning of the words used by the President in his annual message or whether it misunderstood that language' on the President implies, will be judged now and in the future according to the accepted interpretations of the English language. This house charged only with its responsibility to the people of the United States and its obligation to transmit unimpaired to the future the representative institutions, inherited from the past and to preserve its own dignity, must insist on its own capacity to understand the import of the President's language. We consider the language of the President in his message of December 8, 1908, unjustified and without basis of fact and that it constitutes a breach of the priviledges of the House; therefore be it resolved, That the House, in the exercise of its constitutional prerogatives declines to consider any communication from any source which is not in its own judgment respectful; and be it further resolved, That the special committee and the committee of the whole House on the state of the Union be discharged from any consideration of as much of the President's annual message as relates to the secret service and in which he says that the congressmen themselves to be investigated."

THAW IS GRANTED TRIAL TO DETERMINE IF HE IS SANE OR INSANE

Jan. 9.—Harry Thaw is entitled to a trial by jury to determine whether he has recovered his sanity, according to the opinion of the court today. Harry Thaw, who today heard arguments on a writ of habeas corpus obtained by Mrs. Mary C. Thaw, his wife, having been acquitted by a jury; that he is sane and should not be in prison. Harry Thaw appeared in person and was represented by counsel.

Justice Jerome asked that the case be transferred to the court of appeals, and said Thaw was a dangerous person and should be confined in an asylum.

THAW TAKEN FROM ASYLUM

Jan. 9.—Harry Thaw was taken from the state hospital for the criminal insane today and brought to the hearing before Justice Tompkins. Mrs. William Thaw, for a trial by jury to determine whether Harry is insane, and whether he is sane.

CONFERENCE OVER OREGON PINE IS HELD

Wellington, N. Z., Jan. 9.—A great conference of the timber trade was held today to discuss the question of the importation of Oregon pine. The press was excluded after the conference that, owing to the recent wholesale importation of Oregon pine, fully fifty sawmills would close down indefinitely. Mill owners demand the imposition of a duty on all imported timber in bulk.

FULTON BILL DEFEAT IS SERIOUS

Washington, Jan. 7.—The Fulton bill is dead. Its day of grace was last year when it had back of it the strong recommendation in the president's annual message, a page in the annual report of the interstate commerce commission, urging such legislation, and inculcating powerful groups of shipping associations with all influence at their command.

Among strong elements which harbored it were lumbermen of the United States, besides other industries. Elkins was never expected to report the bill favorably, and he intended, if possible, to fail to report it at all. Opinion was general that he could not have been forced into action.

The senate committee on interstate commerce was a tie on the vote to report the bill favorably, but Elkins got Frazier to authorize Elkins to record his vote against the measure. There will be no minority fight for the bill.

Senators and representatives will await the inauguration of Taft before taking further action. As a result the increased freight rates of 10 per cent will be enforced. Many of these rates became effective January 1.

Effect of the Defeat.
Shippers of the Northwest and of the entire country are practically at the mercy of the railroads, through the failure of the senate to favorably report on the Fulton bill. Other interests seem to be more powerful in the senate than the shippers of the country, the interstate commerce commission and all those who have advocated the passage of the Fulton bill," said J. N. Teal this morning.

NEWS NOTES FROM JUNCTION CITY

OSCAR SMITH has sold his cottage to C. M. Gaudin for \$375. Mr. Smith and family left Monday for Portland, where they expect to make their home.

The tax levy for Junction for next year will be a total of \$4 mills, divided as follows: County and state, 15 mills; city, 19 mills; school, 9 mills. This is four mills more than last year.

School had to be dismissed several days this week during the cold weather on account of the failure of the heating system. The system, however, is alright, but there is not enough of it. Something must be done as it is too late to be put in, which action the directors are now considering. The contractors have failed to make good their agreement and are therefore liable to forfeiture and damages.

The Commercial club held its usual meeting Tuesday evening despite the disagreeable weather. A petition was presented by a special committee appointed for that purpose, asking the city council to order the improvement of certain streets and to establish the grade for both streets and sidewalks. The streets included in the petition are as follows: Avenue from railroad to Kalama; Greenwood to Tenth; Ivy north to Tenth; Seventh to Kalama. A resolution was adopted endorsing the action of the city council in asking the county court to make Junction a separate road district.—Times.

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Representatives Smith, of Iowa and Fitzgerald, of New York, spoke on the resolution.

NEW PHONE SYSTEM FOR COTTAGE GROVE

The latter part of last week a party of men representing the Home Telephone company, stopped off in Cottage Grove, while enroute to Southern Oregon, to look up the question of a local independent business. We have been informed that a franchise will shortly be asked of the city council for such an undertaking. Cottage Grove at present has a good system and the service is prompt and efficient but there is still an opportunity for improvement in the way of equipment. The system as it now stands consists of the old "grind organ" crank to rouse "central," while other places the size of Cottage Grove enjoy later methods and equipment. The Commercial club is looking into the matter, and the Pacific States company express their intention of establishing a more modern central office and system about town.

Prune Dryers Elect.
The Prune Dryers' association met at their annual meeting yesterday afternoon. A new board and officers were elected and the statements of the past year and the statements of the officers were received. The new board of directors for 1909 are: J. I. Jones, president; B. K. Lawson, secretary; J. B. Rouse, Ben Lurch and John Spray. The affairs of the company are in splendid shape and they look forward to the new year's business with brighter prospects than ever before. A manager will be secured to conduct the business and the business will be continued in a better way than before.

Rebekahs Install.
Cottage Grove Rebekah Lodge, No. 24, met in regular session New Year's night. After the regular order of business was dispensed with, four candidates were initiated into the order. After which the new officers were installed, which are: Noble grand, Mrs. Cruse; vice grand, Mrs. Carson; chaplain, Mrs. Leonard; secretary, Mrs. Milledge; treasurer, Mrs. George Hall; organist, Mrs. Hoxie. After installation the committee on refreshments served a banquet in the dining room of the hall. There were about 100 members present. After enjoying a social hour all went home well pleased with the evening's entertainment.

Sprained Her Ankle.
W. H. Abrams and wife returned from spending a few days at Salem last Saturday afternoon, accompanied by Miss Frances Howard, who will spend a few days in this city. Mrs. Abrams had the misfortune to sprain her ankle, very badly, on the train, and in consequence laid up for a few days. In getting her things from the parcel rack above the seat, she slipped from the seat to the floor, sustaining the injury. The party had been visiting with Mrs. O. O. McCallahan, their daughter.

Small Items.
Frank Woodruff has purchased the interest of D. Y. Allison, in the plumbing firm of Woodruff & Allison, of this city. Hereafter he will continue the business along the same lines as before. Mr. Allison is at present working for Mr. Woodruff. Both are well known as plumbers in this city.

The five-month-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Shortridge, of this city, died Saturday afternoon. The funeral was held at the home Sunday. Interment in the I. O. O. F. cemetery.—Western Oregon.

INJUNCTION AGAINST INSURANCE COMPANY GRANTED

New York, Jan. 9.—Supreme Court Justice Brainerd last night issued the injunction asked for by William H. Russell, a policyholder in the Washington Life Insurance Company, restraining the Pittsburgh Life & Trust Company, which recently took over the business of the Washington Life, from disposing of any of its property or securities it obtained from the latter company.

The decision on the application for a receivership was reserved.

Otto D. Bandt today instituted in the circuit court suit against his wife, Mrs. Stella Bandt, for a divorce and for the care and custody of their minor children as follows: Lillian, aged 15 years; Walter, 13; Zola, 14, and Minor, 7. They were married in Eugene in April, 1902. Cruel and inhuman treatment is alleged as grounds for divorce. C. A. Wintermeier is attorney for the plaintiff.

YOUNG LADY IS FUELED VICTIM IN KENTUCKY

Williamstown, Ky., Jan. 9.—Miss Mabel Ransom, aged 25 years, was killed and five injured, two perhaps fatally, in a street feud fought early today. There has long been a bitter feeling between the Ransoms and the Williams families, and it led to trouble when they met at a dance last night at the home of Wesley Barnes, two miles east of Williamstown, culminating in a fight in the street in which clubs, stones and pistols were used.

BOUNDARIES OF NEW COUNTY ARE MODIFIED

The committee appointed by the Cottage Grove Commercial club to draft a bill providing for the formation of a new county from north Douglas and south Lane, to present to the legislature this winter, and to outline the boundary for the new county, is ready to submit its report to the club. It is understood that the committee has been very modest in its demands for territory from the two old counties. That the west boundary line will only take in Lorane valley, leaving at least a 30 mile strip along the coast in both Lane and Douglas for the formation of a coast county at some future time if required. The south line barely takes in Leona, leaving the Bohemia mines and Steamboat creek in northeast Douglas. The north line runs east and west a short distance north of Creswell, leaving out to Lane county all of the Middle Fork country, the new north boundary intersecting the east boundary line at Waldo lake.

"Nesmith" County.
The name suggested for the new county by this committee is "Nesmith county" in honor of that grand, sturdy old pioneer, Col. Jas. W. Nesmith, a settler of 1843, whose home was in Polk county. He was a democrat and was prominent in the early affairs of Oregon, having served as circuit judge, legislator, trustee of Oregon academy at Lafayette, captain of a company in the early Indian troubles, was severely wounded by the Indians at Oregon City, became Brigadier General Oregon Guard, and served one regular term and one unexpected term in the United States senate from Oregon in the early sixties. That his name should be perpetuated in the manner suggested is a happy thought on the part of the Cottage Grove Commercial club committee and it is a suggestion which will not doubt be endorsed by the club and the people generally.

Oregon Hotel Change.
Col. and Mrs. W. H. Blair have sold their furniture and fixtures to Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Westbrook late of Roseburg, who have secured a lease on the Oregon hotel building and second story of the Stewart & Porter brick adjoining, which contains many nice new rooms and all of the rooms with bath, all of which Mr. Westbrook will furnish in elegant style and he will conduct a first class hotel.

Another Sawmill.
Stocks and Harlow having purchased the Alca sawmill plant from J. H. Chambers, propose to move it to Cottage Grove and operate it at this place providing a suitable location can be supplied by the town. The Commercial club has the matter under advisement and is endeavoring to find a location for the new mill which would provide another good-sized payroll for this city.

Moving His Mill.
Lou McCoy and a small force of men have been busy some days past moving his portable sawmill from the Lee place at Divide, over to the Bert McDole place, where the mill will make a run on railroad ties, which will be delivered on the railroad right-of-way at the Ventnor spur, a short distance north of Divide. Ties having recently advanced from \$7.50 to \$9, many mills will cut ties almost exclusively hereabouts.

Other Items.
A lively basketball game was played between Cottage Grove and Drain Friday evening at Drain, resulting in a score of 17 to 9 in favor of the local team. The Drain boys put up a pretty good game, but were outclassed by the local team.

Little Lucile Branstetter, who has been spending the holidays with her aunt, Mrs. Minnie Underwood, has returned to her home at Eugene.—Cottage Grove Leader.

EARTHQUAKE ALONG ENTIRE WESTERN COAST OF MEXICO

Monterrey, Jan. 9.—The entire western coast of Mexico was shaken, by an earthquake yesterday, which was felt at Acapulco and at Oaxaca. The damage was trivial and no fatalities are reported.

Rev. H. V. Olivers, who will graduate from Eugene Bible University next June, has been chosen pastor of the Christian church at Fairview.

LAKE GENEVA GIVES WARNING OF EARTHQUAKE

Geneva, Jan. 9.—Scientists in this city make the lake water of Lake Geneva rise and fall for two days with curious apophony-like action for three weeks before the earthquake at Messina. The same phenomena was noticed before the San Francisco disaster and is attributed to seismic gases.

MRS. FLORENCE ERB AND SISTER ACQUITTED BY JURY OF CHARGE OF MURDER

Media, Jan. 7.—Mrs. Florence Erb and Mrs. Catherine Beisel, her sister, charged with the sensational murder of Mrs. Erb's husband, J. Clayton Erb, on October 6, 1908, were today acquitted by the jury and discharged from custody.

The jury was out nearly eighteen hours, and almost up to the moment when the jury announced it had agreed the prospects for a unanimous decision of the twelve men was not very bright. During the morning the jury filed into court and asked for further instructions on the question of self-defense, and while the spectators were still standing in the court room discussing the instructions given the jury word came that the men had agreed. The defendants were sent for at once.

During this heartbreaking interval the defendants were so nervous they could not remain still. Jumping from their seats, striding up and down, sitting down again, their hands clasped behind their backs, they were more restless than any jungle animals in a cage of the city zoo.

When the verdict was read the sisters fell in each other's arms and the women in the audience wept as they looked at the pathetic scene. In an instant the defendants were surrounded by friends and their relatives and overwhelmed with congratulations. This scene lasted several minutes, then, after the jury had been polled and discharged, Mrs. Erb hurried to the foreman and wrung his hand. Mrs. Beisel did likewise, and they went down the entire line of twelve men. Tears stood in the eyes of most of them as the thanks of the women were sobbed out in broken syllables.

Mrs. Erb said after the jury had gone that she was confident she would be acquitted, but had not so much faith as regards her sister's fate. Mrs. Beisel stated she was not at all confident of acquittal, "for you never know what twelve men will do." She also was confident of her sister's freedom.

YOUNG LADY EMBEZZLED FUNDS OF EMPLOYERS TILLMAN SAYS PAPERS WERE TAKEN OFF DESK

Kansas City, Jan. 7.—Miss Nettie O'Donnell, aged 32, former cashier and bookkeeper of Schwarzschild & Sulzberger Co., was arrested last night on the charge of embezzling \$40,000. According to the police Miss O'Donnell has made a complete confession of the embezzlement, which took place in July, 1908, and a short time afterward fire destroyed the branch office of the company, where the woman was employed. Most of the company's books were burned, but Miss O'Donnell's cash book was, however, found only slightly damaged and an expert accountant was employed to investigate the firm's affairs and discovered the shortage. Miss O'Donnell asserts she does not know why she took the money.

The Mrs. was believed to have been of legendary origin, but Miss O'Donnell denied any knowledge of it. Frank O'Dow, also former bookkeeper for the company, has been arrested and the police state that O'Dow has signed a statement that he received \$500 from Miss O'Donnell and with it started a cigar stand. Miss O'Donnell is now his clerk. She declares O'Dow did not know she had embezzled the money.

THORNTON HAINS DEPRESSED OVER OUTCOME OF TRIAL

Flushing, Jan. 9.—All evidence in the trial of Thornton Hains will be in today. The defendant has been visibly depressed since he left the witness stand Thursday but said today he had no fears of conviction and explains his depression as the effect of the strain of the long trial, and "no much depends on the outcome," as he expressed it.

CARVER RAILROAD SOUTHERN PACIFIC LINK

The Carver road, the Corvallis & Alsea River Railway, is now completed to within one mile of Monroe, the rails being laid to the cross roads at Sealing Hill. The people at Monroe are confident that this road is merely another link in the S. P. system and they fully expect to be on a line that reaches farther than Monroe. They have it sized up that the Alsea branch is never to be bought but a timber road.—Corvallis Times.

WILLIAMS' KIDNEY PILLS GIVE YOU NIGHT SLEEPING SENTENCED TO DRUG

Have you neglected your kidneys? Have you overworked your nervous system and passed trouble with your kidneys and bladder? Have you pain in the loins, side, back, groin, and too frequent a desire to pass urine? If so, Williams' Kidney Pills will cure you. Sold by Lane Drug Company, price 50 cents.

Union City, Jan. 9.—Six Night Riders were sentenced to hang February 19. Two will be given life sentences in the penitentiary.

Kenney's Laxative Cough Syrup tastes nearly as good as maple sugar. It cures the cold by gently moving the bowels and at the same time is soothing for throat irritation, thereby stopping the cough. Sold by all druggists.

L. M. Freeman, of Wendling, spent last night in the city.