

REBELS SAY BRITON HAD FULL HEARING

Declare Benton Was Executed
for Armed Violence Against
General Villa.

El Paso, Tex.—The record of the alleged court-martial of William S. Benton, made public at Juarez late, asserts that the Scotchman was present, that he was represented by a rebel officer as attorney, and was permitted to testify, and that the session was public.

He was executed for attempted armed violence against General Villa, declares the record, and was found guilty of giving aid and comfort to the enemy by giving them cattle and forage and by giving them information.

Benton's friends on this side of the Rio Grande received the report with sneers. They pointed to their knowledge of many years that he guarded against possible serious results of his high spirit and temper by never carrying a pistol. The statements that Benton was allowed to testify and that the proceedings were public carried no conviction to the men who assert that their friend was deliberately murdered.

"The accused," says the report, "was arraigned and having been advised to name someone to defend him, Captain Mariano Tames was designated for this purpose and was warned to defend Benton loyally."

Washington.—It is understood a complete report on the execution at Juarez of William S. Benton, the British subject, is awaited before the view of this government toward the incident is made known.

On the truth or falsity of Villa's statement that Benton tried to kill him will depend the view which the British and United States governments will take.

HOLD UP INTERURBAN TRAIN

Three Masked Men Take \$350 on Seattle-Tacoma Train.

Seattle.—Overawed by the revolver carried by the bandits, 60 passengers and the train crew on the south-bound Seattle-Tacoma interurban local train, leaving Seattle at 9:05 and due in Tacoma at 10:45, were held up and robbed of an aggregate of \$400 by three highwaymen Saturday night at South Side station, 20 minutes out from Seattle.

The bandits forced Norris King, a boy of Kent, to carry a hat through the smoker, obtaining \$200 from the male occupants. One of the bandits handled the rear car, getting \$100 from the men and women passengers. The remainder of the \$400 was obtained from the trainmen.

MISS HOBBS PROBES SALOON SITUATION

Cove, Or.—Miss Fern Hobbs "marched right in, turned right around and marched right out again," after passing little more than two hours investigating the saloon situation here, complaints against which caused Governor West to send the young woman here to probe the affair.

The clicking of a moving-picture machine marked time for the fair and lonely invader. But the word "lonely" cannot be taken literally here. The movie man came on the same train with Miss Hobbs and kept her in focus practically during her entire visit.

Just what Miss Hobbs accomplished or what the result of her visit and investigation will be, remains to be seen. She says she, herself, does not know.

That the conditions here are different from those at Copperfield, the saloons of which place she caused to be closed by virtually inaugurating the martial law, which was declared there, was the announcement of Miss Hobbs before she left Cove.

Mayor Wilson and the council members showed Miss Hobbs every courtesy and eagerly watched for an opportunity to aid her in any way possible. The young woman later said she was delighted with her reception and treatment while here.

With little formality Miss Hobbs met the city officials and, with their aid, she went over the city ordinances covering the liquor question.

Henry M. Teller, Ex-Senator, Dies. Denver.—Highest state honors will be paid to the memory of Henry Moore Teller, ex-United States senator, whose death at the home of his daughter, Mrs. G. E. Tyler, in this city, marked the passing of the last of the earlier-day statesmen of Colorado.

California Storm Worst in History. Los Angeles.—With a loss of probably more than \$4,500,000 and a total of seven human lives Southern California is recovering from the effects of the worst storm in its history.

NEWS FROM OUR NATIONAL CAPITAL

Senate Ratifies Renewal of
Treaties With Eight Na-
tions for Five Years.

Washington.—General arbitration treaties ratified by the senate renewed for five years agreements with Great Britain, Japan, Italy, Spain, Norway, Sweden, Portugal and Switzerland, and marked the first step in the policy of President Wilson.

The treaties, briefly, provide for reference to The Hague tribunal of legal differences and questions relating to the interpretation of other existing treaties which cannot be settled by diplomacy.

No matter affecting the vital interests, independence or honor of the contracting powers is included in the scope of these treaties and all disputes involving the interests of third parties also are excluded.

Although the majority for the ratification of the treaties was overwhelming and the amendment to exempt by more than a two-thirds vote, senators who urge repeal of the tolls exemption provision insist that these votes are not significant of the attitude of the senate on the tolls issue.

State's "Equity" in Power Recognized.

Assertion of the power of the federal government under the constitution to control the building of all water power projects, but recognition of the equities therein of the states of the union—this is the cardinal principle in the conservation policy of the Wilson administration so far as it affects the navigable streams of the country.

Secretary Garrison, of the war department, is the author of the plan, which has been endorsed by President Wilson and the cabinet.

Secretary Garrison, with President Wilson's approval, will ask for authorization to issue permits for the construction of water power projects, with the stipulation that they be issued only to concerns incorporated as public utilities under state laws and so restricted that control by monopolistic corporations will be impossible. To protect the rights of states, revenues accruing will go to states, and not to the federal government. This suggestion is expected to heal the breach existing between advocates of states rights and national control of the natural resources of the country.

May Exempt Small Business Concerns.

President Wilson indicated to callers that he desires that the proposed bills dealing with the trust problem be so phrased and adapted to the decisions already rendered by the Supreme court of the United States on the Sherman anti-trust law that the efficiency of that statute shall be neither impaired nor complicated, but supplemented.

Mr. Wilson indicated that serious consideration has been given in the framing of the trust legislation to provisions that would protect small business concerns from statutes prohibiting trade arrangements and combinations. He suggested that it was a difficult thing to frame an exemption in terms of dollars, and for this reason did not believe it was practicable to exempt all firms under \$5,000,000 in capitalization from the inquisitorial process of the interstate trade commission, as had been proposed, but that some other plan would be worked out.

Would Reorganize Agricultural Dept.

Chairman Lever, of the house committee on agriculture, has completed the report to the house of the annual agricultural appropriation bill. It aggregates \$18,947,000 exclusive of permanent appropriations, an increase of \$960,000 over last year's total.

Many radical changes are proposed in the measure, including reorganization of the weather bureau and preparation by the secretary of agriculture of a plan for reorganizing and systematizing the department work.

Provision for attention to cost of living problems is made in several items. For investigating the preparation for market, handling, grading, packing, freezing, drying, storing and transporting of poultry and eggs a \$50,000 appropriation would be made.

National Capital Brevities.

Application for admission into the federal reserve banking system has been made by 7107 banks representing 40 states.

Hearing on new law to regulate grazing on non-arable lands will be held at Washington March 2.

The bill amending the reclamation act permitting settlers 20 years instead of 10 in which to pay for water, was reported favorably by the senate irrigation committee.

Delegates from every state and province of North America are in attendance at the annual convention of the supreme council, Knights of Pythias, at Washington. The delegates were welcomed by President Wilson and praised by Secretary of State Bryan.

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Events Occurring Throughout
the State During the Past
Week.

Lived Six Months With Broken Neck. Pendleton.—After living for more than six months with a broken neck, Frank Duntun, Canyon City stockman, died in this city. Duntun, while watching some children playing in his barn, endeavored to show them some tricks on a trapeze. He fell to the floor, striking on his head, and fracturing the sixth and seventh vertebrae. Since then he has been entirely paralyzed.

Sunday Closing Is Intend.

Salem.—To prohibit the conduct of business and gainful amusements on Sunday is the object of a measure to be initiated at the next election by the Washington County Christian Endeavor Union. The bill was approved as to form by Secretary of State Olcott.

The measure exempts drug stores, physicians' shops, undertakers, livery stables, butchers and bakers.

Long Lost Diamond in Chicken's Crop. Clatskanie.—About eight months ago Mrs. Robert Bryant lost a diamond setting out of a ring. Long search for the missing gem proved unavailing. A few days ago, on the occasion of her husband's birthday, as she was preparing a fowl for dinner, she found the lost stone in the crop of the fowl.

Regatta Plans Started.

Astoria.—A mass meeting of business men and citizens generally is to be held on the evening of March 3, when a committee will be selected to take charge of the 19th annual regatta. This meeting will also fix the date for the water carnival, but it is generally understood that July 2, 3, and 4 will be selected.

Party Lines Only Test.

Salem.—Attorney General Crawford, in an opinion, holds that a qualified elector was not limited in signing the petition of one candidate for an office, but may sign petitions of all candidates if they are members of the party with which he affiliates.

WOULD CONSOLIDATE BOARDS

Desert Land Board, State Engineer and Water Board May Go.

Salem.—A movement has been started to initiate a measure at the next election to abolish the state desert land board, the state water board and the state engineer's office, and put the business handled by these three departments in charge of one board, thus effecting a considerable saving to the taxpayers.

Governor West states that at the recent meeting of the Oregon Irrigation congress in Portland, delegates from Central Oregon put the proposition up to him and asked for his approval. He said he favored the movement and would give his support to the proposed measure. He said a large saving would be made by such a change.

He declared that the desert land board, as now constituted, is a useless affair, and the state engineer's office is an expensive luxury. The plan is to give the one board to be created in place of the three departments authority to appoint an engineer.

Fishing Rules Protested.

Astoria.—During the past few days quite a number of letters have been sent by packers and fishermen to Colonel McKinstry, of the United States Engineers, protesting against the proposal of the department to prohibit fishing within a prescribed district at the mouth of the river.

Goat Industry Started.

The Dalles.—W. F. Ripley has started a new industry in this vicinity, that of goat-raising. He raises the Toggenberg goat, which is the mainstay of the cheese industry of Switzerland. This goat is of the blue-blooded variety, and with a pedigree, it is more valuable than the thoroughbred cow.

Few Dogs Show Symptoms.

Baker.—Forty-two dogs have been killed in Baker as the result of violation of the muzzling ordinance passed by the city commissioner as a preventive measure against spread of rabies. Only six of these have shown symptoms of the disease.

Diphtheria Rages at Brooks.

Brooks.—With an epidemic of diphtheria prevailing, many children are being withdrawn from the schools, although the disease appears in a mild form. One death is reported.

W. H. Meredith Out For Congress.

Bandon.—W. H. Meredith, county attorney of Curry, stated here that he would be a candidate for the democratic nomination for representative from this district.

BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

Rural free delivery route will be established May 1 at Vale to serve 120 families.

Scarcity of sheep has caused J. H. Christensen of Crook county some difficulty in stocking his ranges.

Eighty-two of the eighty-four national banks of Oregon have applied for membership in the federal reserve system.

Oregon lumber will be used in the construction of the Oregon building at the San Francisco 1915 fair, transported from Oregon mills in Oregon-built vessels.

Senator Chamberlain asks that the public lands committee be allowed to continue its work in order that the development of Alaska may not be retarded.

Professor C. I. Lewis of the Oregon Agricultural college says fruit men should organize to protect the industry and none but the best grade of fruit should be canned or shipped.

A copy of Olney's Geography, published about 80 years ago, has been lent to Superintendent of Public Instruction Churchill by William Swisher, of Salem.

Representative Sinnott has introduced a bill for the relief of Joe Davis, a Slav, who was injured at the Cello canal. The bill carries an allowance of \$15,000.

Twenty petitions have been placed in circulation for solicitation of signatures demanding the recall of Mayor H. R. Albee and City Commissioners R. G. Dieck and W. L. Brewster of Portland.

Sheep men of Pendleton and vicinity are asked by Deputy Supervisor Wilson of the Clearwater reserve to pasture their flocks on the ranges. The grass in the burnt over sections is said to be plentiful.

Baker county wool growers anticipate better prices for their clip this year than in 1913. Buyers representing the big eastern houses are already in the field and offers as high as 16 cents a pound have been made.

State School Superintendent J. A. Churchill has been requested by the Oregon Panama-Pacific Exposition commission to take charge of the preparation and installation of the Oregon educational exhibit at the San Francisco fair next year.

An initiative bill will be placed in circulation in Hood River county within a few days providing for the organization of bonded districts for the purpose of issuing bonds for the installation of public utilities of every character.

John H. Lewis, state engineer, has received from the director of the United States geological survey a report that since June 1 last year, when the last previous report was made, 803 square miles have been surveyed, making a total of 21,454 square miles, or 22.3 per cent of the state.

The plan to take the cadet regiment of the Oregon Agricultural college to the Panama-Pacific exposition in San Francisco in 1915, received the unanimous approval of the college council, after the committee appointed to handle the matter reported favorably on the proposition.

Representative Sinnott has introduced a bill which allows entrymen to divide into two periods the five months of each year which they are allowed to spend away from their homesteads. This would enable them to take advantage of work in the logging camps in the winter and in harvest fields in summer.

On a platform endorsing statewide prohibition, ex-Governor T. T. Geer has announced his candidacy for the republican nomination for governor. He is the 14th gubernatorial candidate in the field. Eight republicans, four democrats, one progressive and one independent, are now seeking the nomination for governor.

Secretary of State Olcott announces that, according to the reports received by him, the republicans constitute 61.04 per cent of the total registered voters, the democrats 25.36, the Progressives 3.64, prohibitionists 3.62, socialists 2.55 and miscellaneous 3.79. The total registration to date is 53,899, of which 32,899 are republicans, 13,689 are democrats, 1961 are progressives, 1952 are prohibitionists, 1374 are socialists and 2044 come under the miscellaneous classification.

Announcement has been made that approximately 45,000 acres of land adjacent to Flora, Long Creek, Monument, Beech Creek, Pilot Rock, Enterprise and Baker, have been set apart for homesteading. This is classed as semi-arid land and will be subject to the enlarged homestead act. This land will be ready to be filed upon on and after March 9, and the applicant for the land will have the right to file on 320 acres if he is an original entryman. If he already holds 160 acres of this kind of land he is entitled to increase his holdings to 320 acres. That is he may file on 160 acres additional if he has a pending entry on which he has not made final proof. If he has made entry and final proof on 160 acres of semi-arid land, his right is exhausted and he cannot make another entry for further holdings.

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