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President Taft After Them.
 President Taft has referred to Attorney General Wickersham the drafting of the bill to prohibit gambling in futures. The bill, it is said, will embody the essence of the bill introduced by Representative Scott of Kansas at the last session of congress. This action resulted from a long conference between the president and Representatives Scott, Lovering of Massachusetts and Burleson of Texas.

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COMMUNICATIONS.

Unfair Treatment Says Stockholder.
 Editor Courier: For the benefit of stockholders of the Applegate Valley Telephone company who reside in Grants Pass and elsewhere that did not attend the annual meeting held on the 10th instant, I beg space in the Courier's columns to say a few words in regard to an effort made to disfranchise stockholders by voting, and also the chairman's interpretation of the company's constitution to disqualify stockholders being represented by proxy.

It was plainly apparent, even before the meeting was called to order, that an effort would be made to dominate over the meeting, and when the question of electing a board of directors was taken up, a "motion was made to debar any member from voting whose telephone dues were not fully paid up," and as the dominating spirit appeared to be in the majority, the motion would have passed, but a prominent member, whose judgment was too well known to be questioned, quickly objected to such an effort and killed the motion in the bud.

The next move was made by the secretary reading section 8 of the company's constitution, viz.: "This company shall immediately after the adoption of this constitution, and annually thereafter, elect a board of nine directors by a majority ballot of the stockholders present at such meeting, etc." He was joined by several others in construing "majority ballot by the stockholders present" to mean that the stockholder must be present in person and not by any delegated proxy. This was objected to by a minority member, who raised the question that such construction was not constitutional; but the objection was ignored by the chair and all proxies present were debarred from voting.

One of the members then proceeded to nominate a full slated ticket of nine for board of directors and attempted, by motion, to close nominations before any others could be made.

The minority members who attended this meeting had no axe to grind, no slated ticket to offer, or any spiteful motive in being present, but they were there to vote either in person or by proxy for their choice for directors, and to obtain information as to the company's present condition and its future prospects; and, being citizens of the United States, thought they were living in free America, where equality is granted to all and where the rights of all American citizens are protected; but, alas, it appears that they had placed themselves under the domination of the Czar of Russia and the gag rule was in force.

We are aware that in all rural communities there are most always some illiterate persons who are, for various reasons, excusable in such business matters, but when men who are aspirants for the legislature and for county commissioner indulge in and contend that such rot is right and proper, its enough to make a school boy blush.

The constitution of Oregon, section 2 of article 11, provides that "Corporations may be formed under general laws, but shall not be created by special laws, except for municipal purposes;" and then, turning to general laws under private corporations, in section 3223, providing for annual elections of directors, we find this clause: "And each stockholder, who shall attend in person or by proxy, appointed by writing, and subscribed by such stockholder, shall be entitled to one vote for each share of stock subscribed by him." Now, how any intelligent person can construe section 3 of the company's constitution to mean that "no stockholder can vote at a stockholders' meeting by proxy," is too deep for any one to solve—unless it's the Czar or his subordinate who interpreted "shall elect a board of directors by majority ballot of the stockholders present at such meeting," to mean that the poor stockholder must be there in person in order to vote (for the sake of the dominant party). It never occurred to them that the stockholders had the same privilege to be present by proxy. If the Applegate Valley Telephone company is ever successful in accomplishing the object for which it was organized it will be done only by a united effort through harmony, and it was an evident conclusion that such proceedings as were employed at the late annual meeting is instrumental in stirring up more discord than harmony.

Some of the members appear to believe that they were justified in their method in order to retain the retiring board, on account of the financial showing it had made last year, according to the secretary's report; which, by the way, was merely arranged to cover their end and too ambiguous to tell heads from tails. However, I think there were a few at least who could read between the lines.

The present board elect are, with few exceptions, the same that were elected three years ago, and at least the ruling power of this same board has been re-elected each year since; and now it seems a little queer to hear them trying to excuse themselves at this late hour, that they had just waked up last year, about December 31, from their long sleep and were sorry they hadn't done much before.

Well, so are we, and I suppose that if the phone and stockholders had not kept punching them from time to time they would still be napping; and as the prodding appears to have produced some effect, perhaps a little more jacking up will be incentive of further good.

STOCKHOLDER.

THE LELAND BUDGET.

J. Walker was out from the Greenback mine Tuesday and took out the new dynamo for the mine.

Mrs. Sam Neas returned to her home at Grants Pass after a visit at the Greenback mine.

The painters are at work on the new depot and it will soon be ready for occupancy. The new depot and other improvements that have been made are certainly appreciated by our citizens.

Col. Blaisdell returned from Portland last week and went out to the Ideal.

Dr. Parker, a graduate of the Medical School of West Virginia, was in our vicinity Tuesday. He comes from Ashland but expects to establish an office at Merlin.

Mr. Kennedy, the fruit tree man, is in our vicinity this week.

Mr. Orr returned to his home at Myrtle Creek after visiting with his daughters, Mrs. Geo. Light and Mrs. Decker.

John Alderson went out to the Ideal mine Tuesday to resume work.

John Anderson, from the Greenback mine went to Portland the latter part of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Alderson went out to Grants Pass Saturday, returning the same day.

William Miller and his brother, operators at West Forks, were in town Monday.

Raining and the miners are happy. Mr. Wendling is here to superintend the moving of the section house.

MINER.

SPARKS FROM HUGO.

We have been having some very cold weather here the past two weeks but it has turned warmer and is trying to rain at the present.

The Baptist church gave a big supper New Year's eve and everybody report as having a good time. The supper was given to get money enough to buy an organ.

Henry Breuding, of Woodville, made Hugo a visit one day last week.

J. P. Kinney came to Hugo Sunday to spend a few days.

S. O. Cahill made Hugo a visit Thursday on business.

Grace Kenney made Grants Pass a visit Saturday on business and returned Sunday.

We have had a little snow here this morning. I don't think the winter is over yet.

Walter Penny's uncle arrived here Sunday from California where he went to spend the holidays.

Jasper Jennings' wife and baby came home Sunday from Grants Pass where she spent a few weeks.

O. S. Brown made Hugo a visit Thursday on business.

Carl Jennings and family, of Glendale, came to Hugo Saturday to visit his mother, Mr. Jennings, and his sister, Mrs. M. Moody, and returned home Monday.

CAPT. JACK.

DEATH OF PIONEER

OF SOUTHERN OREGON

Mrs. Mary Jane Winghamam died in this city last Saturday, January 15, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. L. Smith, on Foundry street.

This marks the passing of one of the oldest settlers of Southern Oregon, she having lived in Jackson county since 1868. She was born in Clackamas county, Oregon, on April 18, 1848, and so far as is known was the third white child born in the state.

Mrs. Winghamam was considered an authority on early history and especially regarding the Indian troubles.

She was the mother of 14 children, all born in Oregon, nine of whom are living. They are as follows: Mrs. Polly Bond, Mrs. Ada Kester, Mrs. Minnie Briesendine, Mrs. Ella Russell, Mrs. Pearl Smith, John Winghamam, Mark Winghamam, Cal Winghamam and Jack B. Winghamam.

MURPHY.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hill, of Wilderville, are visiting at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Darnelle, this week.

R. Gentry is moving his family to New Hope this week. He will take charge of a farm belonging to Mr. Parkey, of that place. Our best wishes go with them to their new home.

After a short illness caused by pneumonia, Ed T. Perry, one of our most respected citizens, passed away Saturday, a few minutes after 12 o'clock. Mr. Perry was an honest, upright man and kind neighbor and will be greatly missed from among us. He leaves to mourn his loss a wife and 6 small children, who have the heartfelt sympathy of the entire community. His remains were laid to rest in the Missouri Flat cemetery.

One of the amusing things that sometimes take place occurred at the annual telephone meeting held at Provoit on the 10th instant, in the form of ratifying an act of the directors. The board having found themselves in need of funds, had levied an extra assessment of telephone dues on phone holders for last October, November and December, and when their right to make such levy was questioned their act was referred to the house for ratification; which was done amid great applause. As the company's constitution provides that the fixing of monthly telephone dues shall be made by a two-thirds ballot of all the stockholders, and there being less than one-half of the stockholders represented at the meeting, we fall to see anything to applaud—unless it's the effort to legalize one illegal act by introducing another.

BUSTER BROWN.

HELL GATE IS POINT OF INTEREST

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with the walls from 100 to 300 feet high, and 60 to 80 feet apart, of solid diorite formation, all of which seemed to be in place. Through this gorge the river appeared to have about 30 to 40-foot falls. By investigation he found that the banks of the river for a considerable distance up the gorge were so high that the water could be raised from 40 to 60 feet without overflowing any considerable amount of land above. He found that the main county road between Galice creek and Merlin passed within about 100 yards of the gorge. He found available along the river banks, sand and gravel of the right quality to be useful in the construction of a cement dam. He found that nature had also provided diorite piers projecting out toward the center of the river from each side, forming most excellent anchorage for a dam, leaving an opening of not over 70 feet to fill.

GOSSIP OF MISSOURI FLAT.

A shooting match was held on the Flat Saturday, January 15. There were good shots from Provoit, Murphy and Applegate present. The shortest string for the beef was 2 1-16 inches, and the longest being 6 inches, or over. The beef was put up by Mr. McFadden and Mr. Geter, and the fowls by Amos Cook.

A party was held at Mr. and Mrs. Guthrie's residence a few nights ago. The evening was passed merrily with joking and singing, and refreshments of cake and coffee were served. Those present were: Mrs. S. H. Cook, Miss Winnie Knox, Amos Cook, J. H. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Cook, Miss Cook, Master Oran Cook, Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Woodriddle, W. W. Woodriddle, Miss Fleda and Frank Woodriddle and Mr. and Mrs. Guthrie and family.

Mr. Perry, of Murphy, was laid to rest in the Missouri Flat cemetery on Sunday, February 15.

It is probable that a Sunday school will be established and it is to be hoped that it will.

Lincoln Savage, the school superintendent, was out visiting the school and settling a dispute. He praised the school very highly by saying it was the best rural school district that he had visited during his tour through the county.

Some of the boys of the Flat visited the Laurel Grove debating society last Saturday night. They were well satisfied with the way of the society.

G. L. Woodriddle is still grubbing. It has been raining today and it looks better than freezing weather with snow a foot deep.

SANTA CLAUS

DEATH OF E. T. PERRY

AT MURPHY SATURDAY

E. T. Perry, a well known farmer and fruit grower living one mile below Murphy, died suddenly at his home last Saturday morning. Mr. Perry has lived in that neighborhood for the last 16 years, coming here from eastern Oregon. He had many friends in this county and was well thought of generally. He leaves a wife and four children to mourn his loss. Mr. Perry was born September 29, 1853, and was consequently at the time of his death, 57 years old. The funeral took place at the Missouri Flat cemetery last Sunday afternoon, and a large concourse of friends and neighbors were present to pay their last tribute of respect to their deceased brother. Judge Stephen Jewell delivered the following address of the occasion:

At this time there were many land fraud cases being tried, and competitors brought up points and undertook to show these men that they might be in an awkward position if they were to make proof and undertake to secure these lands. Believing that there would be no demand for the power that might be developed at Hells Gate during their lifetime, and not wanting to buy lawsuits, they decided to relinquish their rights to these lands.

By this time Sherman had fortified himself financially so that he felt capable of carrying the proposition himself. Therefore he arranged for the purchase of scrip and script, about 1 1/2 miles on one side of the river and approximately three-quarters of a mile on the other side, including the entire gorge and all land above and below it which would be of any practical benefit to a project of that kind. And it now appears that the development of the county

who gave them their being here will deal justly with them in the hereafter. The God who created the heavens above us and the earth beneath us and gave us our existence as intelligent beings, is too wise and too good to deal unjustly with his own children. Wisdom and goodness and mercy and love are the attributes of God, and though we may not now understand the mysteries of life and death, there is a time coming when we shall understand and be satisfied. This is my faith, this is my hope, and this is that which encourages me to higher and better attainments here in this world.

These scenes of sorrow may be the means of making us better men and women. It is here that we are forcibly reminded that this world is full of sorrow and suffering and disappointments, and are made to feel the great need of doing what we can to make this world a more pleasant place in which to live.

Our brother has been a man among men. He has made use of the opportunities which God has given him. And now having laid aside this earthly body which has been subject to disease and suffering, let us hope that he will now take to himself a spiritual body that will not be subject to the infirmities of earth. I believe that even this life is worth living, and I believe that what we call death is but the beginning of a higher and a better life.

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Immediately below the gorge there are three distinct riffles. In these riffles there are about 15-foot falls. He discovered a place at the lower end of the gorge where a dam could be constructed nearly 100 feet high with comparatively very little expense. By driving a tunnel through one of these diorite piers a distance of approximately 60 feet and carrying the water in a canal down the river to the lower end of the series of rapids there could be in the neighborhood of a hundred foot pressure obtained.

Owing to the fact that he was not financially able to handle such a project, he took it up with other people in the valley, who were developing water power. They saw in it a wonderful opportunity and took steps to secure it, but for some unknown cause allowed their time to elapse and abandoned it. Later two attorneys from New York, who also had offices in Chicago and Pittsburg, and at that time were sojourning on the Pacific Coast, became interested in this power site. They made filings under the Stone and Timber act, and they for some unknown cause allowed their time to elapse and forfeited their rights. He then interested two of Grants Pass enterprising business men. They looked over the proposition and filed on it under the Stone and Timber act.

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is soon going to demand the power which is going to waste at Hells Gate, to be developed and used in its many capacities throughout the Rogue River valley.

The Rogue River valley needs irrigation. Water can be pumped at Hells Gate up to the 1300 and 1500 foot contours and ditches dug up the valley and irrigate not only the entire Merlin district, but also the Grants Pass district. 40,000 acres of land can be irrigated from such a system.

In pumping the water to the above contours and using it throughout the valley for irrigation, it would find its way back to the river bed and so on back to Hells Gate to assist in generating more power with which to kick itself back up the river again.

There are tens of thousands of acres of rich gravel bars above and below Hells Gate, to say nothing of the demand for light and power throughout the entire Rogue River valley. It now appears that there are two great railroad companies on the eve of entering into a struggle for supremacy in handling the heavy tonnage of the Rogue River valley and on through the heaviest timbered district in the world to the Pacific Coast. Either company, no doubt, could utilize the entire energy which could be harnessed at Hells Gate.

Since having acquired title to these lands and since there is a demand in sight for power, Mr. Sherman has been harassed with all kinds of water and mining filling on these lands. He returned last week from Salem, where he was investigating matters concerning the same and he has been assured that his title is perfect.

A few weeks ago, in order to get more accurate information on the property, he secured the services of Civil Engineer Elias Ruud to make a minimum flow of the river at this point is estimated at 330,000 cubic feet per minute, and since it is a solid diorite formation, with the construction of a cement dam there would not necessarily be any loss of water by seepage, etc. The entire flow of the river could be used for power purposes, which under a head of 100 feet could generate 60,000 theoretical horse power, or with 85 per cent efficiency would be 50,000 horse power. This engineer states "that at no place in the district can water power be generated cheaper than at Hells Gate;" and further, that "among opportunities of this nature, the writer knows of none better nor equally as good."

Mr. Sherman has made application with the state engineer for a permit to construct a dam and hopes to finance the proposition and begin construction inside of a year.

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