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## SENATOR BOURNE IN GRANTS PASS

SENIOR MEMBER OF U. S. SEN-  
ATE HERE WEDNESDAY.

## INFORMAL RECEPTION HELD

Parcels Post, Federal Aid in Road  
Building, and Many Other Mat-  
ters Discussed.

Senator Bourne was greeted by the largest number of citizens last night on the occasion of the informal reception at the Hotel Josephine that has greeted any candidate who has yet appeared in the city during the campaign. The lobby of the hotel was well filled with business men and others, and nearly three hours were spent in a discussion of measures before congress. The situation regarding the Oregon caves, located in this county, was also explained to the senator, and he pledged himself to give immediate attention to having certain details arranged whereby the great natural wonder could be made more available and accessible to the public. To this end it is desired that concession be granted by the government for the construction of hotels and roads, capital being ready to develop the caves as soon as this is done. The caves have been set aside as a national monument, and authority is required from the government before buildings can be erected within the boundaries.

Senator Bourne also stated that he had been over the situation as regards the local postoffice, and that the business transacted here would warrant the building by the government of a postoffice building, and he placed three years as the limit by which time it would surely be constructed.

Other matters that were discussed were the parcels post law and the question of federal aid for road building.

"Team work is necessary for the best accomplishment of results in Washington," said Senator Jonathan Bourne Jr., in an interview at the Hotel Josephine last evening. "There were some 40,000 bills introduced in the last congress, touching upon every phase of national legislation. Besides that, there were innumerable matters of local interest for the members of the Oregon delegation to look after. No one man can attend to all the subjects that come up. An effort to do so would result in duplication and waste of effort."

"In order to avoid such duplication, Senator Chamberlain and myself have an understanding that he will take the lead in looking after matters that properly come before his committees and I will look after matters that come before mine. We always co-operate, however, regardless of which committee has a matter in charge."

"As everybody knows, work in congress is done almost entirely through committees and committee appointments are of utmost importance not only to the member himself but to the state he represents."

"Between us, Chamberlain and I have places on practically all the committees in which Oregon is particularly interested. He is a member of the committees on public lands, Indian affairs, military affairs and on irrigation. My principal committees are appropriations, postoffices and post roads, commerce, public buildings and grounds."

"The commerce committee passes upon the river and harbor bill in which Oregon is most interested. The postoffice committee, of which I am chairman, passes upon the largest of the appropriation bills, the amount being more than a quarter of a billion dollars per year. Taking all committees into consideration, the total appropriations passed upon by me exceeds by \$67-

000,000 the total passed upon by any other member of either house of congress.

"I mention these committee positions because the state is interested in them. There is an unwritten rule of the senate, established by long-continued custom, that no senator appointed to membership on a committee must begin at the bottom and he secures advancement when other senators above him on the committee leave the senate or retire from the committee. The longer a man is in the senate, the more important his committees and the higher his rank on the committees."

"So far as a senator is personally concerned, he would be better off if he had no important committee appointments, for in that case his work would be light. Important committee places mean hard work, but also mean desirable results. The fact that I have the best committee appointments ever held by an Oregon senator is due partly to my own efforts in securing desirable assignments and partly to the retirement of other senators who had places above me on important committees. If I should be re-elected my committee places will be much better than they now are, within another four years, for there are several senators who have announced their intention to retire."

"Circumstances have favored me as they have favored no other member of the senate and no new man could hope to get the places I have within a period of ten or a dozen years."

"As I view it, the question is largely whether the people of Oregon wish to throw away the advantage they have by reason of my experience, acquaintance and committee position. No man in his private business would do so, and I do not think they will in their public business."

## SENT TO TRAINING SCHOOL.

Floyd Overstreet, the fifteen-year-old boy who was arrested for breaking into a box car on the Southern Pacific track in this city and stealing a basket of candy, eleven quarts of whiskey and two pairs of shoes that had been consigned to local merchants, was given an indefinite sentence to the state industrial school, formerly called the reform school, by Juvenile Judge Jewell. The boy was taken to Salem to be placed in the institution by Judge Jewell Wednesday evening.

Overstreet had at first claimed that other parties were interested in the largess with him, but later he said that he had taken the goods unassisted and at his own volition. He has served a previous term in the training school, and has been in trouble repeatedly.

## GOVERNOR WEST PROCLAIMS.

SALEM, Or., Oct. 4.—Governor West today issued a proclamation offering a reward of \$100 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any owner, lessee, lessee, or lesser, in the state of any building conducted as a disreputable house. This startling edict, although expected for some time, is expected to send hundreds of persons scurrying for cover.

## JOHNNY EVERS MANAGER OF THE CHICAGO CUBS.

CHICAGO, Oct. 24.—Although President Charles W. Murphy will not come out with a positive statement, Johnny Evers is to be manager of the Chicago Cubs next year, according to reliable information here today. All is arranged except the signing of the contract, and before Evers returns to his home in Troy, N. Y., this detail will have been attended to.

When told of Evers' appointment, Frank Chance said:

"I am glad Evers is going to have the job. I mean the money that goes with it. I'll play for him gladly if Murphy will give me the opportunity. He must send me a contract before March 1 to hold me."

## ENGINEERS' REPORT IS FAVORABLE TO GRAVE CREEK WATER PROJECT

Estimated Cost, Covering Installation of Plant for Municipal Water Supply, Irrigation and Power, \$500,000

That the Grave creek water proposition is a feasible one is the report made by Engineers Hobson and Hall, who recently made a pretty thorough investigation of the sources of the water supply, and the engineering features involved in bringing the water to Grants Pass.

The engineers have made formal report to the city council, under whose authority the work was done, covering all phases of the proposed work. While there are many of the details that could not of course be definitely reported upon, enough was done to establish the practicability of the plan.

The engineers decided that a point on Grave creek, in section 6 of township 34, in Jackson county, offered the most available site for damming the creek, and that the drainage area lies within that portion of the Rogue mountains along the divide between that stream and the headwaters of tributaries of the South Umpqua. The elevation of the water shed is from 2,500 to 5,000 feet above the sea level, where the precipitation is the maximum for the coast district.

The plan advanced includes the construction of the dam, the building of ditch and pipe lines, of irrigation canals, and subsequently of the development of electricity for light and power.

Construction would involve the building of a dam to a maximum height of 170 feet, which would be 1,012 feet in length on the top, and would have a storage capacity of forty thousand acre feet of water. The report says that it appears that all the material for an earth fill dam, approximately of 500,000 cubic yards of earth, can be secured within a distance of 2,000 feet of the upstream side of the dam, and that it can be put in place by means of races and flumes at a nominal cost.

In dealing with the physical features of the work, and of the probable cost and the revenues that could be derived, the report has the following:

### Transmission of Water.

Leading from the dam there may be excavated along the south side of Grave creek a canal of any desired capacity, and extending to the divide at the head of Horse creek, a tributary of Jump Off Joe creek. Such a canal would be through a dense growth of timber affording excellent protection against evaporation the entire distance. At this divide the elevation is 800 feet above, and two miles distant from the point of the proposed location of a power plant near the junction of Jacks creek and Jump Off Joe. From this point irrigation canals may be constructed along the 1,500 foot contour in either direction so as to cover the entire area of irrigable land in the Jump Off Joe, Louse creek and the Rogue river valleys, approximating 30,000 acres.

Also from the location of the power plant water for municipal supply may be conducted by a suitable pipe line about fifteen miles in length and with a fall of 400 feet to the level of the present city reservoir.

### Transmission of Power.

The transmission line for power to the city would not exceed 17 miles in length, and it is probable that the present line extending to the Greenback mine might be taken over at a nominal cost. This line is in good condition and is well located for the purpose.

### Water Supply.

First. The natural drainage area tributary without development, is approximately 15,000 acres, which may be doubled by the construction of drainage canals.

Second. Assuming the annual run-off to be only 24 inches, which it is believed is considerably less

than will be shown by actual gaugings, would mean a supply from the natural drainage alone of thirty thousand acre feet, with the possibility of increasing to twice this amount. This whole area or water shed no doubt, would be set aside by an act of congress for the protection of a municipal water supply, and possibly as a national park reserve.

This volume of water flowing continuously from the first of April to the first of October, the extremes of the irrigating season, would be an average flow of 112 second feet for the six months, which being reduced to theoretical horse power available for power purposes before being turned into the irrigation canals, would be an average of 10,182.

By the construction of an auxiliary canal leading from near the head of Jump Off Joe creek, as shown by the contour map, and brought to the head of the delivery pipe on Horse creek divide, it would be made possible to maintain this amount of power the year round should the demand at any future time require all of the storage available on Grave creek for other purposes.

### Summary.

From the plan as outlined it is shown that there may be developed a supply of pure mountain water sufficient for municipal purposes, water for irrigating 30 to 40 thousand acres of land and to supply a hydro-electric power plant of ten thousand horse power capacity.

### Estimated Cost.

Purchase of 600 acres of land in reservoir	\$ 15,000
500,000 cubic yards earth fill in dam	100,000
Outlet tunnel and gates	18,000
Permanent spillway	12,000
Clearing 600 acres in reservoir	50,000
16 miles of canal from reservoir to power plant	48,000
17 miles of pipe line	85,000
Total	\$328,000

In addition to this initial cost, there is to be taken into consideration the building and repairing of wagon roads, engineering and attorney fees, risks and incidentals which would bring the total up to \$365,000, with yet to be constructed at least 30 miles of main canals for irrigation, and the installation of the power plant and transmission line. The power plant of course would be installed by the unit system so as to avoid the investment of capital except as the market for power should demand. Suppose the first unit to be of one thousand horse power efficiency, and that 17 miles of transmission line would reach the present market for power, and that there be constructed 30 miles of main irrigation canals, there would be added \$142,000 to the investment, bringing the grand total up to \$507,000. This amount is assumed to complete the entire project which would furnish a municipal water system for 25,000 people, deliver nearly 10,000 horse power of electric energy, and supply water for irrigation upon thirty thousand acres of productive soil.

### Possible Revenues.

Supposing that only twenty thousand acres of land, which is less than 50 per cent of what would actually be available under the plan, should contract for perpetual water supply, at as low a cost as \$40 per acre, the revenue at the end of say ten years would be \$80,000, or \$8,000 per year.

The inhabitants of the city and surrounding communities would consume electric energy amounting to a revenue of \$1,500 per month, or \$18,000 per year.

The annual consumption of water within the city, aside from the

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## BANDON AND GRANTS PASS RY. INCORPORATED.

Incorporation papers for the Bandon and Oregon Eastern railway were filed at Salem Wednesday, the Premier Construction Co. being the incorporators. The corporation is capitalized at \$100,000. It gives as its object the operation of railroads and steamship lines. The railroads are to have terminal at Bandon and Coos Bay and at Grants Pass and Port Orford. These lines are to operate through Jackson, Josephine, Coos and Curry counties with the principal place of business at Marshfield. The terminals of the steamboat lines will be at Bandon. The incorporators are T. A. Thatcher, George V. Wenner, William B. Acton and D. R. Morgan, of California, and Benjamin H. Ohler, of Oregon.

## PUGILIST JOHNSON MAY GO TO PRISON

CHICAGO, Oct. 25.—Testimony which is believed certain to send Jack Johnson, heavyweight champion of the world, to the penitentiary for a long term, was given to the federal grand jury here today by Charles Johnson, the fighter's brother. Much of this testimony was corroborated by a mulatto girl, Charles Johnson's sweetheart.

The evidence adduced from Charles Johnson is said to be sufficient to send not only the negro pugilist, but a score of other blacks to jail on numerous white slave charges.

Jack Johnson's brother is reported to have told the grand jury that the pugilist took white girls with him on his private car while making theatrical trips, and surrounded himself with girls in his training camps before fights. He furnished names and addresses.

Government officials are said to have discovered a series of love stories here which weave romances of improper relations of white women with negroes.

"Love knows no race" is a sample of one of the titles and "My affair with a golden brown man" is another.

It is asserted by officials of the government that these letters were written and distributed for the purpose of interesting white girls in negroes, the blacks placing such literature before the girls they wished to interest. It is declared that most of their victims were girls of foreign parentage who do not draw the color line as closely as Americans.

On emerging from the grand jury room, Charles Johnson admitted that Jack had been expecting trouble, and two days before he was arrested, decided to his mother \$200,000 worth of property.

Charles Johnson declared that his brother recently appeared to be anxious to remain on friendly terms with him.

Herbert Dean, Johnson's white chauffeur, was next called and described the automobile trips with white girls accompanying the negro.

Attorney Erbstein, representing Lucille Cameron's mother, and government officials have received several threatening letters, it is said. The postoffice department is investigating this report.

Johnson recently had his brother Charles arrested for embezzlement.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 23.—The fighting days of Jack Johnson, the colored heavyweight champion boxer of the world, probably are over. Disgusted by the flaunting boast of the negro that "All white women seem to fall for him, and that he could win any of them," Johnson is barred today by leading fight promoters from appearing in any of the fight centers of the world, with the possible exception of Paris.

W. B. Myers is registered at Hotel Portland from Grants Pass.

## REGISTRATION IN COUNTY 2481

MORE VOTERS QUALIFY THAN EVER BEFORE IN COUNTY.

## 1015 ARE IN GRANTS PASS

Of Total Number 1407 Are Recorded as Republicans; 550 as Democrats and 238 Socialists.

The total number of Josephine county voters who have qualified as electors for the general election to be held November 5th is 2,481, of which number 1,015 come from the four Grants Pass city wards.

Of the total registration, 1,407 appear on the books as republicans; 550 as democrats; 238 as socialists; 24 as progressives; 19 as prohibitionists; 103 as independent, and 140 who registered as non partisan, suffragette, populist, etc. The progressive vote was not generally registered under that appellation, but will be found largely in the republican column, so that the registration really tells but little from this point of view.

The registration by precincts within the county is as follows:

- Grants Pass, ward 1, 280.
- Grants Pass, ward 2, 293.
- Grants Pass, ward 3, 184.
- Grants Pass, ward 4, 258.
- Granite Hill, 66.
- Dimick, 71.
- Fruitdale, 61.
- Murphy, 130.
- Williams, 131.
- Slate Creek, 101.
- Selma, 84.
- Kerby, 142.
- Aithouse, 135.
- Waldo, 83.
- Merlin, 89.
- Gallie, 134.
- Lucky Queen, 68.
- Leland, 72.
- Wolf Creek, 64.
- Placer, 35.

SALEM, Or., Oct. 24.—Nine counties in the state have made their final registration returns for the November election to the secretary of state. They are:

- Columbia, total registration, 2,219; Sherman, 778; Grant, 1,645; Lincoln, 1,328; Klamath, 2,641; Morrow, 982; Benton, 2,415; Gilliam, 748; Umatilla, 4,623.

Registration was heavy throughout the state, running somewhat over 15 per cent of the number registering before the primaries.

## BEEF CATTLE SCARCE.

PORTLAND, Oct. 24.—For the first time in the history of the northwest a scarcity of cattle prevails in the interior of Oregon and Washington, and the packers there are compelled to replenish their supplies from the Portland markets.

The Walla Walla Meat and Cold Storage company purchased two car loads here today, the first time in the history of the local market that such a transaction has occurred. Portland draws on Montana for the supply.

## WOULD EXTRADITE CAMPA.

DOUGLAS, Ariz., Oct. 24.—The Mexican government in the state of Sonora is making a determined effort today to secure the extradition of General Emilio Campa former rebel chief, who is held in the county jail at Tucson.

A number of Mexicans have been at Magdalena during the past few days, giving testimony against Campa and the Sonora authorities are preparing to lay a strong case for criminal action before the United States government.

C. N. Brantner arrived recently from Asotin, Wash., to locate in the city. His family will arrive later.