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BILL FOR CAVES NATIONAL PARK

INTRODUCED IN CONGRESS BY MR. HAWLEY

CHANGE FROM MONUMENT

Action by National Legislature Necessary to Provide for Development of Caverns

Washington, Dec. 10.—A bill creating the Oregon Caves National Park and setting aside 430 acres in Josephine county for that purpose was introduced in the house today by Congressman Hawley.

The movement toward the creating of the Oregon Caves National Park was instituted some time ago by citizens of this community, and it has the indorsement of National Forester Graves, who went thoroughly into the question at the time of his visit to this city last summer. The advantages of the creation of a national park rather than of the maintaining of a national monument are many, development of the monument being impossible. Created a park, appropriations would be available for the building of roads, and for making the great natural wonder more accessible to the public. Hotels could also be erected at the caves and other provision made for the entertainment of visitors. Two years ago parties were ready to spend thousands of dollars in developing the caves and building a modern hotel, installing electric lights, etc., but the government could give no term lease privileges in national monuments.

Every effort should now be put forth to assist in having the bill introduced by Congressman Hawley enacted into law.

TOURNAMENT BY GUN CLUB ON DECEMBER 31

The local gun club is arranging for a shooting tournament on the 31st inst., when a number of events will be shot off, with prizes numerous enough that all can go home with full hands. Fifteen matches have been arranged, each to consist of ten bluerock targets, and in each a fat gobbler will be the first prize; a chicken second prize, and merchandise prizes for third place. The merchants have contributed goods from their stocks for the merchandise prizes, and great sport is anticipated. The grounds of the club are to be moved across the river to a point near the end of the railroad bridge, where the tournament will be held.

There will also be rifle shooting during the day, numerous valuable prizes being hung for the eagle-eyed shooters.

MYSTERIOUS GRAY AUTO APPEARS IN INDIANAPOLIS

Indianapolis, Dec. 10.—The mysterious gray automobile from which strikebreaking teamsters here have previously been fired on made an appearance again early today. The object of attack was Ed Dain, a non-union motorman. The automobile contained five men, who, running it alongside Dain's car, began shooting at him. Dain returned their fire, and after a brisk interchange of shots the automobile sheered off and disappeared down a side street.

Dain was unhurt, and, so far as he knew, none of the bullets hit any of the automobilists.

Two men were already under arrest in connection with the gray car's previous appearance.

ROBBED OF \$1,172 IN MONEY AND JEWELRY

San Francisco, Dec. 10.—Jewelry and money to the value of \$1,172 were stolen today from W. C. Claiborne while he slept in a Fourth street hotel here. The burglar entered Claiborne's room with a pass key.

NO CONTRACT LET YET FOR NEW BRIDGE

The county court adjourned Monday evening without having taken action in regard to the building of the bridge over Williams creek at Provoit, the various bids having been continued over till the January session. The board is still unsettled as between steel and concrete in the construction of the bridge, each material having advantages. The differences in price are not as great as the figures submitted by the bidders at first glance indicate, the bids for the concrete structure being for the bridge complete, while there must be added to the cost of the steel bridge the expense of approaches and piers to be constructed by the county. This will add from \$1,200 to \$1,500 to the figure for the steel structure, bringing it up nearly to the cost of concrete.

The main protest to the concrete bridge was the obstruction to the channel of the stream, and to obviate this plan was presented by Contractor Anderson for an arched bridge of 88-foot span. This would add to the expense but would make unnecessary the building of a pier in the channel. The board will consider all these features before formally awarding the contract.

CONTRACTORS SHIP HORSES TO THIS CITY

A carload of heavy horses that have been used by Twohy Brothers, railroad contractors, in their work of building the new railroad at Eugene during the past year, was shipped to Grants Pass from Eugene Wednesday morning and will be held at the Twohy farms in the Illinois valley during the winter, the northern contract having been completed.

INCOME TAX LAW CASE IS OUT OF COURT

Chicago, Dec. 11.—United States Judge Landis this afternoon sustained the demurrer filed by the Continental and Commercial Bank against an attempt by Elsie De Wolf to collect \$750 alleged due as interest on bonds issued against the institution and threw the suit out of court. The court did not rule directly on the constitutionality of the income tax law, as advanced by Attorney Bourke Cochran, but held that the amount involved was too small for the court to take cognizance of.

The constitutionality of the income tax law was attacked in Federal Judge Landis' court here today by Burke Cochran, the famous attorney and orator, while arguing a demurrer filed against the Continental and Commercial Bank by Elsie De Wolf. Miss De Wolf is suing for \$750 interest on bonds issued by the bank, but it refused payment until she presented a certificate of ownership as required by the institution.

FORESTERS OF AMERICA ELECT THEIR OFFICERS

Court Josephine No. 27 held their regular meeting Monday night with a full attendance. A number of candidates were voted on and will be initiated at the next meeting. The court also held election of officers, with the following result: Chief ranger, John Sauer; sub chief ranger, Sam K. Klenlin; treasurer, J. H. Ahlf; financial secretary, F. D. Stricker, recording secretary, Roy Dunlap; Sr. Woodard, G. W. Finch; Jr. Woodard, Albert Evenson; Sr. beadle, S. G. Sauer; Jr. beadle, August Schallhorn; court doctor, F. D. Stricker; deputy grand chief ranger, Frank Pimperl.

The canvas by the state organizer, which will end this week, was very successful, as it has been the result of a large increase in membership. The balance of the officers will be elected at the next meeting.

REPORT THAT REBELS MEET DEFEAT AT TORREON

Mexico City, Dec. 11.—That a desperate battle had been fought at Torreón, ending in the recapture of the city by the federals, with 800 rebels killed, was stated in dispatches received here this afternoon. It was said the fight started yesterday and continued all of last night.

COUNTY WILL VOTE ON \$225,000 ROAD BOND ISSUE DECEMBER 31ST

Commissioners Call Election to Vote Funds for Improvement of Josephine Highway System

Josephine county will vote upon the question of the issuance of \$225,000 road bonds for the building of county highways on Wednesday, December 31, the county commissioners having set that date in response to the petitions that had been presented to them asking for the calling of the election.

The plan under which the money provided by the bond issue is to be expended has been prepared, showing the amount of funds apportioned to each district in the county. This plan will be available to the voters that they may know what improvement will be made before they vote upon the issue.

For the purposes of this election the regular election boards will serve. Voters who have not registered under the 1912 registration will have to swear their votes. This means that all women will be required to swear in their ballots.

From the issue of \$225,000 about \$125,000 will be required to refund the present indebtedness incurred in the building of roads, leaving the balance for the construction of new roads.

Bonding for the construction of a system of roads throughout the county has been the subject of greatest discussion before the commissioners at their session, and the final determination of the question of the calling of the election has been put over till Monday. The members of the board seem agreed to put the matter up to the voters, and have discussed the date upon which to hold the election, and have been going pretty thoroughly into the distribution of the fund raised by bonding upon the various roads of the

CALUMET STRIKERS FIGHT FOR HOURS

Calumet, Mich., Dec. 11.—Barricaded in their federation hall at South Range, a strong party of striking miners was resisting an attempt today by a small army of deputies and members of the Citizens' Alliance to break in and arrest them.

The battle began at 2 a. m. and was still raging at 9:30. The miners, believed to number about 40, and heavily armed, were making so effective a defense that the attacking party had to call for reinforcements and at 5 a. m. a special trainload of members of the Citizens' Alliance left Houghton for the scene of the engagement, followed by another trainload at 9 o'clock.

The federation hall was surrounded, but the rain of bullets from within kept the besiegers at a distance. Deputy Tom Driscoll of Houghton was fatally shot in an attempt at a rush and it was reported here that others were wounded.

ESTIMATED FLOOD LOSS IS \$7,000,000

Houston, Texas, Dec. 11.—Damage by the now subsiding floods in the Brazos, Trinity and Colorado river valleys was estimated today at \$7,000,000. Losses were much the heaviest in the Brazos valley. At Roseburg were 1,000 refugees, shelterless, without food and still unrelieved, owing to the railroad tie-up incidental to the flood. Missing individuals and families continued to be heard from, but so many remained unaccounted for that guesses as to the number of dead varied all the way from 250 to 1,000. Bodies recovered numbered 190.

15 FRENCHMEN DIE IN BATTLE WITH THE MOORS

Moá, Morocco, Dec. 11.—Fifteen Frenchmen were killed today and 22 wounded, including a captain and lieutenant, in a clash in which a French column captured the town of Aingalaka from the Moors.

county. As outlined the plan will be to provide for the improvement of the main thoroughfares through the county, especially the Pacific Highway and the road from the California state line near Waldo to connect with the Pacific Highway at Grants Pass. Appropriations will also be made for the improvement of the laterals from the main roads. It is necessary that this plan be prepared before the matter is put to a vote so that all the taxpayers can know just where the money is to be spent. The plan will call for a resurvey of the roads where the present survey can be improved and the grades reduced or the curves straightened. The plan of improvement will be the construction of grades and roadways according to the most approved road-building methods, and the graveling of the roadway.

The election will have to be held not less than 20 nor more than 30 days following the call, and as it will be necessary to have it in the present year to get it under the present registration of the voters, the commissioners have considered calling it for either the 30th or the 31st of this month. Should it go over the first of the year it will have to be at a date distant enough to allow of the 1914 registration of voters, which would probably carry it over till March.

The petitions asking the commissioners to call the election have been verified by the clerk, and more than the sufficient number of signers were found upon them after those who signed improperly had been eliminated. Signatures were held improper if the name was not written identically as the voter had signed it in registering.

WOMEN OF CHICAGO DENOUNCE THE MAYOR

Chicago, Dec. 11.—Mayor Harrison in particular, and Chicago's government in general, were denounced in unmeasured terms today at a meeting of the Chicago Women's Club, called to protest against conditions which compelled the resignation yesterday of Mrs. Ella Flagg Young as superintendent of the city's schools.

"Mrs. Young is one of America's leading educators," said Jane Addams, "and yet she was sacrificed, evidently to satisfy a clique of petty politicians. It is too early to discuss the possibility that she will be the women's candidate for mayor at the next city election, but there is no telling what may develop from this situation."

Mrs. Young, the first woman to become school superintendent in a city of Chicago's importance, was generally considered to have performed her duties with an efficiency never known in a local school superintendent before. She was so hampered in her policies, however, by members of the board of education, all of whom are chosen by the mayor, that she offered her resignation a few months ago. There was such an outcry against its acceptance that Mayor Harrison prevailed on her to withdraw it, promising her a free hand in future.

Last evening, when the board took up the matter of her re-election for another term, the vote was a tie. Saying she could not permit her name to be voted on again unless assured of unanimous support, Mrs. Young immediately resigned.

DOG EATS GASTON'S GOAT

Pomona, Cal., Dec. 10.—Fifty dollars is the amount which W. A. Gaston of San Dimas claims is due him from Charles Page, also of that place, because a dog which Gaston claimed belonged to Page "got Gaston's goat."

The goat was a real live one, furnishing milk for the Gaston farm. Page disowned the dog. Gaston sued, and the judge is now weighing the evidence.

MINIMUM WAGE FOR WOMEN TO BE \$8.25

Portland, Dec. 10.—The emancipation of the woman workers of Oregon from the ills attendant upon low wages and long hours is accomplished here today by the adoption of a ruling by the Industrial Welfare Commission providing that women shall not be employed in industrial pursuits at a salary less than \$8.25 a week and shall not be employed more than 54 hours a week. The ruling also establishes an apprentice period of not more than one year, the minimum wages of apprentices to be \$6 a week.

The hour of dismissal was fixed at 6:30, with the exception of women employed in telegraph and telephone offices, confectionery and hotels and restaurants.

The ruling, which will have full legal authority at the expiration of 60 days, was adopted on the recommendation of a conference committee composed of three representatives each of the house, the employes and employers, which made a state-wide investigation of wages, hours and conditions of labor for women workers.

BIG FIGHT POSTPONED ACCOUNT SORE NOSE

San Francisco, Dec. 11.—With his nose swollen out of all proportion, Willie Ritchie today bemoaned the misfortune that befell him on the eve of his proposed battle with Tommy Murphy, while unconvinced thousands of boxing fans declared the champion is afraid of the challenger and for that reason refused to agree to Promoter Coffroth's suggestion that, after last night's postponement, due to rain, they fight it out tonight under the same conditions that would have governed last night's bout.

Jim Buckley, Murphy's manager, declared that Ritchie is afraid of the Harlemite and that the sore nose excuse was nothing but a plain run-out.

"I never felt better in my life," said Ritchie today, "until my nose began to bother me Tuesday night. Yesterday morning it was so sore that I went to see Dr. Charles F. McCarthy. He told me that an abscess was forming and that it was necessary to have it lanced. I suffered great pain, but by using an ice pack the swelling went down to some extent. I made up my mind that I would go into the ring if the fight was held as scheduled. I did not know what would happen if Murphy hit me on the nose, but I decided to stand the pain."

Many fans were even disinclined to place faith in Ritchie's promise that he will give Murphy a further chance, but the champion and Manager Foley stoutly insisted today that no other fight will be considered until Murphy's claim is disposed of.

HUERTA AND CARRANZA IN DEAL FOR PEACE

(By a United Press Staff Correspondent.)

Mexico City, Dec. 10.—What seemed to be partial confirmation of reports that President Huerta and General Carranza were carrying on peace negotiations, was obtained today from reliable sources.

The statement was semi-officially made that Carranza would be given a voice in an attempt, at the July election, to choose a president satisfactory to all factions.

GERMAN STEAMER AGROUND

Washington, Dec. 10.—Wireless dispatches received here today from the revenue cutter Seminole stated that the German steamer Eickenberg is aground off Frying Pan shoals.

REWARD FOR RECOVERY OF JESSIE McCANN WITHDRAWN

New York, Dec. 11.—The police were without a definite clue today concerning the whereabouts of Miss Jessie McCann, daughter of a wealthy wholesale grocer, who disappeared from her home here last Friday. Members of the family, however, withdrew the reward of \$1,000 offered for her recovery, but denied receiving any word from the girl. A report that Miss McCann was being recently in Philadelphia was being further investigated today by her brother.

RATE OF CITY TAX LEVY CRITICISED

COMMERCIAL CLUB DISCUSSES LIVE TOPIC

COUNCILMEN IN SUPPORT

Charge Made by Senator Smith That Reduction Was for Political Purposes

The question of the rate of tax levy within the city of Grants Pass was the subject of lively discussion at the meeting of the Commercial Club Monday evening. The discussion was precipitated by Senator Smith, who voiced a doubt as to the sufficiency of a 6 1/2 mill levy for general purposes, and charged that it had been purposely reduced to that figure by the outgoing mayor to handicap and discredit the administration of Mayor-elect McKinstry, who will assume the reins of government on the first of the new year. Mr. Smith was free in his remarks concerning the levy, opposing the half mill provided for library purposes, attacking the plan for the free public library. The administration was taken to task by the senator and by other speakers for not having taken the public into its confidence in municipal affairs.

Councilmen Anderson and Porter, who were present, took issue with the speaker, and upheld the sufficiency of the levy for the conduct of the city during the year, quoting the figures to support the statement that there would be plenty of cash in the various funds. Mayor-elect McKinstry cleared the atmosphere by announcing that Mr. Norton, who is to be his city attorney, would meet Tuesday with the finance committee of the council, and the finances of the city would be thoroughly considered, and the adequacy of the levy would be arrived at. He also agreed that under his administration he would seek to give the public full knowledge of the municipal affairs.

Rogue river fishing was a subject of some interest again, the maintenance of a federal hatchery at the Golden Drift dam being the issue. Discussion brought out much opposition to the conduct of a hatchery on the river here, the penning up of the thousands of salmon and the consequent holding back of the game fish destroying much of the sport value of the stream. The sentiment of the speakers was that the hatcheries should be maintained on the upper river.

NEW OFFICERS OF THE M. W. A. ARE ELECTED

The Modern Woodmen of America held their annual election of officers last night in M. W. A. hall, the following officers being elected for the ensuing year: Counsel, L. A. Hammond; advisor, Claude Hildroth; banker, W. H. Hodgkinson; clerk, F. W. Reynolds; escort, T. Reddick; watchman, Hollis Nutt; sentry, F. G. Isham; manager, A. Shade.

Notice was also given that State Deputy G. W. Simmons would be in Grants Pass December 11 and would address the members at an open meeting held in the M. W. A. hall Thursday evening, at which time a general social time will be had, ending with refreshments.

SENATOR ROOT GETS 1912 NOBEL PRIZE

Christiana, Norway, Dec. 10.—United States Senator Elihu Root of New York was designated today for the Nobel peace prize of 1912, and Henri LaFontaine of Brussels, ex-president of the permanent peace bureau, for the prize of 1913.

Root was honored on account of his work as pacificator of Cuba and the Philippines and in settlement of the immigration dispute between the United States and Japan.

No prize was given last year, accounting for today's dual award.