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ACCUSES GOVERNOR

West Denies Charges Made in House That He Is Trying to Dispose of Property for Capitol Grounds.

Openly and emphatically charged on the floor of the House Wednesday morning with trying to dispose of his own land to the state, through the medium of a bill for enlarging the Capitol grounds, Governor Oswald West was warned that he must either keep his hands off legislation or suffer the consequences, says the Telegram.

For the committee on Capitol building and grounds, Chairman Johnson returned a favorable majority report and Huntington an unfavorable minority report.

"Mr. Speaker," said Huntington, "I move that the minority report be substituted for the majority report and in explanation of the unfavorable attitude assumed by me toward this measure, I want to say that the original bill does not provide for what we really want. We need some additions to the State House—another building, perhaps—I but I do not think we need any more grounds."

Gov. West yesterday denied the charges made that he had attempted to sell his own property to the state under the bill providing for an extension to the Capitol grounds.

The governor says the committee called upon him and that he agreed to sell the property, valued at about \$10,000 at cost, if the state decided it wants it to build on.

Dog Begg for Life.

A Spitz dog is in the Walla Walla pound. He was scheduled to meet his death the other day, but he is still alive and if some one will go to his rescue he can be easily rescued, for the poundmaster doesn't want to kill him now. In fact, he may not anyway. The dog was led out to be killed. Will Gains, the poundmaster, leveled his revolver at him. The dog instantly stood upright on his hind legs, wagged his tail and held up his paws in front. The poundmaster slowly lowered his gun and the execution was called off.

Commends Lewiston Normal.

A Lewiston dispatch says: During the past week Dr. John Smyth, president of the Teachers' Training College of Melbourne University, Melbourne, Australia, visited in this city with an old college friend, Professor William R. Bishop, of the State Normal faculty. Dr. Smyth is now on a tour of investigation in this country and expects later to visit Canada and Great Britain. He is especially interested in those institutions which are training teachers for the public schools. Dr. Smyth spent the entire week in observing the equipment of the Lewiston Normal school, and its methods of training teachers. He was very much impressed indeed by the work that is being done by President Black and the faculty. Educated in Scotland and in Germany, a graduate of both the Universities of Edinburgh and Jena, with more than twenty-five years experience in educational work in Great Britain, New Zealand and Australia, Dr. Smyth is recognized as an authority on the training of teachers. In a letter just received by President Black of the Lewiston Normal, Dr. Smyth says: "We not only were allowed to enter into your work, but into your home. I am, indeed, especially indebted to yourself for the frank talks

you had with me, and for your kindness in enabling me to understand your aims and methods. You need not be afraid to let any visitors see your institution. It rests on too solid a basis to be afraid of any kind of criticism; its growth will be sound and healthy."

Nominating Mass Meeting

Notice: To the legal voters of the City of Athena: A mass meeting of the legal voters of the City of Athena will be held in the City Hall of said City, on the 3rd day of February, 1911, at 7:30 p. m., for the purpose of nominating a Mayor, three councilmen, treasurer, recorder and water commissioner, as candidates for the next City election to be held March 7, 1911. A. B. McEwen, Mayor.

ATHENA IS AGAIN VICTORIOUS

Scalp the La Salle Team of Walla Walla to the Tune of 20 to 12.

The Athena High school quintette defeated the La Salle team of Walla Walla in a decisive victory of 20 to 12 Friday evening. The first half ended in favor of the home team by a score of 17 to 4.

The playing was of the rough order and nothing like it has ever been witnessed in Athena. The tactics employed by the La Salle contingent were promptly met by the school boys, the result being that the Walla Wallans were defeated with their own method of playing. The team has the reputation of being rough players, Milton and Dayton teams particularly complaining of their grueling plays.

In the last half science was thrown to the winds and the ball was on the floor a greater part of the time. Fouls were of frequent occurrence and the interference was about as rough as is generally employed on the football gridiron. Everybody got his money's worth and there was a good crowd in attendance.

The Athena team was made up as follows: Lienallen and Sharp, forwards; Glen Dudley center; McEwen and Hill, guards.

The team is on a trip and will play a schedule of three games. Last night they played at Milton, losing to Milton High by a score of 27 to 9. Tonight they play Dayton High at Dayton and tomorrow night meet Pearson's Academy at Walla Walla.

Iron Works Bus.

M. L. Akers, manager of the Pendleton Iron Works, has returned from a business trip through Morrow county. According to Mr. Akers the Iron Works has had the most successful winter's run since it has been established in business.—East Oregonian.

Echo Man Drops Dead.

W. A. Thompson, a prominent young man of Echo, dropped dead in a store of that city Saturday evening, of heart failure. He was a brother of Asa Thompson, formerly an active politician of this county.

MELDRUM'S NEXT LECTURE

Another Interesting Topic Will Be Discussed By Traveler Thursday Night.

Those who heard A. Mackenzie Meldrum, pastor of the Christian church in his brilliant lectures on "The World's Wonderland," will be more than gratified to learn that on next Thursday evening, at the Christian church, he will deliver another which from various press notices, we are assured will be one of intense interest.

From his travels and wonderful experiences Mr. Meldrum has woven the fabric of a thrilling narrative around a little oil schooner of only six and one-half tons burden, in which he and one companion voyaged to the coasts of many countries and islands.

He takes for his subject next Thursday night, "Explorers at Work Under Difficulties and Dangers of Uncharted Waters, Cannibals and Monsters of the Deep." In this lecture Mr. Meldrum describes the sensation of riding astride a huge turtle in tropical waters, the habits and life of the monsters of the deep and the flora and fauna of Northern Australia, the Canibal Islands and the Coral Sea. As in his recent lecture, he will be assisted by Chester Johnson, lanternist. Tickets are now on sale at Dell Bros. Store.

John Smalls Dead.

John F. Smalls, a highly respected business man of Walla Walla, died Monday night in a San Francisco hospital. Mr. Smalls, accompanied by his wife and daughter, left Walla Walla some time ago for California where it was hoped he would be benefited in health.

Pendleton Citizen Dead.

S. H. Hicks, a former resident of Pendleton, died at his home in Portland Saturday night. Mr. Hicks suffered a stroke of paralysis about a year ago, from which he never recovered. He has been practically helpless since that time.

NORMAL BILL FILED

Senator Oliver Overlooks State's Fine Plant at Weston and Seeks Normal School at La Grande.

Overlooking the state's fine Normal school plant at Weston, Senator Oliver of Union county, has introduced a bill in the senate to establish a central Normal school at La Grande. A dispatch from Salem says:

When the bill was read a gasp of surprise went around the senate chamber, followed by expressions of mirth on the part of some of the members, which would indicate that possibly the bill would not proceed far before reaching an indefinite postponement.

Many of the members hold the opinion that Oliver has "started something." They declare that the bill will offer a loophole for the introduction of further normal school bills by those representing other sections of the state and that a united stand by these forces might bring on a serious normal school fight which could possibly equal the stormy proceedings of last session. On the other hand, it is contended that the sentiment against normals is well developed and that the legislature would scarcely have the temerity to take action in face of the vote of the people.

In detail Senator Oliver's resolution provides for not only an appropriation of \$100,000 but an appropriation of one-twenty-fifth of a mill annually as well, this being the same appropriation, less the \$100,000 which the people voted for Monmouth Normal. The \$100,000 is for the construction of a main college building and various other buildings including dormitories, students' hall and training school. In addition it is provided that another board of Normal regents be created, to be known as the Eastern Oregon Board of Normal Regents.

Should this bill succeed in getting by the committee with a favorable report, it is certain to develop a struggle on the floor of the Senate and even an unfavorable report will no doubt bring forth strong discussion from the members who are favorable to the bill.

"My reason for introducing the bill is because Eastern Oregon needs and deserves a normal school," said Senator Oliver. We have a lack of trained teachers in Eastern Oregon and there is a great demand for them. Monmouth will be unable to produce them. Last election the two schools voted on aside from Monmouth are remotely located and the city is for a central Eastern Oregon normal school. I traveled all over the state during the last campaign and there seemed to be a strong sentiment in that direction, but the voters protested against casting their ballots in favor of schools situated so as to be hard of access."

Shooting Affray at Lostine.

Lostine, Walla Walla county, was the scene of a serious shooting scrape last Saturday. W. W. Winning was knocked down in a fist fight by A. Willett. Winning came up working an automatic revolver. He fired two bullets into Willett's head and a third shot wounded a bystander. Then Willett's father seized a crowbar and smashed Winning's head. It is thought the wounds of the three men will prove fatal.

Drove to a Record.

To win a wager of \$20, John Mumm, a young man residing six miles north of Pendleton, covered that distance Saturday behind his driving team in just 17 minutes. Mumm wagered that he could make the trip in 20 minutes and pulled up in Pendleton three minutes to the good. He claims this to be a road record for the state.

Opie Spins Yarns.

Opie Read was stranded in Walla Walla Sunday afternoon and evening. He lectured Saturday night, but missed his train at Walla Walla. He remained in a hotel lobby at the garden city and spun yarns to a bunch of drummers and did not seem to miss the time a bit.

Shoot Rabid Coyotes.

On account of rabies existing among coyotes in Walla Walla county hunters from Elgin have taken up the proposition of hunting them in that county for the bounty offered by the state, county and sheepmen. The combined bounty is \$7.

Teachers' Examinations.

Notice is hereby given that the school superintendent of Umatilla county, Oregon, will hold the regular examination of applicants for state and county certificates at Pendleton, as follows:

For State Papers.

Commencing Wednesday, February 8, 1911, at nine o'clock a. m., and continuing until Saturday, February 11, 1911, at four o'clock p. m.

Wednesday—Penmanship, History, Spelling, Physical Geography, Reading, Psychology.

Thursday—Written Arithmetic, Theory of Teaching, Grammar, Book-

keeping, Physics, Civil Government. Friday—Algebra, Geography, Composition, Physiology, English Literature, School Law. Saturday—Botany, Plane Geometry, General History.

For County Papers.

Commencing Wednesday February 8, 1911, at nine o'clock a. m., and continuing until Friday, February 10, 1911, at four o'clock p. m.

Wednesday—Penmanship, History, Orthography, Reading, Physical Geography.

Thursday—Written Arithmetic, Theory of Teaching, Grammar, Physiology.

Friday—Geography, School Law, English Literature.

Frank K. Welles, Supt. Umatilla County.

TRAPPER TELLS WEIRD TALE

Finds Human Bones and Gold in Mysterious Walla Walla County Cave.

Walla Walla county is in a high state of excitement, according to a dispatch from Joseph. When Trapper Moore, a veteran prospector of that county, was recently scouting in the hills about 20 miles from Joseph he stumbled into an opening in the rocks. In a short tunnel near this opening were skeletons of three white men and in a mortar near the pile of bones was free gold, where it had been for years awaiting a mine in the dust sack of its finder. In a bottle alongside of one of the skeletons were samples of gold bearing rock and a dozen feet beyond where the trapper discovered the skeletons he found the entrance to a mammoth cave.

N. E. Brown, who, with his trooper and the trapper, is among the few who have viewed the mysterious cave, writes the following:

"A short distance from the entrance is a series of beautiful waterfalls boiling springs, miniature mud springs of different colors and rooms containing variegated crystals, stalactites and stalagmites. On either side of the moly path through the cave are several kinds of mineral with evidences of free milling gold that has not been worked for 60 years only 150 feet from the entrance.

"The three skulls have been crushed apparently by some blunt instrument, probably in the hands of Indians. A portion of the bones are missing, due to the work of woodrats, hundreds infesting the vicinity.

"The vein carrying the gold is about 16 inches wide. An old fashioned gold working cradle was found on the bank of a brook near the tunnel. The opening to the cave has been partially filled by rock slides and can not be seen until you are within 15 feet of it.

"Mr. Moore has explored the cave about 5000 feet from the portal until intense heat and lack of fresh air drove him back. Several other entrances have been found by the trapper and he has staked mining claims on the mountain."

TO CHANGE THE CITY CHARTER

Question of Taxes and Water Commission to Be Voted on at Election.

Elsewhere in today's Press will be found a notice given by Mayor McEwen to the legal voters of the city of Athena, calling attention to a mass meeting to be held at the city hall, on Friday evening, February 3, 1911, for the purpose of nominating candidates for city offices.

At this meeting so it is understood, after the nomination of candidates have been made, the question of abolishing the water commission and placing the management of the water system in the hands of the city council, and also the changing of the charter of the city of Athena, will be brought up for discussion.

By action of the city council, the recorder has been instructed to place upon the ballots the foregoing propositions to be voted upon at the next regular election, which will be held on Thursday, March 7, 1911.

The abolishment of the water commission would leave the entire management of the water system, in all its phases, with the council, and the proposed change in the charter would make it possible to levy a maximum tax of 15 mills.

Money for Roundup.

\$11,000 has been subscribed at Pendleton for the Roundup fund. An additional purchase of five acres of land will be made to go with the Matlock tract and a quarter mile race track will be made. A grand stand capable of seating 3500 people will be constructed and the stadium will accommodate 10,000 so it is estimated.

For Sale.

Good bound wheat hay, stored in barn. Enquire of Geo. R. DeMore, one mile south of Weston.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Sause, of Walla Walla, have been guests this week of Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Rogers near Adams.

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