

PASTOR SAYS JEFF IS LIKE SAMSON

"Then a Huge Black Gorilla Hast Come Like Goliath of Gath, the Question is, Can Jeffries Come Back?"

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—"Can Jeffries come back?" is the text with which the Rev. John Hamilton Timbrill of the Cedar Cliff, N. J., Methodist Episcopal church has opened the eyes of his large congregation and the ears of the sportively inclined.

Like Samson, for five years, with his head in the lap of Dillah, "Jeff" has led a luxurious and bibulous life, declared the Rev. Timbrill.

"In the meantime a huge black gorilla has come into the ring and, like Goliath of Gath, is bragging about what he can do. The pugilistic crowd is looking for a champion who can stand up to the gorilla and down him.

"With desperation in their glance, they turn to Jeffries and ask: 'Can he come back?'"

HENEY'S BROTHER TO APPEAL TO COURT FOR REINSTATEMENT

TUCSON, Ariz., Dec. 21.—It is strongly rumored here today that Ben Heney, brother of Francis J. Heney, the San Francisco graft prosecutor, who recently was deposed as mayor of this city, will appeal to the courts for re-instatement as the executive head of the municipality.

It is said that Heney has satisfied himself that the action of the council in ousting him was illegal notwithstanding they were unanimous in balloting him out of office.

CITY COMES TO AID TACOMA SUBURB RESIDENTS

TACOMA, Wn., Dec. 21.—The city came to the aid of Fern Hill residents and brought mandamus proceedings against the street car company today to compel five cent fare to the end of the new city limits. Judge Chapman issued an alternate writ returnable December 31.

Fern Hill residents who blockaded the line for 18 hours Friday night and Saturday are paying the ten cent fare today, taking receipts for the extra nickel. A tremendous meeting was held Saturday night by the people who are determined to get the five cent fare or force municipal ownership of the whole system here.

STATE TO EQUALIZE COUNTY ASSESSMENTS

Figures Presented at Recent Meeting in Salem Show Wide Variance.

Assessor W. T. Grieve has returned from Salem, where he met with the other county assessors of the state.

In the course of their conference the assessors discussed a number of important matters pertaining to state taxation, but the result of their deliberations will not be ready to give to the public until about the first of the year.

One of the most prominent cases that confronted the meeting was the wide variance in the assessed valuation of different counties. In one instance it was found that two counties, adjoining each other and having the same character of wealth, showed a difference in valuation of about six million dollars, notwithstanding that the assessors of each testified that they had assessed at full valuation. In one of these, 187 miles of telegraph and telephone line was assessed at about \$47,000, while in the other 341 miles were assessed at only \$3447. In one county the assessor listed 752 dogs, while in the adjoining county there were no dogs given in the list at all.

Surprise was occasioned by the testimony of many of the assessors that they had made no effort to assess mortgage notes, but that they did assess unsecured notes. Of the two classes of property, the secured credits are considered by tax experts to be preferable, and there is nothing in the Oregon laws exempting the mortgage notes from taxation. Notwithstanding this, a majority of the assessors of the state made no effort this year to assess mortgage notes.

An examination of the official summaries of the counties shows that there has been an increase of nearly \$96,000,000 in the total valuation of the property of the state, and that there is a decided disposition on the part of most of the assessors to operate on a more uniform basis than in past years.

Among the various counties, Umatilla, the wheat county, shows the greatest increase in valuation, while Multnomah is a close second. The figures for Josephine county show a valuation for 1909 of \$7,771,170, which is an increase of \$558,408 over that of last year. Jackson county, however, with a total valuation of \$26,438,666, shows an actual decrease from the figures of last year of \$246,583.

CITRUS FRUIT SHIPPERS COMPLAIN OF RATES

Southern Pacific and 495 Other Carriers Are Named in Complaint Filed With the Commission.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The Southern Pacific and 495 other carriers are named in a complaint on file today with the interstate commerce commission. The complainants are the Arlington Heid Fruit Exchange and 100 producers and growers of California who declare the freight rates on citrus fruits from Pacific coast points to be excessive, extortionate and unduly discriminatory.

The complaint, which is the latest of a number of similar ones that have been filed with the commission, asks the reduction of the rates charged by the carriers on all citrus fruits, with the exception of that on lemons, and prays the retention of the latter rate as it now stands.

HALL OF SOCIALISTS NAMED "DISORDERLY PLACES"

SPOKANE, Wn., Dec. 21.—As a final resort in an attempt to thoroughly stop the activities of the Industrial Workers of the World, its hall was closed by the police today who said it was a "disorderly place."

About 100 members who were in the hall went outside of the city limits where an indignation meeting was held. As a result of this meeting about a dozen of the Industrial Workers volunteered to go inside of the city and speak on the streets in violation of the ordinance.

The Industrial Workers repudiate the reports circulated Saturday night that they had surrendered and given up the fight. Leaders this afternoon declared that they would await the court decision in the case of C. L. Fillingno, secretary of the local organization charged with conspiracy and then will begin anew if the verdict is unsatisfactory.

FINAL APPEAL WALSH CASE GOES TO SUPREME

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 20.—A final appeal of the case of John R. Walsh, the convicted Chicago banker was presented to the United States supreme court today in the form of a petition for a writ of review. It was taken under advisement.

MARK TWAIN RETURNS: IS VERY SICK MAN

Without the Customary Jest on His Lips Noted Humorist Complains of Ill-Health.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Without the customary jest on his lips and complaining of ill health, Mark Twain has returned from Bermuda, looking ill and admitting it. To the reporters who greeted him as he stepped down the gangplank of the steamship Bermuda the humorist declared that he will do no more active work. Half a dozen unfinished books will probably never receive attention. His autobiography, of which 100,000 words out of the contemplated 500,000 have been written, will be his sole consideration.

When asked his attitude concerning woman's suffrage, Twain answered seriously:

"For 50 years I have advocated it. As for the militant suffragettes, freedom is not won without a hard fight. I approve of the women fighting."

La Grande has now secured one of the best supplies of water in the state.

ROBBERS HOLD UP PORTLAND CAR

Two Masked Men Stop Fulton Cemetery Car and Relieve Conductor of \$1.60.

PORTLAND, Dec. 21.—The entire police force of the city today is searching for two masked men who at 5:55 p. m. yesterday held a Fulton cemetery car up and after relieving the conductor of \$1.60, swung from the car and disappeared into a clump of heavy under brush.

Although several passengers were on the car, only the conductor, R. Cook, was molested.

The men swung aboard the car as it was being slackened to pick up several passengers. Each wore a mask which entirely covered his features.

The two men poked a revolver in Cook's face and ordered him to deliver his valuables. Cook didn't parley, but did as he was bidden.

After Cook had turned over the \$1.60 in nickels and dimes, the two men jumped from the car and disappeared.

THE LIGHT QUESTION

The bell has sounded the knell of kerosene, gasoline lights and other forms of incompetent illumination.

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There was a time when burning pitch faggots furnished the only means of artificial illumination folks knew about. And it was considered sufficient.

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The tallow candle was next to exert its supremacy over the tallow dip, and folks were glad.

The next step of development was kerosene lamps, and they in their turn were welcomed as a pleasing step in the right direction.

Then came the gasoline lights, which Jacksonville tried and cast into the junk pile several years ago.

And now as a logical development of science, we have the greatest of all illuminants—electricity.

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