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DEFEAT OF LA FEAN BILL IS ASSURED

WHISLER DOES GOOD WORK WHILE IN WASHINGTON

CHIEF MOORE TO AID VALLEY IN FIGHTING FROST

Secretary Wilson Has Painting Made of Rogue River Spitzenberg and Has It Hung in His Office, Properly Labeled.

RESULTS OBTAINED BY C. E. WHISLER WHILE IN WASHINGTON AS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ROGUE RIVER FRUITGROWERS:
Insured defeat of the obnoxious La Fean apple bill.
Convinced Chief Moore of the weather bureau of the need of a local station and was promised aid during frost season.
Secured pledge of Secretary Wilson to work against La Fean bill.
Caused a split vote in convention of commission men in regard to La Fean bill.
Proved conclusively that present box used by local growers held full bushel.
No primed the Oregon delegation with facts regarding fruit industry here that they are enabled to make strong fight for interests of Southern Oregon.
Made the Rogue River valley better known than ever in Washington.

With the good news that the La Fean bill for the regulation of the size of boxes in which apples are to be packed is certain of defeat, C. E. Whisler, delegate of the Rogue River valley fruitmen, has returned from his trip to Denver and Washington. Not alone did Mr. Whisler insure the defeat of the bill, but he succeeded in doing several other things which will materially aid the valley, notably the interesting of Chief Moore of the weather bureau in local conditions and securing his pledge to aid local fruit men during the frost season. As a result of his trip this valley is better known than ever before for Mr. Whisler did some very effective boosting.

La Fean Bill Sure of Defeat.
Although Mr. Whisler met with hard luck at the hands of the Western Fruit Jobbers in Denver, he completely reversed matters and practically insured the defeat of the bill by causing a split in the ranks of the supporters of the bill and by convincing Secretary Wilson of the department of agriculture of its obnoxious features and securing his pledge to use his influence against it.

The chief contention used by the supporters of the measure was that the present box in vogue in Rogue river and other fruit sections of the northwest did not contain a full bushel of apples. Mr. Whisler attended the convention of the National League of Commission Merchants, held in Norfolk, Va., and there he demonstrated by using a box of apples and two standard half bushel measures that the box contained a full bushel. This caused a split in the convention when it came to indorsing the bill so that the bill would have rough sledding in congress.

Interests Secretary Wilson.
Not content with this, however, Mr. Whisler secured an audience with Secretary Wilson of the department of agriculture, and before him went through the same practical demonstration. At his conclusion the secretary called for a copy of the bill, read it through and then said:
"Mr. Whisler, there are still some brains in congress, despite the general opinion of the public to the contrary. I do not think that this bill will become a law."

Sees Chief Moore.
But Mr. Whisler did not content himself with fighting the La Fean apple bill alone. He called upon Chief Moore of the weather bureau and interested him in the efforts of the Rogue River valley fruitgrowers to secure a weather station in this city. Mr. Moore explained that it was the policy of the department to cut federal expenses as much as possible, and for that reason he believed that the matter for the time being at least must rest. However, he stated that his bureau would co-operate with the local men during the frost season, and to that end he ordered Forecaster Beal of Portland to come to Medford and confer with local men for the purpose of making some arrangements to aid them. Mr. Beal

LIBERALS WILL HOLD WHIP HAND IN PARLIAMENT

At Present Conservatives Have 273, Liberals 271, But Latter Control Nationalist Vote of 83—Home Rule for Irish.

LONDON, Jan. 29.—With each side assured of 267 seats, the tie between Conservatives and the Liberals in the parliamentary elections remains unbroken today.
Forecasters are busy this afternoon estimating the final strength of the contending parties. While an absolutely accurate prediction, of course, is impossible, persons conversant with the conditions in the constituencies yet to vote say that the argument in the next parliament will be about as follows:
Conservatives 273, Liberals 271, Irish Nationalists 83, Laborites 40.
If this prediction holds good, the Liberals with their allies undoubtedly will be supreme.

Rejoicing General.
Among the Nationalists rejoicing in general, for with the equal division of the two greater parties the balance of legislative power will be in their hands. They believe that their position to enforce action on the home rule bill will be unassailable, although they admit there is little chance of its passage at the coming session.
First, civil war among the Irish and then the seizure of the island by some anti-English power as a basis for operations against Britain is some that horrified Conservatives say they foresee as a result of the predicted Liberal victory at the polls in the still not quite completed British parliamentary election.

Sequence of Victory.
Irish home rule, if the Liberal party fulfill, as it seems likely to do, the ante-election pledge of its leader, Premier Asquith, will be a sequence of this Liberal victory. It is true that the premier did not promise complete independence for the Irish. He expressed himself as distinctly opposed to granting them the right to take any hand in the empire's campaign on colonial or financial affairs. All he offered was self-government under an Irish parliament every act of which should be subject to the imperial parliamentary veto. Though the masses of the Irish did not consider this enough, their political organization decided that it would do for a start and accepted the premier's proposition.

The Conservatives may it will be enough, too, to bring about all the evils they prophesy as a result of the Liberal leaders' pledge. It is, besides, they argue, only the entering wedge for a completely free Ireland.
Summing up the situation in a phrase for which he gives credit to John Redmond, the Irish leader, the Dublin correspondent of the Conservative-London Post said:
"The intention of the home-rulers is to overturn the foreign domination of our land for an Irish republic after the fashion of the United States as to constitution."

It is, of course, Germany that the Conservatives have in mind.
"What the Irish could do is not the question," the Post's correspondent said, "but what they could enable others to do. Ireland could not break the peace, but assuming the peace broken, she might easily make the determining factor."
"A few German experts could soon make Ireland a great fighting power." The Liberals' poor-pool this Conservative scare. Mindful of Premier Asquith's pledge and urged by their Irish allies, as, of course, they will be, to make it good.

While in Washington Mr. Whisler presented Secretary Wilson with some very fine Spitzenberg apples. One of these was so fine that Secretary Wilson directed that it be painted and the painting hung in his office, properly labeled. This will prove of great value to the valley.
Mr. Whisler reports that there is the greatest interest in the east, regarding the valley and that the valley may well be proud of its reputation in the east.
Those Sour Grapes.
In regard to the report that some of the prize-winning apples were diseased, Mr. Whisler states that while an attempt was made to gain such a report, that there was nothing in the case. No fungus disease was found, as was stated in the dispatch to the Mail Tribune from Washington Friday.

DEFENSE IS TO START ON CASE EARLY MONDAY

Worthington Requests Adjournment in Order That Case May Be Prepared for Speedy Presentation to Court.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 29.—The presentation of testimony by the defense in the Blinger Hermann trial will start in earnest Monday morning. Prosecutor F. J. Henry rested the case for the government late yesterday, after reading the disputed portion of the McGee testimony from the Washington trial.
This testimony had to do with the conversation between McGee and Hermann over the Holsinger report on the Hyde-Benson frauds in California. McGee testified that he had taken the Holsinger report to Hermann, as commissioner, and that after discussing it had suggested that the attention of the secretary of the interior should be called to the matter.
Hermann told McGee, so he testified, that he was commissioner of the land office and that he would follow up the investigation in his own department. He had accordingly directed that McGee write a second letter to Holsinger instructing his going into the matter in detail and finding out if possible what the government agents were who were giving out departmental information.
McGee had told Hermann that the reports indicated one of the biggest frauds ever perpetrated on the land office.

Attorney Worthington objected to this testimony being put in, contending that it did not have anything to do with the Blue Mountain conspiracy. Judge Wolvorton held that the testimony went to show the knowledge of Hermann of the fraudulent practices obtaining in the creation of reserves in the use of certain lands.
Colonel Worthington at once began the presentation of the defense by reading a number of documents and annual reports made by Hermann while he was commissioner of the general land office.
This was done preliminary to the introduction of testimony, Colonel Worthington requesting an adjournment of the court until Monday morning at 10 o'clock in order that the defense might have an opportunity to frame up its case for speedy presentation.

WOULD LEARN WHY STANDARD IS IMMUNE
Petroleum Makers Association to Ask for Congressional Investigation Regarding Pigeonholing.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Jan. 29.—Seeking to learn why the government has failed to take up a "boycott" against the Standard Oil company that was recommended by Secretary Dickinson of the war department, the executive committee of the Independent Petroleum Makers' association of America is preparing today to ask for a congressional investigation into the matter.
Recently Secretary Dickinson declared against the purchase of Standard oil for army use, and in this was upheld by the executive committee of the independent oilmen. The government, however, in spite of Secretary Dickinson's recommendation, continued its use of Standard oil over the protests of the independent oil refiners.

FINED FOR AN ATTEMPT ON HIS OWN LIFE
PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 29.—Nicholas Timba was today fined \$50 for attempting to take his own life. He is unable to pay the amount and will serve 25 days on the rockpile. Timba is a Bulgarian and lived in a boarding-house on Giles avenue.
Timba locked the door of his room and attempted to cut his throat with a rusty pocket knife. When this failed he used a pistol. The wounds were not deep enough to cause death. After a few days' treatment at the hospital he was arraigned in the municipal court for discharging firearms in the city. He pleaded guilty.

MEDFORD IS HIGH IN LIST

Pays More Taxes Than Ashland by \$11,000—Tops Every Section of Jackson County When Roll is Made.

That Medford is the largest and wealthiest precinct in the county is shown by the amount of money to be collected for taxes from the residents and property owners of this precinct. The money which Medford will pay into the tax fund is \$11,266.67 greater than that of its nearest competitor, Ashland, which is due for \$91,647.88. Medford's proportion is divided as follows: State taxes, \$24,151.82; school, \$22,711.09; road, \$19,161.59; city, \$32,599.95; total, \$96,623.45.
The 1909 assessment roll was turned over to the sheriff for collection Saturday afternoon.
The total taxable property in the county, as equalized by the state board of equalization, is \$26,438,666. Of this assessment \$15,129,999 is assessed on taxable and non-taxable lands, improvements, town lots and improvements thereon. The balance of \$11,318,666, or thereabouts, is assessed to the several foreign corporations doing business in the county.

Following is the apportionment for the several precincts outside of the city above mentioned:

Antioch	1,807.92
Applegate	2,429.62
Ashland	81,647.88
Barron	6,796.51
Big Butte	4,466.59
Central Point	35,968.44
Clifton	1,094.27
Knappa Point	6,340.68
Plumlee Rock	4,911.15
Foots Creek	2,091.48
Gold Hill	4,882.10
Jacksonville	17,340.26
Lake Creek	2,810.58
Meadows	1,940.02
Medford	92,914.55
Mount	2,225.23
Phoenix	7,754.96
Rock Point	1,097.24
Roxy	4,405.45
San's Valley	2,821.82
Sterling	2,492.74
Talent	7,768.96
Trail	3,164.04
Union	1,935.82
Watkins	1,097.24
Willow Springs	2,495.94
Wimer	5,509.90
Woodville	3,666.76

CHICAGO LAUGHS AT BEAR STATE LEGISLATOR

Many Claim That Avowal to Do Away With Baseball Slavery Is Only a Weak Joke.

CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 29.—Chicago baseball magnates today refused to discuss seriously the announcement of a California senator that he intended to introduce a bill in the California legislature attacking the reserve clause in the contracts of baseball organizations with their players.
The Californian's statement is regarded as a vain threat, many of the baseball men here claiming that the constitutionality of the reserve clause can appear only with the consent of the club reserving him, has been tested and upheld.
They deny that the reserve constitutes the virtual enslavement of players and deprives them of a means of livelihood when the magnates declare the bill became a law in California and offense he made a disclaimer as planned, the action would have little effect on organized ball throughout this country.

NOTHING TO THIS STUNT OF FLYING SAYS J.D. HEARD

Local Man Returns From Visit in Los Angeles—Says Ten Machines for Medford Within Next Two Years—Is Dead Easy.

"Say! You take it from me, this little stunt of aviating about the merry, merry blue sky is like stealing a blind man's pennies or taking candy from a kid," states J. D. Heard, who has just returned from a visit in Los Angeles at the first American aviation meet. "I tell you what I'll do—I bet a stack of blue chips that within two years the Wonder City will have grabbed at least ten of the birds. Why, they'll be carting the hay home evenings in 'em. And safe? Why, you don't take half the chance in 'em that you do in bumpin' the high joints on Barnum's limited."
"This conversation about 'em smashin' records makes me weary. Of course they smash records. Here's the why-force of it: This bunch of sky artists get together and dope it up. They know these heaven scratchers will be thicker than 'Frisco fog inside of two years, and so if they get away with the jack-pot they have to do it in some rush. So each one picks out some stunt he takes—distance, another speed and still another altitude. Then they go out and smash records and pull down prize money. Each day they do some new stunt, but never yet have they done what they could. They must save some of the mustard for the second handout."
"There's nothin' to 'em but a little canvas and an engine. Any old engine will do. I'll bet the local boys grab some of 'em soon."
"Some muts have slipped it to me that they don't want to go so high. Then go low. You can sail two feet off the ground, jump the fences and sagebrush just as easy as you can go high and scrape the blue."
"Are you going to buy one?" Jeff was asked.
"If the Crater Lake road bill is put to the bad," was his answer.

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., Jan. 29.—It was learned here today that James J. Jeffries, Frank Gotch, the wrestler, and Dr. H. F. Roller will spend some time at Hot Springs after the middle of February, when the present engagements end.

PORTLAND GETS A GLIMPSE OF COMET

Several Cities in Oregon Are Treated to Glimpse of "Comet A-1910."

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 29.—Amateur astronomers of Portland are today discussing the comet "A 1910" with renewed vigor, for they obtained the first glimpse of it last evening. It became visible at sundown, and was in view for almost two hours.
Several hundred people went to Council Crest, a high eminence overlooking the city, where an excellent and unobstructed view of the comet was had.
The comet was also visible last evening at Vancouver, Salem, Albany and Corvallis and other smaller cities of this state and Washington.

SIS HOPKINS IS LATEST TO JOIN LOCAL COLONY

Medford's Theatrical Folk Have Valuable Addition—Miss Melville to Return and Make Her Home in This City—Buys City Property.

The latest to join Medford's theatrical colony is Sis Hopkins, otherwise known to fame as Miss Rose Melville. A year ago when "Sis" played to her delighted auditors she fell in love with the Rogue River valley, and this year she cut out her performance scheduled for Eugene in order to spend an extra day in Medford, where she has many friends of her childhood days. Before leaving this time she authorized the purchase of an orchard and a parcel of city property.
Miss Melville was a schoolmate of Charles Hazelrigg and well acquainted with Mr. Andrews and other members of the local theatrical colony. She believes Medford has a great future and thinks fruitraising the most ideal of occupations.

SOCIALISTS RAISE FUROR IN REICHSTAG

Speech in Favor of Absolute Monarchy Creates Great Stir in German Parliament.

BERLIN, Jan. 29.—Socialist members of the Reichstag today started a riot when Herr Von Oldenburg, a supporter of the kaiser, made a stirring speech in favor of absolute monarchy.
When the tenor of Von Oldenburg's speech became apparent, the Socialists began a demonstration in which infuriated members shook their fists in the face of the speaker, overturned tables and desks and attempted to drag Von Oldenburg from his seat.
Other Socialists mounted their chairs on desks and yelled, "Down with absolutism!" The tumult became greater with every attempt of Von Oldenburg to speak. Finally order was restored when the speaker surrendered to the handicap of noise and disorder.
It is believed that Von Oldenburg's speech was inspired by Kaiser Wilhelm for the purpose of ascertaining the number of Socialist adherents and also for other political use.

WILL GO TO JAIL AS HUMANITARIAN

Young Man Will Allow Himself to Be Arrested for Purpose of Studying Question.

BERKELEY, Cal., Jan. 29.—Robert Lebrick, a senior student in the University of California, is going to jail for the sake of suffering humanity. Some time within the next two weeks the young collegian will cause himself to be arrested and will be taken to the Alameda county jail, where he will conduct a quiet investigation during his incarceration into the conditions prevalent there.
Lebrick is enrolled in a course of sociology offered by Professor J. L. Reed. In the class a discussion of prison methods and treatment was precipitated, and Professor Reed elicited the information that none of his students ever had spent a night in a penal institution.
It was decided that some member of the class should permit himself to be arrested and jailed. After serving whatever term was imposed, he would return and report to the class. Several students were mentioned for the unusual sacrifice, but their spirits failed. Lebrick finally volunteered.
The prisoners in the jail of course will be in ignorance that a reformer and martyr is among them.

SUFFERING IS PITIFUL AMONG POOR CLASSES

Danger Intense From Disease—Seine Continues to Fall—Drinking Water Is Scarce—Cities Take Steps to Afford Relief.

PARIS, Jan. 29.—Martial law was proclaimed in Paris today. The authorities came to the conclusion that this was the only means of rigidly controlling the situation.
Hungry refugees from the flooded districts renewed their attack upon the food shops this afternoon, and in many instances openly defied the police.
The added danger was apparent when the engineers announced that the famous subway under the Seine was in danger of collapsing.
Loss \$250,000,000.
Final estimates this afternoon place the total property loss at \$250,000,000, with the probability of an additional \$50,000,000 resulting from the undermining of the city.
The breaking of sewers did new damage today to the Place de la Opera, which was roped off yesterday when it was discovered that there was danger of a cave-in.
Suffering Intense.
Suffering, especially among the poorer refugees, is pitiful. In one house visited by the police today five children, the eldest of whom was but 12 years of age, were removed from a room in the second story, where they had taken refuge.

According to the story they told, they had been commanded to remain there until their father, who had gone for food, returned. It was learned later, when the grief-stricken father found them at police headquarters, that he had placed himself for returning by the officers who were guarding that section of the city.
Family Taken From Raft.
A family was rescued from a frail raft in the river after drifting about for five hours, exposed to the chilling rains of yesterday. They had taken to the craft, which was hastily constructed at doors, when the water had risen about their house near the river front, and the parents had feared they would be unable to care for all the children should they try to reach a place of safety by wading through the rising flood. One of the children, a baby girl of 2 years, was much weakened by exposure.
The transportation problem within the city was solved partially today by the action of many wealthy Parisians, who placed private equipages at the disposal of the authorities. The Rothschilds were among these public benefactors.

Auto Aid Rescue Work.
Many sections of the city today resemble the wake of an earthquake. In the streets under which subways or sewers have been broken by the force of the waters great fissures have appeared. In other places the pavements have settled, forming sinkholes into which the yellow waters have rushed, carrying with it debris and refuse.
Earth Rattles.
Hummocks of earth have appeared in public parks, and in private grounds. In places these hills have risen under the buildings, wrenching many of them on their foundations and twisting their walls as though they had been gripped by a giant.
Following the official announcement by the authorities that the flood has reached its crest and the crisis is past, the people of Paris today are rejoicing in a frenzy of thanksgiving.

Seine Falls.
At 10 o'clock the riotous Seine had fallen three inches below its highest point during the last terrible week, and was still receding. The thermometer registered 23 degrees and general weather conditions were more favorable than for many days.
Although the danger of further damage is believed to be passed, the streets in the river districts and the lower portions of the city present scenes of destruction that are appalling.

Horror Shocks.
While the hysteria of immediate personal danger no longer grips the whole city, the people are beginning to awaken to a realization of the fact that the days of actual suffering and of real danger of a nature more horrible than flood confront them.
The sanitary conditions in the flooded districts are frightful.