

# WESTERLUND TO DEFENSE OF BILL

### Delivers Telling Speech During Debate on Rogue River Fish Bill Before House of Representatives But Without Avail.

The following remarks were made by Representative Westerlund in defense of the Rogue River fish bill: The fact may not be known to this house that thirty thousand people along the Rogue River and its tributaries have not been able to catch any fish to speak of, in the Rogue River Valley for nearly twenty years.

Why? Because at the mouth of this beautiful stream one concern has been able to monopolize the whole fish industry in the river. We have tried repeatedly to compromise with them but failed.

As a last resort, the people of Southern Oregon decided to appeal this unjust and outrageous treatment to the people of Oregon and ask them to set as a jury and decide the case.

They did so at the last general election and the result was that a majority of over seventeen thousand votes was cast, saying that the thirty thousand people along the Rogue River Valley and its tributaries, have the same right as the very few have had in this fish monopoly.

The question may be asked, "What does this monopoly control at the mouth of the river?"

I am informed that they own fourteen miles of land from the mouth of the river east on one side, and nine miles on the other side of the river.

They place their nets across the river and thereby capture all the fish so that none are able to go up the stream.

It is not to be wondered at that they have made hundreds of thousands of dollars on this industry, when they have had it so completely to themselves.

Gentlemen of this house, I appeal to you, are not we, the thirty thousand good loyal and law-abiding citizens of this great common-wealth of Oregon entitled to the same consideration as this one concern?

All we ask is to give our people a square deal, and the people of Oregon did say at the last election, "You shall have a square deal."

"Everyone of you shall fish in the Rogue River with hook and line but not with seine and net."

That is all we ask; that no one have more privilege than the other.

This bill as it stands, is an outrage on the people of Southern Oregon and I will go still further and say, it is an insult to the people of Oregon who expressed their will at the last general election.

I trust and hope this body of right thinking men is not going on record as voting for this bill.

There would not be one single vote in favor of this bill if the members thoroughly understood the treatment the people of Southern Oregon have been accorded for the last twenty years.

# POSTAL EMPLOYEES THREATEN TO STRIKE

MELBOURNE, Feb. 10.—Much dissatisfaction exists in all branches of the postal service in the common-wealth, and employees are threatening to strike on or after the tenth of April. For some time the men have been demanding more pay and shorter hours. They state that the conditions in the service have become a reproach to the administration and that it is imperative that some remedial action be taken without delay.

# CENTRAL POINT HOTEL IS LEASED TO EASTERNERS

An important deal was closed here last Friday when the Central Point hotel was leased by the owner, Dr. C. R. Ray, to B. C. Dunlap and his son, R. B. Dunlap, who recently arrived here from Illinois. The house has been closed for a few days until a thorough renovation of the place can be completed and a large amount of new furniture etc., can be installed, says the Herald.

B. C. Dunlap was for many years a traveling man on the road and in consequence knows something of the hotel business from the patron's standpoint, while his son has had years of experience in first class hotel work from bell hop to clerk. They will be satisfied with nothing short of a strictly up-to-date hotel and promise to inaugurate a service here that will appeal to people who care.

# MINNEAPOLIS IS MEDFORD MAD

### Howard S. Dudley Back From Eastern Trip—Says He Was Fairly Besieged in Minnesota Metropolis By Questions Regarding Rogue

"Minneapolis people are simple Medford Mad" dates Howard S. Dudley, who has just returned from an eastern trip, "and many people are planning to come to the Rogue River Valley and make this their home. In the clubs there I was simply besieged by persons interested in this valley and city. Many of them have friends here and naturally are greatly interested. I hear some complaint about the weather here this winter. The disgruntled ones should go east for a while."

# PORTLAND BOY SEEKS SCRAP HERE

In a letter to the Mail Tribune, Bobby Evans, a Portland lightweight fighter, issues a challenge to any local man weighing in the neighborhood of 133 pounds who happens to feel both husky and lucky.

Bobby writes that he has taken cognizance of the fact that Medford recently witnessed a pleasing scrap between "Fighting" Dick Wheeler and Frankie Edwards and that, providing suitable arrangements can be arranged, he would like to meet either of them at his weight.

The challenge may be seen at the editorial rooms of the Mail Tribune.

# SAYS RAILROADS HAVE WON FIGHT

PASADENA, Cal., Feb. 10.—The fight of the railroads to secure advanced freight rates already has been settled in their favor, according to A. W. Robbins, president of the Machoning Valley Iron company of Pittsburg, who is here today. "The railroads of the central west have just given their employes a big wage increase," he declared. "Do you think they would have done this had they not been first assured that their rate fight was won? I believe the decision is already made."

# Furniture Stolen.

BAKERSFIELD, Cal., Feb. 10.—The police today are searching for burglars who operate with a lumber wagon and double team. Entering the home of John Johnson while he was at the theatre last night, they stole nearly every bit of furniture in the house.

# THE MILLIONAIRE MILKMAN

The Millionaire Milkman will be shown at the Nat Theater tonight and tomorrow night. (Synopsis.)

Clara Moore is a society girl who has won the affections of Jack Cass, a young millionaire. He thinks she loves him; but it is really his money that she adores. Prompted by a letter of warning, Jack decides to prove his sweetheart's love. One reason is that he privately disapproves of the way Clara and her mother have treated a poor relation, an orphan girl, who has been left to their care. Instead of giving her a home, they make a servant of her.

Jack's plot works like a charm. His faithful valet gives the newspapers a story of the failure of Jack's mine, and that young man's ruin. Clara reads it and when Jack calls and he admits that the reports are correct, she returns him his ring and says that all is over between them. In fact the only person in the house who shows any sympathy for Jack is the poor relation, May Dustin, and naturally he compares her with the heartless society girl.

Jack wants to see more of May, and invents a unique way of doing so. He buys out the milkman who who serves the family, and in that way is able to call on May every day. Their liking soon ripens into love, and May agrees to wed Jack, though thinking he has nothing in the world but a meagre salary. After marriage she is told the truth and finds that her husband has money enough to supply her every wish. As for Clara, she has lost her only chance to win a prized millionaire. Two other interesting films will also be shown. Admission 10 cents.

Haskins for Health.

# Our Correspondents

## CENTRAL POINT ITEMS.

Mr. and Mrs. John Downing left Wednesday for California. They will be absent several weeks.

Charles Emery returned to his home at Albany Thursday morning. A. C. Fiero and wife, E. J. O'Hara, J. N. Smith, Mrs. Ira Love were Medford visitors Thursday.

A. C. Taylor returned from a northern trip Thursday morning.

C. R. Moore of Lake Creek was visiting relatives and friends here Thursday.

Miss Cecelia Whelpley, the eighth grade teacher in the school here, has been very ill at the hospital at Grants Pass. She is improving.

A meeting of the council will be held next Monday evening, when City Engineer Osgood will make his report on the sewer proposition.

The ladies of the Civic Improvement club will give a box social at the opera house next Tuesday evening.

The Y. M. C. A. organized clubs for the boys last Monday evening. The elected officers were: Iral Stewart, president; John Cowley, vice-president; Elmer Kyle, secretary; Leonard Freeman, treasurer. The boys decided that they would meet every Wednesday night.

The ladies connected with the Y. M. C. A. will serve lunch at the next meeting.

A box social will be given at the

## GRIFFIN CREEK

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Barneburg of Medford spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mrs. Barneburg's parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Kime.

Mrs. Boyd, who came here from Texas several months ago, has disposed of his property here and moved to town.

Mrs. A. W. McPherson is spending the week in Medford, the guest of Mrs. F. G. Carlöw.

Mrs. Randles is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Andrews.

E. F. Raymond was here Tuesday on business concerning his farm.

Mrs. J. Houston of Applegate is visiting her aunt, Mrs. J. L. Wilson.

Mrs. B. C. Setterley of Nebraska spent several days recently with her nephew, Mr. Schaffer.

G. W. Priddy was out to his place several days this week.

A very pleasant surprise party was given Mrs. Polk Hull on Wednesday afternoon in honor of her birthday anniversary. Those present were: Mrs. Hull, Miss Hull, Mrs. Rumsey, Mrs. Kime, Mrs. Minear, Mrs. Bonar, Mrs. Darby, Mrs. Land and Mrs. Wilson, from here, and Mrs. Hull and Mrs. Roberts of Medford.

Willow Springs schoolhouse Friday evening, February 10.

Mrs. Nancy Obenchain has bought some lots in Oak Park addition.

# SAYS SAN FRANCISCO IS CRIMINALS' MECCA

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Feb. 10.—Criminals escape punishment in San Francisco who are sent to prison in any other community, declared Attorney General Webb in arguing against the proposed laws abolishing capital punishment, before the assembly judiciary committee today.

"If through unfortunate circumstances the law has not been applied with promptness, let us not condemn the law," said Webb. "Criminals still escape justice in San Francisco who in any other community would have been punished long ago. There are some eminent gentlemen down there who, if they lived anywhere else, would long ago have graced the penitentiary, to which I fear they never will be admitted. But this does not condemn the law. Let us not fly to evils we know not of."

# FOUR BODIES TAKEN FROM DEATH HOLE

TRINIDAD, Cal., Feb. 10.—Rescuers today recovered four bodies from the Cokedale Carbon and Coal company's mine, wrecked last night by a gas explosion. At midnight two miners barely alive, were brought out.

As the passages are filled with gases, no hope is held out for the eleven men still buried beneath the debris.

The mine was advertised as the safest in the country, and its officials are unable to account for the explosion. Seventeen men were at work when the accident occurred. Timbers were blown 500 feet through the mine entrance and the engine house was wrecked.

# No New Trial.

NEWARK, Ohio, Feb. 10.—William McKinley, convicted of manslaughter, in connection with the lynching of Carl Etherington at Newark in July, and sentenced to twenty years, has been denied a new trial.

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# GIRL FAITHFUL TO HER INDIAN BRAVE

CHICAGO, Feb. 10.—In an effort to break the spell which Plenty Hawk, an Indian, holds over her daughter, Miss Madeline Sullivan, Mrs. Sullivan today said she would bring the Indian to Chicago for a visit. Stripped of the romance provided by the background of a Crow reservation, Mrs. Sullivan believes that her daughter will cease to admire the Indian.

"I love Plenty Hawk," said Miss Sullivan, when informed of her mother's plan. "He is a splendid specimen of manhood, and no matter where he is I will still think the same. Girls who have had only white sweethearts have no idea of the tenderness and devotion of an Indian's wooing."

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# EIGHT HUNDRED BODIES BURNED

### Present Death Rate in Mukden is Forty—Chee Foo Reports 300 Deaths, Including Two French Sisters of Charity.

PEKING, Feb. 10.—Eight hundred corpses, piled in a heap, were burned at Chan Chun today. The bodies were last week's victims of the plague.

Four hundred and forty-nine deaths occurred in Mukden in January, according to official health statistics. The present daily rate there is 40. Cheefoo reports 300, including two French sisters of charity.

# Big Spokane Team.

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 10.—The Spokane club will take over 35 players on the spring training trip this year. Cohn has signed up 19 twirlers already and he is expecting a couple from the big leagues before the training season opens.

Woods, a busher from Kansas, and Smith, who was turned over to the Indians from the Detroit Tigers, are the latest recruits to sign a Spokane contract. Smith is pitching winter ball in California.



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