

### SPECIAL AGENT OFF TO CHIHUAHUA CITY WITH ULTIMATUM

EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 27.—Carrying an ultimatum, it was reported, threatening drastic measures unless William H. Benton's corpse is produced within twenty-four hours, George C. Carothers, special agent for the state department, started for Chihuahua City today to see General Villa.

He traveled in an automobile with wheels flanged to fit the track of the Mexican Central railroad. British Consul Percival, here from Galveston to investigate the Benton case, remained in El Paso. No relative of Benton accompanied Carothers.

The special agent was understood to be commissioned to investigate the Benton case only. It was said he had no instructions concerning that of Gustav Baurh, the missing German-American, whose execution has been repeatedly reported and as often denied by Villa.

### FOLK CHIEF COUNSEL COMMERCE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Joseph W. Folk, former governor of Missouri, resigned today as solicitor for the state department, to become chief counsel for the interstate commerce commission. His resignation will take effect tomorrow.

Folk's present position carries a salary of \$5000 a year. As chief counsel for the commission he will receive \$10,000. He will assume his new duties Monday.

### REVELATION OF EXECUTIVE AFFAIRS ROILS SENATE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Publicity given the recent executive proceedings in the senate, it developed today has so aroused some senators that a resolution was introduced and referred to the rules committee, directing the committee on foreign relations to sources of executive information and how obtained.

During the discussion in the executive session of the resolution, introduced by Senator Kern, the senators were accused of violating their oaths in revealing executive affairs.

One senator proposed a law to be enacted making the publication of senate secrets a penal offense. The suggestion precipitated a lively debate behind closed doors, many senators vigorously opposing such action.

### FAMED CELLIST APPEARS AT PAGE MARCH 4

George Butz announces that he has secured the Page theater for the appearance of Frederick Preston Search in this city, March 4, whose violin-cello concert will be held on that date. The first plan was to use the Nat. Lippert, one of America's greatest pianists acts as accompanist in this rare musical treat for Medford.

### GLADYS McMILLAN, WHO IS TO WED COUNT PAUL CORNET



Gladys McMillan, a beautiful Colorado girl, is to wed Count Paul Cornet of Brussels on Feb. 22. Spencer Penrose and Mrs. Penrose, whose daughter she is, are now in London superintending arrangements for the wedding.

Miss McMillan is heiress to a large fortune. She is now in London visiting her aunts, Lady Harrington and Mrs. Hugh McMillan of Paris.

### COLORED GIANTS AND COLTS TO PLAY HERE ON APRIL 1

Court Hall has made arrangements with the New York Colored Giants and Nick Williams Northwest team to play a game of baseball in Medford on the afternoon of April first. The Colored Giants have the best backstop in the world, but on account of his color is not allowed to play in organized baseball. The Colored Giants have a fast aggregation of ball players and have beaten some of the best teams in organized ball in exhibition games.

The Giants gave McCredie's coast team a good drubbing last year. But Nick Williams came along with the Colts and beat them two out of three games.

### SLAY, BURN AND BURY CAPE HORN RANCH KEEPER

PORTLAND, Feb. 27.—Under circumstances indicating he had been slain and party buried, the body of Otto Raen, aged 53, was found yesterday on an isolated mountain peak near Cape Horn, Skamania county, Washington.

Raen was a ranch caretaker for K. D. Stenman of Portland. A neighbor discovered the tragedy. The Stenman house and other buildings had been burned. The charred torso of Raen was found lying nearby on empty oil cans. The coroner's jury returned a verdict of murder by unknown parties.

### SENATE AND HOUSE DEADLOCK OVER ALASKA RAILROAD

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—When the Alaskan railroad bill conferees met today it was discovered they were wider apart than ever. The house conferees stand solidly against the proposed bond issue, while the senate conferees and other friends of the bill are determined to keep the bond issue in, fearing next year's appropriation would be reduced and the work chipped.

The house conferees have yielded on the proposition that the road need not be any particular gauge, but are stubborn regarding the amount to be spent. The senate favored an appropriation of \$40,000,000, but the house thinks \$35,000,000 sufficient.

### EX-PRESIDENT TAFT GUEST AT WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Former President W. H. Taft was a guest at the white house for luncheon today. This is the first time since the late President Harrison was in office that a president and his predecessor have dined together at the white house.

The ex-president is in Washington at the invitation of the house judiciary committee to diagnose judicial procedure and discuss the cause for the present congestion in the courts.

### ODD FELLOWS TO HOLD SESSION AT TALENT

The Odd Fellows of Jackson county hold a big session at Talent next Saturday night, Feb. 28th, when 29 odd candidates will be taken through the initiatory and three degrees. The different lodges will each put on a degree. Medford lodge degree staff will put on the second degree. Ashland, Jacksonville and Central Point have been asked to put on the other degrees. Grand Master Taylor will be present and a rousing big time is expected. Talent lodge will also dedicate their new hall.

There will be several auto loads go from Medford. Eads transfer company will leave the I. O. O. F. hall on Sixth street at 7 p. m. with their big auto trucks, and follow with another from the Jackson County bank at 8.30 to accommodate those who work in stores.

All Odd Fellows are invited whether members here or not.

### DR. WITHYCOMBE RESIGNS OFFICE TO RUN FOR GOVERNOR

CORVALLIS, Ore., Feb. 27.—After sixteen years of continual service Dr. James Withycombe has resigned his position as director of the Oregon Agricultural College experiment station. The resignation is to take effect as soon as acted upon by the board of regents. His reason for resigning is his wish to devote his

time to promoting his campaign for nomination on the republican ticket as governor of Oregon.

This step has been contemplated for some time and all of Dr. Withycombe's station work is in fine shape to be closed up at any time. In withdrawing from this field of agricultural activity Dr. Withycombe says: "I desire to express my grateful appreciation of the loyal support given to my work by yourself, the college faculties and the experiment station staff. I bespeak for the experiment station this continuous support, and trust that the college will continue its phenomenal development and meet every requirement in its field of educational duties of citizenship in the great commonwealth of Oregon."

### OBITUARY

**William Owings**  
Died, at the residence of William Owings, on Evans creek, Feb. 25th, George D. Owings, aged 55 years. He was a native of Missouri and came to Jackson county in 1865. He leaves two brothers, James, of Medford and John R., of Nebraska. Funeral services will be held at the Jacksonville cemetery, Friday, Feb. 27th at 2.00 p. m. under the auspices of the Redmen lodge.

### TEXAS GOVERNOR WANTS TO USE RANGERS ON MEXICANS

AUSTIN, Texas, Feb. 27.—A request to know "whom the United States government now recognizes as

constituted authority in the Mexican state bordering the Rio Grande" went to President Wilson Thursday from Governor Colquitt of Texas. The request was made for the purpose of demanding the surrender of the "abductors and murderers" of Clemente Vergara, the Texas citizen executed by the Mexican federals.

Governor Colquitt earlier in the day began an investigation of the Vergara incident through state channels. The first result was the information from the Webb county records asserting positively that the island where Vergara is said to have been seized belongs to Texas.

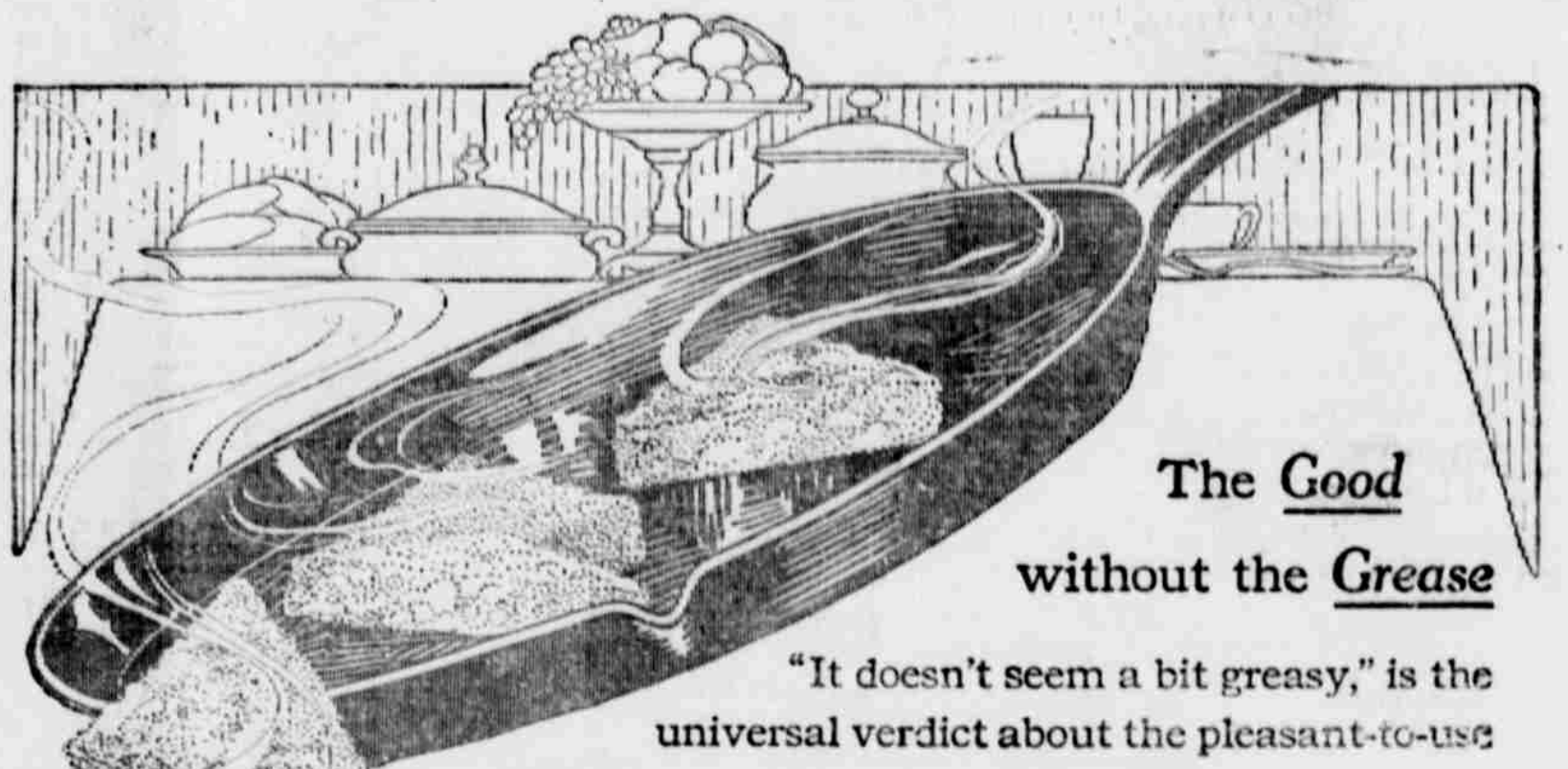
The governor asked the consent of the United States "in view of the condition of revolution and anarchy in these border states to send rangers

across the Rio Grande in pursuit of the lawless element of either faction when they cross into Texas and commit crimes."

### DEMOCRACY RULE A FIZZLE: MEXICO POLICY PUSILANIMOUS

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Feb. 27.—Asserting that the democratic rule in the senate and nation is a failure and charging the so-called political machine established in Ohio by Governor Cox "is a menace to free government," Ohio republicans and some progressives gathered today at a harmony banquet.

Former Senator Foraker assailed President Wilson's Mexican policy, terming it a "pusillanimous policy," and criticized the president for urging canal tolls for American ships.



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