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SPECIAL INTERESTS SEEK SPEAKERSHIP FOR BEN SELLING

To the Editor:

I am a candidate for speaker of the house of representatives of the Oregon legislative assembly. The Oregonian newspaper has a candidate in the person of Ben Selling of Portland. Through the influence and demand of the editor of the Oregonian, Mr. Selling procured the nomination by a bare majority of the Malheur delegation.

I had supposed that the speakership was of statewide concern, but here it seems to be considered as a prerogative of Portland, or worse, of a small band of Portland interests. That this is true is evidenced by the fact that I have not been able to have published in the Portland papers my side of the controversy. They have refused to print my articles in my own behalf, the substance of which I inclose you for your perusal.

The Portland Hog

It appears, therefore, that Portland, or more accurately, the few who assume to speak for her, are not satisfied to have proceeded at the last session the presiding officers of both houses and the chairmanships of the ways and means committee of both houses—the committees which control the expenditures of the money of the people of the whole state—not satisfied to have three-fifths of the representation in congress of the state of Oregon, but are still determined to dominate the legislature through its officers and principal committees.

The fruit of this control is seen in the record of expenditures of the last legislature—the most extravagant in the history of the state.

I think the rest of the state is entitled to participate in its own legislature on equal terms with the metropolis. The forces behind Mr. Selling do not intend to permit this if they can help it, or permit any participation except in subordination to their dictation.

Appeals to Country

I am writing this to the press outside of Portland, in the belief that there can still be found outside of Portland a free and fair press—the closest to the plain people—who, whether on one side or the other of any statewide public question, are willing to give every side a fair hearing. I ask this with the more assurance, since the Oregonian not only has closed its columns to me, but makes the false claim that Mr. Selling has already more than enough votes to elect him. It is not true that he has a majority of the house pledged to him, nor have I such majority. There are members unpledged who will doubtless consider the situation and vote as their conscience dictates. I am trying to have them vote understandingly, uninfluenced by false representations.

Fight Not Over

I am not asking your support, although I would be grateful for it, but only that you shall inform your members and your subscribers, through your columns, of my claims, by printing this letter or the purport of it.

And you can be assured that with a faithful and loyal support behind me, this fight will not be over until it is over—in the house.

This is my fifth successive term in the house, and I submit that the experience so gained is some evidence of my qualifications for the office.

Yours sincerely,

ALLEN EATON.

Portland, December 8.

BOURNES JOB AT CAPITAL CONTINUED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—A resolution was offered in the senate today to extend the life of the postal commission, of which former Senator Jonathan Bourne is chairman, until April, 1916, the expenses to be paid from the unexpended balance of the present appropriation.

ATTACKING THE SPORTSMEN

THE PORTLAND OREGONIAN, as usual, takes exception to the resolutions passed by the State League of Sportsmen's clubs that the funds derived from the sale of fish and game licenses be expended solely for fish and game protection and propagation, favoring the placing of the money in the general fund, to be used for general state expense, presumably also placing the game law enforcement in the hands of deputy sheriffs, which, of course, makes game protection a farce.

If the game fund was raised by general taxation no objection could be made to this procedure, but as the money is raised by a special tax imposed upon anglers and sportsmen for a specific purpose, it should be used for that purpose, and that purpose only.

When the game and fish commission spend the entire amount received from license sale the Oregonian and other critics cry, "reckless extravagance." When there is a surplus in the fund they point to it as proof of their claim that more money is collected than needed and that it should go to the general fund.

All the money secured from license sale should be spent for protection and propagation. If there is more than needed the license should be reduced, but there is not as yet any surplus. Only a beginning has been made in propagation work. For instance, the Rogue river, which furnishes the finest angling in the country, has no trout hatchery and no state hatchery of any kind, and trout propagation is by temporary arrangement with the United States bureau of fisheries station, which is maintained primarily for commercial fish and whose appropriation does not cover trout work. In fact, eastern and central Oregon as well as southern Oregon are shy on hatcheries.

It is the hope of every sportsman to make Oregon a sportsman's mecca, like Maine, and by developing this resource, secure the annual expenditure of millions by tourists. This can only be done by effective game and fish protection and propagation, a beginning for which has only been made.

To continue the good work already started is the hope of every sportsman, and any effort to introduce politics in the commission or to cripple the work under way by diversion of funds or curtailment of power will be vigorously opposed by the hunters and anglers of Oregon.

NEW YEAR'S ISSUE

IN accordance with its annual custom, the Mail Tribune will publish on January first its illustrated annual, depicting the progress and development of the valley during the past year.

A large patronage is expected, as this year, more than any other, it is necessary to tell who, what and where we are and what we are doing for the world's progress.

The coming year is the year of the world's fair, and unless all signs fail, at least 50,000 tourists will traverse the valley this summer in autos, besides those that come by rail, and to attract this vast crowd of visitors it is necessary to effectively present our scenic attractions as well as the more substantial features.

Despite the calamity howlers, the year has been one of marked progress in the valley, which is in better condition than almost any portion of the northwest. Jackson county has led Oregon in road construction. Diversified farming and stock raising have advanced by leaps and bounds, and no longer is fruit raising the sole industry. The development of natural resources has been undertaken by a cement plant, by the promotion of a lumber manufacturing plant and the first systematic effort to secure irrigation.

We who live here believe the Rogue River valley the finest place on earth, and the New Year's edition will tell the world why we think so. So the co-operation of the public is requested to make the New Year's issue the most creditable.

SEATTLE OFFICE FOR NORTHWESTERN

The Northwestern fruit exchange will open an office at Seattle. Official announcement was made to that effect by the Portland office. It reads:

"The Northwestern fruit exchange of this city will open an office in Seattle about the middle of January. Space has been engaged on the ninth floor of the new Stuart building now being erected for the Metropolitan Building company. President Reginald H. Parsons and General Counsel Worrall Wilson, both of whom reside in Seattle, were here recently conferring with General Manager W. F. Gwin regarding office arrangement. They were accompanied by an architect. It is said that the new quarters will be the last word in equipment for office efficiency.

"Increasing volume of business in the Wenatchee and Yakima valleys of Washington is given by the management as one of the chief reasons for establishing offices in Seattle. Expansion in these districts was very great this season and promises to be still larger in 1915. The exchange management expresses the desire to prepare in every way possible to handle most expeditiously the expected share of new tonnage when hundreds of young orchards shall have come into bearing."

It is stated that no decision has been made as yet whether to continue the Portland office or not. With Medford trade in Medford made

JOHNNY EVERS OF BOSTON BRAVES ILL

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—The illness of Johnny Evers, captain and second baseman of the world's champion Boston Braves, took a serious turn today. Physicians reported that he had developed pneumonia in one lung and was in a serious condition.

Evers contracted a cold early in the week at the annual meeting of the National League, but did not realize the dangerousness of his condition.

HERRICK ARRIVES AT CLEVELAND HOME

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 10.—Myron T. Herrick, former ambassador to France, accompanied by Mrs. Herrick arrived here today and was escorted to his home where he will rest up for a public reception to be given in his honor this afternoon.

He declined to discuss the plan of friends to boom him for president in 1912, and said he would have to "earn some money" as his duties in Paris had cost him \$400,000.

John A. Perl UNDERTAKER Lady Assistant 22 S. BARNETT Phone M. 67 and 47-38 Ambulance Service Deputy Coroner

EDISON PLANT SUFFERS \$7,000,000 LOSS BY FLAMES

WEST ORANGE, N. J., Dec. 10.—When the fire which swept the ten acre plant of the Thomas A. Edison companies here was extinguished today, a hurried inventory of the damage revealed that 11 of the 18 buildings had been destroyed, others had been damaged and that the loss would approximate \$7,000,000. Seven thousand men are employed at the plant and half of these, it is estimated, will be out of work temporarily.

The entire force of employees was put to work today at removing the debris. Under the active supervision of Thomas A. Edison, they began tearing down the concrete walls, which had to be removed, while the embers were cooling. Immediate steps to rebuild have been taken.

At least one man perished in the flames. This became known today with the finding of a charred body in the ruins of the film house, where the explosion occurred which started the blaze. Two other men, both workmen, were reported missing.

The flames were beaten back from the laboratory and workshop of Mr. Edison, where were stored innumerable records and materials gathered from every corner of the world, the result of more than 30 years of the inventor's efforts.

PATRONIZE MEDFORD COFFEE HOUSE

While special attention is being given to the "coffee war" this week it will be well to remember that we have a coffee store, the Riteway Coffee company, F. G. Hyatt, proprietor, in Medford that roasts and blends their coffee here and guarantees it to be fresh and the best. They are a home institution, pay taxes here, help every worthy cause, and is entitled to at least a part of your business.

They are making special prices this week, carry six different grades of coffee, have it on sale at your grocer's or you can get it at 115 East Main or by telephoning to 897-1.

If you believe in boosting home industry and living up to the motto "With Medford Trade in Medford Made" ask for Riteway coffee. Every housewife should try it.

Quickest, Surest Cough Remedy is Home-Made

Some people are constantly annoyed from one year's end to the other with a persistent bronchial cough, which is wholly unnecessary. Here is a home-made remedy that gets right at the cause and will make you wonder what became of it. Get 2 1/2 ounces Pinex (50 cents worth) from any druggist, pour into a pint bottle and fill the bottle with plain granulated sugar syrup. Start taking it at once. Gradually but surely you will notice the phlegm thin out and then disappear altogether, thus ending a cough that you never thought would end. It also loosens the dry, hoarse or tight cough and heals the inflammation in a painful cough with remarkable rapidity. Ordinary coughs are conquered by it in 24 hours or less. Nothing better for bronchitis, winter coughs and bronchial asthma.

This Pinex and Sugar Syrup mixture makes a full pint—enough to last a family a long time—at a cost of only 54 cents. Keeps perfectly and tastes pleasant. Easily prepared. Full directions with Pinex.

Pinex is a special and highly concentrated compound of genuine Norway pine extract, rich in quinine, and is famous the world over for its ease, certainty and promptness in overcoming bad coughs, chest and throat colds.

Get the genuine. Ask your druggist for "2 1/2 ounces Pinex," and do not accept anything else. A guarantee of absolute satisfaction, or money refunded, goes with this preparation. The Pinex Co., Ft. Wayne, Ind.

IMPORTANT EVENTS

1914-15 AT OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE WINTER SHORT COURSE—JAN. 4-30 Agriculture, including Agronomy, Animal Husbandry, Dairying, Horticulture, Poultry Husbandry, Insects, Plant and Animal Diseases; Creamery Management, Marketing, etc. Home Economics, including Cooking, Home Nursing, Sanitation, Sewing, Dressmaking and Millinery. Commerce, including Business Management, Rural Economics, Business Law, Office Training, Farm Accounting, etc. Engineering, including Shopwork and Roadbuilding. FARMERS WEEK—FEBRUARY 1-6

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GALE DRIVES STEAMER CLOSE TO COAST ROCKS

SAN LUIS OBISPO, Cal., Dec. 10.—After a night of anxiety, while her anchors dragged and a southerly gale carried her dangerously close to the rocks of Point Arguella, the passenger steamer Centralia rides at anchor this morning, five miles off the California coast, at the western end of Santa Barbara channel. The liner Harvard is standing by, the wind has died down, and the Centralia, although disabled by the bursting of a boiler tube, is in no danger.

The first wireless call for help from the Centralia was picked up by the radio station at Point Arguella at 3 a. m. It asked the operator to "tell the steamer Arohina to come as fast as she can and try to get some nearer boat in the meantime."

The liner Harvard reported at 5 a. m. from a position off Point Arguella that she was going to the steamer's assistance. The Centralia, a wooden vessel of 487 tons, is bound from Los Angeles for San Francisco. The number of passengers aboard is not known.

The coast in the neighborhood of Point Arguella is a dangerous one, and the south wind adds to the vessel's peril, as the coast line near there takes a sharp turn and runs almost directly east and west.

DECIDE CHARTER VOTE AT MEETING FRIDAY

At a meeting of the council and charter committee last night, it was decided to reach a definite decision regarding the calling of a charter election at a special meeting Friday night. The charter was gone over provision for provision and several changes made, favorable to the council's idea thereon.

IT Theatre

Wednesday-Thursday The Strike Two Reel Thanhouser The Happy Coercion An American Comedy The Different Man Majestic UP and Down Apollo Fred in a Rip-roaring Comedy Flurry in Hats The "Famous Beauty" Comedy 5 and 10c. Photoplays 5 and 10c

"Daisy Brand" Butter

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FOR SALE--AUTOMOBILES

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When selecting a gift for the young girl— toilet sets in sterling should receive first consideration. It is something every girl longs for and hopes to have eventually for her dressing table. A comb, brush and mirror now can be matched later for birthday or graduation, with the maniere articles. Our sets in Sterling and heavy-plated ware are guaranteed to give a lifetime of service. Many charming designs to select from. From \$9.00 in plated silver, to as high as \$30 in Sterling. MARTIN J. REDDY THE JEWELER. New Location - 212 East Main. GRUEN Veri Thin Watch

STAR Wednesday and Thursday THE BIOGRAPH MASTERPIECE "JUDITH OF BETHULA" In Four Massive Parts, by Mr. Thomas Bailey Aldrich Produced under the personal direction of the author. More interesting than "Quo Vadis." Most wonderful Biblical story ever photographed. Will be shown four times daily at 2:15, 4:00, 7:00 and 8:45 p. m. Admission always the same—5 and 10 cents. We Always Have What You Want IMPORTANT NOTICE: If convenient, take advantage of the afternoon performance

TONIGHT PAGE TONIGHT The Ghost of the Mine One-Act Indian Legend The Open Shutter A Four-Act Classic in Optimism from the Famous Book by CLARA LOUISE BURNHAM Dot's Elopement A High-Speed Comedy Hear the Large Page Theatre Orchestra Lower Floor 15c Balcony 10c Doors Open 7 o'Clock