

CONGRESSMEN ASKED TO OPPOSE FREE TOLL REPEAL

NO FINAL VOTE COMING UNTIL NEXT WEEK

These Engineering the Administration's Measure Do Not Believe the Matter can Possibly Get Up for a Vote Until Monday or Tuesday. Will Be Calculated Tomorrow, and Considered Afterwards.

United Press Service ALBANY, March 24.—The assembly today passed a resolution asking the New York congressional and senatorial delegations to work against the repealing of the free tolls clause in the Panama canal measure.

United Press Service WASHINGTON, D. C., March 24.—Administration attaches and those engineering the measure today admitted that the prospects of a final vote on the Panama canal free toll repeal before next Monday or Tuesday are very remote.

Chairman Sparkman of the Rivers and Harbors committee hoped to have that bill completed tonight, while others predict that it will not be passed before Thursday.

At any event, the Panama canal measure cannot be placed on the calendar until Wednesday.

Some of the democrats are becoming impatient. They threaten to demand the displacement of the rivers and harbors improvement measure to allow quicker consideration of the repeal of the free tolls clause.

SONORA DEALERS STOP BUSINESS

OWING TO UNSETTLED CONDITION OF FINANCES THEY ARE UNABLE TO CONDUCT THEIR AFFAIRS LOGICALLY

United Press Service DOUGLAR, Ariz., March 24.—Practically every wholesale dealer in the Mexican state of Sonora suspended business today owing to the fluctuation of fiat money, which renders a price basis impossible.

At the custom house of Agua Prieta it was announced that the exportation of food supplies was prohibited.

SPRAQUE WON'T GIVE DRIBCOLL THE PLANT

James Driscoll, recently sent from Bonnevill to take charge of the Spencer Creek trout hatchery, has returned to Klamath Falls, following the refusal of Fish Expert A. J. Sprague to turn the hatchery over to him. Driscoll has wired the facts to the state fish warden, and is awaiting his instructions.

Vocational studies by correspondence with the University of Wisconsin extension division are being taken by nearly 4,500 students.

TILLAMOOK CO. COURT ALSO SUED OVER WARRANTS

LUMBERMEN ARE PLAINTIFFS IN ACTIONS

Right of the Court to Issue Warrants for Indebtedness Incurred Without Advertising for Bids Is Questioned. Actions, Five in Number, Seek to Have the Warrants So Issued Declared Invalid.

TILLAMOOK, March 24.—Five suits which will call into question the right of the county courts in Oregon to purchase road and other material without advertising and calling for bids were filed today. The plaintiffs are the Whitney company, limited; Wilson River Lumber company and the Hammond Lumber company, who are large taxpayers of this county, and the defendants are Howard Cooper Corporation of Portland; Fort Dodge Culvert company of Iowa; Good Road Machinery company, Deal & Co., of Portland, and Coast Culvert and Pismo company.

Homer Mason, county judge; H. M. Farmer and G. R. Ender, commissioners, other county officials and Tillamook county are made party to the suits.

The suits are to enjoin the payment of certain county warrants issued and to be issued in payment of road machinery and material used for road purposes. About \$7,500 is involved.

FLY MARKET GOES DOWN AT CAPITAL

SWATTING ABILITY OF THE SALEM KIDS RESULTS IN A CUTTING DOWN OF THE AMOUNT OF BLOOD MONEY

SALEM, Ore., March 24.—The market quotation for fly "scaps" dropped from 25 cents to 10 cents per 100 today, and over 2,000 flies were delivered to the committee at the Salem Commercial Club by Salem school children.

In connection with the campaign to exterminate the fly in the capital city Mayor B. L. Steeves issued a proclamation warning citizens that anyone maintaining upon his premises after April 2 a nuisance in the shape of open garbage receptacles, rubbish piles, or other forms of filth, will be dealt with to the limit of the law.

JUDGES ARE NAMED

A telegram received late this afternoon by Principal W. E. Faught stated that J. B. Wells, W. J. Davis, and either C. P. Watson or E. J. Kaiser are on their way here from Ashland to act as judges at tonight's Marshfield-Klamath debate. Kaiser will come in case Watson does not.

The number of persons killed by lightning in the United States during a year averages nearly 600; about 4,000 cattle are killed, and annual damage by lightning is \$3,000,000.

Editor of Figaro, and French Minister Whose Wife Brutally Murdered Him



Joseph Caillaux



Gaston Calmette

The far reaching consequences of the shooting of Gaston Calmette, editor of Figaro, the famous Parisian newspaper, by Mme. Caillaux, wife of the minister of finance, are admitted by all Frenchmen. Already there has been a reorganization of the cabinet. The influence on the coming elections cannot now be measured.

REGISTRATION IS STEADILY GAINING

OVER SIXTEEN HUNDRED VOTERS OF THE COUNTY ARE NOW ELIGIBLE TO CAST BALLOT AT PRIMARIES

Table with 2 columns: Location and Number of Voters. Includes Fourth Ward (200), East Klamath Falls (205), Third Ward (262), Second Ward (146), West Klamath Falls (136), Clippington (22), Mills Addition (97), Main (12), Pine Grove (31), Wood River (16), Lost River (111), Tule Lake (75), Dairy (48), Odell (36), Poe Valley (18), Klamath Lake (8), Plevna (39), Worden (18), Hildebrand (34), Sprague River (6), Langell Valley (35), Swan (15), Algoma (12), Mt. Lake (40).

W. S. WILEY OUT TO BE RECORDER

ATTORNEY FILES ANNOUNCEMENT OF CANDIDACY FOR LEAVITT'S JOB—PETITIONS ARE BEING CIRCULATED

The latest entrant into municipal political circles is Wilson S. Wiley. He has filed announcement of candidacy for police judge, and his petitions are being circulated. Wiley has been practicing law here for several years, first as legal adviser for the reclamation service, and later starting a private practice. In addition to Wiley, Police Judge Leavitt seeks re-election, and Chris Edler is a candidate for police judge on the socialist ticket.

There are 27,110,000 sheep in Great Britain to its 88,000 square miles; New York state has 49,000 to its 49,000 square miles.

MEDFORD HAS A MOTOR MYSTERY

UNIDENTIFIED MOTORCYCLIST DELIGHTS IN SHATTERING SPEED RECORDS ALONG THE PAVEMENT

"The Motorcycle Fool" who has been sick or disinclined to speed for the last week, returned to form last night and picked out Bartlett street as a speedway, nearly colliding with an automobile at Sixth street intersection while going sixty miles an hour. Now and then he let a yell out of him that woke up the residents.

"The Motorcycle Fool" is one of the strangest cases that ever came to the notice of the police. He has a mania for speeding, and satisfies this hobby late at night. He wears a black slouch hat, no coat, riding a red machine. The police expect to help carry him to a morgue as a finale to his speeding.—Medford Mail-Tribune

LOTS OF WILSONS HOLDING U. S. JOBS

SIXTY-FIVE OF THAT NAME, BESIDE THE PRESIDENT, HIGH IN THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE. NOT ALL PRESIDENT'S KIN

United Press Service WASHINGTON, D. C., March 24.—A casual scanning of the official directories that Uncle Sam gets out, showing the names and salaries of his multitude of employes, might lead the reader to believe the opinion that the "family of Wilsons" is favored in the matter of jobs. Listed in these directories are no less than sixty-five Wilsons who held jobs that are better than the average, not counting "Mr. Woodrow Wilson," who is president.

There are scores upon scores of other Wilsons who hold clerkships and minor positions. It might be mentioned that none of the Wilsons including the sixty-five who hold the better-than-average jobs, are any relation to the president. First on the list of the sixty-five Wilsons is Secretary of Labor Wm. B. Wilson, and his daughter, Agnes, who is listed as a clerk; Brigadier General John M. Wilson, retired, is a member of the Washington National Monument Society. Captain Walter K. Wilson is assistant chief of the

GOMEZ-PALACIO FALLS; TORREON IS ATTACKED

Coast Artillery division in the war department.

Clarence R. Wilson is United States attorney for the District of Columbia; Edwin W. Wilson is superintendent of the national bank redemption agency; George S. Wilson is secretary of the board of charities of the District of Columbia; John Wilson is chief clerk in the office of the surgeon general of the war department; Louis C. Wilson is disbursing officer of the District of Columbia; P. M. Wilson is assistant financial clerk of the senate; C. C. Wilson is messenger to the senate committees; W. E. Wilson is secretary of the international waterways commission; Emmett Wilson is representative from Florida; F. E. Wilson is representative from Buffalo.

DEBATERS MEET AT HIGH SCHOOL

COOS BAY TEAM HERE TO COMPETE WITH KLAMATH HIGH FOR INTER-DISTRICT FORENSIC HONORS

Whether Marshfield high school or Klamath county high school will be pitted against the Oregon City high school for the high school debating championship of the state will be settled this evening at the high school auditorium. Chester Isaacson and Cecil Robertson, who represent the Coos Bay school, came in last night to meet Forrest Piel and William Hegelsten.

The question is: "Resolved, That the General Welfare of the United States Would be Fostered by a Complete Application of the Policy of Tariff for Revenue Only." The local debaters will support the negative issue.

Judges will arrive this evening from Ashland and Medford, having been selected from the outside by the State High School Debating League.

STRIKE BREAKERS STORMED BY MOB

SHOTS ARE EXCHANGED AND ONE MAN KILLED BEFORE THE INCIDENT IS ENDED—TIES ARE PILED ON TRACKS

BUFFALO, March 24.—A mob of 700 men attacked the train carrying strikebreakers to the Gould Coupler plant at Lancaster.

Guards on the train fired into the mob, and a youth of 17, Stanislaus Skonolaki, was killed, and another unidentified boy was shot in the leg. Several of the strikers were considerably bruised.

The mob piled ties on the track and stopped the train near the company's yard, and then closed in.

STARR TELLS HIS STORY TO JURORS

MEXICAN ACCUSED OF SETTING FIRE TO HOUSE DENIES THIS, THOUGH HE SAYS HE TOOK THINGS FROM THERE

Following the denial of a motion for a dismissal of the charge of arson of a dwelling against Joe Starr, the defendant this afternoon took the stand in his own behalf. The mo-

tion by his attorney, W. J. Shaver, was made upon the ground that the state's evidence did not show that the burned building was a dwelling at the time of the fire.

Starr, in his testimony, stated that on the day of the fire, he became intoxicated, following the fire which burned the Redfield property in Hot Springs addition. He said he did not remember clearly what happened that night, when the Byers house was burned.

During his testimony he admitted that he had taken blankets, fruit and other things from the Byers house to the home of Mathilda Whittle, an Indian woman with whom he had been living.

WILSON RECOVERS FROM OPERATION

WHILE HE IS AWAY MERRILL MAN'S WIFE PRESENTS HIM WITH AN 8-POUND DAUGHTER. ALL DOING FINE

C. T. Wilson, whose home is near Merrill, will arrive from Portland tonight, having sufficiently recovered from an operation for obstructed intestines performed by Dr. C. E. Wheeler of this city two weeks ago. His brother, George Wilson, road commissioner for the Merrill district, is accompanying him, and says the convalescent is in fine shape to make the journey.

The quick recovery from the operation seems not to have been in the least impeded by the patient's anxiety over the condition of Mrs. Wilson, who presented C. T. with an eight-pound girl the night before he left for the hospital. Reports from Merrill this morning state that Mrs. Wilson and the baby are doing splendidly.

J. N. BRIDGES IS CALLED BEYOND

HAS BEEN SUFFERING FOR SEVERAL MONTHS PAST—REMAINS WILL BE TAKEN TO MONTANA FOR BURIAL

Following several months of suffering with Bright's disease and a general break down, John Nichols Bridges passed away early this morning at the Argaves, conducted by himself and wife for the past two years.

Mr. Bridges was 64 years of age, and was a native of Massachusetts. Besides his wife, he is survived by two sons, Fay Bridges of this city, and another now in Montana.

The remains will be taken to Great Falls, Montana, where the funeral will be held and the remains interred.

FATE OF THE CITY MATTER OF HOURS; VILLA LEADS ARMY

FEDERALS UTTERLY ROUTED AT GOMEZ-PALACIO

Following This Decisive Defeat, Mexican Troops Retreat to Torreon, and Are Making Desperate Fight—Reinforcements and Additional Supplies Are Being Received by Villa, While Federals Are Isolated.

United Press Service VERJEL, Durango, Mexico, March 24.—The rebel forces under General Origan occupied Gomez-Palacio last night, and the federal forces under General Velasco retreated toward Torreon, until they were reinforced by troops sent from Torreon to their aid. They then returned to the attack, but were unable to oust the rebel horde.

Lerdo is also in the hands of the rebels, and it is now believed that the fall of Torreon is but a matter of hours.

The forces capturing Lerdo have been ordered to reinforce General Ortega at Gomez-Palacio.

It is estimated that 7,000 rebels now occupy that suburb, and the fighting is terrific. The bombardment by both sides is exceedingly heavy, and Gomez-Palacio is on fire at several points, a number of warehouses having been fired by exploding shells and hand grenades.

General Villa has ordered up more reinforcements, and the indications are that the battle for the possession of Torreon will be fought on a field between Torreon and Gomez-Palacio.

The rebels under General Eugenio Benavides and Maclovio Herrera are attacking Torreon on the east, while the forces of General Calixto Contreras and Panofill Natera are attacking the beleaguered city on the south and under the three Arrieta brothers are on the southwest, forcing General Velasco to divide the garrison to repel the different attacks.

GOMEZ-PALACIO, March 24.—An assault on Torreon itself began after 5 o'clock this morning. The fight for Gomez-Palacio raged for forty hours, and resulted in an utter rout of the federals, who retreated into the city proper. The federals put up a stubborn resistance, but it was beyond human endurance to withstand the terrific onslaughts of the rebels.

General Villa was in the saddle all night in the field except for a brief period, when he went to Bernajillo to order new supplies.

General Villa kept ordering fresh troops up, so the federals were kept in active engagement at all times, while the rebel forces, by this system, were enabled to get some rest.

Villas' early estimate of the federal loss is 1,500 killed, wounded and captured.

Yard at Dorris Sold

New Concern Buys Big Basin Company's Branch

Today the Big Basin Lumber company sold their retail lumber business at Dorris, Calif., to a concern at Dorris, to be known as the Northern Lumber company. Harry Gallagher, who returned to Klamath Falls today noon, represented the Big Basin Lumber company in the transaction. It is the intention of the new company to handle a full line of building and finishing lumber. The concern will immediately erect dry kilns and install improvements in the way of new machinery for planing, tongue and grooving work.

Pork Supply Meagre

Government Experts Make Survey of Northwest

(Herald Special Service) WASHINGTON, D. C., March 24.—The average price of pork in the Pacific Northwest has been high because of the fact that it has been necessary to ship a large percentage of hogs from east of the Rocky Mountains. By providing pasture for hogs in most of this region and utilizing the ability of the hog to harvest grain crops for himself, the cost of producing pork in the Northwest should be so materially reduced as to make the hog industry profitable there. These considerations are dealt with in a new bulletin of the United States Department of Agriculture. (Continued on page 4)