

## LAND GRABBING CLAIM REFUTED BY N. J. SINNOTT

### Stand on Grazing Land Question Clearly Shown; Insincerity Is Seen

Refutation of the charges that House resolution No. 7908 is an organized land grabbing move to which Congressman N. J. Sinnott in party is so clearly established in the following statement that this eleventh hour demand, originated by the Pendleton East Oregonian in behalf of James H. Gwinn, Sinnott's opponent, and busily circulated by Gwinn supporters, becomes a petard to hurl the Gwinn proponents.

Briefly the charge is that the measure will give stockmen preferential right to lease any quantity of public land for grazing, under permit revocable only by the Secretary of Interior, incidentally destroying the rights of homesteaders and settlers.

The following interview with Congressman Sinnott by the Washington correspondent of the Portland Telegram, lays bare the whole matter, shows the insincerity of the charges and the animus behind them. Even sincere doubters must see the falsity of the charges and the ridiculous position in which it places those responsible for their circulation:

WASHINGTON, May 17.—"What is back of the 'made in Idaho' propaganda against Nick Sinnott, reprinted at once in the Democratic East Oregonian of May 6 under scare headlines, 'Sinnott is Author of Amazing Resolutions,' and now being broadcast over Eastern Oregon by supporters of his opponent, James Gwinn of Pendleton?" "Is being asked by the friends of the Oregon congressman.

"Is Idaho jealous of the increased appropriations for Oregon reclamation which Sinnott has been getting?" "Is another question asked.

"Has the ambition of Governor Davis of Idaho to be secretary of the interior started the barrage against Sinnott, who has been prominently mentioned as a possible successor to Secretary Fall?" they ask further.

"Why should a fuss be made about a tentative grazing bill introduced by Sinnott as chairman of the house committee on the public lands and Senator Sinnott as chairman of the senate committee at the request of secretary of the interior and which has lain dormant without being considered by either committee for many months, and why should this eleventh hour protest and furor come from Boise, Idaho, the house of Monte Gwinn, a brother of Sinnott's opponent?"

"Does Congressman Smith, of Idaho, who ranks next to Sinnott on the public lands committee, and would become chairman on Sinnott's defeat, and who follows him on the irrigation committee, feel that the substitution of a brand new congressman for Sinnott would silence Sinnott's objections to Idaho 'hogging' the reclamation fund and make it possible for that state again to have easy sailing in getting more than her share of the reclamation fund?"

When asked about the propaganda story, Representative Sinnott said: "Mark how plain a tale shall put you down."

"That he introduced the bill as a tentative bill in the house in July, 1921, at the request of Secretary Fall; that Senator Smoot, chairman of the public lands committee of the senate, introduced it there; that it is the custom for chairmen of committees to introduce tentative bills on the request of cabinet officers; that the bill has been sleeping quietly in the committee files since its introduction without any consideration, action or hearings thereon.

Provides Grazing Area "The bill covers non-timbered public lands outside of the national forests which are fit only for grazing and now under the jurisdiction of the secretary of the interior. It provides for grazing areas, taking into

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## WEATHER PROBABILITIES

The Cyclo-Stormograph at Underwood's Pharmacy has recorded a falling pressure during the last 12 hours and has reached a point where changes may take place in a few hours. Forecast for next 24 hours:—Increasing cloudiness, continued warm, brisk winds tonight, followed by unsettled weather.

The Tycos recording thermometer registered maximum and minimum temperatures, today, as follows: High.....84 Low.....51

## MOTOR SCHOONER ON ROCKS OFF CAPE BLANCO DESERTED BY CREW OF 17

MARSHFIELD, May 17.—The Motor Schooner Ozmo, which struck a rock off Cape Blanco, on the southern Oregon coast, at 3.39 this morning, became water logged and was abandoned by the crew of 17 when the engine stopped and the hand pumps failed to check the rising water. The tug Fearless of the port of Coos Bay has gone to attempt towing of the Ozmo to this port.

## SURVEY FOR WATER SYSTEM IS STARTED BY POWER COMPANY

Detailed Plans Being Prepared; Nearly Four Miles of Main To Be Laid; Cost \$20,000

Surveys for the California Oregon Power company's addition to the city's water system have been completed and detailed plans for the installation are now being prepared, according to C. E. Blee, acting division manager of the power company.

Nearly four miles of main, ranging from six to ten inches in diameter, will be laid. It is estimated that the material for construction will weigh approximately 200 tons, and that the labor cost will be about \$20,000. This sum will be spent directly in Klamath Falls and does not include cost of pipe and freight.

## MEDFORD RAPS KLAN

Ordinance Prohibits Masks and Disguises on City Streets

MEDFORD, May 17.—An ordinance copied after the one recently passed at Sacramento, Calif., barring all masks and disguises from the streets, was passed unanimously by the Medford city council last night.

MEDFORD, May 17.—In a public statement Mayor C. E. Gates admitted he had witnessed an initiation in the local Ku Klux Klan and, as he saw nothing objectionable, now is an honorary member of the organization.

Mayor Gates says he does not like the practice of members going in masks, and called attention to the danger of the masks being used to cloak non-members of the order in criminal actions. He also stated if members of the Klan were ever guilty of lawlessness he would see that they were punished.

## NINE MILL TO START

Plant at Meadow Lake Will Be Operated Ten Hours

The Nine Brothers' Lumber company sawmill at Meadow Lake will resume Friday on a 10-hour schedule, according to Marion Nine, who was here today. Nine said the company had always followed the 10-hour plan and would continue to do so. The logging camps will not be opened at present, he said.

## BANK PROBE STARTED

State Will Ascertain Whether Criminal Action in First State

SALEM, May 17.—State Superintendent of Banks Bramwell has instituted an investigation to ascertain if there has been criminal violation of law in the failure of the First State & Savings Bank at Klamath Falls.

Attorney General Vanwinkle appointed Judge J. P. Kavanaugh of Portland to conduct the investigation.

## PREDICTS HEAVY TRAFFIC

Heavy traffic east starting May 25 when low passenger rates will go into effect is predicted by J. J. Coyle, traveling passenger agent for the Southern Pacific, who is here today. Coyle said the fare to Chicago amounts to about fare and one-third. Traffic on the main line of the Southern Pacific is about equal to that of last year, he said.

## STEEL MEN AT WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON, May 17.—Invitations have been issued for large numbers of prominent steel manufacturers to meet the president tomorrow night at a dinner conference, the white house announced.

## OLCOTT NAILS ELEVENTH HOUR POLITICAL LIES

### Opponents Attempt to Stir Up Religious Hatred Proves Abortive

SALEM, May 16, 1922. F. R. Soule, Klamath Falls.

Myself, my parents and all my family are protestants. Poll taken of state capital employes today by Portland newspaperman shows out of over three hundred employes but nine are catholics and none heads of departments. However religion makes no difference to me in state employment. Efficiency and integrity are what count.

HEN W. OLCOTT.

The above statement by Governor Olcott is in reply to an inquiry by the editor of the Herald, as to whether there was any truth in statements being circulated by political opponents that Olcott's stand against the Ku Klux arose from religious prejudices.

As eleventh hour political propaganda, calculated in true Ku Klux fashion to stir religious hatreds, local opponents of Olcott have stated that the governor was a Catholic and that 65 per cent of state offices were filled by catholics.

## JAY'S ANNIVERSARY

Birthright Observed of Man Who Led Revolting Colonists

BEDFORD, N. Y., May 17.—Today is the ninety-third anniversary of the death here of John Jay, native of New York city, governor of New York, a leader of the revolting colonists and first chief justice of the United States supreme court.

Jay was also President Washington's special envoy to Great Britain in 1794, and his name has been given to a treaty which he effected at that time, and which is credited with having prevented an impending war with England. It was ratified over extreme opposition; was termed by Democrat-Republicans "complete surrender to England," and by Lord Sheffield of England on the other hand "that most impolitic treaty of 1794, when Lord Grenville was so perfectly duped by Jay."

## RUSSIA ACCEPTS PROPOSAL

GENOVA, May 17.—Russia has accepted the proposals of the powers for a meeting at The Hague to discuss the Russian situation.

## TOURIST RESORT IN LAVA BEDS IS PLAN OF LOCAL COMPANY

Guides Will Be Furnished and Meals and Sleeping Accommodations provided; Opens June 4

A tourist resort in the Madoc Lava beds is the plan of Merrill & company, headed by C. Guy Merrill of this city. Tent-houses are being erected near the Bear Paw cave and the road repaired from Merrill in preparation for the opening on June 4.

The plan is to provide experienced guides so that sightseers may explore all interesting historic locations, including Captain Jack's stronghold, as well as the numerous ice caves. Meals and sleeping accommodations will be provided.

Merrill owns 160 acres near the Bear Paw cave where the resort will be located.

## PLAN FOR CLEAN-UP

A. M. Collier First Captain to Report Block Captains for Drive

A. M. Collier, chairman of the men's division in district No. 2, was the first to complete the appointment of block captains for Anti-Litter week, beginning Monday, May 22. His line-up follows: A. R. Wilson, Bert Thomas, Henry Boinvin, Louis Hoagland, A. B. Epperson, Otto Hedrick, Harry Goeller, Geo. Humphrey, W. S. Slough, D. M. Smith, M. L. Johnson, W. C. Ball, Mrs. H. M. Ackley and Harry Wilson.

J. E. Swanson, chairman of district No. 4 was the second 100 per cent organizer to report. His captains, who have more than average territory to manage, are as follows: Frank Mills, Robert Claye, C. H. Underwood, Fred Houston, Capt. Kalkin, and A. J. Lyle.

A general meeting of all the divisional and district chairmen and block captains will be held in the chamber of commerce rooms Friday evening, when the whole program for Anti-Litter week will be outlined and every captain assigned to duty. Indications are that it is going to be one of the most thorough clean-ups the community has had.

Dr. H. D. L. Stewart has called upon the merchants to cooperate by appropriately decorating their windows.

J. B. Wells, superintendent of schools, has promised the fullest cooperation of the public schools. Other organizations will assist in various ways.

## IRISH PEACE FAILS

DUBLIN, May 17.—The peace committee of the Dail Eireann, which has been trying to find a basis for unity of the Irish factions, formally reported to the Dail today a breakdown of negotiations.

## VICTORY CLAIM OF PINCHOT IN PENNSYLVANIA

### Secretary of State Republican Committee Says Nomination Soon

PHILADELPHIA, Penn., May 17.—Gifford Pinchot apparently has won the republican nomination for governor of Pennsylvania on face of unofficial returns. It was said by H. W. Harry Baker, secretary of the state republican committee today.

"Unless Allegheny county gives a larger majority than my advice indicate there is no doubt Pinchot carried the state," Baker said. Returns from 6178 out of 7534 districts in the state received shortly after Baker made the announcement reduced Alters majority to 11,696. The vote stood, Alter 443,290, Pinchot 431,694.

## CANDIDATES HEARD

Speakers Appear at Forum Meeting in Four-Minute Talks

With four minutes allowed each speaker and personalities taboo, the political forum of the chamber of commerce today moved smoothly through the program.

The following candidates for nomination spoke briefly: A. L. Wishard, republican, for assessor; J. M. Ezell, republican, for representative; R. E. Bradbury, democrat, for representative; E. L. Elliott, republican, for circuit judge; R. C. Groesbeck, democrat, for circuit judge; C. J. Martin, republican, for commissioner, represented by W. O. Smith, and Asa Fordyce, republican, for commissioner, represented by Charles W. Eberlein.

W. C. Van Emon presided. The Borrel orchestra played several selections.

A resolution of regret and condolence in connection with the death of E. T. Ludden was passed.

## HALL LEADS BALLOT

Coos County Candidate Wins in Straw Vote at Forum

Charles Hall led the ballot in a straw vote taken today at the chamber of commerce luncheon, with Governor Olcott next White third and Senator Patterson nowhere.

Following is a summary of the vote: Hall 28; Olcott 22; White 12; Patterson none; Bean 1; and Pierce 1.

## STILL WAITING FOR THE MAN TO TIE THE KNOT



## BRITISH CABINET TO INQUIRE INTO DEFEATED EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

LONDON, May 16.—The British cabinet has decided to defer to the wishes of the house of commons and appoint a committee to inquire into the educational program on which the government was defeated by a narrow majority in the house last night. Austen Chamberlain, government leader, announced today.

## BOARD REPLIES TO LUMBERMEN; DENIES POLITICAL CHARGE

Statement in Support of Findings Made; Declares Hearing Was Not Hastily Conducted

Declaring that there was neither delay nor haste in the conciliation board's action during the lumber strike hearing here, and denying that politics played any part in reaching a decision, William F. Woodward, Otto R. Hartwig and J. K. Flynn, members of the board, have issued a statement in reply to the one made public by the operators on May 5. The board says in part: "A recently published statement, unsigned but ostensibly from a majority of the pine operators of Klamath county, reflects upon findings of the state board of conciliation and carries statements deserving a reply.

"There was neither delay nor haste in the board's actions. Competitive conditions in California were carefully considered and the findings have been approved by the governor of this state, and by leading employers in the lumber industry.

"The conciliation board's efforts toward adjustment of strike conditions followed failure on the part of federal mediators to secure a conference with and absolute refusal on the part of the mill owners to meet with either member of the board of conciliation for even an informal discussion of the situation.

"The board acted at the instance of the mayor of Klamath Falls, mill employes, supported so the board was advised, by the body of its citizens. It is true that the employers did not invite the board and clearly indicated an attitude of distrust from the beginning. The board, nor any member of it, made any commitment as to the attitude it would take as to competitive conditions in northern California where the pine industry, even as in Klamath Falls, is controlled both as to ownership and output almost entirely by individuals and interests located in California and other states than Oregon.

"Our government has made possible by more than liberal laws exploitation of the virgin resources of Oregon as well as other states, through sale of stumpage at what constitute in many instances nominal rates, bearing slight relation to the real value. These forests will never be wholly replaced and only in part at great expense to the nation. Shall this disposal of one of the choicest resources of the northwest be accompanied by a further exploitation of its man power?"

The statement concludes by upholding the eight-hour day as best conducive to social welfare; denies that the board was in any way influenced by political aspirations, and declares that the board could not have conscientiously arrived at any other decision than the one it reached.

## LEGION WILL MARCH

Observance of Memorial Day Planned By War Veterans

Memorial day will be observed by the American Legion, it was decided at the post meeting last night. It was planned to march to the cemetery and decorate graves of veterans. Arrangements were left to Commander Westerfeld, who will announce plans later.

## OPEN ELLIOTT HEADQUARTERS

Campaign headquarters have been opened by the supporters of Asa Fordyce for county commissioner and E. L. Elliott for circuit judge in the office of the Central Auto Service at 633 Main street.

## C. OF C. ELECTION TONIGHT

Ballets cast in the election of eight members of the chamber of commerce board of directors will be counted at eight o'clock tonight. Secretary Stevenson reports a heavier vote than that cast in the primaries.

## MAIN FIGHT ON COMMITTEEMAN AND GOVERNOR

### Fithian Support Appears to Be Strong; People Realize Importance of Office

Next to the contest for nomination for governor, the fight at the coming primary, centers around O. H. Fithian, candidate for republican national committeeman, and Ralph E. Williams, the incumbent, who is seeking re-election after 14 years of holding on to the job.

Fithian seems to have strong support over the state and reports from Portland shows a growing sentiment for him in this city. The people of Oregon are just beginning to realize the importance of the office of national committeeman of the party in power at Washington.

The national committee is the board of directors of the party in power. The president consults its members as to political conditions in their respective states. Congress is largely influenced by the national committee of the party in power. Legislation affecting the states gets its impetus from that source. These are only a few of the powerful functions of that unofficial body.

Oregon has at last awakened and wants to know what it may expect from the next national committeeman of the republican party.

Fithian is a prominent wholesale business man of excellent record who has never been in politics but who was a prominent supporter of Roosevelt and progressive politics. His platform is an outspoken demand for relief of Oregon farmers and stock men by securing for them their just share of the war finance corporation money, which to the present time they have not received. He stands pledged to do his utmost to secure this greatly needed relief.

He also stands pledged to just, prompt and substantial recognition of world war veterans, and to equal rights for women within the republican party.

Ralph E. Williams is of the stand-pat wing of his party and bases his claim for re-election solely upon past party services. His platform is silent as to all other issues and makes no promises as to progressive measures of the Fithian platform.

## FRENCH SENT FEELER

Attempt Was Made to Determine U. S. Views on The Hague

WASHINGTON, May 17.—French sources at Genoa, prior to issuance of the economic conference invitation to United States to participate in The Hague meeting, sent a feeler to develop the American attitude toward participation, it was learned today.

The American reply, it was explained, was sympathetic but not one of acceptance, although apparently construed at Genoa as forecasting a participation by United States.

This it was said, was the only explanation that could be assigned here to the conclusion in European capitals which followed the American declination of the formal invitation.

## Stone Shows Some Speed

Lakeview Bar Is Amazed

Reports from Lakeview are that members of the bar there are still in a dazed condition as the result of the term of court held there by Judge Stone Monday. When Judge Stone appeared on the Lakeview bench Monday morning ready for action he was very solemnly advised that they had a "big" case, one that would require days to get a jury and many more days for trial. To eliminate useless delay, as evidently the judge did, a jury was had in one hour, and the verdict of the jury read at 6 o'clock Monday evening.

One of the attorneys remarked to the judge as he slipped his bag, "That was the fastest work I ever saw, judge."