

DIRECT ELECTION TO PASS, HE SAYS

**BORAH OF IDAHO THINKS BILL
MAY BE MADE A LAW DURING
THE EXTRA SESSION OF CON-
GRESS**

WASHINGTON, April 17.—By the passage in the house of representatives by a vote of 296 to 16 of a resolution submitting a constitutional amendment for the direct election of senators the question is again put up to the senators themselves. That the resolution, which was killed in the last session, will probably pass before the present congress ends is the belief of William E. Borah, progressive Republican senator from Idaho who today gave the following statement to the United Press.

By William E. Borah Senator from Idaho.

I feel certain that the resolution for the direct election of senators will pass this congress and it is even possible that it will pass at this special session. Friends of the measure will urge its final conclusion as soon as possible. What form the resolution will finally take it is difficult to determine but we would rather pass it in the form in which it was finally voted than not pass it at all.

There is a general movement on the part of the people to take more legislation into their own hands. It arises from the belief that the representatives of the people do not faithfully or efficiently represent them. In my opinion nothing has done so much to convince the people of the failure of representative government as the manner of selecting senators. Take the illustrations of last winter. It is a notorious fact that legislation in New York, Iowa, and Colorado, and the shameful spectacle in Illinois more or less demoralized the country. These things led to the belief that there interposes between the people and the selection of their servants a power rendering ineffective representative government.

It is the duty of all men who have an abiding faith in the great fundamental truth on which this government is founded to correct these abuses and eliminate interposing agencies militating against the public interests. Our duty, if we really believe in our form of government, is to eliminate the defects before they spread to such an extent that the confidence of the people will be practically destroyed. It is unreasonable and indefensible in this age to say that men are unfit to select and directly vote for those who shall represent them in the national council.

W. E. BORAH.

BRICKYARD IS TO BE STARTED

That Klamath Falls will be amply supplied with brick this summer is the announcement made by H. C. Chamberlain. Mr. Chamberlain has just purchased from E. R. Reames a tract of land for a brick yard site about two miles below the city, near the race track. The property has a frontage on the river so that the brick can be hauled to this city by barges.

"I will soon be in shape to furnish the people of Klamath Falls with all the brick they can use in the next ten years, at prices so that they can afford to build," said Mr. Chamberlain. He states that the property just purchased contains the very best of brick clay. He has secured a boat for towing purposes, and has begun the construction of barges to haul the brick to this city. Machinery will be installed with a capacity of 50,000 brick. Mr. Chamberlain states that if the weather remains favorable he will be able to begin delivering brick within four to six weeks.

LANDSBURG MYSTERY IS STILL PUZZLE TO POLICE

SAN FRANCISCO, April 13.—With both Edward Evans, a soldier, and Frank Donley in their hands as the confessed robbers of Guy Landsburg, the police are as far as ever from solving the mystery of Landsburg's death. Both say that Landsburg was in a maudlin condition, and the impression is growing that he may have wandered to the water front and fallen into the bay.

AN EXPERIMENT GARDEN FOR CITY

One of the most convincing demonstrations as to the productiveness of the soil of Klamath county is soon to be taken up as a result of the generosity of James Cunningham, a well known resident of this city. Mr. Cunningham owns two lots on Klamath avenue, just opposite the telephone building, and he has given the free use of this property to the Chamber of Commerce so that body can plant a

crop of the vegetables raised in this section, and thus be able to prove beyond all doubt to incoming people that the stories of bumper crops are not fairy tales.

Secretary C. T. Oliver of the Chamber of Commerce is overjoyed that the organization will be given the use of this land, and he will soon have the plot plowed, harrowed and planted. In addition to raising the articles which are known to flourish in Klamath county, Mr. Oliver intends to try several new plants and vegetables on this miniature experimental farm.

FINE RESIDENCES WILL BE ERECTED

Contracts are being let for the erection of a large number of fine new residences. Judge Chas. Graves has just let a contract to R. E. Wattenburg for the erection of an eight-room, two-story residence on the corner of Second and Washington streets. The cost of the building will be \$1,000, and it will be modern in every respect.

Mr. Wattenburg also has the contract for the erection of two residences for H. Bolvin on Jefferson street, adjoining his present home, and a five-room bungalow on Fifth street for Will Houston. The eight-room house being constructed for C. C. Hogue on Sixth and High streets is well under way, and the carpenters are putting up the rafters. This house will cost \$3,500.

MORE EVIDENCE JUST UNEARTHED

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., April 13.—M. B. Loan, special investigator for the Lorimer committee, this afternoon presented affidavits tending to bear out the story of the \$100,000 jackpot. The affidavits are signed by Frank Russell, Robert Lowe and E. B. Mosher of Marquette, Mich. Russell's affidavit says that Hines told him:

"We put Lorimer over all right. It cost us a lot of money, but it was well worth while. He promised to support the high tariff on lumber if he was elected."

DIRECT ELECTION IS UP ONCE MORE

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 13.—When the house of representatives convened this afternoon Congressman Rucker of Missouri called up a resolution for the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people. The house then began its first real legislative work.

It is learned that many of the progressive democrats are canvassing among their colleagues in an effort to secure support enough for an amendment to the bill, providing for the recall of senators.

WELLS FARGO RATES ARE COMPARED WITH OTHERS

SACRAMENTO, April 13.—In a statement this afternoon Governor Johnson draws a contrast between the rates charged by the Wells Fargo and other express companies operating in the state. He points out that the rate on a package weighing four pounds from New York to San Francisco is 60 cents, while the rate on the same package from San Francisco to Los Angeles is also 60 cents.

DRUNKEN BRAWL ENDS FATAALLY FOR WOODCHOPPER

SAN DIEGO, April 13.—The body of Miguel Morales, an Indian wood-chopper, lies in the morgue, while Robert H. James and Ernest Morris, privates in the Thirtieth Infantry, stationed at Tia Juana, are held on a charge of murder, following a drunken brawl in a lonely Indian camp near the Mexican line. It is believed that Morales was a Mexican citizen.

WINE WAR CONTINUES

PARIS, April 13.—Despatches received from the Marno villages say that pillaging has been resumed by the opposing factions in the wine war. The village of Venteuil is barricaded against troops, and wires leading to that place have been cut.

Two thousand growers are reported to be marching against Rheims. Two million gallons of champagne at least have been upset on the streets.

FRUIT AND RAISINS HURT BY UNEXPECTED FROST

FRESNO, April 13.—A heavy frost visited this section last night. In all probabilities it damaged the vineyards to the extent of many thousands of dollars. As a result the price of raisins jumped from 3 1/4 to 5c per pound.

Washington's Fruit Suffers

PULLMAN, Wash., April 13.—The fruit growers in the Snake River district sustained an \$800,000 loss on account of a heavy frost which practically killed the entire crop. Reports from Boise say that the peach and apricot orchards there are heavily damaged.

DEATH AND RUIN IN WAKE OF TORNADO

**WORST STORM IN RECENT YEARS
SWEEPS ACROSS KANSAS, MISSOURI AND OKLAHOMA, CAUSING GREAT DAMAGE**

KANSAS CITY, April 13.—Leaving death and devastation in its path, a tornado last night swept across fourteen towns in Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma. As a result at least twenty-five people are dead and 114 injured. All of the towns visited by the tornado were practically destroyed.

Following is a list of the losses:

At Big Heart, 8 are dead and 40 injured; at Checotah 2 are dead; at Hiawatha, 3 dead; at Joplin, 1 dead and 4 injured; at Lawrence, 3 dead and 10 injured; at Danville, 1 dead; at Meeker, 4 dead; at Netawak, 3 injured; at Powhattan, 2 dead and 1 injured; at Whittling, 1 dead and 50 injured; at Webb City, 4 injured.

The town of Whittling was entirely destroyed. Sixty dwellings were leveled to the ground by the force of the storm. Mrs. David Stone, wife of a Whittling farmer, was killed and her lifeless body was carried half a mile. At Elkridge twenty school children were injured when the school house was demolished. The Santa Fe train waited near Eskridge till the storm abated. The passengers watched the destruction wrought by the storm.

Loss Over a Million PAWHUSKA, Okla., April 12.

The property loss from tornadoes in the Osage Nation will reach a million. Big Heart is practically razed, and a thousand people are homeless.

Among the identified dead are Will Morrow, John Kerns, F. Hammond, Mrs. Will Kearns, T. S. Hanna and a child named Brown.

The damage to Big Heart alone is half a million dollars. The oil field near there was badly damaged. Four people died today in the hospital at Sapulpa, where most of the injured were taken.

REPORT FAVORABLY ON RECIPROCITY MEASURE

WASHINGTON, April 13.—The Ways and Means committee of the house of representatives reported favorably upon the Canadian reciprocity and the Farmer's free list bills this afternoon. The reciprocity measure will be the first to be taken up by the house, and debate on the bill will in all probabilities commence at the opening of tomorrow's session.

Return From Long Beach

George Biehn returned to this city Thursday with his mother from Long Beach, Calif., where they have been spending the winter months. Mr. Biehn's wife and children will remain in Long Beach till the close of the school year, and will then return to Klamath Falls. Mrs. Biehn Sr. is much improved in health as a result of her sojourn by the seashore.

WILLIAM KIETH, WELL KNOWN ARTIST, DIES AT BERKELEY

BERKELEY, Calif., April 13.—Wm. Keith, a well known landscape painter, died his home here this morning from a complication of diseases.

Those who have been working to secure a Carnegie library for Klamath Falls feel greatly encouraged on account of the letter received by J. Barrett, who has been acting in behalf of the Women's Library Club, from James Bertram, secretary of the Carnegie library commission. Mr. Bertram in his letter tells about the methods to be followed in making formal request for Carnegie's assistance, and encloses blanks as to the city's size, status of present library, circulation of books, etc.

While the library is by no means a certainty, it is at least worth fighting for, and it is needless to say that the people of Klamath Falls will take up the work in the right manner.

HELENA, April 13.—It has just been learned that ex-President Roosevelt, while visiting this city, expressed his belief that the democratic party will nominate Woodrow Wilson as its candidate for the presidency in 1912. He does not seem to believe that Champ Clark will be able to realize his present ambition.

Speaking of his own prospects for the republican candidacy, Roosevelt stated that he had as yet seen nothing on his present trip which caused him to believe for a moment that the people of the nation were the least bit anxious to have him in the presidential chair for another term. Leaving Helena, Roosevelt started for St. Paul.

Turks around the Bosphorus amuse themselves by playing pitch and catch with the hungry fish hawks. They throw high in the air a lump of raw meat and the hawks pounce upon the meat before it strikes the ground.

DEATH SUMMONS FRANK W. BENSON

**UNEXPECTED ATTACK OF KIDNEY TROUBLE CARRIES AWAY
THE SECRETARY OF STATE AT
REDLANDS, CALIFORNIA**

REDLANDS, Calif., April 14.—Death this morning ended the sufferings of Frank W. Benson, secretary of state of the state of Oregon, following an illness of several years' duration. For years Mr. Benson had been suffering with a facial disease, but barely had this been cured by specialists when inflammation of the kidneys set in.

Frank W. Benson, one of the most popular men in the state of Oregon, was born in Santa Clara, Santa Clara county, in June, 1858, and was 52 years of age. He was a graduate of the University of the Pacific, with the degree of A. M.

He came to Douglas county, Oregon, in 1880; served two terms as county superintendent of the Douglas county schools, and held the office of county clerk of Douglas county two terms, after which he began the practice of law at Roseburg, Oregon. He was president of the Douglas county bank at the time he was elected secretary of state in June, 1906.

In 1908, when Governor Chamberlain resigned, to take the office of United States senator, he became acting governor, which position he held until failing health caused him to turn the governor's office over to Jay Bowerman, president of the senate. Benson was re-elected secretary of state last November. Shortly afterwards, he qualified by filing his bond and taking the oath of office, which was administered by the chief justice of the supreme court.

Soon after this Benson went to Redlands in order to escape the winter weather on account of his health. At Redlands he was rapidly rebuilding his health, apparently, until a few weeks ago, when he developed, unexpectedly, an inflammation of the kidneys, which rapidly became worse, causing his death this morning.

He leaves a wife and two sons, one of them a student at the University at Eugene, and the other one, who is married, is in business at Gardner, in Douglas county. His wife was with him at Redlands at the time of his death, and also Dr. E. Lee Steiner, superintendent of the state insane asylum at Salem, who was his family physician.

There are four brothers surviving: Sanford G. Benson, connected with the San Jose Mercury; W. W. Benson, a merchant at Dryad, Wash.; Fred T. Benson, who is a rancher in Montana, and Hon. H. L. Benson, the present incumbent of the circuit judge's office of the Thirtieth Judicial district, comprising Klamath and Lake counties, residing in this city.

His surviving sisters are, as follows: Mrs. W. T. Perkins, who resides in Salem; Mrs. George Carpy, who resides at La Grande, and Mrs. Will Tonkin, who resides in San Jose, Calif.

Since coming to Oregon as a young man, Frank W. Benson has rapidly won the respect of every man he met, on account of his manly traits of character. His resignation from the office of acting governor was learned of with genuine regret throughout the entire state by all political party members alike.

One of the highest testimonials ever shown to any man by the people of any state was shown to Benson last November, when he was re-elected to the office of secretary of state. During the entire campaign Benson was in California, suffering untold agony from his ailment and undergoing treatment, so he made no campaign at all for the office. Despite this serious offset to any candidate for office, especially for one of statewide importance, the people elected him to the office for the second time with between 30,000 and 40,000 majority, the highest vote received by any man on the entire winning ticket.

Benson was a prominent member of the Elks and I. O. O. F. at Roseburg, and he was at all times active in furthering the interests of these orders.

Resolutions of condolence have been telegraphed to the Roseburg Elks by the members of the Antlers Club of this city.

As a token of respect to the memory of the departed statesman the county offices remained closed all day today.

SUCCEED BENSON

BEN OLCOTT TO
SALEM, April 14.—Following the receiving here of the sad intelligence of the death of Secretary of State Frank W. Benson at Redlands, Calif., Governor Oswald West has appointed Ben Olcott to fill the vacant office.

Olcott is about 35 years of age, and has resided at Salem for several years. During the gubernatorial campaign Olcott was West's political manager. He has been employed since the elec-

tion as a deputy in the state land office. This will be the first public office he has held.

LYLE OUTLINES HOSPITAL PLANS

With the moral support of the Chamber of Commerce pledged, the old Klamath Development building at Twelfth and Main secured, and a number of well known residents interested in the move, it begins to look as though the establishment of a hospital here is a certainty this time. A. J. Lyle, who is here from Long Beach, Calif., promoting the movement, feels much encouraged at the aspect.

Thursday night Lyle attended the big meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, outlined his plans and told what had been accomplished thus far. He stated that \$10,000 would be necessary for the financing of the move, and that it was his idea to organize a stock company, his people to raise half, the local capitalists to subscribe the remainder of the sum.

There seems to be no opposition to the plan for a hospital here, as all are agreed that there is a crying need for such an institute in Klamath Falls. The plan outlined by Lyle seems to meet with approval as to the minds of all, it seems to be a perfectly fair one.

ENLARGED HOMESTEAD LAND IS NOW BEING CLASSIFIED

The classification or designation of lands enterable under the 320-acre or enlarged homestead law devolves upon the United States geological survey. Areas are recommended by that office as being subject to entry under that law provided they are found to be not susceptible of irrigation from any readily available water supply.

Since the passage of the enlarged homestead act in February, 1909, the survey has recommended for designation 189,127,778 acres as thus subject to homestead entry in 320 acre tracts. During February 153,412 acres were so classified as non-irrigable. The designations having been made by the secretary of the interior the lands are then made subject to enlarged entry by the general land office.

FOOTBALL PLAYERS ARE HIGH IN THEIR STUDIES

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, April 14.—A study of the grades made by the students of the University for the last semester reveals the fact that the girls made a higher average than the boys. The girls averaged 89.1 for the semester's work and the boys 83.3. The women's dormitory made the highest average of any of the women's clubs, 92. The lowest average of any of the women's organizations was 86. The Masonic fraternity, the Acacias, made the highest average of any of the men's clubs, 89. The lowest men's club average was 79. The members of the football team averaged 84, which is higher than the total average of all the men.

BAND WORKING HARD FOR THE FIRST CONCERT

The members of the Klamath Falls military band are practicing faithfully for the first concert to be given by the organization, which will be held at Houston's opera house May 5th, and some excellent musical renditions are promised. Director Snow has sent East for special concert music, and the way the boys are "lighting in" to this difficult music is extremely gratifying to the leader.

The Klamath Falls band is composed of a number of splendid musicians, among who are a number of soloists of more than usual merit, and these are preparing special solos.

ROOSEVELT INVITED TO ASTORIA CENTENNIAL

ASTORIA, April 14.—President Harvey Beckwith of the Portland Commercial Club, acting for the Astoria Centennial committee, has issued a formal invitation to Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, former president of the United States and originator of the "big stick," "race suicide," "male-factors of great wealth," etc., to be

present at the Astoria Centennial during the celebration August 10th to September 9th.

Colonel Roosevelt has not been able to reply as yet, because he has not had time to consult his engagement book. He has wired from Seattle that he will advise the committee as soon as he can "see daylight," and the committee is bringing pressure to bear upon him to be present and make an address in the great open air stadium which is being erected at the city park.

GENERAL BLISS TALKS PLAINLY

CALEXICO, April 13.—General Bliss has formally complained to Mexican Consul Aguilar concerning the failure of the federals to stop insurrecto depredations in the Imperial Valley. The people have protested for seven days since Colonel Mayot's command camped on Little's ranch, and no effort nor action has yet been made to prevent depredations. Bliss declares that Mayot's force is sufficient to retake Mexicali and restore peace in Lower California. He demanded action on the part of the government.

OLD ACTOR DIES

WEST SWANZEY, N. H., April 14.—Denman Thompson, the veteran actor, died this morning at his home in this place. He was 77 years of age.

Old Mother Earth, who has closely guarded her age for her entire life, is 400,000,000 years old, according to the paper read before a scientific society the other day. In more scientific phraseology, the approximate age of the earth, it has been discovered, may be determined by dividing the amount of salt in the sea by the rivers that empty into it. Sir John Murray, Prof. Joly and M. DuBois, all famous geologists, are responsible for the new method of computing the age of the terrestrial sphere.

There is no plant known to man which gives such a quantity of food to the acre as the banana. It yields 44 times more weight than the potato and 133 times more than wheat. Another peculiar fact about the banana is that no insect will attack it, and another that it is absolutely immune from the diseases to which fruits are subject. It is one of the curiosities of the vegetable kingdom.

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