

## WEST ON CURRENCY REFORM DEMANDED

### FAULTS OF SYSTEM

OREGON'S GOVERNOR, IN EASTERN INTERVIEW, DECLARES FOR SIMPLER AND MORE ELASTIC BANKING METHODS

Special to The Herald  
NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—That the business interests of the West are even more alive to the necessity of banking and currency reform than those of the East was evident from a frank statement made by Governor West of Oregon to an interviewer on the eastern tour on the western govern-

"We are strong for banking and currency reform in our state," said Governor West. "We take an interest in public questions. I could take you through my state let you interview every man you met, farmer, miner, business man, and I believe every one of them would give you an intelligent and emphatic opinion on the subject of this country's banking system and what's wrong with it."  
"We're very independent in Oregon. You could build a fence around the state and we would get on very well with our own resources. But our banks and our currency are part and parcel of the country's banking system, and we want the system adjusted to our needs."

"In the panic of 1907 the examples of a good and bad banking system were brought straight home to us. At that time our home banks were practically forced to suspend business. They broke down. So severe was the crisis that the governor declared legal holidays, lasting from October 28 to December 14, during which the banks, as well as individuals, were authorized to decline payment when unduly pressed, or when they saw fit."  
"There was one bank that continued to do business just as if nothing had happened. That one bank was a Canadian bank. It made cash payments right along, extended its loans, instead of curtailing them, gave credit and cash in other words, when both were needed most. This bank is a unit in the Canadian branch banking system. It is not a detached institution, but a part of a great one with great resources."

"Individually, our own banks were sound. In that crisis, sound to the core. We have some of the strongest banks in this country, and are proud of them. They had millions in resources in 1907, but they had no system back of them. By that I mean they had no co-operation. Each one, by our present system, or lack of system, is isolated, selfish, detached. In time of trouble they are compelled to fight alone and against each other."  
"One of our banks with over two millions in deposits and over a million in cash and exchange, was unable to make cash payments. It called for its cash from St. Louis, Chicago and New York. Out of these three cities only one bank in New York responded. The trouble was that these big banks were also forced to fight for their own safety."

"We need some huge reservoir of credit, with co-operative, feeding system connecting up all our banks so that when trouble comes, and at all

times, the supply of credit can be kept flowing and fed out wherever it is needed.

"Another thing at fault is our currency. It ought to be simplified, and it ought to be more elastic. Our national bank notes are based upon government bonds. This may have been a good scheme at the time of the Civil War, when this government needed credit, but it doesn't fit present conditions at all. Our bank notes should be based upon commercial paper and on adequate gold reserves, so that we can have a sufficient supply when business slows down."

Other governors on the train joined with Governor West in urging the necessity of early currency legislation.

## LYMAN IS GUILTY PRISON LIKELY

### FAMOUS MEDICAL MAN WHO CONSPIRED TO GET OUT OF FEDERAL CLUTCHES, CONVICTED OF CHARGE

Dr John Grant Lyman, wearer of pink pajamas, blue hosiery and generally lovely haberdashery, who has been accused of violating mail laws by sending bunko letters on a land scheme through the post, and whose trial for conspiring to escape from the United States officials at San Francisco has been on at the Golden Gate city was yesterday found guilty of the conspiracy charge.

C. M. Courtwright, deputy United States marshal, who helped the medical manipulator of terra firma to liberty, was also found guilty.

The pair will be sentenced Friday. As Lyman was under a federal accusation before the escape, which resulted in an indictment, and made an attempt to get away prior to the successful attempt, it is believed that he will get about the maximum penalty for the offense of which he has been convicted. He may have to serve 32000 years in a federal prison.

If he had merely escaped without involving anybody else his crime might be considered less serious, but as it involved the making culpable of a federal officer, Courtwright, as well as the actual getaway, the chances are that the court may not be inclined to regard the doctor's flight in the same high light of a joke as the doctor, who told the Evening Herald that "On the square, I thought it would be a great joke to get away from those fellows, and I did it as much for that as anything else."

The joke has been a very costly one to Uncle Sam, but by the time the promoter serves time which the court will in all likelihood inflict as a sentence for the offense, he will feel that his elopement from the custody of federal espionage is much less of a jest than he claimed to think it was.

Miss Louise Lee has gone to Oakland for the winter to pursue her music study. She is a daughter of Captain J. P. Lee, county assessor.

## COUNTY COURT COMPLIMENTED

### CAPITAL JOURNAL EDITORIAL COMMENTS ON ORGANIZATION, SAYING IT WEARS MEDAL FOR ROAD WORK

Colonel E. Hofer's paper, the Capital Journal in the issue of Monday, December 18th, has for its leading editorial, under the caption "Little County Does Things," an expression on the road work accomplished by the Klamath county court, which reads as follows:

Klamath county, the third smallest county in the state, spent \$191,599.30 this year on roads.

It is, we remember rightly, the third smallest in population of any county in the state of Oregon.

It is, if we remember rightly, the Klamath Falls—a city of six thousand, and a great deal of mountain territory.

The county court this year graded up fifty miles of heavy grade road from sixteen to thirty feet wide.

The new grade is well ditched and drained, in some cases the ditches leading away a quarter of a mile.

About 250 miles of mountain road was put in good condition, the high centers, rocks and fallen timber removed.

A second rock crusher has now been bought, and hard surfacing will be done in 1912 on a large scale.

As much money will be spent in 1912, and the tax is raised on a valuation of \$16,000,000.

The county court of Klamath county has broken all records, and wears the medal for actually doing things on roads.

County Judge Worden and Commissioners Merrill and Summers wear the belt for actually being good road builders.

They have gone ahead and done things without waiting for state legislation, state aid or Portland promoters.

They have also decided to wait no longer for better laws about organization, and will abolish the road supervisor system.

They are going to take the bit in their teeth and build roads on modern scientific lines with the law and authority they now have.

They have gone a step further and have put on care takers to protect the roads they do build against being destroyed.

They were in Salem to ask the governor for the use of fifty convicts for their 1912 campaign, and will use them, too.

That is the spirit that must put Oregon ahead, instead of waiting for the wrangling politicians and the kicks of kickers.

The county courts now have enough law and authority, to go ahead and build roads, and the Klamath men have set the pace.

United Press Service  
VIENNA, Dec. 19.—The Emperor Franz Josef had a bad night, and his condition is serious.  
He is subject to violent coughing spells.

## SMALL BANK SUSPENDS BUSINESS AT PORTLAND

State Superintendent of Banks Directs Institution to Close Its Doors, and It Will Probably Settle at Seventy-Five Per Cent

PORTLAND, Dec. 20.—The American Bank and Trust company, a small financial institution that has maintained a more or less precarious existence for several years, failed to open its doors by direction of State Superintendent of Banks Will Wright. The banking house is at the corner of Sixth and Oak, and its capital is \$150,000.

According to Mr. Wright the bank should pay 50 per cent of its \$179,043.41 deposits within thirty days. He said after a cursory examination he believed the bank would pay in all about 75 cents on the dollar, though if a deal the officers have on to dispose of certain of their real estate is successful the bank will pay out in full. There are 2,200 depositors, most of them with small accounts. The county of Multnomah has about \$20,000 on deposit.

## NON-SUIT MOTION IS NOT GRANTED

### TRIAL OF CASE AGAINST RAILROAD COMPANY FOR KILLING HORSE PROCEEDS BEFORE A JURY

Attorney Charles F. Stone's motion for non-suit in the jury case of the Farmers' Implement and Supply company vs. Southern Pacific Railroad company for \$495.75 for loss of one horse and damage to dray and harness April 19th, when eight freight cars on a down grade, with no engine attached, struck the rig, failed. The attorney argued that as the plaintiff in the case had been negligent in leaving the team where it was struck, that the railroad company was not liable, contributory negligence barring recovery.

Mr. Stone, for the railroad, contended that if the plaintiff was guilty of negligence or some act which contributed to the injury, even if the defendant had been negligent, no recovery could have been had.

J. C. Rutenic arguing for the plaintiff, said that if the driver had stopped to look and listen for a train at the time he had been at the station he would have been unable to get his freight, for which purpose he had gone to the railroad station. He was at the railroad station at the invitation of the railroad company, said the attorney, and had placed his team where it was by consent of the company. If he had stayed away from his team too long, then contributory negligence might be justly asserted, he said.

Mr. Rutenic went on the theory that as the driver was there by invitation of the railroad company only ordinary care could be required of him, that he could relax more in that care than if crossing the railroad track with his car, and that he could even enter a box car, assuming that the railroad company would guard the general safety in the situation.

On behalf of the railroad company, Mr. Stone took the position that it was a negligence for the driver to take his team there, and further negligence to tie the lines to the dray and go away and leave the team standing by itself in a dangerous spot.

## POOR CHANCE FOR PEACE AT SHANGHAI CONFERENCE

United Press Service  
SHANGHAI, Dec. 19.—Representatives of the imperialists and rebels met to discuss peace.

Wu Ting Fang proposed that the imperialists surrender Shansi and Anhui as a sign of good faith.

Tang Shu Wl, heading the imperialists, said this was impossible until he communicated with Yuan, the imperial premier.

Victory is on, and chances for peace are poor.

Rebels are mobilizing near Nanking, preparatory to attacking Peking if negotiations fail.

## WOMEN OFFICERS NAMED BY MAYOR OF EVERETT

One Is Appointed to Place on Board of Health While Other Will Sit as Member of Park Board of the City By the Sound

SEATTLE, Dec. 20.—Cognizance of the important part played by women orators and campaigners in the recent mayoralty election in Everett, has been taken by Mayor-Elect Hassell, who announces that two women will be appointed to office under his administration.

Dr. Margaret Tiegan will be honored with one of the two places on the city board of health, while Dr. Ida McIntyre, wife of a former governor of Colorado, will be made a member of the Everett park board.

To Mrs. McIntyre is given most of the credit for the winning fight made by Mayor-Elect Hassell, who is a former Baptist minister. She succeeded in getting out the women voters to the meetings and often out-generaled Anna Maley, the socialist leader of Nation-wide prominence, in rallying the newly-enfranchised electors under the banner of reform.

## TUBERCULOSIS IN INDIAN CHILDREN

Ed McBloom of Barnes Valley, who has been in this city for a few days, will start this evening for San Francisco to spend the holidays with relatives and friends. Before returning to Barnes Valley Ed will visit several Oregon cities, including Corvallis and Portland.

### TAMALPAIS GOAL OF MAN WHOSE SPORT IS RISKY

United Press Service  
OAKLAND, Dec. 19.—Aviator Weldon Cooke started his Tamalpais flight at 11:30 a. m.  
Engine trouble forced him to return to the motordrome.  
He started again at 12:40.

## MORTGAGE STOLEN COMPLAINT SAYS

WOMAN BRINGS SUIT AGAINST GRANTEES TO HAVE RE-EXECUTION OF IT AND FIVE NOTES, TOTAL, \$2,500

Suit has been entered by Gertrude Thomas, wife of John Thomas, against Joseph Martin, Lola Martin, his wife, to enforce re-execution of a mortgage for \$2,500 and the five notes of \$500 each which the mortgage secured. It is alleged that the instruments were made and stolen.

The bill of complaint recites that on September 5th last the plaintiff owned the S½ of NE¼, and NW¼ of SE¼, section 18, and SW¼ of NW¼, section 23, township 40 south, range 12 east, Willamette meridian, Klamath county, 160 acres all told, and on that day conveyed it to the defendant for \$2,500, the amount being secured by the mortgage. She asserts that the defendant, Lola Martin, filed the deed for record with County Clerk Charles R. D. Lap it being recorded in deed record No. 33, page 303, for Klamath county.

The plaintiff says the defendants are occupying the quarter section, and the county records show the property as unincumbered, while in fact there is against the property the mortgage for \$2,500, which is the sum of the five notes. She says she tried to get the defendants to re-execute the mortgage and notes, and that they refused.

The bill recites that the plaintiff had left the mortgage and notes in her trunk and gone away from home one day, and that when she returned in the evening, found the trunk broken open and the mortgage and notes missing.

### STONE ACQUIRES SMITH RESIDENCE

Charles F. Stone, the attorney, has purchased of Richard Shore Smith of Eugene formerly a law practitioner in this city, the former Smith residence at Juniper and Pine streets, for about \$3,000.

Attorney C. M. O'Neill, present occupant of the dwelling, will probably remain there, as Mr. Stone expects to continue to reside in his present home at 657 Esplanade street.

## MANY ARE SUFFERING

PROBABLY ONE OUT OF FIVE OF TENDER AGE ON KLAMATH RESERVATION SO AFFECTED, MANY THROUGH HEREDITY

Between forty and fifty Indian children between 12 and 15 years of age, on the Klamath reservation are suffering with some form of tubercular trouble. This is probably a proportion of one to each five children of that age. Superintendent Edson Watson of the reservation, who is in the city today says that he believes the condition is largely due to hereditary affection.

"There seems to be an inclination among young children to develop this disease just about the time they are going from childhood into a changed condition in life," said Mr. Watson. "It is often the case that the parents have a form of disease from which they appear to become improved as time goes on, but when their children grow up the ailment becomes apparent in the progeny. Sometimes the condition is a fibroid one, in which the patient seems to be much in the same condition practically all the time, without the disease leading to death or a very low condition, while in others it takes the form of a more literal consumption and falling away of tissue. In the fibroid condition the tissues harden."

"The population of the reservation is probably a little greater now than it was a year ago, despite the tubercular troubles and the large number of deaths between July 1, 1910, and July 1, 1911, for since the past summer the number of births has been considerable. But I cannot give you any figures save to say that in the year between the dates mentioned there was a decrease of ten in the population."

### RICHESON STABS SELF, CONSCIENCE IMPELLED

United Press Service  
BOSTON, Dec. 20.—Rev. Richeson, alleged murderer of Avis Linnell, stabbed himself in the groin in his Boston cell at 2:30 o'clock this morning.

His condition is critical. He has not confessed, and it is believed the act was impelled by conscience.

Physicians say the wound could not have been inflicted by a normal minded man.

### RETRIAL DENIED BY JUDGE KELLY

In the case of Martin vs. Yaden, in which plaintiff got a verdict after a jury trial the motion of E. L. Elliott, attorney for the defendant, asking a new trial on the ground that the jury was not kept to itself in charge of Billie Clarence Morgan, the court was evidently of the opinion that no serious difficulty had presented itself, for Judge Percy R. Kelly has denied the motion.

We have some very desirable 6th street property for sale—Stephens-Hunter Realty Co.

## Forest Assistant At Reservation To Look After Trees And Their Sale

John M. Bedford, wife and child, are registered at the White Pelican, having arrived here last night. Mr. Bedford, who is from Livingston, Mont., is in the Indian service, and comes to take the position of forest assistant on the Klamath reservation, a position paying \$1,500 per year.  
Mr. Bedford and family will leave on Saturday for the reservation, where he will take up his new line of work, reporting to Superintendent Watson of the reservation, who, in turn gives an accounting of government matters to R. G. Valentine, commissioner of Indian affairs at Washington.  
The sending of a forest assistant to

the reservation is looked upon as a consequence of the recent announcement by the department of Indian affairs that government timber is to be sold the coming year, and Mr. Bedford's coming to take hold of the work at the reservation at approximately the first of the new year seems to give assurance that the sales are to be undertaken promptly.

There are approximately 700,000 acres of timber on the reservation, and it will be Mr. Bedford's duty to examine and keep in touch with the condition of same, as well as to look after the sales which the government will conduct later on under the bidding system.

## Order Of Eastern Star Picks Women For Officers For Term Of One Year

When the Order of Eastern Star holds its installation of officers in Masonic hall next Tuesday night jointly with the Blue Lodge and Royal Arch Masons, the following will be ushered into office, being newly elected for the ensuing term of one year:

Worthy matron, Mrs. Minnie Henry; secretary, Mrs. Jessie Momyer; treasurer, Mrs. Ella McMillen; conductress, Mrs. Jessie Mills, associate conductress, Mrs. Lina Martin; chaplain, Mrs. Hettie Moreland; marshal, Mrs. Cora Sanderson; trustees, Mrs. Laura Willits, Mrs. Jennie Reames, Mrs. Minnie Ward; five points of the Eastern Star, Miss Gladys Roberts, Mrs.

Annie Hamilton, Mrs. Ida Fink, Mrs. Christine Murdock, Mrs. Jennie Hurn; warden, Mrs. Louise Humphrey; sentinel, Mrs. Richard Lidyard.  
The installation will be performed by past worthy matron, Mrs. Laura Willits, assisted by Mrs. Cora Sanderson, the retiring worthy matron, and past grand worthy matron, Mrs. Jennie E. Reames, the latter acting as chaplain.  
Mrs. Sanderson requests that the members report at the lodge room at 7 o'clock sharp, Tuesday evening.  
While the ceremonies at the joint installation are not to be public, members of the three Masonic bodies and their families will be welcome.