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OREGON'S APPENDICITIS

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OREGON'S ATTORNEY GENERAL

Is Helping Perpetuate the Old Barnacles.

The battle of corporation politics is again on in Oregon. The railroad commission has begun suit to force Harrison R. Kincaid, secretary of state, to pay them their salaries for the past quarter. The suit is brought before Judge Hewitt, who is supposed to be friendly to the commission, and will issue a writ of mandamus ordering that state official to issue the warrant. This Mr. Kincaid will refuse to do and will appeal to the Supreme court for a decision. This brings the whole matter squarely up for decision. This is not a contest between two sets of commissioners, but whether this commission has any existence or not. According to their own petition in the writ of mandamus, the commission holds continuously. It is not a body elected for two years but for life.

In their petition the commissioners say:

"That successor to the said plaintiff as such commissioner has not been elected by the legislative assembly in joint convention or otherwise, nor has such commissioner ever qualified since the appointment of the plaintiff."

There has been no commissioner elected for the biennial term of 1893 and 1896. There has been none appointed. None has qualified. The question is, can there be any commission under the circumstances. By their own pleadings the railroad commission is dead, but nobody can be found to bury it.

THE OLD GANG

of corporation lawyers, Dolph, Simon, Mallory, Strahan, Moreland, et al., of course including Idelman's law partners on their side, appear for the commission. It is this crowd that has appeared as corporation counsel in all the railroad commission litigation in the past. This same crowd would appear against the commission if it had done its duty by the people of this state, just as they appeared in every case against the old commission composed of Geo. Colvig, Robt. Clow and Hamilton. This gang has manipulated the politics of the state in the past, nominated its candidates, made the laws for the people, took the people's money and will when this is all over, as they have always done, pocket their fees from the big corporations and bring in big bills against the state for defending the commission the people do not want, have never elected and are dying to get rid of.

Attorney-General Idelman is a busy man these days. He hustled over to McMinnville with Col. Jim Eddy of the railroad commission, to get the writ of mandamus in shape and is as proud of his playing lucky for the corporation appendicitis as a boy with a pair of new red-topped boots.

What will the courts do? Of course, the law can be construed to keep the commission or get rid of it. Decisions already made in such cases are to be found on both sides of the subject. The lawyers appearing for the commission could make just as strong a case against it. The best lawyers of the state say the case is so even that they could decide either way. The old method of the corporations has been to not carry a case before a judge not known to be their man. That was what prejudiced the corporations against Judge Lord on the bench. He would not be relied upon as their man. Harrison would have appointed Lord to succeed Judge Deady but the Southern Pacific objected, and Senator Dolph, who had been supporting

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Lord, at once concluded that his hearing was bad. The Southern Pacific wanted Dolph, Simon or one of its reliable men. This railroad commission case is not a legal case at all. It is straight corporation politics and that is all there is to it. Shall the courts confirm the spurious trumped up title to office of the corporation tools backed by the corporation gang that has robbed and hoodled this state since years? That is the only question before the courts. They can stand by the corporation gang as Idelman does or stand by the people and sit down on the useless \$20,000 fraud.

Armenian Revolution.

LONDON, April 18.—A correspondent of the Associated Press writing from Armenia under date of March 17 says: "I have traveled many hundreds of miles in Russia and Persia and have visited Armenian colonies as far east as the Caspian sea and as far south as the city of Teheran, and I have learned, after the most careful investigation, that the Armenian question will soon reach an acute and painful crisis. In fact Armenia is preparing for war. The revolutionary party has now both money and guns.

"The central idea of the plan of campaign is a general uprising of Armenians throughout the Turkish empire some time during the month of May. The leader has promised the people in the eastern part of Armenia that the chief attack will be made in the city of Constantinople itself and the brunt of the fighting will be done by Armenian residents therein. The Armenians have at least 4,000 Martin-Henry rifles hidden in secret places in the mountains.

"For a handful of untrained Armenians to deliberately begin a fight with the 300,000 regular troops at the Turkish empire would seem to be a folly too colossal for human conception; yet the purpose is not to bring Turkey to terms in a fair fight, but to settle the quarrel by the intervention of European powers. Before the revolution is three months old the powers, it is believed, would be compelled to take a hand in the conflict for the cruelty, atrocity, the outrage, the lust and butchery of the struggle will be so unthinkable horrible that Christian humanity will interfere. Armenia, it is then hoped, may get her freedom."

Schulze's Romance.

QUINCY, Ill., April 18.—The actress, Marie Wainwright says she has received no letter from Paul Schulze, and if she had she would consider it her own private property and not give it out for publication. A dispatch from Tacoma says the night before his death, Paul Schulze of Tacoma, is said to have written a letter to the actress, addressed New York. It is supposed he told her the reason for his suicide.

The recent collapse of the handsome actress's divorce against her husband, Louis James, the well known tragedian, adds a tinge of romance to the whole affair.

French Anarchists.

PARIS, April 18.—Petit Journal, today, says it has good authority that the state police department are investigating an anarchist plot to assassinate President Felix Faure during the fetes in Havre, in honor of his visit to his electoral. The president arrived there safely today.

A Faithful Editor.

CHICAGO, April 18.—The funeral services of the late James W. Scott, proprietor of the Chicago Evening Post and Times Herald, were held at St. James Episcopal church, at 11 o'clock today. The funeral was one of the largest ever held in Chicago. Vice President Stevenson was present.

Takes No Chances.

BERLIN, April 18.—A dispatch from Tokyo says that in addition to places mentioned in previous dispatches, the Japanese are to retain possession of Wei-Hai-Wei as guarantee of payment of the war indemnity.

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THE OREGON CENTRAL

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CORVALLIS, April 18.—"The Oregon Pacific," a synonym of litigation, poverty and distress is nothing more. Built by the Hoggs; litigated six years; sold or attempted to be sold by the sheriff eight or nine times; encumbered with a \$15,000,000 bonded indebtedness, over \$1,000,000 of receiver's indebtedness. Finally bought by Bonner & Hammond for \$100,000. Litigation now on appeal.

And now after all this career of crookedness, the O. P. is no more, having last week been absorbed by the Oregon Central and Eastern, and the property turned over to the new company by Mr. Hammond in this city several days ago. This property has been known as the Oregon Pacific ever since 1880, at which time it was changed from the Willamette Valley and Coast railroad company.

Under the new regime A. B. Hammond is president; Edwin Stone, vice president and Charles Clark, treasurer. Mr. Stone also becomes the manager, and Mr. Clark the superintendent.

Should the appeal now pending sustain Judge Fullerton's sale of the property, it is given out authoritatively that the road will be greatly improved and extended eastward at once. Western Benton and Lincoln counties are more interested in this enterprise than any other section of the state, but the entire Willamette valley's immediate prosperity largely depends upon the favorable operation of this property. The people are willing to sacrifice their many hard earned dollars already consumed in mismanagement, wasteful extravagance, and its sad history extending over 15 years, if they can now have the great advantage promised by the Oregon Central & Eastern.

The Church Murder.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 18.—Interest in the Emanuel church murders is still intense and the progress of the coroner's inquest is closely watched for exciting developments. The strong sentiment against Durant seems to be undergoing a reaction and the number of people who assert a belief in his innocence is on the increase. Durant does not act like a guilty man. His demeanor is more that of a man who is perfectly confident his innocence of the awful crimes will be certainly proved when the proper time comes. If he is a reviler and murderer he is certainly possessed of wonderful nerve.

The feeling in the neighborhood of Emanuel Baptist church has not been changed. On the contrary, it is growing in intensity, and threats are openly made to tear down or burn down the church. These threats have become so general that the police are taking special precautions to guard the property. Persons residing in the vicinity of the church are in a state of alarm, and several contemplate moving. It is not believed that serious will ever again be held in the church.

Durant complains bitterly that Pastor Gibson has not called to see him. He said:

"Is it not strange that a minister of the gospel, who would naturally be expected to be the first to call on one in my position, has studiously held himself aloof? I cannot understand his conduct. The police are sending all their energies to convict me, and they are entirely overlooking the fact that Dr. Gibson was the last one in the church last Saturday before the body of Minnie Williams had been discovered. I had a good start of the police and if I had been so inclined I could easily have got away out of the state before they knew of the murder. Does my conduct look like that of a guilty man?"

THE GREAT OIL BUBBLE

Did Not Burst But Rose a Little Higher.

STANDARD WORKS THE CORNER.

Speculators Gaining Increasing Confidence.

PITTSBURG, April 18.—Oil opens at \$2.25 and the first sale at \$2.40, 28 points above yesterday's closing. It sold down to \$2.37, and at 10:30 was quoted \$2.41 bid. The Standard again raised the price this morning, but it was only 10 cents. It now stands \$2.60 and for the first time since the boom struck the market the exchange price is below the standards.

LATER.
From 11:30 until noon the market was quite active and it nearly recovered from a big break yesterday. The highest point reached was \$2.57, lowest \$2.35. At noon it was quoted \$2.55 bid. Speculators are getting over their scare of yesterday and gaining confidence.

Family Row.

ROSEBURG, Or., April 18.—Frank Newland, a young man, shot his cousin, Alexander McCulloch, a middle-aged man, through the back part of the neck near Ollala, 17 miles west of Roseburg. It seems Newland's folks received pay for some lumber, which McCulloch went to their place for. The lumber was not there, and Newland and McCulloch got into a row, Newland striking McCulloch in the face. This morning, when Frank and his older brother were passing McCulloch's ranch in a wagon, McCulloch stopped them. When the Newlands got out, six or seven of the McCullochs, men and women, assaulted the Newlands with clubs and rocks, and set the dog on Frank, who was bitten in the leg, and also cut in the head with a rock. Frank then drew a pistol and shot Alexander in the back of the neck, wounding him, but not dangerously. The Newlands came to town and Frank gave himself up and was placed under \$500 bail by Justice Hamlin for his appearance Friday.

Eloped.
SAN FRANCISCO, April 18.—The statement is published here that Mrs. Ella Forsythe, the young woman who disappeared April 5, and was supposed to have been drowned by her husband, and was thought by others to have been a victim of the Emanuel church murderer, in reality, eloped with John Emery and went with him to San Jose.

A Humorous Fact.
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PRISONER CHEERFUL.
Eugene Durant was very cheerful this morning and greeted everyone with a smile and pleasant words. The reason for this change in the accused man is probably caused by the belief that the police have exhausted every mine for information against him. The searching of the church is completed and no further evidence has been brought to light.

Caught in a Belt.
OREGON CITY, April 18.—Samuel Dillman, a helper at one of the machines in the Willamette paper mills, was caught in a belt and his left arm was so shattered that amputation was necessary. The operation was performed at the Gladstone hospital. The young man came here from Stockton, Cal., only two months ago. Aged parents depend upon him for support.

THE MARKETS.

PORTLAND, April 18.—Wheat Valley 80; Walls Walls 45.
SAN FRANCISCO, April 18.—Wheat, 67; Chicago, April 18.—Wheat, cash, 67; May 67 1/2 @ 67 1/2.
NEW YORK, April 18.—Silver 67; Lead, \$2.56.

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