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WOMAN OFFICE HOLDER MAKES RECORD WILL BOOST FOR NESMITH COUNTY IN THE SENATE TONIGHT

IDAHO WOMAN STOPS ATTEMPTED GRAFT OF MINING LANDS

INSISTS ON A REPORT AND THOROUGH INVESTIGATION

[United Press Leased Wire.]
Boise, Idaho, Jan. 28.—Miss Belle Chamberlain, superintendent of public instruction, has demanded an investigation of the secret vote that was taken by the state land board in granting to George W. Thompson, of Lewiston, a lease upon 8000 acres of rich mineral land in Nez Perce county for a period of 50 years. The state will get a royalty of 15 cents per ton for all ore mined on the property.

Miss Chamberlain was the only member of the board that voted against the grant. She insisted that a searching investigation should be made before the proposition was voted on. Governor Brady, Secretary of State Lansdon and Attorney-General McDougal favored the grant. Lansdon today admitted that the state mine inspector was not asked to make a report on the proposition, and none was submitted to him. There is no application by Thompson on file in the office of the registrar.

CUBA AGAIN HAS HER OWN GOVERNMENT

[United Press Leased Wire.]
Havana, Cuba, Jan. 28.—The lone star of the Cuban republic on a field of blue with red and white bars, fluttered today from the palace Del Presidente as the flag of a free nation, when Governor Magoon formally surrendered American control of the island to President Gomez, whose inauguration followed Magoon's withdrawal.

The ceremonies attending the transfer of the governing power took place in the red room of the palace before a hundred guests representing a dozen countries.

Although five military parades

were held during the day and fireworks set off at night, the inauguration lacked the spectacular features that marked the inauguration of President E. Estrada Palma. The ceremony also marked the birthday anniversary of Jose Marti, the instigator of the last revolution against Spain. The celebration will last until Sunday night.

American troops did not parade because of a desire on the part of the American officials to avoid any suggestion of American control. Governor Magoon during the day prepared to leave the island when the Maine and Mississippi depart.

NESMITH GOT BIG BOOST LAST NIGHT

COTTAGE GROVE SENT A TRAINFUL TO SALEM

The birth-pangs of a new county coming into existence always causes pain. The separation of old ties, the bringing into life of a new organism, the attendance of the political acrobats, is attended by commotion and flow of oratory. A trainload of sturdy Cottage Grove boosters came to Salem yesterday, wearing red badges, labelled "Nesmith County."

Hearing was had in a large room in the basement of the Capitol, where ex-Senator Veatch made an eloquent appeal for the bill before the committee on counties. He was ably seconded by Col. A. B. Wood and others. The 175 men with red ribbons cheered them on. Tonight the Nesmith county boom goes before the Senate.

LOBBYISTS TO BE EXPELLED FROM HOUSE MEMBERS TO BE PROTECTED AGAINST UNDUE INFLUENCE

There are many ways of getting new grafts, but the latest is by the new route of protecting members against the lobby. The legal limit for clerks and employees has already been exceeded, but a resolution today invented a new device. It provides an assistant door-keeper at \$4 a day, to see that no courtesies are extended to any but members. "The one man who is entitled to courtesy is not the ex-member, the ex-state official, but the private citizen, who has had no honors," said Premier

Campbell. McKinney for the majority on resolutions said the committee was looking ahead to the struggle when the insurance bill, the irrigation bill, the fisheries bill, and other important measures, back of which were large interests, that could only be curbed by a vigilant assistant door-keeper. No lady lobbyists are to be excluded because no officer has the nerve to put them out. Those who opposed another official were only 21.

Those wanting protection against lobbyists prevailed.

WARD TAKES BLAME OF CANAL ENGINEERING

[United Press Leased Wire.]
New York, Jan. 28.—A new turn to the controversy between the President and certain Eastern newspapers over the alleged libelling of the Roosevelt administration in connection with the purchase of the Panama canal, was given today when Randolph G. Ward, a consulting engineer, assumed full responsibility for the engineering operations in the canal zone.

Ward, in a statement to the press today exonerated William Nelson Cromwell, the rich attorney who represented the French Panama Canal Company during the purchase negotiations, and Charles P. Taft, brother of the President-elect, from complicity in the Panama railroad project.

Ward declared that he alone was responsible for the enterprise. He challenged Representative Henry T. Rainey, of Illinois to submit him a fairer or more effectual way for developing the canal territory. Rainey recently attacked the administration and Senator Lodge on the floor of the house in connection with the pending controversy.

MAYOR CALLS HARRIMAN "A GRUNTING ENIGMA"

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 28.—That E. H. Harriman, the railroad Colossus, is a "grunting enigma" is the opinion of Mayor Maddox, of this city, today. The mayor described his recent trip through Atlanta with Harriman, and said that the railroad man answered all of his questions only by grunting once or twice, "like an Indian." Only once or twice during the day did Harriman evince a sense of humor, declared his critic.

When Harriman was shown the state capitol, and was told that it had been built for less than the million dollars appropriated, Maddox declared that the magnate removed his hat with mock solemnity, and bowed to the state building, saying: "I take off my hat to a graftless capitol."

SENATOR NELSON JOLTS PRESIDENT

[United Press Leased Wire.]
Washington, Jan. 28.—Recommending the rejection of a bill proposed by the civic federation for an amendment to the Sherman anti-trust law, the senate committee on commerce today, through a report by Senator Nelson, of Minnesota, casts apparent contempt on the legal ability of the advisers of the federation and also of President Roosevelt who urged the adoption of the measure.

FIRE IN SUTRO TUNNEL KNOCKS STOCK MARKET

[United Press Leased Wire.]
San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 28.—A small panic was created this morning on the Bush Street Exchange, by the news received early in the morning that the Sutro tunnel, one of the longest mining tunnels in the world, extending for many miles underground and connecting the shafts of the principal mines on the Comstock lode, was on fire. Later advice received at 10 o'clock stated that all danger was past. The fact that the fire was of such short duration is generally taken as an indication that the damage was small. However, with the opening of the Comstock call at the regular session of the mining exchange there was a mad scramble on the part of the brokers to sell. The market sagged tremendously and many of the quotations were cut in two and the big leaders lost heavily.

The last telegram follows: "Sutro tunnel burned from North Lateral to Combination connecting drift. Shaft and drift not damaged. All danger passed."

MINE WORKERS TO HAVE A LIVELY

[United Press Leased Wire.]
Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 28.—President Lewis of the Mine Workers, announced at the convention today that the report of the election of officers will be announced on Saturday, which means that the "fireworks" promised as the result of Walker's ambition to succeed Lewis, will commence at that time it has been predicted by some of the leaders that Lewis will take the most vigorous action regarding the allegations of corruption against him and will demand that the charges be proved or Walker be disciplined.

The movement to establish a labor party for the purpose of supporting only labor men was defeated today. The Socialists opposed the proposition and are responsible for its defeat.

The conservatives in the convention favored Mitchell's plan of supporting candidates who are favorable to all labor legislation.

WILSON STILL HOLDS DOWN HIS LITTLE JOB

[United Press Leased Wire.]
Washington, Jan. 28.—It was learned from an excellent source today that James Wilson has accepted the position of secretary of agriculture under Taft.

ALTERATION SALE

COST CUTS NO FIGURE

There is no use in you trying to beat our prices, as we are not looking for profits now. It is a matter of disposing of the goods and getting the shelves cleared before we start tearing out. Come to our store and see the crowds. The people know values and appreciate what we are doing and the wonderful bargains we are giving. The following prices are only a few samples of how we are now selling our goods:

Beautiful 7½c Persian chilies in a grand variety of dainty patterns. Now, yard, only.....4c

35c wash India silks in all the best evening shades; also in staple dark colors. Yard.....19c

75c new dress and waisting silks in all the latest shades. Fine for evening dresses or street wear. Yard, only.....35c

Sheets, white bedspreads and sheetings at less than mill prices. Ladies' \$2.00 white linen tailored waists, handsomely tucked and plaited; also trimmed with pearl buttons. Only.....98c

White pearl buttons; only.....2½c

100-yard best Standard machine spool silk; Now only.....4c

Ladies' \$18.00 suits made of the latest materials, long coat, silk lined and the new sheath skirt. These suits are world-beaters, for only.....\$9.50

Fine Wool Dress Goods, this season's latest. Now only, yd.....25c

85c fine imported wool dress goods in plain and fancy colors, this season's best and newest goods. Yard, only.....49c

Ladies' dress skirts, 95c and \$2.50 that were up to \$4.50 and \$6.00 each.

DRESS GINGHAMS, the grandest assortment that was ever seen in Salem. They just arrived and are now in our way. Out they must go. Come and get our prices.

Ladies' \$2.00 Vici, Blucher patent tip, heavy sole shoes. Now only, pair.....\$1.49

77c good heavy double blankets now in the way. Only, pair 39c

CHICAGO STORE
PEOPLES BARGAIN HOUSE

CHINESE EMPEROR REPORTED DEAD

[United Press Leased Wire.]
Tokio Jan. 28.—Reports received here through private sources from Peking say that the Chinese boy emperor, Pu Yi, is dead. It is known that he has been ill, and it has been reported that he has been suffering from confluent smallpox.

The rumor of the death of the Chinese emperor has gained wide circulation, and is not given much credence here. It is impossible to obtain a confirmation of a convincing denial of the report from the Chinese officials at Peking.

It is customary for the Chinese to keep secret the death of the emperor until those about him have arranged their plans, and for this reason it is not surprising that the rumor cannot be confirmed.

Pu Yi was but six years old when he became emperor last fall. He was a frail child all his life, and it is said that after the death of the dowager and the emperor, Qwang Su, in spite of his extreme youth, he was worried by the accidents, and seemed to realize the burden that had fallen to him.

It is feared that other members of the royal household may be afflicted with the smallpox, and for this reason the most extraordinary measures of secrecy are being maintained.

LAWMAKER ALSO A LAW BREAKER

[United Press Leased Wire.]
Boise, Idaho, Jan. 28.—Edward L. Holtzheimer, member of the Idaho

house of representatives, and a prominent citizen of Pocatello, is being sought by an officer, who holds a warrant for his arrest on a charge of forgery.

The warrant charges that by means of numerous forgeries he obtained several thousand dollars. Holtzheimer attended yesterday morning's session of the legislature, but was not present in the afternoon. When he was told that a warrant had been issued it is supposed that he boarded an electric car for Caldwell, and from that city went East.

DIVORCE IN IDAHO NO LONGER EASY

[United Press Leased Wire.]
Boise, Idaho, Jan. 28.—Idaho will cease to be a Mecca for persons seeking hasty divorces, if a bill introduced in the legislature becomes a law. The measure extends the period of residence before a decree can be granted from six to eighteen months. Since the revision in the South Dakota laws were made Idaho has been considered the easiest state in which to get a divorce. Hence the influx of divorce seekers has been great of late.

STEPHENSON IS SHY ONLY ONE LITTLE VOTE

[United Press Leased Wire.]
Madison, Wis., Jan. 28.—Senator Isaac Stephenson was short one vote today at the joint session of the legislature in his fight for re-election to the United States senate. After the first ballot the anti-Stephenson men forced an adjournment.