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## HOTEL MEN ALREADY IN THE FIGHT

Will the Voters of Oregon Be  
Called Upon to Vote on the  
Question of Prohibition?

NOW HAVE 25,000 SIGNERS

The Petitions Protesting Against  
the Calling of an Election on  
Prohibition Question Being Circu-  
lated by the Hotel Men Being  
Readily Signed.

With what is termed as the "hotel men" already in the field with a petition protesting against the calling of an election under the initiative law on the question of state-wide prohibition; and the prohibitionists laying a foundation for the calling of such an election and the liquor men on the alert and ready to launch an opposition campaign against such an election should the prohibitionists be successful in calling it, it begins to look as though the voters of Oregon this fall will be given the opportunity of saying by their ballots whether or not the state of Oregon shall be "wet" or "dry."

**Twenty-five Thousand Signers.**  
The petition protesting against the calling of an election on the prohibition question in the state and which is being circulated by the hotel men is being readily signed everywhere. It now has approximately 25,000 signers and the circulators expect to double that number in a comparative short time. The petition sets forth in brief way that the signers believe in the regulation of the liquor traffic by sound and sensible legislation and protests against state wide prohibition on the ground that it would not serve the best interests and general welfare of the state. Beyond a poll of the sentiment of the voters of the state on the question the petition can, it would seem, serve no purpose, because even though filed with the state official upon whom would devolve the duty of calling an election should the prohibitionists make the showing required by law, it would be ineffectual.

**Prohibitionists Laying Foundation.**  
That the prohibitionists are laying a foundation for a campaign at the next election on the question of state-wide prohibition is certain, but so far if any petitions have been circulated for the purpose of securing the necessary number of signers for calling an election under the initiative law it has been among the dry element, and the work has been of a secret character. It is the belief of those conversant with the situation that as soon as the prohibitionists have completed their preliminary preparations that the work of circulating such a petition will be taken up in earnest and that no stone will be left unturned in securing the necessary eight per cent of the voters required by the law as signers of the petition. Should the prohibitionists secure the necessary number of signers and be successful in calling the election they would undoubtedly follow out the plan heretofore pursued in other states where they have waged campaigns—that of importing speakers and lecturers and making use of every other weapon in order to carry the election at the polls.

**Liquor Men Waiting.**  
While the liquor men are alert to the situation they have so far made no preparations looking to contesting the campaign which it is anticipated will be launched soon by the prohibitionists. So far they are occupying a waiting attitude—watching developments along the prohibition line—but as soon as they appear on the horizon they will no doubt launch forth with an opposition campaign, and it will then be a

## SENATOR TILLMAN STILL IMPROVING

Washington, D. C., Feb. 22.—A bulletin indicating that Senator Ben Tillman is experiencing the best day since he was stricken with paralysis was issued this afternoon by Dr. Tickford. The bulletin read: "The patient's condition is very favorable. Paralysis and aphasia are disappearing unusually fast. Barring unforeseen complications, the danger is over."

## SWORE HE TESTIFIED FALSELY

Boise, Ida., Feb. 22.—Clarence W. Robnett, principal witness for the government in the trial of Wm. F. Kettenbach, Geo. Kestner and William Dwyer on the charge of conspiracy to defraud the government, was excused from the witness stand today after a grilling cross-examination by Attorney Tannehill of the defense.

Robnett stuck closely to his story and his testimony was not shaken. He admitted that at the former trial at Moscow he testified to having no knowledge of timber transactions, but said he testified falsely at that time.

## Will Oppose the Liberals.

London, Feb. 22.—The forty parliamentary members of the Labor party today joined with the Nationalists in opposing the Liberals and the program outlined by Premier Asquith.

Speaking for the party, George N. Barnes, the Laborite leader in parliament, declared on the floor of the house that the Laborites would demand a limitation of the House of Lords and the taking up of the veto bill before the consideration of the budget.

Barnes spoke for Irish home rule and opposed an increase in naval expenditure.

## WILL START SUNDAY

Evangelist Taylor Informs  
Committee That He Will Be  
Ready to Start Feb. 27.

Evangelist George Weston Taylor, who is to have charge of the great Union Revival meeting, has notified the Committee of the Ministerial Association that he will be here to take charge of the meeting at the University Tabernacle next Sunday evening, February 27. A number of men are at work getting the building in order and the seating arrangements in shape. The building will be lighted by electricity, and heating arrangements are being planned that will make the building comfortable.

This evening, at the First Congregational church, there will be a union prayer-meeting, under the leadership of Rev. W. H. Selleck, of the First M. E. church. This is a change from the first announcement, and the meeting tomorrow evening will be at the First Christian church and will be under the leadership of Rev. F. H. Neff.

## IDAHO TOWN BURNS

Spokane, Wn., Feb. 22.—Starting in a meat shop, fire destroyed a large part of the business district of Priest River, Idaho today, inflicting an estimated loss of \$75,000. A special train was sent from Newport to enforce the fire fighters.

fight to the end between the two and it is predicted by those conversant with the situation that the contest will be a close one.

## STATE TROOPS CHARGED MOB NUMBERING 25,000

Scores of Rioters Beaten by Police in Great Riot in Which  
Shots Are Exchanged and Two Women Reported Injured.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]  
Philadelphia, Feb. 22.—State troops for the first time in the present strike of the street car employees participated in a clash between union sympathizers and strike breakers this afternoon.

A number of cars, stalled in the vicinity of the Baldwin locomotive works, were attacked by a mob. Police and special policemen were swept aside by the crowd which endeavored to reach the non-union crews aboard the cars.

A company of State Fencibles,

called out to do police duty, charged the mob with fixed bayonets. The attackers stood their ground until the soldiers were almost upon them when they broke and ran for safety.

Scores of rioters were beaten by police in a great riot this afternoon in front of the postoffice building. The police and rioters exchanged revolver shots and two women were reported injured. The police used clubs and revolvers in an effort to disperse a mob numbering some 25,000 which attempted to wreck street cars.

## NELSON AND WOLGAST IN RING

Betting at the Ringside Two to One in Favor of Nelson, and  
Even Money That Wolgast Will Stay for Twenty-Five  
Rounds.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]  
Ringside, Port Richmond, Cal., Feb. 22.—Under a leaden sky and in a steady drizzle-driving cold wind from the bay, Battling Nelson and Ad. Wolgast fought this afternoon for the championship of the world.

The miserable weather was the final chagrin in the final chapter in the book of hard luck that has been hovering around the match since its conception by Sid Hester, but, despite the unfavorable weather conditions, the mob that turned out was greater than the most sanguine could have expected on a rainy day. At 1 o'clock the bleachers were practically filled, and the main floor seats were being taken up. The thousands that poured out of the cars from all points were too much for the official luminaries of the village, and, as a consequence the streets, ankle deep in mud, were jammed with shivering hungry throngs. The feeding and lubricating facilities of the place were far from being adequate, and many an empty stomach and parched throat was tuned up around

the ring. Shortly before the preliminary fighters entered the ring the drizzle grew heavier. The sun tried hard to come from behind the gray clouds, and appeared for a moment, only to again disappear.

It is reported that considerable money has been placed at odds of 10 to 7 that Nelson wins the fight, and at even money that Wolgast will stay with the Dane 25 rounds.

The sun again shone forth a few minutes later, and the crowd set up a lusty cheer. Roping and padding of the ring was deferred until the last moment, and long before the moving picture men were ready to photograph the crowd the work was still uncompleted. The earlier betting at the ringside changed, making Nelson the favorite at 2 to 1, and even money that Wolgast would stay 25 rounds.

At the last moment the scheduled six round preliminary between Dougherty and Abel was called off.

Owing to a mix-up in the instructions the fighters did not enter the ring until 2:45.

## WILL IGNORE THE HAT PIN

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]  
San Francisco, Feb. 22.—A letter from a long suffering citizen to the board of supervisors, complaining of the deadly hat pin used by the fair ones to "batten down their lids" failed to arouse a responsive feeling in the breasts of the city fathers. Not that the city fathers secretly

do not sympathize with the writer, who complains that his ear was impaled by a spike protruding from a lady's hat. If they dared, they would legislate against the favorite weapon of women. But they do not dare.

Recently the supervisors decided that smoking should be permitted in the street cars here. After sessions with the wives, daughters and delegations from women's clubs, the supervisors decided that they were not so insistent for the repeal of the anti-smoking ordinance. Profiting by that experience, the board has concluded to officially ignore the hat pin.

## Oh, Trader

In your hour of E E E,  
If on this paper you should C C C  
Take my advice and now do Y Y Y,  
Go straight away and advert I I I,  
You'll find the project of good U U U,  
Neglect can offer no ex Q Q Q  
Be Y Y Y at once, prolong your d A A A,  
A silent business soon d K K K.

—London Express.

### The Capital Journal Brings Results

## NEW STRIKE MADE IN SLATE CREEK

Fairbanks, Alaska, Feb. 22.—The Iditarod fever has broken into flames again today, with the arrival of late reports from reliable prospectors at the new strike has been made in Slate creek, where pay dirt extending along the creek for seven miles has been found. The width of the pay streak is understood. Preparations say the dirt is running from \$2 to \$5 per square foot. The pay dirt is covered with a layer of soil about a foot thick.

## DISCUSSES THE WATER PROBLEM

Mayor Rodgers Tells What is  
Being Done Toward Mountain  
Water.

## COMMITTEES ARE AT WORK

Plant of Salem Water Being Checked  
Over With a View of Arriving  
at Some Reasonable Valuation for  
Its Purchase.

"The committee of the council is holding frequent sessions, both independent and in conjunction with the officials of the Salem Water company, with the view of arriving at some reasonable valuation with respect to the proposed purchase of its plant, so that when the project is submitted to the people the public may feel assured that the whole matter has been thoroughly checked over," said Mayor Rodgers this morning when interviewed by a representative of the Capital Journal with relation to the negotiations being made as to the purchase of the water plant, and also the work being done in the furtherance of securing a system of mountain water for the city.

Continuing, he said: "Pipe experts from the outside have been called in and the functional depreciation of the underground pipes have been gone over and every possible phase of the situation is being carefully dealt with. This is a large labor and the committee will probably require some weeks before it is ready to make a final report."

## Concerning Mountain Water.

"Now as to the mountain water system. Approximate levels have been made of streams adjacent to the city, so that when the consulting engineer goes into the field as soon as the snow is off the ground, he may be in a position to figure whether it is possible to combine several streams into one main, or whether it shall be best to take all the water from one source. The consulting engineer will check over carefully all the work heretofore done in the field and upon his judgment the matter will be submitted to the people."

## FRANCIS DON'T WANT KING GEORGE TO LEAVE

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]  
Vienna, Feb. 22.—Emperor Francis Joseph today ordered the Austrian minister at Athens to urge King George of Greece not to abdicate. The emperor fears the downfall of the present dynasty and a period of anarchy in Greece as the result of the internal difficulties caused by the army-navy embroglio. Bulgaria is massing her troops along the frontier. This move is believed to mean that she may attempt to seize Macedonia in the event of trouble in Greece. In this event Turkey might also become involved.

## Hamilton Goes to Pen.

Olympia, Wash., Feb. 22.—Ortis Hamilton, convicted adjutant general of Washington, is ready today for his trip to the state penitentiary at Walla Walla. He may be taken tonight. The \$5 fee which the state demanded of Hamilton literally for the privilege of going to prison, has been paid, but all parties concerned refuse to state who advanced it. Hamilton's appeal was dismissed last night following the payment of the money.

## Representative Perkins Dying.

Washington, Feb. 22.—Representatives James B. Perkins, of New York, is sinking today and slight hopes for his recovery are held by his physicians. It is believed that the patient cannot survive more than 24 hours.

Congressman Perkins is suffering from inflammation of the bladder.

## WEATHER IS A PUZZLER TO OLD TIMERS

"Ther wust weather we ever had." "This ain't Oregon no more," and many other similar statements could be overheard on the Salem streets this morning coming from the old folks. The Oregonian looked at the sky with a vengeful eye; the Californian tramped through the "Beautiful White" with disgust and homesickness marked on his face, while the Easterner whistled, "Home ain't nothin' like this" without a shiver, but apparently very thankful that he was not in an argument with a 90-mile-an-hour blizzard with the mercury traveling down the glass ladder two degrees at a jump.

The weather forecasters may live, drink and eat another day. Their prediction of last night came true to the minutes, although the exceptionally cold wave has not yet arrived and from the actions of the weather glass, the climate in this vicinity shows a tendency to settle back to the natural old Oregon kind. Snow did not come until shortly before 5 o'clock this morning, but during the early part of the morning rain fell. Later however, the thermometer dropped to 28 degrees above and snow fell a great portion of the day.

## CALIFORNIAN HONORED BY EMPEROR WILLIAM

Berlin, Feb. 22.—Benjamin Ide Wheeler, president of the University of California, has been signally honored by Emperor William whose invitation to the American professor to join him in a pleasure cruise in the North Sea is being conveyed to Wheeler today. The Kaiser's invitation also has been extended to Prof. G. F. Moore, exchange editor at the University of Berlin.

Although no announcement of plans has been made by the professors, it is understood that they will not be able to accept the invitation as both have already planned to leave Berlin before the departure of the Kaiser's vessel.

According to present plans, the Kaiser will leave Bremen on the North German Lloyd steamship Kaiser Wilhelm II on March 7. He will be accompanied by nearly a score of high officials of the German army and navy.

## JEFFRIES FAVORITE AT 10 TO 7

New York, Feb. 22.—Odds on the coming Jeffries-Johnson fight were established temporarily today, when several wagers were laid here making Jeffries favorite at 10 to 7. There was little Johnson money in sight. The fact that betting has begun so early is taken to indicate that wagering will be unusually brisk as the day of the big mill approaches. There is said to be much Johnson money in New York, but the admirers of the big black are holding off on the belief that the odds will be more attractive before the men enter the ring next July.