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## GOVERNOR TAKES BIT IN HIS TEETH TAKES CHARGE OF THE PENITENTIARY

### SUPERINTENDENT JAMES IS DISCHARGED--GOVERNOR WILL NAME ALL EMPLOYEES

Others Slated for Decapitation, as the Governor Purposes Putting the Institution on a Business Basis, and Where There is Nothing to Do There Will Be No Soft Places, as No Salaries Will Be Paid Except to Those Who Earn Them--Governor Not Yet Ready to Announce, But Insists They Will Be Made.

Refusing to abide by an offer made by Superintendent James, of the penitentiary to co-operate with him in keeping the institution within the appropriation made for it, by continuing in office of superintendent without salary, provided the governor would have all the other employes do the same, Governor West this morning officially fired him.

He has named in his stead Warden Curtis as acting superintendent, and directed James to turn the institution over to him. He declares that, under the law, it is not necessary for the institution to have a superintendent at its head, and that he will appoint none.

Simultaneously with the firing of James he also announced that he would wield the ax with freedom upon other employes of the penitentiary. He declared his plan had not matured far enough for him to give any names, but that they would be forthcoming soon. He declared that he intends to bring the institution down to a business-like basis, and that he, alone, would say who should remain or go.

James' offer was made to the gov-

ernor Friday. He demurred against the leave of absence, and stated that he would be willing to serve as superintendent without pay, provided that other employes were made to do so, but the governor made up his mind he saw things in a different light, and after calling Curtis to his office this morning, notified James that he was discharged.

"Why, the others have nothing to do with the management of the institutions. Their positions are a mere matter of bread and butter," asserted the governor, when asked why he did not accept the offer. "Then, in addition, it is not necessary they should work without wages to keep the institution within its appropriations. I have the appointive power of that institution, and I am going to say who shall remain and who shall go."

All kinds of inquiries failed to disclose as on whom the gilded axe would fall at the penitentiary, but it is possible that Tom Wilson, who is a son-in-law of James, and a clerk, will go. It is also possible that the assistant warden will go, and, with West in his present mood of applying the pruning knife, God and West alone know where the end will be.

## RECALL OF CAMERON IS HELD UP

SUIT BROUGHT SATURDAY AND SECRETARY IS TEMPORARILY ENJOINED FROM CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION ON RECALL OF MULTNOMAH DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

A suit was filed in the circuit court Saturday by M. J. Clohesy, Sam McCarty and William Gadsby against Ben W. Olcott, secretary of state, in which an injunction is sought enjoining him from calling a special election in the fourth judicial district, comprising Multnomah county, to recall George J. Cameron, district attorney of that district. In the absence of Judge Galloway, County Judge W. M. Bushy issued the temporary injunction prayed for in the complaint. Summons of the complainants was served by the sheriff on the secretary of state Saturday, and notice of the temporary injunction was served on him this morning at the beginning of business, at 8 o'clock.

In the complaint it is alleged that the special election would cost about \$15,000, for which there is no authority of law. It is also alleged that there is no authority of law for calling the special election, claiming by that, that the law on recall is unconstitutional, and, therefore, void. It is also alleged that the reasons stated in the recall petition are uncertain and are, therefore, insufficient to warrant the state in calling such an election.

The temporary injunction granted Saturday is sufficient to hold off the calling of the election until the cause is fully heard, and the case determined by the circuit court.

The National Guard armory, just completed at Woodburn, will be dedicated next Saturday. Governor West will be there.

As long as some men can borrow an umbrella they will never attempt to lay up anything for a rainy day.

## SETTLED A DIFFERENCE OF OPINION

Saturday evening an altercation occurred on Commercial street between Perry and State that attracted considerable of a crowd. A discussion arose between an Irishman and Thomas King, an I. W. W., in which the latter tried to convince the son of the emerald isle that he should be an I. W. W. The arguments became quite heated and a god many remarks not complimentary to the other and which would not do for a Sunday school convention, were passed back and forth until the Irishman declared with much vehemence that his opponent could not make an I. W. W. out of him even if he used a mattock handle. They came to blows but it is not recorded whether the ranks of the organization were increased or whether he gave it up as a bad job. From the looks of King at the close of the first round, we assume that he won second money and that he "won't work" for some time at least.

### BAD TRAIN WRECK AT CLE ELUM TODAY

[UNITED PRESS LEARNED WIRE.] Cle Elum, Wash., May 6.—While passenger train No. 17 of the Milwaukee road was coming into the Cle Elum yards at 9 o'clock this morning it ran into an open switch, colliding head-on with a locomotive which had just arrived in the yards. The engine and two express cars of the train were overturned and Fireman Jordan was pinned under the wreck and killed. Engineer Johnson was severely injured.

### Weather Forecast.

Salem and vicinity: Fair to night. Tuesday fair and warmer. Northerly winds.

### All Heard La Follette.

Hanford, Cal., May 6.—Business was practically suspended and school children given a day off here today to listen to an address by Senator Robert M. La Follette, progressive Republican candidate for the presidential nomination. The speaker was introduced by Mayor Coe and was enthusiastically received. Senator La Follette's speech was practically a repetition of that delivered at Stockton Saturday.

### Having a Real Fight.

Monterey, Mex., May 6.—Battle between the main armies of the federals and rebels, under Generals Huerta and Orozco, began this morning at Bermejillo, near Torreon, with 8000 men fighting on each side, according to an unconfirmed report received here today. Advice received from General Trevino today state that the federals routed in a battle between 1800 rebels and federals near Cuatro Ciénegas, Coahuila. The official report says that the federals fought until their ammunition was exhausted.

### DEMOCRATS HOLD STATE CONVENTION

MEET AT WALLA WALLA TODAY--STATE IS IN DOUBT AS BETWEEN WILSON AND CLARK NEITHER HAVING A MAJORITY.

[UNITED PRESS LEARNED WIRE.] Convention Hall, Walla Walla, Wash., May 6.—Pierce county, with her 53 delegates, controls the situation at the Democratic state convention which opened here today. It is a close contest between Clark and Woodrow Wilson.

The convention was opened by Charles G. Helfner at the Grand theater. Mayor George F. Cotterill, of Seattle, chairman of the King county primary delegates, arrived this morning. Wilson controls more counties than Clark, and his supporters are practically sure of seating the King county primary delegation which was contested. But even with those delegates seated and the Bryan delegates lined up behind him, Wilson musters at best 348, lacking 12 to control the convention, which is made up of 719 delegates.

Pierce county's delegation is unopposed but will vote as a unit. The Clark followers confidently claim it. Wilson and Bryan had solid delegations from Clallam, Clatsop, Douglas, Ferry, Grant, Island, Jefferson, Okanogan, San Juan, Snohomish, Stevens and Whatcom counties, with a total vote of 160.

Wilson controls four divided delegations to the Democratic convention, and Clark seven. Six counties are doubtful, and about these the storm centers. There is much talk of a stampede by Wilsonites to Bryan.

C. C. Dill was made temporary chairman by the state central committee today, and the appointment will probably be made permanent. The Clark delegates from Yakima are planning a stampede for their man, and propose to help it along by introducing a live "houn dawg," which, they say, is the homeliest and orniest dog on earth.

Snohomish delegates plan to introduce a resolution endorsing what Taft says about Roosevelt, and what LaFollette says about everybody and everything.

A proposition that will come up in convention will be that of naming 23 instead of 14 delegates instructed to declare for preferential primaries.

### KNOX ON THE WAY TO SAN FRANCISCO

[UNITED PRESS LEARNED WIRE.] Santa Barbara, Cal., May 6.—Secretary of State P. C. Knox will leave Santa Barbara tonight for San Francisco. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Knox, Governor Walter E. Clark, of Alaska, Mrs. Clark, former United States Senator Frank P. Flint, of California, and Colonel Strayer, of Philadelphia. The secretary and his party attended a reception given today by Commander James H. Bull, United States navy, retired.

### HUNDREDS MAROONED BY FLOOD

Refugees From Point Coupee Say Many Families Were Swept Away to Death When the Levees at Point Broke.

### THOUSANDS IN TREE TOPS

Train Refused to Stop and Pick Up Passengers Who Were Standing Waist Deep in Water--Train Carrying Confederate Veterans to Reunion Goes Into the Ditch on Account of the Flood, and Eight Are Drowned.

[UNITED PRESS LEARNED WIRE.] New Orleans, May 6.—The flood situation at Point Coupee is desperate. Motorboats have been sent to the scene to take off the refugees. Survivors assert that whole families were swept to their deaths from house tops when the levee broke today. Government officers here have been notified that at least 1000 persons are imperiled by being marooned in tree tops, houses and rafts.

Passengers on a train which passed through Morgan today stated that people stood at the depot in water waist-deep signalling for the train to take them aboard. The conductor and engineer would not stop the train because of the rapid rise of the water. The next train which passed was derailed and its passengers thrown into the flood.

### Veterans' Train Ditched.

New Orleans, May 6.—The first section of the confederate veterans' special train, crowded with old soldiers, was wrecked near Eastabuchie after leaving New Orleans this morning, and eight were killed.

### Another Levee Breaks.

Melville, La., May 6.—The levee above here broke at noon, a 50-foot gap spreading the water in all directions. The country is flooded for miles in every direction.

### RESCUE IS HAZARDOUS.

Twice the lifeboat was capsize while en route to the wreck, but the crew righted it and kept on. Great difficulty was encountered after arrival at the wreck in getting the sailors off, but one by one they leaped, momentarily to dash against the steamer, and others into the sea, where they were picked up. Finally all were taken ashore safely, amid frantic cheers of a hundred residents of Nehalem and Tillamook Bay district, who had gathered on the shore to witness the attempt.

The rescued are: Captain Erickson, Steve Beauregard, engineer, of Portland; William Campbell, second engineer, of Tillamook; Fred Teltz, first mate, Astoria; L. Campbell, steward, of Portland; M. Ferguson, fireman, of Bay City; J. H. Whitaker, fireman, of Portland; George Grief, sailor, of Portland; A. Milton, sailor, of Portland. The two last named were taken from the barge Nehalem.

### SEAS HAMMER WRECK.

Captain Erickson had hoped that he could keep his crew on board the Vosburg, pending an effort to be made to float her off at high tide. A line had been passed to the steamer yesterday, and a tug from Astoria was standing by.

### PRESIDENT BITTER AT ROOSEVELT

[UNITED PRESS LEARNED WIRE.] Athens, O., May 6.—In the opening speech of his Ohio campaign at Nelsonville today, President Taft flayed the attitude of Theodore Roosevelt in the presidential fight.

Later the president spoke at Athens and Hampton. This afternoon he spoke at Chillicothe, Greenfield, Leesburg, New Vienna and Blanchester.

Tonight President Taft will reach Cincinnati. He will spend Tuesday at the home of his brother, Charles. On Wednesday he will make another campaign of this state, making 14 speeches on Monday.

Next week the president will campaign Northern Ohio.

Good luck will dodge a man as persistently as bad luck will chase him. If a bachelor says "yes," it's up to the leop year girl to take him at his word.

## POLITICAL VOLCANO GETS ACTIVE UPHEAVAL IN ALL STATE OFFICES

### Poisoned the Congregation.

Hanford, Cal., May 6.—Poisoned by eating ice cream at a picnic, 80 members of the Methodist church here are slowly recovering today. Seventy-five were terribly stricken and some thought hopelessly so. All physicians from Hanford and Lemoore were summoned, and worked over the patients all night long.

The cream was made by one of the parishioners, and after standing over night in the freezer, was frozen the next morning.

### VOSBURG IS PROBABLY A TOTAL LOSS

WAS ABANDONED YESTERDAY, BUT CAPTAIN STILL MAKING EFFORTS TO SAVE HER--HAS A BIG HOLE IN HER HULL AND WILL PROBABLY BE A TOTAL LOSS.

[UNITED PRESS LEARNED WIRE.] Bay City, Ore., May 6.—While heavy seas broke repeatedly over the steamer Vosburg, stranded since last Friday on the south spit at the entrance of the Nehalem river, the government lifesaving crew from Garibaldi today succeeded in taking off Captain Erickson and seven members of his crew, and also took two men off the barge Nehalem, which was at anchor in a perilous position nearby.

The rescue was accomplished against tremendous odds, a heavy wind, which arose last night, had kicked up a rough sea. A hole had been broken in the bottom of the Vosburg and water was pouring in, while great combers repeatedly swept over the vessel, completely submerging her.

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Will Make List of All State Institutions, and the Appropriations Made for Them, Showing Number of Assistants, Deputies, Clerks and Employes and the Salaries Drawn and the Work Done--Says State Is Burdened With Useless Commissions and Unnecessary Offices--Will Pass It Up to Institutions to Show Why They Should Be Given Big Appropriations.

Every office in the state house, every department, every commission and every institution will be placed on trial for its life in the near future, for Governor West announced this morning that he intends to call all of them into the forum of public discussion and make them justify their existence, and also appropriations made for them, and their expenditures for the hire of assistants, clerks and otherwise.

The governor purposes doing this by preparing a list showing the appropriations made for each, and a list showing the number of officers constituting each department, commission, office and institution, and the salaries they are drawing. These lists will cover, also, other expenditures, and the press of the state will be asked to publish them. After its publication he will invite members of the press to call upon each and every one of them and ask them to justify the appropriations made for each, the employments of the clerks and assistants and clerks and helps and other expenditures.

In this way he hopes to draw out for the benefit of the public, all matters pertaining to them all. If there are any commissions that should be abolished, it will appear, for they must justify their existence; and the same will apply to all other offices and institutions. If any of them are carrying more assistants and help than is necessary, this fact will be given to the public. Probably all of it will be followed up by recommendations to the legislature for the abolishment of a lot of things, though the governor has not so stated. Incidentally, if there are any grafts connected with any of them, those will be laid bare to the public. If Governor West is successful in carrying out his plan, it will create an upheaval among the departments of the state that will surpass anything in their past history and probably anything for years to come.

### A Lucky Baby.

[UNITED PRESS LEARNED WIRE.] Venice, Cal., May 6.—Expecting to pick up the mangled body of her five months' babe which had fallen from a second story window, Mrs. J. C. Eferson rushed screaming from the house. The child was unhurt. It had landed on a pile of bedclothing airing on the lawn.

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