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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.

error 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.

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.

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.

BAD TRAIN WRECK AT CLE ELUM TODAY

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 tonight. Tuesday fair and warmer. Northernly 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.

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 and Eight Are Drowned.

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.

PRESIDENT BITTER AT ROOSEVELT

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.

KNOX ON THE WAY TO SAN FRANCISCO

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.

POLITICAL VOLCANO GETS ACTIVE UPHEAVAL IN ALL STATE OFFICES

GOVERNOR WEST ERUPTS GETS AFTER COMMISSIONS AND ALL USELESS OFFICERS

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.

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.

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.

SEVERAL ARE OUT FOR THE OFFICE

A few days ago the names of four possible candidates for the office of city marshal were suggested, which has been the means of opening city politics. It now develops that there will be at least two aspirants for the recorder, Charles F. Elgin, the present incumbent, will be a candidate for re-election, as well as Earl Race, who is well known here. Recorder Elgin is serving his first term in that office, having come to the office from a position of clerk and bookkeeper under the administration of W. A. Moores, his predecessor. Mr. Elgin has filled the office very acceptably during the year and four months of his incumbency, having kept the records of the office in a thoroughly satisfactory manner during that time.

HE RETURNS FROM CHINA IN BAD SHAPE

San Francisco, May 6.—A physical and mental wreck, broken by the Orient, General Homer Lea, the California military genius, author, confidante of Dr. Sun Yat and advisor of the little group of Chinese revolutionary leaders, arrived on the liner Chiyo Maru this morning to regain his health at his home in Los Angeles. He was accompanied by Mrs. Lea.

SOCIALISTS MAY NOMINATE McDONALD

Springfield, Ill., May 6.—A boom has been started here for the nomination of Duncan McDonald, secretary-treasurer of the Illinois United Mine Workers of America, for president of the United States on the Socialist ticket. Illinois delegates will work for him at the national convention in Indianapolis May 12. As this state has the largest Socialist vote of any in the union, with the exception of Pennsylvania, it is believed McDonald will have a good chance.

Job Harriman, of Los Angeles, and Charles Edward Russell, the magazine writer, are said to be the other two candidates most likely to get the nomination.

Mrs. Lea said that her husband, who is the author of the much-discussed "Valor of Ignorance," in which he criticizes the United States government for its short-sighted policy, in dealing with the yellow peril, had just completed another book called "The Day of the Saxon," dealing with the conflict of the white and yellow races. General Lea was with Dr. Sun Yat in London and Singapore when the Chinese revolutionists mysteriously disappeared for a considerable period a little more than a year ago, and it was feared that Dr. Sun had been done away with. The two were at that time in Singapore planning the campaigns which have since resulted in the victory of the rebels. It is feared that General Lea's health may be permanently shattered, and that his mind has been affected.

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