

CITY FEARS DISRUPTION BY POVERTY

Financial Prospect in Oregon's Metropolis Alarming.

Taxes Cannot Be Levied Without a Legislative Session.

Governor Chamberlain Is Reluctant to Call Lawmakers Together, but May Be Obligated to Take Such Action.

PORTLAND, Or., Nov. 2.—Unless a special session of the Oregon Legislature is held to legalize the January levy of the city of Portland and Multnomah County will be without finances for the ensuing year. "Without the January tax levy the city government cannot exist; it must go to pieces," said Mayor Williams today. "The charter for the city of Portland makes it illegal for the city to go into debt. The city must be in the treasury. City Councilmen who would vote to contract a debt would, under the existing law, be guilty of malfeasance in office. There will be about \$20,000 with which to run the city government after January 1 next. This amount is only a drop in the bucket and would last but two months."

Multnomah County is already thirteen months behind in its warrants and the debt would increase at the rate of \$20,000 a month unless the January tax levy should be collected. H. S. Allen, clerk of the City School Board, says his department would be run in debt between \$300,000 and \$400,000 without the levy. The county and the school district could tide over the difficulty by issuing warrants and bonds, but the expense entailed would be great. Among the members of the Multnomah delegation in the State Legislature it is generally taken for granted that Governor Chamberlain will call a special session to remedy the defect in the tax law passed last winter. Despite the Governor's known reluctance to convene the Legislature, the opinion of legislative action is too great to be ignored and that the fact will be recognized by the Governor.

SURVEYORS ARE MAKING A KERN COUNTY MAP

Elaborate Chart for the Benefit of Mining and Oil Men Promised.

BAKERSFIELD, Nov. 2.—George R. Davis of the United States Geological Survey and a corps of assistants are here working on a new topographical map of the country lying between 33 and 35 degrees 45 minutes, west longitude, and 35 and 36 degrees 30 minutes, north latitude, covering about 450 square miles. The map will be a very elaborate one, upon which thirty men will be employed, and will show in detail the contour of the country. It will be on the scale of one and a third inches to the mile. The map will be of great benefit to mining and oil men and others interested in the geology of the country. A corps of surveyors is now in the field and has just completed a survey of Kings River and the north fork of the Kaweah.

BOY ACCIDENTALLY KILLS HIMSELF WITH A PISTOL

Twelve-Year-Old Lad Obtains Father's Weapon and Is Fatally Wounded.

VALLEJO, Nov. 2.—Frank Alexander, the 12-year-old son of F. W. Alexander, who lives on the Napa road about six miles from this city, was accidentally shot and instantly killed in a peculiar manner yesterday. The father kept a pistol concealed under the mattress of his bed and the older brother heard Frank speaking of securing the weapon and shooting ducks. As a precaution the weapon was placed in a bureau drawer, where it was discovered by the boy. It is presumed he pulled the pistol out muzzle first and that the hammer caught in some way, discharging the weapon into his face, which penetrated the boy's face. A sad feature of the case is that the birthday of the young sister of the boy was to have been celebrated yesterday.

PROPERTY OF RAILWAY IS READY FOR TRANSFER

Western Pacific Will Take Over the San Francisco Terminal's Possessions.

SAN JOSE, Nov. 2.—An agreement involving the transfer of all the property of the San Francisco Terminal Railway and Transfer Company to the Western Pacific Railroad Company was filed for record here today. By its terms the San Francisco Company agrees to sell all its real estate in Oakland, its Oakland franchise and all its terminal properties, depot, sites, maps, surveys, cars, tools and personal property for \$27,315.75 and 120,000 shares of fully paid up capital stock.

Fairfield May Be Incorporated.

SUISUN, Nov. 2.—At a meeting of the Board of Supervisors today a petition was presented asking that an election be called to vote on the question of incorporating Fairfield, the county seat of this county. The board granted the petition and set the election for Saturday, December 5. The following were nominated as officers for the proposed municipality and will be voted on at above date: N. A. Shorey, Josiah Wing, M. C. Sheldon, H. M. Brown and F. S. Gurnette, Trustees; W. E. Hammond, Clerk; R. D. Smith, Treasurer; T. J. Lenahan, Marshal. The proposed municipality has a population of about 200.

An administration rotten with extortion and treasury looting is all that the people of San Francisco can hope for if they allow the Ruef-Schmitz regime to be continued. None who have dealings with the municipality will be exempt. Crocker is the harbinger of a clean, upright administration, with equal justice to rich and poor.

Land Fraud Cases Are Set.

PORTLAND, Or., Nov. 2.—The preliminary hearing of Miss Marjell Ware, Horace G. McKinley and S. A. D. Puter, who have been indicted by the Federal Grand Jury on charges of forgery and conspiracy to defraud the Government out of lands in connection with the Southern Oregon land frauds, has been set for next Saturday afternoon. The trio will appear before Judge Bellinger in the Federal Court.

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"HOLY ROLLERS" FEAR CITIZENS

Apostles of the Strange Oregon Sect Make Escape.

Prospect of Riotous Demonstration Hastens the Departure.

CORVALLIS, Or., Nov. 2.—The flight of Apostles Creffield and Brooks from town is the latest development in the sensation caused here by the sect known as the "Holy Rollers." They went without ceremony, Creffield, in a swiftly driven buggy, going south, and Brooks, it is supposed, departing on foot. Fear of bodily harm, it is said, was the incentive for their flight.

After successfully establishing their sanity before the County Board on Saturday the so-called apostles returned to the Hurt House. As they left the jail they were told of a strong public sentiment against them and they were advised to leave town. They laughed at the idea, saying the Lord would protect his own. Yesterday about noon Mr. Hurt, the owner of the Hurt House, and a new convert to the sect, accompanied by his son, visited the Sheriff and demanded protection, adding that if the county authorities would not protect the Holy Rollers from outrage he would appeal to the Governor. The Sheriff promised assistance and spent most of the night in the Hurt House. Although a large crowd stood around the house all day until a late hour, no demonstration was made. Creffield and Brooks were anxious to leave the Hurt House early in the afternoon, but a crowd hung around the place all day, and neither cared to attempt flight under such ominous conditions. Late in the afternoon, however, the crowd began to dwindle and, choosing a convenient opportunity, Brooks left the place and walked hurriedly away. There are reports to the effect that he is still hiding at one of the four or five houses in town in which the families in whole or in part are "Holy Rollers," but the general impression is to the contrary.

Creffield took his leave an hour later. A buggy appeared at the door of the Hurt House, the apostle hurriedly entered it and the conveyance was driven swiftly away, going south. Its destination is supposed to have been an East Side town, where an overland train could be boarded. Had the apostles remained in town it is common belief that there would have been further demonstrations. The public believe Creffield and Brooks were leading the converts into delusions and conditions likely to produce insanity. The destruction of furniture has not been confined entirely to the Hurt House, but converts in other immediate localities have burned their earthly possessions. The apostles taught their members to withdraw wholly from the world and have nothing to do with those who remained outside the fold of the "Holy Rollers."

BUSY FIREBUGS ALARM THE TOWN

Riverside Citizens Excited by Attempts at Incendiarism.

RIVERSIDE, Nov. 2.—This city has been aroused to a pitch of unusual excitement by a number of attempts at incendiarism of a particularly malicious nature. At 10 o'clock last night the Fire Department was summoned to extinguish a fire in a refrigerator car belonging to the Santa Fe Railroad. There were unmistakable evidences of incendiarism, a section of the car having been packed with oily cotton waste.

At 3 o'clock this morning the department was called to extinguish a fire of exactly similar nature in a refrigerator car on the Santa Fe tracks. Today the North-street station of the Santa Fe was set on fire and this afternoon oily waste and combustible materials were found under the big Salt Lake trestle over Terquesnoy Avenue, placed there with the evident intention of being fired to-night.

The theory of officers is that the incendiary acts are the work of tramps who have been put off trains and are seeking revenge against the railroad.

CREW FEARS THE SHIP IS NOT SEAWORTHY

Vessel Two Brothers Will Have to Be Towed to San Francisco.

ASTORIA, Or., Nov. 2.—Owing to the refusal of her crew to work the vessel to San Francisco, arrangements have been made by the owners of the American ship Two Brothers to have the steam schooner Nelson tow the vessel to her destination. The crew of the Two Brothers assert that the vessel is unseaworthy owing to the fact that her cargo of lumber is improperly stowed and that she carried an insufficient quantity of ballast, which makes her cranky and unsafe in heavy weather.

The Two Brothers carries 200,000 feet of lumber in her hold and 500,000 feet of lumber between decks, the claim being made that the vessel is topheavy.

Object to the Smelter Fumes. SUISUN, Nov. 2.—For many years there has been much complaint from residents of Benicia and lower Suisun County regarding the fumes from the smelter at Selby. Last month a large petition signed by Benicia residents was presented to the Board of Supervisors asking that the nuisance be abated. District Attorney Gregory was asked for an opinion. At a meeting of the Supervisors today he told the board that the nuisance could be abated by a legal process and was instructed to immediately institute necessary proceedings for the abatement of the smelter fumes.

Prominent San Jose Merchant Dead. SAN JOSE, Nov. 2.—Fred W. Moore, who succeeded the T. W. Spring Company as proprietor of one of the largest mercantile houses in this city, died this afternoon of pneumonia. His illness was the effect of a hunting trip several weeks ago. He was 46 years of age and a native of Santa Cruz. He leaves a wife and four children.

Lane's defeat is conceded. Ruef and Schmitz are making a desperate struggle to keep the strings of municipal government in their grasp that they may load themselves with spoils. The citizens of San Francisco should strive to pile up a great majority for Henry J. Crocker, not only for safety but to deal a crushing blow to those who would fatten off the money of the people.

ARMED RIDER FIRES UPON THE POSSE

Alleged Horse Thief Pursued Through Salinas Streets.

Bullets Exchanged as He Galloped Furiously and Escapes.

Fugitive Is Reported to Have Abandoned His Mount and Taken to the Hills in the Gilroy Region.

SALINAS, Nov. 2.—Sheriff Nesbitt was notified from Coral de Tierra this evening to watch for a man who is accused of horse stealing and burglary and who, it is alleged, took a horse from his employer, A. Braemer. The man has given the various names of Delman, Belmanstein and Siegfried von Berkenfeld. One identification makes him a former German student who left his home in the fatherland on account of some trouble. Sheriff Nesbitt was warned that the man was armed with a rifle, two revolvers and a belt of cartridges. When the man arrived at Riverbank an effort was made to apprehend him and, although shots were exchanged, he escaped. Through the streets of this city he galloped wildly, returning shot for shot with a posse, and escaping unhurt. Along the county road, in response to telephone messages, a number of posses attempted to head him off, but he eluded them. The latest news of the fugitive came from Sargents, where it was said the man had left his horse and taken to the hills, being pursued by parties from Gilroy.

STORMY SEAS DRIVE VESSEL BACK TO PORT

Barkentine Katie Flickinger Returns to Port Townsend With Water in Hold.

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., Nov. 2.—Owing to adverse weather encountered off the Washington coast last Saturday the barkentine Katie Flickinger returned to this harbor this morning with several feet of water in her hold. The Flickinger sailed from Tacoma the latter part of the past week with a cargo of lumber consigned to San Pedro. The master of the Flickinger reports that the schooner Philippine also encountered the same gale. The Flickinger will be compelled to discharge her cargo and cask before continuing on her present voyage. The British steamer Tottenham arrived this morning from San Francisco and reports having experienced heavy southeasterly gales. She will load lumber at Port Blakeley.

ENGINE OF A TRAIN DASHES INTO A DITCH

Engineer on the Canadian Pacific Railway Reverses the Lever and Jumps.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Nov. 2.—No. 2 east-bound passenger train of the Canadian Pacific Railway met with an accident late last night at Kelfer, B. C. A bridge had been carried away by a freshet. The engineer saw in time to reverse his lever and jump. The locomotive went into the ditch and the express car was derailed. No one was injured. The steamship Empress of India, bound for Japan, was held here until to-night pending the arrival of mails.

COURT BOTHERS NOT ABOUT A VETERAN'S PLEA

Napa Judge Sends Old Man to Folsom for Using Forged Check.

NAPA, Nov. 2.—H. N. Morrell, an old veteran who recently tried to pass a check to which J. C. Fawcett's name was signed, pleaded guilty to forgery this afternoon. He was arraigned at 2 o'clock and threw himself on the mercy of the court.

FIRE NEARLY DESTROYS IMMENSE NEW WAREHOUSE

Blaze at Eureka Ruins One Building and Steamship Company Is Lucky.

EUREKA, Nov. 2.—The old warehouse of the North Pacific Coast Steamship Company, on the water front, under lease to the Steamship Commission Company, was burned this evening at 7 o'clock. It contained 150 tons of hay. The firemen's efforts saved the immense new warehouse of the steamship company, which was once on fire with the prospect of being burned.

Camper Narrowly Escapes Death.

REDDING, Nov. 2.—While unpacking a camping outfit at Idwoud, in this county, Saturday afternoon a rifle being handled by Mrs. Theodore Davidson was accidentally discharged, the ball striking her husband and passing almost through his body. The wound was considered dangerous until a physician called from this city found that the leaden missile had not struck a vital part.

Oil Expert on a Tour.

BAKERSFIELD, Nov. 2.—Frank Draden, general manager of one of the largest oil companies in Austria, is here today on a tour of the oil fields with a view to studying American methods of drilling and handling products. Draden has visited a number of districts in the East and will make a complete tour of the California fields before returning to Europe.

Non-Union Man Wins Fight.

NAPA, Nov. 2.—A union man named Weaver and a non-union man named Skinner, shoemakers, became engaged in a fist fight yesterday on Main street. Skinner was the smallest man, but he battered Weaver's face terribly. Both were arrested but were finally allowed to go. Weaver is under a physician's care.

Miners Strike a Treasure Field.

VICTORIA, B. C., Nov. 2.—The steamer Amur, which arrived today from Skagway, reports a new strike sixty miles north of the Alek diggings, northwest of White Horse, where the discoverer took out \$700 in ten days in nuggets and coarse gold from the surface. A stampede was on from White Horse.

STUDENTS ROUT CITY OFFICERS

Riot at the Washington State Agricultural College.

Marshal and His Deputies Suffer in a Furious Fight.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

TACOMA, Wash., Nov. 2.—A riot occurred Saturday night at Pullman, Wash., and 20 students of the State Agricultural College gave City Marshal Haymiller and his three deputies an unwelcome shower bath because of their interference in the annual contest for supremacy between sophomores and freshmen.

The freshmen had decided to select Halloween night to take the sophomores in hand to demonstrate their superiority. The sophomores were greatly outnumbered, but put up a plucky fight. The freshmen had succeeded in tying three of their opponents when the officers arrived. Securing a fire hose they turned a full stream of cold water on the struggling mass of students.

Full of resentment the students turned in a body on the officers. In a few moments the marshal and his deputies were soaked to the skin. A struggle for possession of the hose followed and during the melee the hose was ruined with knives. One deputy was carried to the river's edge, but released upon his promise to go home.

The students then hustled every movable vehicle to a common point on the main street, deplored the city watering wagon of wheels and wound up the night by filling the vehicle shed with cord wood.

TRIES TO END HIS LIFE WHILE AWAITING TRIAL

Well-Known Kern County Rancher, Accused of Crime, Cuts an Artery.

BAKERSFIELD, Nov. 2.—B. F. Hoy, a well-known rancher of this county, who is now in jail awaiting trial for grand larceny, made an attempt to commit suicide early this morning by severing the main artery in the left wrist with a T-shaped piece of tin sharpened to a fine edge. Hoy was discovered by his fellow prisoners and help arrived just in time to save his life.

The wounded man made several subsequent attempts to tear off the bandages and repeatedly asked for a gun to finish the job. A guard was placed over him. Hoy is accused of stealing a large quantity of honey and other farm products. He was to have been arraigned this morning in the Superior Court, together with his nephew, Leonard Westley, who is also held on the same charge.

SOIL YIELDS GIANT TUSKS

Remains of Prehistoric Animals in Southern Oregon.

GRANTS PASS, Or., Nov. 2.—Six mastodon tusks and a monster elephant's tusk have been uncovered from the depths of an old channel in the placer diggings of a hydraulic mine near Grants Pass. One of the mastodon tusks is eleven feet in length and is quite well preserved. Mortars, pestles, crude weapons and implements have also been brought to light, and the bones of many birds and beasts that are not known to modern man and cannot be classified.

The relics were not uncovered in the upper strata, but deep down near the bedrock proving that the contour of the country at the time the strange creatures whose remains have been uncovered existed was vastly different from what it is today. The presence of the elephant's tusk would indicate that in that prehistoric time this part of the world was a tropical country.

NATIONS ARE INVITED TO LEWIS AND CLARK FAIR

State Department Will Send Out the Formal Requests for Participation.

PORTLAND, Or., Nov. 2.—Formal invitations to foreign governments to participate in the Lewis and Clark fair have been prepared and will be forwarded to the State Department, and from there sent through the diplomatic corps to the various powers. The invitations are expected to pave the way for a future announcement by the Government. The finance committee of the exposition is preparing a petition which is to be presented at the coming extra session of Congress, asking for an appropriation of \$2,500,000 for the exposition.

Northern Pacific Reduces Expenses.

SPOKANE, Wash., Nov. 2.—Commencing today the Northern Pacific cut hours of labor in the shops in this city from twelve to eight hours per day and the men will hereafter work but five days a week. This plan is in keeping with the policy of the Northwestern roads to reduce expenses. Similar reductions have been made at the Hill yard on the Great Northern. All the roads operating in this section are reducing the number of employees.

Woman Tries to Kill Herself.

GILROY, Nov. 2.—Effie Smith, lately from Monterey, took poison last night after a quarrel with her lover, whom she had met after a separation of several months. Doctors have used every means to save her life, but she is in a precarious condition.

New Oil Well at Sargents.

GILROY, Nov. 2.—The twelfth well at Sargents of the Watsonville Oil Company was perfected at a depth of 1200 feet and the oil and gas were forced about eighty feet high. It will average 150 barrels per day and is the second paying well they have struck. Another well will be drilled immediately.

Strike of Longshoremen Settled.

PORTLAND, Or., Nov. 2.—The strike of the longshoremen inaugurated here yesterday has been amicably settled. The men struck for 55 cents an hour for loading mixed cargoes and the steamship owners and contracting stevedores at this port have agreed to increase the stipend of the men, but the terms are not given out.

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