

SMOOTH JOHN TOBIN

Touched the Treasury With His Fine Italian Hand.

Cashed a Warrant After Two Years Which Had Been Cancelled By the Commissioners.

Smooth John Tobin, former populist auditor of Whitman county, has finally succeeded in touching the county treasury for \$120 with a warrant which had been ordered cancelled. Gazette readers may remember that at the March, 1898, meeting of the commissioners Tobin presented a bill for \$120 for postage on a campaign document. This bill had formerly been rejected by Commissioners Lyons, Davis and Bancroft. Recognizing the political value to them of his campaign document when it was sent out in August, 1895, the several employees of Mr. Tobin contributed most of the \$120 needed.

When Tobin presented this bill in March, 1898, one of these contributors, Clarence Tarbet, demanded his \$30 back in case Tobin collected from the county. The bill was presented to Commissioners Davis and Stephens in the absence of Hinchliff, and they ordered it paid. Mr. Hinchliff immediately notified Tobin that he would enjoy the payment of the warrant, when Tobin promised he would never present it.

Warrant Ordered Cancelled.

At the next meeting of the board, in April, 1898, the bill was reconsidered and the warrant ordered cancelled. The commissioner failed to have Mr. Tobin bring the warrant before him and cancel it under their eyes. They took his word that he would do it—but his word did not go far. He had written on the stub the cancellation order and this was one time written in the register of warrants, but has been erased by some one. Mr. Tobin never cancelled the warrant, and when he left the county took it with him.

Last January Tobin sent the warrant to John Pattison for collection. It was cashed January 3 by the treasurer, as on its face it was regular and no cancellation order had ever been filed by Tobin against it with the former treasurer. It was sent to Auditor Corner with the treasurer's quarterly report in April and was discovered by Miss Pocock in checking up. Auditor Corner has been looking for this warrant for months, as he knew it had been ordered cancelled but it had disappeared and he did not know but it had been destroyed.

Treasurer Windus wrote to Tobin, who is now at Valparaiso, Indiana, asking for an explanation of his act. Tobin replied, asking for a few days' time in which to make a full statement, but said:

"My act in regard to the warrant was not accidental. No sir! It was deliberate, and what is more, it was right, and I can justify it and will. Not a single word of apology do I owe to anyone, and none will be given."

While it is possible that Tobin cannot be held legally responsible for this draft on the treasury to pay his campaign bill, which have been paid by his employees, he should certainly be held morally responsible for erasure of the cancellation record and failure to cancel the warrant as ordered by the commissioners.

Will Move to Willada.

John White returned Saturday from Hay station, where he has been for the past two months in charge of the O. R. & N. section, during the enforced absence of Foreman A. L. Bird, who narrowly escaped losing an eye from a flying scale from a rail which he was cutting. Mr. Bird has now entirely recovered and returned to his duties. Mr. White has been ordered to Willada, to take charge of the section there, and was in town for the purpose of arranging for the removal of his family to that place within a few days.

Logging With Wagons.

Failing to get all the saw timber needed into the river last winter, because of lack of snow, Wm. Codd, the Colfax saw mill owner, has determined to haul the necessary logs to water on wheels. An outfit of ten or twelve big teams was sent into the woods on the upper river for this purpose Monday. The necessary feed and supplies were taken from Colfax. This will be a rather costly method of floating sawlogs, but the lumber demand is good and it is found necessary in order to meet the calls.

Pullman Beaten at Ball.

Saturday's ball game between the Colfax and Pullman teams was considerably better than the average ones of the early season. It was won by Colfax on a score of 11 to 6. Had not the Pullman boys shown errors and weakness in one inning when the game was about two-thirds played, permitting Colfax to score four or five runs at a critical time, the game would have been a close and exciting one with a small score.

Congregational Meeting.

Rev. T. W. Walters and wife, Rev. H. P. James and wife, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Perkins, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Davenport, Mrs. Windus, Mrs. Amos, Miss Stella Perkins and Miss Mary Pocock have been in Pullman this week attending the meeting of the Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho Congregational Association in session from Tuesday afternoon until last evening.

Selling Good Horses.

Henry H. Churchill of Willow creek expects to ship fourteen head of heavy horses to British Columbia markets this week. He sold a span of 1300 pound horses last week for \$195 to Wm. Huntley for shipment to the sound. The demand for good horses is increasing all over the Palouse country and many are being bought up for outside markets. Prices are growing firmer.

Gene To Their Mine.

Oliver Hall, arid land inspector, returned Friday from a trip to Wyoming, where he was engaged in inspection for lands. He left again Monday for the Best Chance mine on the Pend d'Oreille river, in company with W. W. Waite and John Lloyd. A contract for running a tunnel on the mine will be let.

Off for Pleasure.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Tower of Colville, who had been visiting Colfax relatives and friends for a few weeks, took their departure Monday morning. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bramwell. The party will go to the Pend d'Oreille river on a fishing and pleasure excursion of a few weeks.

Found a Prosperous Land.

Waitsburg Times: J. S. Houtchens returned Thursday from a tour of the Palouse, Spokane, and Davenport countries and reports a prosperous and improving all along the route in all veins of commerce.

Tornado in Texas.

San Antonio, Tex., May 7.—A tornado swept through San Antonio today

and caused a loss aggregating \$100,000. No loss of life is reported. At Fort Sam Houston the entire galleries of three barracks were demolished and the officers' quarters were unroofed. Hundreds of trees within the fort are utterly ruined. Bexar county will be a heavy loser by the wreckage of bridges. A huge steel bridge over the Salado creek, nine miles from the city is demolished. The damage will probably reach \$20,000. The Dullnig mineral wells were damaged to the extent of \$8000. Individual losses of several local merchants range from \$1000 to \$8000. It is estimated that 50 houses were damaged through the blowing in of walls and the collapse of the roofs. The damage caused by the collapse of the San Antonio Loan & Trust company's building is \$40,000. The aggregate loss will reach \$100,000.

THREE CASES IN COURT.

Information Is Filed Against J. E. Nessly Saturday.

An information was filed in court Saturday against J. E. Nessly, charging rape. Judge McDonald announced that he had appointed another judge to hear the case some time in June. His old bond was continued.

Don Downs, serving time in payment of a \$250 fine for illicit liquor selling at Gray, was released Saturday upon habeas corpus on the ground that no commitment had been issued. Judge McDonald ordered one to issue and Downs was re-arrested and committed upon it. A second habeas corpus writ was a failure and the court ordered him to serve out the fine, although acknowledging that his suspension of sentence was unwarranted.

Chas. DeFrance and Ernest Elliott, charged with grand larceny in the shawnee wheat case, were discharged in the justice court and information filed direct in the superior court Tuesday. They were given until May 11 to plead and held in bonds of \$1500 each. DeFrance's bondsmen are Ben Manchester, Walter Maguire and Dr. B. F. Harvey. Elliott's are J. W. Day, W. D. Ellis and H. F. Schreiber.

Married the Second Time.

W. G. Gilstrap, whose escapade nine years ago stirred Okaloosa social and church circles to their depths, was at Colfax Friday, on his way to Okaloosa, where he was married to Miss Lillian Gilstrap of Okaloosa. This is the second marriage of the couple. Under their first marriage they returned from Montana after his flight nine years ago. He deserted her at the altar and she became a mother in two weeks. The husband went to Oregon, where he procured a divorce, and he has now returned to make amends. The reunited couple will reside at Eugene, Oregon. An agricultural strap is one of the owners of the daily and weekly Register.

MISSION IN HOOSIERDOM

Palouser Preached With Effect on the Banks of the Wabash.

Winter Wheat in Indiana and Ohio is a Complete and Dismal Failure.

J. L. Irwin is one of those enthusiastic Hoosiers who, having come west and prospered, believes in the country this side of the Rocky mountains. Two months ago he revisited for pleasure the scenes of his boyhood in Indiana and Ohio. He carried with him 200 samples of the agricultural products of the fertile Palouse and acted as a missionary among the people "On the Banks of the Wabash Far Away." Mr. Irwin exhibited these wherever a crowd of two could be found. Hundreds of people were made acquainted with a large extent with the beauties, resources and possibilities of the country to which the United States expanded less than sixty years ago.

Mr. Irwin returned Monday evening from his trip. To the Gazette he said:

"On my way east I found a number of disgusted 'homeseekers' on the back track. They had tickets good for return for 21 days only. They rode straight through to the coast and never saw the country except from car windows on the main lines of railways, which, as every westerner knows, furnish no proper standard by which to judge the country. They had never heard that there was such a country as the favored and fertile Palouse.

"In Ohio and Indiana are hundreds, thousands, of people who have the emigration fever. The trouble is that they know not where to turn. They want to come west—anywhere to get away from the life they live in the east. But they have never heard of the Palouse or any other favored western section. They need preaching to, and I put in over time in sermonizing on the advantages of this country. I am glad to call my home. As an instance, at Lebanon, Ohio, an agricultural implement show was being held. I leased counter space in a prominent place and spread out my samples of Palouse products. From morning until night I held an interested crowd—not with my oratory, but with my samples of Palouse products. The people thought impossible my commonest tales of the fertility of the Palouse, and no doubt many are still praying that I be kept out of the liar's purgatory.

"In Ohio and Indiana there will scarcely be a bushel of wheat. They sow winter wheat only, and it is all killed. Men after man begged me to give them but a dozen grains of the spring wheat samples I carried, that they might experiment with it. They wanted something to sow when their winter wheat was killed.

"Whitman county—or the Palouse country, at least—should have a few missionaries at work all this summer upon the discontented people of these states. They want to go somewhere, and they are among the best of the world's people. Nearly all are well-to-do and would add much to the citizenship of the Pacific coast."

PERSONAL MENTION.

Thos. J. Smith was a Colfax visitor Wednesday.

I. N. Clark of Latab, was in Colfax Tuesday, on business.

Miss Alice Bowman of Pampa spent Friday with Colfax friends.

Mrs. E. T. Coman is expected home from the east the last of the week.

Mrs. B. W. McPhee and sons returned Wednesday from their visit to Cincinnati, Ohio.

Simon Dreifus went to Spokane Sunday as a delegate to the great council of Red Men.

Prosecuting Attorney Inman left last Thursday for Dayton and Walla Walla on business.

J. P. Kleweno, formerly of Eadicott, has removed to Troy, Idaho, and engaged in merchandising.

Don Ryrie returned Tuesday from a business trip to Walla Walla and Pendleton. Mrs. Ryrie accompanied him as far as Walla Walla.

Henry Esser, the well known Uniontown citizen and former county commissioner, was at the county seat Monday on a business trip.

Harold Donlitt returned Sunday to Wallace, Idaho, after a short visit with his parents. He now has charge of a Northern Pacific surveying corps.

John M. Hill, register of the Walla Walla land office, has been chosen by the great council of Red Men, held at Spokane Wednesday, as grand sachem of the order.

Boyd Hamilton, who went to Seattle last week, was immediately placed in charge of an important dynamite at the big works of the Snoqualmie Power Company, at a good salary.

PREPARING FOR WAR

The Anti-Saloon League Held a Preliminary Meeting.

Getting Ready For An Active Campaign For Enforcement of The Liquor Laws.

A meeting of the Anti-Saloon League was held last Sunday night at the Presbyterian church. The league has a membership of about 80 persons who are antagonistic to the saloon, and more especially to such as may violate the liquor selling laws. This meeting was preliminary to active work to be begun by the organization against the liquor traffic in the near future.

Rev. H. P. James explained fully the objects, aims and desires of the league.

Sheriff Canutt spoke, by invitation, on the enforcement of law, saying the people were unreasonable in demanding that the officers turn their offices into detective bureaus and made complaints, while the people stood back and did nothing. He was willing to proceed against any alleged violator of the law, when proper complaint is filed, but he is unwilling to appoint himself judge, jury and executioner.

C. M. Wynan spoke of what can be done and gave an outline of the state laws and city ordinances. He was of the opinion that there is already plenty of law for the regulation of the saloon business. All that is necessary is its enforcement. Miss Wilcox opened and Rev. J. T. Collins closed the meeting with prayer.

Rev. J. W. Flesher directed attention to the next meeting, which is to be held at the Baptist church on the evening of May 17. Rev. Flesher is serving as temporary president of the league and Rev. W. W. Reid is secretary.

The league is a comparatively new organization, and is getting into shape to make a campaign against the saloon interests.

LOCAL BRIEVITIES.

Fred Brown will ship four cars of cattle and two of hogs to Seattle Saturday.

A. S. Hughes of Diamond, has received an appointment as census enumerator for district No. 94, in this county.

Jack Smith, a blacksmith, is in the hospital with a broken leg, the result of a runaway Friday night while riding home with Ed Davis.

The Woman's Christian Union will meet at the home of Mrs. Asa White, on College hill, Tuesday afternoon, May 15, at 2:30. A full attendance is desired.

The county commissioners adjourned Thursday. The resignation of Chairman Hinchliff was accepted and the vacancy will be filled at the July meeting.

The local advisory board of the Home Finding Association will hold a meeting at Mrs. Woodley's May 14; and, hereafter, until further notice, on the first Wednesday of each month.

Frank Sawyer, wanted at Spokane for larceny of \$1500 worth of notes, was taken from a train Tuesday by Sheriff Canutt and held for Sheriff Cole, who came down after him Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Richards feasted last Sunday visitors on new potatoes grown in their garden on Snake river, a mile below Penawawa. These were the first of the season, so far as known.

AMONG THE CHURCHES.

By order of his lordship, the bishop of this diocese, the devotion of the (Forty Hours) will take place at St. Patrick's church, Sunday, May 13. Services will begin at 8 o'clock. Low mass at 8 a. m. High mass 10:30 a. m. The solemnity will close with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:30 p. m. The pastor, Rev. Louis A. Verhagen, extends a cordial invitation to all.

At the Methodist Episcopal church, Rev. Jao. Webster Flesher, pastor, will preach Sunday morning on "The Triumph of Christianity." A synopsis of the general conference action will precede the discourse. The pastor is delivering a series of sermons on Sunday evenings at 8 on the seven ages of man. Next, "Youth—Love." Don't miss this service. Welcome.

The subject for the Christian Science lesson sermon for Sunday, May 13, is: "Soul and Body." Golden text: O, bless our God, ye people, and make the voice of his praise to be heard; which holdeth our soul in life, and suffereth not our feet to be moved. Psalm 66:8, 9. All are invited.

At the Baptist church next Sunday baptism and communion services will be held at 11 o'clock. The theme of the discourse by Pastor Collins will be "The Passover." Preaching at 8 o'clock on the theme, "A New Song."

Rev. B. E. Utz, of the First Christian church of Spokane, will preach both morning and evening at the Christian church.

Usual Sabbath services at the U. P. church, preaching both morning and evening by the pastor, Rev. W. W. Reid.

Rev. T. A. Daughters will conduct services at Good Samaritan church next Sunday.

Standard Oil Raises Wages.

New York, May 3.—The World tomorrow will print the following: Twenty-five thousand men employed by the Standard Oil Co. as mechanics and laborers all over the country have had their wages raised 10 per cent. The advance will not affect clerks.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Buck were at Colfax several days of the past week from Lewis county, where they have resided for the past two years. They were on their way to their stock ranch in the Big Bend country.

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NORTHWEST NEWS.

The Walla Walla creamery is using 10,000 pounds of milk per day.

The numbers of Seattle who were receiving poor pay are now on a strike for \$4.50.

Thomas J. Thompson, former grand master of the Odd Fellows of Washington, died Friday at Spokane, aged 78.

The state fair at North Yakima will be held in the last week of September, beginning on the 24th and ending on the 29th.

A gold nugget worth about \$180 was brought down from the Bigney claim on Williams creek says the Ellensburg Localizer. It was taken out by Thomas Boyrth and was a very handsome nugget.

Republican clubs of Spokane county are making arrangements for the erection of a campaign wigwag on a vacant lot on Sprague avenue between Mill and Post streets. It will be a temporary structure built principally of corrugated iron.

A local company has been organized at Ethel, in Lewis county, to bore for oil. Some of the parties interested came from the Pennsylvania oil regions, and think they see good indications of oil. They have a good vein of coal in sight.

Prof. Doane of the agricultural college at Pullman superintended the planting of a car load of eastern oysters in Puget Sound last week. The planting of these oysters is an attempt to get the eastern oyster established and propagated in the Pacific coast waters.

Charles Lawrence, a youth of 18, shot and killed himself near Harrington, Lincoln county, last week because his girl, Myrtle Trumbull, went back on him. He left a bequest that his bicycle be sold and the proceeds devoted to the purchase of a ring for the faithless damsel.

E. G. Bellows of Vancouver has been named by the president as consul general at Yokohama to fill the vacancy caused by the death of John F. Govey. Mr. Bellows is a member of the Washington legislature from Snohomish county. He was a strong supporter of Senator Foster in the senatorial election, is the leader of the famous southwest combine and a most capable man withal.

Catherine Loftus, aged 14 years, the daughter of William Loftus, a teamster, died at Tacoma, Tuesday, from burns received Monday afternoon. Her parents were away from home at the time and she attempted to build a fire. The flames caught her apron sleeve and spread to her other clothing. She rushed outdoors and called for help. Neighbors heard her cries and came to her rescue. She was badly burned about the arms, face and chest.

The influx of the west of farmers is shown by the sales of Northern Pacific company, which has disposed of a million acres of farming lands in the last four months. All these lands were in the western states, and almost a million acres were in Washington. This is the class of immigration that will confer most benefit upon the state, and aid most in its development. The men who have bought these farming lands will become producers, and not only self-sustaining, but add to the taxable wealth of the state.

W. H. Coombs, one of the most prominent farmers in Lincoln county, living about a mile from Harrington, met a violent death, Friday. About 4 o'clock Mr. Coombs started to lead a colt and horse to pasture. He tied the rope attached to the horse's collar to his left arm and held the colt with another rope in his right hand. In some manner the animal became frightened and dashed across the field, dragging Mr. Coombs after them. He was dragged along the ground until his head struck a stump, crushing the skull. He never regained consciousness, dying two hours later.

Refused Democratic Name.

McMinnville, Or., April 28.—Surprising everyone, themselves not the least, the democrats and populists managed to get together today. The populists had insisted on the nominations for sheriff, commissioner and representative, and the democrats forced them to yield from the position. On the other hand, the populists forced the democrats to give up the name "Democrat," so the concessions are about even. They call it the Bryan party.

MARRIED.

Moscow, Idaho, May 1, Scott Getchell of Union flat and Miss Elsie Swall of Pullman.

DIED.

Eden valley, May 1, from pneumonia, Orville, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Turnbull, aged 14 months.

Arlington, Oregon, May 2, from consumption, Miss Tina Schuler of Tekoa aged 22 years.

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