

CHARGE FALLS FLAT

Indictment Against George U. Piper Dismissed.

GRAND JURY'S WORK FOOLISH

Prosecuting Attorney Scott Says There Was No Perjury, and Judge Bell Takes the Same View.

SEATTLE, Wash., May 2.—(Special.)—Judge Bell, in the Superior Court, this morning, quashed, on motion of Prosecuting Attorney Scott, the most important, from a political point of view, of all indictments brought by the grand jury. This was in the case of George U. Piper, indicted for perjury. At the same session Judge Bell also quashed the indictment against Police Judge George, charged with failure to enforce laws.

BRIDGE OVER SANTIAM

Linn Farmers Request That It Be Rebuilt at Once.

ALBANY, Or., May 2.—(Special.)—At a meeting of Linn County farmers held in School District No. 3, there were some resolutions asking the County Court to rebuild Sanderson's bridge were adopted and sent to the court. This bridge was carried away by the flood of last January. It was one of the longest bridges supported by Linn County and spanned the Santiam River, connecting this portion of the county with that rich section known as the Forks of the Santiam.

GRANDES ARE GROWING

Report to Pomona at Yankton Given by the State Secretary.

RAINIER, Or., May 2.—(Special.)—The Pomona Grange met in Yankton Town Hall, a fine grange, which was served at noon, and also at 6:30 P. M. All the Granges of the county were reported in a prosperous condition, with a local membership of 478. Clackamas County made the number of granges, with Linn and Columbia Counties each 14 Granges; Washington County 11, Polk & Marion 6, Multnomah, Benton and Lane 5 each, Coos 4, Yamhill 3, Gilliam and Tillamook 2 each. About 300 members were present at the afternoon session. The fifth degree was conferred on about 30 members this evening.

TELLS OF BAKER COUNTY

Folder That Will Be Distributed by the Harriman Syndicate.

BAKER CITY, Or., May 2.—(Special.)—Fifty folders of the Harriman syndicate, of this city, and printed by the Rand-McNally Company, of Chicago, will be delivered soon to G. J. McKimney, immigration agent for the Harriman syndicate, for free distribution in Eastern States. A complete up-to-date mining map forms the inside of the pamphlet, while reading matter is printed on the 15 outside pages of the folder.

WATER SHEEP FROM DITCH

Klamath Falls Wants Owners to Stop the Hoax.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., May 2.—(Special.)—The irrigating ditch belonging to Henry E. Ankeny, of Eugene, and Mrs. J. T. Henley, of Klamath County, runs through the town of Klamath Falls. The village authorities have commenced suit in the Circuit Court to secure an injunction against the owners, alleging that the property is a nuisance on account of the water sheeps.

EPWORTH LEAGUES AT CORVALLIS

CORVALLIS, Or., May 2.—(Special.)—Sessions of the convention of the Eugene district of the Epworth League began here yesterday afternoon. One hundred and fifty delegates arrived by the noon train, and were served with luncheon in the parlors of the First Methodist Church. Yesterday afternoon reports were made from various parts of the district, which comprises the territory between Cottage Grove and Stayton, on the East Side, and as far north as Sheridan on the West Side.

TRAINS TO VANCOUVER DOCK

VANCOUVER, Wash., May 2.—(Special.)—Settlement having been effected on securing of right of way, grading has commenced on the line connecting the Washington & Oregon with the Portland, Vancouver & Yakima Railway. A few days trains on the former road will be running to the dock at the end of Second street. Trains from Tacoma will then be enabled to run right into the city, thus affording a greater convenience to passengers.

DIGEST OF SUPREME COURT RULINGS

VANCOUVER, Wash., May 2.—(Special.)—Judge A. L. Miller, of the Superior Court of Clark County, has compiled a digest of the Supreme Court rulings in Washington. It makes a large volume, and the matter takes in all the decisions, including those of territorial days. He has devoted much time to compiling the work, which is favorably spoken of by attorneys.

TAXED MORE THAN ONCE

OPINION OF WASHINGTON ATTORNEY-GENERAL ON INHERITANCES.

ENTIRE PROCEEDS OF ESTATE MUST PAY TAX IN EACH STATE IN WHICH PROBATED.

OLYMPIA, Wash., May 2.—(Special.)—Attorney-General Stratton has delivered an opinion to State Treasurer Maynard to the effect that when a will is probated in this state, the deceased having been a resident thereof, the administrator should commence proceedings to bring the property of the estate that may be located in other states into his possession, and that the inheritance tax of this state should be levied against the entire proceeds after payment of the costs and taxes levied in the other states. In this way an estate may pay an inheritance tax in two or more states.

BUILDING OF DRYDOCK

Three Pontons Are About Ready to Be Launched.

VANCOUVER, Wash., May 2.—(Special.)—The drydock which is being built at this place for the Portland Drydock Commission is well under way. There are five pontoons being built in all, three of which are well along toward completion. The other two will be built as soon as the present ones under way are launched. The water in the Columbia has been very low, and this has retarded the launching. It had been anticipated to have this done some time ago, but it could not be. The contractors have a large force of men at work, and it is now thought that the work on the dock will be mostly completed by the time set in the contract, August 1.

MONTH'S WEATHER AT ASTORIA

ASTORIA, Or., May 2.—(Special.)—Astoria did not have a clear day during the month of April, 15 of them being cloudy and 12 partly cloudy. So say the records of the Weather Observer. Otherwise, however, the conditions did not vary materially from the average. The rainfall was 6.18 inches, while the average for the corresponding month of previous years is 6 inches, though in 1892 the precipitation was 13.5 inches and in 1893 only 1.3 inches. The mean temperature for the month was 48, the average being 48.5.

OBJECT TO SUNDAY BALL GAMES

Eugene Church People Will Invoke Law to Prevent Them.

EUGENE, Or., May 2.—(Special.)—A meeting of clergymen and church people held yesterday called to try and prevent baseball games here on Sundays, and today a committee called upon the management of the local line and gave notice that if any games were attempted on Sunday complaints would be filed. Manager Griffin responded by saying a game would be played tomorrow with a nine from Springfield, and that there would be no objection. It is claimed the club will play all games scheduled, and if arrests are made there will be strong defense.

SOCIALISTS FORGET TO QUALIFY

Anacosta's Present City Officials Will Not Give Up Offices.

ANACOSTA, Mont., May 2.—Under the law the Socialist Mayor, Treasurer and Police Judge-elect of Anacosta should have filed their oaths and qualified on Thursday. They failed to do so. The present officials, who are Republicans, will refuse to surrender their offices on Monday, when the men ask for them, and there is a prospect of a dual set of officials.

NEWTON WANTED A PAID CHAIR

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Cal., May 2.—It has been learned that the refusal of Mrs. Stanford to consent to the substitution of a paid parlor for the voluntary chair in the university chapel, and the resignation of Rev. Heber Newton, other differences stimulated the friction between Mr. Newton and the trustees.

TRAVELERS OF THREE STATES

Hold Session in Spokane and Elect Officers.

RAINIER MAY HAVE A BANK

ST. HELENS, Or., May 2.—(Special.)—There is a probability that Rainier will have a banking establishment, when Doherty's new building is completed. It is stated by those in a position to know that Portland capitalists have already negotiated for ground-floor space, and will occupy the same with a banking establishment.

CLACKAMAS COUNTY RECEIPTS

OREGON CITY, Or., May 2.—(Special.)—During the month of April County Clerk Sleight and Recorder Stevens collected fees aggregating \$38.70. Of that amount \$44.75 was received in the office of the Clerk, against \$124.25 for the corresponding month last year. For recording the various instruments in his department Recorder Stevens received during April \$22.50. For the same month last year he collected \$23.25. The total expense to the county for the month for these two offices, including the salaries of the officers and deputies and the office supplies, was only \$256.

RECEIVED BUT ONE BID

OREGON CITY, Or., May 2.—(Special.)—Today was the time set for the opening of bids by the committee on streets and public property of the City Council for the building of the proposed "south end" road. But one bid was submitted, and that covered only the building of the approach from Main street to the Southern Pacific railroad track. The members of the committee decided not to open the one bid until the regular meeting of the Council Wednesday night, and by this time it is expected that other offers will be received.

BERRY CROP WILL BE IMMENSE

Salem Fruit Union Gets Answer to Inquiries.

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PETRIFIED TREE THAT CHECKED CONSTRUCTION ON THE BRIDGE ACROSS FRASER RIVER.

DIVER MOORE AND HIS FIND ON PIER NO. 3.

PEAK IS COMING DOWN

Government and Railroad Move People and Property From Danger.

ST. PAUL, May 2.—A special to the Dispatch from St. Paul, Minn., says that at an emergency meeting of the Board of Trade last night, Premier Haultain stated that E. H. McHenry, chief engineer of the Canadian Pacific Railroad, has expressed the opinion that the remaining peak of the mountain was creeping slowly and that he considered the town unsafe.

PLAN FOR FALL FAIR.

Citizens Meet in Eugene Courthouse and Appoint a Committee.

EUGENE, Or., May 2.—(Special.)—A meeting of citizens was held at the Courthouse this afternoon to take preliminary steps looking towards a district fair here next Fall. It was decided that a core organization would be necessary, and upon resolution the chairman appointed a committee of five to draw by-laws and lay out a plan for the organization of a county agricultural association, as follows: F. M. Wilkins, J. McFall, F. A. Rankin, Al Hampton and R. Shafer.

Incorporation of Mining Congress.

BOISE, Idaho, May 2.—Articles of incorporation of the American Mining Congress, signed by the members of the executive committee at incorporation, and directors, have been sent to Denver by Judge J. H. Richards. Judge Richards desired to incorporate under the laws of Idaho, but the requirements of the state statutes that a majority of the directors must reside in this state made it impossible.

Dean Selzer Welcomed Home.

SALEM, Or., May 2.—(Special.)—Professor Francesco Selzer, dean of the College of Music of Willamette University, returned today from Portland, where he has been confined for six weeks in a hospital with a case of typhoid fever. The University had met him at the passenger depot and welcomed him with a few selections of music.

Hoge Sells Banking Interest.

SEATTLE, May 2.—A majority interest in the First National Bank of Seattle was sold today by James D. Hoge, president of the institution, to Lester Turner, the cashier, and a number of associates. The consideration is said to be \$100,000. Mr. Hoge has controlled the stock of the bank since 1888. He will continue for the present to act as its chief executive.