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HE WANTS REDRESS

INDIAN AGENT WOULD SUE FOR LIBEL.

Pendleton Tribune Faces Damage Suit for Alleged Defamation of Character.

Because of certain things which the Pendleton Tribune has published concerning Major O. C. Edwards, says the East Oregonian, he proposes suing the paper for \$100,000 damages and also to take criminal action against the editor, assistants and others concerned in publishing the recent petition which the Indians sent to Washington asking for the agent's removal.

While in Pendleton Friday evening, Major Edwards spoke freely with his friends upon the subject and to one of them declared he had been grossly slandered by the publication of the petition. He indicated plainly that he resented the manner in which he had been treated by the morning daily, and declared his intention of bringing a libel suit against them for the above amount.

Saturday Major Edwards was occupied and had not been in town. Nor could he be reached by phone during the day. Consequently, nothing more could be learned concerning his plans in the matter.

Friday evening Major Edwards called on District Attorney Phelps for the purpose of having those responsible for the publishing of the petition prosecuted for criminal libel. He alleged that each and every allegation made in the present petition is false and libelous. That the petition was gotten up with malicious intent and has greatly injured his reputation as an officer and a citizen.

At first the district attorney was disposed to treat the matter lightly, and said he did not believe a case of criminal libel could be made out of the matter. However, Major Edwards declared otherwise, and insisted that Mr. Phelps take the matter up, which that official finally promised to do.

WALLA WALLA WON TWO.

Took Saturday's Game 7 to 4—Sunday's Game 6 to 3.

The Walla Walla "Boosters" took two games from the Kids, and to make sure they had them safe, at last reports they were guarding them with a shotgun. The garden city fans were more surprised, if that were possible, than any one else, that the "Boosters" won.

Saturday's game went to Walla Walla by a score of 7 to 4. The reporter has no access to the score book, and as there are different versions as to how it was won, the Press offers no comment.

Sunday's game was a heartrending affair to the excursionists who went over, confident in the belief that the Kids would win. But they didn't. The "Boosters" took kindly to Butler's offerings, slaming the ball all over the lot. Three runs were made in the first inning. The Kids made two in the sixth and one in the eighth. Walla Walla scored two in the fourth and one in the seventh.

Put Under Bonds.

W. A. Bohart and John Garrison, both Umatilla county men, have been indicted by the federal grand jury at Portland on the charge of perjury. It is alleged that these men gave false testimony in filing on homestead proofs. Both have given bonds for their appearance. Bohart is a Ukiah cattleman, while Garrison was formerly in the saloon business at Pendleton.

AT ENEMY'S MERCY.

The Entire Pacific Coast is Without Proper Defense.

Recent hostile developments in China, together with recent reports of the aggressive trade activity of Japan, have stirred interest in commercial circles as to the total inadequacy of the Pacific Coast defenses. Rear Admiral Louis Kempf, retired, who was in command of the China squadron of the Atlantic fleet under Rear Admiral Remy during the bombardment of the Taku forts, says that San Francisco is practically defenseless.

"The reduction of the land batteries that are supposed to guard our harbor," said Admiral Kempf, "would be child's play to a fleet of any size. It would not be necessary for a fleet to come inside to destroy the city. With the long range guns in the ships of the navies of the world, a squadron could maneuver outside the Cliff House and shell the city. An ordinary fleet could come inside the bay without figuring on the loss of but one-third of its ships."

"The channel is too deep and the tides too strong for the effectual use of mines, and the ships that would get in could make San Francisco a great pile of ruins. The entire coast line is defenseless, and our navy would have to hug the land in the event of war. The Philippines and the Hawaiian Islands would have to be dropped and left to the hands of an enemy."

From New York comes word that Francis B. Thurber has been in correspondence with the Secretary of the navy on the subject.

Summer School at Pendleton.

The summer school for teachers at Pendleton, June 25 to August 3, 1906, will afford an excellent opportunity for Eastern Oregon teachers to get in touch with the best methods advanced in their profession. It comes at a convenient season and will be a pleasant and profitable way to spend part of the annual vacation. The instructors are all teachers of approved experience, as follows:

Rev. W. H. Bleakney, principal of Pendleton Academy.
Prof. L. R. Traver, city superintendent of public schools, Pendleton.
J. W. Huff, principal of Pendleton High school.
E. K. Noordhoff, principal of grades, Pendleton Academy.
Frank K. Welles, superintendent of schools, Umatilla county.

Walla Walla Troops.

At the instance of the department of the interior the war department has taken steps to send whatever military force may be necessary to protect the Indian agent, Major C. E. Edwards, of the Umatilla agency, from the Indians, who have threatened to do him bodily harm. Orders were sent to Brigadier-General Constant Williams, in command of Vancouver Barracks, to send a reliable officer to Pendleton to investigate conditions at the agency, and if need be, to send one or two troops of cavalry to the agency from Fort Walla Walla.

High Living Kills Hobo.

Dan Cameron, one of the few genuine species of the genus "hobo," died Saturday afternoon in the Walla Walla city jail, as a result of over-indulgence in the good things to eat furnished the county prisoners. A quantity of beans was served each one of the prisoners at the prison table. Three of the prisoners did not eat any of the beans, and Cameron gorged himself on them and the other stuff that was left on the table. He was sick next morning, and kept getting worse until he finally became unconscious and later died. The physicians decided that he died from the effects of a broken blood vessel.

Reservation Troops.

Captain Alonzo Gray of the Fourth cavalry has reported and recommended that one troop of cavalry be sent to the reservation for the more specified purpose of patrolling the roads and preventing the violation by stockmen of the order prohibiting the crossing of stock—both sheep and cattle—on the way to the mountain pasturage. Nothing can be learned at this juncture as to when the troops will arrive, as the authorities are extremely reticent on the subject.

To Issue Booklets.

At the meeting of the Umatilla County Development League, which was held at the rooms of the commercial association in Pendleton Saturday evening, the executive committee of the league was authorized and instructed to expend \$125 in printing booklets for distribution in the east and on westbound homeseeker trains, similar to the 2500 recently issued by the East Oregonian.

For Sale.

The desirable piece of real estate on Main street known as the Carden property is now offered for sale. For price, apply to Charles Norris, Athena, Oregon.

OSCAR STONE UNDER ARREST.

Charged With Obtaining Money Under False Pretenses.

Oscar C. Stone, the Weston attorney and check artist, has been arrested in Spokane, upon orders from Sheriff Taylor, says the East Oregonian. He is now held by the chief of police in that city, and will be brought here as soon as possible.

District Attorney Phelps has filed information in the circuit court charging Oscar C. Stone with obtaining money under false pretenses. The complaining witness is Will Wells of this city, who took a bogus check for \$10 from Stone.

From accounts that have been told of Stone, he endeavored to cut a wide swath in Weston during his brief career there. Among other cases which he secured was that of Defendant C. H. Walter, the saloon man, in his trial for selling liquor to Indians. Some time ago Stone requested District Attorney Phelps to delay the Walters trial, and the same was done. However, Mr. Phelps says he will no longer consult Stone's pleasure in the matter.

Also Stone informed several of his friends that he was employed in the defense of the men charged with the murder of ex-Governor Stenness of Idaho.

PROHIBITION TICKET.

State Convention of Party in Oregon Chooses Candidates.

The state convention of the prohibition party in Oregon met in Portland Friday and nominated the following officers and candidates for the various state offices:

I. H. Amos for chairman of the state committee and F. B. Rutherford for secretary of the state committee.
For governor—I. H. Amos.
For United States senator—R. Lee Paget; for long term, Rev. H. Paget; Rev. H. Gould, short term.
For secretary of state—T. S. McDaniel.
For state treasurer—Leslie Butler.
For superintendent of public instruction—Henry Sheak.
For attorney general—F. B. Rutherford.
For state printer—A. S. Hawk.
For congressman from the Second district—Edward F. Green.
For joint state senator from Clackamas and Multnomah counties—A. F. Miller.
For joint state representative from Clackamas and Multnomah counties—A. W. Frankhauser.

Coast Baptists Meet.

The Pacific Coast Baptist conference will open in the White Temple, Portland, tomorrow evening, and continue through the following Saturday. On Sunday there will be special conference services in all the Baptist churches of the city and on Monday there will be two excursions for the benefit of delegates and visitors. One will be up the Columbia river, the other to McMinnville college. Delegates from Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Nevada and California are expected to be in attendance. More than 400 delegates and visitors are looked for. Ministers and congregational representatives of each Baptist church in the Pacific coast states will be recognized as delegates to the conference. Entertainment for them will be provided by the local Baptists. During the meeting questions of importance to the denomination as a whole and matters of vital interest to the churches of the respective states will be under discussion.

Lodge to Reorganize.

The old Umatilla lodge A. F. and A. M., which is to be reorganized at Umatilla at once, was the first lodge of that order in Eastern Oregon. It was formed in 1867, in the days when Umatilla Landing was a city of 2,500 people. For many years the lodge continued to exist, but gradually dwindled with the town until about five years ago the charter was surrendered. Now that Umatilla is growing again, and the East Umatilla irrigation project is going through the town promises to become one of the leading places in that section.

Registration at Weston.

The total registration for the primaries in Weston, East Weston, Mountain and Fairview precincts is 309. Weston has 123, East Weston 131, Mountain 32 and Fairview 23. Republicans outnumber democrats in the ratio of about three to two, says the Leader. There are some three dozen independents and socialists. The county registration is 3,500, with republicans largely in the lead. It is thought, however, that a good many democrats have not registered as yet, as they have no contest at the primaries. There will be enough of them in June to give the g. o. p. a "run for their money." Voters may yet register on the day of the primaries, April 20, by securing the endorsement of six freeholders. Registration books will be reopened after the primaries April 25, and close again May 15.

BROOKS IS EXECUTED

MURDERER OF ADOLPH MILLER PAYS PENALTY.

Hoodoo Number Thirteen Followed Doomed Man From Day of Conviction to Gallows.

Totally indifferent to his fate, Simon Brooks, who murdered Adolph Miller at Ridgefield, Washington, on November 20 last, was hanged at the Walla Walla penitentiary at 5:15 o'clock Friday morning. Brooks declined to say anything on the scaffold and did not even shake hands with the prison officials before the trap was sprung. The only time the doomed man showed any weakness was when the steps leading to the trap were reached, when he faltered for a second, but two guards quickly grasped him by the arms and assisted him up the steep flight of steps and onto the scaffold.

At 5:13 o'clock the trap was sprung, and 11 minutes later Prison Physician Muek pronounced Brooks legally dead, his neck having been broken. The body was buried in the prison cemetery.

Brooks' last hours on earth were spent in a restless manner. He passed a bad night and slept but two hours. Much of the long night he paced up and down his cell smoking a black cigar. At 4:30 o'clock he ate a hearty breakfast and received a Catholic priest, who remained with him to the end.

By a strange coincidence the hoodoo number thirteen has followed the doomed man from the day of his conviction to the shadow of the gallows. It was 13 years ago that Brooks was divorced from his wife. He was convicted on February 13 last, and two days later sentenced by Judge McCredie, at Vancouver, to be hanged April 13. His cell number at the penitentiary was 13 and the trap was sprung at 5:13 o'clock.

Brooks was the sixth prisoner to be hanged at the prison since the new law requiring all executions to take place at the penitentiary went into effect, and the same scaffold that had been used in carrying out the other death sentence was used in the execution of Brooks. During the time he was at the prison he maintained a stolid indifference and refused to in any way discuss his approaching fate. Neither would he discuss matters spiritual, although a Catholic priest and the prison chaplain had repeatedly tried to interest him in the teachings of God.

Brooks deliberately murdered Adolph Miller, his friend, in the latter's cabin near Ridgefield. The actions of the murderer at the time and immediately after the crime were believed by many to be those of an insane man, and it was this point that his attorneys relied upon to free their client. The jury however, was not convinced that Brooks was mentally deranged and returned a verdict that resulted in a death sentence being pronounced.

COAST ROAD INCORPORATES.

Route is Indicated from Spokane to Seattle.

Articles of incorporation were filed with the secretary of state of Washington of the North Coast Railroad company, of Spokane. The capital stock is \$500,000, and Robert Straborn and A. G. Smith are the incorporators.

The objects of the corporation are stated to be to construct a line of railroad from Seattle to Spokane, through the counties of King, Pierce, Lewis, Yakima, Benton, Franklin, Adams, Whitman and Spokane, a distance of 350 miles. A branch line is to be built from a point on the main line, in either Benton or Franklin county, to Walla Walla, a distance of 75 miles.

Authority is also given by its articles for the corporation to own or lease and operate a line of steamships between Seattle and other points on Puget Sound or on the Pacific ocean. The incorporators are the same men who incorporated the North Coast Railway, with North Yakima named as the principal place of business.

Death of A. C. Russell.

A. C. Russell died at the Good Samaritan hospital in Portland Friday, of a gripe, aged 71 years and three months. Mr. Russell had been a resident of Roseburg for the past two years, going to that place after selling his farm west of Athena to G. W. Hansell. He was ill but a short time and was in the hospital but a few days. He was born in Ohio, and spent about 20 years of his life in Iowa, from which state he came to Oregon. He leaves a wife and three sons. The funeral took place in this city yesterday.