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RAZOR CASE BEGINS

The Trial of Albert Razor Begins Tomorrow Morning

District attorney, Leroy Lomax, Attorney Sam White, of Baker City, and Hon. Neil McLeod, of Elgin are in the city and are preparing for the legal battle which begins in the morning when the trial of Albert Raser is called. The attorneys for the prosecution will be District Atty Leroy Lomax, assisted by attorneys Crawford & Crawford of this place, while the defendant will be represented by Hon. Sam White, and Hon. Neil McLeod. There will be a large attendance of witnesses in this case and a large portion of them have already arrived in the city.

The readers will remember that Albert Raser killed Mr Ben Ross at Elgin some time last February. After the matter had been passed over by the coroner's jury, and after two grand juries had failed to indict the last grand jury at its October term found a true bill, and the parties not being ready at that term of court for a trial the case, was continued indefinitely for awhile, and finally set for Dec. 22.

It seems that both prosecution and defense are ready for trial, that all the material witnesses will be present and that the trial will proceed to a speedy end.

Mr Raser's father of San Bernardino has been here with him for some time, and his brother, Mr E A Raser city engineer of San Bernardino arrived a few days ago and will stay here until the case is finally disposed of.

Married

WAUGHTER-NORDEN—In this city Dec. 21, 1904 at the residence of the officiating minister, J Franklin Day, Mr F G Waughter and Miss Trno Norden, both of Huron, Oregon

Patents Cancelled

Denver, Dec 21—Fourteen hundred patents of timber claims in Colorado were cancelled today in the land office and many more will be cancelled during the week. The cancellations are because locators have not complied with the terms of the timber claim act.

To Arbitrate

Fall River, Dec. 21—The textile unions this afternoon voted to submit their differences to arbitration but the millmen will probably ignore this move of the operatives.

Slaughters Turkeys

Umatilla, Ore., Dec. 21—George H Mottinger commenced yesterday to slaughter his herd of 640 turkeys at his ranch, 15 miles up on the Columbia river, preparatory to shipping them to the Seattle and Portland markets. Only 200 will be kept for next year's breeding.

Narrow Escape

Washington, Dec. 21—Secretary Shaw had a narrow escape from death this morning as he crossed a street. An electric car struck the secretary, but the fender picked him up, carrying him 40 feet uninjured.

SENATOR SHOUP DYING

Boise City, Dec. 21—Senator Shoup is barely alive. Unless his decline is quickly checked it is improbable that he will live more than a few hours.

It is just one week since Senator Shoup lost consciousness. Uraemic poison superinduced a coma from which he was never expected to rally. In the case of an average man death would have followed in a few hours. The senator's rugged constitution was shattered but not broken. At 68 years of age his heart and lungs were as sound as a young oak.

The senator's illness has been a severe strain upon the members of his family. The knowledge that the revered head of the household might be taken away at any moment kept the beloved wife and the affectionate sons and daughters of the distinguished patient at high tension. The frequent calls of old friends has been a constant reminder of the gravity of his condition.

LAND FRAUD CASE SHOWS MORE PROOF

Many Make Confessions and the Others Are on the Anxious Seat.

[Portland Journal]

Franklin Pierce Mays will be one of the first persons upon whose guilt or innocence the federal grand jury will pass in its investigation into the land frauds. Important testimony has already been presented to the jury showing his dealings with the Puter ring, and more is to be submitted later.

It has been established beyond question that Mays had extensive business relations with S A D Puter and with others of the conspirators. He acquired lands from them they had fraudulently secured from the government by means of pretended homestead entries. It was Mays who gave Puter a letter of introduction to Senator Mitchell, asking the latter to expedite the patenting of the fraudulent claims in township 11-7. Mays' name figured unpleasantly in a letter introduced in evidence at the recent trial and written by Puter to Hobson, who bought land from Horace McKinley.

ALL HAVE CONFESSED

The essential facts showing Mays' relations with the land thieves are now believed to be in the possession of the government. All of the defendant's in the first trial have made complete confession to the government's representatives. Some of this information has already been laid before the grand jury.

S A D Puter and Horace G McKinley were before the grand jury yesterday afternoon and Marie Ware and Emma Watson told their stories this morning. Miss Ware was the first witness called this morning but was in the jury room less than half an hour. Mrs. Watson's stay in the jury room was even briefer. It is supposed that both women will be recalled later and made only preliminary statements today.

Runaway Accident

A runaway accident occurred this afternoon which did not prove very disastrous, but which might have resulted seriously to the occupant of the buggy. Mr. Ed Walsh, Jr., had taken a buggy and team from the Wm. Smith stable, the team being a gentle and tractable one, and was going out for the purpose of attending the funeral services of Mrs. Hannah Stevenson, when one of the horses, in some unaccountable manner got over the traces,

All the circum stances of F P Mays supposed connection with the land frauds are known to these witnesses and their testimony will doubtless be of great importance. Another witness who was before the jury yesterday afternoon is Thaddeus S Potter, the attorney whom Mays employed as the medium through whom to convey the lands which he acquired from the ring.

HOW MAYS OPERATED

Puter and his confederates took up lands in the Blue mountain reserve and in the Cascade reserve in their usual manner, by false claims of homestead entry, and certain of these lands were purchased by Mays. Instead, however, of having the lands conveyed directly to himself he caused Thaddeus Potter, who was employed in Mays' office, to be named as the grantee. Subsequently Potter conveyed these lands to a Seattle attorney named Peters. Potter testified last spring before the federal grand jury then in session that in these transactions he was merely acting as agent for Mays and had himself no interest in the land to which he held title. The proceeds of the sale to Peters went to Mays.

In this connection it is related that Mays went to Washington while Hermann was land commissioner, for the purpose of getting him to expedite the patenting of certain lands in which Mays was interested. Hermann did as Mays requested and the claims were rushed to patent with the same extraordinary haste displayed in the case of the Puter claims.

The letter of introduction presented by Puter to Senator Mitchell was written by Mays, and in it he described Puter as "one of the most reputable citizens of Oregon."

and then the trouble began. In this condition the horses became frightened and ran. Mr. Walsh was thrown from the vehicle on one of the cross walks, but sustained no injuries with the exception of a bruised hip. One of the horses broke loose and ran back to the stable, scattering mud and people indiscriminately in his progress. The damage to the harness and vehicle were merely nominal, and after the horses were caught, they were hitched up again and driven off peacefully.

Election Frauds

Denver, Dec 21.—The supreme court today sent another batch of democratic election officials to jail for frauds in precinct 3, ward 7. Former candidates for senator Leonard Rogers, William Adams and Louis Hamburg for three months and \$100 fine. Thomas Kinley for three months.

The trial of City Detective Rogers, boss of the tenderloin district, and his cohorts, charged with election frauds, was resumed this morning.

ANOTHER BOODLER PUNISHED

Kansas City, Dec. 21.—The court of appeals today affirmed the fine of \$100 imposed upon State Senator W H Sullivan for soliciting bribes for his votes on the pure food measure in the last legislature.

GETS LEG BROKEN

Engineer at the Electric Power Plant Seriously Injured.

An accident occurred at the electric power plant last evening which resulted in a broken leg for Engineer P E Brummigen. From one of these inexplicable causes which often happen in the course of events, and for which no one can be blamed neither the parties in charge nor the parties who put in the machinery, a bolt which held a powerful spring became loosened and the spring was released.

It was engineer Brummigen's misfortune just at this time to step up near this spring in order to oil some parts of the machinery, and at that moment the spring was released and struck him on the leg above the ankle, breaking both of the bones of the leg. Dr Molitor attended the wounded man and dressed his wounds. It is reported this morning that he is resting easily and no chances of further complications to follow.

The light plant was somewhat disabled for a time after the accident occurred, but it was but a short time until the lights were in good trim again.

Advertised Letters

Akers A M	Bakins Louis
Charvet M J	Cook Mrs Mary
Darr J	Davis Fred S
Eidson L A	England James
Fleming O H	Fowles Mrs J E
Gilman M D	Holms Orville D
Jones Charley	Look W M
Marshall Fred	Merrifield Fred
Newman Mrs Agnes Thomas Kathleen	

The above will be held 14 days and then sent to the dead letter office when called for please say advertised Dec. 21, 1904.

G M Richey, P M

J E Foley proprietor of the Hotel Foley received a magnificent lot of furnishings for the new 60 room addition to the Hotel yesterday and he will have part of them furnished soon after the first of the year.

The funeral services of Hannah Stephenson took place at the Catholic Church in this city this afternoon at two o'clock and the remains were interred in the Catholic Cemetery.

CHRISTMAS GOODS

The Big Line is at
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A. T. HILL, Prescription Druggist

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If you can't reform him, see to it at least that he smokes good cigars. We have fine goods put up in boxes of 12 and 25 for the holidays. You can rely upon the quality of the cigars we offer. They are brands that the most critical smokers in town have passed judgement on, \$1.20 and \$2.50 per box. Larger boxes if you want them.

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A little item now in large demand. They go to chink in most anywhere, and we have them in gilt, silver, glass, etc, 50c to \$3.00.

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Large lines of the latest for men and women; especially large assortment of gift pocket books for ladies. A very sensible, serviceable present. 25c to \$2.50.

Books.

There is hardly a person who has to buy Christmas gifts who should not consider the selection of books, as they are equally desirable for old and young. They are treasured for life time and never lose their value. Large as our stock was last year, it is almost doubled this season. The variety is greater and the stock

throughout is larger. It includes all the latest and most popular novels, together with standard fiction, poetry, etc. Also books for girls, boys and the little ones. You can find anything you want and can be suited, no matter what price you want to pay. We sell most books for less than publisher's prices, often much less, and these low prices prevail throughout the holiday season.

Perfumes.

You will want perfumes of course and if you desire a splendid assortment to pick from, high quality and close prices, we shall expect to supply you. Fancy bottles 25c to \$7.50. An especially fine line of standard odors in handsome bottles from 25c to 50c. Original 1/4 pound bottles of standard high grade extracts for those who wish to make a superb perfume present.

Oxford Bibles.

The best gift of all in many instances. The cheapest ones are extra good, with limp covers, maps, tables, etc. Have a large variety to choose from if you come at once. \$1 to \$6.

Toilet Cases and Celluloid Novelties.

We have some beautiful toilet and dressing cases in plush, silver and celluloid. Prices from 95c to \$12.

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A fountain pen is the busy man or woman's friend. It is a perpetual convenience if it is a good one, and a constant annoyance if it isn't. We guarantee those we sell to be first-class. Prices differ a little probably more than the quality of the pens. From \$1.00 up.

Abundance of Games.

Every game that goes into the home helps to make home more attractive for the children and often for the elders.

We have attractive games at half prices, between 10 cents and \$1.00. Authors, Adagrams, Backscr, etc. Spelling boards, a most desirable gift for little folks, spelling blocks, from 40 cents to 75 cents. Crokinole and other board games up to \$5.50.

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