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## ORCHARD'S ATTORNEY IS REFUSED AN ADMITTANCE

### Cannot See Prisoner on Account Alleged Illness--All But Orchard Must Go to Caldwell.

(Scripps News Association)  
Boise, Idaho, Feb. 23—Attorneys Richardson, Miller and Nugent want to the penitentiary this morning to interview their clients, Moyer, Haywood, Pettibone, St. John and Orchard. They saw all but Orchard, whom the warden would not permit to be visited. The excuse given was that Orchard was ill and not able to be seen. Attorney Richardson demanded that more liberties be given the prisoners and entered a strenuous objection to the manner they are being treated. The prisoners were not permitted to consult each other's lawyers and were compelled to talk separately. The prisoners are only allowed to write one letter a day and then they are censored by the warden. Moyer asked to write one business letter and to his wife but was compelled to choose which one it should be. The daily newspapers are refused them and they can see no one.

Richardson is preparing to file papers with the United States court to compel authorities to make more liberal allowances in governing the treatment of the prisoners. The prisoners will be taken to Caldwell tomorrow on a special train where a grand jury will be empaneled. Orchard may not be taken as he is reported ill, although the prison physician has not been summoned. Miller claims it is a ruse of the prosecution to prevent his seeing the client and will ask an order from the court to permit him to visit in the cell.

The detectives have secured the key to the cipher used by the Western Federation in all of its correspondence and have many communications addressed to Orchard, people at Silver City, Burke and Wallace, besides a number of captured Colorado mining camp codes, enabling the officers to decipher the full history of the many crimes committed in the past six years. Captain Wain admits

that this is the most important work accomplished by the detectives. The miners' attorneys have presented a petition to the supreme court for a writ of habeas corpus. Separate petitions have been filed for Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone alleging that their arrest is the result of a conspiracy on the part of Governor Gooding. Prosecuting Attorney Van Duen of Caldwell and Hawley are chief consuls for the prosecution. The prisoners are not charged with conspiracy to murder or as being accessories, but with direct charges of committing the act. The applicants say they were taken from Colorado at night and had no opportunity to consult attorneys there. They say they are denied every right guaranteed by the constitution of the United States, Idaho and Colorado.

## ANNUAL TARGET PRACTICE

(Scripps News Association)  
Coronado, Cal., Feb. 23—The South Pacific squadron under the command of rear Admiral Goodrich, and consisting of the flagship Chicago, the cruiser Boston, the torpedo boat Perry, the Princeton, the Paul Jones and the Marjoriehead sailed this morning for Magdalena Bay for their annual target practice. While the squadron was in this port the officers and men were received with the greatest enthusiasm and scores of social functions were arranged in their honor.

### A NOVEL PARTY

An afternoon, unique in the history of Island City social events, was given by Mrs. C. H. Bidwell, at her cozy home on Wednesday. Mrs. Bidwell knew we were "only girls grown tall," and that the words of the poem.

"Backward turn Backward, O Time in Your Flight," was the sentiment of each heart.

In response to invitations, addressed to the ladies, using the given names and requesting each to bring her dolly and thimble, forty ladies assembled and were delightfully entertained throughout the afternoon. The ladies called each other by their first names, and even some were dressed as little girls and attracted a great deal of admiration. The hostess furnished each one with a little doll and materials with which to make it a dress. Mrs. Lee Humphrey was awarded Riley's "Child Rhymes" for the best dressed doll. For diversion, Elsa Couch recited in her usual pleasing way, a childish piece. All were delighted with Miss Lyne's instrumental and vocal selections, and Mrs. Merton Kiddle sang, "There Little Girl Don't Cry," with feeling. Dainty refreshments, such as children love were served. The hostess was assisted in serving by Clara and Hilda Schroeder and Elsa Couch.

When the time came for leaving, all said that they "had a very nice time," as they had been taught to say by their mamma.

The guests were: Sprattle Berry, Mary Mallory, Gerty Swaney, Jessie Cavana, Clara Lyle, Lydia Moore, Felicia Lyne, Betty Rinehart, Hezlie Moore, Fannie Allison, of La Grande; Fannie Bidwell, of Union; Ella Hall, Alma Carol, of May Park; Mamie Couch, Minna Schroeder, Margaret Hunter, Julia Holmes, Emma Kiddie, Ada Kiddie, Jessie Kiddie, Eliza Hunter, Edna Hunter, Addie Russell, Cavana Russell, Lola Williams, Ada Clark, Anna Clark, Hannah Spence, Emma Blockland, Lelan Thomas, Mollie Moss, Fannie Brown, Cassie Caviness, Alabama Humphrey, Ethel Smith and Catherine Baer, of Island City.

### WINSLOR IN DISTRESS

(Scripps News Association)  
Nofork, Feb. 23—The torpedo boat Winslow is broken down off this coast today and is reported adrift in distress off of Cape Henry. Assistance has been dispatched.

### GRAIN MARKETS

(Scripps News Association)  
Chicago, Feb. 23—Wheat opened at 82; closed 82½; corn opened at 42½; closed 43; oats opened 29½; closed 29½.

### PICTURE OVERTDRAWN

(Scripps News Association)  
Washington, Feb. 23—Rockhill, Minister to China, cables the secretary of state that there is no cause for undue apprehension concerning the situation there. He believes the published reports of uneasiness are without cause.

### TO DEFEND MOYER

(Scripps News Association)  
Butte Mont., Feb. 23—The Butte mill and smelters union last night voted \$5,000 to help defend President Moyer passed a resolution scored the governors of Idaho and Colorado, who they accuse of kidnapping Moyer and his associates.

## JOHANN HOCH IS HANGED FOR MURDER OF HIS WIFE

### Declared he would Fight but Quietly Walked to the Gallows and Expiated Crimes

(Scripps News Association)  
Chicago, Feb. 23—John Hoch rose about seven this morning, after six hours of good sleep. He cheerfully greeted the guard and joked with the jailer and gave an epicurian order for breakfast. His attorney is trying to file an appeal to the courts to prevent the execution by an investigation as to his sanity.

At 10:20 Attorney Commerford filed his petition and the court ordered the execution to be postponed for one hour until the court looks up the writ for habeas corpus as asked for.

Hoch refuses to lose confidence and says as long as there is life there is hope. He told the jailer that he was prepared for either death or a sudden reprieve. He would not deny or confirm any of the stories about his history. He spent much of the time with his spiritual advisors of various denominations including the Catholic, although he is a Lutheran.

### HE MUST HANG

Judge Landis has denied the writ and Hoch must hang. Hoch says that he will not go to the gallows and will resist with physical violence.

On the gallows Hoch said, "I want to say something. God forgive them for they know not what they do. I die an innocent man. Good bye". The trap was sprung at 1:54 p. m. At 1:52 the body was cut down. The neck was broken and death was instantaneous.

Johann Hoch, or Schimide, as declared his rightful name, was a short, heavy set German-Frenchman, about 40 years old, bald excepting on the sides of his head, where he wore black, carefully combed, curly, silken hair, tinged with white threads. His nose was long and aquiline; his lips thick, wide and sensuous, making irregular, carefully kept teeth. A blonde moustache ornamented his upper lip. The remainder of his face was clean shaven. His head neck and shoulders were lean. His features had a Jewish cast;

his manner was courteous, deferential and always seemingly considerate for others. He received those who approached him with a smile and confidential nod and usually a handclasp. He studied to establish confidential relations by whispering something of no consequence, as if imparting an important secret. If encouraged, he put his hand upon the knee or shoulder of the person he came in contact with and patted him "affectionately." He was gentle as a woman; in fact his movements suggested a femininity as if he were an obsessed woman. His manners and nature were like a tiger's foot—soft and velvety, but sheathing talons.

When Hoch met middle aged German widows he adopted the reserve of a refined German tradesman. He manifested courteous consideration for them while planning to get their money and kill them by poison. He sought externally to realize the ideal of a husband in the mind of the average German illiterate woman who had toiled for years and saved money. He forgot his reserves long enough to boast of his wealth. This was the most enticing bait he offered. The majority of his victims married him in the hope they would escape a life of drudgery and become the mistress of a rich man's home.

When he asked the hand of a victim he declared he "wanted to provide her a good home." When she became ill from arsenic he gave her the summoned medicine. (Continued on page 3)

### THE HART-BURNS MATCH

(Scripps News Association)  
Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 23—The boxing match for the world's heavyweight championship between Marvin and Tommy Burns will come off this evening before the Pacific Athletic Club. Several hundred sports from all parts of the country are here to witness the bout and betting is heavy among them. Both men are said to be in good condition for a fast and furious fight.

## TODAY'S COURT BUSINESS

The case of Sam Booth versus J. W. Scriber was given to the jury this morning just before noon.

Judge Eakin handed down a decision in the case of W. A. Gassett versus the O. R. N. Co. granting Gassett seven hundred dollars damages.

At eleven o'clock Rufus Gaskill was re-arrested by Sheriff Tom Johnson charged with larceny in a store. Gaskill has not been arraigned.

The case of Crawford versus Rohr which has created so much attention during the present term of court was today postponed, the court holding that the state was not ready for trial. The order making the postponement was rather indefinite, but it is altogether likely that the case will not be called during the present term.

The case of the Stoddard Lumber Company versus the Grande Ronde Lumber Company is now being tried.

There is sufficient business in sight to keep the court busy next week.

### UMATILLA COUNTY FIRE.

(Scripps News Association)  
Adams Feb. 22—Fire started in the wheat elevator of the Pacific Coast Elevator company last night and spread to four other grain warehouses. All were destroyed together with about 80,000 bushels of wheat.

## RATE BILL REPORTED

(Scripps News Association)  
Washington Feb. 23—It is stated on the highest authority that the Knox bill which was introduced yesterday is not the administration measure as has been stated but stands for a course which the President has emphatically rejected.

The President is not opposed to the amendment which makes clear the manner in which the judicial review might be made but Attorney General Moody and the President agreed on Knox's proposed amendment, so Knox decided to frame a bill expressing his own views on the rate question. Its introduction surprised the President as well as many senators. The Democrats of the committee favor a middle ground, agreeing with the President to support the amendment for judicial review but insists that the rate as fixed by the commission remain in effect pending the court's decision, while the Knox plan is to suspend the rate and make the railroads put up a bond to reimburse the shipper if the court decided in favor of the shippers.

The Senate committee favorably reported the Hepburn bill by a vote of eight to five.

### SUSVEYERS HERE

Engineer Brown for the Central Railroad Company, of the electric line, had his surveying crew out this morning surveying a line from Moss Chapel through Fruitdale to this city. Mr. Brown states this practically completes the preliminary work and as soon as good weather sets in they will be ready for permanent work.

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