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## THREE KILLED IN WRECK

(Scripps News Association)  
Petersburg, Ind., July 12—Three lives were lost and thousands of dollars worth of property destroyed today by a wreck of a freight train on the Southern Railroad. Brakeman Luther Cape was hurt and the fireman and engineer are dead and two other trainmen are expected to die from injuries received.

### NEW MEXICO EARTHQUAKE

(Scripps News Association)  
Albuquerque, N. M., July 12—Two earthquake shocks occurred here this morning. Much damage resulted to the buildings during the second occurrence.

### TOWN WIPED OUT

(Scripps News Association)  
Boonville, Ind., July 12—Linville, a town of two thousand was destroyed by fire about midnight last evening. The origin is believed to be of an incendiary nature. Twenty-four buildings were razed and the loss will be two hundred thousand dollars.

### SAILS FOR NORWAY

(Scripps News Association)  
N. Y., July 12.—H. H. D. Pierce, the newly appointed American Minister to Norway, sailed today. Huntington Wilson, who will succeed him as Third Assistant Secretary of State, was recalled from Tokio, where he has been secretary of the embassy.

### A REAL WAR ON

(Scripps News Association)  
Washington, July 12.—General Regalado, former president of Salvador and commander in chief of the Salvadoran army was killed in battle today by the Guatemala troops. The United States was notified by Minister Merry, stationed at San Salvador.

## PACIFIC COAST WILL ATTRACT LA FOLLETTE

(Observer Special)  
San Jose, Calif., July 11—The Summer Chautauqua Session at Pacific Grove began a seventeen days' session today. Among the noticeable who will take part in the Chautauqua either in person or by communication are included Sen. La Follette, Wis., District Attorney Jerome of New York and Governor of Missouri, A. A. Willis of Ohio has been engaged to deliver a series of lectures and Bob Burdette will add his wit and humor to the program.

### EIGHT KILLED IN UPSET

(Scripps News Association)  
London July 12—Due to an overturning of a motor omnibus this morning which was enroute to the famous seaside resort at Brighton, six were killed and many injured. The upset happened on the Hunderston. Two victims died later at an improvised hospital.

### ENGINE EXPLODES

(Scripps News Association)  
Ashland, July 12—A southern pacific freight engine exploded this morning two miles south of town. The engineer, E. C. Patric and the fireman, Eugene Holmes were badly hurt by steam and hot water.

## DREYFUS RESTORED HIS RANK

(Scripps News Association)  
Paris, July 12—The court martial's verdict in the case of Captain Alfred Dreyfus some time ago by which he was condemned on a charge of betraying army secrets, has been annulled by the court which lately reviewed it. A new trial was not ordered. More than being exonerated, Captain Dreyfus has been restored to his rank, and rumors have it that he will be promoted immediately.

## LIVELY SESSION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

### \$1,000 Saloon License Killed—Official Acts of Marshal Rayburn and Councilman Gardinier to be Investigated

The city council played to a full house last evening. Every member being in his seat and every seat in the lobby was occupied. The tip had gone out that there would be something doing and there was.

It was after eleven o'clock before the spectators began to get their money's worth, but from that time on it was fast and furious. Councilman Bartlett asked for the disposition of the Mayor's veto of the \$1,000 saloon ordinance that had been the attraction on the boards for these many weeks, and moved that it be placed on its final passage, which was duly seconded. Whereupon the Mayor ruled the motion out of order inasmuch that the time of consideration of the veto had passed out of the hands of the council from the fact that it should have been taken up at the first regular meeting of the council after the veto message had been submitted. Owing to the fact that two meetings of the council had intervened and that once it had been deferred because there was not a sufficient number of councilmen present, and at another time action was deferred by motion. Councilman Meyers asked the Mayor why he did not make this ruling or inform the council at the previous meeting.

The Mayor replied that he did not have the copy of the charter with him and was not aware of the rule. Mr. Meyers retorted that it was a peculiar occurrence. Mr. Bartlett then appealed to the ruling of the Mayor and asked for a ye and nay vote, which resulted as follows: Those sustaining the ruling were Carr, Dunn, Gardinier, Fowler and Richardson, contrary Bartlett, Meyers and Williamson. Thus the ordinance was technically but effectively killed.

When the Mayor announced that the ordinance was dead there were numer-

ous compliments with more or less venom passed between the opponents, the Mayor was compelled to rule them all out of order as there was nothing before the council for discussion.

The waiting spell was not long however when the Recorder commenced reading the special communication demanding that an investigation be held relative to the charges of City Marshal Rayburn and Councilman Gardinier.

### COMMUNICATION OF THE MAYOR

To the Council of the City of La Grande: It has come to the knowledge of the Mayor that certain complaints and charges have been made against city officers and members of the council, in that they have been receiving money unlawfully from gamblers and sporting women of the city.

It is charged that the Marshal and City physician have conspired together and have required each inmate of the houses of prostitution to be examined weekly at a fee of \$2.50 for each examination, thereby netting a monthly income to these two officers of \$200.00 per month.

S. A. Gardinier, a member of this council, has been charged with selling privileges to gamblers to conduct unlawful games, and that on the 18th day of May 1906 the said gamblers paid to councilman Gardinier the sum of \$150.00. The said councilman acting as the chairman of the Fire and Police committee sold the privilege to allow unlawful gaming after the Mayor had ordered the games closed representing that a majority of said committee would guarantee the gamblers from being closed up, and they agreed to relieve the marshal from any responsibility in not carrying out the Mayor's orders.

In view of the seriousness of these charges I, as Mayor of the City of La Grande recommend and request that a special committee of three members be appointed by the Mayor to investigate both of these cases, that they be given power to employ an attorney to conduct an investigation, to compel the attendance of witnesses at their meetings and that said witnesses be put under oath and be required to testify as to any facts bearing on these cases.

After said investigation is concluded the said committee be required to report to the council as to their findings.

Respectfully submitted  
J. B. STODDARD  
Mayor.

Councilman Bartlett immediately took the floor and demanded that inasmuch as he was a member of the Fire and Police committee, he demanded to know who his informant was or whether he had done this on his own personal knowledge. The Mayor replied that with reference to the charge against Mr. Gardinier, that the city Marshal was his informant and with reference to the charges against the Marshal, that city Attorney Ivanhoe was his informant.

Mr. Bartlett then asked the Mayor that in conjunction with four members of the council, he had not at a secret or special meeting thoroughly investigated the charges against Councilman Gardinier. The Mayor replied that he did not know that he had. "Did you not meet with Councilmen Williamson, Dunn, Carr, Fowler and Richardson in the latter's office to investigate this matter," said Bartlett. He replied, "Yes."

Bartlett then asked, "What do you mean by having a committee of three members, you do name them, to conduct this investigation, when yourself and five members of this council, having heretofore acted and were unable to accomplish anything. Do you mean to appoint a committee out of these same members?" He replied that he did not.

Bartlett then moved that the entire matter be referred to the council as a committee of the whole for investigation, which passed unanimously. Councilman Richardson then moved that when the council adjourned that it should meet next Wednesday night for the purpose of this investigation. Council then adjourned.

**ROUTINE BUSINESS**  
An ordinance was passed ordering that

N street be graded between 4th and 2d. An ordinance was also passed providing for the disposition of garbage within the city.

A resolution was passed directing the Recorder to give notice that 2d street would be graded its entire length if the two thirds of property owners did not remonstrate on or before July 25.

An ordinance was passed establishing grades on S street.

An ordinance was passed to grade 6th street.

The street lighting contract was referred back to committee for further consideration, as was also the contracting for books and filing cases and also the question of bids for city cells.

The Mayor and Recorder were directed to file a petition with the Postmaster General asking that a free mail delivery be established in La Grande.

### PAN AMERICAN CONGRESS

(Scripps News Association)

Rio Janeiro, July 12—The Pan-American Conference began its first session here today. The work of the Congress is being closely watched by emissaries of the United States and European Governments because of the refusal of Venezuela, Ecuador and Nicaragua to take part in the Hague conference. Secretary Root of the United States was instrumental in delaying the Hague conference in order that South Americans could attend, without the same conflicting with their conference.

### ATE CANNED MEAT; DIED

(Scripps News Association)

Denver Colo., July 12—Misses Mollie Brown and Cleo Spruin, actresses of New York and playing here, ate canned meat for lunch today. The results are that Miss Brown is dead and Miss Spruin violently ill.

## ALLEGED MURDERER SUICIDES

(Scripps News Association)

Minneapolis, July 12—Nathan Riggs who was yesterday arrested at Elroy Wisconsin on a charge of murdering Miss Ellison of Elsworth, Wisconsin, at this city, and placed in jail at Elroy, committed suicide this morning by shooting himself. Miss Ellison was brutally murdered, and it is alleged, robbed of a large sum of money in a hotel in this city yesterday. After saturating a sofa with alcohol and igniting it, battering her skull with a hammer the villain fled. Later in the day a man named Riggs was arrested at Elroy on suspicion.

Riggs' house was searched and a valise, atomizer and other articles which it is known Miss Ellison took with her to the hotel were found in the furnace, partially burned.

## FRESNO MINES ARE CONDEMNED

(Scripps News Association)

Chicago Ill., July 12—A bulletin from Glasgow Scotland says that a sensation has been caused on the stock exchange by the announcement that the Fresno Copper mine of California has been officially condemned. Four hundred thousand pounds were invested in the mine and is a complete loss.

The copper mine was promoted by E. D. Vercoe, an Englishman, who interested Glasgow capital by sending out glowing reports of the value of the ore in sight. It is said that he unloaded a vast amount of stock, most of it going to Scotch investors, but some going to Americans. The mines were closed down recently throwing hundreds out of work.

### EARTHQUAKES AT REDDING

(Scripps News Association)

Redding Cal., July 12—Earthquake shocks were reported this morning in this vicinity. The people grew alarmed at the rumbling noises they heard and when the huge boulders came rolling down the mountain sides people grew frantic. No serious damage is reported.

### GOLD BRICKS STOLEN

(Scripps News Association)

Fairbanks Alaska July 12—Over fifty thousand in gold brick, in care of the Pacific Express, were stolen from the steamer Ida May between Fairbanks and Fort Gibbons today.

### SEVEN TRUSTS INDICTED

(Scripps News Association)

Washington July 12—The federal grand jury today returned indictments against local trust institutions consisting of seven firms, charging them with conspiracy in restraining trade.

### MUST MEET REQUIREMENTS

(Scripps News Association)

Chicago July 12—Secretary Wilson denied the packers the right to use the government labels until all of the requirements of the new law are complied with. The secretary left this afternoon to investigate the plants at Omaha.

### GARFIELD PREPARING REPORTS

(Scripps News Association)

Washington July 12—Working on in sweltering heat at the capital while other officials are at the seaside or in the mountains, Commissioner Garfield keeps pounding away at the trusts and their actions, to be ready with his report if it is called for by the President. He has a half dozen investigations among the principle industries of the United States which are in progress.

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