

La Grande Evening Observer

VOLUME V

LA GRANDE, UNION COUNTY, OREGON, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1906

NUMBER 180

MAYS, SORENSON, JONES ALL GUILTY AS CHARGED

(Scripps News Association)
Portland, Sept. 13.—The Federal Jury this morning returned a verdict finding defendants Franklin P. Mays, Willard Jones and George Sorenson guilty of conspiracy to defraud the government out of public lands in the Blue Mountain reserve. Senator Mitchell and Congressmen Williamson and Herman were co-defendants but have not yet been tried. (Senator Mitchell is deceased) accused of the violation of section 5440 of the revised statutes, plotting and fraudulently obtaining two hundred thousand acres of

school lands. The maximum penalty is two years imprisonment and a fine of \$10,000.

Franklin P. Mays is a native Oregonian and one of the leading attorneys of the state, having served as United States District Attorney for a number of years and latter represented Multnomah county in the state senate. Jones was also a member of the Multnomah delegation and has held other positions of trust. Sorenson, the other defendant is well known throughout the state as a speculator in school lands.

UNCLE JOHN CAN RIDE FREE

(Scripps News Association)
Washington, Sept. 13.—A loophole has been discovered whereby the Standard Oil Company can get free transportation over railroads, and strange to say, it is the only corporation which can. The rate bill provides that common carriers may

give and accept free transportation among themselves. As the lodge amendment to the rate bill declares the Standard Oil Company to be a common carrier, Uncle John and his oily partners may ride free while his competitors must pay the regular rates.

NO MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP

(Scripps News Association)
Seattle, Wash., Sept. 13.—The proposed municipal ownership of the street railway system was defeated yesterday in the popular election by a vote of 5922 against 7180.

This ends the most bitter fight that has been carried on in this city ever since the proposition was first launched. The agitators have worked a strenuous campaign but after the returns of the city and county election were received, it was evident that municipal ownership of street car lines and water lines in this city is not a popular idea.

The defeat is attributed principally to the fact that heavy taxpayers and small property owners objected to the increase of taxation. The vote on the issue of the

five hundred thousand dollar bonds, for Lake Washington canal was overwhelmingly carried, which practically insures the construction of canal. The issuance of bonds being extended for the water works system, was also carried.

NELSON AND GANS AGAIN

(Scripps News Association)
Chicago, Sept. 13.—Nelson has challenged Gans, and has posted a certified check of one thousand. The same terms as before are to hold good except that the winner is to take all. The Dane has been in Chicago but a few hours when this announcement was made, and his friends are jubilant over the fact that Nelson will again meet the negro.

AUTO RUN TO DEL MONTE

(Scripps News Association)
San Francisco, Cal., September 13.—Automobilists from all parts of California are arriving here today to take part in the endurance run to Del Monte, which will start from here tomorrow morning. The tour will practically be a repetition of the trip of last year, when the same route was used. The road is well known to most of the automobilists and they expect a grand time. The machines will be kept in a garage over night and the start will be made tomorrow morning. The finish line will be in front of the hotel at Del Monte. The conditions of the run are such that it will be possible for machines of every speed to take part in the contest with a chance to win the trophy. There will be no speeding and none of the contestants will be permitted to pass the pacemaker, who will lead the column. The tour, the conditions of which are similar to those of the Glidden tour, is made under the auspices of the Automobile Club of California.

FORMER DETECTIVE WEDS HEIRESS

(Scripps News Association)
New York, September 13.—William E. Murphy, a detective stationed in the Corporation Counsel's office, was married this morning at the Church of the Guardian Angel on West Twenty-Third Street to Miss Mary Donehue, daughter of a wealthy contractor of Cleveland, O. Murphy became a policeman ten years ago, when President Roosevelt, then police commissioner, issued a call for 1000 additional patrolmen. He was made a patrolman at once and gradually advanced to the position of detective. While employed as detective he found time to study law and passed his examination with high honors. He was admitted to the bar and will probably practice as lawyer in preference to doing detective duty.

GERMAN PRINCE DEAD

(Scripps News Association)
Berlin, Germany, Sept. 13.—Prince Albrecht, regent of the Duchy of Brunswick, died this morning.

TO REVISE CITY CHARTER

Last night the city council met in adjourned session, principally for the purpose of auditing the various bills against the city, but disposed of considerable other business.

Forest Superintendent Schiller forwarded the council a copy of his report made to the Interior department asking that the watershed of Beaver creek be set aside for the use of the city of La Grande for domestic purposes in accordance with the request of the council.

The council also passed a resolution directing Congressman W. R. Ellis' attention to the fact that the receipts of the La Grande post office and other department conditions had been complied with necessary to secure a free delivery system in this city and requesting him to take the matter before the postal department.

The election of a city attorney was for the third time taken up and after five ballots were taken with no election, the matter was again postponed.

The street superintendent was empowered to employ a competent assistant to collect the unpaid poll tax. After considerable discussion the council was of the opinion that this tax should be collected and took this manner of collecting it.

The matter of investigating and reporting upon the advisability of building a separate room for a city jail was referred to the Ways and Means committee to report at the next meeting.

TO REVISE CHARTER

The following resolution was unanimously passed:

RESOLUTION

Whereas, the proposition of revising, compiling, codifying and indexing the Charter and Ordinances of the City, and preparing the same for publication has been under consideration for two years past and

Whereas, it is the sense of this council that a new charter should be prepared and put to the people, at a special election, to be voted on according to the initiative law enacted at the June election this year, which confers the right and privilege on cities and towns to enact and amend their own charters. Therefore be it

Resolved: That a special committee of three members be appointed by the Mayor to be called "Charter and Ordinance" committee, and that the Mayor be an ex-officio member of said committee.

This committee to have power and authority to prepare a new charter and to have the ordinances of the City revised and codified. They are authorized to employ such legal and clerical talent for the purpose of properly prosecuting this work as may be necessary and reasonable.

After these matters are prepared for publication the committee be required to report to the council for its ratification and to order a special election for the enactment of the new charter by a vote of the people.

That for the purpose of giving equal representation to the wards of the City and the members of the council on the several committees, regular and special, the following arrangement of the membership and chairmanship of each committee is hereby approved and ratified by the Council:

Should the Council decide favorably on the proposition of bringing the water of Beaver Creek to the City and issuing bonds for the payment of this expense, the bonding question to be voted on at the same election to be called for the vote on the new charter. The said election to be called as soon as the proposed charter can be prepared and the estimate made on the cost of the proposed pipe line from Beaver Creek.

Regular and special committee of the City Council of La Grande, Oregon;
1st Judiciary; E. W. Bartlett* Gardinier, Dunn, Williamson.
2nd Fire and Police; Bartlett, Gardinier* Fowler.
3d Finance Carr*, Meyers, Williamson.
4th Health & Water; Richardson*, Dunn, Fowler.
5th Streets and Alleys; Carr, Richardson, Dunn*.
6th Ways and Means; Gardinier, Meyers, Fowler*.
7th Special water; Bartlett, Gardinier, Williamson*.
8th Charter & Ordinances; Carr, Richardson, Meyers*.

*Indicates chairman. This gives every member a chairmanship, gives every ward equal representation, and places every member on three committees, only one member from any ward on any committee. Any two members are jointly on two committees and no more.
La Grande, Oregon, Sept. 5th 1906.

RUNAWAY FREIGHT CRASHES INTO PASSENGER TRAIN

Passenger train number, one, with its engine partially demolished is now being held just this side of Durkee, due to a collision between that train and an east bound extra freight.

BLOCK SYSTEM SAVES LIVES
Number one was pulling out of Durkee this morning at about five; thirty, when engineer L. E. Ferguson discovered that the block system was turned against him. With the utmost haste he reversed his engine and started to back in to Durkee. Immediately afterwards he saw a freight gaining on his train with terrible speed. The throttle on the passenger engine was open to the limit but nevertheless the runaway freight overtook the retreating passenger.

THE CRASH FOLLOWED

Then came the crash. The passenger was retreating at the rate of 12 miles an hour, a fact that saved scores of lives. The slack of the train had all been taken up and the crash only acted as a mighty boost in hurrying it onward. When the collision occurred, passengers were thrown from their seats, and the crew and those who happened to be standing, thrown to the floor. Engineer Ferguson and his fireman were jarred and bumped against the sides of the cab, but otherwise received no injuries.

THE FREIGHT TRAIN

The extra freight, with engine No. 308, was pulling east, when sometime after leaving Baker City, Engineer H. B. Bacon lost control of his engine and the air. He could not stop it. The exact facts of the case are only reports whose authenticity can not be vouched for but it seems that on learning of the utter uselessness of trying to stop the train or gain control of it, the engineer with his fireman, gave the alarm to the rest of the crew, and all deserted the train. The freight was under orders of J. C. Stacy. After a mad run, the runaway hit the passenger.

AFTER THE ACCIDENT

When the passengers and crew of number one awoke from their momentary daze, the train was stopped. Conductor Charles Norris, who had charge of number one, with all possible haste, ascertained that none of his crew or passengers were hurt beyond a few bruises. However, the freight train was fairly well demolished. When the collision occurred, engine number 308 was derailed but not demolished, as was neither the passenger engine. The derailed engine raised havoc with the box cars, for with the sudden stop of the black monster, the train of cars rose high in the air, and when the dust had settled, and the last splinter returned to earth, there were fifteen box cars heaped in a ditch.

While the reports that are available differ as to the actual detail of the wreck it appears certain that none was injured to the extent of bordering on fatality. Fireman Mitchell of the freight was badly scratched about the face, and otherwise hurt.

The jar jolted all severely but not enough to cause any severe bruises. But for the block system the passenger would have crashed head on into the runaway. Deaths by the score have resulted.

WRECKER AND PHYSICIANS GO
At seven o'clock this morning the wrecker left this city carrying with it the passenger train.

The passenger train is now marked to arrive in La Grande shortly after six. The heap of kindling, bent and twisted iron from the box cars is what has delayed it to this hour.

MEXICANS THREATEN AMERICANS

(Scripps News Association)
El Paso, Sept. 13.—A letter received here from Aguas Calientes, Mexico, states that there is great uneasiness among Americans of Northern Mexico. They are leaving. It is reported that the Mexican Central were burned the American colony wiped out. The authorities have nightly placed guards around the shops and homes of Americans. The Mexican government well prepared for emergencies as revolutionists will be shot.

According to threats and plans of revolutionists, September sixteenth day set for the general attack on Americans who are found at work. The day for the proposed massacre approaches, the Yankees are becoming alarmed and by the sixteenth many have sought shelter on the border. Nevertheless there will be Americans in the states that are unable to find place of safety and should the uprisings break out, American lives will be fecked.

Douglas, Ariz., Sept. 13.—A letter from persons signing "liberty party" states that if the alleged Mexican revolution now in jail at Tucson, are deported Mexico where it is said they will be twenty Americans along the border be killed in retaliation.

GRAIN MARKETS

(Scripps News Association)
Chicago, Sept. 13.—Wheat opened closed at 70%; corn opened at closed at 47½; oats opened at closed 32%.

This Is The Place



LADIES' GARMENTS

We are receiving daily the Latest Styles in Ladies' Coats, Suits, and Skirts. These garments come from the greatest fashion center of the United States, New York, where we have a residence buyer who is in position to get the very latest.

MEN'S WEARING APPARELL

For men who wear good stylish clothing. We are agents for the greatest Tailoring made to measure suits in America. **THE PAYAL TAILORS**, every suit **GUARANTEED** to fit and give satisfaction.

KIRSCHBAUM CLOTHING

in ready to wear garments which are equal to any, and we ask your indulgence by calling, "we will show you."



Phone Black 130

The Pair
THE PLACE TO SAVE MONEY

Vergere No. 27

Got Your Books Yet?

We are having a large sale on second hand books and there is every reason why you should have them. The books are good and the saving is worth while. It is important that you pick as early as possible because assortment may break at some point or your choice of the better of the second hand ones become limited. We can do you good on everything in school supplies.

FALL STATIONERY

we bought stationery with our school supplies, when you want anything in writing materials come here and pick from the newest papers out.

NEWLIN DRUG CO.

La Grande, Oregon.