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## SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING CALLED FOR FRIDAY NIGHT

### To see if Last Night's Muddle can be Straightened Out

The city council was brought to a sudden standstill last night from unexpected quarters. The matter under discussion was the introduction of an ordinance authorizing the placing on the ticket at the coming city election, the submission of the question to the property owners, of voting on the bonds for the bringing in the waters of Beaver creek for domestic and power purposes. In order to get it before the people at the coming election, action must be taken thirty days prior to election.

After the reading of the ordinance the first time, Chairman Richardson, who was acting mayor in the absence of Mayor Stoddard, referred the ordinance to the council as a committee of the whole for discussion, when Councilman E. W. Bartlett asked the chair if his understanding of the charter was correct, that upon the objection of any one member of the council, that any ordinance introduced, would have to be laid over until the next regular meeting. The chair ruled that such was the provision of the charter, whereupon Bartlett objected.

Unless some means can be found to legally get the proposition on the ticket without the passage of an ordinance, there is no way to submit it to the people at the coming general election, and not until the early part of May at a special election. A special election not only causes an unnecessary expense but the loss of much valuable time. Some of the councilmen thought that it would result in delaying the matter for another year, from the fact that after the election by the time the bonds were floated and contracts let, the season would be so far advanced that it would be impossible to complete the work in 1907. It is a serious situation and Mr. Bartlett is being severely

ly censured for his action last night. The council sustained the Mayor's veto on the gas franchise ordinance. The usual bills against the general fund were allowed and reports of various officers filed.

### MARSHAL'S REPORT

Shows that there are three cases of contagious diseases in the city at this time, two smallpox and one scarlet fever. Thirteen arrests for the month of January; one cow impounded.

### RECORDER'S REPORT

Water rents for January	\$841 45
Dog tax	18 00
Fines and licenses	305 70
Total receipts	\$1165 15

### SPECIAL MEETING CALLED

This afternoon the Mayor has called a special meeting of the council for tomorrow evening to take action upon the submission of the question of bonding this city for water and light.

If the proper action is taken at this meeting the matter can yet be placed up on the ticket and voted upon at the general election, on March 11.

### WILLAMETTE AT 217

(Scripps News Association)  
Portland, Feb. 7.—The Willamette is at 21.7 at noon today, and is still rising. A boom of lumber at Oregon City containing 3,000,000 feet, was swept away this morning.

### RIVER AND HARBOR BILL

(Scripps News Association)  
Washington, Feb. 7.—The House passed the River and Harbor bill today.

### FARMS FOR EXPERIMENT

(Scripps News Association)  
Yankton, S. D., Feb. 7.—Prof. N. E. Henson, of the South Dakota Agricultural college has returned from a six months trip of agricultural exploration for the United States Department of Agriculture through Northern Europe and the entire length of Siberia, bringing with him a large variety of new foreign plants and short season cereals for trial in similar regions in the northwest. The United States Agricultural department has directed a large part of these new introductions to be tested under the direction of the South Dakota experiment stations.

### COAL FROM AUSTRALIA

(Scripps News Association)  
San Francisco, Calif., Feb. 7.—Several large cargoes of Australian coal are being discharged here for the Harriman railroads. At the docks in Australia the coal cost \$10 per ton and it is estimated that by the time it is discharged here the cost totals up to \$16 per ton. The shortage of freight cars and locomotives on the Harriman system, however, is such that the railroads save money by getting Australian coal, instead of taking cars and engines from general traffic and using them to haul domestic coal.

### CANADIAN IMMIGRATION CONTINUES

(Scripps News Association)  
Ottawa, Feb. 7.—During the year 1906 the immigration into Canada amounted to 215,912 being an increase of 79,192 over the preceding year. The immigration was made up as follows: British 98,257 continental 53,874 and United States 63,781. The immigration from the United States in largely increasing annually.

### NEWFOUNDLAND LEGISLATURE

(Scripps News Association)  
St. Johns, N. N., Feb. 7.—The Newfoundland legislature convened in regular session today. The consideration of matters relating to railways, finance and ship subsidies promises to make the session one of more than ordinary interest and importance.

### FOR WORLDS POOL TITLE

(Scripps News Association)  
New York, Feb. 7.—Thomas Hueston of St. Louis, and Jerome Keogh, of Buffalo will commence a series of matches here tonight for the pool championship of the world.

## EVELYN TELLS HER LIFE STORY

(Scripps News Association)

New York, Feb. 7.—Harry Thaw the prisoner being tried for murder, paced nervously up and down the court waiting the call to order this morning. Dark blotches on his face only accentuated the whiteness. While in the Tombs last night he slept but little. He was in conference with his attorneys until midnight and after that hour he tossed about and scarcely closed his eyes. As he entered the court room the skin was drawn about his cheek bones and dark circles inclosed the eyes. While the Thaw jury was marching from the Central hotel to the court house, a shoveler in the street leaned on his shovel and shouted to his fellow workmen, "Hey fellows; here comes the Thaw jury." And as the squad passed him he astonished the jurors, "Now go to it boys and get together so you can acquit Thaw." The workman was arrested and severely reprimanded by the court.

Scores of women were present and the room looks like a congressional hall. When the preliminaries had been completed, the judge rapped for order. Attorney Delmas, who is the counsel for the defense, called in a loud voice "Mrs. Evelyn Nesbit Thaw." From the side door emerged the wife of the prisoner, pale and trembling. She was dressed in the same blue dress she has worn since the case began and the veil was lifted for the first time. Her voice was almost firm when she gave her name and said she was born in 'eighty four.

"Where were you on the night of June 2, 1906?" asked Attorney Delmas.

"At the Cafe Martin with my husband Galep and Beal. We sat on twenty-sixth street side," she replied with low but distinct voice.

"Where were you after that?"

"At Madison Square Garden."

"What time was that?"

"Don't recall."

"When did you first see Stanford White on that night?"

"I saw him enter the cafe on Fifth avenue and go out on the balcony. I could not see him there but he remained there about an hour. I should say, when he returned he happened out thru the entrance in which he came in.

A long string of questions and answers followed in which the witness said she had written a note to Thaw while at the table. In answer to the question if that note contained any reference to White, the witness answered in the affirmative before Jerome could object. The objection was sustained and answer stricken out. Mrs. Thaw then stated that the party left the cafe table and went to the roof garden, arriving there after the first act. They all sat down around a table where White was sitting. Thaw left, returning in half an hour, but during that time, the witness had been talking to White.

"When he came back, what was his manner?" asked the counsel.

"Same as ever," replied Evelyn. "When we left, McCalep and I lead, White and Beal followed. I faced about and saw White sitting at the table. A moment after I saw his arm extended in the air, but the three shots had been fired. Then corroborated the testimony of others in regard to the dialogue between her and her husband.

"When were you married to Thaw?"

"In April 1905 in Pittsburgh."

"When did he first propose to you?"

"In June of 1905 in Paris."

"Did you refuse?"

"Yes. I stared at him when he told me he loved me. He then laid his hands on my shoulder and asked, is it because of Stanford White, I added it was. He then told me he would be my friend all his life and would marry me or none other."

Delmas asked the witness to tell the jury in the same words as she did to Thaw, the reason why White stood between them. She said, "A chorus girl named Goodrich asked me to lunch with her in August 1901, mother consented, and went to a studio on 24th street. The doors seemed to open of themselves. We went up stairs and there I met Stanford White.

"I thought him an ugly man. There was a table set for four. Later another gentleman came in and teased me about

my hair which I wore down my back. After supper we went down two flights of stairs into a room where was a large velvet swing. White put me in the swing and swung me hard. After swinging awhile White suggested we ride in the park. I told my mother all about the visit when I came home.

"When did you see White again?"

"I received a note inviting me to a party. On the night in question I got into the carriage furnished by White and was driven to the roof garden. He brot me home to the very doors of our apartments. White called on my mother several times to persuade her to let me go to Pittsburg to pose for an artist. He promised to take care of me and all would be right. A day later White and I, drove to a Pittsburg artist where I posed in a kimono. Then," continued the witness, "White missed two men and went to find them while I changed my garments. We ate lunch and he took me home. She then told of another visit to White's studio.

"There were none others there this time I told White I should go home but he wanted me to wait for supper. After supper he informed me he had rooms in his studio which I had never seen, and he would show me around. In the rear room was a bed. I sat down on it and my host opened a champagne bottle, prevailing upon me to drink. My ears began to thump. Suddenly everything grew dark and when I came to, my clothes were torn off and I screamed."

"I looked up and saw White sitting on the bed, undressed, I screamed again. When I sat up there was music in every room in the house."

The girl wept as she told her story, and tears fell upon her dress in streams. Harry held his hands over his face during the recital of his wife's shame.

"I screamed again and again, when White told me to be quiet," said the pretty witness, "for it is all over now." I looked at my dress and it was covered with blood. I tried to get into my clothes but could hardly accomplish it. We sat all night in that room. He said to me that all people did that, and that was all people lived for. He further stated that he liked young girls that were thin and that I must never get fat. He admonished me never to tell anyone not even my mother.

"Did Thaw renew his offers of marriage after hearing that?" asked Delmas.

"Not that night, but he did two months later," Evelyn then told of her life in Pittsburg.

Her father had been a lawyer but grew impoverished and finally the sheriff sold their property. When but fifteen Evelyn

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## TRYING TO SECURE THE SAW MILL

At a meeting of the board of directors of the La Grande Commercial Club held last night, it made the Wilcox Lumber Company an offer of a 2,500 dollars cash bonus to be applied on a site provided the company would locate their plant in or near this city.

The Observer interviewed Mr. Wilcox this afternoon and he stated that the company were considering the proposition and would know within the next four or five days.

The securing of this mill will add another payroll to this city. The company already owns quite a body of timber on Ladd creek and are still buying. The mill will be a nine foot band saw with a capacity in excess of 50,000 feet per day.

### WALLOWA PAPERS CONSOLIDATE

The Ledger-Democrat formerly published in Lostine, Wallowa county, has consolidated with the Wallowa Sun, the new sheet of Wallowa town, and from now on will be published as the Wallowa Sun. The Wallowa News which has been published in Wallowa town under various managements for the past eight years, will soon move to Enterprise. Mr. Conley has recently made arrangements and will move the plant some time this month.

### SOCIALISTS NOMINATE

The Socialists of La Grande last evening held an enthusiastic convention to nominate a slate of officers for the coming city election. A. M. Paul heads the slate as mayor. Following are the men nominated: A. M. Paul, mayor; C. W. Tullis, recorder; Councilmen: first ward, E. C. Davis; second ward, Bird F. Lewis; third ward, E. Reiland; fourth ward, H. A. Watson.

### PETITIONS OUT

Petitions are being circulation to place the name of Dr. A. L. Richardson on the city ticket for Mayor and Mr. F. L. Meyers for councilman, in the Third ward.

## MAIL FROM PORTLAND EXPECTED THIS EVENING

Portland mail will arrive in La Grande tonight. At least such are expectations of the local railroad officials. This has been made possible by using boats from Portland to Mosher, and there resorting to rails as the O. R. & N. is not passable from that point eastward. The usual stub here on number six's time, nearly twelve hours late today but when it arrives, will very likely bring with it, Portland mail. However it is barely possible that the much waited for mail will not arrive until tomorrow morning. Passenger number

one was six hours late this morning, but on leaving this city, the conductor had orders to go to The Dalles. The blocked mail, wire and passenger service has been pressing in this and other cities, and the promised relief will be received with much thanksgiving. Local officials this afternoon were not in position to say when train service between here and Portland would be established, but as long as the Columbia remains navigable from Mosher down, and the rails passable to Mosher, traffic can be resumed on a delayed schedule.

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