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## TICKETS ON SALE TO PORTLAND THIS EVENING

Once more will the steam horse thunder up the Willamette valley. The damaged tracks between the Dalles and Bonneville will have been repaired by tonight. The above statement is corroborated by a message received today by J. H. Keeney, agent in the local O. R. & N. office which reads: "Sell tickets to all points west of The Dalles."

The instructions are explicit and mean virtually that traffic has been resumed. Following is the schedule of trains from the west for the next twenty-four hours, according to advices now in the hands of local railroad officials:

At nine-ten tonight, passenger number 2, made up at the Dalles; three thirty

a. m. second section of number 2, made up at Bonneville and will bring mail carried from Portland to Bonneville by boat. Saturday morning nine ten a thru train from Portland.

Every effort is being made by officials of the O. R. & N. to have the track open to allow the train to leave Portland tonight which will arrive here as six tomorrow.

Encouraged by the reports which were current last evening that the delayed number six would carry Portland mail, many went to the post office last evening to receive that long-awaited-for letter. However they were disappointed for the train carried only local mail picked up between here and The Dalles.

### NEW RAILROADS FOR CHILI

(Scripps News Association)  
Santiago, Chili, Feb. 8.—The bill providing for the construction of the proposed longitudinal railroad, which will cost \$37,500,000, was finally passed by Congress today. The government guarantees 5 per cent interest on the capital. Before the bill became law the representatives of the German and English syndicates offered to bid for the whole of the amount. The President has got authority from the Senate to enter into contracts for construction of the road.

### ASSASSIN SUICIDES

(Scripps News Association)  
St Petersburg, Feb. 8.—Alexandrovsk, governor of Pensea was shot and probably fatally injured by a terrorist while the governor was at the theatre last evening. Just as he was about to take his seat, the shot was fired. The assassin ran to the ladies' lobby and suicided.

### ANOTHER WILLAMETTE FLOOD

(Scripps News Association)  
Portland, Feb. 8.—A great flood in the Willamette reached here at midnight rising the river to 22.5 or 7.5 feet above the danger line. This morning the river had again fallen a tenth, but the rain continued. Thousands of acres of the lowlands are submerged.

### CHINA'S STARVING MILLIONS

(Scripps News Association)  
New York Feb. 8.—At an immense meeting of the various missionary bodies, churches and societies in the Fifth avenue church today a further cablegram from the representative of the American Bible Society at Shanghai calling for aid for China's starving millions was received. It was stated that though only five months suffering had been endured the number of deaths up to the present was appalling. The meeting decided to make a ready response by calling on all the churches, societies, and charitable individuals for help.

### JAPS HAVE NO GROUND

(Scripps News Association)  
Washington, Feb. 8.—Senator Frasier of Tennessee today used the San Francisco case to emphasize the opposition to the encroachment of the federal government upon the United States government. He declared that the Japanese had no ground upon which to stand while making their demands. "I believe" said Frasier "that the president should have so construed the treaty and notified the Japanese government accordingly. If Japan will make war on so flimsy a cause, it will shock the civilized world. However, if war comes, I think it will be from a different cause."

### HARPER TO PENDLETON

E. J. Harper, president of the Blue Mountain Creamery Company, and formerly manager of the local creamery, has practically severed his connection with the creamery in this city and has taken up the work of putting the creamery at Pendleton which was formerly a branch of this company, on a firm financial basis. From now on the Pendleton plant will be conducted on its own merits and will be connected with this office in no way. The plant in that city during the past was managed by individuals who had no interest in the welfare of the firm and consequently did not exert the effort to make it a paying proposition that Mr. Harper will.

W. W. Weeks, secretary of the company, will manage the La Grande plant.

### WOMAN COMMITS MURDER

(Scripps News Association)  
Reno, Feb. 8.—Vernon Flannigan, a woman of the under world, was arrested at Fallon, last evening, charged with the murder of one Frank Hayes. She had quarreled with the man on the previous evening. After he had retired she entered his room and shot him, then tried to commit suicide but was prevented.

### COURT ROOM TELEGRAPH OFFICE

New York, Feb. 4.—Never in the history of criminal trials have such elaborate arrangements been made to furnish news to the newspapers as those made for the trial of Harry K. Thaw for the murder of Stanford White, now in progress in the criminal courts building.

Two great cables have been run into the court room to communicate with the cables of the telegraph operators, each cable containing 19 wires, and each wire connected directly with a news association or a newspaper office. One London paper has the exclusive use of two of the wires.

In addition to the telegraph service there are a score of telegraph booths set up convenient to the courtroom. They are solely for newspaper use. One Pittsburg paper has an exclusive telephone wire for its continuous use. Even these facilities are insufficient for all purposes, and fully 100 messenger and telegraph boys are constantly in service running copy. Fully 200 reporters, artists, and special correspondents representing papers all over the world sought accommodations to report the trial, but only a third of them were admitted to the courtroom.

## EVELYN IS RETAINED ON STAND

(Scripps News Association)

New York, Feb. 8.—Early this morning District Attorney Jerome caused the arrest of Mazie Follette and Anna Chase, chorus girls who were friends of Evelyn, and officers are still looking for Hattie Forsythe. These witnesses if all put on the stand will testify of the relations between Evelyn and White after the alleged seduction exposed yesterday.

Evelyn Thaw resumed the witness stand at the opening of the court this morning. Much time was absorbed in trying to fathom the mysteries shrouding the letters which Thaw is alleged to have written to Attorney Longfellow and Mrs. Nesbitt while the latter was in Europe with her daughter. Attorney Delmas read the postscript to the letter which was exhibited yesterday. It showed incoherent allusions to Thaw as the third person and the underlying meaning of the epistle cannot be comprehended by the attorneys.

Evelyn testified that the third person referred to was herself. Delmas dwelt at length on the peculiarities of the letter, and was evidently trying to impress upon the jury that the message was written by one whose mind was a muddle or directly, that Thaw was irrational when he wrote the series. The phraseology was confusing to the council its contents a jumble of ideas. A letter addressed to Evelyn with the same confusion of thoughts was read to the jury.

The prosecution expects to controvert Evelyn's testimony that Thaw was always good to her, and refute the statement that he did not abuse her while she was in Europe.

Jerome disbelieves much of the story, especially that regarding the seduction by drugged wine, but even if he proves that it was wholly false, he must leave the legal status the same, as the jury has only to determine if the story would contribute to the mental soundness of the defendant.

At two o'clock court again convened. Delmas asked Evelyn:

"Did you at anytime tell Thaw about the episode relating to White from the time of your arrival in New York in Nov. 1903 until the next Christmas?"

"He asked me why I spoke to White, and I told him I had been driving in the park one day when White, on passing, said, 'Oh Evelyn!' 'I didn't draw up, but the next day I received a phone call that I must see him on a matter of life and death. I answered I could not see him. He came to the hotel nevertheless and as he met me in the apartment, he tried to kiss me but I wouldn't let him. White spoke to me about Harry," continued Evelyn, and said "many actresses had told him that I was abroad with Thaw. He told me with much sincerity that Thaw was a morphine fiend. I maintained that he was not. However White insisted that his rival took morphine, and I should have nothing to do with him. After that he came to see me constantly. It was then that White made arrangements with me to see Abraham Hummel a lawyer, to protect me from Thaw."

For over an hour the general run of the testimony was to show how Evelyn had gone to Hummel's office with White and that Hummel had promptly concocted a scheme to blackmail Thaw. The lawyer insisted that the witness sue Thaw for breach of promise, that he had misled the pretty actress while in Europe, and also enlarged the strained relations that existed between Mrs. Nesbitt and Thaw while returning from Europe. Hummel suggested that it would be good advertising for her to start the suit as many of her class had done this and won notoriety.

The pretty witness then related how Thaw had admonished her not to speak to Stanford White, as society accused her of having improper relations with him. He insisted to Evelyn at the time that it looked like blackmail to him.

"After your marriage, did White try to approach you?" asked Delmas.

"Yes, I passed him on fifth avenue one day. He held out his hand and said, 'Evelyn.' That is all. My husband made me promise not to speak to White again. This I did. Some time later I was riding down fifth avenue enroute to a doctor. I passed White, who jumped in

to a hansom and followed. On reaching the stairs I ran up stairs but was so nervous I was forced to return to my carriage and drive rapidly to the hotel.

"Did you ever tell Thaw why White sent you to school in New Jersey while you were on the stage?"

"Yes, I told him that Jack Barrymore, a member of the same company to which I belonged, had asked me to visit him in his apartments alone. I refused. White became so angry on hearing of my refusal, that he sent me away to school."

At this point Delmas asked for an adjournment. The judge announced that the court would be in session on Tuesday regardless of the fact that it was Lincoln's birthday.

### THE DEFENSE'S POINT

The first intimation was given out today upon the point which the defense expects to secure an acquittal. That point is, if established, that while White was unwilling to give up Evelyn, he sought to drag her down thru the depths from which the genuine love of Thaw for Evelyn and the latter's love for Thaw, had raised her. It was nearly noon before any testimony of any weight had been given, regardless of the fact that she occupied that stand all day.

Thaw's willard codicil, made on his wedding day, was shown to Evelyn today. The codicil is in favor of the wife but the estate is to revert back to his family at her death, thus discriminating against his wife's mother.

If exterior evidence counts for anything, the blood in the Nesbitt family is thinner than water. It was an amazing spectacle to see Howard Nesbitt, a brother of Mrs. Thaw, sit in court today wearing a sneering grin, that increased as the ravagings of his sister's life were related.

### ADMIRAL MEAD RETIRES

(Scripps News Association)  
Washington, D. C., Feb. 8.—Rear Admiral William W. Mead, having reached the age limit for active service, was today placed on the retired list of the navy. Though he has no civil war record Admiral Mead has been in the service for forty-two years, having left the Naval Academy just when the conflict between the states had ended.

Admiral Mead is a native of Kentucky and was appointed to the Naval Academy from that state.

Admiral Mead is the second on a list of eleven rear admirals who are to be retired during the year 1907 for age. The next one whose name will be removed from the active list is Rear Admiral Joseph E. Craig, commandant of the League Island navy yard. The date of Admiral Craig's retirement is February 24.

### OFF FOR THE EAST

Dan P. Smythe, secretary of the Oregon Woolgrowers' association and a prominent sheepman of Umatilla county passed thru this city last evening bound for Washington, D. C., where the committee of United States stockmen, recently appointed by President Roosevelt, will meet. While in the east the Pendleton man will visit in New York and other eastern cities.

### DIPHTHERIA IN BAKER CITY

Baker City is menaced with a general spread of diphtheria. Thursday the city authorities discovered three new cases of diphtheria on Fifteenth street west side. Prompt action was taken to provide the necessary treatment for the afflicted families who are practically helpless and without means.

## QUESTION OF NORMALS ON TUESDAY

A dispatch from Salem to the Pendleton East Oregonian of Feb. 17 says:—The fight on the normal school question is expected to come before both branches of the assembly Tuesday, and developments today indicate that an attempt is being made to reach a compromise by sacrificing two of the schools, and a struggle for supremacy is being waged between Ashland and Monmouth.

An unfavorable report held the house bill to be a clever ruse to defeat Monmouth. It was adopted by the house by one vote, and the question of indefinite postponement lost. The bill was made a special order for Tuesday at 2 p. m.

The house went on record this morning as favoring compulsory free transportation of public officials by the passage of the Freeman bill by a big majority.

### ORCHARD LANDS INUNDED

(Observer Special)  
Sacramento Cal. Feb. 8.—A break in the Jolo side of the levee three miles below here this morning released one hundred and fifty feet of water, which is doing great damage. Thousands of acres of pasture and orchard lands are under water and the streets bordering that side of the town are inundated. The river is high and the break cannot be stopped before next week. It is thought on good reasons, that the levee was cut by people who want to buy land at a low rate.

### CIRCUIT COURT

In the Circuit Court today the jury in the case of John Anthony versus Bertha Eichenberger returned a verdict in favor of Miss Eichenberger for \$617.50.

Robert Alexander was found guilty of stealing blankets from the N K West stables at the race track. He will be sentenced tomorrow.

E. J. Edwards pleaded guilty to assault with intent to kill and was fined \$100. T. A. Choate, Mike Royce and Pat McDowell, charged with gambling in Summerville, pleaded guilty and were fined ten dollars each.

### COUNTY SCHOOL CENSUS

County School Superintendent E. E. Bragg is preparing the blanks which the clerks of each school district in Union county will use in taking the annual census of the school children in the school age limit, that of between four and twenty years. The laws specify that February 25th shall be the basic date, and to comply with the law, the clerks will take the census in their respective districts, the week in which the specified date appears. A. C. Williams, clerk of the board of education in La Grande, will take the census in this city. Last year the number of children in Union county between the age limits was 5255. This number will be materially increased at the coming enumeration, thinks the superintendent. The per capita school apportionment will be made on the returns of this count.

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