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KIDNAPPED CHILD IN LA GRANDE

An alleged wife of Harry Gibson now incarcerated in a Portland prison awaiting trial arrived last evening from Walla Walla county continued her trip to Pendleton last night soon after her arrival. The object of her visit to this city was to secure the custody of a child three years old now being held by T. B. Johnson.

The story of how the child was first brought to this city is briefly stated as follows: that on Jan. 26 Mrs. Nellie Gibson at least so called, came to La Grande with a little boy and took rooms in the Blue Mountain hotel. She told the proprietor of the hotel that she was the second wife of Harry Gibson, the first wife having died and left the little son in care of Mr. Gibson's mother. From her the Mrs. Nellie Gibson, had secured the custody of the child. Mr. Johnson affirms that she mistreated the little fellow unmercifully and on leaving La Grande, she was persuaded to leave the child in more maternal care.

In the intervening time Mr. Johnson had read the Portland Journal story of February 2, the Gibson affair that attracted considerable attention. He accordingly communicated with Portland officials and received a letter from the United States

secret service commission in that city that Mrs. Addie Gibson, the first and rightful wife of Harry Gibson is still alive and residing in Vancouver. Also that she would likely go to La Grande at once.

Last evening the second wife of Gibson appeared in the Blue Mountain hotel, and tried to get the little youngster. No refusal was made by Mr. Johnson but the would be mother was not attractive to the little boy and after several maneuvers to entice the boy away, she took the train for Pendleton.

Mrs. Addie Gibson is being awaited by Mr. and Mrs. Johnson and until she comes or sends instructions, the little tot will be tenderly cared for in this city.

OBJECTION TO ENGLISH TUNNEL

(Scripps News Association)
London, Feb. 13.—At a meeting of the members of the Imperial Institute last night the Secretary of War, who was one of the principal speakers intimated strongly that he dissented from the Channel Tunnel Scheme, and would do all in his power to have the proposed bill opposed at every stage in the Houses of Lords and Commons.

OFFICIALS ACTED LIKE COWARDS, SAY SURVIVORS

(Scripps News Association)
Block Island Feb. 13.—The steamer Kentucky left this morning for Providence with fifty one of the victims of the disastrous ship wreck yesterday and nineteen survivors. These nineteen includes the crew of the Larchmont, which suffered the heaviest loss of life and a few of the Knowlton's crew.

The distracted survivors of the Larchmont wreck and relatives of the dead victims are making ugly charges of brutality and cowardice against the crews

of the Larchmont and the Knowlton.

Captain Haley is accused of saving his vessel instead of trying to save the Larchmont's passengers and Captain McVey of the passenger boat is facing the charge of reserving the best boat for his own deliverance. It is true that he took the last boat which left the sinking ship, but survivors say he overloaded the first boats to leave and when his own came he allowed but few to enter.

Estimates today placed the death list at one hundred and eighty-one.

INCREASE IN SALARY

(Scripps News Association)
New York, Feb. 13.—A ten per cent increase in salaries of operators at the principal cities, was announced by President Clowry, of the Western Union, to take effect March 1.

President Small of the Telegraphers Union thinks this increase in wages will permit of adjustment of all differences.

NEW ART GALLERIES OPEN

(Scripps News Association)
New York, Feb. 13.—The new Fifth Avenue Art Galleries in the Silo Building, 846 Fifth Avenue were opened to the public today. There are some interesting and valuable exhibits including French Dutch, Spanish, Italian and American pictures, foreign bronzes and marbles, including Torretti's "Love's Messenger". The galleries are very spacious and visitors were impressed with their rich color harmony.

A LADY LABOR LEADER

(Scripps News Association)
Chicago, Ill., Feb. 13.—Conspicuous among the scores of noted women who have gathered in Chicago for the annual convention of the National American Woman Suffrage Association is Miss Mary MacArthur, who is one of the foremost women labor leaders in Great Britain. Miss MacArthur is only twenty-six years old, but is secretary of the Women's Trades Union League, with 135,000 members, all of whom look to her for advice in their industrial troubles.

G. W. P. Elsworth is on the road to rapid recovery. He is able to take nourishment and his recovery from now on will be rapid.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT

Yesterday afternoon the court disposed of the two Oregon Construction Company cases, in one of which F. W. Davis was plaintiff and A. J. McCabe the other, by rendering judgment to F. W. Davis in the sum of \$4,654.94, and issuing an order for the sale of the attached property.

A. J. McCabe as defendant in the second case against the construction company, was rendered judgment in the sum of \$2,271.00. The court also issued an order for the sale of the attached property.

The court is taken up today with the case of Peter O'Sullivan against J. M. Blakely, sheriff of Walla Walla county. The case originated in Walla Walla county but was transferred to this county as the defendant in the case is Walla Walla county.

Sheriff Blakely is alleged to have attached the personal property of the defendant to pay taxes due by reason of a sheriff's assessment, and Mr. O'Sullivan will attempt to prove that he had other real estate in the county at that time, and which should have been attached, rather than the household goods.

Attorneys D. W. Sheahan and C. H. Finn are appearing for the plaintiff while the district attorney and John P. Rusk of Walla Walla county are attorneys for the sheriff.

OPENING UP MORE LAND

(Scripps News Association)
Yankton, S. D., Feb. 13.—All details in connection with the agreement between the Federal government and the Rosebud Sioux Indians are now arranged and in a few days Indian Inspector James McLoughlin of Washington will announce the throwing open of nearly a million acres of land in South Dakota. Under the agreement, which has been perfected, the Indians will receive \$6 per acre for the land taken by settlers during the first three months, \$4.50 for that taken during the next four months and \$2.50 after that. All Indian children over eight years of age are entitled to allotments.

NEWSPAPERS WARNED

(Scripps News Association)
Dallas, Tex., Feb. 13.—United States District Attorney Atwell today warned all newspapers in the northern district of Texas not to print "nauseating lascivious and lewd" features in the Thaw trial.

AN EARLY SPRING

J. M. McCall one of our substantial and close observing pioneer farmers is of the opinion that we will have an early spring this year. He states the robins and meadow larks have been out on his farm south of the city for several weeks. Squirrels are also beginning to make their appearance.

Mr. McCall states that the prospects for good crops in Grande Ronde could not be better. During the winter the ground froze to the depth of about one foot which gave away in sufficient time to get a good soaking up. The fall grain which is now up is looking fine and the farmer has everything coming out to his advantage. We will have the crop. The only element of doubt is the price and if we judge the present by the past that will prove remunerative.

QUARANTINE IS RAISED

The quarantine which has kept the J. B. Stoddard family within doors for something over six weeks, has been raised, and the family is at liberty to be upon the streets again.

GRAIN MARKETS

(Scripps News Association)
Chicago, Feb. 13.—Wheat opened at 79½ closed at 79½; corn opened at 46½ closed at 46½; oats opened at 40½ closed at 40½.

SOLUTION TO EXCLUSION PROBLEM FOUND AT LAST

(Scripps News Association)

Washington, Feb. 13.—The conferees on the Immigration bill today reached an agreement which it is believed will result in the settlement of the Japanese question to the satisfaction of the Californians and the Japanese. They propose to refuse admission to this country to Japanese from their own country provided with passports but do not authorize the exclusion of Japanese coming from the American insular possession.

The President and Secretary Root were in conference this morning on the California-Japanese question. The meeting was of a private nature, but this afternoon the western officials will again meet with the executive.

The California delegation has been in Washington for several days, and it is safe to say that none of the delegates were particularly pleased with the work before them. An agreement which is satisfactory to the President would very likely prove dissatisfactory to the Pacific

coast people, especially the Californians. With the committee it was simply a question of consummating a satisfactory decision, and that means exclusion, or their political heads will suffer fatally.

THE AGREEMENT

Following is the text of the agreement now pending between the President and the California delegation regarding the Japanese exclusion treaty. Whenever President shall be satisfied that the passports issued by any foreign government to its citizens to go to any country other than the United States or to any insular possession of the United States or to the canal zone, are being used for the purpose of enabling the holders to come to this continent or a territory of the United States to the detriment of labor conditions therein, he may refuse to permit such citizens of any country in using such passports to enter the continental territory of the United States from such other country or from such insular possession or the canal zone.

COPPER COMPANY INCREASE

(Scripps News Association)
Charleston, Feb. 13.—At their annual meeting here today the stockholders of the British Copper Company, Limited, acted favorably on the proposition of the directors for an increase in the capital stock of the company to \$8,000,000.

CHANCE FOR INVENTORS

(Scripps News Association)
Madison Wis., February 13.—Representative Thomas today introduced a bill to require the state board of agriculture to provide upon demand for each egg producing fowl in the state, an automatic appliance which will print on each egg when laid, its date of production.

RURAL ROAD OPERATIONS

Huntington, Feb. 13.—Construction camps for the Snake River railroad are scattered all along the line between here and Powder river. Thirty car loads of the heaviest steel rails and 280 head of horses for the contractors arrived here today.

HIGH PRICED LAWYERS NOT MEETING EXPECTATIONS

(Scripps News Association)

New York, Feb. 13.—That there is a possibility of a mistrial in the Thaw case dropped out this morning. The wife of Joseph Bolton, the eleventh juror, was suddenly seized with pneumonia last night and this juror, accompanied by two court officials, left for the bedside. It is not known how serious the woman's condition is or whether there is a possibility that he will return to court. It is possible that the panel may be dismissed.

At the resumption of the Thaw trial this afternoon, Dr. Evans was recalled. Delmas asked him when the "Brain storm" or brain explosion he described yesterday, took place. Jerome objected on the grounds that the witness described the tests but did not tell what the results were. The objection was overruled and the doctor gave a lengthy explanation

of the defendant's condition the gist of which was that the defendant's head was well shaped with the exception of the abnormal depression at the base of the head.

It is generally admitted that the case presented by the defense is anything but a legal masterpiece as was expected from the high priced legal talent. The weakness lies in the fact that the attorneys are unfamiliar with the New York rules of evidence and in their ability to get their testimony before the jury. This technical difficulty may be overcome.

Juror Bolton returned prior to the time of reopening.

He found his wife very ill but the doctors told him that he could do nothing and there was no occasion of his remaining away from the sessions and he returned to the jury room.

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