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## GRANDMOTHER OF KIDNAPPED

## CHILD ARRIVES TODAY

acts in Gibson Story are Related in Detail

Mrs. G. L. Kittell, of Lewisville, Wash., arrived today to take away the kidnapped child which has been held in city for the past three weeks. Mrs. Kittell is the mother of Mrs. Harry Gibson number 1, and is therefore the grandmother to the boy in question. Her rightful mother was unable to come to La Grande upon receiving communication that her little son was in La Grande, in her stead sent her mother, Mrs. Kittell. She will return to her home in Lewisville tonight taking with her, Ralph, leaving behind him a host of friends, all who have seen him, immediately in love with him.

Mrs. Kittell told in detail the story of Harry Gibson and his criminal actions during the party a part of which have appeared in Portland papers. His photograph appears in the Portland Journal this morning. She said in part: "Yes, my daughter Addie is the rightful mother of

to take Ralph over to Portland to purchase clothing. I permitted this and from that time to this I have not seen my grand son.

When I found he was not going to return his son to me, I began a systematic search for him. About Christmas time came the news of the arrest of my son-in-law and then for the first time, were we informed that Harry had a second wife. How long he has been married to Nellie I do not know. After his arrest we traced Mrs. Gibson number two to Pendleton. There we lost track of her and were in utter ignorance until last Tuesday when we were informed that Ralph was here in La Grande.

When the article in today's Journal was referred to, she stoutly denied the story that Gibson relates regarding the validity of the first marriage. Mrs. Kittell affirmed that her daughter had a marriage certificate as evidence of the legality of the nuptials.

It is likely that the coming trial will ferret out the mystery of how, when and where Harry Gibson was married to Nellie Gibson, commonly called Mrs. Gibson number two. It is very evident that detectives will run her down and bring her before the court at Portland. It is supposed that the marriage took place last July in Wallowa county.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are loath to part with Ralph. But they are of course consoled by the fact that he will now be in the hands of his real mother.

Prof. J. F. Reynolds and Miss Dora Knox are taking the examination at Elgin this week.

### ALL CONVALESCENT

During the past week three of our citizens have been quite sick but all are now considered out of danger and are convalescing. Dr. M. K. Hall is now doing nicely. C. W. Ellsworth of Island City is now receiving nourishment and each day a perceptible gain in his condition is noticeable. Mr. Brasel, who has been in the Portland hospital being treated for a crushed foot, is improving and if this improvement continues, an operation will not be necessary.

## EXPLOSION CAUSES BIG COMMOTION

(Scripps News Association)  
Los Angeles Feb. 14—About twenty five were injured some seriously and at least one was killed by a terrific gas explosion shortly before noon today.

The concussion was sufficient to shake the business portion of the city and completely wrecking Cressaty's restaurant on 2d Street. Tottering as tho in the grip of an earthquake the walls of the building crumbled before the terrific inrush of air, which followed. Wreckage was hurled thru the window of an adjoining buildings. Rescuers immediately went to work and the injured were sent to the hospital. It is believed that one Japanese and one Chinaman are still underneath the debris.

## RESUME OF CIRCUIT COURT CASES NOW DISPOSED OF

Following is a list of the cases that have come before the circuit court now in session:

### LAW CASES

Bertha Eichenberger vs John Anthony. Judgment of \$617.50 for plaintiff.

Eugene Tausick vs G. B. Fisher. Settled and dismissed.

Sommer Bros. vs H. T. Doran et al. Settled and dismissed.

Farmers and Traders National Bank vs Ollie Cotner. Dismissed.

William Grant trustee vs M. J. Duffey. Non-suited.

Robert Blumelstein vs A. A. and E. Haskell. Settled and dismissed.

Gove Mercantile Company vs Central Railroad of Oregon. Dismissed.

O. F. Collidge vs Joseph Treppier. Dismissed.

John Conley vs Mary and James Brown. Settled.

L. A. Stoop vs L. A. Miller et al. Dismissed.

T. S. Davis vs Oregon Construction Company. Judgment of \$4654.94 made in favor of plaintiff.

Arthur Halgarth vs H. T. Daran et al. Dismissed.

Chas. Halgarth vs J. H. Campeau. Dismissed.

W. H. Mulholland vs Jesse McClain. Continued for term.

John Miller vs W. H. Rysdain. Settled.

A. J. McCabe vs Oregon Construction Company. Judgment of \$227.00 rendered in favor of plaintiff.

Wm. McBeth vs F. and G. Farris \$291 and \$50 attorneys fees granted.

J. D. McKennon vs Frank Binehoff. Non-suited.

J. D. Casey and the Niagara Fire In-

urance Company vs the O. R. & N. Co. Continued for the term.

C. T. Bacon vs Adam Crossman. Settled and dismissed.

Angeline Elton vs F. S. Ivanhoe. Continued for the term.

Chas. Brush vs A. Gust. Settled and dismissed.

### EQUITY CASES

State vs Geo. S. Walsh. Dismissed.

Mary McFall vs C. C. McFall. Dismissed.

La Grande Investment Company vs Fritz and Jeannette Hanson. Decree of foreclosure issued.

Scottish American Company vs J. L. Hammond et al. Dismissed.

State of Oregon vs G. L. Biggers. Judgment of \$100 made.

Chas. Wilson vs A. W. Olive and Mary Olive. Dismissed.

### CRIMINAL CASES

State vs H. G. Cotner. permitting gambling. Guilty, sentence pending.

State vs E. W. Bartlett and S. A. Gardiner. charged extorting money. Continued for the term.

State vs F. J. Edwards. Plead guilty to assault with dangerous weapon. Fined \$100.

State vs N. Prescott, larceny from a store. Sentence one year in penitentiary.

State vs Robert Alexander. Sentenced to two years in penitentiary for larceny from a dwelling.

State vs L. A. Stoop et al charged with destroying dam. Still pending.

State vs T. A. Choate, Pat. McDowell and Mike Rogers, charged with gambling. Fined ten dollars each.

State vs F. J. Jordan, assault with dangerous weapon. Discharged.

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## WIFE OF JUROR DIES AND THAW TRIAL IS POSTPONED

(Scripps News Association)  
New York, Feb. 14—The court room was not so crowded. Thaw was particularly anxious as to the state of the health of Mrs. Bolton and asked if he could not send a physician at his own expense. Under advice the state, had already sent Dr. Jeneway to take charge.

The case was proceeding when a note was handed to Mr. Bolton. The juror turned deathly pale and leaped to his feet when his fellow jurors forced him to his seat and extended their sympathy and assisted him in controlling himself. Upon the announcement of Mrs. Bolton's death the court announced the adjournment of the case until Monday and Bolton was hurried to his home.

### NO REPLY YET

The Wilcox Lumber Company has not yet made a definite reply to the proposition tendered, whereby in consideration of \$2,500 the company would locate their mill in this city.

### KING EDWARD HOLDS A LEVEE

(Scripps News Association)  
London, Feb. 14—There was a large attendance at the first levee of the season held by King Edward today. A large crowd thronged the vicinity of St. James palace and watched the notables as they alighted from their carriages. The function was confined chiefly to the diplomatic and official set.

### GEORGIA READY FOR SERVICE

(Scripps News Association)  
Boston, Mass., Feb. 14—The crack battleship Georgia, which has been receiving its finishing touches at the Charlestown navy yard, is now ready for service and will probably leave the yard before the end of this week for Hampton roads. She will go on a cruise with what is known as the detached fleet.

John Vanderpool mail contractor and stage driver from Imble, to Summerville went to Island City Tuesday.

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