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## JOHN HALL GUILTY OF LAND FRAUD

**SUBJECT TO HEAVY FINE  
OR JAIL IMPRISONMENT.**

**Required But Four Hours for the Jury to Find John Hall Guilty of Land Frauds as Charged—Possible Fine is \$10,000, or Two Years in Prison—Notice of Appeal Filed and Date of Hearing on Same Set—Hall Receives Fate in Stony Silence—Verdict Reached Last Night.**

Portland, Ore., Feb. 8.—John Hall, accused of land frauds and conspiracy was found guilty this morning by a jury which reported at 10 o'clock. The verdict was handed in at 1:30 last night, after about four hours' deliberation.

Under the federal statutes, conspiracy such as was charged against Hall, is punishable by a fine of not more than \$10,000 or by imprisonment of not more than two years.

Hall arrived in the court room a few moments before the arrival of the jury. As the men marched in he scanned each juror's face, but on none was there any indication of what the verdict would be. As the jury settled into their seats, Hall leaned over toward Judge Webster and whispered into his attorney's ear. He then settled back in his chair and awaited the reading of the verdict. He was unmoved by the adverse decision and made no sign whatever.

Judge Webster immediately filed a notice of appeal and Judge Hunt granted the defense 60 days in which to perfect its appeal.

The jury took eight ballots before a verdict of guilty was arrived at. Eli Kramer of Crabtree, Ore., was the last man to change his vote from acquittal to guilty. Beyond stating that the verdict is what he expected, Francis J. Heney refused to make any state-

ment. Hall said: "I have nothing on my conscience indicative of any wrongdoing. The verdict is a surprise in view of the evidence. Those of my friends who still believe in me, I shall be glad to greet as of old; those who do not, may pass on the other side."

**Congress Considers Defense.**  
Washington, D. C., Feb. 8.—The fortification plans of the coast artillery now hang in the balance of congressional deliberation. General Murray, chief of the corps, will shortly go before the committees of the senate and house, to explain the plans. He will have the support of coast delegations in his effort to secure sufficient appropriation to carry out a proposed scheme of defense for Puget Sound and San Francisco.

## MILLIONAIRE KILLS FAMILY

**RICH LONDONER AND  
HIS FAMILY SHOT.**

**Corpse of Rich London Man Found Near His Mansion and Further Investigation Discloses Additional Crime—His Wife, Daughter and Women Servants Found Dead With Bullet Holes Showing Probable Murder and Subsequent Suicide.**

London, Feb. 8.—Frederick Holmes, a millionaire, his wife and daughter, and two women servants were found today, dead of bullet wounds.

Holmes' corpse was found first in a wood near an up-river mansion near Henley. The women had been shot through the head apparently as they slept. Full investigation has convinced Scotland Yard detectives tonight that Holmes killed the women and then suicided. It is believed he became insane after an attack of the grip.

All the news, every day in the year except Sunday, by Union county's representative daily—The Observer.

## SENATE SCOWLS AT LA FOLLETTE

**WISCONSIN SENATOR AFTER  
TELEGRAPH COMPANIES.**

**Bill Ready for Introduction in the Senate by Senator R. M. La Follette Forcing the Telegraph and Telephone Companies Under the Control of the Interstate Commerce Commission, is Meeting With Obstacles—Promise of Exposure Made.**

Washington, Feb. 8.—There is promise of some tall pyrotechnics in the senate over the interstate commerce question caused by Senator Robert M. La Follette's bill to bring the telegraph and telephone companies under control of the commission. Representative Carey of Wisconsin has introduced the same bill in the house.

La Follette appeared before the senate committee today, but his reception was not very cordial. It is rumored that La Follette has threatened to make public a list of senators who use franking privileges of telegraph companies.

**MORGAN CAR ROBBED.**

**Mrs. J. P. Morgan Loses Valuable Jewelry While En Route.**

Galveston, Texas, Feb. 8.—Jewelry and other valuables reported to be worth \$20,000, have been stolen from the private car of Mrs. J. P. Morgan and her party who are traveling westward. The party left New Orleans last Saturday night. At El Paso, it is thought, the burglars entered the car in the absence of the women and raided the place.

**Morse Reaches Liverpool.**

Liverpool, Feb. 8.—Charles W. Morse, the fallen New York financier, arrived at Queenstown last night, and on learning of the commotion caused by his disappearance from New York, decided to forego his vacation in Europe and return today on the Etruria.

## ROYAL DUST LAID TO REST

**ASSASSINATED KING  
AND PRINCE BURIED.**

**While Actual Interment of Portugal's King and Crown Prince Has Not Taken Place, the Funeral Services Have Been Held With All Customary Imposing Ceremonies—The Boy King and Bereaved Queen Do Not Attend—No Demonstrations.**

Lisbon, Feb. 8.—Funeral services were held today over the remains of King Carlos and the crown prince of Portugal, in St. Vincent's cathedral, with all the imposing ceremony of the Catholic church. The funeral cortege swept through heavily draped streets, between two rows of guards placed on duty to suppress any demonstrations. The king and queen, in accordance with Portuguese custom, remained away from the funeral.

The ceremonies began at 10 o'clock in the presence of a great gathering of ambassadors and officials. The caskets were carried from the palace of Necessidades by servants of the house of Braganza, to the carriages. Preceded by dignitaries of the church carrying crucifixes, the coffins were followed by the royal court to the chapel at St. Vincent's.

A military band played during the march. The streets were crowded, but no outbreak occurred. The bodies will lie in state for three days more before actual interment takes place.

**OHIO SOON TO VOTE.**

**Taft Forces Believed to Be Supreme Over Foraker Machine.**

Columbus, O., Feb. 8.—The republicans of Ohio will be given an opportunity to express by direct vote their choice for the party's candidate for the presidency at primaries to be held on Tuesday. In all of the preliminary skirmishes between the Taft and Foraker forces the former have been successful and there is little doubt that Secretary Taft will be the popular choice of the republican voters of the state.

## NEWS FORECAST FOR THE WEEK

**ALDRICH MEASURE TO  
COME UP NEXT WEEK.**

**Many Candidates' Boom Will Be Sprung in State Conventions This Week—Taft Believed to Secure Colorado Delegates—Tennessee Will Likely Go the Same Way—Knox Starts His Boom the Coming Week—Lincoln's Birthday to Be Observed.**

Senator Knox of Pennsylvania, who is nursing a lively presidential boom will make his first speech out of his home state on Tuesday, when he will be the guest of honor at the annual dinner of the Lincoln club of Kalamazoo, Mich. On the following night he will address the Pittsburg chamber of commerce at its Lincoln day banquet.

The National Democratic club will hold a dinner in New York on Lincoln's birthday. The speakers will be D. Cady Herrick, who ran for governor of New York in 1904; John B. Stanchfield, who ran for governor in 1900; Bird S. Coler, who also ran in 1902; and Edwin M. Shepard, who ran for mayor in 1901. None of the speakers will say anything against Bryan, it is reported.

Lincoln's birthday will be observed by various organizations all over the country, and several speakers of national prominence will address meetings and banquets to be held in New York and Washington on Wednesday night.

The National Association of Rail-

way Agents will open its 12th annual convention in Los Angeles, Cal., next Saturday.

Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Metcalf will give a dinner in honor of President and Mrs. Roosevelt on Tuesday evening.

The trial trip of the new scout cruiser Chester will take place on Wednesday over the usual course off Rockland, Me.

Major General John F. Weston will take command of the Philippine division of the army, relieving Major General Leonard Wood at Manila next Saturday.

The armored cruiser North Carolina will undertake its third trial trip off the Chesapeake Capes next Saturday.

The New York-Paris automobile race is scheduled to start from New York next Saturday.

## WATER RUNNING IN COVE DITCH

**HOPED TO HAVE IT  
BY MONDAY NIGHT.**

**Manager Housh Working on the Ditch Which Conveys Water to Cove Plant But Cove is Unable to Communicate With Him This Afternoon to Learn Exact Status—Flowing Freely at Cove and Considerably Farther Up the Big Ditch.**

Cove, Feb. 8.—(Special.)—Water is flowing quite freely in the Grande Ronde Electric Light company's ditch this afternoon and reports from the hills say that water will be flowing through the full length of the ditch late tonight. Continued thaw will mean light at La Grande in a very short time.

**Housh on the Scene.**

Manager Fred Housh of La Grande has been working on the ditch all afternoon, but what success he has had cannot be learned at 3:30 o'clock, as telephone communication with him is impossible. As far as the telephone service is able to learn, water is flowing nearly as freely farther up the ditch as it is here at the power house.

From general appearances there is but little question of an open ditch again tonight or tomorrow morning, provided, of course, severe freezes do not come.

How long the supply will last, even though the ditch be opened, is not known. While not officially stated, the general opinion is that the Cove plant will be running tomorrow.

**Lights Monday Perhaps.**

Later.—Word has reached here from Manager Housh that there will be no let-up to the light famine in La Grande until Monday at the earliest.

**Mrs. Clark Home Again.**

New York, Feb. 8.—Mrs. W. A. Clark, wife for former Senator Clark of Montana, the millionaire, arrived today on the French liner Lalorraine. She became ill on her voyage of her tour of several months through Europe.

## VALENTINES

**Splendid Assortment**

**All 1908 Styles**

**All Prices**

**HILL'S DRUG STORE**

La Grande Oregon

## HOUGH MAY YET SURVIVE

**CRUCIAL HOUR WILL COME  
TOMORROW SOME TIME.**

**Telephone Message From Pendleton to Mother of Brakeman Hough Who Was Scalded Yesterday—It States That Victim is Resting Easily Today—Fatalities Will Be Caused, if Such Occur, by Reason of Having Inhaled the Escaping Steam.**

A telephone message to Mrs. Jas. Hough of this city from her husband who is at the bedside of his son, George E. Hough, who was perhaps fatally scalded yesterday at Echo, states that the victim of the crown sheet accident is resting fairly easy today.

The brakeman is badly burned about the face and arms, but these are only trivial compared with other possibilities.

**May Have Inhaled Steam.**

The danger of the accident lies in the fact that while enveloped in steam from the defective boiler of the large freight engine, he may have inhaled the steam. If such is the case, his chances for recovery are small.

Attending physicians cannot state today whether or not this was the case.

**Turning Point Tomorrow.**

According to the telephone message physicians will know tomorrow if there is hope for recovery.

The brakeman's family of a wife and child, have gone to Pendleton and are there today.

**AFFINITY SCHEME WINS.**

**University Co-Ed Married to Her Prosecutor of Recent Date.**

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 8.—William Crable of Dearborn, Mo., was married today to Marion Grey, the pretty co-ed from the University of Michigan, who ran afoul the federal postal authorities while operating an "affinity" clearing house at Elgin, Ill., and was indicted for fraud recently, and now both feel that they have the laugh on Uncle Sam.

Crable was the principal witness against her. He testified against her before the grand jury and the government based its suit on his evidence. But after careful consideration Crable decided his affinity was lodged in the form of Miss Grey. She agreed with him. Now it looks as if the government's case will break in two for lack of conclusive evidence.

**Excursionists Entertained.**

Portland, Ore., Feb. 8.—Two hundred excursionists from the inland empire were entertained in Portland today by the Commercial club in a series of automobile rides and lunches. The excursionists, chiefly from Walla Walla and Spokane, are en route to Los Angeles.

## WARM GOODS FOR COLDDAY At Altogether Comfortable Prices

This week will see the clearing up of many of the broken lines in our stock of cold weather goods at prices which will please those of you who are economically inclined—Read the following items over carefully and while reading remember there are a great many which we cannot list here for want of space.

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| 50c Stocking Caps 35c   | 75c Mens Mittens 49c   |
| in colors Red, White and Blue in solid colors, and with fancy borders and tassels. Choose this week for 35c | in heavy Wool and wool lined leather Mittens, this week for choice 49c     |
| 25 Black Wool Squares for choice this week 10c  | 35c Boys Gloves and Mittens in Wool and lined leather, this week 22c       |
| Misses, Childrens and Ladies Heavy Jersey Leggings, extra lengths 75c to \$1                                | .75c & 85c Mens Caps 48c   |
| 50c Childs Night Drawers in Pink & Blue baby striped outing this week 39c                                   | in Corduroy trimmed leather, Plush, Corduroy & heavy Wool Caps, choice 48c |
|   | Mens Heavy Gray German Sox this week 85c                                   |

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