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A BOLD JAIL BREAK EFFECTED LAST NIGHT

PRISONERS UNDER SENTENCE MAKE THEIR ESCAPE.

Thomas Featherston, Sentenced to Five Years, and Thomas McIlmire, Sentenced to Two Years, Saw Their Way Out of the County Jail Last Night and Are Still at Liberty—Plans Were Carefully Made and Successfully Executed.

When the attendants of the county jail went in to feed the prisoners this morning about 8:30, they were amazed to find that the two prisoners in the eastern portion of the cells were not there. A moment's investigation revealed the true conditions. Thomas Featherston, who was under sentence of five years for burglary in Mike Nelson's saloon in Elgin, and Thomas McIlmire, also from Elgin, under a sentence of two years for larceny, sawed off eight bolts which held a patch on the corridor to the cells, covering a place where a former delivery had been perfected when the court house was in Union. This opening permitted them to reach the outside of the cells and then they sawed a round inch iron bar which protects the windows. After this bar was removed all that stood between them and freedom was a jump of about 10 or 12 feet to the ground. Their tracks showed plainly that this was easily accomplished. Both men had loggers' shoes, but these they did not put on until they reached the sidewalk which led to the public school, as the tracks in the soft mud indicated that this distance had been made on their stocking feet.

While en route to the penitentiary with Pixler he informed Sheriff Childers that the prisoners had a saw and were planning to make their escape. The sheriff phoned back that such was the case and the deputy sheriffs made a search and discovered where they had sawed partially through one bar. The prisoners were searched and a file and a short piece of a saw was found, and the prisoners were transferred to the east wing of the jail, but later developments prove that the officers did not find all of the saws. It is possible that had not Pixler been taken the night he was, he would have made his escape also. Deputy Sheriff George Lindgren sleeps in the

court house, and frequently visits the cells during the night.

There are not a few but hope that Featherston may make good his escape as they are of the opinion that his sentence of five years is an outrage on justice. They base their facts something like a certain justice of the peace in this county, once upon a time, in giving his decision on the case at bar, remarked, "That after considering the testimony and what he had heard on the streets, he believed the defendant was guilty."

That may apply in a measure to this case, as they understand the facts to be about as follow: On a Saturday prior to the crime which Featherston was convicted of, he, with some other lumbermen were drinking heavily in Mike Nelson's saloon and continued until late in the evening, until closing time, when Nelson bid them good night and invited them back in the

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HARD RAP AT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON COMMISSION PRACTICALLY DEAD ISSUE.

Unless the State of Washington Makes an Amendment to the Constitution by Giving the Railroad Commission Power to Fix Wheat Rates, That Body is a Figurehead—Portland Wheat Shippers Profit by Supreme Court Decision.

Olympia, Wash., Feb. 15.—Federal Judge Hanford has handed down a decision finding that the Washington state railway commission cannot set a rate in the famous joint wheat-rate case. This destroys the practical utility of the commission, and is a big victory for the Portland shippers over those of the Sound ports in a bitter fight for handling of inland empire wheat.

Governor Mead may call an extra session of the legislature to consider an amendment to be submitted at the next general election, giving the commission power to fix the rate.

New Blacksmiths' Union.

Chicago, Feb. 15.—Members of several local unions of the International Brotherhood of Blacksmiths and Helpers who have seceded from that body, convened here today for the purpose of organizing a new international union. Permanent officers will be chosen and plans made for extending the influence of the union throughout this country and Canada.

MINE HORROR WAS AVERTED

CROSSED WIRES START FIRE IN MINES.

By Opportune Escape Thirty Miners Are Alive to Tell of Their Suffering While Entombed in a Burning Mine—Come to Surface Just as Black Smoke Belches Out to Announce the Fire Raging in Woodwork—Men Were All Exhausted.

Nevada City, Cal., Feb. 15.—A mine horror was narrowly averted here this morning when crossed electric wires started a fire in the pumping station on the 1200-foot level of the Brunswick mine at Grass Valley, and for a time, 30 miners were cut off from rescue. By great exertion the men reached a shaft just as they had abandoned hope. They were brought to the surface more dead than alive, and a moment later a great cloud of black smoke belched from the shaft's mouth. Fire is now raging in the wood work.

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FLOODS MENACE PITTSBURG.

Most Disastrous Flood in Years Now Threatens Business Property.

Pittsburg, Feb. 15.—This city is threatened with the most disastrous flood in its history and merchants, residents are today moving their goods from the lower river front lots to higher ground. Last night the city authorities warned residents that lived in the danger section that the flood would reach the 30-foot point. At present the Allegheny and Monongahela rivers are rising rapidly.

Flood reports are coming in from Lima, Cincinnati and Springfield, O. In all towns high water is driving river front residents out of their houses and is causing much damage. In Cincinnati, scores of families are driven from homes and water is rushing through the streets.

EIGHT YEARS FOR HACKLER

STOLE, CONFESSED AND SENTENCED IN 30 HOURS.

Confessed to Robbing the Berry Store and Newlin Drug Company Yesterday, Arraigned and Sentenced Today, is Rapid Development in the Hackler Story—Three Years for Stealing From Newlin's and Five Years for Berry Theft.

Mac Hackler, who entered a plea of guilty to the charge of breaking into the Newlin drug store and J. M. Berry's clothing store early Friday morning was sentenced to eight years today by Judge Crawford. Five years for breaking into Berry's and three years on the Newlin charge. This shows how easy it is to get into the penitentiary when all the conditions are favorable. Within a few hours after Hackler had committed these depredations he was apprehended and arrested. The evidence was conclusive, and he immediately admitted his guilt and entered a plea of guilty without the formality of a trial.

American Joins the Nobility.

New York, Feb. 15.—Another American woman entered into the life of titled nobility this morning when Miss Theodora Shonts became the wife of the Duc de Chaloules. The ceremony was performed by Mgr. Lavelle, of St. Patrick's cathedral.

To Repeat "Eugene Onegin."

New York, Feb. 15.—Tchaikovsky's opera, "Eugene Onegin," will be given again by the New York Symphony Society tomorrow afternoon. Mr. Damrosch recently presented the work in concert form for the first time in America.

RETURN FLEET VIA SUEZ CANAL

EXPECT INJUNCTION ON NINE-HOUR LABOR LAW.

Although But a Short Time Remains Until the Nine-Hour Labor Law for Telegraphers Employed by Common Carriers Goes Into Effect, Railroads Are Making But Little Effort to Meet the Requirements—Storing Supplies for Fleet at Cavite.

Washington, Feb. 15.—What is considered definite information that the Pacific fleet will return by the way of Suez canal was made today when the government announced that 2200 tons of supplies for the fleet had been placed at Cavite, Philippine islands. Enough stores for a trip across the Pacific are being concentrated at San Francisco.

Nine-Hour Law War.

The government expects an application for an injunction restraining enforcement of the nine-hour law prohibiting common carriers from working telegraph operators in their employ over that time, shortly. The law is expected to go in operation on March 1 and so far it is understood, railroads in most states have made but little preparation to meet its requirements.

Unless forestalled the law will necessitate employment of a large number of telegraphers above the number now working.

Oklahoma Democrats.

Guthrie, Okla., Feb. 15.—In accordance with the recommendation of the state central committee, county conventions were held today throughout Oklahoma to select delegates to the democratic state convention, to be held in Muskogee next Saturday. At the latter meeting the delegation of the new state to the democratic national convention will be chosen. It is practically certain that the Oklahoma delegates will be solidly for W. J. Bryan.

PENDLETON HIGH WINS FROM "U"

SCORE IS TWENTY- ONE TO TWENTY.

Pendleton High School Team Surprises Its Supporters by Defeating the University of Oregon Team in a Splendid Game at Pendleton Last Night—Gives Wheat Town Quintet a Strong Claim to the School Championship of the State.

Pendleton, Feb. 15.—(Observer Special.)—Pendleton high school has clinched the championship title of Oregon in basketball circles by defeating the University of Oregon team here in a lightning-like game last night by a score of 21 to 20. The locals played a remarkable game, and the match will long be remembered as a record-breaker in point of interest. As evinced by the score, the teams were evenly matched, much to the surprise of the most ardent supporters of the home team. This is the second successive defeat the university team has suffered this week, being defeated by Whitman the evening previous.

The Pendleton line-up was the same as that which defeated the La Grande team a week ago by a score of 25 to 10.

Socialists Report Progress.

New York, Feb. 15.—With the battle cry "Haywood for President," the Arbeiter Ring, a national organization of socialists, began a convention here today. The session will continue through tomorrow, when reports will be received on the growth of the movement throughout the country. Delegates are here representing locals in New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Maryland, Illinois,

Ohio and the District of Columbia. Organizers will be appointed for other districts, and new plans of spreading the propaganda will be discussed. The officers say that there is a national membership of 30,000.

Suffragettes to Parade.

New York, Feb. 15.—Another great demonstration of suffragettes, under the leadership of the English agitators, is planned for tomorrow. It is expected that not less than 5000 women will assemble and march through the streets.

Alabama Republicans.

Tuscaloosa, Ala., Feb. 15.—Republicans of the Sixth district of Alabama convened here today for the purpose of selecting two delegates to the national convention, nominating a candidate for congress and electing a new congressional executive committee.

PANACEA FOR DEMOCRACY

JOHNSON OF MINNESOTA IS CONSISTENTLY BOOMED.

Norwegian of Minnesota Will Receive Great Support From Eastern States at the Democratic Convention—Will Announce Candidacy Soon, It is Said—Hetty Green Predicts Renomination of Roosevelt—Johnson Has Remarkable Career in Politics.

Riverside, Cal., Feb. 15.—General G. H. Taylor, editor of the Boston Globe, who is here on a short visit, is an open advocate of Governor Johnson of Minnesota, for the presidency, and asserts that Johnson will be an outspoken seeker after the nomination within a week's time. He declares that Johnson is the only man who can reunite the democratic party, and that there is a tidal wave of enthusiasm for Johnson in the east.

Johnson has performed two feats in politics that stand unprecedented in United States political history. Although a staunch democrat, he carried a vastly republican state four years ago with an overwhelming majority. At the next election he not alone won the race, but increased his lead over the previous election by a big figure. Like La Follette of Wisconsin, a sister state, the Gopher executive has won his way to fame by personal qualities and endurance.

Predicts Roosevelt's Nomination.

Boston, Mass., Feb. 15.—Hetty Green, the richest woman in the world declares that hard times will be with us for some time yet, and that Roosevelt will be renominated, and that she predicted the panic three years ago. She also declared that during the panic "sold" men of Wall street swarmed about her like bees around a hive and wanted to borrow money on everything from automobiles to residences. She states she loaned Harry Payne Whitney \$1,000,000 and also a large sum to the New York Central.

TURKEY AND CZAR MAY CLASH

ABDUL HAMID TREATS RUSS- SIANS WITH INDIFFERENCE.

Unless Sultan of Turkey Withdraws His Troops From Persian Territory Czar Nicholas Will Be Forced to Open War Against the Turk—Russian Officials Treated With Indifference by Hamid—Czar Ready to Send Big Army to Disputed Territory.

London, Feb. 15.—That the sultan must withdraw his troops from Persian territory or fight Russia in the spring is considered certain here. Counting on the czar's weakness in the disputed territory, the sultan is treating St. Petersburg representatives with almost insolent indifference.

England sympathizes with Russia in the present crisis and may join with the bear in bringing heavy pressure to bear on Abdul Hamid to compel him to withdraw his soldiers. Czar Nicholas, however, has ordered 60,000 troops from central Russia to the Turko-Persian frontier and will probably have no trouble in handling any difficulty that might arise with the Turk.

Mobilizing Army.

Bulletin.—The Russian army has been ordered to mobilize at Odessa and Kief in anticipation of a clash with the forces of Turkey. This is the czar's answer to the insolent attitude of Turkey over Russia's objection to occupancy of Persian soil by Turkish troops. This startling information was wired to London today from St. Petersburg by a trusted correspondent who is familiar with the situation. It brings the situation on the Persian frontier to a head sooner than expected and developments, may be expected within a few days.

Open the Belen Cut-Off.

Santa Fe, N. M., Feb. 15.—The Belen cut-off of the Santa Fe road will be opened to traffic today between California and Pecos valley. The cut-off extends from Bolon to Mexico, a distance of 265 miles. The line is an important one in transcontinental travel and will result in a readjustment of the class and commodity rates.

Lockout in England.

London, Feb. 15.—Shipbuilders of the northeast coast today enforced a lockout of all workmen. This action is the outcome of the strike begun on January 22, the men refusing to accept a reduction in wages. The employers declare that a reduction was necessary owing to the depression in the industry.

Ohio G. O. P. Convention.

Toledo, O., Feb. 15.—Republicans of the Ninth Ohio district will hold their convention here today to select delegates to the Chicago convention. The Taft adherents are in command of the situation.

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This is the time of year when the solid sole leather used in PETERS' Diamond Brand Shoes, reinforced by weatherproof insoles, is of unusual importance.

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