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## INJUNCTION MATTER STILL UP IN THE AIR

### COURT TAKES VITAL QUESTION UNDER ADVISEMENT

### 3 DECISIONS FAVOR PROHIBS

### QUESTION OF SHERIFF'S ACTION ONLY ONE LEFT.

Court meets this morning and spends the day in hearing evidence and arguments—disposed of County Court, County Clerk's Regularity and the Sufficiency of the Petition—Only Thread Left for Roesch to Attach His Hopes.

Court met at 8:30 a. m. today to hear testimony in the Roesch injunction case. Julius Roesch, plaintiff in the case, was heard. His testimony was a reiteration of the alleged facts contained in the complaint as to his business, etc. The testimony of County Judge Henry, Deputy County Clerk Ed Wright and Sheriff Childers was without interest, being a mere statement of their official actions in regard to the election. Mr. Sanford of Milgard, was put on the stand. He testified that he posted the election notices May 15. Sanford was compelled to testify to this because in the affidavit sent to Sheriff Childers as to the time of posting the notices, the date was left blank.

Argument on evidence was begun at 1:20 this afternoon. Attorney Frank Wilson, for the plaintiff, consumed two hours, quoting numerous authorities to uphold the contention that the injunction should be made permanent. Blows at Roesch.

When Attorney Wilson had finished his arguments, the court took up the allegations of the complaint separately, and made it plain what his final decisions will be. This was done, one by one, until the entire issue had simmered itself down to the question of whether or not the sheriff was in duty bound to post the notices himself.

**Petition Was Sufficient.**  
Relative to the petition for a liquor license, signed by more than 500 voters, and which Julius Roesch maintains was insufficient, the court ruled that the petition was sufficient.

**County Court Regular.**  
Then, picking up the allegation that the county court's actions were irregular, the court ruled that they were regular.

**County Clerk's Action Proper.**  
Next came the action of the county clerk. The allegations set up that the clerk should have signed them in person. This the court held to be unnecessary.

**The Last Thread.**  
These questions disposed of, the fate of the injunction then hung by one thread, that of the legality in the action of Sheriff Childers in instruct-

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## FATAL WOUNDS FROM RAZOR

### WOMAN PARING CORN GETS FATAL INJURIES.

Vallejo Accident a Remarkable One—Woman Lost Her Balance While Paring a Corn, and in Act to Recover Her Balance, Inflicted Terrible Wounds on Herself—Assistance Comes, But Too Late to Stop Flow of Blood in Time.

Hodgman of this city, is lying near death today from a severe razor slash inflicted in a singular accident. She was standing in her home, one foot resting on a chair in the act of paring a corn, when she suddenly lost her equilibrium. In her efforts to recover her balance she slashed her left arm open to the bone from palm to elbow. In snatching the razor from the wound she nearly severed one finger of the right hand. The woman's cries brought assistance, but before the flow of blood could be stopped, she was in a serious condition. There is little hope for recovery.

## RACE MEET STARTS.

The Meadows Has Finest Horses Than Ever Before on Opening Day.  
Seattle, June 20.—The summer meeting of the King County Fair association was started at the Meadows this afternoon for the annual 73-day meeting. A card of six horses was presented. It is doubtful if ever on the coast a higher class of horses has been represented on a daily program. The opening handicap is the feature of the afternoon. Public choices for the race will probably be Sugar Maid and Etrenous.  
The abolishing of the pool sellers who formerly preyed on the women in the grandstand is a move which meets with great favor.

## OCEAN LINER IN BAD ACCIDENT

### EXPLOSION ON BOARD THE OCEAN LINER ARCADIA.

Panic Follows Explosion on Board the Hamburg-American Liner Arcadia Near the Water Front at Philadelphia—Ambulances Haul Wounded to Hospitals, Some in Dangerous Condition—Body of One Victim is Found—Prompt Aid Saves Ship.

Philadelphia, June 20.—An explosion on the Hamburg-American liner Arcadia, arriving from Hamburg today, set the ship afire and caused a great panic along the water front. The ship carried a general freight cargo.  
Many of the crew were injured. The body of a negro has been removed and he is the only one known to be dead. A general alarm was sounded for ambulances. When they arrived 11 of the injured were taken off and rushed to the hospitals, in a serious condition.  
When the explosion occurred longshoremen were hurried in every direction. Quick action of the waterfront fire department prevent destruction of the ship.

### Many Fatalities.

After further investigation, it is believed that six men lost their lives as a result of the explosion on board the Arcadia today. The ship is practically destroyed by fire. Chief Officer Kruger was badly burned about the face and hands while rescuing the injured. He saved many lives. He rushed into the flames and carried out two dead negroes and 16 injured. At roll call this afternoon it was shown that a score are missing. Many were seen to jump overboard, and it is believed they were drowned. Twenty-five men were below the hatches when the explosion occurred, and it is not known whether all of them came up. Thirty are known to have been injured. The steamer, which carried much freight, settled into the mud and it is believed the entire interior is destroyed. The fire boats are pouring water into the hold, but the flames have spread beyond control.  
The only explanation offered is that the explosion was caused by gas. The Arcadia steamed up the bay this morning after completing the voyage from Hamburg, an d was near the dock at the time of the accident.

### Hitchcock Declines.

Cincinnati, O., June 20.—Frank Hitchcock was today offered the chairmanship of the national republican committee but declined. So far there is no selection.

## FAVORITE SON WELCOMED HOME

### TAFT AND SHERMAN IN CINCINNATI TODAY.

Ovation That Sounds Like National Convention Given Both Sherman and Taft as the Republican Standard Bearer Enter Ohio City—Subcommittee is Conferring on Man to Manage Campaign—Bands and Big Multitude Await Leaders.

Cincinnati, O., June 20.—The center of republican activity has been transferred to here from Chicago. Today this city has the appearance of a presidential election time, so great is the enthusiasm. Taft, the presidential nominee, arrived from Washington at 8:30 and was greeted at the station by a tremendous throng, who cheered and made a wild demonstration.

J. S. Sherman, Taft's running mate, arrived from Chicago 15 minutes earlier, with Charles Taft, and a subcommittee of the national committee, which confers here on the appointment of a permanent chairman to manage the campaign.

Ovation for Sherman.  
Sherman and the National committee were given almost as great an ovation as Taft received. Two bands were at the station and a carriage was prepared for a parade through the city. The line of procession was through the whole city in a continuous triumphal march. The street were blocked all along and everybody was out to cheer "Our next president."

### Our Next President.

Cries of "Cincinnati's president" and "Our own president" were heard all along the line. The crowd took up the yell of the convention: "Taft, Taft, William H. Taft." The parade, led by the bands, made its way to the residence of Charles Taft at Fourth and Race streets. A big bunch of American Beauties were thrown into Taft's carriage, where they were received with apparent pleasure. A street hawker playing a flute phone, near the carriage, in a moment of enthusiasm, threw the instrument into the carriage, where it fell into Taft's pocket. The crowds and bands drew up in front of Taft's residence, where a demonstration lasted several minutes. The candidate bowed, smiled and waved to the crowd and then sprang out of the carriage with a surprising agility for a man of his size. He walked lightly up the steps. At the door he turned and again waved to the crowd. It is understood Taft is in a quandary regarding the appointment of a campaign manager.  
The Ohio contingent holds permanent chairmanship of the national committee should go either to Arthur F. Vorhies, the first Taft manager, or former Governor Myron T. Herrick of Ohio. Many members of the committee insist that Hitchcock, manager of Taft's campaign for the nomination, is not entitled to the place, but is the best equipped man yet suggested. The members of the sub-committee are: General Powell Clayton of Arkansas; former Governor Myron T. Herrick of Ohio; Frank B. Kellogg of Minnesota; Charles Nagle of Missouri; E. Hart of Iowa; Senator Borah of Idaho; E. C. Duncan, of North Carolina, and Frank O. Lowden of Illinois.

### NEW RECORD AT SEA.

#### Battleship Georgia Establishes New Record in Trip South Friday.

U. S. S. Georgia, at Sea, June 20.—(By wireless to United Press.)—The Georgia is still the sea queen of the Atlantic. Under her natural draft, racing through a moderate beam of sea, the Georgia in a speed trial south from Cape Flattery, Friday averaged 18.02 knots were hour on a nine-hour run and 19.02 knots under a forced draft on a four-hour run. This record beats the builders' trial speed of the ship, though on the run just completed the Georgia was more heavily loaded, and was drawing three feet eight inches more water. No other battleship in the navy has equalled this record.

## FRUIT INDUSTRY IN GRANDE RONDE

### LEADING FRUITGROWER GIVES PROMISING FACTS.

After Giving Figures That Are Conclusive Proof of the Valley's Fertile Fruit Soil, the Writer Affirms Only One-Fifth of Fruit Soil is Now Cultivated—Resume of the Crop of the Past and What is Expected for This Season.

(By Karl J. Stackland.)

The Grande Ronde valley has for many years constituted one of the leading fruit sections of the Pacific Northwest, and like a half dozen rivals, its importance, is rapidly increasing in both the output from her older orchards and the acreage of new ones.

For the season of 1903 we expect to market nearly one and a quarter million pounds of Bing, Lambert, Royal Ann, Oregon and Black republican cherries; 5000 crates of strawberries, 2000 crates raspberries and 2000 crates blackberries; 30 to 40 carloads of the different kinds of plums, pears and prunes for shipping purposes; about 400 tons of Italian prunes for drying; six to eight thousand boxes peaches, a few grapes, apricots, quinces and nectarines; 500 carloads of No. 1 apples for shipment, and quantities of crab apples, etc., for vinegar purposes.

The above crops will come, mainly, from the orchards planted eight years ago or more, and represents only about one-fourth or less of the present acreage.

The total number of cherry trees now planted number over 35,000, or about 250 acres, full stand; 12,000 pear trees, 15,000 peach and plum trees, 17,000 prune and nearly 200,000 apple trees.

Planting orchards on a real commercial scale has only just begun, as over one-fourth of our present total acreage has been put out the two last planting seasons and much larger orchard enterprises are now in contemplation than ever before.

The quality of the fruit grown here is, on the whole, equal or superior to that grown in any other locality and in some lines we lead or beat the world. Our cherries of just ordinary packing for market, have regularly received awards of 100 points (or perfection) at every fair where exhibited and Stackland Bros. of Cove hold gold medals from all the last international expositions. Our plums are also unexcelled; in apples and pears with modern intensified methods and care in growing, grading and packing, we equal or excel most other sections with a large number of the most desirable varieties, of which most of the late plantings here consist.

As to yield per tree or per acre, and regular crops, or total yield per acre for a series of five or 10 years, we know of no other locality anywhere equalling ours.

When it comes to returns and money obtained for certain crops, the whole has been very satisfactory, as the large orchard plantings of the last few years must convince any one. Numerous instances of fancy prices are on record which will show what has been and can be done.

Some years ago the writer, accidentally, had 140 boxes of Spitzenburg apples, most 4 1/2-tiers pack, balance 4-tier, sell late in February for \$2.87 per box, f. o. b. shipping point. The apples were grown on 14 old trees standing 16 feet apart. Therefore, at the fabulous rate of \$4600 per acre.

The crop of Royal Ann and Republicans in the orchard of John Martin at Cove, from 14 to 17 year old trees for several years brought him at the rate of \$1540 to \$2655 per acre. Three-fourths of an acre of Jocunda strawberries yielded for five years from 216 to 234 crates per season, that sold for from \$1.50 to \$2 per crate, at home. One small patch of the splendid strawberry owned by Oscar Lund of Cove, the second season yielded at the enormous rate of \$40 crates (24 quarts each) per acre, that sold for \$1.70 per crate at the patch. Red raspberries yield immensely every year

and turn off 7000 to 10,000 pounds per acre; blackberries, Logan berries and dewberries do almost as well; all berries bringing splendid prices, for the last seven years, regularly, averaging over \$2 per 24-pound crate at home.

Records of \$200 to \$500 per acre income from 5 to 15-year-old apple orchards are numerous, in spite of the fact that the Ben Davis and Gano have constituted the varieties. While 1.45 acres of Rome Beauty apples, 10 year old trees, last year yielded 700 boxes, packing fruit that, by buyer, sold for \$1225 f. o. b. Cove; \$4 trees, 14-year-old trees of the Hyde's King, last year yielded 600 boxes, that at a lumped price, sold for \$900 here.

Our Bing and Lambert cherries from three orchards in Cove have netted the growers 10 cents per pound above picking and packing expense, on the average, for the last three years. The same is true of the other varieties.

ed for most of our white cherries, Royal Ann, Centennial, etc., at 4c to 5c per pound, delivered here.

With practically no pests to contend with, most of them never having made an appearance here yet, having the brightest, cleanest and healthiest looking fruit trees ever seen to grow, an almost inexhaustible soil, and the records and conditions above stated, it is no wonder that the Grande Ronde valley is rapidly expanding its fruit industry as less than 5 per cent of the best fruit land is planted yet.

## PRESIDENT OFF ON VACATION

### THANKS THE AMERICAN PEOPLE FOR FAVORS.

President Roosevelt Closes Up Shop and Pulls Down Angling Paraphernalia—Secretary Loeb and Assistant Will Keep Feet Under Desk During the Vacation—Teddy Had a "Corking" Time During His Term of Office as President.

Washington, June 20.—President Roosevelt, accompanied by his wife and daughter Ethel, and son Quentin, left Washington at 9:15 this morning for their annual summer visit to Oyster Bay. The president was accompanied to the depot by a crowd of officials and friends. He was guarded by secret service men.

Secretary Loeb and Assistant Secretary Latta, remain at the White House to be chief poo-bahs until the president returns. A friend reminded the president that he had earned a vacation.

"Don't waste any sympathy on me," the president replied. "I enjoyed every minute of my term in office. My thanks are due the American people, not theirs to me, for the opportunity I had to serve them. I have had a perfectly 'corking' time."

### Birth Record.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Geddes, in this city today, a daughter.

## BID ACCEPTED BY THE BOARD

### CONTRACTOR SLATER WILL COMPLETE SCHOOL BUILDING.

At a Meeting of the School Board Last Evening Several Bids Were Opened, But Mr. Slater's Was the Lowest—Full Assignment of Teachers to the Various Grades in the Three School Buildings of the City Was Also Made Last Night.

Two thousand four hundred eighty-one dollars and fifty cents is the sum to be expended on improvements of the school buildings in the city of La Grande, according to the bids presented to and opened by the school board at its meeting last evening. The figure named is one presented by Contractor J. L. Slater and it means the completion in detail of the upper floor of the brick building in North La Grande. The school population has increased in so large numbers that all available school room is needed to give adequate seating room for the pupils.

### Other Bids in.

Aside from the bid presented by Mr. Slater, there was one from J. J. Clancy at \$2490. This was the next lowest bid. Still others were offered by Louis Wright at \$2750 and Spiller Bros. at \$3270.

### Teachers Assigned.

Aside from disposing of the matter of bids for the completion of the school building, the board made its assignment of teachers for the coming school year. In the first grade in the Central building, Mrs. Stella Ingle will be the teacher; in the second, Miss Lydia Hux; in the third, and fourth, Mrs. Elizabeth Sutfin; in the fifth, Miss Mary Harris; in the sixth, Miss Ruth Bush; in the seventh, Miss Syra Kuhn; in the eighth, Robert Wilkerson.

### In the White Building.

Fifth grade, Manuel Snider; fourth grade, Miss Susan Melroy; in the sixth, Miss Helen Vehrs.

### In the Fourth Ward.

First grade, Mrs. Nellie Nell; first and second, Miss Gertrude Haver; second, Miss Nell Young; third, Miss Elizabeth Burnell; third and fourth, Miss Gussie Fisher; fourth, Ella Blake; fifth, Miss Elisabeth King; sixth, Miss Emma Pickler.

### High School.

M. J. Munager, Alice McKinley and Pauline Hilliard.

### (Los Angeles Booming Taft.

Los Angeles, June 20.—Los Angeles started the national campaign today when the whistles of 250 local manufacturing plants joined at noon in a great "prosperity blast." Banners bearing the words "Taft and Sherman" were strung across the main streets, while campaign buttons were distributed liberally. The first meeting will be held tonight when the republicans gather to ratify the nomination.

IT OUGHT TO BE THE HAPPINESS AND GLORY of every citizen to so live and act that his fellow citizens will esteem him for his goodness, his kindness, and his usefulness. The principles of good citizenship should constitute the code of rules for every kind of business whether public or private. This applies particularly to the drug business, because, owing to the limited knowledge of the qualities of drugs by the general public, it follows that the reliability of the druggist is the chief guarantee of good service.

HILL'S DRUG STORE  
La Grande Oregon