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RUEF FACES NEW PREDICAMENT

HIS FRIENDS EXPOSE ACTUAL CASH WORTH OF BONDS.

Man Who Recently Was Released From Jail by His Friends Going an Exceedingly Heavy Bond, Faces Indignant Friends—Names on Bonds Disclose Actual Cash Worth and Assessor is After Them—Ruef May Have to Pay Additional Taxes.

San Francisco, July 15.—Ruef, the old-time grafter, is again in trouble. The troubles began afresh when the men on the bond discovered their work of signing their names to the bond is going to be expensive. The announcement made at the assessor's office that the sworn statements made by the persons on Ruef's bond would be accepted as a basis for their tax this year, is the bombshell that has created such consternation. As a result, increases from 50 to 100 per cent are to be made in the assessments of nearly everybody who signed Ruef's bonds. In one instance an amount is to be raised from \$600 on unsecured personal property to \$15,000 in the bank, which the bondsmen told the court of, but forgot to mention to the assessor.

Delegations of indignant bondsmen have been calling on Ruef throughout the day. A story has gained circulation that Ruef will be asked to pay the difference in his friends' taxes.

REIGN OF HORROR ENDS.
Advices From Tabriz Say Horrible Massacre Took Place Recently.

Vienna, July 15.—The culmination of horrors of Tabriz comes in the form of bombardment and a massacre, which wiped out the remaining revolutionists and left in the city in complete control of the Cossacks under

pay from the shah, according to a news agency message. A hundred were killed. The bombardment was directed at the Umirathia quarter of Tabriz. The firing was continued until the place was completely destroyed. The Cossacks literally swept the streets with bullets. Bodies of the victims mark the course of firing. This marks the end of the terrible bread riots following the first massacre by Cossacks.

TIMELY RAINS BRING WEALTH

GROUND IN THE VALLEY IS SUFFICIENTLY SOAKED.

Though There Are a Few Sections of the County Where Rains Have Not Been Entirely Sufficient, Still There is a General Air of Satisfaction and Content With Amount of Precipitation—Dry for a Time, But Ground is in Fine Shape Now.

The rains of this week, which have been almost incessant, have so thoroughly soaked the dry ground that the farmers are crying "enough," though not in a tone to intimate more rain would be damaging. Farther out in the valley the rains have not been so general, and a shower or two would not be amiss. As it is, a large portion of the valley will produce the usual acreage this year, by reason of the timely showers this week.

The climatic conditions are the redeeming features of this valley. The farmers are some times worried, but before it is too late, rains come and frosts stay away until the crops are harvested. There is a pleasing improvement in the appearances of crops today compared with that of Saturday.

F. S. Bramwell is in Haines. He expects to return next Friday night.

GIRL HAS A MANIA TO ROB

SAN JOSE STENOGRAPHER RELATE HER PREDICAMENT

Pretty Stenographer Who Entered and Robbed a House Last Night and Then Tried to Kill Her Victim, Today Tells Her Story—Has a Mania to Rob and Says it is Inherited—A Sister Did the Same Thing Recently—Boy Aided Her.

San Jose, July 15.—Suffering from a nervous breakdown, on the verge of collapse, Miss Jessie Turner, a pretty stenographer of Palo Alto, who last night robbed the home of Mrs. Mabel Seale of this city and later tried to kill her victim when she tried to summon help, told her story to Sheriff Langford today. She says she is an orphan and believes she inherited her mania for robbery.

"I was driving past the Seale home last night," she said, "and noticed the blinds were pulled down. The thought flashed through my mind that this would be a good opportunity to enter the place. I found the key in the door and entered. I took everything in sight, but I cannot tell why I did it."

The woman has a sister who committed a similar crime a few months ago. Miss Turner lives at the home of Arthur Crane, a San Francisco business man. She took the Crane boy, aged 13, with her and had him open the house.

Sixty Men Escaped Death.

San Francisco, July 15.—Sixty men had a narrow escape from death this afternoon in a collision between the British bark Yeoman and the French bark Brummie. The two vessels were moving out of their berth preparatory to sailing when the accident occurred.

CHAMBERLAIN TO ARGUE CASE HERE

NODINE CASE APPEARS IN COURT SATURDAY.

Governor Chamberlain One of the Many Attorneys Who Will Present Arguments in the Noted Nodine Case—Dray vs. Dray Case Also on Saturday—Perjury Case Set for Same Day—History of Nodine Case Up to the Present Time.

The divorce case of Dray vs. Dray and the perjury case against H. F. Briggs of Starkey, based on private revelation of Henry Hill, are set for argument Saturday. On Saturday the noted Nodine case will appear in court again. This case involves much valuable property and a number of prominent citizens of the county and state. Governor George E. Chamberlain will be here on Saturday to represent the interests of the Ainsworth National bank of Portland, one of the defendants in the present action.

History of the Case.

In April, 1894, Fred Nodine found himself involved to the extent of about \$7,500. Nearly all of his lands were mortgaged to secure about \$30,000, and the remainder was in the form of numerous judgments against him. Times were hard those days and money difficult to secure, and in order to pay his debts and have something left, if possible, Nodine entered into an agreement with F. A. E. Starr, to handle and sell his real property, pay the indebtedness and turn the balance over to him, Nodine. Nodine agreed to give a warranty deed to his lands to W. T. Wright, the trustee selected by himself, and F. L. Richmond, the trustee selected by Starr, and their consent was necessary before the lands could be sold by Starr. The deed in trust was made out April 12, 1894, and all his personal property except some horses and cattle were turned over to the trustees. They assumed management of the farm and, mainly through Richmond, conducted its affairs until the fall of 1895, when they rendered to Nodine a statement of their conduct of his affairs. In December the remainder of the personal property was sold to W. J. Townley, of Union, and the lands rented to him for one year. Townley gave a note for \$6000 for this lease, which note was afterward turned over to the Ainsworth National bank of Portland. Starr and the trustees, in the spring of 1896, found themselves without any more property of which they could dispose, there were no funds belonging to the trust, and the creditors began pressing for their claims. J. P. Marshall, cashier of the Ainsworth bank, caused the sheriff to levy upon and afterwards sell a considerable part of the lands. Shortly afterward, upon an execution secured by W. T. Wright, of the Union National bank, W. J. Townley bought at sheriff's sale the remainder of the Nodine holdings. The Nodine's, in July, 1896, instituted a suit against the bank, the trustees, Richmond and several others to have the contract with Starr and the deeds to Richmond and Wright declared a deed of assignment for the benefit of all the creditors and for an accounting from the trustees for all the property that had passed through their hands and for damages and to have the deeds to Townley and Marshall set aside. The case dragged along for several years and was finally decided, in the main, against the plaintiffs.

After the husband's death Mrs. Nodine began suit against W. J. Townley for her dower rights in the estate. This case is now pending, as is also the case of the administrator of the estate vs. the defendants in the first suit, alleging that, although the testimony adduced before did not show conspiracy, that new evidence now in the hands of the plaintiffs will prove that there was actually such a state of affairs, and alleging perjury in the former case on the part of the defendants.

Attorneys Lomax & Anderson of Baker City, are conducting the prosecution. Cochran & Cochran represent

Townley; T. H. Crawford appears for Wright, and Governor Chamberlain for the Ainsworth National bank.

Steve Adams Acquitted.
Grand Junction, Col., July 15.
—Steve Adams was found not guilty this afternoon of the murder of Arthur Collins, the Telluride mine superintendent, who was blown up with a bomb.

OIL FIELDS IN GRIP OF FLAMES

TWO MEN ROASTED IN A BURNING OIL TANK.

Fifty Thousand Barrels of Oil Destroyed and Two Men Roasted to Death in a Fire Near Santa Barbara This Morning—Flames Still Raging—Fire Fighters Keep Flames From Houses—Horrible Death Suffered by Two Men in Burning Tank.

Santa Barbara, Cal., July 15.—Two men killed and 50,000 barrels of oil destroyed with a loss aggregating \$200,000, resulted from a fire which is still raging fiercely at the little town of Orcutt on the Santa Maria oil fields today. At noon the entire countryside was on fire. Desperate efforts are being made by the inhabitants to check the flames, which are threatening a tank containing 25,000 barrels of oil. Through hard work by the volunteer firemen the fire has so far been kept from the houses of the village.

The conflagration was probably started by sparks from a locomotive which set fire to the dry grass and brush.

Two men were killed in a horrible manner. Both were working on the runway above the huge oil tank when a plank ignited and collapsed. The men fell into the burning oil.

Orcutt is the oil distributing town of that field and has a population of 700.

BILL BRYAN, FARMER.
Democratic Candidate Turns Farmer on Fairview Farm This Morning.

Fairview Farm, Lincoln, Neb., July 15.—William J. Bryan, the candidate, was "Bill" Bryan, the farmer, today. He went out early to see to affairs of the field, which were allowed to lag somewhat during the convention excitement. He appears interested in every feature of the crops, and gives them his personal attention, directing the men himself. He will probably spend the afternoon outlining his speech of acceptance.

Several farmers around Echo are going to experiment with thornless cactus, the new Burbank creation, recently exploited in that county.

SERMONS TOLD BY LETTERHEADS

COMMERCIAL CLUB LETTER PAPER TELLS TRUE STORY.

Salient Features of Attractive Value Compiled in Compact Form and Set on Commercial Club Stationery—In Remarkably Small Space Manages to Tell Abundance of Truths—For Use of Commercial Club and Boost Club.

Sentence sermons will be preached by every letter that goes out from the La Grande Commercial club or the bureau of publicity and information commonly known as the boost club of this city. On the letter heads which the Commercial club secretary and manager, F. C. Lavey, of the Boost club, will send out in their routine correspondence, are chock full of information themselves, and tell the homeseekers much aside from what he will learn on the space set aside for letter purposes. Across the top in flaming letters is the sentence, "Situating in the heart of the Beautiful Grande-Ronde valley." After giving the personnel of the Commercial club, the other matters requisite on the ordinary letter head, the reading darts off on the following:

The city with a great future, surrounded by untold agricultural and mineral wealth.

La Grande is located in the heart of the famous Grande Ronde, the most fertile and most beautiful valley in Oregon.

La Grande is the Pay-Roll city. Railroad shops, planing mills, box factory, sawmills, sugar factory, brick yard. Monthly payroll over \$60,000.

La Grande is the county seat of Union county, on the main line of the O. R. & N. railway.

La Grande, as a shipping point, is unsurpassed, and is a most desirable location for factories of all kinds.

La Grande has fine churches and schools, electric lights, water works, sewerage system, and is an ideal home and business city. Her streets are the best lighted in the state.

La Grande wants more factories and industries, and the fine vacant lands that surround her filled up with good farmers.

La Grande is a winner.

Another Mine Accident.

Pittsburg, July 15.—Eight men were killed by an explosion in a shaft in one of the Williamsburg collieries operated by the Susquehanna Coal company today. Eight others were rescued, but are suffering from terrible burns which may probably prove fatal. More men who remained in the shaft were trapped by the explosion. It is feared the death list will grow. An effort is being made to reach the imprisoned men, but flames make it difficult.

THE FAIR SUMMER SALE

Summer Clearance Prices of the utmost interest to the stay-at-homes, as well as those who are going to take their summer outing in the mountains or at the coast—read these items and prices carefully—and remember—there are hundreds of equally good bargains in all summer goods all over the house. : : :

\$2.50 Royal Khaki Suits \$1.59 Boys Suits with long or short pants, coats made in Norfolk style with belts, all sizes at the Special Price : : : \$1.59
Men's Summer Suits \$7.35 in single or double breasted skeleton, quarter lined, coats in two or three piece suits reg. pr. \$12.00 to \$13.50 now \$7.35

45c SPL. Men's 6oc to \$1.50 Straw and Cloth hats—all Styles and all sizes **SPL. 45c**

\$3.00 Ladies' Shirt
Waist Suits \$1.59 in all white indian head linen tailored waists trimmed in straps, plain gored skirts with pleats at seams, splendid values special now at only : : : \$1.59
Ladies' Lawn Kimonas 39 cents and up a splendid assortment in long or short Kimonas in the daintiest lawns, beautiful patterns of all colors, in all the wanted styles regular 75c and up now : : : 39c up

\$\$ & \$\$ Saved By Coming to The Fair Store



Don't miss this Opportunity to Save Money

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