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## UNCLE SAM SEEKS STEAM-UP LAVEY

### ACCUSED OF USING THE MAILS FRAUDULENTLY.

Based on Crime Committed in Oklahoma, the United States Government is Seeking Information Leading to Arrest of P. C. Lavey, Former Boost Manager in This City—Charge is a New One and Adds to List Already Against Him.

A new and more serious charge faces Patrick C. Lavey, who at one time was manager of the Commercial club here, but who since then is said to have committed suicide at Seattle. The exact nature of the new charge against Lavey is not known, but the United States government is after him on a charge of using the government mails for fraudulent purposes. The alleged crime took place in Oklahoma where Lavey left under a cloud, charged with having grafted the government in Indian land deals.

The justice department of the government has sent inquiries to Postmaster Richey, seeking the whereabouts of Lavey. Of course, Mr. Richey knows nothing more about the disappearances than the general public, and all he can do is to send a copy of the papers explaining Lavey's disappearance, to the government headquarters.

### Many Theories Rampant.

Since the announcement that the booster has either suicided or taken silent leave of the country, many theories have originated in this city as to the likely manner of disappearance. Little faith is given the suicide theory. Those who knew him well here and learned of his eccentricities, believe he has gone to Alaska, a trip of which he often spoke in a contemplative manner.

## TAKE RATE CASE SUPREME COURT

### MORE DELAY IN SENSATIONAL LUMBER RATE CASE

San Francisco, Oct. 2.—The question of whether the interstate commerce commission has the power to fix railroad rates and pass on the reasonableness of those rates will be passed up to the supreme court of the United States for a decision. Judge Morrow, Ross and Gilbert, of the United States circuit court, announced today that they were unable to agree on several points in the Southern Pacific's amended bill to the Oregon lumber rate case. The law requires the judges to be unanimous. If not, the case must go to the supreme court. Attorneys for the commission and the railroad this afternoon filed in the circuit court a list of questions they want the supreme court to decide upon.

The effect of the disagreement of circuit court is to have the case advanced on the calendar of the supreme court. It is expected the decision will be announced from Washington in 30 days. Attorney Peter Dunne, for the railroad, has made application to have the enforcement of the new lumber rate established by the commission enjoined until the decision of the supreme court is handed down. This was denied by the circuit court, which held the disagreement takes the matter from them and that the railroad must apply to the supreme court for an injunction. The injunction will be asked for at once. If not granted, the new rate will go into effect on October 15.

The McMinnville planing mill employs about 40 men.

## Fires Near Albany.

Albany, Ore., Oct. 2.—Raging fiercely for three days, a fire in the Cascade forest reserve, 10 miles east of Detroit, is reported today to be completely beyond control of the small force of men fighting it. A downpour of rain is all that can extinguish the fire.

## German Day Festivities.

St. Louis, Oct. 3.—German day will be celebrated tomorrow by the large German-American population of the Missouri metropolis. A parade, with thousands of members of various German societies in line, will feature the celebration.

San Francisco, Oct. 3.—More than two score prominent German societies of San Francisco and vicinity will participate tomorrow in an observance of German day at Shell Mound park.

## Will Fly Across Channel.

Paris, Oct. 3.—Avowing his intention of flying across the English channel, Prince Botaloff, a second cousin of the czar, today ordered an aeroplane modeled after plans of his own invention. He has devoted his life to experimenting with aeroplanes.

## FRISCO FUNDS WERE JUGGLED

### TREASURER MUST EXPLAIN AB- SENCE OF SEVERAL THOUSANDS

San Francisco, Oct. 3.—It is announced today that City Treasurer John McDougal is facing a suit for \$37,572.79, which has been mysteriously missing for several years. Nobody is able to explain. The state controller, Nye, will begin a suit for the state's share, \$14,000. The money formed a "special deposit fund," growing out of the dispute between the United Railroads of this city and state.

## YUKON GOVERNMENT IS AGED 10

### Since Famous Gold Camp Was Organized It Has Produced \$100,000,000 in Gold.

Seattle, Oct. 3.—(Special correspondence.)—Ten years ago on September 5, the first territorial government of the Yukon territory was formally installed in office at Dawson, the capital of the Yukon. Governor William Ogilvie, the first commissioner, with 17 assistants, arrived on that day from White Horse by the steamer Ora and immediately established temporary headquarters in a big log cabin building that had been erected for the purpose.

Since that time the famous Klondike district and adjoining creeks have produced a total of over \$140,000,000 in gold, all of which has gone into the world's coffers and is being used in the conduct of the world's business. It is to properly celebrate this fact and bring about further development of the gold resources of the Yukon and Alaska that the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition is being held at Seattle next summer. Gold has done much for the world, and this is the first time that an exposition has been held to give it honor.

The Yukon territory is still a great gold producer. Within the last few years, while the methods of gold extraction have been undergoing a change, the production has dropped off, but with the installation of dredges, hydraulic appliances and huge water systems, the gold production will receive a big impetus that will soon put the Yukon back in the front rank.

Governor Ogilvie is still in the Yukon, now engaged in dredging. He is one of the enthusiastic workers for the exposition and will be present, as will many others of the first government.

### Yesterday's Games.

Portland, 9; Oakland, 7.  
Los Angeles, 3; San Francisco, 2.

### THAT'S AT FERGUSON'S.

## SAME OLD STORY ABOUT FAIR

Notwithstanding that the day was not particularly disagreeable and regardless of the fact that Saturday has been designated as "Children's Day," the closing day of the annual county fair was marked by a mere handful in attendance. During the morning the attendance—not counting exhibit attendants—was in the neighborhood of 25 people. The afternoon attendance was but little better. The sale of blooded animals set for this afternoon was called off, because not a single animal had been entered on the sale list.

## WIND AND FIRE RUIN PROPERTY

### ENTIRE ARIZONA IS SWEEPED BY HEAVY GALE.

### Telegraph Wires Are Down, Trees Felled and Damaged to the Extent of Hundreds of Thousands Done in Arizona Last Night—Business Heart of One Town Destroyed by Conflagration—Crops Ruined in a Large Area—Dynamite Explosion Follows Fire.

Williams, Ariz., Oct. 3.—Damage amounting to hundreds of thousands of dollars, are reported today as a result of a gale which swept across the state of Arizona, starting a fire which destroyed property valued at \$200,000. Crops are ruined and buildings blown down. Telephone and telegraph wires are crippled, while giant trees are destroyed.

Fire was started in the Babbit general merchandise store, finally destroying six buildings in the heart of the business section.

After the fire had burned an hour a terrific explosion of dynamite shattered the ruins of the Babbit store.

## TWO MEN BLAMED FOR DEATH OF 111

### TUG CAPTAINS SAW OVER A HUN- DRED LIVES DROWNED

San Francisco, Oct. 3.—That every one on the ill-fated bark Star of Bengal, wrecked off the Alaskan coast with a loss of 111 lives on September 20, could have been saved if the tow boats Hattie Gage and Kayak had made an effort, is the statement made today by seven survivors before the United States inspectors of steam vessels and boilers.

Johnson, one of the survivors, said: "There was plenty of time for the tugs to stand by and save everybody. The sea was not very high; a moderate wind was blowing when we first struck. However, the tugs cut loose and let us drift."

Francis Muir, the second cook on the Bengal; Daniel Wilson, a carpenter; Aloy Hansen, a sailor, and several other survivors corroborated the testimony. The investigation will be continued for several days. It is probable that if the charges are proved against Captain F. Farrar of the tug Hattie Gage, and Captain P. Hamilton of the Kayak, will face charges of manslaughter.

## RETURN FROM JAPAN.

### Washington University Nine Ready to Leave Orient for Home.

Tokio, Oct. 12.—The University of Washington baseball team is preparing today to return to the United States, having finished a tour of Japan. The last game was played this afternoon, resulting in a victory for the Americans by a score of 4 to 2.

## PRESENT POLICY DECLARED GOOD

### POLITICAL EVENTS OF THE DAY NOT SENSATIONAL.

### Roosevelt Will "Speak His Mind" to Anyone Criticizing Hitchcock's Pro- cedure in Campaign—Beveridge is Coming to Portland Next Tuesday— Will Speak in Oregon Towns—Taft Figures in Denver Stampede—Cal- ifornia G. O. P. at Work.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 3.—Republican politicians are discussing today a statement issued at the White House last night stating that Roosevelt endorses the Hitchcock management of the Taft campaign and calls on republicans to give him earnest support. The Hitchcock situation was discussed at a cabinet meeting yesterday. It is reported Roosevelt declared he would give any republican who criticized Hitchcock's work a piece of his mind.

### California Campaign Opens.

San Francisco, Oct. 3.—The republican campaign in California starts tonight with two big meetings, one at Redding and one at Martinez. Attorney General Shortridge speaks at Redding and Governor Gillette at Martinez.

### Beveridge Coming to Portland.

Portland, Oct. 3.—Senator Beveridge of Indiana, will be the principal speaker at the opening of the republican campaign in Oregon Tuesday night. He will leave Portland directly after his speech, making short stops, the first at Roseburg, at 8:45 in the morning.

## Taft in Stampede.

Dodge City, Kan., Oct. 3.—Taft's great bulk and strength saved him from injury in a stampede last night at Denver. When the crowd was leaving the auditorium somebody started a stampede. Taft was swept along. Several persons were bruised and scratched.

## OLDFIELD SLOW IN FAST AUTO RACE

### SERIOUS ACCIDENT IN BRIGHTON BEACH RACE TODAY

New York, Oct. 3.—A special policeman is dying, and three drivers badly hurt as the result of the first 12 hours of the 24-hour auto race on Brighton Beach. Breaking all records, six of the 12 starters running at 8 this morning, when Strang, driving a Renault car, was a mile ahead of Lescaut, who was in second place.

T. Defickett, a special officer, was struck by one of the racers while driving a crowd of boys away. The policeman was crossing the track when the flying machine struck him. Cobb, driving a Lozier car, was caught in the smash-up. His legs were crushed. Barney Oldfield, driving a Stearns car, is far behind the leaders.

Mitchell is making many improvements these days, says the Sentinel.

## Attempt to Buy Mathewson.

New York, Oct. 3.—It was learned today that President Murphy of the Chicago Nationals, offered the New York Nationals \$50,000 for "Christy" Mathewson, the great pitcher. The proposition was coolly rejected.

## Honor Mexican Hero.

City of Mexico, Oct. 3.—Patriotic Mexicans will tomorrow join in observing the centennial anniversary of the death of Jose Flores Verdad, the first martyr of Mexican independence. The ceremonies will include a procession and the unveiling of a marble slab in the wall of the old Episcopal palace of Casa de las Campanas, where Verdad was killed. The house occupies the same site as the palace of Moctezuma I, from which the last Moctezuma was hurled when he was killed.

## Ready to Do Battle.

Vienna, Oct. 3.—Turkey will send an army against Bulgaria the moment she announces she has thrown off the suzerainty of the sultan, according to a cablegram received from the Porte today. The sultan and his advisers have held numerous conferences.

## WIELDS AXE IN SEVERE MANNER

### BEAVERTON, ORE., COUPLE GRUE- SOMELY DISFIGURED WITH AXE

Hillsboro, Ore., Oct. 2.—With a gash extending from the right temple to the other side of his cheek, his nose nearly severed, E. V. Galloway, a prosperous Beaverton farmer, is in the hospital, and William H. Adams, accused of wielding a double-bitted ax which inflicted ugly wounds, is in jail with knife wounds on his face.

Galloway called to buy the Adams ranch yesterday, but didn't like it. A quarrel followed and the ax and knife were brought into play.

## RUN OVER BY AUTO.

### Honk Machine Speeds on After In- flicting Injury to Pedestrian.

San Jose, Cal., Oct. 3.—Gilbert Aylesworth, aged 17, is suffering with a broken leg and other injuries received last night when he was run down by an auto said to have been driven by Payton Metcalf, a nephew of Secretary of the Navy Metcalf. The driver did not stop to inquire but increased his speed. A friend of the injured boy followed the machine on a bicycle. Metcalf was arrested later, and remained in jail all night.

### THAT'S AT FERGUSON'S.

## EXCURSION IS SET FOR FRIDAY

### THAT DAY MOST SUITED FOR EVERYONE CONCERNED.

### Public Expression Gained from Wal- lowa Business Men, and They Favor Friday of Next Week as Best Suited for Business Men's Excursion—The Commercial Club Out After Signa- tures—Wallowa Preparing to Re- ceive Visitors Royally.

Based on public expression secured from the business men of Wallowa, the Business Men's excursion from this city to Wallowa during the fair at that city, will take place on Friday of next week. The date has been declared satisfactory to Wallowa business men and has also been decided upon as the most favorable one for local men to leave their business places.

### Ascertaining Expressions.

Locally, the matter is being brought to a head by the canvass made today by Perry Oliver, assistant secretary of the Commercial club. He has, partially at least, called on the business men to gain signatures of those who will take this pleasure trip that will mean money to the business men, as well as that La Grande is the distributing point for that fertile county—Wallowa. It is a business proposition as well as one primarily intended to foster good will and form new acquaintances.

### Need One Hundred.

It is essential that 100 business men take this trip. That number will insure a special train. Any number less than that and more than 25 will guarantee special rates, but not a special train. If 100 go, the special train is at the disposal of the business men, and they can leave La Grande at any time of the day they desire and stay as long as they wish in the afternoon.

The Commercial club should not have to take the initiative in this excursion. Business men should make it a point to see the officers and help swell the list to 100 or more.

### Special Attractions for Visitors.

On Friday there will be a football game between the teams of Joseph and Wallowa, and the business men will be given a chance to see this game. Then there are horse races and several other features about the fair which will be arranged to accommodate the visitors. The business men will be in their places of business, ready to receive the men from the metropolis of the two counties. It will undoubtedly be a day well spent.

The North Bend furniture factory, employing 125 men, is to start up.

The Milton Eagle has spread out into an eight-page, seven-column paper.

# PURE DRUGS

The Exact Kind That the Doctor Ordered

Our Prescription department organized along modern lines and our reputation is sufficient guarantee as to care and quality . . . . .

## HILL'S DRUG STORE

LA GRANDE, OREGON