

STATE WINS IN MORRISON CASE

VERDICT REACHED BY THE JURY EARLY THIS MORNING

Longest and Most Remarkable Case in History of Union County Ended as Far as Circuit Court is Concerned—John Morrison an Illegitimate Son—Estate Will Be Held by State for 40 Years and Then Distributed to the School Fund.

Verdict for the state and that Catherine France was the mother of John Morrison," such is the verdict of the jury in the case of the State of Oregon vs. the Estate of John Morrison. The trial of this case began Monday afternoon, October 5, and continued until the jury brought in its verdict at 7:20 this morning—eight days in all—and one of the longest trials on record in Union county. The case of necessity was different than in the ordinary cases at issue, from the fact that today there is not a single living witness who could testify as to many of the facts that had to be proved. Much of this testimony was family tradition or common report, and such which offered both sides innumerable opportunities to object to. Then came the legal authorities. The volume of law books piled around the tables of the attorneys was without precedent.

What the Decision Means. Earlier in the case the court ruled that the acts of Administrator P. A. McDonald in distributing the personal property, which was in due regularity, following strictly the orders of the county court, could not be questioned and he, being one of the defendants, the case against him was dismissed, and the verdict delivered this morning has reference entirely to the real estate of the deceased John Morrison, which is valued between \$12,000 and \$15,000, and consists of 720 acres as follows: The home place, 240 acres, near the foot of Mt. Emily, which was sold under orders of the court in May of last year, and which brought \$5,400; an 80-acre tract one mile of Alce sold for \$5100; 200 acres three miles east of Alce sold for \$3000, and 200 acres of timber land near Hilgard at this same public sale brought \$1600.

It is to be presumed that the case will be appealed to the supreme court, and if the verdict is sustained, under the law, the district attorney will file a motion to have the property sold. The proceeds of this sale will be held

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LOGGING CAMP OF 30 MEN ROBBED

ARMED POSSE NOW SEARCHING WOODS ABOUT CLEAR LAKE

Clear Lake, Wash., Oct. 15.—Armed posses are today beating the woods, searching for two masked men who last night held up 30 men employed by the Clear Lake Logging company, and secured \$150. The men were turning into their bunkhouse when the robbers appeared in the doorway. The men were commanded to throw up their hands and then forced to march out in single file and line up against the wall, hands up. The bandits made two workmen search the clothes of the others and take their money and other valuables. One of them tried to overlook a watch in the pocket of a friend, but was sent back to get it. The workers were then marched back to the bunkhouse and locked in.

Haskell Returns Thanks.

Guthrie, Okla., Oct. 11.—Governor Haskell has issued a statement expressing his gratitude to the generosity of Oklahoma democrats who in response to his recent appeal for funds to aid him in fighting the "combined interests who plot his downfall" have contributed an aggregate of \$4000.

The governor says: "The democracy of Oklahoma has responded to my invitation for assistance with such promptness and expression that I am indeed grateful to the defenders of honest government, and even more, Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Missouri, Kansas, Colorado, Tennessee and Mississippi lovers of honest government have joined in aiding our fight for a square deal."

FAMOUS DEBATE ANNIVERSARY

LINCOLN-DOUGLASS REUNION BRINGS TOGETHER PIONEERS

St. Louis, Oct. 15.—Thousands of St. Louisans are today participating in the celebration at Alton, Ill., of the semi-centennial anniversary of the last history-making debate between Abraham Lincoln and Stephen A. Douglas, "the little giant," which took place at that town on October 15, 1858. Lincoln and Douglass were opponents for the Illinois senatorship in that year with the slavery question as the principal issue. The first of the series of debates, destined to become famous as the most remarkable political controversy in American history, was held at Ottawa on August 21. Six other debates followed at Freeport, Jonesboro, Charleston, Galesburg, Quincy and Alton, and each of these cities has recently celebrated the semi-centennial, the program at Alton today completing the anniversary exercises. Many men of prominence took part in today's meeting at Alton. Old citizens of this city, who attended the famous debate at Alton 50 years ago, recall many of the incidents that marked the verbal clash between the oratorical giants. Political excitement was at white heat in Alton on that day.

Alton had been the home of Elijah P. Lovejoy, editor of a free soil paper, who was shot and killed by a mob in that city after the marauders had demolished his printing office and thrown his presses in the Mississippi river.

A platform for the speakers had been erected days in advance on the east side of the city hall, and seats for the women were fitted up in the second story of the structure, which still is the city hall of Alton.

Lincoln and Douglass arrived in the city before daylight, coming down the river together from Quincy. Their rooms were thronged early in the day by admirers. Mr. Lincoln, according to the Alton Courier of that day, received at the Franklin house, and Judge Douglas at the Alton, but Mr. S. Pitts, whose father was then proprietor of the Franklin house, says that both speakers were guests of that hostelry.

TAFT WINS WEST VIRGINIA.

Judge Declares Himself for Protective Tariff Before Thousands.

Huntington, W. Va., Oct. 15.—Taft addressed a crowd of 7000 this morning. He declared for a protective tariff and made West Virginia safely republican like Pennsylvania, to remain so. Taft will invade Kentucky tomorrow, and Saturday will speak in Virginia and Tennessee.

Cementing Three Nations.

Melbourne, Oct. 15.—Thousands of letters to school boys in the United States and England were mailed today by kids of Australia as part of a plan of fostering race pride with a view of strengthening friendship between the countries by drawing the younger generation closer together.

IMBLER SCENE OF DESTRUCTIVE FIRE

BLAZE LAST NIGHT COST APPROXIMATELY \$10,000.

At Midnight Fire Was Discovered in Pinkerton & Sanks' Planing Mill—Spread to Lumber Piles of Sammerville Lumber Company—Mill Recently Repaired—Will Be Rebuilt at Once is Announcement—Partially Covered by Insurance.

Imbler, Oct. 15.—(Special.)—Ten thousands dollars in lumber and planing mill property were destroyed by fire at midnight last night, when the Pinkerton & Sanks planing mill was completely destroyed by a blaze of unknown origin.

The fire was well under way when discovered, no amount of resistance that could be put up, could save the planing mill and the lumber piled in close proximity to the burning structure. Today a large portion of the yard is a smoldering heap.

Mill Lately Repaired. Only recently the planing mill was equipped with a modern system of blow-pipes and an up-to-date planer installed. The value of the building and its equipment is conservatively placed at \$6000.

Other Losers. The Sammerville Lumber company lost lumber to the extent of \$4000. This was stored in piles about the planing mill, and on account of the seasoned nature of the lumber it burned rapidly.

Will Rebuild. The planing mill will be rebuilt at the soonest possible time, as there is a large amount of lumber here ready or the planer, that escaped the tongues of fire. The mill was partially covered with insurance.

Silver Cup for Football Team.

Eugene, Ore., Oct. 15.—John Barrett, director general of the bureau of American republics, announces that he will offer an elaborate silver cup to the football team winning the championship between the state universities of Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

Bacteriologist is Dead.

Seattle, Oct. 15.—Dr. William R. Kellogg, Seattle's bacteriologist and specialist on tuberculosis, secretary of the Washington association for the prevention and relief of tuberculosis, of which he was the founder, died here last night. He underwent several operations.

GIVES NORTHWEST TO JUDGE TAFT

BORAH NOT ANXIOUS TO HAVE ROOSEVELT TAKE THE STUMP

give northwest to judge taft Chicago, Oct. 15.—That Taft will carry Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Utah and Colorado is the statement made today after a conference of Speaker Joe Cannon, Senator Borah of Idaho, Senator Dixon of Montana and Elmer Dover. Senator Borah, who has charge of the campaign in the west, says he does not care whether Roosevelt takes the stump for Taft or not.

Bryan Tours Nebraska.

Wymore, Neb., Oct. 15.—Bryan is today touring the district where he made his political debut 18 years ago. He has many followers in this part of the state.

DEMOCRATS GET LARGE DONATIONS

CONTRIBUTIONS ON OCTOBER NINTH WERE \$248,567.53.

Fifty Thousand Democrats Have Contributed to the Campaign Fund—Total Contributions Amounting to More Than \$100 Reached \$90,000 Mark—Large List of \$1000 Donations is Published—New York Club Gave \$25,000 to Bryan Fund.

New York, Oct. 15.—The announcement of contributors to the democratic national campaign fund over the signature of Chairman Mack and Treasurer Herman Ridder, shows that \$248,567.53 were received up to October 9.

The total contributions amount to \$100 or more are \$90,712.32; left over from the convention at Denver, \$42,500. There are 50,000 contributors all told. An appeal made for \$100,000 of the full amount. At present \$225,962.38 have been expended to defray expenses.

Nathan Strauss of New York, gave \$2500, while the National Democratic Club of New York, gave \$25,000.

The Important Contributions.

The more important contributions are: Illinois—Roger Sullivan, John P. Hopkins, \$1000 each; ex-Mayor Dunne of Chicago, \$200. Indiana—Thomas Taggart, \$1000. Michigan—E. O. Wood, \$1000. Missouri—Former Governor Francis, \$1000; Moses Wetmore, \$1100. Montana—Senator Clark, \$2000. Nebraska—William Jennings Bryan, by profits from Commoner during the campaign, \$1046. New York—James H. McGuire, \$1,000; Norman E. Mack, \$2000; John W. Cox, Perry Belmont, Samuel Untermyer, Jacob Ruppert, Delancy Nicoll, William F. Sheehan, Edward M. Sheppard, \$1000 each. Ohio—Melville E. Ingalls, \$1000. Oklahoma—R. Lowen, \$1000; D. Gordon Bromley, \$1500. South Carolina—Senator Tillman, \$200. Wisconsin—J. J. Hogan, \$1000. Colorado—Charles J. Hughes, \$5000; T. M. Patterson, \$1000. Wyoming—John E. Osborne, \$1000. A great number gave between \$100 and \$500.

Confederate Daughters.

Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 15.—Atlanta Daughters of the Confederacy are preparing to entertain in lavish style the delegates to the national convention here next month. The session will begin November 11, and last four days.

Knox to Speak.

Philadelphia, Oct. 15.—The Philadelphia board of trade will celebrate its 75th anniversary with a banquet at the Hotel Bellevue-Stratford this evening. Senator Philander Knox will be the principal speaker. Many prominent railroad officials, congressmen, manufacturers and financiers will attend the dinner.

Orange Carnival.

Santa Ana, Cal., Oct. 15.—A festival of fruits and flowers which promises to eclipse anything of its character ever shown in southern California, was opened here today and will close Saturday with a magnificent floral parade.

DUKE MUST WORK FOR HER.

Husband of Miss Elkins Must Be Ordinary American Gentleman.

Trenton, N. J., Oct. 15.—The Duke d'Abuzzi must come to the United States and work like any American gentleman if he desires to wed Katherine Elkins, according to a statement by Mrs. A. C. Oilphart, daughter of Senator Elkins, and a half sister of Katherine. She says her father has expressed his opposition to American girls marrying titles.

Patriotic Women.

Fremont, O., Oct. 15.—Patriotic women of Ohio are today the guests of the society leaders of Fremont, the occasion of the gathering being the annual convention of the Ohio division of the Daughters of the American Republic.

Last Honors for Bishop.

New York, Oct. 15.—An imposing ceremony, in which hundreds of clergymen will take part, is to mark the final interment of Bishop Henry Codman Potter in a tomb in the crypt of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine next Tuesday. Nearly a hundred bishops, representing practically every diocese in the country, will be in the memorial procession.

HAS KNOWLEDGE OF BROWN CRIME

LITTLE FAITH ATTACHED TO LATEST BROWN STORY

Sheridan, Wyo., Oct. 15.—A. S. Burroughs has sworn to an affidavit declaring he knows all the circumstances of the murder of Sheriff Harvey K. Brown, of Baker City, Ore., two years ago. He gave the name of Brown's assassin to the police. He says he stood within eight feet of the bomb when it exploded. The police refuse to divulge the name given by Burroughs.

No Faith in Rumor.

Baker City, Ore., Oct. 15.—(Special.)—Little or no credence is given the story in this city. When Burroughs lived here, not long since, he was rather shiftless, badly addicted to the use of liquor, and his word has been taken for naught during his life in Baker City. His wife is now living in this city. Sheriff Rand, when shown the Sheridan dispatch today, said that had Burroughs been standing eight feet from the bomb when it exploded, he would not have been alive to tell the story.

Cupid Conquers Scientist.

Washington, Oct. 15.—Among the learned savants who came from all over the world to attend the recent International Congress on Tuberculosis was Dr. Ladislaus Detre, a famous Hungarian scientist. Next week he will return to Budapest, taking with him as his bride one of Washington's most beautiful young women, Miss Lillian Coblenzer. The wedding is set for next Tuesday, and the doctor and his wife will leave immediately for their Hungarian home.

ANTI-MORMONS GAINING HOLD

AMERICAN PARTY FILES FULL TICKET AT OGDEN

Ogden, Oct. 15.—After years of battling for a foothold here, the American, or anti-Mormon party, entered the political field at Ogden by placing a full county and legislative ticket in the field today. It means the anti-Mormons will try to capture Ogden, the second largest city in the state, as they have done in Salt Lake City. Former Senator Frank Cannon, who was ostracised from the church, and whose father, originally a Mormon, is leading the movement which has created a sensation.

Bullion for Seattle.

Dawson, Oct. 15.—The Independent steamer White Seal, from Fairbanks for White Horse, passed here today with a half million of Tanana bullion consigned to Seattle banks.

LOCAL WOMEN ON PROGRAM

LOCAL PORTION OF CONVENTION PROGRAM READY.

Mayor Hall Will Welcome Delegates and Many of the Local Club Women and Musicians Will Have Prominent Parts—State Officials Will Be Busy Preparing General Program—Entertainment Committee Makes Report—Musical Parts.

Punctuated at frequent intervals by the appearance of local club women, will be the general program for the Federated Women's Clubs' state convention in this city November 10, 11 and 12. As far as the program is concerned locally, it has been arranged in detail, and the accompanying parts covers only that part of the general program in which La Grande people are to participate. Following the acceptance of the committee's report yesterday afternoon, it was sent to Portland, where President Evans will arrange the program for the three days in its entirety.

Mayor M. K. Hall is the only member of the sterner sex who accedes a part of the convention program. The following is the list of local people who will appear during convention hours, and their subjects:

Address of welcome in behalf of the town, Dr. M. K. Hall, mayor of La Grande.

Greetings to Federation in behalf of the Neighborhood and the Lyle Tuesday Musical clubs, Mrs. F. S. Ivanhoe.

"Benefits Derived From a Woman's Club by a Mother," Mrs. E. L. Moore, second vice-president S. F. of W. C.

La Grande's musical talent will be called upon at frequent intervals. The music committee reported the following acceptable program at the meeting of the general and sub-committees at the home of Mrs. F. S. Ivanhoe yesterday afternoon:

Tuesday afternoon—Chorus—"Daffodils," King Hall. The Lyle Tuesday Musical Chorus.

Wednesday afternoon—Vocal solo—"O Luce di Quest Anima," Donizetti. Miss Ada West.

Wednesday evening—Piano solo—"Arabesques, Op. 61," Chaminade. Mrs. W. W. Berry.

Vocal duet—"Barcarolle," Chaminade. Miss Jean McDonald and Mr. George Bernie.

Vocal solo—"Tonight," Napoleon Zardo. Mrs. A. L. Richardson.

Mrs. Turner Oliver was one of those who reported, and, representing the entertainment committee, she informed the meeting that the reception which has heretofore been alluded to, and which it is intimated will be the social apex of the season, will be held in the Masonic temple Tuesday evening, October 10.

Spiritualist Conclave.

Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 15.—Indianapolis disciples of the Spiritualist cult have made arrangements for entertaining next week the biggest gathering of mediums, psychics and "new thinkers" ever held in the United States. The occasion will be the 16th annual convention of the National Spiritualists' association, famous debate anniversary.

WILL WAIT ON ROOSEVELT.

Committee Representing Thousands of Unemployed to Intercede.

Washington, Oct. 15.—A special committee, representing 5000 unemployed, formerly with the Bethlehem Steel works, will visit President Roosevelt Monday. They will endeavor to convince the president that prosperity for thousands of workers will be assured if the government contracts are given to private firms instead of the navy yard.