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BRING COURT TO SCRIBER'S SIDE

BONDS PLACED AT \$15,000;

WERE MET LAST NIGHT.

At the Last Moment Plans of Yesterday Were Changed on Account of Scriber's Illness—Commissioner Is Brought to La Grande—Given Hearing After 9 O'clock Last Night—His Presence Here Will Mean Much to Arrangement of Interests.

Following the excitement of yesterday there seems to be a lull today in matters pertaining to the Farmers & Traders National bank. Late in the afternoon a change in the program as previously arranged, however, caused largely by the inability of Mr. Scriber to take the train and appear before United States Commissioner John Halley at Pendleton, and arrangements were made to have Mr. Halley come over here on last night's train, which he did, and when Scriber appeared before him, he waived examination and was placed under \$15,000 bonds to appear before the federal court, which meets in Portland, when the next federal grand jury convenes, which will be some time the latter part of November, or the first of December.

Early in the afternoon when Scriber was placed under arrest, he thought it impossible to give any bonds whatever, but later in the afternoon he rallied from the shock and his friends secured a bond of \$15,000 and had it all ready to present to the commissioner upon his arrival, which was accepted.

It is stated that owing to the fact that Scriber had large property interests, which could be applied to the assets of the bank, if they were properly handled so the debts would not wipe them out, or in case the bonds were placed in reason. Scriber can undoubtedly protect these interests better than anyone else and this he will be able to do now, in a measure. His bondsmen are Julius Roesch, J. E. Foley, O. F. Coolidge, W. B. Sargent, F. L. Lilly and Mrs. T. N. Murphy.

Up to 2:30 Examiner Gatch had received no word from the comptroller

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MUST PAY INSURANCE.

Earthquake Clause in Jamaica Declared Void by Courts.

Kingston, Jamaica, Oct. 16.—Insurance companies are preparing today to pay thousands of dollars due on policies held by residents of this city, whose homes and places of business were destroyed by fire and the earthquake in January. The English court of appeals decided the fire preceded the earthquake, practically overruling the earthquake clause.

300 CHINAMEN KILLED.

Terrific Typhoon Sweeps the Coast of China, Spreading Destruction.

Amoy, China, Oct. 17.—Reports received from Chang Chow say 300 were killed in a typhoon Thursday. Seaports in southern China are being swept by a terrific wind. Scores of vessels were wrecked. The tail of the typhoon struck the Philippines.

LAND LOTTERY OPENS MONDAY

WHEEL OF CHANCE WILL SPIN IN DALLAS, MONDAY

Dallas, S. D., Oct. 17.—At 4:30 o'clock this afternoon the registration of chances in Uncle Sam's great lottery for lands in the Rosebud reservation comes to a close, and on Monday the wheel of fortune will begin to revolve merrily, bringing joy to a few and disappointment to thousands.

Today was the final period for registration, and the land hungry who desire homes on Rosebud's rich acres took full advantage of the fact. All night and all day tomorrow the land office officials from Washington will work unceasingly, preparing the stage setting for Monday's great drama, "The Land Lottery." Nor will the drama lack an enthusiastic and excited audience. Thousands of people are gathered here and at the other registration points, living in hastily improvised shacks, tents and prairie schooners, awaiting with nervous and feverish impatience the whirling of the wheel that may spell for them the magic word, home. Nearly all of them have braved discomfort and even privation in their eager quest for farms.

While a vast majority of the land seekers are legitimate settlers, actuated by the honest impulse to secure a home for themselves and families and wrest a living from the virgin soil, there are not lacking adventurers, gamblers and fakirs who have been attracted by the opportunity to "take a chance" and possibly to pick up a little "easy money." Dallas, only a short time ago the merest speck on the map of South Dakota, has become a great sweltering mass of eager, hungry humanity, representing every stratum of society.

The wheel to be used in Monday's land lottery is very similar to those once operated by the Louisiana Lottery company, which came under the ban of the United States government. Representatives of the government draw the numbers from the revolving wheel.

The first number drawn out entitles the holder to his choice of any one of the 160-acre tracts in the broad Tripp reservation. The first prize is a jim-dandy, and thousands of others are just as good. All are distributed according to the order drawn.

The land is not distributed absolutely free. Each lucky man or woman must pay \$5 per acre for his tract, and live upon it 14 months, as required by the homestead laws.

Snow is Falling.

Summit, Cal., Oct. 17.—Snow is falling today in the Sierra Nevada mountains. Many landslides are reported. It has been snowing since Thursday night.

ADMIRAL EVANS DIGS AT LOEB

ADMITS LOEB CLEVER, BUT EVANS HAS "STORY."

Eastern Magazine Prints Letter From Admiral Evans, Retired, That Throws Color on Equality Between Secretary and President—Dispute Arose Over Statement Credited to Loeb, But Strongly Denied by Him Later—Explains Incident.

New York, Oct. 17.—"Loeb is undoubtedly one of the best men who ever served as secretary to a president," writes "Fighting" Bob Evans in the November number of an eastern magazine. "But, I sure could keep him busy for a long time denying things if I published everything the president said to me."

Evans' dig at Loeb was occasioned by Loeb's denial at the time the fleet sailed from Hampton Roads, that it would stay a few months in the Pacific and return to the Atlantic seaboard. The assertion was made by a New York paper that attributed the information to authoritative sources, which turned out to be Evans. After describing the leave-taking of the president at the time of the fleet's departure, Evans said:

"For the first time I was authorized by the president to say to the officers and men of the fleet that after a stay of a few months the Pacific fleet would return to the Atlantic via the Suez canal."

Admiral Evans explained that this message was conveyed to them by a signal the first night at sea, and announced to the officers at a ward-room dinner. A newspaper man sent the message to his paper, which it printed. It was immediately denied by Secretary Loeb.

Holdups at Walla Walla.

Walla Walla, Oct. 17.—Called to answer a hall bell, Enoch Emerick was knocked down by two men in a lodging house last night, who took \$22 from him. He was hit from behind.

Yesterday's Baseball Scores.

Portland, 4; San Francisco, 2. Oakland, 4; Los Angeles, 1.

MANY INJURIES IN COLLISION

MAN HURLED OVERBOARD AND OTHERS SEVERELY INJURED

Seattle, Oct. 16.—The Alaskan steamer Cottage City, while steaming at full speed, collided with a lumber schooner in tow, off Jefferson Head at midnight, throwing the passengers from their berths, and hurling Purser Jones overboard and breaking the leg of a steerage passenger. Quartermaster Oscar Nelson was severely injured by falling wreckage. Jones was rescued by a crew just in time to save his life.

The boats collided with terrific force. The whole starboard side of the schooner was crushed in. The panic stricken passengers were quickly transferred to another steamer and taken ashore. It is believed the name of the schooner was Blakely.

Peter Haines Indicted.

New York, Oct. 17.—District Attorney Darrin of Brooklyn, announced today that Captain Peter Haines, a brother of Thornton, has been indicted on a charge of murdering William E. Annis, the advertising manager of a magazine, at Bayside Yacht club, Long Island.

GREAT AREA IS MASS OF FLAMES

LATEST ADVICES FROM MICHIGAN CONFLAGRATIONS.

Forest Fires Sweep Uncontrolled Over Many Counties, Threatening Towns and Villages—Fugitives Report Narrow Escape—Alpena City is Again Threatened With Destruction—Inadequate Fire Protection in all the Smaller Towns Now in Danger.

Detroit, Oct. 17.—Forest fires are today sweeping uncontrolled through the northwestern counties of Sheboygan, Presque Isle, Alpena and the lower peninsula, according to the latest advices. Great areas of forest are being annihilated hourly. The flames are fanned steadily by a southwest wind. Alpena City, on Thunder bay, is again threatened with destruction. Sheboygan, on the south channel of Mackinac strait, is menaced from the three land sides.

Alpena, Mich., Oct. 17.—It is estimated this afternoon that 300 were injured in the forest fires which have been sweeping northern Michigan the past three days. The number of deaths reported at 41. At least 2000 families are homeless. The fire can be seen 100 miles from Hubbard lake. It is believed the total loss will reach into the millions of dollars.

At South Rogers several hundred families are destitute and there is much suffering. The fire is sweeping toward Rogers city along Lake Huron shore. On Presque Isle countless citizens are burying their household effects, and tugs are ready to move the people. Advices say Gaylor, Elmira are surrounded by flames.

In Wisconsin Also.

Milwaukee, Oct. 17.—Reports from five Wisconsin towns at noon today say the forest fires are raging in many sections of Wisconsin. The town of Pound reports that a lumber yard and three stores were burned with a loss of \$40,000.

MRS. AYERS IS DEAD.

Sister of Late Mrs. Roberts Died in Pendleton This Morning.

Pendleton, Oct. 17.—(Special.)—Mrs. Katherine Ayers, wife of Thomas W. Ayers, of this city, died this morning after a short but serious illness. The remains will be taken to Heppner for burial by special train.

Mrs. Ayers was a sister of the late Mrs. A. A. Roberts of La Grande, and died of the same disease as claimed her. Aside from a husband, she is survived by two sisters and a brother. The sisters are Mesdames E. A. Vaughan of Pendleton, and Mrs. Frank Richardson of Portland. The brother is Leslie Matlock of this city. She was 37 years of age.

Dedicate New College.

Plainfield, N. J., Oct. 17.—With ceremonies of an elaborate scale, in which church dignitaries from all over the state and thousands of laymen will take part, the new St. Mary's college will be dedicated tomorrow. The college building cost a quarter million dollars. Catholic organizations of Plainfield and surrounding towns will take part in a parade.

A Bishop's Narrow Escape.

Sheboygan, Oct. 17.—Bishop Chas. B. Williams, of the Episcopal diocese of Michigan, who was reported killed yesterday at Metz, has returned today. He related his experience as follows: "I arrived here early today after being fire-bound at Hagensville, near Metz. I had a narrow escape from the flames which destroyed Metz. We fought the fire at Hagensville all night Thursday and all day Friday. The survivors were all exhausted, though none are seriously injured. The whole country about here is in a fire. When I left Hagensville, reports of the disaster were still coming in. The whole country is a great fire trap, for nowhere is there adequate fire protection."

GOODWIN DENIES RUMOR. Actor, Editor, Miner, Business Man Says Too Much Else Doing.

Chicago, Oct. 17.—Nat Goodwin is here with his partner, George C. Wedden, of Reno, Nev., and denied the report that he is going to marry Edna Goodrich. He says he is too busy as actor, business man, miner and publisher to get into any more domestic troubles.

ARRIVE SUNDAY MORNING.

Atlantic Fleet Will Reach Yokohama Tomorrow Morning.

Tokio, Oct. 17.—A wireless from Admiral Sperry says the Atlantic fleet will arrive in Yokohama Sunday morning. It was delayed on account of a storm it encountered off the north coast of Luzon. An effort will be made to have the date of departure postponed one day, in order that the full program may be executed.

TEAMS BATTLE FOR THE HONORS

VISITING BAKER FOOTBALL TEAM OUTWEIGHS LOCAL LADS

Made bold by the presence of a score of rooters, and under the pilotage of P. Aforsser

of Professors Smith of the commercial department and McNeal of the manual training department in the Baker City schools, the Baker football team arrived in the city this morning on the delayed train and went to the Sommer house.

The general size of the players is formidable and there is but little difference in the weight of this year's team and that of teams which heretofore have won the state championship for Baker City.

Considerably Outweighed.

The local team was considerably outweighed, and it was never more noticeable than when the two teams faced each other on the local grounds this afternoon. When the referee's whistle blew the La Grande team was lined up as follows:

J. Williamson, re; Ingles, rt; Grou, rg; Bean, c; L. Williamson, lg; Geddes, lt; Myers, captain, lc; Reynolds, q; Heidenreich, fb; Carpy, lb; Hamilton, rh.

While that was the line-up that went to the field, it did not prevail, for Bacon and Childers made their appearance in the line-up.

La Grande's First Half.

The first half resulted in a victory for La Grande so far as the half was concerned. Score, La Grande, 5; Baker City, 0. The game is a good one and the La Grande boys are making the best showing in their history. Finch of La Grande, received a bruise on the head and had to be taken out of the team and taken to the hotel. He is not seriously injured, but will need a few hours' rest and quietude before he will be able to move about. As we go to press the second half is being played with La Grande in possession of the ball.

ATTEMPTED DOUBLE MURDER.

Killed Landlady and Emptied Revolver Into His Own Body.

San Francisco, Oct. 17.—Crazed by the fancied thought that Mrs. August Towle, proprietress of the Brown Palace hotel, situated in the center of the business district, had caused his wife to leave him, Michael Borros, a night watchman, shot her to death today in her apartments at the hotel, and then turned his revolver on himself and fired four or five bullets into his own body.

Borros entered the hotel with a revolver in each hand. Mrs. Towle was talking to a customer behind the desk. She ran to her apartments, followed by Borros, who immediately fired after shutting the door behind them. The crazed man is still alive.

OVERT ACT WILL PRECIPITATE WAR

BULGARIAN, SERBIA AND MONTENEGRO REFUSED TO WAIT.

Stock Markets in Europe Take Big Slump Today as Result of Discouraging News From Balkan States—Mob Law Rules in Bulgaria—Frequent Riots—Three Small Powers Will Not Await Action of Pending Conference, It is Thought.

London, Oct. 17.—A war in the Balkans is imminent today, according to statements from diplomatic circles. The big powers are willing to await the action of the conference, but not

Garia, Serbia and Montenegro will commit overt acts leading to hostilities.

The stock exchanges in all the great capitals of Europe today reflected the pessimistic outlook following the announcement that Austria and Bulgaria refused to accept the program of the powers. London stocks have slumped steadily since the war cloud loomed up.

There is little possibility under the circumstances of controlling the rioting element of the poor in the smaller states who have their hearts set on war.

Mobs Rule in Serbia.

Belgrade, Oct. 17.—A mob of Serbians attempted to lynch a local correspondent of a Vienna paper today. They attacked a number of Austrian residents in the city and the entire town is in a turmoil, the police being practically powerless to prevent the outbreaks.

Missouri Pythians.

St. Joseph, Mo., Oct. 17.—St. Joseph Pythians today completed preparations for what is likely to be the greatest gathering of Knights of Pythias in the history of the Missouri grand lodge. The sessions and attendant festivities, parades and drills will extend through nearly all of next week. The uniformed rank and the Pythian Sisters will meet at the same time. One of the important matters before the convention is the establishment of a \$200,000 home for orphans of Pythians and aged members of the fraternity.

CIRCUIT COURT STILL GRINDING

O. R. & N. CONDEMNATION SUIT TO THE JURY

The condemnation suit filed by the O. R. & N. company against Mrs. Eastlake went to the jury this afternoon. It is simply a case as to the value of the property. The company and the owner could not agree. The next case will be that of the State vs. Coon. This is a case continued from last term. The defendant is accused of the larceny of an overcoat.

The case of the state vs. James More, charged with murder, has been set for the 23d. In all there are 36 witnesses in this case and will probably be contested harder than is expected.

Frank Sanford was arraigned today on the charge of selling and giving away whisky. He was placed under \$500 bonds and will plead next Monday.

Indictments have been made public against four Greeks, charged with riot. One is still at large. They will plead Monday.

Salem runs two normal schools without state aid, says the Capital Journal. Yes, and there are a lot of others.

HOLD CAR MEN FOR DAMAGE

TACOMA STREET CAR EMPLOYEES MUST PAY FOB DEAD COW

Tacoma, Oct. 17.—The Tacoma Street Railway company will hereafter hold the motormen and conductors liable for damages inflicted to the public through carelessness of the car crews. If a car hits a cow, team or wagon through the non-attention of the crew the damages will be paid by the road and be deducted from the salaries of the men responsible. If they refuse to stand for the deduction they will be discharged. General Manager Dimmock said today that this was the only way to protect the company.

NAVIGATION CLOSED.

Yukon River is Run With Ice and a Cold Snap Will Close It.

Skagway, Oct. 17.—Navigation is closed as far as White Pass is concerned. When the steamers Casca and White Horse arrived today from Dawson with 460 passengers, they reported ice running in the Yukon, and that the first cold snap is likely to see the river closed.