

La Grande Evening Observer

VOLUME VIII.

LA GRANDE, UNION COUNTY, OREGON, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1908.

NUMBER 44.

DISASTROUS TO GRAFTER RUEF

SHARP REBUKES HURLED AT DEFENSE ATTORNEYS.

Proceedings of the Ruef Trial Today Have Been Disastrous to ex-Boss of Grafters—Court Steps in and Defends Gallagher, the Star Witness for Prosecution—Burns Files His Charges Against Guards Who Permitted Haas to Suicide.

San Francisco, Nov. 20.—Repeated rebukes by the court to Attorney Ach, for the defense, characterized the entire morning session of the Ruef trial. Ach declared he would show that Jas. Gallagher, the prosecution's chief witness, was an "arch-partisan of the graft prosecution," and then proceeded in an attempt to impeach Gallagher by pinning him down to minute points of time. Rebukes were administered in this connection. The whole session was disastrous to Ruef.

Charges Are Preferred. Detective Burns last night filed charges against Charles Kelley and John C. Attridge, the two Haas guards. It is through the hearing of these charges that the prosecution expects to learn why the police department is antagonistic to the graft prosecution.

Kansas Bank Falls. Fort Scott, Kan., Nov. 20.—The First National Bank of this city was closed today by order of President Grant Hornaday. The Washington authorities requested the appointment of a receiver. The liabilities are \$682,000 and the assets \$789,000. The cause of the failure is not announced. Hornaday has publicly declared that his private fortune will protect the depositors.

COVE PEOPLE DENY IT.

Special Report to Observer Affirms Elopers is Not at Ranch.

Cove, Nov. 20.—(Special.)—After a careful investigation by several parties in and about Cove, it is the consensus of opinion that Conley is not here. Neighbors have kept close tabs on the Conley ranches of late, actuated by reports that the wheat king was at his home, but the most careful scrutiny of the home has failed to reveal the fugitive. Absolutely no credence is given the report here.

Based on known facts, it can be definitely stated that the police at Portland are in earnest about locating Conley. Many surmise that because the shrewd paragon of the Williams girl has eluded the police so long, that the effort to locate him is only half-hearted. Union county officials have been notified to be on the alert for any appearance of the wheat king.

CIRCUIT COURT NOTES.

Neidner Applies to Court for Order of Sale of Bank Structure.

Receiver Walter Neidner this afternoon applied for a bill of sale for the Farmers & Traders' national bank building at \$25,000. Circuit Judge Knowles will return from Wallawa county tomorrow or early next week and action will be taken soon after.

Mabel Mitchell vs. E. C. Mitchell is the title of a divorce suit that has been filed with the circuit court. The plaintiff alleges desertion.

J. N. Watschke has brought suit against Perry DeLappe to secure an alleged payment due.

Oregon City Murderer Must Hang. Oregon City, Nov. 20.—Matthias Jandjag, convicted of the murder of Mary Schuraker, his sweetheart, was today sentenced to hang on January 8 at Salem.

The total cash value of the fruit crop of the Walla Walla valley fruit-growers this season will amount, in round numbers, to \$1,000,000.

PINCHOT FOR CABINET.

Chief Forester Reported Appointed to Taft's Cabinet.

Washington, Nov. 20.—It is stated on trustworthy authority that Gifford Pinchot, chief forester, has been offered the agricultural secretaryship in Taft's cabinet.

It is also reported that Overton W. Price, assistant forester, will be Pinchot's successor.

15 WORKMEN IN FATAL ACCIDENT

WORKINGMAN'S PIPE CAUSE OF FIFTEEN EIGHTHFUL DEATHS

Brooklyn, Nov. 20.—Fifteen men were killed in an explosion of a gas main 25 feet below the level of the street while constructing a sewer. A mass of planking caught fire, making escape impossible. A few of the victims were carried into the furnace by a cave-in and buried alive.

A water main broke flooding the neighborhood, loosening the earth under the tenement houses and the latter are tottering. Twenty-one men were in the ditch at the time of the explosion.

A workman smoking a pipe started the explosion.

Horrible Death Result.

Samuel Prout, in an attempt to save a woman and child from slipping into the flames, fell in himself and was roasted to death before the eyes of hundreds. The woman and child were saved. Prout's wife tried to jump into the fire after her husband.

Milton will have a big tee plant to cost \$18,000.

FRANK PHY ELECTED TRUSTEE IN SCRIBER'S BANKRUPT ESTATE

15 shares La Grande B. P. O. E. No. 433 1,500.00
Life insurance 2,500.00
Total \$12,380.00

Schedule B.

Property in money, stocks, shares, bonds, etc. \$31,500.00
Land in Ontario 12,800.00
Notes transferred to same 7,000.00
Securities transferred to Bolton & Bodmer 3,418.00
Interest in land conveyed 600.00

Unsecured Liabilities.

Bank of Elgin \$2,500.00
J. H. Rinehart, Summerville 400.00
C. W. Preston 1,000.00
Colfax National Bank 3,000.00
Geo. Ackles 2,180.00
W. R. Hamilton 1,500.00
W. L. Owsley 1,000.00
J. D. Casey 300.00
C. W. Berry 750.00
L. J. Trumbull 400.00
Traders National Bank, Spokane 2,900.00
Walter M. Pierce 3,000.00
Liability, as trustee, old creamery 1,200.00
J. B. Thorsen 1,750.00
Lloyd Scriber 725.00
Leonard Scriber 1,000.00
C. J. Scriber 400.00
First Bank of Joseph 400.00
Wm. Murphy, Washington 2,300.00
Julius Roesch 6,000.00
Henry Striker 6,000.00
J. D. Slater, balance on account 100.00

Total \$10,206.00

Due on Open Accounts.

Baker Oil stock \$ 100.00
166 shares of F. & T. bank stock 1,000.00
5000 shares Hot Lake Sanatorium 1,000.00
16,866 Electric Light stock 8,320.00
1200 shares M. O. & G. Denver Co. 300.00
124 shares F. & T. bank 100.00

BRYAN SNARLS AT TAMMANY

ACCUSES THAT BODY OF BE- ING LAZY AND IMPOTENT.

Colonel Bryan Writes in His Commoner a Letter That Upbraids Tammany for Not Carrying New York for Democracy—If Not That Body's Fault Then He Picks Four Paramount Questions and Gives Remedies for Each of Them.

Lincoln, Neb., Nov. 20.—That Tammany is either impotent or did not work for the success of the democratic party at the recent campaign will be charged by W. J. Bryan in an article to appear in the forthcoming issue of the Commoner. It says:

"Murphy, at the head of Tammany, says Tammany did the best it could. If Tammany was treacherous it might promise to be good next time, but as it did the best it could, what hope is there for the next time?"

Four Paramount Issues.

The article continues: "If Tammany did the best it could and could not carry the city of New York for the democratic national ticket, several questions arise. First, was it the fault of the candidate? Second, was it the fault of the platform? Third, was it the fault of Tammany? Fourth, is there a New York democracy outside of Tammany?"

"If the democratic candidate was objectionable to Tammany, the remedy is to nominate a candidate next time who is satisfactory to Tammany, provided that is all that is necessary to insure a victory. If it was the democratic platform, the remedy is: Let Tammany write the next platform, provided such platform will insure a victory."

ERRATIC ARTICLE IS MADE PUBLIC

CENTURY STORY CRE- ATING GREAT SENSATION.

German Emperor Gave Interview Last Summer That Discloses International Policies and Secret Plans—Predicts Loss of Many Big Colonies by England—Is Another Incident of Liberal Elucidation on German Emperor's Part.

London, Nov. 20.—Another sensation was created here by the publication of what purported to be the exact interview by Dr. W. B. Haleon, on board the imperial yacht at Bergen, Norway, from the kaiser on July 19, which was announced to appear in the Century Magazine, but was suppressed. The story printed here says the emperor is very bitter against England and full of "yellow fever." It declared England was a traitor to the white man's cause and predicted she will ultimately lose some of her colonies through the treaty with Japan.

The story further states that the invitation to the American fleet to visit New Zealand and Australia was intended to serve notice on England that these colonies were with the white man and not with the renegade mother country. The emperor declared that Japan was even now fomenting insurrection in India. He said there was a complete understanding between himself and President Roosevelt on this point. They intend to divide the east against itself by becoming recognized friends of China.

"Negotiations were progressing favorably for months. A high Chinese official," the emperor said, "will soon visit Germany and the United States. Later, terms will be made guaranteeing protection and the integrity of China and the open door."

"Every statesman now realizes," he declared, "that Russia is in a great struggle with Japan, and is really fighting the white man's cause—fighting it miserably." He expressed sympathy with Russia, remarking how different it would have been if the burden of carrying the white man's standard was placed upon his invincible battalions. The emperor is keeping friends with the Mohammedan world, even supplying them with rifles, because they are civis in a tight, standing between the east and west where it can break the first fire of attack. The emperor declared he believed the United States will be forced to fight Japan within the next 10 years."

bank stock 2,300.00
Mrs. H. M. Hassett, security 30 shares F. & T. bank .. 3,000.00
Capital National Bank, Salem, F. & T. bank stock security 1,000.00
C. W. Preston, G. R. E. Co. bonds security 1,000.00
P. L. Willis, Portland, Light and Hot Lake bonds 5,000.00
National Bank of Boise, secured, G. R. E. stock 2,000.00
J. K. McCormack 1,500.00
Jas. G. Stevens, Cove, G. R. E. stock 4,000.00
Merchants National Bank, Portland, G. R. E. Co. 5,000.00
W. R. Hamilton, La Grande, F. & T. bank stock 1,500.00
Ladd & Bur's, Salem, various stocks 7,500.00
Oregon Mortgage Co., brick block 11,000.00
Bank of California 400.00
Total \$75,400.00

Summary Statement.

Assets \$97,950.00
Liabilities 94,805.00

Baker City Boys Released.

Portland, Ore., Nov. 20.—Edward and Harry Eaton, the Baker City boys accused of making counterfeit money, were released on their own recognizance today pending the outcome of their case before the grand jury. They were unable to furnish \$1500 bonds.

BABY DIES.

Infant Child of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Gilmore of This City.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Gilmore, who reside in North La Grande, died. The funeral arrangements are now being made. Mr. and Mrs. Gilmore moved to this city from Elgin about one year ago.

JOHN D. CROWS REAL SAUCY-LIKE

OIL KING UNDERGOES GRUELLING CROSS-EXAMINATION TODAY

New York, Nov. 20.—"I decline to answer unless the government attorneys insist," is a new answer sprung by John D. Rockefeller under the grilling cross-examination by Deputy Attorney General Kellogg. Moritz Rosenthal, the Standard Oil company's thousand-dollar-a-day attorney, framed the answer for Rockefeller. He used it three times in defending secrets.

Kellogg asked: "Do you consider hazardous any business venture started in 1882 with a capital of \$77,000,000, and paid dividends of \$591,000,000 and accumulated a surplus of over \$399,000,000?"

"I do not consider the amount of money made by any business has anything to do whether it is hazardous or not."

Three times Rockefeller was asked certain questions concerning the apportionment of cash, property and trust certificates since the promulgation of the trust agreement in 1882. "I decline to answer unless counsel for the government insists," he replied.

Auto Kills Two More.

Chicago, Nov. 20.—While running at terrific speed, an automobile containing four chauffeurs and four women as their guests, plunged into the Calumet river today. Joseph Meyer and Margaret Atkins went down with the auto and were drowned. The other six were rescued. The machine swerved from its course when approaching a bridge.

Seven Section Hands Killed.

Chicago, Nov. 20.—Seven section hands of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad were killed today when a suburban train collided with a hand-car west of here.

Cosgrove is Falling.

Paso Robles, Nov. 20.—Governor-elect Cosgrove of Washington, is practically showing no improvement. His condition is causing some apprehension. He is suffering with Bright's disease and it is believed his condition is serious. At first he showed improvement.

STOP THE FIRST COUGH

Early fall coughs often pave the way for many later ones, by setting up a chronic inflammation of the air passages.

Cure the first cough promptly and rightly and you will thus be taking precautions against liability to later annoyances and danger.

For any kind of a cough at any time, we know of nothing better than

Newlin's White Pine Expectorant

It is a remedy that we can highly recommend, because it cures in the right way, and its value has been demonstrated by years of use.

Price 25 and 50 Cents.

NEWLIN DRUG CO

LA GRANDE, ORE.

REVIVE CALAMITY OF EARTHQUAKE

ENORMOUS SUITS AGAINST 'FRISCO WATER COMPANY.

Alleging That Terrible Conflagration Following San Francisco Earthquake Would Have Been Avoided With Proper Mains—100 Property Owners Bring Suit for Seventeen Millions—Same Action Against the Frisco Gas Company.

San Francisco, Nov. 20.—Announcing that the general conflagration would not have followed the earthquake if the water mains of the Spring Valley Water company had been properly placed in the ground, a suit for \$17,000,000 damages against the water company was filed in the United States circuit court today. The suit represents an aggregate of 1000 claims owned by 100 property owners.

It is understood a similar action will be started against the local gas company for damage resulting from the explosion of gas from leaking pipes on the first day of the fire.

It is intimated that the water company will fight the suits on a demurrer to a higher court. A decision against the company would mean the loss of its entire capital. One feature of the complaint is that the water company permitted the water system to be managed carelessly, and for private profit of many directors and stockholders personally.

The Pastime.

The new change this evening will give the entire family an opportunity to have a delightful evening. The program is such that every member of the family will have a number especially adapted to their special requirement. The songs by Messrs. Hiatt and Ferrin, will surely please. Mr. Hiatt will do a coon song in costume. Patrons of the Pastime know what this means. Do not fail to see the new change which takes place this evening.

Late Curtain.

Remember, that the curtain at Steward's opera house will not go up tomorrow evening until 9 o'clock. This is done in order that the business men will be able to attend and not neglect their business.

Whisky and Jealousy. Portland, Nov. 20.—Crazed by jealousy and whisky, William Grandjean, after attempting to kill Carrie Swafford, his sweetheart, with a meat ax, rushed up stairs to a room in the Terminal hotel today and committed suicide by taking carbolic acid. The girl was attacked in the kitchen of the hotel where she was employed as a cook. He was prevented from swinging the ax by a waitress.