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UNCOVER VEIL OF RUEF'S BOSSISM

FORMER UNDERSTUDY TELLS ENTIRE INNER WORKINGS.

Ruef's High-Handed Manipulations Laid Bare by a Former Supervisor—His Story Discloses the Extent of Ruef's Power—Insisted Board of Supervisors Contribute Money to Defray Trial Expenses When Ruef Was First Indicted.

San Francisco, Nov. 27.—For the first time in the progress of the graft trials of Abe Ruef on a charge of attempting to bribe Supervisor J. J. Furey for a vote on the passage of the trolley ordinance, the curtain veiling Ruef's absolute dominance over the supervisor's board was drawn today. Andrew Wilson, a former supervisor, and later a Ruef railroad commissioner, told the story of the inner workings of the graft machine on the stand. Wilson, who was once indicted after being promised immunity, controverted Ruef's claims that not himself, but "Big Jim" Gallagher, his lieutenant and go-between, was master of the boodling board. Wilson recounted the story with Ruef, in which the latter, then at the height of his power, told him, should Gallagher attain the coveted place of superior judge, he, Ruef, desired Wilson to succeed to the vacant place of the lieutenant. Wilson said he declined the offer.

On the night of Ruef's seizure of the office of the district attorney, and the subsequent ousting of Francis J. Heney, Ruef consulted with Attorney Ach, and Gallagher. Later Ruef's office boy took a message, notifying him of his removal.

"Heney's reply, according to the office boy, was, 'Tell Ruef to go to hell!'"

Wilson said when Ruef was first indicted he insisted that the supervisors contribute \$100 toward the defense fund.

Take Lamphere to Penitentiary.

Laporte, Ind., Nov. 27.—Ray Lamphere, the hired man employed by Belle Guinness, who was convicted of firing the Guinness homestead, burning to death Mrs. Guinness and three children, was taken to Michigan City today to serve an indeterminate sentence.

Experimenting Again.

Additional experiment was made with a fire whistle today, but there was little more success than with the last one, which was a complete failure. The machinists installing the new fire alarm will "stay with it" until the whistle is perfected.

B. M. Rounsavell, one of Wallowa's leading merchants, stopped off this morning for a few hours' visit with old-time friends. Mr. Rounsavell is en route home from Portland, where he has been transacting business the past few days.

PORTLAND BOY A SAFE CRACKER

LAD OF 17 ADMITS HE AND OTHERS WERE OFTEN SUCCESSFUL

Portland, Nov. 27.—The police drew more startling statements from Gus Johnson, aged 17, and a prisoner, who confessed he and Charles Johnson, and James Floyd were responsible for many safe-cracking jobs throughout Oregon recently. Over his own signature he told how he robbed a store at Nyssa, Ore., and stole a large quantity of jewelry. The postoffice authorities are interested, because it is thought the prisoners are implicated in the recent postoffice robberies.

Cosgrove is Worse.

Paso Robles, Nov. 27.—The condition of Governor-elect Cosgrove of Washington, took a turn for the worse today. It is reported he will not leave here for Washington before the middle of January. The changing condition of the patient makes it difficult for the physicians to give out bulletins. The physicians as well as Mrs. Cosgrove, are confident of recovery.

Kaiser is Ill.

Berlin, Nov. 27.—The kaiser is ill today. It is reported in court circles that his physical breakdown is attributed to worrying over the recent political affairs that upset the emperor. He is suffering from insomnia, and his old trouble—a defective ear.

PIONEER POWERS DIED YESTERDAY

HAD LIVED ON ONE RANCH NEAR NORTH POWDER 45 YEARS

North Powder, Nov. 27.—(Special.)—Death yesterday morning called one of the pioneers of Union county, a settler of the early type who has lived on one ranch in Powder valley for 45 years. William Bell Powers, who is as well known as any of the pioneers of the county, died at the Jess L. Powers ranch Thanksgiving morning at 5:30 o'clock. Mr. Powers was 53 years old March 4, 1908.

In the demise of Powers, Powder valley loses one of its landmarks, who enjoyed the esteem and respect of the entire section of the county. His friendship reached out of Powder valley to the remotest sections of the county.

He leaves six children—a wife and daughter having died before him, the wife 40 years ago—and tomorrow at 10 o'clock the remains will be laid by the side of his wife's in the Masonic cemetery.

He is survived by four daughters, who were at his bedside when death came, and two sons.

They are: W. T. Powers of Montana, Mrs. J. H. Hutchinson of Union, J. H. Powers of Nevada, Mrs. P. L. Powers of Nevada, Mrs. Ellen Mann of North Powder, and Mrs. J. L. Dodson of North Powder.

Rev. E. W. Barnes will officiate at the funeral tomorrow from the Baptist church.

Millionaire Retires.

New York, Nov. 27.—Henry E. Huntington, the multi-millionaire, owner of the traction system at Los Angeles and other southern California towns, today announced his intention of retiring from active business on February 19, when he will be 59 years old. He will spend the rest of his life on his beautiful country place near Los Angeles.

Every year Oregon has more reasons to be thankful.

RUSH SHIPS TO AID AMERICANS

RIOTING IN YANG TZE KIANG, CHINA, IS ALARMING

Manila, Nov. 27.—The United States gunboat Helena, departed today for Shanghai to protect the American interests in the Yang Tze Kiang region, where there is much rioting.

The rioting has so alarmed Consul General Denby at Shanghai that he yesterday hurriedly sent Rear Admiral Harber a request for aid. The Panther and Culgoa, auxiliary ships connected with the Atlantic fleet, leave for Colombo tomorrow. The Yankton steams for Singapore Sunday.

DISHONESTY BAD FOR BUSINESS

ROCKEFELLER WRITES LETTER REFLECTING UNPRINCIPLED.

Novelty of Being Rich Soon Passes Away Says Millionaire Oil King—Beware of Crooked Deals That Bring Wealth, Affirms the Magnate—Stirring Article Will Be Published in "World's Work"—Better to Give Than to Receive.

New York, Nov. 27.—In an article to be published in the December number of the "World's Work," John D. Rockefeller declares it is better to give than to receive. He says the novelty of being able to purchase everything one desires soon passes, and that what the people seek is not buyable. He writes: "Don't begin business with the idea of getting all out of the world by hook or crook that you can. Consider 'Where can I be most effective in the work of the world?'"

He says the greatest problem of his life has been the organization of philanthropic enterprises.

FOR RENT—Room with fire; close in. Inquire Mrs. J. W. Anthony, 160, Sixth St.

BOLD ROBBERY AND MURDER

SEATTLE ASTOUNDED AT BRAZENNESS OF THE CRIME.

Seattle bartender Killed by Thugs or Robbers and Valuable Rings Taken From Him—Body Thrown Over the Fence of His Own Yard After the Killing—Failed to Return to His Home and Wife Sent in Search—Worst Crime of Season.

Seattle, Nov. 27.—The boldest murder and robbery committed here this season occurred early today. The body of Hugh McMahon, a bartender in the American bar, on Pike street, was found near his home. Bruises indicated that he was either strangled to death or struck down by footpads.

The body was thrown over the fence into his own yard. A diamond ring was torn from his finger and a diamond scarf pin and \$200 stolen.

McMahon left the saloon this morning, presumably starting directly home. When he failed to arrive at the usual time, his wife started to look for him, but his body was not discovered until after daylight, under some brush.

LA GRANDE CLINCHES TITLE TO CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE COUNTY

La Grande's high school football team clinched an undisputed title to the championship of Union county by decisively defeating Cove on the local gridiron yesterday afternoon before a record-breaking crowd, by the score of 19 to 0. It was not one of those machine-like affairs, where one team plays like perfection and another commits all the errors—brilliant plays and occasional fumbles occurred with balanced regularity on both teams.

Cove came and she did not conquer but she captivated La Grande football followers, who were delighted with the plucky scrap though gentlemanly conduct of the players; honor is not all La Grande's. In the first half it can be said without overestimation that Cove played on equality with the locals. Though Meyers made two sensational sprints of 20 and 25 yards each in that session that helped win praise for La Grande, there was class and style to the manner in which Cove fought to defend its goal with its wiryavior—enemies in close proximity to their goal.

But there was equal class in the way that La Grande tore through the line when the Coyotes had by mishap and hard playing reached a point one yard from La Grande's goal. The first down resulted in a loss to Cove, made possible by Bean's aggression and aid from other line men. The first half ended and pulled La Grande out of a bad hole.

The first half was so sensational because the teams took turns about and scaring their opponents by getting within striking distance of the other's goal so often. Meyers was the most consistent ground gainer in the first half; in fact, few others of his understudies could even attempt to duplicate his spectacular sprints.

Coach Wall did some lively prodding between the halves, that gingered up the players in fine style. They came back harder than they went away and for the rest of the game outplayed Cove quite decisively. The features of the game came in this half, when Williamson who had supplanted Rice, the wiry little end, got away shortly after the half started and ran 40 yards for a touchdown through a broken field. Meyers and Carpy each came in for consistent gains on end runs, while Childers also made many short but consistent yardage. Engles in tackle over tackle, made the longest gain

through the line of the day. When La Grande rooters were crowing over their victory that seemed assured, Williamson got away for another and even more beautiful dash of 35 yards that netted five more points. He was on the hike with a beautiful interference when the game ended. Meyers missed two easy goals during the day. His attempts at goals from placement were invariably blocked by Kall of Cove, whose bulk came through the line with terrific weight, frequently.

Meyers and Williamson, Stars. The back field distinguished itself yesterday primarily in running interference for end-around-end plays. The long ends of Meyers and Williamson were in a way made possible by the work of Reynolds, Childers, Hamilton and Carpy in protection work.

Meyers, with his effective tackling at all times, and pretty runs, and Williamson with his two touchdowns, placed themselves in a category of stars. The line yesterday was not up to its standard of the Pendleton game. Only when its own goal was threatened, did it revive its notorious fighting spirit of the season.

For the visitors Kall and Roberts were easily the brightest lights. With an evenly divided team to support them, they play a mighty good game and have a variety of trick plays that would make Baker City's lumbering bunch look sideways in ineffectual efforts to solve. Cove deserves unlimited credit, for its gritty fight and gentlemanly conduct, both off and on the field of play.

The Line-up. Cove—A. C. Ingraham, c; Robinson, rg; Burford, rt; Anderson and Nip Conley, re; R. C. Ingraham, lg; E. Meyers, lt; Hunscock, le; Motley, (captain) q; Kall, fb; Roberts, rh; Walters, lf; Golden, Harvey, Lance and Carter, utility.

La Grande—Bean, c; Groat, rg; Engles, rt; Rice and Williamson, le; Williamson, lg; A. Egan, lf; Meyers (captain), le; Reynolds, q; Hamilton, rf; Childers, fb; Carpy, lf; V. Bean, c.

Ketchel Fight a Financial Failure. San Francisco, Nov. 27.—Fight promoter Coffroth discovered he is a heavy loser by yesterday's Ketchel-Papke fight, in which the former won in 11 rounds. Coffroth counted on a \$20,000 house, but the receipts show little over \$15,000.

Strikers Crazed With Drink.

Perth Amboy, N. J., Nov. 27.—The troops are today guarding the plant of the National Fireproofing company, in anticipation of an attack by drink-crazed strikers who made a rush on the plant last night and were driven away by outiers. Nearly all the strikers are foreigners.

Oregon Feels Quake.

Sweet Home, Ore., Nov. 27.—A slight earthquake shock was felt here after 10 o'clock last night. Three were felt, all told, each lasting a minute, with three minutes intervening.

China's 400,000,000 will be glad to learn that the president-elect in the United States is known as the great pacificator.

REORGANIZATION OF DEPARTMENT

WILL TAKE EFFECT ON JANUARY 1--MORE MEN ARE NEEDED

On January 1 the Volunteer fire department of this city, which by the way, holds the best record in the northwest for efficiency, will be reorganized in a manner after the first of the year. Hose company No. 3 will be reduced to 15 men, No. 4 to 20 men, and No. 1 will be increased to 40. This company has two carts and the Hook and ladder truck to man, consequently the change. This will necessitate several new recruits and the boys by joining now are not subject to road tax. As the tax collector is now busy, a word to the wise may be sufficient.

Wallowa Sheriff Here.

Sheriff Edgar Marvin of Wallowa county, is in La Grande today, en route home from Salem, where he took two prisoners who go to the state prison, charged with horse stealing. He was accompanied by William Moore, who went in the capacity of guard. They will return to Enterprise in the morning.

Saw Pendleton Game.

Ernest Funk and Joe King attended the football game at Pendleton yesterday, where the high school of the Wheat Town defeated the Columbia college eleven, of Milton. It is said the game lacked spirit and speed, though sufficient ycleos to make it interesting.

Move Their Sawmill.

W. B. Bach, has returned to his home in Imbler after a visit with friends here yesterday. His lumber company is about to move the mill of 40,000 feet daily capacity, to a point near Summerville, that is more convenient to transportation. A large crew of men is logging preparatory for a long run next spring.

Arrangements are being perfected to make Shippingtown, the new town on the upper lake, the main manufacturing point in Klamath county.

GRILLS SPECIAL TARIFF REVISION

ACCUSES THEM OF BEING A MERE FARCE.

Sensation Created in Merchant Circles by Letter of Criticism by Van Cleave Against Congressional Ways and Means Committee—Notice to Business Managers to Appear Before the Commission Were Both Belated and Insufficient.

St. Louis, Nov. 2.—Criticism of the methods of tariff investigators on the congressional ways and means committee by James Van Cleave, president of the National Association of Manufacturers, has created much discussion among the merchants here by a statement issued yesterday, in which Van Cleave says:

"I am told about 100 out of the 250,000 heads of factories in this country received notice to appear before the committee. In most cases I notice they received it too late to allow them to be present with carefully prepared statements. The hearings will close on December 4, covering only about three weeks in the aggregate."

Oregon Manager Was Referee.

Professor Kessler, who last year managed the University of Oregon football team, but is now teaching at Ontario, was in the city yesterday and refereed the football game between La Grande and Cove, very ably. He knows football and had no trouble in maintaining the best of feeling on the gridiron.

THANKSGIVING EVE WEDDING.

Popular Mailroader Married to Miss Bessie Combs.

Thanksgiving eve witnessed one of the prettiest weddings of the season when Rev. W. H. Gibson, in the Baptist church, solemnized the wedding of Miss Bessie Combs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Combs of this city, and Henry M. Pfeiffer. Miss Lela Wilson played the wedding march. The church was appropriately decorated in flowers and evergreens. The bride, wearing white embroidered net over silk, was attended by Miss Lizzie Combs and Miss Nona B. Miller of Wallowa, as bridesmaids. The groom was attended by his brother, George Pfeiffer and Will Adler. Following the ceremony a reception at the home of the bride was tendered a few of the most intimate friends and after the wedding supper the happy young couple boarded No. 5 for Portland. Within a few days they will return and be at home on Adams avenue.

American Millionaires Liberal.

Rome, Nov. 27.—A coterie of American millionaires have offered \$1,000,000 in "Peter's pence" to the Catholic church if two American cardinals are created at the coming consistory. The millionaires live at San Francisco, St. Louis, Chicago and New York.

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