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ACH FLAYS ALL THE PROSECUTION

HENEY AND LANGDON COME IN FOR SEVERE DRUBBING.

Closing Arguments in Ruef Trial Are Marked With Vindictiveness—Ataicks Witnesses—Calls Gallagher a Parrot—Attorney for Ruef Bitter in Attack on Heney and Spreckles—Says Much Harm Came From the Graft Prosecution Already.

San Francisco, Dec. 8.—A bitter and vindictive attack was made on Francis J. Heney, with an excoriation of the Schmitz board of boodling supervisors were the features of Attorney Ach's closing argument in the Ruef trial today. He declared Ruef was killed politically like Caesar, to satisfy the ambitions of others. He scored Spreckles for contributing money to the graft prosecutoin. He compared Gallagher as the principal witness for the prosecution, with a parrot.

"What was it that caused the great fortune to crawl forth from the iron vaults of Rudolph Spreckles to cause so much misery?" asked Ach. "How was it that Spreckles, through Heney and Langdon, declared to the world, 'I am omnipotent—come to me for immunity'? Who made Spreckles God Almighty of San Francisco? Spreckles himself."

Young Named Postmaster.

Washington, Dec. 8.—J. C. Z Young, private secretary to Jonathan Bourne, was today appointed postmaster of the Portland office. Fulton was the only man who could oppose the appointment.

It does not make you a saint to be able to sigh at the slums.

NEAR DEATH' DOOR

COSGROVE SLIGHTLY BETTER, THOUGH STILL VERY ILL.

Wife of Sick Governor-Elect Denies Death Story—Condition of His Health Fluctuates.

Paso Robles, Cal., Dec. 8.—Mrs. Cosgorve, wife of the governor-elect of Washington, said today:

"My husband is better today than yesterday. He is still very ill. We cannot make plans concerning our return to Washington."

Mrs. Cosgrove denied the rumor that her husband was near death yesterday, though she admitted he was worse for a time. The doctors say it is a typical form of Bright's disease. They say it is expected his condition will varry from one day to another. There is little general change in his condition.

SHOW MAKES HIT.

Is the Best Thing in its Line Seen in La Grande, Agree All.

The animal show at the Steward opera house, which gives its last performance tonight, is a remarkable affair. It is so thrilling, comical and dangerous to the participants as to be truly great. The house was about half filled, and not a man has been heard today that has adverse comment. The acts follow one another in rapid succession and there is not a moment's wait anywhere. The ponies and dogs are popular with the children, and the old folks, too, but the sensational part of the show is the daring acts put on by the two ladies. Ferocious lions, panthers and leopards are cowed into perfect obedience by the masterful bravery of the trainers. The show is fine and those who did not go last evening will miss a good attraction if they do not go tonight.

Fire at Woodburn.

Woodburn, Ore., Dec. 8.—Sixty head of fine stock and this year's grain crops were consumed by a fire that destroyed the barn on the Burkhart farm east of this city last night. The loss is $10,000.

DEAD ENGINEER AT THROTTLE

CRACK N. P. TRAIN RUSHES PAST STATION.

Oriental Limited, Carrying Only First Class Passengers, Ran for Miles Without Engineer—Hit by Obstruction—Engineerless Train Disregards Speed Signals—Fireman Discovers Facts Just Before Destination Was Reached.

Minneapolis, Dec. 8.—The oriental limited, the crack train of the Great Northern road, entered the city late yesterday, its throttle clutched by the nands of the dead engineer, George P. Irving. The train passed speed warnings, signs on the gates and semaphores as it rushed along. The passengers were astonished when the train failed to stop at the depot.

A half mile from the depot the fireman spoke but the engineer failed to respond. He leaned forward and saw the face of the engineer covered with blood. He stopped the train and rushed Irving to a hospital, where he was pronounced dead. It is thought the engineer stuck his head out of the cab window and was struck by an obstruction. The skull was fractured.

RAILROAD NEWS.

Engine 199, the hoodoo, is ready for service again. She has been in the shops for over a week.

Engine 144, a work train engine from Wallowa, is in the shops. The work trains are simmering down in numbers, demonstrating that the company is about through with that department of the new road.

No. 103 was in a slight wreck at Wallowa the other day and is now here having the repairs made.

The round house crew is extremely busy this week. While the freight business is light, all engines are given special attention.

PRESIDENT SENDS HIS LAST MESSAGE

BRISTLES WITH "BIG STICK" POLICIES EVERYWHERE.

Deals With Vicious Labor Leaders, Sherman Act, Finances, Too Violent Legislation, Courts, Wage-Earners, Liability Act, Forests, Postal Savings Banks, Corporations—Read to the Last Session of Present Administration.

Washington, Dec. 8.—Today, at noon, President Roosevelt's last message to congress was read to both houses. The epistle is over 22,000 words in length. Brief extracts from it follow:

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

The financial standing of the nation at the present time is excellent, and the financial management of the nation's interests by the government during the last seven years has shown the most satisfactory results. But our currency system is imperfect, and it is earnestly to be hoped that the currency commission will be able to propose a thoroughly good system which will do away with the existing defects.

During the period from July 1, 1901, to September 30, 1908, there was an increase in the amount of money in circulation of $902,991,399. The increase in the per capita during this period was $7.06. Within this time there were several occasions when it was necessary for the treasury department to come to the relief of the money market by purchases or redemptions of United States bonds; by increasing deposits in national banks; by stimulating additional issues of national bank notes, and by facilitating importations from abroad of gold. Our imperfect currency system has made these proceedings necessary, and they were effective until the monetary disturbance in the fall of 1907 immensely increased the difficulty of ordinary methods of relief.

In short, during the seven years and three months there has been a net surplus of nearly one hundred millions of receipts over expenditures, a reduction of the interest-bearing debt by 90 millions, in spite of the extaordinary expense of the Panama canal, and a saving of nearly nine millions on the annual interest charge. This is an exceedingly satisfactory showing, especially in view of the fact that during this period the nation has never hesitated to undertake any expenditure that it regarded as necessary. There have been no new taxes and no increases of taxes; on the contrary some taxes have been taken off; there has been a reduction of taxation.

Corporations.

As regards the great corporations engaged in interstate business, and especially the railroads, I can only repeat what I have already again and again said in my messages to the congress. I believe that under the interstate clause of the constitution the United States has complete and paramount right to control all agencies of interstate commerce, and I believe that the national government alone can exercise this right with wisdom and effectiveness so as both to secure justice form, and to do justice to the great corporations which are the most important factors in modern business. I believe that it is worse than folly to attempt to prohibit all combinations as is done by the Sherman anti-trust law, because such a law can be enforced only imperfectly and unequally, and its enforcement works almost as much hardship as good. I strongly advocate that instead of an unwise effort to prohibit all combinations, there shall be substituted a law which shall expressly permit combinations which are in the interest of the public, but shall at the same time give to some agency of the national government full power of control and supervision over them. One of the chief features of this control should be securing entire publicity in all matters which the public has a right to know, and furthermore, the power, not by judicial but by executive action, to prevent or put a stop to every form

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BOYS IN TROUBLE

OTTO STULL AND IRA MOON ARE ARRESTED.

Likely That Stull Boy, at Least, Will Go to Reform School—Given Trial Tomorrow.

Otto Stull, a lad of about 15 years of age, who has given the authorities and school districts no end of trouble, was arrested last evening charged with a whole list of misdemeanors, including the larceny of a bicycle from N. K. West, a bunch of sacks, and for placing a chain across a sidewalk causing people to fall. He was arraigned this morning before Judge Henry and the trial will take place tomorrow morning. The indictment, if proved, will result in having the boy sent to the state reform school.

While before the court this morning young Stul incriminated young Ira Moon, who, he alleges, was with him when he stole the bicycle and sacks, and assisted him in placing the chain across the sidewalk. A warrant has been issued for the arrest of young Moon.

CIRCUIT COURT.

Two Divorces Granted—Minnick Case Still on Trial This Afternoon.

Judge Knowles granted two divorces this morning, one wherein Ina E. Gaskell asked separation from Sam B. Gaskell; the other, Luenda Tucker from W. L. Tucker.

The case of the State vs. John Dimmick, which began yesterday is still on trial today. Just prior to adjourning for the noon hour the defense argued a motion for a non-suit and the court took the matter under advisement until 1:30, when he overruled the motion and the defense commenced presenting its side of the case.

Aged 100 Years, 2 Months.

Everett, Wash., Dec. 8.—Henry Brown, a colored centenarian, died last night, 100 years, 3 months old. He was liberated from slavery by Lincoln.

Prominent Woman Commits Suicide.

Napa, Cal., Dec. 8.—With her hands across her breast in a straight jacket, Mrs. Lena Severance, wife of former State Senator Severance of San Francisco, hanged herself in the Napa state insane asylum yesterday. She was committed to the institution three weeks ago. She climbed on a chair, caught her neck in the lacing on a picture button on the wall, and kicked away the chair. She hung until she was strangled.

ADJUDGED INSANE.

Mrs. Gyettrupp Will Be Returned to Salem as Insane.

Mrs. Martha Gyettrupp, who lives on First street, was examined as to her sanity this afternoon before Judge Henry and adjudged insane. She was once before, quite recently, in the asylum, but was released or rather, paroled. It is apparent by her actions that she should be returned.

BANK ROBBERS ESCAPE IN RIG

PORTLAND EAST SIDE BANK IS ROBBED OF $17,000.

Today's Developments in Startling Robbery Affair is Finding of Wad of Money Near Bank and Horse and Buggy Nearby—Abandoned Rig and Took Flight—Robbery Done When Pedestrians Passed—Wtinessed in the Act by Others.

Portland, Dec. 8.—All efforts failed last night and this morning to get a trace of three unmasked men who late yesterday afternoon held up the East Side bank, gathered $17,000 in gold, silver and currency in two sacks, then ran down the street and disappeared. Six shots were fired by H. H. Newhall, president of the bank, and his son, but did not take effect. The police searched every part of the city, but not the slightest trace has been found.

Portland was shocked over the affair, and is unable to understand how three robbers, shortly before 6 o'clock, while scores of pedestrians were on Grand avenue, the busiest thoroughfare of the east side, were passing, could hold up the president and cashier, and escape so easily.

The leader bolted through the swinging doors and forced Newhall and his son into a private office. The two confederates then gathered. One stood at the street door with a revolver while the other filled two sacks with money from the cashier's cage. At a signal the trio rushed out. It took two minutes to commit the robbery. Many pedestrians saw the robbers take the money, but did not realize what was occurring until Newhall gave the alarm.

Today's Developments.

One of today's developments was the finding of a horse and rig in which the robbers escaped. It was abandoned some distance from the scene and also $200 rolled in paper in the mud near the bank. The robbers hired the rig from a stable shortly before the robbery.

Threatens Angus Stewart.

Murder and assassination is the slate, no doubt, as the result of the attempt to enforce local option laws, according to an anonymous letter received by Justice of the Peace Angus Stewart this afternoon. The communication was written with a typewriter, on white paper. It follows, vebatim:

"Angus Stewart
Justice of the Peace
LaGrande, Ore.

Sir:

"You have your first knock out DROPS be wise so that you may not require another. Leave DUTY alone and be good for sometimes LEAD does its DUTY. you would make a good preacher take my advice (take to your calling) before the Undertaker is called in.

"I am one of your particular friends."

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The Grandest Display of Christmas Goods ever in the city. We will not go into detail as to what all we carry but you will find Fancy Gooods, Toys, Dishes and Wearing Apparel

Buy Early

By buying early you will save those worrisome days just before Christmas then you will save the pleasures of the occasion, also buying is easy when our stock is complete.

THE FAIR STORE

La Grande, Oregon.

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First: Drug it away; Second: Coax it away by the application of heat. Heat relieves almost any pain, a d when it will answer it is the better remedy. Every home should contain a

HOT WATER BOTTLE

Heat can then be applied anywhere, at any time and in the most effective manner. If the bottle be wrapped in a woolen cloth it will remain hot for hours. There are few things a home can contain that will be more useful than this modern convenience. Those we have are made of the highest quality of Para Rubber, will lost for years and cos but little

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