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## CUNNINGHAM IS GIVEN LONG TERM

LEAVES TONIGHT FOR SALEM; FIFTEEN YEARS.

Young Man Who Assaulted Young Girl Today is Given His Sentence—Plea Was Expected—Court Reprimands the Prisoner and Gives Fatherly Advice—Cunningham Narrowly Escaped Lynching at Union—A Young Man.

Raymond Cunningham starts tonight for Salem to serve 15 years in the state prison for assaulting a young girl between Union and Telocaset. The heavy sentence followed a long and pointed reprimand from Judge Knowles, after Cunningham had pleaded guilty to the charge pending against him.

**No Trial Resultant.**  
Cunningham was arraigned this forenoon to plead to the charge. Much as has been expected, he admitted his guilt. Then followed the heart-to-heart talk from the bench, in which the court mingled sharp reprimand and pointed advice. Cunningham leaves tonight in charge of Sheriff Childers to do penance for his crime.

**Escaped Mob at Union.**  
Cunningham is the man who assaulted a young girl between Union and Telocaset several weeks ago, and who missed a maddened mob at Union the same evening. His life is indebted to the Union officials, who spirited the fellow to La Grande, avoiding bloodshed. The sentence is a heavy one, but is an object lesson to others. The girl in question has fully recovered from the injuries now.

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## STUNG BY PONIES

HORSE RACING CLAIMS ANOTHER YOUNG VICTIM.

Young Cashier of Oakland Firm Confesses to High-Handed Financing—Now in Jail.

Oakland, Dec. 12.—Said by the police to have confessed to the embezzlement of \$20,000 from Hale Bros. department store, Alphonso Lehouf, the firm's cashier, is in jail here. It is reported the prisoner attributes his downfall to betting on races. One week he used \$5000. He is accused of padding accounts and raising checks. The young man is said to have started his stealings last September. The money was spent at pool rooms in Seattle until the Emeryville season opened. He is 25 years of age and married.

## LOCOMOTIVE EXPLODES KILLING THREE INSTANTLY

THREE OTHERS INJURED

AND MAY ALSO DIE.

Beaumont, California, Scene of Fatal Explosion That Demoralizes Locomotive and Kills Three Workmen—Southern Pacific Engine Was Pulling Out.

Beaumont, Cal., Dec. 12.—Three men were killed and one perhaps fatally injured today by the explosion of a Southern Pacific freight engine while pulling a heavy train out of the Beaumont yards. Engineer Dave McDonald, Fireman Roy T. Reynolds and Conductor G. H. Brockman were instantly killed. Brakeman E. A. Williams may die. All lived at Los Angeles. The locomotive was demolished.

## LITTLE HOPE OF REDUCED TARIFFS

HARRIMAN AND RIPLEY APPEAR COURTEOUS ONLY.

No Promise of Withdrawing Increased Tariff Sheets on Transcontinental Shipments—Railroad Presidents Persist in Negotiations to Kill Time—Many Eastern Railroad Managers Would Have to Be Consulted to Bring About Results.

San Francisco, Dec. 12.—No promises of relief from the burden of advanced freight rates to and from California terminals have been received from two railroad presidents who were recently memorialized by the executive committee of a recent convention of California business men.

Harriman replied he hoped a conference between the committee and traffic managers of the two roads can be held in the near future. "I trusted a satisfactory conclusion could be reached," he wrote.

President Ripley of the Santa Fe, was more explicit. He said his representatives would be quite willing to listen to arguments against the advanced rates, but warned the shippers in the case of transcontinental tariffs, applying to and from all points in the United States east of Colorado, a large number of eastern railroads were the parties interested, and that they would have to be consulted if the changes were found proper.

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Crew and Passengers Drown.  
Odessa, Dec. 12.—All members of the crew and 51 passengers were drowned when a big Turkish steamer from Constantinople to Sebastopol sank to the bottom of the Black sea in a severe storm today.  
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## SANDRIDGE NOW REACHED BY LINE

TWENTY-FOUR FOOT HEAD SWEEPS DOWN ON DESERT.

Running of Preliminary Survey for Irrigation Ditch Has Reached a Point of Deep Interest—Exact Direction of Lines Leading to It—May Change That Cross Line—Main Line Now One Mile East of Iowa School House—No Work Today.

Ten and six-tenths miles of preliminary survey for the irrigation scheme had been run last evening, when the snowstorm sent the engineer's corps back to La Grande to awaiting a subsiding of the storm. Engineer Pickler will again return to his work tomorrow, but Monday night will make a report of his work to the Commercial club.

**Runs Cross Lines.**

The main line extends one mile below the Iowa school house. This is eight and three-tenths miles from the starting point at Oro Dell. But he has run a cross line that will, when followed up with a pipe-line, irrigate the sandridge. This cross line runs down the Iowa school lane a distance of two and three-tenths miles, sweeping out on the ridge with a head of 24 feet, ample for irrigation purposes. Mr. Pickler has a plan of shortening this cross line that will mean so much to the most arid region of Grande Ronde valley, but by doing so he will lessen the head. He is undecided as yet which he will recommend.

The course of the main line is greatly interesting, but the line that holds the greatest attention of them all is the sandridge survey. With a head of 24 feet, laterals can be run in both directions, throwing water on a great area of land, much of it now practically worthless. Right there is where the greatest boon of the irrigation will come, because of the difference between arid and irrigated lands is more marked.

## KILLED BY SHAFT

SEATTLE MACHINIST MEETS FRIGHTFUL END YESTERDAY.

Body Shorn of its Clothing, One Arm Torn Loose—Bones Frightfully Crushed.

Seattle, Dec. 12.—William Preston, a machinist of the Seattle Lumber Co., was killed late yesterday by being twisted about a revolving shaft near the ceiling of the shop. His body and one arm from which the machinery tore every vestige of clothing, fell at the feet of Blacksmith Jensen, who rushed into the shop upon hearing a peculiar thumping noise. The bones were frightfully crushed.

**100 Soldiers Killed.**

Odessa, Dec. 12.—One hundred rebels were killed today in a terrific battle with the royalists of Persia near Tabriz.

## SIX DAY RACE IS ABOUT TO BE FINISHED

PACIFIC COAST RIDERS PROMINENT AMONG LEADERS.

Great Six-Day Bicycle Race is Drawing Near the End—Trailers Resort to Use of Drugs for Stimulation—Leaders Did Not Use Drugs—Sprint at Finish.

New York, Dec. 12.—Walter Demar of San Jose, Cal., a member of the transcontinental team; Floyd McFarland of San Jose, a member of the Pacific-Atlantic team; Walter Rutt of Germany, a member of the German Holland team, will probably decide the premier honors in the six-day bicycle race at Madison Square Garden at 10 o'clock tonight.

These men, with their team mates, are leading today. A mile sprint is being planned, which is expected to give one of the teams material lead.

Early today all were tied for the lead. Some of the trailers were stimulated by use of strychnine. The leaders have not resorted to the use of drugs, drinking black coffee and champagne broth.

**Smallpox on Battleship.**

Colombo, Island of Ceylon, Dec. 12.—The battleship Georgia arrived this morning at forced speed to bring smallpox patients to this port for treatment. She is 24 hours ahead of other ships. Smallpox broke out on the Georgia shortly after leaving Manila.

**May Be Another Victim.**

Vallejo, Cal., Dec. 12.—Mrs. August Rose, wife of Bandsman Rose, who was poisoned at the Mare Island luncheon a week ago, lies in a dying condition today in a local sanitarium. She suffered a severe relapse late yesterday and is unable to take nourishment except through injections in the veins.

## NEW STRUCTURE TO HOUSE THE CHILDREN IN

SCHOOL TAX LEVY IS FIXED AT EIGHT MILLS.

First Steps Taken to Secure a New School Building in This City—Next Action Will Come in the Way of Petition to Board, Then a Special Election—Taxable Property Considerable More Than a Million—Many Taxpayers Attend Meeting—All Ask for Immediate Action by School Board to Get Building.

It looks like a new high school building for La Grande in the near future. A tax levy to cover school expenses and enough to provide for approximately \$2000 in emergency funds was levied by the school board of the La Grande district this afternoon. The levy in itself is interesting, but a side issue has even more importance on the public.

**Taxpayers Present.**

A representative group of taxpayers were on hand and a resolution was unanimously adopted by them that it be the sense of this meeting that the school board take sufficient steps to procure a new school building in the immediate future. While not binding in itself, the resolution paves the way for prompt action. A petition from taxpayers to the school board, if it is broad enough and sufficiently signed, will mean that the board will call a special election and proceed by prescribed course to allow the city as a whole, to vote on the question individually. The first steps have been taken and it is apparent that subsequent action will follow in logical sequence until a new building is assured.

**The Report.**

According to the clerk's figures filed before the meeting, the taxable property in this district is \$1,574,326. The levy was fixed at 8 mills. That assessment will bring the school district \$12,594.60, while the expense of running the school next year is carefully estimated at \$12,273. As is readily seen, there is a slight balance, from which the interest on the first bonds, the cost of a special election, and the emergency fund can be drawn. Many reports were read and everything points to satisfaction except in the high school building, where the children are harassed by cramped conditions.

## JAMES OFFICER IS GUILTY

James B. Officer is guilty. Late this afternoon the jury returned a verdict of "guilty as charged"—larceny from a dwelling. He will be sentenced at 9:30 next Tuesday morning. This evening a jury is being chosen for the McCoy, Vandermuellen and Rynearson case.

## Bargains in Ready-made Goods

Prices Cut in Two. Last of the seasons ready made goods must be closed out regardless of cost. Our stock is being reduced very rapidly

### Ladies' Suits

We have only a few ladies' Suits left to be closed out at ridiculously low prices.

1 \$15 black Serge goes at .....\$4.95  
1 \$12.50 black Serge goes at .....\$2.35  
1 \$25.00 black Cheviot goes at .....\$9.85  
1 \$18.50 black Cheviot goes at .....\$9.85  
1 \$47.50 brown stripe goes at .....\$28.85

### Millinery

All ladies' Trimmed Hats Half Price.

\$10.00 Hats, to close, at .....\$5.00  
\$8.50 Hats, to close, at .....\$4.25  
\$6.50 Hats, to close, at .....\$3.25  
\$4.00 Hats, to close, at .....\$2.00  
\$2.00 Hats, to close, at .....\$1.00

### Ladies' Waists

\$8.50 wool and silk Waist, reduced to .....\$4.35  
\$6.50 all-wool and silk Waists, reduced to .....\$2.95  
Wash Waists, lot 1, reduced to .....95c  
Wash Waists, lot 2 reduced to .....\$1.95

### Misses' Coats

Our stock of Misses' Coats is very large and we have decided to make prices that will move them.

Lot 1—Children's Coats, values to \$3.50, at .....\$1.00  
Lot 2—Misses' Coats, values to \$6.50, ages to 14 years .....\$2.85  
Lot 3—Misses' Coats, values to \$3.50, ages to 14 years .....\$1.85

### Ladies' Skirts

You know our reputation on the famous "Beverly Skirts." To buy these at the prices we are offering them is surely an inducement.

Skirts, in value to \$5.00, to close \$1.95  
Skirts, in value to \$8.50, to close \$4.85  
Skirts, in value to \$12.50, to close at .....\$7.65

### Ladies' Coats

Lot 1—Ladies' Coats, values to \$19.50 .....\$2.50  
Lot 2—Ladies' Coats, values to \$15.00 .....\$4.85  
This is a reminder. If you want a coat, decide quickly.

## SENTENCE RUEF NEXT SATURDAY

DEFENSE HAS BATCH OF MOTIONS TO MAKE.

Mutual Agreement Reached Over the Postponement of Sentence—Ruef Hears History of Proceedings in a Careless Manner—Winks at Friends and Chews Gum During the Proceedings—Ach Has Not Retired From Ruef's Service, Says Ruef.

San Francisco, Dec. 12.—At the request of the defense Judge Lawlor today postponed until next Saturday the sentencing of Ruef for offering bribes. Ruef lawyers said they are preparing a number of motions which they wish to offer. The prosecution has agreed to postponement.

Attorney Dozier represented Ruef, Ach being absent. Dozier explained the defense desired to interpose motions before judgment was passed. He expects to base the motions on the record of the case, which he considers is "well clogged with errors."

Ruef was ordered to stand and hear the formal reading of the history of the proceedings. His hands were thrust in his pockets, and he winked at his friends while chewing gum. Ruef denied the report that Ach retired from the case because of a misunderstanding.

**Masquerade Ball Tonight.**  
Grand masquerade ball tonight. Prof. Harris will see that all guests have an enjoyable time. Separate prizes for best sustained characters.

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