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CIRCUIT COURT NOW IN SESSION

BOHNEKAMP IS FOREMAN OF THE NEW GRAND JURY

TERM LIKELY A SHORT ONE

THREE JURORS LATE IN REACHING THE BUILDING.

Several Cases Set for Trial Early—Anderson Contempt Case Tomorrow—Full Set of Court Officials Named, and Grand Jury is Ready for Its Grind—Unless Grand Jury is Extremely Busy, the Term Will Be Completed This Week.

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The Grand Jury.
 W. H. Bohnenkamp, La Grande, foreman.
 J. A. Homan, Island City.
 J. P. Hawley, La Grande.
 Peter O'Sullivan, La Grande.
 T. B. Martin, Medical Springs.
 T. B. Ficklun, Union.
 S. A. Day, Island City.
 J. Perry Clarke, grand jury bailiff.
 L. B. Stearns, jury bailiff.
 Fred Duncan, Cove, court bailiff.

Wheels of justice for the February term of circuit court were set in motion this morning by Judge J. W. Knowles. The grand jury has been drawn, the jury is present, court officials chosen and everything in readiness for actual commencement of business tomorrow morning.

Unless the grand jury, with W. H. (Continued on page 8.)

FOURTH WEEK OF TRIAL.

Only Eight Jurors Temporarily Selected in Calhoun Case.

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 1.—The trial of Patrick Calhoun, president of the United Railroads, accused of offering bribes to the boodling board of supervisors, entered upon its fourth week today, with eight jurors temporarily selected. Five hundred have been examined. At the present rate it is expected it will be 10 weeks more before the jury is complete. Probably 1500 veniremen will be examined.

Children often pull on the heartstrings of a parent's life like two puppies pull a rag.

RACE ELEMENT TO RETALIATE

PUT BAN ON PRIZEFIGHTS TO OFFSET ANTI-BETTING.

Reform in California Will Be Turned Into Farce if Anti-Race Bill is Passed—Many "Blue Laws" Ready for Presentation.

Sacramento, Cal., Feb. 1.—Driven to seek revenge by the indicated passage of the anti-race track betting bill, race track legislators are preparing to turn reform into a farce by the presentation of a number of "blue laws."

A bill will be introduced putting the ban on prizefights, making it a felony to hold fistic exhibitions. Many strict local option bills will be presented in retaliation if the anti-race track gambling bill becomes a law.

Savings Bank Closed.
 Greenfield, Mass., Feb. 1.—State Bank Examiner Jay today closed the Greenfield Savings bank. Deposits total \$2,000,000. No reason has been given for closing the institution.

ANDERSON IN THE CITY COURT

THE SAME OLD CHARGE OF BOOT-LEGGING IS BROUGHT

F. HOLSTEEN CHIEF WITNESS

WELL KNOWN FACE SEEN IN POLICE COURT AGAIN.

Charged With Selling Liquor to One Frank Holsteen, Charles Anderson, of the Palace Saloon, is Arraigned This Afternoon—Witness Comes From Kamela—Two Cases Have Been Filed Against Anderson During Past Few Days by Police.

Anderson Pleads Guilty.
 Late in the day Anderson pleaded guilty to the charge and was fined \$200, which he paid. He affirms he is now selling the Palace saloon, and is going to leave the city.

Police court records are again blotched by the name of Charles Anderson, the periodical visitor to police, justice or circuit courts on diverse charges—principally selling liquor in a city town. Though ink used to record proceedings in the last trial when H. Cole was the principal witness for the city is yet fresh, he is up before Recorder Cox once more, and again on a similar charge.

Since the city's ordinance prohibiting sale of liquors went into effect, the officers have been on the track of all soft drink dealers, but principally Anderson, where the most flagrant (Continued on page eight.)

10 SIGNATURES CAN CALL VOTE

PETITION MUST SPECIFY AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURE

URGENT NEED FOR ACTION

NEXT YEAR WILL FIND STUDENTS OUT IN STREETS.

By Presenting Petition to School Board Next Friday, Properly Signed and Drawn Up, Citizens Can Procure a New School Building at Once—Size and Amount of Expenditure Must Be Ascertained in the Petition Filed With the Board.

If La Grande is to have additional school room to provide for its growing high school when the next school year begins, it is time that steps were being taken to bring it about.

The first step is to determine upon what is needed at present and for the immediate future. There are 157 students enrolled in the high school and today there are in attendance 144, and these are seated in the large assembly room from which six other rooms lead off. This present arrangement, which is the best that can be secured under present conditions, thwarts the work of the entire building. There is no opportunity for the school to assemble as formerly. Ingress or egress to any of the six rooms now leading out of this hall in which is seated the 144 high school students, attracts more or less attention. This is not all—next year, Prof. Hockenberry today stated, the high school would be increased until the enrollment would reach nearly 400 not quite to the 200 mark. There are no equipped rooms for work in chemistry and laboratory work.

Many are of the opinion that there should be a high school building erected, built especially for high school work, and while the city is building, let it be sufficiently large to accommodate no less than 300 students, 50 per cent more than we will have by the time the building could be ready for occupancy. This building would probably be 10 rooms and would cost, completed, with heating apparatus and plumbing, and from \$1500 to \$2,000 for suitable apparatus, running the figure to probably \$25,000. The district has ample ground on which to build in the block where the present high school building is situated. This would make it easier for the superintendent to look after matter, than if it were built somewhere else.

It is understood the school board meets next Friday evening, and if a petition is signed by 10 taxpayers asking the board to call a special school meeting for the voters of the district to vote for or against bonds for building purposes, the board is directed by law to call this meeting.

Any one could get this petition properly signed, to present to the board. The only thing is for the person to consult a number of the interested citizens and agree upon what kind of building should be constructed, and about what it would cost to meet present and future requirements. Then the matter could be voted upon and, if favorable, the time is none too short to sell the bonds, let the contract, and have the building completed in time for the beginning of the school year next September.

A bill is now before the legislature to have the county pay each high school within the county at a rate of a 12-year course, \$75 per scholar, for all students attending, who reside outside the district. The idea is to give the students of the county an opportunity to attend any high school they may desire, free of charge. It is estimated that \$30 will pay this expense, and it will also stimulate the various

SMUGGLE MANY RIFLES.

American Warships on Their Way to Quell Disturbing Moros.

Manila, Feb. 1.—Three gunboats left today for the Island of Jolo, inhabited by fierce Moros, as a result of a report that 2000 rifles had been smuggled into the island from the Dutch East Indies. If the Moros have two thousand rifles the situation is most serious, since the fighting began several years ago. At that time only 400 rifles were on the whole island when General Wood made his famous fight. American troops have been taking the rifles, one by one. The Moros paid \$350 for a \$12 rifle, and 50 cents each for the cartridges.

HIGH VOLTAGE IN LIGHT WIRE

ELEVEN HUNDRED VOLTS CHARGED THROUGH MEN.

Tacoma Has Peculiar Accidents—Crossed Wires Send Heavy Charges of Electricity—Falling Timbers Tangle Power and Feed Wires.

Tacoma, Feb. 1.—Arthur W. Charlson, aged 22, a blacksmith employe of the West Coast Wagon company, was almost instantly killed, and John R. Ohstrom, aged 45, a shipping clerk in the Younglove Grocery company, was fatally injured this morning when 1,100 volts of electricity passed through their bodies. The crossing of a heavy power wire with a city feed wire in front of the Harmon building, under construction, was responsible. Pieces of lumber falling from the building Saturday night caused a short circuit, sending the heavy voltage through the ordinary light circuit and when the two men attempted to turn on the lights, the shock hurled them to the floor.

Charlson was found lying beneath a socket in the rear of the wagon company's plant. He died before a physician arrived.

Ohstrom was found unconscious in the shipping room of the grocery. Several others were shocked when they turned on lights, but none seriously.

LIBEL SUIT IS POLITICAL CRISIS

WALTER WELLMAN PREDICTS PUBLIC STORM OF PROTEST

MAY MEAN STORMY END

PULITZER-SMITH LIBEL SUIT NOT ORDINARY CASE

Walter Wellman, Writing to Chicago Record-Herald, Believes Roosevelt Will Be Forced to Retire From Public Life Under Storm of Public Protest—Would Be Wrong He Says to Drag Editors to Washington for Trial—Could Stop Action.

Chicago, Feb. 1.—Walter Wellman, writing to his paper, the Chicago Record-Herald, from Washington, D. C., says:

"Is Roosevelt about to make the greatest mistake of his public career? Is he in danger of being forced to retire to private life amid a storm of indignation sweeping from one end of the country to the other, caused by his efforts to over-ride the rights of private citizens? Some of Roosevelt's best friends believe this danger exists, and they do not hesitate to tell him so. It is his efforts to prosecute Publisher Joseph Pulitzer of the New York World, and Delavan Smith, of the Indianapolis News, for libel in the publication of certain tales about the Panama canal purchase that the menace lies.

"It is rumored that the prosecution may be dropped entirely, at Roosevelt's behest. Other rumors are that the accused will be indicted and brought from their places of residence to Washington for trial in the federal courts. If President Roosevelt succeeded in his apparent purpose to bring the editors from New York and Indianapolis to Washington for trial, and convicts them, he will, in the opinion

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NEW Bright and Snappy
 Below you will find a few of the newest merchandise that people want

These Hats represent style
The College Hat, the new Derby the new Fedora.
COLORS: Bronze, Green light Tan, Dk Brown, Ived Buff
PRICES: \$2.00, \$2-50, \$3.00, \$3.50



What the Ladies Need Our Latest New Goods
RUSHING
 You will find here just what you have been looking and wishing for. All desirable colors. Price 35 to 85c a yard
NETTS
 These goods are the new thing for trimming waists, waists and dresses. Cream, white and blk
Collars
 Ladies dainty neckwear, the latest dainty designs. Prices 25, 35, 50 and 75c.

NEW SHOES
 A new consignment just received, from the stylish shoe down to the old ladies' comforts. For Men, Women and Children.

VEILING
 The newest in veiling. All the new shades in all widths.

THE FAIR STORE

MONTREAL IS SHAKEN BY QUAKE

Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 1.—A special from Montreal this morning says that three distinct earthquake shocks were felt there last night. The first was at 11:20, the second at 11:45, and the last at 3:29 this morning. People were awakened by the shock, falling dishes and glassware. Big cracks are

visible in many buildings. Felt at Bellingham.
 Bellingham, Feb. 1.—A slight earthquake shock was felt here at 1:45 this afternoon. No damage is reported.
Second Shock in Mexico Lately.
 Mexico City, Feb. 1.—A slight quake occurred here today. Buildings were slightly damaged. This is the second trembler within 48 hours.

IF YOU KNEW
 If we could talk it over, if we could show you the vast number of prescriptions that have been filled here without an error, if you could examine our packages of important drugs and chemicals and knew the reputations the makers have for reliability; in short if you could fully realize the superior service given throughout, we would not have to urge you to bring your prescriptions here.
 We do not urge, but simply remind you that our experience has been very ample and that we take pride in the purity of our drugs and medicines.
WE PROTECT YOURPURSE ALSO
NEWLIN DRUG STORE
 LA GRANDE, OREGON

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