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## ROUTINE MATTER IN COURT TODAY

**BUZZARD-DAVIS CASE**  
EVIDENTLY A LONG ONE.  
Circuit Court Not Especially Interesting Today—Many Law Points Creep Up in the Deed Case—Truax Arraigned and Pleads Not Guilty—Jury Out 20 Minutes in Curtiss-Walker Case—Grand Jury is Deliberating—Report Soon.

The jury trial occupying the attention of the circuit court today is the case of E. P. Buzzard, guardian for Rachel L. Lafferty, insane, against A. B. Davis. Litigation is over the validity of a sheriff sale deed procured some time ago, when the 160 acres near North Powder were purchased by Mr. Davis at a sheriff's sale. The plaintiff attacks the validity of the deed. Innumerable law points are creeping up and the case is dragging. A jury was secured early this morning.

**Truax Arraigned.**  
Denton Truax, charged by the grand jury with the crime of sodomy, was arraigned today, entered a plea of not guilty, and the trial of the case was set for Monday at 1:30.

**Judgment for Defendant.**  
Last evening, after being out 20 minutes, the jury in the Curtiss-Walker case, returned a verdict giving judgment in favor of the defendant. Before the retirement took place, the court gave instructions that no sum was to be specified in the verdict.

This reversed the judgment of the lower court, where Curtiss was given a judgment as the result of a suit to recover rent alleged to be due.

Have you done your best and been beaten? Keep a stiff upper lip. Do a little better than your best this year.

## "LUCKY" IS LUCKY FAMOUS "LUCKY" BALDWIN ESCAPES DEATH AGAIN.

After Critical Illness E. J. Baldwin Again Rallies and Will Likely Recover.

Los Angeles, Feb. 4.—E. J. "Lucky" Baldwin, who is seriously ill as a result of nervous collapse at his home here yesterday, rallied at midnight. He is better today.

His friends feared his luck had broken and that death would this time overtake him. His escapes from death have been many and mysterious.

## LANIUS COPING WITH POISONING

CRUCIAL DAY APPROACHES  
BUT DOCTORS ARE HOPEFUL.

Wounded Unionite Able to Converse, Though Extensive Conversation Exhausts Him—Doctors Fear Blood Poisoning Tonight or Tomorrow as Result of Wounds.

Union, Feb. 4.—(Special.)—F. P. Lanius, the aged man shot by Clayton Smith early in the week following a bitter quarrel, is still in a precarious condition. When seen this morning the wounded man was able to converse though an extensive conversation exhausted him. His physician can yet see hopes of recovery.

**Crucial Hour Near.**  
The third day since the shooting will expire today, and according to precedent, the physician fears blood poisoning tonight or tomorrow. If such complications can be averted, chances for recovery will be much brighter. His family is grief stricken.

## SOLONS ANGRY AT INDICTMENT

CHARGES AGAINST HASKELL  
CREATES DEEP SENSATION.

Undecided Whether or Not Haskell Will Personally Answer Charges—Action on Resolution in the Legislature Deferred Until Tomorrow—Bitterness Prevails in Administrative Circles in Guthrie—The Indictments Brought Yesterday.

Guthrie, Okla., Feb. 4.—A resolution was proposed in the Oklahoma legislature today denouncing the indictment returned yesterday against Governor Haskell in the land fraud scandal. The cases originated as a result of a conspiracy hatched by Roosevelt and W. R. Hearst to defame him. Action on the resolution was deferred until tomorrow.

Senator Hoddie has objected to any consideration of the resolution, which was introduced by Senator D. M. Smith. The indictment against Haskell has aroused considerable bitterness in administration circles. Haskell is undecided whether to go in person to Muskogee, or not. It is understood arrangements are being made there for him to enter an appearance.

The federal grand jury returned eight indictments last evening, one of them against Governor Haskell, charging him with intent to defraud the government.

M. L. Mott, attorney for the Creek Nation, prominent in unearthing the alleged land frauds, today said the people of Oklahoma feel deeply the disgrace following the exposure of the frauds, and would gladly get rid of Governor Haskell. Mott denied the report that Hearst had anything to do with the indictment against Haskell.

## ALLEGED INSANE IS DISCHARGED

SUMMERVILLE MAN WAS  
VICTIM OF AN INJUSTICE.

When Examined for His Mental Condition Today, L. Poulsen Demonstrated That He is as Sane as Anyone—New Case of Insanity Shows Itself on Streets Early This Morning—Middle-Aged Man of Marked Cleverness Placed in City Jail.

Affirming that he was the victim of spite work, L. Poulsen of Summerville is today at liberty, having been discharged by the board of mental examiners. He is as clear-minded as a man of ordinary intelligence. He explains the arrest as being spite work. His mental condition is not endangered in the least, but he has been made a victim of injustice. Dr. M. K. Hall was the examining physician. The complaint against Poulsen was lodged two days ago, but it was only yesterday that he was taken into custody. He will return to his Summerville ranch none the worse for having been examined. Those who have seen and talked with him today are chagrined that the man's sanity should be doubted.

**A New Insanity Case.**  
Vaudeville and impersonations gone were in store for a few residents of West La Grande early this morning when an unknown man, evidently demented, cut so many capers on the street near the W. H. Bohnenkamp residence, that he quickly attracted a large audience, though most of the spectators assumed points of vantage from housetops and behind kitchen windows, while pedestrians kept away a very respectable distance until the arrival of the officer. As a lightning change artist he was a dandy. To sweep the sidewalk with his coat, to shout at the full capacity of his lungs, to clog dancing, cut a comical caper and divers other things that only an insane person can do—all these were he skits that he put on the out-of-door stage and which was witnessed by a large gathering. Neighbors telephoned for the police. The arrival of Chief of Police Walden put an end to the early morning vaudeville, but the streak of humor in the fellow could not be squelched. "Now, this is a pretty note," he exclaimed when jailward bound, "to be arrested on such a beautiful morning by a comic supplement chief of police." Without resistance he accompanied the chief to the city jail. En route he saw a glaring "Burgomaster" billboard signs. These were incentives for speech. With each display line he would attach a rippling couplet. Still commenting on the inconsistency of things to be arrested on a grand morning like the one which prevailed today, the jail door clanged on his heels. He was soon in a deep sleep.

**Jensen Found Insane.**  
Jensen, the name of the stranger arrested this morning, was examined this afternoon by Dr. M. K. Hall. At the conclusion of the examination the patient was declared insane and will be sent to Salem. He states his parents live at Lewiston and that he is suffering with starvation of the brain—only one instance of his keen wit.

**PASSAGE ASSURED.**  
Delay of a Few Days Only Danger Facing Anti-Racing Bill.  
Sacramento, Cal., Feb. 4.—A final vote will be taken in the senate this afternoon on the Walker-Otis anti-race track bill. It will be a special order. It is conceded it will be passed 5 to 1. Opponents will move to reconsider, but even that will only delay final adoption but a few days.

**Carrie Nation Fined.**  
London, Feb. 4.—Carrie Nation was this afternoon fined \$7.50 for thrusting her umbrella through a window of the car on the underground railroad, where a cigarette advertisement was posted.

## JOHNSON COMING HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION RETURNS TO THE STATES.

Negro Champion Will Visit Canadian Colonies—Powell-McFarland Are to Fight.

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 14.—Jack Johnson, the heavyweight champion of the world, cables a friend here that he leaves Brisbane February 17, for Vancouver, B. C., for a tour of the Canadian colonies.

The details are settled for a match between Lew Powell and Packey McFarland, to be held on Washington's birthday. It will be for 20 rounds. The articles will be signed tonight.

## LOCAL OPTION WINS A ROUND

APPARENT WASHINGTON  
WILL TAKE UNIT PLAN.

Judiciary Committee Refers Bill Back for Passage With Unit Plan—Is Victory for the Bill—Wants First-Class Cities Excluded, But This Bill Died.

Olympia, Feb. 4.—The local option bill of the Anti-Saloon league won a victory in the house this morning when Palmer's local option bill was turned down by a vote of 59 to 36. The senate judiciary committee to which are referred all local option bills, made three reports this morning. A majority report, signed on the unit plan, came back with the recommendation for passage, signed by five members. The remaining two members wanted the bill excluding cities of the first-class only, from the county unit plan. Both houses took action on the squabble over the race track bill yesterday. The status of the bill now is that it has been passed by the house with an emergency clause and by the senate without the clause. The probabilities are that both houses may have a deadlock over the clause.

**Indiana Editors.**  
Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 4.—The mid-winter meeting of the Indiana Democratic Editorial association convened at the Denison hotel today. A banquet will be held this evening, at which Governor Marshall and other men of prominence will be guests of the editors.

**Prohibitionists Celebrate.**  
Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 4.—President P. A. Baker of the National Anti-Saloon league and other orators will assist the Alabama Anti-Saloon league in celebrating the inauguration of state-wide prohibition, during the convention opened today.

## PILOTAGE BILL WILL BE PASSED

AFFECTS FREIGHT RATES  
TO AND FROM PORTLAND.

House Passes a Bill to Give \$300 to Each School District in the State—Southern Oregon Representatives and Senators Hold Joint Session to Push Their Demands for a Large Appropriation for the Crater Lake Automobile Road.

Salem, Feb. 4.—"Portland's efforts to abolish compulsory pilotage" consumed the time of the senate all forenoon. The present system of pilotage is championed by McCue. The bill was favorably reported by the committee on commerce after a full hearing.

The bill undertakes to place the management of shipping entering the Columbia river on the same basis as Puget Sound shippings.

The house passed a bill providing for at least \$300 for each school district in the state. It will pass the senate.

In the senate new bills were introduced, one for publishing supreme court reports, and another to regulate long distance telephones.

A joint meeting of the southern Oregon members of both houses was held at 1 o'clock today to get united strength back of the \$100,000 appropriation for the Crater Lake auto road.

The house pilotage bill removes all possibility of differential against the port of Portland. It will affect freight rates on all freight to and from Portland. At present the O. R. & N. railroad absorbs the cost of compulsory pilotage. The bill passed the house with 48 ayes, and 11 nays.

In the house the resolution adopted this afternoon provided mileage for visiting committees to all state institutions and joint committees to meet with like committees from the state of Washington to investigate matters relating to fisheries and a bridge across the Columbia. The senate has passed the bill appropriating \$20,000 for fish hatcheries.

**Nagel Assured a Job.**  
Washington, Feb. 4.—Representative Bartholdt of Missouri, positively announced today that Charles P. Nagel of St. Louis, will be either secretary of the interior or of commerce under Taft.

**DEADLOCK CONTINUES.**  
Wisconsin Unable to Elect Stephenson Again Today.

Madison, Wis., Feb. 4.—Another joint ballot taken today in the senatorial contest showed United States Senator Stephenson still lacks sufficient votes to secure his re-election.

## FIRST

Our first showing of just received from New York's best suit makers

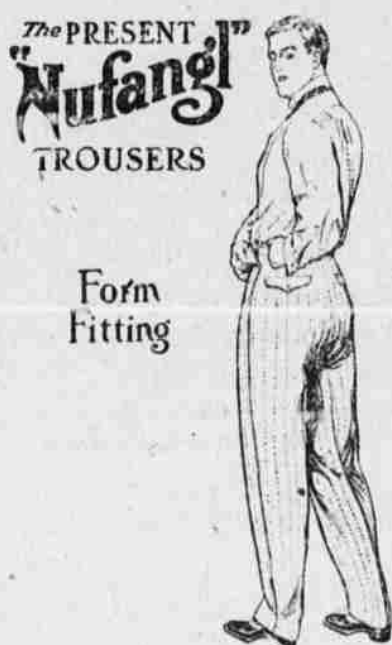
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You Need  
the pants that give  
you satisfaction

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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

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