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30 WITNESSES ARE SUBPOENAED

FEDERAL GRAND JURY CALLS MEN BEFORE THEM.

Deputy Marshal Here From Portland to Serve Subpoena on Those Against Whom Forgeries Were Made—Mr. Niedner Will Take Books and Records Before the Jury—Must Meet Before the 27th of This Month—Jury Digging Deep in Affair.

Close to 30 business men and farmers of this city and county will be hauled before the federal grand jury at Portland on the 27th of this month, to testify in the probe to be carried out by the grand jury in connection with the defalcations of J. W. Scriber, as cashier of the defunct Farmers & Traders' National bank of this city. All day yesterday a deputy United States marshal was in La Grande armed with something like 30 subpoenas, all of which have been served with instructions to be in Portland and report for witness purposes on February 27, when the Scriber matter will be given consideration.

Receiver Included.
Receiver Walter Niedner is among those subpoenaed. However, he will go to Portland before the 27th. He will take books and records of the bank with him to be able to give expert testimony.

While no list is given out of the entire number served with papers, it is said that a great percentage of those called to Portland are men whose names are known, or said to have been forged by Scriber, while the latter was in the cashiership.

Explosion at Walla Walla.

Walla Walla, Feb. 22.—While lighting a fire in the stove this morning, leaking gas caused an explosion, probably fatally burning E. W. Hill. The families of Hill, and O. T. Dean were occupying the house and escaped from the flames in their night clothes. The damage is \$3000.

Seven Reported Killed.

Iola, Kan., Feb. 22.—Seven persons are reported killed today by a cyclone at Reece, near Wichita.

GRANGE STANDS WITH Y. M. C. A.

AT SATURDAY MEETING THE MOVEMENT IS ENDORSED.

When La Grande Pr. C. A. Building Scheme, Mountain Grange Will Be Solid Behind the Movement, Too—Adopts Resolution Favoring the Building of the Home—Will Actively Aid in Bringing the Movement to Success.

At the meeting held Saturday the Blue Mountain grange, No. 345, passed the following resolution, which shows the sympathy the rural residents feel toward the Y. M. C. A. movement in this city.

"Whereas, there has been some movement tending toward the establishment of a Y. M. C. A. in our community; therefore be it Resolved by Blue Mountain Grange No. 345, That we are in favor of establishing a Y. M. C. A. in La Grande. Resolved, That if a campaign is inaugurated, that we will actively assist in said campaign."

WALLA WALLA IN GRIP OF STRIKE

MORNING AND EVENING PAPERS ISSUE DODGERS.

Because Management of Morning Union Refuses to Grant 50 Cent Raise to Employees, Linotype Men Go Out on Strike—No Chance of Speedy Settlement—The Bulletin Has Signed Agreement and is Running Today—No Paper Issued.

Walla Walla, Feb. 22.—There is little change in the strike situation following a walk-out of printers in the Washington Printing & Book Manufacturing company, because the company refused a 50-cent raise for linotype operators and foremen. Indications point to a stubborn fight.

While the strike is only in one shop it affects the Evening Statesman and the Morning Union, two of the city daily papers.

Issue Handbills.
The Morning Union issued handbills yesterday, but nothing this morning. Its Sunday issues usually contain 24 pages. The Statesman is using a bulletin board to announce its news. The other paper, the Evening Bulletin, has signed the agreement.

There is no prospect of an early adjustment.

John Anthony, who has been in the city several days, expects to leave in the morning for the new city of River Junction, of which he is the owner of the townsite.

HONORING THE NATION'S FATHER

GEORGE WASHINGTON WAS OPPOSED TO "PARTIES."

London, Paris and Other Cities Across the Sea Remember the Father of the United States—Many American Cities Give Over Attention to Celebration—Washington Adverse to Celebrations While He Was Yet Alive—Old Joke Retold.

Washington, Feb. 22.—As usual, the birthday of George Washington was observed as a holiday in the capital of the nation, and numerous patriotic observances marked the day. The absence of the president and many other high government, naval and army officials, who are at Hampton Roads to welcome the fleet, detracted somewhat from the interest in the Washington observance.

Wall Street Deserted.
New York, Feb. 22.—Wall street was deserted and business generally suspended in lower New York today, while the metropolis celebrated the birthday of the nation's founder.

Hub City Honors Him.
Boston, Feb. 22.—Flags are floating all over Boston today in memory of Washington, and the Hub is sustaining its reputation as the most patriotic city of the land.

Paris is Observant.
Paris, Feb. 22.—Enthusiastic patriotism marked the celebration of Washington's birthday by the Americans.

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Attell and Reagan Ready.

San Francisco, Feb. 22.—Jimmy Reagan, Monte Attell, the bantams, who are to fight 20 rounds at Colma this afternoon, weighed in today and neither budged the beam at 116. Reagan is a favorite in the betting. The fight is scheduled to open at 3 o'clock.

THOUSANDS SEE CANALS FILLING

GREAT IRRIGATION PROJECT IN IDAHO IS LAUNCHED.

Government Project in Ada and Canyon Counties of Idaho, Attracts Thousands at the Opening—Is One of the Greatest Projects Undertaken by the Government—Payette-Boise Irrigation is Great Boon to Home-seekers and Settlers.

Boise, Feb. 22.—In the presence of officers of the reclamation service, state officers and members of the Idaho legislature, water was today diverted from the Boise river into the canal leading to the Deer Flat reservoir, 20 miles distant, making a formal opening of the Payette-Boise irrigation project. Four hundred thousand acres of land are included in the project, and means much to home-seekers.

It is the greatest piece of reclamation work ever undertaken by the United States government. Half of the 400,000 acres under the section opened today are irrigated by means of a great masonry dam in the Boise river, eight miles above Boise. The water is diverted to a system of canals covering a greater part of Ada and Canyon counties. Deer Flat reservoir, where the water will be stored, is the largest artificial body of water in the world. Special trains today brought settlers from the surrounding country to witness the opening.

Firm Under Cross-Examination.

Nashville, Feb. 22.—Under cross-examination today, Robin Cooper repeated the story of the killing of former Senator E. W. Carmack. He told practically the same story as under direct examination.

At one point Attorney General McCarn shouted: "You shot him when he was down, didn't you?" "That's a lie," declared Robin. "I shot him when he was standing, pointing a revolver at me."

TENDER WARM FLEET-WELCOME

MARVELOUS TOUR OF THE WORLD IS ENDED.

Having Been En Tour for Months, the Atlantic Fleet is Welcomed Home—Touches Hampton Roads Early in the Forenoon—Elaborate Reception Planned for Officers—Great Noise Crashes Through Old Point Comfort for Long Time Today.

Itinerary of the Fleet.

- ◆ Left Hampton Roads December 16, 1907.
- ◆ Arrived: Rio de Janeiro, January 12, 1908.
- ◆ Punta Arenas, January 31.
- ◆ Valparaiso, February 14.
- ◆ Callao, February 20.
- ◆ Magdalena Bay, March 12.
- ◆ San Francisco, May 6.
- ◆ Honolulu, July 16.
- ◆ Auckland, August 10.
- ◆ Sydney, August 20.
- ◆ Melbourne, August 29.
- ◆ Manila, October 2.
- ◆ Yokohama, October 18.
- ◆ Manila, first division, October 31.
- ◆ Amoy, second division, October 30.
- ◆ Colombo, December 12.
- ◆ Port Said, January 5, 1909.
- ◆ Naples, January 10.
- ◆ Villefrance, January 11.
- ◆ Malta, January 14.
- ◆ Marseilles, January 15.
- ◆ Gibraltar, January 31.
- ◆ Hampton Roads, February 22.
- ◆ Total distance covered: 44,227 miles.
- ◆ Time consumed—One year, two months and six days.
- ◆ Foreign countries visited—15.

Old Point Comfort, Va., Feb. 22.—Enthusiastically welcomed by the mad blowing of the whistles of a score of naval vessels and a hundred or more other ships, this only to be drowned out by the thunderous saluting of 21 guns from each of the 16 battleships in the column, America's record-breaking fleet sailed majestically into Hampton Roads today.

It was the fleet's home-coming after its circumnavigation of the globe—the most remarkable continuous voyage ever made by the warships of any navy.

President Roosevelt and Secretary of the Navy Newberry, who were the last to bid the fleet godspeed when it left Hampton Roads December 16, 1907, were the first to greet it upon

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FATAL EXCURSION TRAIN ACCIDENT

Delmar, Del., Feb. 22.—Filled with passengers en route to Norfolk to witness the reception of the Atlantic fleet, the first section of the Pennsylvania excursion train, southbound, collided with two locomotives in the yards here today. Seven men were killed outright.

Fire added to the horror, destroying the combination baggage and mail car. The victims were employees and the bodies have been recovered. Several passengers were buried under the debris, but none were seriously injured.

FLAW MAY INVALIDATE RACE BILL

Sacramento, Cal., Feb. 22.—"Racing will continue in California just the same as if the Otis-Walker bill never passed," was the boast made today by "intimate friends" of opponents of the measure. Word comes down the line that a loophole which will make the

bill ineffective, has been found. The bill is a draft of the Hughes' bill, which has proven effective in New York, but it is pointed out conditions are different here. The plan is to point out the loophole after the legislature adjourns.

TAFT PAYS TRIBUTE IN SPEECH

Philadelphia, Feb. 22.—President-elect Taft today addressed a great audience of students, faculty and graduates of the University of Pennsylvania, discussing the present relations of the learned professions to the govern-

ment. He referred to the interest and influence of various professions on politics. He paid a tribute to physicians, journalists, professional men in politics. He eulogized Washington.

ENTER SPOKANE ON HILL ROAD IS PRESENT PLAN

Seattle, Feb. 12.—That the Northern Pacific will use the tracks of the St. Paul road between Lind and Ellensburg, in eastern Washington for the operation of passenger trains, and that in return the St. Paul road will secure

entrance to Spokane over the rails of the Hill line, is the substance of a well-founded report circulating in railroad circles here. The negotiations for such an exchange of courtesies were in progress many weeks.

INSANE FARMER KILLS AND SUICIDES

Eleva, Wis., Feb. 22.—After the wholesale murder of his family, Hans Sveum, a farmer, today died from self-inflicted wounds. Sveum, recently released from the insane asylum, stabbed to death his four children and killed

23 head of stock and chopped up the bodies. He then stabbed himself and then jumped from a barn loft with a rope around his neck. At the same time he hurled a fire into the stable, firing the barn.



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