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ATTORNEY PUGH DISOBEYED COURT

MATTER OF RECORDING
PROBE REPORT OBNOXIOUS.

Because He Disobeyed Court's Orders District Attorney Pugh of Spokane is Charged With Contempt—Will Appeal His Case to the Supreme Court—Can Take Evidence of Gordon-Root Prove in Loughand But Not in Rapid Hand.

Spokane, March 13.—Prosecuting Attorney Pugh today announced his intention of defying the court's order that the grand jury investigation in the Gordon-Root charges be not recorded in shorthand and his deputy took notes in shorthand after the jury had requested the court to permit it. The court denied the request and will punish Pugh for contempt. The latter will appeal direct to the supreme court.

The court held the record could be made in longhand.

Counsel for the Great Northern railroad is here, apparently aiding Gordon's attorneys, although Gordon is accused of defrauding the Great Northern while acting as its division counsel.

There will be a special meeting of La Grande lodge, A. F. & A. M., this evening. Work in the Fellow Craft degree. Members and visiting members please take notice.

END LOW RATE WAR

HARRIMAN LINES ARE
ANXIOUS TO QUIT PRACTICE.

Shippers Alone Are Realizing Benefit From Seaboard-Gulf Water Rates—Less Tonnage Than Usual.

Chicago, March 13.—The Harriman lines are reported to be contemplating a cessation of steamship rate hostilities between the seaboard and gulf ports and seaboard ports of the Pacific coast. A tremendous loss in tonnage is claimed to be the principal cause for the move on the part of the roads west of Pittsburg and Chicago. The loudest complaint comes from merchants in the middle west, who declare they are losing a vast amount of business through the steamship fight, and shippers alone are profiting.

BOSS HARRIMAN CALLS HIS CHIEFS

NO DISCLOSURE OF THE
MEETING'S IMPORTANCE NOW.

Harriman Arrives From Phoenix to Consult With His Chiefs—No Leak of Import—Gould Discredits Rumor That Harriman Will Enter Gould Directorates.

Los Angeles, March 13.—Railroad officials here refused to discuss the (Continued on page 4.)

SLEUTH SHOT BY BLACK HAND

WORLD-WIDE INTEREST IS
DISPLAYED IN KILLING.

Detective of the United States Government Murdered in Rome by Black Hand—Assassins Fail to Obtain Papers Sought—Agent Had Information Regarding Black Hand Bands in Leading Nations of the Country—Astonishing Facts.

Rome, March 13.—Sensational developments are expected to follow the murder of Lieutenant Petrosino, of the New York detective force, who was shot down in the street last night by a member of the Black Hand. Papers found in his pockets revealed the astounding facts regarding an international Black Hand organization, which is shown to be conducted through a council of chiefs and Sicilian bandits, whose agents commit murder and arson in all parts of the world for money.

One document gives a full list of particulars regarding prominent Sicilian ex-convicts living at Palermo.

Petrosino was waiting for a car when a bullet, fired from a distance, killed him. A moment later the car approached, probably frightening away the assassin who intended to steal information contained in the notes concealed in Petrosino's pockets. The detective was sent here to go at the root of the Black Hand evil.

J. D. STOUT NAMED SUPERINTENDENT

BOARD MAKES SELECTION
AT MEETING LAST NIGHT.

New Superintendent of Schools in La Grande—Takes Office Next Fall—Comes Highly Recommended and Has Modern and Thorough Education—Mr. Hockenberry Will Continue as Superintendent Until Present Term is Ended.

Prof. J. D. Stout of Dayton, Wash., was selected last evening as superintendent of the La Grande public schools to succeed H. J. Hockenberry.

For the past 10 days our school board has been giving its attention to the selection of a superintendent for next year. For some time it has been generally known in school circles that Prof. Hockenberry would not be an applicant as a result the board had over 30 applicants, and the board wisely thought that by making the selection early it would have a better list to select from than later.

Professor Stout presented exceptionally fine recommendations and the members of the board think themselves fortunate in being able to secure him. From the data filed along with a large number of personal recommendations, we glean the following points concerning himself and family and his educational attainments:

To begin with, Professor Stout is 44 years of age, has a family consisting of a wife and one child; a graduate of Valparaiso University, Indiana, receiving degree of B. S.; since graduation he took one year's work in higher mathematics and astronomy; one and one-half years in a law school; spent one summer under Dr. Sanford Bell, specializing in child study and education. In addition to the above his actual school work appealed strongly to the board, as follows: two years' work at Harmony, Minnesota; three years at Mitchell, Iowa, and six years at Forest City, Iowa, and eight years as superintendent of the public schools at Dayton, Wash., which, according to the letters from the school board, it is stated that the school was in a demoralized condition when he took charge, and it is recognized today as

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LAND GRAB RING MAY BE FOILED

HYDE BENSON GANG
WORKING POINTED RUSE.

Notorious Gang May Benefit by Ignorance of Assemblymen Who Are Trying to Thwart Seals, But Unintentionally Play Into Grifters' Own Plans.

Sacramento, March 13.—That certain members of the assembly, acting in the best faith, are unintentionally playing directly into the hands of the Hyde-Benson-Ackerman interests by attempting to amend the Thompson anti-land grab bill, now before the lower house, was the statement made today by Attorney General Webb and Surveyor General Kingsbury, who are waging a war against the land grabbing ring in this state. They fear the assemblymen who are anxious of changing the bill in certain particulars will accomplish that which Hyde, Benson and Ackerman are endeavoring to do in other ways, namely, to kill the measure.

Webb and Kingsbury are making every effort to have the amendments offered last night by Assemblyman Preston turned down. The Hyde crowd is trying to secure adoption of the amendments.

LONG ARGUMENTS

COOPER TRIAL SET NEW
MARK IN JURISPRUDENCE.

For Three Days Defense Has Pleaded With Jury to Acquit the Three Men Murder Defendants.

Nashville, March 13.—At the conclusion of the closing argument by the defense today in the trial of the Coopers and John Sharpe, accused of the murder of Senator Carmack, one of the most remarkable closing arguments in the history of United States jurisprudence will have ended. Three days the attorneys for the defendants have argued and pleaded before the jury for justification of Carmack's death. Judge Anderson, succeeding General Washington in summing up for the defense, took the floor today.

RECALL MUDDLE STILL UNSOLVED

LOS ANGELES MAYORALTY
SQUABBLE HAS DEEPENED.

Length of Term of Appointed Mayor in Los Angeles in Doubt—Said by Some That Term Expires in May, Others That It Continues Longer—Crisis Near.

Los Angeles, March 13.—Municipal affairs in this city are more muddled today than ever over the result of the resignation of Mayor Harper, against whom the recall election was called. Adherents of George Alexander, the popular candidate, contend Harper's successor to be appointed by the city council on Monday, can only remain in office until March 26, when the recall election occurs. Opponents declare differently, holding the election was vitiated by Harper's resignation.

Harper, who at the time of resignation, acknowledged in writing he abdicated his office upon demand of H. Lee Clothworthy, representing the Los Angeles Record, has gone into the country with his family. The Record, in explaining why it recalled Harper, says after a quiet investigation into his private life it was convinced he was not the proper man to sit in the mayor's chair.

The Evening Express, one of the leading organs of the recallers, stated last night it possessed similar information concerning Harper's official acts.

A. H. Haworth, a horsebuyer of Portland, is here looking for a carload of heavyweight animals.

NICARAGUA IS WARLIKE AGAIN

UNCLUE SAM MAY SEND
MARINES TO STOP TROUBLE.

President Zelaya Must Not Invade San Salvador or Transport Troops If Amicable Relations Are to Continue Between United States and Mexico—Navy Department Said to Be Mobilizing Gunboats in Waters Near Warring Land.

Washington, March 13.—The navy department is considering the advisability of sending marines to Nicaragua and is waiting a suggestion from the Mexican government. Five hundred marines stationed at Panama, 200 at Guantanamo and Cuba are ready to sail at a moment's notice.

Ambassador De La Barr of Mexico, after continued cable communication with his government, has visited the state department today and announced that any attempts on the part of President Zelaya of Nicaragua, to invade San Salvador or Costa Rica, or to transport troops to those countries, will be the occasion for active participation by the United States and Mexico in the conflict.

Gunboats Moving. It was announced by the navy department that the gunboat Dubuque has gone to Guantanamo to Bluefields. The cruiser Tacoma has been ordered to proceed to Puerto Cortez, and the Yorktown to Amalpa on the Pacific coast.

At noon the state department had received no confirmation of the report of a naval engagement between the gunboats Presidente and Momotombo. The Presidente is an old wooden ship, which under the name of Empire, sailed from Portland years ago in the lumber trade.

Cleveland Meetings.

New York, March 13.—The Cleveland Memorial meeting in memory of Grover Cleveland on the 72d anniversary of his birth, will be held this afternoon in Carnegie hall. Mayor McClellan will preside and make an address. It is expected that President Taft, Chief Justice Fuller and Governor Hughes will speak. Richard Watson Gilder read a poem, and a letter from ex-President Roosevelt will also be read. In the evening a meeting will be held in the great hall of the City college. It will begin at 8:15 o'clock, and will be open to the public. Mayor McClellan will preside, and addresses will be made by Elihu Root and Governor Hughes. Though he will not speak a second time, President Taft, it is expected, will attend the evening meeting.

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