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## SPECIAL SESSION TO FERRET CRIME

GRAFTING IN OLYMPIA WILL BE INQUIRED INTO BY SOLONS

32 INVOLVED

SCHIVELY'S REFUSAL TO RESIGN TO BLAME.

Has Believed to be Considering Such A Step Now.

OLYMPIA, Wash., May 14.—Among the officials and legislators here, it is generally believed Governor Hay will call a special session of the legislature to inquire into the general situation regarding affairs of the state offices. The first gun for a special session will be fired when the legislative investigation committee files a report with the Governor upon his return from Olympia tomorrow.

Refusal of the state insurance commissioner, Schively, to resign, coupled with his announced determination to defy the legislature committee, will be the principal reason for the session.

Upon the heels of the disclosure brought to light by the committee, Representative W. M. Beach, of Mason county, today is preparing written charges which he will mail to the committee against all officers, and departments incurring a deficiency in the last biennial period. He states he will make charges on general ground that creation of deficiency under the law is a criminal offense. It is claimed 32 state officers are liable to civil and criminal action if Attorney General enforced the statute against them.

Sheriff Childers drove out to Alice today to serve some papers in connection with a land contest.

## WILL LEAVE WEDNESDAY. Pioneer Merchant Takes His Departure For Portland Next Week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Berry leave for Portland next Wednesday evening, to remain indefinitely. They request that anyone holding bills or accounts against them, present them at once. Mr. Berry will be about the city, and Mrs. Berry is making her home with Dr. and Mrs. M. K. Hall, until they leave.

Commercially and socially, too, La Grande is going to lose staunch workers, for during the 25 years of business connections in La Grande, they won for themselves innumerable friends.

### One Day More.

Just one more day to shoot for this week's prizes at the Indoor Rifle Range, they go Saturday night. There are two tied on first prize, score 27, and three tied on second, score 26.

### PRATT TAKES OFFICE.

SPOKANE, May 14.—The new city administration, headed by Mayor N. S. Pratt, Democrat, was installed today. The Mayor's message emphasized the importance of increasing the water supply 30 per cent.

## KERMIT LOST IN AFRICA'S JUNGLE

ROAD ALL NIGHT ALONE TRYING TO FIND HIS CAMP

NAIROBI, British East Africa, May 13.—Kermit Roosevelt lost his way, and rode all night through the jungles recently, according to a story, which leaked out here today. The incident is minimized by Roosevelt. Kermit was riding horseback 20 miles south of camp when he lost his bearings. He arrived at camp just as his father and other members of the party were organizing a searching party.

## VENGEANCE ON GRAND JURYMAN

LAWLESSNESS BREAKS OUT IN NIGHT RIDER'S CAMP

GUARD FUTILE

JUROR'S BODY SUSPENDED FROM HIS BARN RAFTER.

Helped to Indict 100 Night Riders During Prosecution.

UNION CITY, Tenn., May 14.—Mansfield Harelson, a member of the grand jury which indicted 100 men accused of being night riders, was lynched to a barn rafter in his barn last night by night riders, it is supposed. The body was found by K. Carmack, who slept at Harelson's house at the latter's request, to assist him in case of an attack. Carmack did not hear anybody enter during the night, and when morning came, it brought with it the fatal news. The whole section of the country is alarmed at the fearlessness of the night riders, for any effort to apply justice to them leaves the adjuster of evils open to death from a hundred various ways.

Harelson has been alarmed for several days, following discovery of the plot against his life.

Later this afternoon brought out a rumor that the deed may have self-inflicted.

### STRIKE ABOUT OVER.

PARIS, May 14.—Movement of the mails today, excepting printed matter, is almost normal. It is believed the strike is almost broken. Government officials said today many strikers are applying for reinstatement.

## NOTED CALDWELL CHASED BY MOB

FAMOUS PERSONAGE ARRESTED ON SERIOUS CHARGES TODAY

A WILD CHASE

MAN WHO ATTACKED SECRETARY KNOX IN TROUBLE.

Charged With Attempting to Entice Girl From Home.

COLUMBUS, Ind., May 14.—Charles Caldwell, the attorney who recently attempted to oust Secretary P. C. Knox from office, was arrested today after being pursued last night by a posse of 100 men, bearing a rope, and headed by two bloodhounds. He is held by the father of Bena Remy, aged 16, the girl whom, he is accused of attempting to entice from her home. Caldwell was covered with mud when found, hiding in a law office here. It is charged he wrote letters to the girl asking her to leave home with him.

Caldwell was placed in jail at Ellettsville at his own request. Mrs. Caldwell has filed suit for divorce, alleging sensational charges.

Caldwell first gained notoriety when he wrote to Washington demanding Philander C. Knox be ousted from office as Secretary of State, charging he was ineligible, because he voted for an increase in salary for Secretary of State, while he was still Senator. Papers in the ouster suit were returned to Caldwell a few days ago, because they were improperly drawn. He has been practicing law here about a year.

## TOBACCO TRUST STEALS VAST SUM

OVER \$184,000,000 STOLEN FROM GOVERNMENT LATELY

WASHINGTON, May 14.—Branding tobacco trust as "most compact, effective private monopoly existing," Senator Beveridge, today told the Senate, the government has lost \$184,099,557, which could have been collected in revenues the last eight years. Instead it has gone into the coffers of the octopus. He made the assertion when he introduced an amendment to the tariff bill providing for an increase in rates and duty on tobacco. He declared his amendment would bring at least \$21,461,954 more revenue yearly than the present revenue.

### GRAND COURT OF FORESTERS

County Clerk Ed Wright intends to leave this evening for Portland, where he will remain for a few days, returning Thursday to Hills River where he will attend, as Grand Secretary, the convention of the Grand Court of Foresters.

Dr. G. L. Biggers and Neri Ackles will go as delegates from the local lodge. They will probably leave La Grande on Monday.

### SUNDAY GAMES.

Perry to Meet La Grande on Local Grounds Next Sunday.

Cove Plays Huntington at Huntington, La Grande plays Perry here, and Baker City plays Union at Union next Sunday, the third week of organized amateur baseball in Eastern Oregon. The home game should be an interesting one.

## CLASH WITH MOB. Militia Attempts to Guard Prisoners in Tyler, Texas.

DALLAS, Texas, May 14.—A clash between soldiers and a mob at Tyler, Texas, is reported here today. The mob attempted last night to rescue a number of citizens jailed at Tyler, for alleged participation in the lynching of Jim Hargis on May 3. The troops are guarding the jail.

### Scales Painted.

A coat of red paint was applied to the city scales this morning. The painting was done to protect the wood work from ravages of the weather. The paint, about which there has been some discussion as to its efficiency, is some that was bought to use in painting the fire hydrants recently.

### Engine in Ditch.

UNION, May 14.—(Special) The new Central Railroad of Oregon engine went in the ditch yesterday evening near here, when it struck an open switch. No serious damage resulted.

F. S. Bramwell returned this morning from Portland.

## LOSS OF MONEY BRINGS ON DEATH

POOR WOMAN ROBBED, LOSES MIND AND FINALLY DIES

SPOKANE, Wash., May 14.—Mrs. Ida Smith, aged 36, died last night in the insane asylum at Medical Lake, as the result of insanity caused by an encounter with highwaymen in Bigelow Gulch, a road near this city a month ago. She was a poor farmer woman making a living for her children. After the robbers took the money from her, she became demented than the present revenue.

## ROB BREMERTON OFFICE OF CASH

MOST DARING CRIME OF MANY YEARS ABOUT SEATTLE

SHATTERS SAFE

THOUSANDS IN STAMPS AND CASH TAKEN.

Safe Room Shattered by Explosion That Wrecked a Safe.

SEATTLE, May 14.—One of the most daring crimes committed in this vicinity for years, occurred this morning, when bandits landed at Bremerton in a launch, and forced their way into the postoffice there, blew the safe and stole thousands of dollars worth of stamps and several hundred dollars in money, and then escaped. It is supposed the robbery occurred between 3 and 4 o'clock this morning. The interior of the room where the safe was located, is wrecked. The door of the safe was blown across the room. No clues.

A scene of confusion greeted the clerks when they went to work. It is estimated between \$5,000 and \$6,000 in stamps, and between \$250 and \$300 were stolen. They entered the postoffice from the rear door. Mail sacks were strewn about the room. It is apparent they were piled against the safe to deaden the report of the explosion.

### Governor at Roseburg.

SALEM, May 14.—Governor Benson, his wife, and Attorney General Crawford went to Roseburg today to participate in the strawberry festival there.

## Fashion's Choicest Selections

New Lines for Spring and Summer wear have been arriving daily and we are certain that never before have we had such an elegant showing of new and up-to-date merchandise.

## New Waist Suits and Dresses

in all the newest colors and every one from the cheapest to the most expensive is elegantly tailored.

Waist Suits from \$4.00 to \$17.50



Wash Dresses from \$2.50 to \$27.50

Come in and see them. You are always welcome at

## THE FAIR

## Union Road Files Deed

Three deeds relating to the property of the Central Railway of Oregon, about which there has been so much speculation recently, were filed in the office of the county recorder today. The first one is from the receiver of the road to Charles E. Graham, Commissioner from the committee of stockholders, and conveys all the property of the corporation to him for a consideration of \$200,000, as related in the Observer at the time of the sale. The second deed is from V. T. Hammer, Edwin Wilcox, A. H. Smith and D. R. Alling, composing a committee of bondholders. In this deed the consideration named is merely nominal, being, but \$10, and conveys to the corporation all the property sold to Graham by the receiver. In deed No. 3, the property is turned back for \$300,000 to Charles E. Graham, commissioner for the bondholders, by Edwin Wilcox, president of the corporation, and the American Trust Company.

## NOMINATIONS COME FAST FOR FAVORITES

Several nominations for queen of society in this city, and are sponsored by personal friends. The list of nominees will be published tomorrow afternoon, and the complete list will appear in the Sunday morning Star. In the same issues voting places and arrangements for conducting the contest will be announced.

### FESTIVAL QUEEN NOMINATION BALLOT.

I hereby nominate ..... for La Grande's Queen at the Portland Rose Festival, June 7 to 12.

(Signed) .....

Deposit this vote at either newspaper office before Saturday noon, May 15.