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BULL ADVANCED FOR COUNCILMAN

CURTISS RESIGNS AND CANDIDATES ARE APPEARING

When Council Meets Next Time it Will be Confronted by One Petition at Least For Naming A Successor to G. M. Curtiss Resigned—Curtiss Has Changed Headquarters—Presumed That Others Will Enter The Field in Near Future.

Residents of North La Grande or the fourth ward as it is called in municipal circles, are looking about for a successor to Councilman G. M. Curtiss, who has resigned on account of having made Telocaset his permanent headquarters while employed by the O. R. & N. It will become necessary for the council to fill the appointment of the holdover councilman, but before the council acts, the residents themselves will exercise the influence of petition. Already such a paper is being circulated by friends of Jeff Bull and Mr. Bull will be held up by them as their man for the place.

It is likely that the council will take action on this matter at the next election and it is also probable that other petitions will be presented at that time.

LUMBERMEN RETURN.

Several Prominent Men Return From Tour of North End And Wallowa.

A group of the northwest lumbermen, who were in the city Tuesday, to attend the convention of lumbermen, returned today from Joseph. When the special train went west from here Tuesday, some of them went to Joseph, Imbler and Summerville. These have all returned and after conferring with local lumbermen will return to their respective homes.

CHARGED WITH LIBEL.

Officials of San Francisco Call Charged by Labor Leaders.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 27.—Claiming that he was accused of an attempt to betray the Union Labor party by an article appearing in the San Francisco Call, P. H. McCarthy, president of the Building Trades Council and mayoralty candidate, yesterday swore to a complaint charging Ernest Simpson, Managing Editor, and Charles Hornick, General Manager of the paper, with libel.

MANIAC STARTS A WILD PANIC

THREATENS TO BLOW BANK TO PIECES WITH BOMB.

Women Trampled Under Foot in Mad Rush For Safety.

REDWOOD CITY, Calif., May 27.—Voicing wild threats to drop a dynamite bomb on the tiled floor at the Redwood City National Bank unless \$50,000 were paid him immediately, a dangerous escaped maniac from the state asylum at Agnews, created a panic among a score of bank patrons late yesterday.

In the wild rush for doors several women were trampled down. Upon entering the bank the maniac made straight for the assistant cashier, Frank Towne's window. "I want fifty thousand immediately or I will blow the place up with a bomb," he shouted. "The public owes me money and I am going to get it."

Miss Mary Ann Gillis, a stenographer, saw the rush and thinking the bomb would burst at any moment, she screamed and fainted. Presently Deputy Sheriff Hazton arrived and arrested the man.

Attorney Denham came up from Elgin this afternoon to appear at motion day.

NEGLECT CAUSED PALOUSE FAILURE

DEPUTY EXAMINER THROWN OUT FOR HIS NEGLECT

That the Failure of the Palouse Bank Recently Was Occasioned by Poor Management Under Administration of Boone, Now Deputy Examiner, is Statling Charge Made—Total Shortage Around Fifty Thousand—Examiner Not Notified.

SEATTLE, May 27.—Following a conference with Hay, State Bank Examiner Mohundro today issued order suspending Former Senator Boone as deputy bank examiner, pending an investigation of the affairs of the defunct Palouse State bank of which Boone was president for many years. Boone sold his interest in January to W. J. Hankinson, the vice-president. Mohundro said: "Hankinson and the Old National bank of Spokane, to which the Palouse bank was indebted, went to the superior court at Colfax and asked for the appointment of a temporary receiver, without calling in my office, or making the bank's condition known to us. We discovered on examination that the books were about \$50,000 in the hole. It may be more or less, in my opinion all due to poor management on the part of the bank officials prior to and during the Boone administration. It is not known whether or not the suspension of Boone will be permanent."

The Prizes This Week.

Mr. Ferguson got busy this morning at the Indoor Rifle Range, raising the score to 28. G. R. Carlock stands second with 27. A hammerless shot gun is first prize, second prize \$5.00.

Fast Train Late.

No. 7 the fast passenger train was slow today, arriving here at 12:15. Usually the train is on time.

MYSTERY VEILS UNKNOWN DEAD

JURY ATTEMPTS TO HOLD INQUEST THIS MORNING

Body of Stranger Killed at Telocaset Brought to La Grande Last Evening—Seems Man Was Killed or Suffered Before Being Mangled by Freight Train—Strange Weapons Found in his Possession—Evidently A Spanish Nobleman.

I. S. Winn, B. F. Wade, George Ball, C. P. Ellsworth, M. McMurry and H. O. Walker were called this morning as coroner's jury to hold an inquest over the remains of the Spaniard or Cuban who was run over by the engine of an extra east bound freight, yesterday morning at Telocaset. After viewing the remains and calling in Dr. Hall to examine a wound that gave indication of having been made by a gun shot, the inquest was postponed until the arrival of No. 7, upon which was one of the train crews needed for witnesses. The man is fearfully mangled. Scarcely every bone in the body is broken several times, and the spinal column is ground into small pieces. One arm was torn off and also both feet. The top of the head is crushed and the brains were squashed out. Internally the body is a conglomerate mess.

Dr. Hall made as thorough an examination in search of a bullet as was possible under the circumstances, but could find none, and it is probable that the supposed knife or bullet wound was made by a bolt end.

In spite of the supposition that the man was traveling as a tramp an air of mystery surrounds his death, for from the numerous papers and letters upon his person he seems to have been a person of some importance. He was heavily armed, and from some kind of an injury he had bled quite freely before the engine of the extra train struck him. Moreover, the clotted blood was outside the rails, showing that he was wounded in some manner several hours before. It is probable that screams heard by Mrs. Canfield and Mrs. Green as No. 5 was passing Telocaset Tuesday night came from the injured man. But whether he fell from No. 5, was murdered and laid on the track immediately after the train passed, or was killed while attempting to board the passenger will probably never be known.

When No. 7 arrived the crew was held a few minutes, but Juror Ellsworth had misunderstood the hour of the arrival and was missing so they were ordered to proceed to Pendleton and return tonight on No. 8. The crew of the extra was examined, beginning at 1 o'clock and continuing for several hours. From their testimony it is certain that the man was dead before struck by Engine 355. Conductor Cherry testified that as soon as he arrived at the head end and went to the place where the engine first struck the man he found blood spattered over the ties and on the gravel that was clotted and dried up. After noticing this he felt of the arm, which at that time was the only part of the body that he could get at, it being wound up in the engine, and found it cold. He is certain that the man had been dead for some time. The testimony of the rest of the crew was substantially the same. Tonight after Conductor Waffle and his crew get in, the jury will hold another session in the further effort to learn if possible, how the man was first hurt.

The gun which was found at the spot is of a very old pattern, being a double barreled affair, shooting balls of immense size. H. O. Walker, one of the jury, says it is the kind carried by many Mexicans. His name is not positively known, but is thought to be Alonzo.

It is apparent that the letters found on his person are written in Spanish, and sometime before the jury

finishes its deliberations, George T. Cochran, the local attorney, will be called to translate the communications.

A verdict may not be reached until late tonight or tomorrow morning.

Southern Town Submerged.

JACKSON, Miss., May 27.—The town of Quitman, is submerged today as the result of floods. Business is suspended and residents are in the upper parts of houses. The loss is heavy throughout the state. Miles of railroad is destroyed.

SMALL BOYS TO HAVE LICENSES

BOYS UNDER SIXTEEN REQUIRED TO CARRY PERMITS.

Boys' Licenses For Fishing Can be Had Free of Costs.

SALEM, May 27.—According to an opinion by Attorney General Crawford, rendered this morning, boys under 16 must have a fishing license, which they can get free from the county clerk. The new game code does not say anything about women getting licenses.

The matter of licenses for boys under 16 was raised and rushed through the attorney general's office as the time is already at hand when the license law is effective. Boys without licenses are deemed to be subject to prosecution like adults, if apprehended without the needed paper.

Harriman Takes Passage.

NEW YORK, May 27.—Harriman today took passage on the liner Kaiser Wilhelm, which sails for Europe on June 1.

Change of Vaudeville.

There will be a complete change of vaudeville at the Scenic tonight. New pictures were shown last evening and like the vaudeville, were satisfactory to the theatre goers.

SLEUTHS LIED CRIES MR. HENEY

STARTLING CHARGES PREFERRED AGAINST SLEUTHS.

Contradictory Evidence Introduced in Calhoun Trial.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 27.—That the prosecution in the Calhoun trial will try to prove that Luthern G. Brown and Thomas Gibson, United Railroad's detectives, gave testimony they know to be untrue, was the assertion of Heney today. The statement was called for by objection offered by the defense attorney, King to Heney's question to Dr. Guy Brown of Oakland, who was on the stand. Brown has testified he was in the James Gallagher home at Oakland, when it was dynamited, and that Gallagher was also in the house at the time, contrary to the testimony offered within the last week.

HANLEY MAKES STRONG SHOWING

PORTLAND, May 27.—Long miles of sage brush and bunch grass lands, are traversed figuratively in the federal court this morning, following the defense introduced in behalf of William Hanley, charged by the government with "fencing" 80,000 acres of public land in Harney county, Oregon. A. Faulkner, the civil engineer, Burns, also a surveyor in Harney county, produced maps of the contested lands.

CRIMINAL CASES FEW THIS TERM

ON THE OTHER HAND, CIVIL CASES ARE MANY

Grand Jury Met This Morning And Went Into Session at Once—Coming Term Replete With Civil Suits, But Few Criminal Ones—Two Cases of General Interest to be Heard—Motion Day Brings Attorneys Before Circuit Court.

THE GRAND JURY.

W. H. Bohnenkamp, foreman.
Peter O'Sullivan, La Grande.
T. P. Ficklin, Union.
T. B. Martin, Medical Springs.
F. A. Day, Island City.
J. A. Holman, Island City.
J. P. Halley, La Grande.

At 3:45 this afternoon the grand jury reported six true bills, but only one was made public, that of E. S. Conaway, charged with robbing the Island City Flouring Mill on May 15. The others are held secret. Conaway was arraigned and will plead Friday.

Union county's grand jury is in session, but what the substance being worked on is like, is of course a mystery yet. It convened this morning and will no doubt make no reports until later in the week. The coming term of the circuit court will evidently be light, as the docket at present shows only two criminal cases of any great importance. The one of them is the case against Parker and Halley, charged with taking land from the E. W. Oliver residence some time ago. Parker was brought back from Northern Idaho recently to stand trial. The other case is that of the short change artist, Wilson, who is in jail awaiting trial.

The civil docket is much heavier and this department will keep the court sitting considerable time.

Motions of various kinds and descriptions were heard today.

M'MAHON AT VALE TO BLOCK ROAD

SALEM ATTORNEY AT VALE TO CORRAL TREASURER.

Having Temporarily Stalled Crater Road, Goes to Vale.

SALEM, May 27.—L. H. McMahon, who thinks he has stopped the expenditure by the state of \$100,000 for construction of the Crater Lake road by filing proceedings in the circuit court of Marion county, has gone to Vale to file a suit in that county enjoining the county treasurer from applying funds appropriated by the legislature for the construction of a bridge across Snake river from Ontario into Boise. The treasurer of Malheur county has already obtained possession of a sum, \$10,000, but McMahon is on his trial.

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