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MUST PLEAD OR FORFEIT BOND

SCRIBER PLEADINGS WILL BE HEARD ON NOVEMBER 18.

Alleged in Portland that Scriber Will Plead Insanity when He is Arraigned—McCourt Will Prosecute His Old Time Friend Regardless of All Former Ties—Scriber Has but a Short Time Left in Which to Act.

Portland, Ore. Nov. 8.—With a plea of insanity, J. W. Scriber, the wrecker of the Farmer's & Trader's National Bank of La Grande, expects to escape the penalty prescribed for bank looters by the laws of the United States. Until today it has been understood by United States Attorney McCourt that the former cashier would plead guilty and throw himself upon the leniency of the court, as well as to make an effort to gain the sympathy of his old time friend and neighbor, the attorney for the United States. If Scriber had intentions of abiding by the plea of guilty he has abandoned it at this time. If he expected to disarm the prosecution by misleading them into not being ready to present their evidence to a jury in a convincing manner he has overshot the mark. McCourt, an acquaintance of many years with the La Grande exponent of "high finance," but will force the defendant to face the jury November 18 or forfeit his \$40,000 bond upon which he is at liberty.

The district attorney came to his present office from a town near that

LORD MAYOR TAKES OATH

EVENT AKIN TO THE CROWNING OF A KING.

Great Ceremony Lasting Two Days Commences this Morning.

London, Nov. 8.—Sir John Knill, who was elected Lord Mayor of London on Michaelmas Day, took the oath of office today before the Lord High Chancellor. His induction into office will be completed tomorrow, when he will head a state procession to the courts of law, where he will be formally presented to the lord chief justice and the barons of the exchequer. The event will be made the occasion of a city holiday tomorrow, and a great pageant and banquet in the Guildhall in the evening, with cabinet ministers, foreign ambassadors and judges as guests, will complete the elaborate ceremony. Sir John is a catholic, as was his father, Sir Stuart Knill, who was Lord Mayor in 1902.

of the defendant. But he does not propose to pay any attention to the ties of friendship which preceded his oath of office.

"It is one of the duties which comes to a public officer, unpleasant, but necessary," says McCourt. The district attorney expects to show the whole scheme of forgeries and entries on the books of the bank were so cunningly executed as to preclude any defense of insanity. There are four cases against Scriber, aggregating 40 counts.

Miss Margaret Ody of Elgin came down this afternoon to visit her niece Mrs. C. R. Craig.

SPECIAL TRAIN TO CARRY MEN

INDUSTRIAL TROUBLES AT SPOKANE CONTINUE UNABATED

Special Trainload of Industrial Workers Go to Spokane—Workers File Another Damage Suit Against the City—Executive Officers on Scene To Help the Fight—No Evidence of Any Shortage of Funds With Which to Carry on War.

Spokane, Nov. 8.—Twenty industrialists were arrested this morning. As yet there is no sign of any abatement of the funds with which the industrial workers are carrying on their bloodless war against the city officials of this city. The workers today are alleging that three of their telegrams from Portland have been seized by the police.

The report was received this morning by the officials of the city that over four hundred workers who are working on the Sound have chartered a special train and are now preparing to come to Spokane.

The executive officers of the Industrial Workers of the World have arrived on the scene of action from the headquarters in Portland and are now conducting the fight on more systematic lines. Another damage suit was filed against the city this morning and others are in preparation.

A. A. Roberts left for Pendleton yesterday for a brief visit with his son.

WILD PANIC IN NEW YORK BLAZE

VICTIMS LEAP TO THEIR DEATH IN MANY INSTANCES.

Nine Killed and Many Others Injured in Wild Panic During a Fire in New York this Morning—Explosion is the Starting of the trouble—Stairways Blocked and Inmates Hurl Themselves through Windows to Pavement Thirty Feet Below.

New York, Nov. 8.—Nine persons, eight of whom were workmen and one a boy perished in the fire which completely destroyed a large celluloid factory in Brooklyn this morning.

The factory whistle had scarcely ceased blowing and the operatives had hardly taken their accustomed places when a heavy dull explosion occurred on the second floor and almost instantly the entire second floor was a mass of flame.

The fire quickly spread to the first and third stairways, cutting off all chance for escape by the usual routes. At this the operatives became panic stricken and rushed for the windows, fighting and screaming, from which they hurled themselves to the pavement below. Some threw themselves through the glass of the windows, receiving frightful cuts, while others pitched headlong from the windows alighting on their heads and receiving fatal injuries.

On the upper floor were an army of girls employed making fancy celluloid Christmas articles and these hurled themselves from the windows regardless of consequences.

The bodies recovered were those of the workmen employed on the same floor where the explosion took place and it is supposed they were instantly suffocated from the gas from the exploding celluloid. The fall from the third story windows was only thirty feet which accounted for the small loss of life resulting from the leaping from the operatives leaping from the windows to the pavement.

ASTOR FAMILY IS DIVORCED

ABSOLUTE DIVORCE GIVEN TO MRS. J. J. ASTOR.

Must be Co-Correspondent in Case, Judging by Action.

New York, Nov. 8.—Mrs. John Jacob Astor was today divorced from her husband, the New York Millionaire. Mrs. Astor was for years the acknowledged leader of the Four Hundred. The news applied concerning the divorce recently, created a sensation in New York Society. The hearing was held behind closed doors and the reason for the suit was never given out publicly.

Justice, who gave the decision granted an absolute divorce and ordered the papers in the case sealed. As there is only one ground in New York on which an absolute divorce can be granted the society people here are anxious to learn the details of the affair and learn the name of the co-correspondent in the case. Mr. Astor offered no defense in the case, he now being absent cruising in Southern waters.

on the field of play. The cause of the attack on the moral attitude of La Grande is unexplainable. La Grande players were outweighed 15 pounds to the man, yet the Democrat asserts that the team adopted slugging and smashing tactics. The Democrat says that La Grande attempted to steal the game, if picking up a fumble is stealing the ball, then the Observer knows nothing of football. If La Grande's moral attitude is so low and so debasing as to warrant their expulsion from the Eastern Oregon Association (which is an untruth, denied by the officials, Prof. Churchill of Baker City, the players, the spectators and sober minded element of Baker City), then what of the conduct of the Baker City coach, McKim, and his father? When Coach McKim struck viciously at Coach Wall who was standing on the sideline and saying nothing, Coach McKim missed his mark. His father, who was standing near, did not, and striking from behind like a Gresser, dealt Mr. Wall a terrific blow on the jaw. He still bears the mark. This was one of the many fights on the side lines, and still the Democrat attacks the La Grande morals. Time and again Baker City was penalized for rough playing, and La Grande not once. Yet the Democrat belittles the La Grande playing. Prof. Churchill has admitted that he was ashamed of Baker City's actions. He protected the La Grande boys by ordering special police protection for them, and in many other ways made himself noticeable as anxious to act right. La Grande reciprocated Prof. Churchill's work by refraining from any dirty work on the field of play and even when Bakerites slugged La Grande boys, which was a fact, not a man struck back. If La Grande ever acted gentlemanly, it did last Saturday. If it has ever deserved praise for honesty and true sportsmanship, it did then.

That portion of the Democrat's article which the most liberal amount of spleen in it and which has nothing to do with the condition of affairs except in one sentence, follows:

"Return to La Grande's attempt to steal the game. It was unquestionably most manifest and was a disgrace to the high ideals of true sportsmanship, and while the Democrat is willing to abide by the decision which made the score tie, because in certain departments of the game Baker was clearly outplayed, it does believe that Baker High School should have nothing further to do with La Grande schools until the men they put up as members of their team have some sort of idea of honor. For the last two years there has been bad blood between the towns. Until yesterday, it must be confessed, the writer had only the newspaper reports to judge by, but if yesterday's work was a sample, then La Grande should be excluded from the Conference of Eastern Oregon schools."

Asserting and inferring in tones analogous to the whimperings of a whipped pup, that the La Grande players resorted to the lowest and the meanest level in trying to steal a football game at Baker City last Saturday, the Sunday morning Democrat of Baker City has thrown a taste and a robe of absurdities and untruths on the contest which will require years to remove, and in fact it is doubtful if the stains of the smear will ever be eradicated. The reason is that hundreds may perhaps read the Democrat for the report of the game and turn away with a frown against La Grande to last for years. The writer of the article saw the football game, but he did not see the inexcusable things he calls facts. He came as near the truth as a well, those who saw the game and read the article know of its worth. That the Democrat does not voice the sentiment of the people of Baker City and of the school management is a fact. That it is almost alone, backed up with a few mutterings of people not affiliated with the Baker high school is also apparent. The Baker City Herald will this afternoon say that the game was comparatively clean and that La Grande acted like gentlemen

LA GRANDE WILL HAVE NEW FEEDER

FERTILE SECTION OF WALLOWA IS UNBOTTLED.

Remote Section of Wallowa County is to be Connected with Transportation at Rondawa by New County Road—Will be One of the Best Feeders for La Grande in that County—Rondawa is to be the New Gateway Farmers Give Aid.

Rondawa, Ore. Nov. 8.—Special—Rondawa is to be the gateway to a large section of Northern Wallowa county that heretofore has been all but bottled up as far as convenient access to transportation is concerned. Through the intercessions of John Anthony on the one hand and the settlers living in and about Promise, Grossman and Powwaska the county court of Wallowa county has taken steps to make a new outlet to that restricted district of Wallowa county.

A county road is to be built through to Promise, Grossman and Powwaska, which will be the pathway over which the large stock shipments and fruit consignments of that section will now find transportation. These settlers in there have subscribed \$2000 and the county court will do the rest. The road is to be a one percent grade until it reaches the C. W. Brown road on the hill above Rondawa.

At the present time, all the county adjacent to the towns named, and to many other small communities now rapidly developing have to go 25 miles to the town of Wallowa and there strike a railroad. When the new road is opened up, the distance from the three towns, to Rondawa—and railroad facilities, will be from four to sixteen miles.

La Grande and Union county will get the trade that has been going to Wallowa for it will be much nearer to go to Rondawa and take the train for La Grande, than it is to stage to Wallowa over bad roads.

People living at Troy and in other remote sections northwest from Rondawa need no longer come out to the Lookingglass by a route that during the good road period is seventy miles or more in length, but can come out to Rondawa with their fruit and other produce at something less than half that distance and on roads that are passable, always.

This is one of the best moves that has been made for the betterment of that fruit and stock section of Wallowa county, and is one of the best feeders for Union county, that has happened since the railroad went in.

Ogden After Fight. Ogden, Utah, Nov. 8.—Telegrams have been sent to Johnson and Jeffries in New York by Jimmie Dunn offering \$80,000 for the fight between the two great pugilists to be pulled off in Ogden at the time of the National Wool Grower's Convention in January, which will take place from the 4th to the ninth.

Masons in Savannah. Savannah, Ga., Nov. 8.—Masons of all degrees and from many states are in Savannah today to attend the tenth triennial assembly of the general grand council, Royal and Select Masons of the United States, and the thirty-fourth triennial convocation of the general grand chapter, Royal Arch Masons of the United States. The sessions will extend through the week.

Charities and Corrections. Baltimore, Nov. 8.—Correction of "bad boys," care of the insane, education of children and conservation of public health are among the topics on the program of the Fifth Maryland Conference of Charities and Corrections, opening today.

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THE FAIR

BAKER DEMOCRAT EXHIBITS SPLEEN

COMES FAR FROM THE TRUTH IN ITS FOOTBALL STORIES.

Uncalled for Attack on La Grande's Moral Attitude Resented.

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