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## LAY FAULT TO CUNNINGHAM

### ENTRYMEN ATTEMPT TO ESCAPE IN NEWLY FOUND LOOPHOLE AT SPOKANE

#### PROMOTIONS NOT PART OF ORIGINAL CONTRACTS.

#### Cunningham Hearing May Conclude at Spokane Tomorrow Night. Indications Today.

Spokane, Dec. 10.—Efforts are being made by the entrymen that were recently examined in the Cunningham coal land inquiry to shift the responsibility for the various enterprises that have been launched in connection with the joint development of the coal projects, to the shoulders of Clarence Cunningham.

The government has introduced the private journal of Cunningham's and also reports showing that they have invested money in railroad surveys, wharves, coal bunkers, tunnels etc., and that all of this was paid for out of the common fund, showing collusive action by the entrymen in the development of their property.

The entrymen now disclaim any participation in these promotion schemes and say that they have been worked entirely by Cunningham. One man by the name of Neill sold his claims some months ago through H. V. Winchell of Minneapolis, who is said to be buying for the Guggenheims, for the sum of \$15,000. The title is placed in the name of Fred S. Snyder. The Cunningham-Spokane inquiry is expected to conclude tomorrow night unless Clarence Cunningham should be called to the stand.

Spokane, Wash. Dec. 10.—Local agents of the forest reserve, during the investigation yesterday into the Cunningham coal land frauds that some of the entries actually had designs on the forest lands and that they had actually taken possession of four claims within the forest reserves besides grabbing valuable water and power rights. Gifford Pinchot, forester, had previously charged this against Cunningham and his associates more than a year ago, when the coal claims came up for patenting for the first time, at Washington. Any knowledge or association in this is strenuously denied by the land office with the claim that there was no timber on the lands in question. In the evidence of Henry White of Wallace, Idaho, which was heard yesterday, goes to show that Clarence Cunningham has figured that the timber holdings of the syndicate was a valuable asset.

As the progress of the inquiry into the coal land deal continues the belief is strengthened in the minds of the court that the contention made by some of the investigators to the fact that the Cunningham entrymen felt that they were safe with the general land office and that patents would be issued regardless of any action that they might take. The testimony shows that Cunningham has been a professional promoter on a large scale in other things besides timber lands. The testimony goes to show that he and his associates had secured control of the only available coal supply that could be used for railroads and shipping, besides town sites, water power, etc. Each proposition was separate but had the same stockholders and boards of directors, and was composed in each instance of the coal entrymen.

#### Chinamen to Debate.

Philadelphia, Dec. 10.—Chinson Young, a gifted young Chinaman, will be one of the Pennsylvania representatives in tonight's debate with Columbia. Young speaks English fluently and is a skilled debater.

#### Captain at Fault.

Portland, Dec. 10.—Carelessness or negligence in attempting to cross the Tillamook Bar in an ebb tide on November 26, is the reason that is given by the local inspector for suspending the license of Captain Levi Snyder, master of the wrecked steamer Argo. The suspension is for the period of 12 months. The decision was made public today. For the next year the captain will be unable to take command of another steamer.

#### ELKS TO GIVE PLAY.

Local Lodge to Manage "Sweet-Inn-fallen" at Stewards Soon.

Under the auspices of the local lodge of Elks, "Sweet Inn-fallen," a romantic Irish comedy-drama in which the clever comedian Bernard Daly is to star, will be staged at the Steward opera house late in December. Scenic effects are one of the features of the coming show. Full announcement will be made in the Observer later on.

## APPLE SHOW AT DENVER

### PRETTY GIRLS TO BE ONE OF THE ATTRACTIONS.

#### When Apple Show Meets, Buxom Damazels will be Headlines.

Denver, Dec. 10.—All Denver will make a special effort to entertain the pretty girls from the apple district of Colorado and New Mexico, during the big apple exposition in the Auditorium during the first week in January and when one of this galaxy of the fair sex, with cheeks as red as the juicy apples that grow in their sections of the state is crowned "Queen of the Apple Show," all Denver will pay homage to the brilliant of brilliant King Apple.

The young queen will be crowned in the auditorium, on Friday night and on Saturday night a brilliant social ball will be tendered the queen and her court, in the spacious ball room of the Brown Palace hotel. The coronation will take place with all the pomp and ceremony of a similar scene in the old world. The stage settings will be elaborate and the robes and costumes magnificent.

Lords and dukes and gallant knights will be there—in act all the great nobles of the apple domain—in all of the splendor of their greatness and glory. Immediately surrounding the queen will be the rest of the pretty girls from the apple district, who will be maids of honor.

The contest for queen during the early stages of the show will be spirited and the fair ruler will not win her throne without a spirited struggle on the part of her fearless knight. It will be a battle of votes instead of lances and spears, and when the struggle is over the militant knights will join the ladies in a "glorious night at the ball."

The grand ball at the Brown Palace will be an event that will linger long in the memory of those who are fortunate enough to receive an invitation. The ball room will be handsomely decorated and one of the best orchestras in Denver has been engaged to furnish the music.

The entire week will be one round of pleasure and sight seeing for the young ladies. They will be on the go every minute, and if they do not have the time of their lives it will not be the fault of the management of the exposition.

#### NOT HALLEY'S COMET.

#### Brilliant Star in Southern Sky is Venus, and Not the Comet.

During the past few evenings from dark until about 8 o'clock, a star of more than unusual brilliancy has been seen in the southern skies over

## BEAVER CREEK WATER NOW READY TO TURN INTO CITY MAINS; PURE WATER HERE

### La Grande now supplied with water unexcelled anywhere in the state of Oregon

## REQUIRE HOURS TO FLUSH

### BEAVER CREEK WATER TURNED INTO MAINS THIS EVENING BUT WILL NOT REACH ALL TAPS FOR SEVERAL HOURS

At 4:09 o'clock this afternoon the tap was opened, throwing Beaver creek water into the city mains.

"As ready as it is possible for the engineers to make it." This is the word sent out from the office of the American Light & Power Company at a late hour this afternoon, and the mountain water is now pushing against the tap, which when opened, will let the waters from the mountain tops percolate through the city's mains. The project—the fruit of years of struggle—has reached the point where the city must turn the next move, namely of opening the tap now preventing free flow.

Every hydrant in the city will be opened and thoroughly flushed before the system can be said to be in a thorough working order. The probabilities are that several hours, even a day and night, will be required to drain the entire main and lateral systems of the old water and how to flush the reservoir and yet maintain a full supply of water at good pressure in the case of fire, is one of the problems meeting the engineers.

Mayor M. K. Hall was on the scene this afternoon when the finishing touches were put to the new system, and saw the water turned in. Tomorrow at least a goodly portion of the water users tapped to the laterals near the big mains will have the mountain water at their disposal. The change will be readily noticeable.

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## EXPLORER COMES TO AID OF COOK IN TROUBLE

New York, Dec. 10.—Dillon Wallace the Labrador explorer who organized an expedition over a year ago for the purpose of searching for Dr. Frederick Cook, and who had not returned until last summer, today came strongly to the defense of the Brooklyn explorer, declaring that he had affidavits of George H. Dunkle and Captain August Loose that they were a part of the plot to discredit Dr. Cook.

"Dunkle came to me and tried to get me to introduce him to Dr. Cook," said Wallace today. I refused as I had no confidence in him or any scheme that he might have. He visited me last March when I organized the relief expedition, and told me that he was one of the best promoters alive. He declared that he could raise any amount of money that we wanted if I would give him one half of the money that he collected. I believe that he entered this plan at the suggestion of others and that it is all a part to

discredit Dr. Cook who was fortunate enough to reach the North Pole first." Wallace insists that Dr. Cook certainly reached the pole.

#### Egan Coming to America.

Washington, Dec. 10.—Maurice F. Egan, United States Minister to Denmark and the original Cook man in the north pole controversy, has been granted a leave of absence by the state department and will sail from Copenhagen today for America, to spend the Christmas holidays.

When Dr. Cook reached Copenhagen it was Minister Egan who acted as interpreter and escorted the explorer to several official dinners given in his honor.

Up to this time nothing has been heard from the minister except that he had succeeded Thomas J. O'Brien as minister to Denmark, and that as former professor of English literature at the University of Notre Dame he had written several novels, songs and poems.

South La Grande and the belief has prevailed that the unusual spectacle is Halley's comet. However the pretty sight is a remarkable vision of the planet Venus, following the sun in descent, about three hours.

Local savants had watched carefully for the appearance of the comet, but it has not been seen yet.

#### King No Better.

Brussels, Dec. 10.—The condition of King Leopold of Belgium who is said to be suffering from paralysis is in no way improved today. Fears are expressed that he will not recover. The monarch was unconscious for two hours and was revealed only by the application of stimulants. Court physicians are in constant attendance at his bedside.

#### Will Take Prisoner Home.

Word was received this morning from Mr. Marshall of Harney county,

the father of Robert Marshall, the boy guilty of setting fire to and robbing the Siegrist jewelry store here recently and other deeds of wrong doing, which states that he is ready to take the boy home. It is thought that arrangements will be made in a few days to send him there. The boy was held out of the reform school on provision that his father would support him.

#### BRIDGE IS NEARLY DONE.

#### Oro Dell Structure Ready for Traffic Open Next Wednesday.

County Judge J. C. Henry made a trip to Oro Dell this morning to inspect the new steel bridge which is being completed at that place. This structure is 165 feet, a steel span, erected on concrete abutments. The work is progressing nicely and the bridge will be swung next Sunday and

#### Pastor Offered Birth.

Berkeley, Cal. Dec. 10.—Rev. L. A. McAfee, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of this city has been offered the position at the head of Whitworth College at Tacoma, Wash. This announcement, which was made today brings forth the assertion that the pastor is undecided as to whether he will accept the post or not.

#### Frozen to Death.

Tacoma, Wash. Dec. 10.—The body of Robert J. Heale, a carpenter and a wealthy resident of Tacoma, was found today near the residence of Asbury Smith where he had lain for more than a week. Investigation today showed Heale, who had called on Smith the evening of December 1st, must have fallen in the yard overcome by the cold snow which fell that night to a depth of several inches completely covering his body. Snow has lain thick on the ground since and during the subsequent freezing weather has kept the body concealed from view. Not until today did it thaw sufficient for the body to be seen.

## VIOLENCE IS IMMINENT

### STRIKERS CAN'T RETURN TO THE YARDS IS EDICT.

#### Clash Likely to Ensur at Spokane Where Strikers are Refused old Jobs.

Spokane, Dec. 10.—Danger of a clash between the Switchmen's Union and the Great Northern officials is becoming imminent, because of the announcement of the officials that they will not allow the strikers to return to work. Fifty strikebreakers arrived this morning to work in the yards of the Northern Pacific. The freight congestion has been greatly relieved.

#### Operators to Strike.

Cincinnati, Dec. 10.—It became known today that 90 per cent of the telegraph operators in the employ of the Big Four railroad who have sent in their ballots on the question of a strike for higher wages, favor a strike and a fight to the limit.

This is believed by the Union leaders to indicate that the telegraphers of the system will demand that their request be granted with a flat alternative of a strike.

#### be ready for traffic by Wednesday.

Local contractors did the work at a considerable saving to the county and the workmanship is said to be of the highest order.

#### Eastern Doctor Here

Doctor B. C. Campbell of Lake Geneva Wis. is here visiting friends.

## HEAR FRAUD CASE MONDAY

### PRESIDENT OF NORTHWESTERN LUMBER COMPANY HERE TO DIG UP DEFENSE DATA

#### TWENTY-SIX CASES TO BE PROSECUTED DEC. 13.

#### Principal Figure in Coming Land Fraud cases Transacted Business in the City Yesterday.

David Wilson, now of Calgary, B. C., and formerly president of the Northwestern Lumber Company, and involved in voluminous suits relative to alleged frauds in Umatilla land deals, was in the city yesterday looking up data in preparation for the coming hearing at Heppner next Monday. He, with Asa B. Thomas of Heppner and J. W. Scriber, are the principal figures.

This is to be one of the most sensational trials, involving as it does the actions of 26 entrymen, that has been heard in Oregon in many years. Several months ago the Observer exclusively outlined the features of the suits, and next Monday the cases will come to a hearing. The testimony of one bunch of defendants will likely be taken and stipulations given in the others. The testimony will be read by the local land office and a decision rendered by Register Bramwell and Receiver Eberhard.

The government alleges that twenty six different entrymen made final proof on timber and stone claims in Umatilla county and immediately sold to the Northwest Lumber Company, of which Wilson is the president. It is the contention of the government that the entrymen entered into a conspiracy to get their claims and dispose of them to the Lumber Company. The lumber company is defendant in each of the 26 cases, with separate entrymen as co-defendants.

#### LECTURER COMING.

#### State-Wide Local Option Leader will Be Here Sunday.

Rev. J. R. Knodell, superintendent of the anti-saloon league of Oregon and heading the state wide local option movement, will be in La Grande Sunday, December 12 and will lecture at the M. E. Church at 11 a. m. at the L. D. S. tabernacle; at 3 p. m. and at the Baptist church at 7:30. He is heralded as a deep thinker, a fluent speaker and one that is sure to give interesting discussions of local option matters.

## HAND BAGS

### New Leather, New Shapes, New Prices

We Have the largest, the best, the most up-to-date line of Ladies Hand Bags and Purses ever shown in La Grande. We have the Alligator, Patent Leather, Real Seal, Walrus and a line of imported leathers that we know are good, and of the latest styles. We are offering these goods at the most reasonable prices for this class of goods. Our goods are right and we know the prices are. Let us show you while our line is complete.

## HILL'S DRUG STORE

LA GRANDE, OREGON