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DAVENPORT EXPLAINS IT

DEPLORES HIS HASTY MARRIAGE
AND SAYS NO AFFINITY EVER
ENTERED INTO THE TROUBLES

TWO WEEKS MARRIAGES
SHOULD BE AVOIDED.

Famous cartoonist goes into details
of his domestic trouble—Says he
realized fatal mistake a week after
his marriage—Knew his bride two
weeks before the marriage

San Diego, Feb. 2.—After reading
dispatches that a warrant for his
arrest had been issued at New York
on the charge of failing to pay \$400
monthly alimony to his wife, Homer
Davenport, the cartoonist, who is re-
cuperating from his illness at the
home of A. G. Spaulding at Point
Loma homestead, today gave an ex-
clusive interview to the United Press
concerning his liabilities. Daven-
port declared there are no scandals
and no affinities in the mixup. In
the beginning one was as much to
blame as the other he said.

"Marriage on two week's acquaint-
ance should never be encouraged.
From the beginning our views were
widely different and tastes dissimilar.
I had not been married a week be-
fore I realized our marriage com-
bination was a travesty. As time
went on the gap widened, but I went
on playing with time in the hopes of
a readjustment. In upholding this
false condition in home life I may
have done an injustice to our child-
ren but still had faint hopes they
would bridge some of the difficul-

ties. Later, when there was no hope
for this, I decided for the happi-
ness of myself and family to remain
with them though my wife and I had
occupied different apartments in the
same house for two years prior to
my final leaving. It was not until
Mrs. Davenport circulated the stories
which reflected upon my character,
that I decided to leave my home in
Morris Plains, N. J."

WANTS HIS WARRANTS

THOUGH UNCALLED FOR DUR-
ING SEVEN YEARS.

Grant makes application for recon-
sideration of order.

A man named Grant appeared to-
day with his attorney, T. H. Craw-
ford, before the County Court ask-
ing for reconsideration of an order
to cancel warrants in his favor. At
the end of expiration of seven years
county warrants are cancelled if un-
called for, and Grant's warrants
went that route. Now he is appeal-
ing for a reconsideration.

The Court hopes to conclude its
session tonight or tomorrow.

New Flagship Ready.

New York, Feb. 3.—It is announ-
ced that the new flagship of the New
York Yacht Club, the auxiliary yacht
Aloha, which Commodore James has
had built at Quincy, Mass., is now
practically completed. The new
craft will be among the finest of its
type in Atlantic waters.

An Electric Franklin.

Philadelphia, Feb. 3.—A figure of
Benjamin Franklin, outlined in elec-
tric lights, flying by an electric string
and an electric kite, will be a novel fea-
ture of the electrical exhibition to
open in this city a week from Mon-
day.

COLD WIND CHIEF CAUSE

STARTLING LOSS OF LIFE IN MIN-
ES THIS WEEK CREATES NEW
THEORY AS TO THE CAUSE

MITCHELL GIVES CHANGE
IN ATMOSPHERE THE BLAME.

Total deathroll this week of one
hundred and sixty-eight men—Re-
vision of reports gives final de-
tails of number of dead—Another
big explosion last evening adds to
total of fatalities this week.

New York, Feb. 3.—John Mitchell,
a former president of the United
Mine workers and one of the foremost
mining authorities in the world to-
day declared his belief that change-
able atmospheric conditions usually
prevailed at this time of the year,
and were responsible to a great ex-
tent for the three great mine disas-
ters in America this week, which up
to date have cost the lives of 168
men. A revision of reports today
show the following totals of the loss
of life:

Seventy-five dead as a result of an
explosion of the Colorado Fuel and
Iron company's mine at Primero, Col-
orado. Sixty-three miners dead at
Los Esperanzas, Mexico, as the re-
sult of the explosion in the Paulau
mine late yesterday. Thirty known
dead of the White Mine at Browder,
Kentucky.

Mitchell explains that cold air en-
tering the workings, meets the warm
air from the depths of the mine and
the contact tends to create a dan-
gerous and explosive gas.

EARLY MORNING WEDDING

Miss Bess Lincoln married to local
railroad employee today

The marriage of Miss Bess Helen,
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Lin-
coln to Samuel A. Lamey, a trusted
employee of the O. R. & N., took
place this morning at the Catholic
church, Rev. Father Aalders officiat-
ing. Mr. and Mrs. Lamey left on
No. 7 for Portland where they will
spend a few days before proceeding
to New Orleans via Southern Cali-
fornia. Before returning home they
will visit with Mr. Lamey's brother
at Mobile and with his parents at
Henderson, Ky. They expect to be
absent about two months and will
then return and make this city their
home.

Meeting With Success.

The Evangelistic team, Whistman
& Longman, began the meeting at
the Central Church of Christ last
evening with a good sized audience.
Mrs. Whistman presides at the piano.
Longman is the leader of choruses.
He not only sings but the audience
does the same. His clear articula-
tion makes clear the words. He is
a veritable songster. Evangelist
Whistman is what Barrie calls "The
Pocket Edition of a Man," but he
gets there just the same. He preaches
like a house afire. He never of-
fends but insists on the truth first,
last and always. Enthusiasm and de-
termination mark every service.
Come on time if you wish a seat.
Song service begins at 7.30.

Fined Five Dollars.

Mike Murray was fined \$5 this
morning by Recorder Cox for being
drunk and disorderly on the streets
last night.

Mrs. C. S. Zuber is visiting friends
in Union.

SURVEYS FOR TROLLEY LINE

NORTHERN CORPORATION HAS
ANNOUNCED DEFINITELY TO
ENTER THE GRANDE RONDE

DISCUSS GAS PLANT FOR
THIS CITY AS WELL.

Road's right of way surveyed to with-
in sight of Summerville—Leaves
Walla Walla valley at Milton—
Power site already at DesShutes
but may use Mhuam or Wallowa
river—No secrecy about proposal.

Tangible assurance comes from the
head offices of Northwest Corporation
Managers in Portland that the Walla
Walla interurban railroad, owned
and operated by the Northwest Cor-
poration, will be built over the Blue
Mountains, encompass the Grande
Ronde valley, penetrate Wallowa
county, and perhaps in time be ex-
tended through the Powder valley in-
to Baker City, and that the coming
April or May will see things being
done, has been received within the
week by a La Grande citizen, prom-
inent in municipal affairs. The as-
surance came to him during a visit
to Portland while in conversation
with Mr. Welsh, the supreme head of
the company in this section of the
country.

Surveys Over Mountains Done.

It is a fact, established beyond a
question of doubt, that the company
has already surveyed a road over
the Blue Mountains from Milton and
runs adjacent to the Toll Gate and
looks out upon the Grande Ronde val-
ley just above Summerville. From
that point on, surveys are yet to be
done. This Mr. Welsh admits with-
out any degree of reticency, and it
follows that, as he affirms, the com-
ing April or May will see other steps
toward fulfillment of the plan.

Philadelphia money is behind the
movement and it is being spent lav-
ishly here where the returns are
visible to the seers.

Real Competition

When the road is built it will be
possible to carry freight and pas-
sengers and the freight will be
turned over to the Northern Pacific
at Walla Walla giving La Grande,
when the plan materializes, a direct
competitive line with the O. R. & N.
Power for the project will be fur-
nished from either the Minam or the
Wallowa rivers or from the Des
Shutes river where the company now
has a power site that will develop
the enormous amount of 100,000 horse
power.

Discuss Gas Plant too.

To the same gentleman Mr. Welsh
discussed embryo plans for estab-
lishing a gas plant in La Grande.
This, however, is yet not definitely
decided upon, but that the proposed
electric road is to circle the county
and give competition to the O. R. &
N., is one of the well defined pol-
icies of the company. The surveys
leading from Walla Walla to take
the road through the fertile fruit
belts surrounding Walla Walla and
Milton lead across the mountains to
the Grande Ronde valley over a
route that is feasible from any view-
point.

To Hear Coal Rate Complaints

Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 3.—The Ken-
tucky railroad commission met here
today to hear suggestions from the
shippers in regard to a code of de-
murrage rates for Kentucky. The
chief complaint is against the Illi-
nois Central Railroad whose coal
rates are opposed.

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CHANGING THE OLD RULE

INTERCOLLEGIATE FOOT-
BALL RULES COMMITTEE MEET

Most important conference in
history of football to open.

New York, Feb. 3.—Members
of the Intercollegiate Football Rules
Committee are gathering in New
York today for the most important
conference in the history of the game.
From all over the United States
a great hue and cry has been raised
demanding that the football rules be
"reformed," and the fate of the game
may well be said to depend upon the
action to be taken by the commit-
tee. Preliminary discussion to-
day will be followed by a regular ses-
sion tomorrow, when the rules now
from the leading colleges and uni-
versities will get down to business.
Despite the heated criticism of foot-
ball's foes it is not likely that an
extreme changes will be made in the
game.

In fact, it may be pretty defini-
tely stated that the changes actually
made in the rules will not be as radical
or as many as some persons may
think. Naturally, the newspapers
were flooded with suggestions at the
close of the season of 1909. This was
just what the rulesmakers wanted.
The majority of the suggestions how-
ever, were of such a nature as to re-
sult in their prompt elimination. But
few of them, even those made by
well-known coaches, were other than
mere hit-or-miss ideas and have lit-
tle except novelty to recommend
them.

The only changes suggested about
which there is real unanimity are
those calling for the removal of
the restrictions which now handicap
the operation of the forward pass
and a modification of the rules gov-
erning the diving tackle and the div-
ing interference. These are points
on which the rules committee is
certain to legislate, but what they
will do in addition is wholly prob-
lematical.

TELEPHONES FOR CHINA

CHINA AWAKENS TO NEED OF A
NEW SYSTEM.

Will talk Chinese over Yankee tele-
phones now being installed

Peking, Feb. 3.—After today the
Chinese of Peking will shout their
monosyllables through Yankee tele-
phones, the new American telephone
system, just installed, having now
been completed. The exchange is
owned by the Chinese government,
which made a contract with a New
York company last year for the in-
stallation of a complete telephone
system at a cost of \$150,000. The
contract was awarded after two years
of bitter competition with man-
ufacturers from all over the world, who
saw the significance of the introduc-
tion of telephones to China, which
until recently only 2000 instruments
were to be found in the entire

AD MAN'S WORD TAKEN

HITCHCOCK IS DEAD HIS
ELEMENTS ARE IN PORT-
LAND TRIAL TODAY

SPARKS WITH THE
DEFENDANT HERMANN AGAIN

Hermann claims reserve could be
created and private holdings ex-
cluded even though they were en-
tirely surrounded by forest lands
would have to create reserves to
create reserve land

Portland, Feb. 3.—This afternoon
arguments for the prosecution and
defense at the Hermann trial were
centered over the introduction of tes-
timony of former Secretary of the In-
terior Hitchcock, now dead, or some
statements made by him that testimo-
ny was given in Washington both
direct and cross examination.

Most of the morning session was
taken up in a verbal struggle be-
tween Heney and Hermann over Her-
mann's interpretation of the Forest
Reserve law and the power of the
president to exclude or include dif-
ferent sections of privately used land
owned within the outside boundaries
of any proposed reserve at will.
Heney pressed Hermann for his in-
terpretation of the meaning of the
law or of his belief in the power of
the president in creating boundaries
or the withdrawal of reserves by
proclamation under the forest re-
serve law of 1891.

After much fencing he explained
it was his belief the reserve could
be created by proclamation of out-
side boundaries, inclusion of all pub-
lic and unclaimed lands within these
boundaries as being within the re-
serve to the exclusion of all pri-
vately owned or claimed lands.
In this way Hermann claimed the
reserve could be created, and private
holdings still excluded, even though
they were entirely surrounded by
forest lands of reserve, and owners
would have to cross the reserve
lands to gain access to the outside
domain.

New Pacific Vessel

Seattle, Feb. 3.—A new trans-Pa-
cific steamship service between Sea-
ttle and the Orient will be inaugu-
rated today with the sailing from Yo-
kahoma of the Chicago Maru on her
maiden trip to Hong Kong. From the
the Chinese city the vessel will pre-
ceed back to Japan and thence across
the ocean to Seattle. She is due to
arrive here March 25. The other ships
of the service, the Panama Maru
and the Mexican Maru, will sail on
their initial voyages in July 13 and
Jan. 14 next, respectively.

According to the American super-

intendent, the Chinese have awak-
ened to the possibilities of modern in-
ventions and the outlook is very
bright. The contract for Peking is
only a preliminary one. The govern-
ment will operate the telephones
for the benefit of all the residents of
the city. Later contracts will be
awarded for Canton, Hankow and
Tie-Tsin. In 1930 it is estimated
there will be a telephone for every
five persons in this country. If China
has a telephone for every 100 per-
sons at that time it will have cost
her \$1,000,000,000. Until the installa-
tion of the Peking exchange, there
were but 2000 antiquated telephones
in use in the whole empire, and most
of them were in the foreign settle-
ments.

Only 2 More Days of the
GREAT SALE

This has Been the most Mar-
velous Sale ever held
in La Grande

If you have not already at-
tended this great Bargain
Sacrifice Sale come at once,
don't delay, don't take other
people's word, come be convin-
ced that this is beyond your
expectation the greatest Bar-
gain feast you have ever at-
tended

Follow the crowd, be one of the progressives,
fall in line and be one satisfied customers who
save as much as they spend

THE FAIR