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ONLY EIGHT FILE WHEN DOORS OPEN

ONE OF THE STRANGE OUTCOMES
OF LAND DEVELOPMENT IS NO-
TICEABLE HERE TODAY

FORMER INTEREST WANES
AT THE ELEVENTH HOUR.

Increase in price alone can be presented as logical reason why so little interest was shown—Enormous first payment may have been too much for the prospective entrymen

James Alden Yeager, Hermiston, paying \$452 for the first year's water right; Sterett Burger, Houston, Texas, paying \$394; Samuel E. Wilby, Tacoma, paying \$394; George Raymond Hahn, Hermiston, \$457; Elmer G. Sage, Eugene, \$394; Carl Verther, Wallowa, \$432; Clarence S. Mead, Hermiston, \$413. Is the mere handful of men to take advantage of the homestead land opening at the local land office today on the Umatilla land thrown open under the irrigation act. The incident is one of the surprises of the land office department. Up to a few days ago, hundreds of letters of inquiry were received from every portion of the country; interest in and about the Umatilla country was warm; scouts were held at La Grande in case of a lineup, and, finally, last night, when the train came in from the west, a lineup was formed in which the members braved rain snow and winter—yet early today only eight filed and not a single entry letter was received.

Line Formed Last Night.

Notwithstanding that there actually was a lineup for a brief 12 hours, precipitated as predicted by the Observer last night, when the train from the West reached here, there was nevertheless not the excitement expected. Disregarding the snow-storm and keeping an all night vigil a dozen men were in line early this morning. Without any display of animosity, one towards the other, the lineup was kept intact until the filing hour. At 9 o'clock the doors opened on the first man, and from then on for less than half an hour, filings were made rapidly. The specified sum was paid, the homestead fees were added, names signed and the filer passed on.

Sudden Shortage Unaccountable

Just why the universal interest in the opening suddenly waned is unaccountable. During the past month hundreds of letters have been sent out from the land office here explaining the details of the opening. One of the features which may have been accountable for this was that many prospective entrymen lost heart on learning of the scarcity of homesteads, there being but fifty odd left.

Joe Cunha Loses Sheep.

Echo, Ore., Feb. 8.—Jos. Cunha met with quite a loss on Sunday afternoon when a band of ewes become frightened and getting beyond the control of the herder fell over the bluffs of the Umatilla river, which is on Mr. Cunha's farm, two miles above Echo. Fifty-two were killed and a number more were injured. This was one of Mr. Cunha's lambing bands, which made the loss greater.

Governor to Speak.
St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 10.—Governor Eberhart has accepted an invitation to address the teachers of Northern Oregon during their convention, which was opened today at Bemidji. The governor will speak tomorrow evening.

In Memory of Paganini.
Genoa, Italy, Feb. 10.—A memorial meeting of musicians was held here today to celebrate the birthday of Niccolò Paganini, the world's greatest musician, who was born in this city Feb. 10, 1784.

In the municipal building at Genoa is carefully preserved Paganini's violin. He left it to the city and no other artist was ever allowed to play upon it. The great artist is buried in the village church near the place of residence he loved best—the Villa Gajona.

CARRY SWOPE PROBE DEEPER

MYSTERIOUS DEATH OF NEPHEW ALSO INVESTIGATED!

Return of verdict by coroner has not created action.

Kansas City, Feb. 10.—The inquest into the death of Chrisman Swope, a nephew of the late Col. Thomas H. Swope, the millionaire and philanthropist, will begin as soon as expected when they found the young man's viscera, according to Coroner Zwart today.

Following the verdict of the coroner's jury in which it is set forth that Col. Swope died of poisoning, it is expected official action might be taken by the authorities. Officers of the county, however, spent the earlier part of the day in consultation and refused to make a statement as to their probable action.

Sheriff Childers and Chief of Police Rayburn are home from Salem, where they went with the box car thieves.

LOOT SAFE OF BIG SUM

POSSE SEARCHING HILLS FOR MEN WHO DID IT.

Shots exchanged between constable and the robbers

San Diego, Calif., Feb. 10.—A sheriff's posse and a detail of police led by Chief of Police Wilson are scouring the country in the vicinity of Oceanside, 42 miles north of here, for post office robbers who are reported to have dynamited the safe in the postoffice here last night. Constable Prior exchanged shots with the robbers but no one was injured. Postmaster Jolly said today that between \$1400 and \$1500 was taken from the wrecked safe.

TWO MORE PETITIONS

Councilmen Reynolds and Kammerer Each Declare Intentions

J. E. Reynolds, present councilman from the second ward, and E. W. Kammerer of the third ward, yesterday afternoon started their petitions for re-election as councilmen. Both of these men were elected to fill vacancies in the council.

That there will be four candidates for the office of city chief of police is the report in political circles now.

SON RELATES HORRIBLE ACT

SPURRED TO ACTION BY LOVE FOR STEPMOTHER, SON KILLS FATHER DURING NIGHT TIME

WOMAN AND SON THEN BURN
REMAINS IN BACK YARD

Captivated by love for his father's wife, youngster commits a cruel crime in Oklahoma—Woman keeps fire going until remains are ashes—Both eat breakfast near funeral pyre.

Bartlesville, Okla., Feb. 10.—That he buried an ax in the head of his sleeping father, T. H. Brown, and then stood by and watched his victim quiver until death came, was the startling testimony of Peter Brown, whose trial for the alleged murder of his father, is going on in the court here today.

Brown further declared that the deed was prompted by his stepmother with whom he believed himself to be in love.

"She tempted me too much," he said, "and I thought I loved her and killed my father when she ordered me to do it. She aroused me at midnight and told me the time had come to kill my father. I went to the lounge where he was sleeping and buried an ax in his head. I watched him until the body stopped quivering and then my stepmother and I kindled a fire in the back yard and burned him.

"She watched the fire all night and kept it going. An hour later we built a fire within 10 feet of the first one and cooked breakfast."

Mrs. Brown, who is charged with complicity in the murder, heard the boy's story without emotion.

30,000 VOLTS THROUGH MAN

EMPLOYEE INSTANTLY KILLED AND TWO OTHERS HURT.

Live wire breaks while employees are working in tower.

Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 10.—In a desperate flight from a deadly arc of over 30,000 volts at Barnet last night, Lee Weaver was instantly killed and his two companions, J. Dempster and H. Smith, who had their flesh seriously burned are in the General hospital here today for treatment. Immediately after the accident there was not one unit light or any power in Vancouver. Three men were bending over a dead wire in the tower that carries a high power wire from the generating station over Burrard Inlet. Suddenly the live wire that was supplying the city broke and there was a blinding glare as an arc formed. The men made a wild dash for the door and on their way touched a corrugated iron sheeting for the tower. This was highly charged and all three men were burned before they were saved by comrades outside.

Six Workmen killed.

Bay City, Mich., Feb. 10.—Six local workmen were killed instantly today when the Princeceiling sawmill at Crump near this city blew up. Two received injuries that will probably prove fatal. A dozen others were hurt.

ELOQUENCE CREEPS UP

JOHN GEARIN APPEARS FOR THE FIRST TIME IN ACTIVE PART OF HERMANN TRIAL TODAY

CLAIMS THAT GOVERNMENT
EVIDENCE PROVES INNOCENCE

Colonel Worthington picks up the thread of argument where Gearin leaves off at noon—Heny is to complete arguments when hesons up at the last hours of the arguments.

Portland, Feb. 10.—Eloquence entered into the Hermann trial for the first time today when John M. Gearin delivered the first half of the defense argument.

He reviewed the testimony of the case, and contended eloquently that Hermann was guiltless of wrong doing; that the government's own evidence showed him to be so. He closed his argument at 12:15 o'clock.

This afternoon Col. Worthington will take up the argument and perhaps finish by the hour of the afternoon adjournment. Heny, as was expected, had not finished his opening argument yesterday afternoon, though the court held its session a half hour beyond the usual adjournment time.

By agreement he was allowed to conclude his opening statement, after the conclusion of Col. Worthington's argument, before he begins to sum up the case.

Marriage License

Fred E. Cook and Sylvia E. Rose were given permits to marry today by County Clerk Ed Wright, and immediately afterwards were married by County Judge Henry.

AQUEDUCT NOT POPULAR

PET SCHEME OF McCLELLAN NOT TO MATERIALIZE

"Graft" railroad through board of estimates reconsidered

New York, Feb. 10.—At a meeting today of the State Board of Water Supply, several objections were filed against the plan to build a \$25,000,000 aqueduct under the entire length of Manhattan Island to bring the water from the new Catskill aqueduct to this city.

The State Commission intends to give the plans careful consideration instead of approving them after a perfunctory hearing, as the McClellan administration hoped.

Plans for this aqueduct, built at an average of 400 feet beneath the surface of the street, were jammed through the old board of estimate by Mayor McClellan, and every effort was made to secure the consent of the State Commission before the present administration took charge.

When the matter came up representatives of a score of taxpayers' organizations were on hand to file the objections which Mayor McClellan would not allow them to present when the question was before the Board of Estimate.

Discount Reduced

London Feb. 10.—The Bank of England today reduced the discount rate to three per cent.

Notorious Trio Released.

San Francisco, Feb. 10.—With the dismissal of Della Martell who is also known as Stella Tynan of Los Angeles, the entire trio alleged to have engaged in a conspiracy to obtain the fortune of Jasper O. Kelly, Towboat king of Coos Bay, Oregon are at liberty today.

PREPARING TO FLEE

Jose Madriz of Nicaragua, fears capture of the city.

New Orleans, Feb. 10.—A personal account in the name of Jose Madriz, president of Nicaragua, was opened in a local bank today. It is stated on good authority that this is only an initial deposit, \$15,000. This move is taken here to mean that Madriz believes his position at Managua insecure and is preparing to flee if the rebels capture the city.

SUGAR GRAFT COSTS DEARLY

CONSPIRATOR OF SUGAR GRAFT GIVEN SENTENCE

Spitzer given two years in Federal prison for crimes.

New York, Feb. 10.—Oliver Spitzer, convicted of conspiracy to defraud the government in connection with the weighing of sugar importations, was sentenced today by Federal Judge Martin to serve two years in the Federal prison at Atlanta.

Spitzer was formerly superintendent of the American Sugar Refining Company's docks at Williamsburg.

Report Harbor Bill

Washington, Feb. 10.—That the bill appropriating \$40,000,000 for rivers and harbors will probably be reported in the House late this afternoon, was intimated today. The bill is practically ready now for forwarding to the house.

MERRY WIDOW IS NO MORE

MABEL WILBUR MARRIED TO MADISON COREY AT SPOKANE LAST EVENING

ENGAGEMENT TERMINATES
SUDDENLY IN MARRIAGE.

Wedding planned by cable and both parties rush from different quarters of the globe to Spokane where nuptials are carried out—Corey is right hand man to the enterprises of Savage.

Spokane, Feb. 10.—Surprising even

the "Merry Widow" became a bride last evening when Miss Mabel Wilbur, who still has the title role in "The Merry Widow," comic opera company, was married to Madison Corey, General Manager of all Henry W. Savages' theatrical enterprises.

Three weeks ago Corey was in Vienna, Austria. Two weeks ago he was in London. Now he is here.

Then the couple, separated by the thousands of miles of land and sea, decided by cable to terminate their engagement by an immediate marriage.

Savages' right hand man rushed to Spokane to the meeting place decided upon, by steamship and train. The wedding occurred at six last evening in the All Saints Cathedral here.

AFTER OTHER MEN.

New York, Feb. 10.—The trial of Charles Heike secretary of the American Sugar Refining company is charged with conspiracy to defraud the government, and his case was begun in the criminal court today. He is charged with fraudulent weighing of sugar.

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