

LIBEL CASE COMES TO A QUICK END

GRAND JURY DRAWN AND MARCH TERM OF CIRCUIT COURT BEGINS

COMPLETE SET OF COURT OFFICIALS IS SELECTED

Circuit court for the March term opened today with Judge Knowles on the bench. The following jurors responded to roll call: A. J. Tuckey, Geo. Wells, J. F. Steinbeck, W. O. Sherwood, J. L. Slater, Alex. Shaw, P. F. Robinson, Martin L. Rush, W. E. McClure, W. W. Randall, G. L. Huffman, B. E. Kuhn, E. C. Rees.

- GRAND JURY**
- J. A. Woodell, foreman
 - I. L. Haller
 - T. J. Snider
 - J. W. Spencer
 - Henry Sommer
 - C. C. Welch
 - W. J. Saffling
 - Grand jury bailiff—Perry Clark
 - Trial Jury Bailiff—Ben Stearns
 - Court bailiff—J. M. Kocken-sparger

The following were excused for the first week: G. F. Hall, A. B. Hempe, G. W. South and Wm. Wigglesworth

The forenoon was occupied in going over the docket, shaping things up for trial. The first case taken up this afternoon was Mrs. Newlin vs. W. J. Lindsey, where an accounting is the cause of action.

Among the outside attorneys in attendance are L. Denham, of Elgin; J. J. Davis, of Union, Lowell and Winters of Pendleton and C. H. Finn of Portland.

The grand jury was drawn early in the day and appears at the head of this column. It is expected this will be quite a lengthy term.

Libel Suit Dismissed

Circuit Judge Knowles today sustained arguments for demurrer in the libel suit brought against Messrs. Lowell & Sheets, two young men who joined the Union Scout for a while last summer. The case came to issue when O. P. Pratt of Union instigated action following publication of an article having to do with the actions of Pratt.

Four attorneys argued the case for the defendants last Saturday and these arguments were sustained by a demurrer presented.

FILES ONE TRUE BILL

Indicted by grand jury for stealing a revolver here.

The grand jury late this afternoon returned its first true bill of the term when it indicted A. W. Miller, who was accused of stealing a revolver. It is understood that Miller will plead guilty late this afternoon. Miller was in jail several days awaiting action by the grand jury.

Wheat Crop Good

According to reports received by the East Oregonian from every part of the county, Umatilla's 1910 wheat crop is to be a big one. In only a few instances have farmers noted any discouraging signs and there are so few that they are really insignificant when the county is considered as a whole. Nearly everyone reported a splendid stand of fall grain and plenty of moisture to bring it to maturity in good shape.—Pendleton E. O.

NO TRAFFIC POSSIBLE TO WALLOWAYET

SISTER COUNTIES AS FAR FROM RAIL CONNECTION AS THEY EVER WAS

MAINLINE TRAINS RUN ON ANY SCHEDULE POSSIBLE

Washouts east and west delay traffic on overland passengers again. Little hope for service to Wallowayet for several days again.—New slides undo all repairs.—River has reached normal stage.

Fond hopes held out Saturday evening by imprisoned Wallowa county and railroad employees on local O. R. & N. officials alike that a transfer of passengers could be effected somewhere in the canyon last Saturday night, have proven futile and the sister county is still effectually isolated, and traffic just as impossible as it has been for the past eight days.

Until almost daylight Sunday morning the train struggled to get through but was forced to return without results and reaching La Grande about 1 o'clock a. m. yesterday and today the branch line has been running to Elgin and return.

New slides have occurred in the canyons and there is still little certainty about when traffic will be resumed as there ever was. It may be days yet. New slide undo all the reinforced gangs of men and machinery can repair.

Main line trains are running on impromptu schedules. Number 6 due this morning from Portland, was held up by a slide on the West end and will reach here this evening. A mail train is all that has passed through La Grande today, on account of a new washout near Nampa. Freight power is turned to passenger traffic exclusively.

The Grande Ronde river has receded rapidly and is now but a tame mountain affair.

ROADS ARE VICTORS

Washington, March 7.—The Supreme Court today upheld the contention of the Oregon Short Line, Union Pacific and Northern Pacific railroads that the Interstate Commerce Commission had no right to force them to make a joint through passenger rate to the West.

STRIKE FEVER PERMEATES EAST AIR

PHILADELPHIA SITUATION WORSE THAN EVER—STRIKE LEADERS ARRESTED BY POLICE

WOMAN SHOT WHILE TRYING TO SHIELD BABY FROM MOB

Conflicting reports as to the number of men out on strike in Philadelphia.—Mob breaks out and many shots are exchanged.—People hurt and taken to hospitals.—Many prisoners already.

Philadelphia, March 7.—A car carrying 20 passengers with a heavy police guard was dynamited today. The car was lifted from the tracks hurling occupants in every direction. Several were cut and severely bruised but no serious injuries. The police charged a crowd of laborers today nearby. A battle ensued and several shots were fired. The mob was finally dispersed. Two ringleaders were arrested.

Director of Public Safety Clay denied today that he would apply for the government troops. He says he will be able to control the situation. He denies the claim of the strike leaders that 150,000 men are on the strike. He declares there are only 20,000. It is reported the coast artillery at Fort Dupont has been ordered to prepare for duty at Philadelphia to protect the government property.

The total number of men under arrest is 52. Many of these are prisoners in hospitals having serious wounds. In the past 24 hours five persons were shot and scores beaten. Mrs. Bessie Welner, who was seriously shot by a mounted police as she was trying to protect her baby. She was caught in a crowd of rioters.

It is estimated by merchants and manufacturers and shop keepers that they have already lost \$5,000,000 as the result of the strike.

Printers May Strike

Cincinnati, Ohio, March 7.—Representatives of the Allied Printing Trades are gathering here today for a conference. Many persons interested are inclined to believe it portends a demand by printers for increased wages. The trade agreement with the employees will soon expire and it is believed a general walk-out in the printing shops will follow the refusal of the employers to meet the

demands of the men. Union Not Recognized. Bethlehem, Pa., March 7.—Following the refusal of President Schwab to recognize the Union, indications are today that a strike at the Bethlehem Steel Works will continue indefinitely. Schwab has declined to recognize the executive committee of the Union because the demands do not emanate from the men themselves.

Chicago, March 7.—Resolutions upholding the striking street car men of Philadelphia and endorsing the general sympathetic strike were passed by the Chicago Federation of Labor yesterday and at which Samuel Gompers made an address. The resolution was severely criticized by the civic authorities of Philadelphia.

ROOSEVELT

LIKES DEGENCY

SAYS IT MATTERS NOT WHAT RELIGION IS

Returning nun recounts how Colonel was entertained at mission

New York, March 7.—Mother Paul, a nun who has just returned from East Africa, today told of meeting Col. Roosevelt in Uganda shortly before Christmas. She quoted him as saying:

"I try to be decent and I detest religious intolerance. If a man is straight what difference does it make what religion he has?"

The nun told how Roosevelt expressed his great delight at a dish of American grown tomatoes, and described his visit to the mission school. The Bishop attended by priests and Prince Joseph with a great throng of our people turned out to greet Col. Roosevelt, she said. "We had two bands and one of them walked 65 miles to be there. Children sang the Star Spangled Banner. Perhaps it was tears in my own eyes that made me think there were in his."

HENRY STRIKER DEAD

One of the early pioneers of Union county passes away.

Henry Striker one of the early pioneers of Union county, died at his home in Elgin Saturday and was buried there this afternoon. For many years Mr. Striker has been in poor health. About three years ago he visited Mexico but after staying several months decided that there was no place like Union county and returned. He leaves a wife and son.

COMRADES VENT SPLEEN ON FOREMAN

MORE BODIES RECOVERED FROM THE WRECK

SLAVS AND JAPANESE SAY COMRADES WERE SLAIN

Situation at Wellington but little improved.—Several of the survivors attempt to walk to Everett.—Total dead in British Columbia slide now known to be sixty-two.—Diggers find corpses.

Vancouver, B. C., March 7.—According to information brought by the first train from the neighborhood of the snow slide at Rogers Pass, both Slavs and Japanese attempted to lynch one of the railroad bosses at Glacier, thinking he had compelled their comrades to work at night, notwithstanding the danger. The man escaped by jumping aboard a caboose and being hurried away by the engineer who saw the danger. The company says the victims volunteered for the work.

Bodies of eight whites and 12 Japs were recovered from the avalanche at Rogers Pass today. Eight hundred men are working and a line is expected to be free tonight. Weather in Selkirk reported cold, and no more slides. The total killed was 62.

Survivors Seek Refuge

Scenno, March 7.—Seven injured survivors of the Wellington avalanche left here today for Everett. Accompanied by guides they made their way down the trail from Wellington yesterday. They are Trainmaster Harrington, Conductor M. O. White, Lucius Anderson, a porter; Adolph Smith, a porter; J. K. Kerlee, fireman and H. H. White of Seattle. With bandaged arms and head they made a queer spectacle as they wound down the trail.

Three more bodies were found early today in the wreckage of the mail train. One was John G. Fox of Seattle, another Charles Ladue, a mail clerk. A smoker containing 30 Italians has been located and one corpse is found. Rotaries should reach the tunnel from the eastern side tonight.



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THE FAIR

IMMEDIATE STRIKE NOT THE PLANS OF FIREMEN

That current rumors of a walkout on the part of all locomotive firemen West of the Mississippi is premature and practically unfounded is the gist of a carefully prepared report of the alleged strike situation today. As far as can be learned in La Grande, there is nothing nearer a strike crisis than a mere conference now pending in Chicago. It has been freely rumored in railroad circles, but not in the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen ranks, that a strike is now imminent, in fact it was generally reported on the street today that tomorrow is the time set for the walkout. A conference for several important demands is now under way at Chicago, but there is no likelihood of a strike. As far as can be learned the demands of the firemen under the subdivision known as the district West of the Mississippi, are merely normal and will no doubt be granted or compromised. When the Chicago conference is ended, and should the demands be denied in toto, a general ballot of that section of the country West of the Mississippi would be taken and should a strike vote result, such action will follow but not until then. While the firemen are not willing to tell all they know, they phoo poo the immediate strike report.

CHOOSE YOUR PRESCRIPTIONIST

When you receive a prescription it is always your privilege to have it compounded by any druggist you may prefer, no matter what physician writes it or on what form or blank it appears. Physicians, as a rule, prefer that their patients shall exercise their own judgement in this matter. Any physician will approve of his prescriptions being brought to us because our service is always of a scientific and wholly reliable character.

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