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COURT HEARS UNION CASES

DOCTOR SUING LANIUS FOR FEES FOR SAVING LIFE

DOCTOR SUING LANIUS FOR RECENT MEDICAL FEES

Phillips and Phillips vs. Kiddle Brothers is before circuit court this afternoon—Lanius said to have refused to pay fees for his medical services following the recent shooting scrape there.

After a brief deliberation in the Blue Bell Medicine company vs. O. F. Pratt of Union where the medicine company sought to recover \$136 for stock medicine which Pratt refused to pay for, because, when the medicine had been given a test on an ailing calf it killed the animal outright, the circuit court jury returned a verdict for the defendant this morning. As the case has been dubbed the "skidoo case" it is common jest about the circuit court corridors today that the Skidoo company will skidoo through with mazuma.

Doctor L. N. Cromwell of Union is suing F. P. Lanius of Union for fees in connection with the shooting at Union some time ago when Lanius was shot and came near dying. A large number of witnesses are in the city today, attending this particular trial, and several others from Union.

Another Union case is on the docket today. It is that of Phillips and Phillips against Kiddle Brothers, the plaintiffs being Union people and the Kiddle Brothers of Island City.

Suit Involves Money

Testimony by the plaintiff is being taken today.

It seems that the plaintiffs sold some cattle to Kiddle Bros., receiving a note in part payment. There was about \$1100 involved with payments being made from time to time. When Mrs. Florence Dobbins of Union to whom the younger of the two Phillips owed some money attached the money due the plaintiff, which was then in the hands of the defendants. The action is for a balance alleged to be due the plaintiff.

RAINFALL OF NEARLY TWO INCHES IN THREE DAYS

Laking but a trifle of freaching two inches of total rainfall in this city since Saturday night, it is no wonder that tracks are soft, cellars filled and rivers high. Weather Observer Worstell reports a total rainfall to the month of 1.95 inches. All of this fell since Saturday. The first day's downfall was 1.13, the next .67 and up until noon today the amount was .15, making a total of 1.95 for the short period in which the rain has been falling.

Local business houses are rapidly gaining the upper hand in the fight within cellar floods and within a day will have them emptied.

Passenger Train Ditched.

Engine No. 369, Engineer Genny, struck her helper No. 190 in passing Telocasset last night, with the result that both engines are ready for the hospital today.

It seems that when No. 190, which had helped No. eight up the hill, uncoupled to go to the siding, she did

THREE SELK FOR LOCATION

ONE OF THE PARTY BUYS AND THE OTHERS PLEASED

Return to Marysville to bring families to La Grande.

Three homeseekers from Marysville, Eastern Idaho, who have been looking over property about La Grande with a view of locating here, returned today to bring out their families.

Mr. Decatur has chosen a place in the valley, and besides his own family of six children, will bring back with him the family of his old son.

Mr. Cunningham has two sons that are married and who will come here if the country suits them. These people all want big farms. They were brought here by C. J. Black, the well known realty operator.



Local banker who was last night inaugurated mayor of this city.

MORE ADMIT GUILT

Large grist of Pittsburgers confess to graft in council.

Pittsburg, March 22.—Many additional councilmen made confessions of grafting in open court today. The names of the confessors are Dr. C. C. Land, W. C. Fredericks, Thomas Stack, W. H. Harvey, Richard Armstrong, C. E. Woods, Henry Kalzen, Fred Herring and L. H. Fredericks. The amounts range from \$100 to \$600.

NEAR BEER IS MORE COSTLY

SELLERS WILL BE CHARGED \$1000 YEARLY

REPORT SHOWS EXCELLENT HEALTH CONDITIONS HERE

Only six near beer licenses will be given—Old council passes without show or ado and considerable work by both bodies—Site for disposal tank for sewer system purchased by the new council.

The passing of the old and the organization of the new councils was attended last night by various important events, chief of which was the raising of the near beer licenses to \$1000 for the year, and limiting the number to six, purchase of a tract of ground of seven acres East of the city, optioned some time ago, for \$3000 and the listening to annual reports of officers. Orderly citizens and healthy population was shown by two of the principal reports.

What effect the increased license fees will have on the near beer joints remains to be seen. It is practically assured that about 50 per cent of them will not pay the price and it is very likely that the total number of application will not be more than six, the limitations of the ordinance.

The tract of land purchased is to be the site of the refuse consumer, known as the disposal tract, and on it will be built the tank, outlined and described by the Observer some time ago.

The passing of the old council and administration was marked by no particular show, but occurred quietly and without loss of time. Mayor-elect Meyers was escorted to his seat and immediately afterwards the message was read.

No effort was made to fill appointive offices last night, but this will be done tomorrow night.

The Standing Committees.

Mayor Meyers announced the appointment of the following standing committees:

Water—Sheak, Church and Fleming.

Streets—Andrews, Kreiger, Logsdon and Monroe.

Fire and Police—Kreiger, Fleming and Andrews.

Finance—Church, Monroe and Logsdon.

Ways and Means—Monroe, Orvis, and Sheak.

Judiciary—Fleming, Orvis and Andrews.

Recorder's Report	
Water receipts	\$12,880.00
House moving permits	10.00
Dog tax receipts	37.00
Fines	1,256.00
Building permits	22.50
Refund for parking the court house	791.89
City Scales	45.00
Refund for water election A. L. & P. O.	\$36.40
Sidewalk receipts	15.00
Total	15,444.81

Chief of Police Report.	
Small pox	2
Diphtheria	2
Scarlet fever	18
Arrests made during year	140
Receipts for impounded stock	\$123.35

Marriage Licenses

A marriage license was issued Saturday to William D. Warner and Miss popular young lady of Weston, Oregon and the groom comes from Webster county, Idaho.

A marriage license was issued yesterday to Jesse L. Blanchard and Miss Lenore Harris.

PROGRESSION IS KEYNOTE

MAYOR SENDS BRIEF MESSAGE TO COUNCIL

URGES HARMONY AND URGES PROGRESSION THROUGH YEAR

New mayor considers sewer question one of the most important events to be considered by present council—Anxious to have harmony and an inclination to do their duty among councilmen.

Mayor F. L. Meyers' message to the new council—terms with progression and harmony. The message as read last night, follows in to to.

Gentlemen of the council:—In assuming office as representatives and executive of our city, I am sure we will all be impressed with the weight of the preterm which has been extended to us, and we should firmly resolve, and by our actions and work evidence our intention to merit it. Under our charter it is the duty of the Mayor, at the annual meeting of the Council to submit a statement of the City's condition. This is a very broad subject and would, if gone into in detail, consume more time than we have at our disposal, so I will condense the matter as much as possible, commensurate with the importance of the subjects touched upon.

In the past year the City has completed a \$150,000 water supply system which I believe furnishes us with water second in quality to none. The quantity also is ample for a city of four times the present population of La Grande. The Beaver Creek Pipe Line, as an asset to the city, is worth a million dollars. With the construction of our new concrete reservoir, with a capacity of 2,000,000 gallons, for which plans have been completed, we will be able to store 3,000,000 gallons, and thus give us ample fire protection.

The old Council had also well under way the matter of new mains on Adams avenue, and elsewhere, and the extension of the system generally. What has been done in the matter of street work you are probably familiar with. Adams Ave. from 4th St. east to Hemlock will be paved, as will also Depot St. The rest of Adams Ave., east and west and on Fourth St., from the railroad through to C. St., in Old Town will be macadamized, and many other resident and business streets will be macadamized.

The improvements will clothe our city with an up-to-date appearance that will impress not only the present residents but people who pass through and others who may come here seeking a location. Our neighboring cities of Baker City and Pendleton have already made large street improvements and if La Grande wants to maintain its present reputation as "the best town in Eastern Oregon" we must not sleep but keep awake and doing.

A very important matter that this new Council will have to handle is the construction of what we may call the nucleus of a sewer system. Our citizens have voted a bond issue of \$40,000 to start this work. It is estimated this amount will be sufficient to cover one main sewer through the town, purchase sufficient land for the maintenance of a disposal plant for the sewerage, and other minor details.

In my opinion this sewerage system, next to the Beaver Creek Pipe Line, is the most important project

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HOPPLE BODY SHIPPED EAST

ARTHUR WALL ACCOMPANIES BODY TO OGDEN.

From Ogden the remains will be in charge of victim's brother.

The transportation which was wired for at Portland came in today on No. 6 and the body of Fireman Hopple which has been at the undertaking parlors of Henry & Carr since yesterday morning was sent out on the same train to Ogden, where it will be met by a brother of the dead man, W. H. Hopple, who is waiting at the Haley Hotel in that city. Arthur Wall will accompany the remains to Ogden. From there the body will go to the family home at Harrisburg, Pa., in charge of W. H. Hopple.

OSWALD WEST.



Secretary of Oregon Railroad Commission who will not be candidate again.

CANNON BETS HEAVILY

Washington, March 22.—Thus far Cannon has not confirmed the report that he offered to give \$5000 to charity if the house ousted him from the chair. It is said Uncle Joe made a statement to this effect last night while with a party of friends. According to the story, the party was discussing the situation caused by Cannon's defeat by the insurgents when the Speaker offered to bet the combined anti-Cannon forces could not oust him from his position.

PENNSYLVANIA DEMOCRAT ASSAILS ADMINISTRATION

Washington, March 22.—Declaring the insurgents had been whipped into line and charging congress and the administration with allure to keep the party platform pledges, Palmer (Dem.) of Pennsylvania, made a peppy speech in the house during a general debate on the pension bill.

"By refusal of a share in public pay and by successful use of the most gigantic bluff in history," he said, "men of independent thought and action have been corralled in the party caucus and forced to promise to be good."

"And what has become of the Republican party platform pledges? The president's legislative program has gone down before the assaults of a system, which now unfortunately controls the executive and well as the legislative branch of the government."

WEDNESDAY ACTUAL DATE

CONFLICTS IN DATE OF COMING DEMONSTRATION

PALATIAL AND EXPENSIVE TRAIN SEEN HERE TODAY

Will be in La Grande tomorrow forenoon at 11:30—At Baker City today where many farmers meet it—Will go to Joseph after its stop here—Schedule has been changed but this is correct.

Carrying all the paraphernalia of an experiment farm, equipped with palatial Pullmans, and forming what can be termed in no other manner than a farm on wheels, representing a outlay of one million dollars for equipment and running expenses, the O. R. & N. demonstration train passed through La Grande, Eastbound, at 3 o'clock this morning.

The train was in charge of such a galaxy of experts such as are seldom handed together.

Superintendent Bollins and party, traveling in '09, were in direct supervision of the running of the train.

Contrary to original announcement the train will go over the Union Central from Union Junction, Manager England having agreed to haul the train that distance. The train stops at North Powder tonight and will make its first stop tomorrow at Union Junction and then go over the branch line to Cove, if possible, but that is not likely.

There has been a general misunderstanding of the itinerary as far as La Grande is concerned.

Here Tomorrow Noon.

While there is considerable dispute as to two schedules being issued, it is now certain that the train will stop at La Grande tomorrow (Wednesday) noon and will proceed over the Joseph branch after making its stop here. It is due here at 11:30 tomorrow and every farmer in this section of the country will profit by attending.

Strada Poisoned

Bluefields, March 22.—Five alleged spies, working as nurses at a local hospital administered poison in a lunch to Provisional President Estrada yesterday while he was inspecting the institution. His life was saved by emetics. The "nurses" escaped.

PENNSYLVANIA DEMOCRAT ASSAILS ADMINISTRATION

Discussing Taft's recent speech on the tariff, Palmer said:

"If Taft was but half as anxious to save the workingman's pennies by cheaper cotton goods as he was to save the steel trust by dumping raw materials into the mills at reduced cost, he would have enshrined his name in the hearts of the poor and his praises would not be sung in the counting houses of protected wealth."

"If he had give thought to the millions of shivering poor who must now pay from a third to half more for woollens, the party would have lost the generous contributions of the Western sheep trust."

Patient at Sanatorium

Mrs. Perry of Island City arrived at the Mrs. Snodgrass sanatorium this afternoon for treatment.