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## PERJURY CHARGE AGAINST ORLEY CHANDLER SUSTAINED

YOUNG MAN WILL RECEIVE SENTENCE NEXT FRIDAY—LAUDERMILK  
CASE UP TODAY

After hearing the argument by the counsel and the usual instructions by the court, the jury which was to decide the fate of Orley Chandler, on a charge of perjury growing out of his trial for burglary last spring, retired to the jury room at 7:55 yesterday and returned a verdict of guilty after deliberation lasting an hour.

Chandler heard the verdict and was remanded back to the county jail to await sentence by Judge Knowles next Friday morning.

Throughout the trial which has been before the court since 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, Chandler has maintained an indifferent air only once showing any agitation.

This was when placed on the stand yesterday afternoon, when he seemed confused at first, but soon

regained the composure which has characterized his actions toward the proceedings since the trial began.

Four witnesses were called this morning in the case of the state vs. L. D. Laudermilk, charged with trespassing on lands not his own.

This is the outgrowth of the trouble over Laudermilk's locating on a homestead near Hot Lake said to belong to W. J. Townley of Union. Townley is the prosecuting witness in the present case, in which Laudermilk is being tried on a criminal charge of misdemeanor.

Cochran & Cochran are special prosecutors in the case assisting Col. Ivanhoe and Attorney Jno. S. Hodgins is defending Laudermilk.

It is thought that the case will be turned over to the jury late this afternoon.

## PROF. STEGER PROMOTED

Former La Grande teacher elected principal at Missoula

Prof. F. A. Steger who several years ago was a high school teacher in the La Grande schools and who was universally liked by all has been elected principal of the Missoula schools. Missoula is a city of nearly 10,000.

## MISSIONARY KILLED

Our government dispatching a warship to scene of disorder

Washington, March 30.—The scout cruiser Birmingham has been dispatched to the republic of Liberia, following the receipt of information that a native uprising had reached such a stage that the lives of white residents had been threatened. The tribemen are reported to have killed Rev. B. K. Speare a missionary at Cape Palmas.

## Joseph Man Buys Auto

C. E. Hall of Joseph came in on the afternoon train and purchased an automobile of Bohnenkamp & Co., and will return in his machine tomorrow.

## BOY INDICTED.

Gruesome "white slave" crime aired in New York

New York, March 30.—The coroners jury without leaving the box today returned a verdict charging Albert Wolter with the murder of Ruth Wheeler, a portion of whose mutilated body was found in Wolter's grate in his room. Authorities are determined to begin the trial early next week. The defense will fight against what it terms "indecent haste" and will ask for a continuance.

## INSTIGATE RATE ACTION

EVERY TOWN IN THIS SECTION TO  
TAKE HOLD

WANT REPRESENTATIVES IN  
CONGRESS TO TAKE PART

New bill in congress removing desirable features of Townsend amendment to Heyburn Bill grounds for action in La Grande and the surrounding towns. Issue at stake is very important.

A movement is now on foot to have every town in Union, Wallowa, Baker and Umatilla counties prepare, through their commercial organizations, a resolution to be sent to the four representatives of Oregon in Congress, in regard to the Mann amendment to the Townsend bill now pending before that body.

The resolutions will be similar to the one prepared here by Attorney Oliver for the Commercial Club of this city, a copy of which appears below. The Townsend Bill as introduced recently, makes it unlawful for a railroad to charge more for a short haul than a long one over the same route and in the same direction, and is itself an amendment to the Heyburn bill in regard to the fixing of terminal rates by water competition.

Now comes the Mann amendment, reported favorably upon by the house committee last Saturday afternoon, which would strike out the clause making it unlawful for a carrier to charge more for a short haul than the long one, and providing instead of a discretionary power to the railroads to discriminate as to freight rates between towns on the same route, giving a lower rate to the long haul if in their opinion it is advisable.

This leaves it all up to the railroads, and taking away practically all the benefit which a passage of the Townsend bill would provide for this part of the country, and it is time for those having the progress of the district at heart to be up and doing in support of the bill which will fix a freight rate proportionate to the service performed by the carrier, instead of allowing a railroad which has a monopoly of the traffic to discriminate between towns on the same route that it can build up one town and tear down another, as has been done heretofore through the heartbreaking history of the octopus.

It is of interest to note that the points of law involved in this controversy came up for consideration before the circuit court in La Grande recently in the case of the O. R. & N. vs. Coolidge.

Judge Knowles granted the defendant a non-suit on the grounds that the law allows a carrier to charge more for a short haul than for a long one, in the same direction and over the same route, was unconstitutional, establishing what is said to be a precedent in jurisprudence in Oregon.

Many of the points adhered to by the Interstate Commerce Commission are now being passed upon by the United States Supreme Court, in the hearing of the rate cases of the Mississippi river towns which were given a terminal rate by the railroads, giving them an advantage in freight rates over the retail zone in their immediate vicinities and it is related that the Commission is awaiting the decision of the Court before rendering a decision in the hearings held last November at Portland, Seattle, Salt Lake and Spokane.

It is thought that their ruling will be a general one covering all the complaints put forth in the several hearings, and if so, it will be the most sweeping order in regard to the establishment of a just and equal rate, ever issued since the beginning of the struggle of inland shippers with discriminating carriers.

The proposed resolution follows:

Whereas, the bill now pending in congress for the regulation of interstate commerce has a clause making it unlawful for any transportation company to charge more for a short haul than for a long one over the same route and in the same direction and whereas an amendment has been proposed in the House of Representatives which if adopted, would render this clause in the bill nugatory: Therefore be it resolved by the Commercial Club of La Grande, Oregon, that our senators and representatives in congress be

requested to use their utmost influence to hold in this bill the clause making it unlawful for any railroad company in the United States to charge more for a short haul than a long one over the same route and in the same direction: Resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to each of our senators and representatives in congress.

Unanimously adopted by the La Grande Commercial Club on this... March, 1910.

## BANQUET FOR WOODMEN.

Women of Woodcraft will give banquet tomorrow night

An invitation is extended by the Women of Woodcraft to Woodmen and their wives and especially to visiting Woodmen and Women of Woodcraft to be present at the I. O. O. F. Hall tomorrow night at a banquet to be given in their honor.

Members of these lodges from out of town, or new arrivals in the city, should avail themselves of this opportunity to meet in a social and fraternal way the resident Woodcraft members, as these banquets are planned especially with this end in view. They never fail to provide a very pleasant social evening to those attending.

## TROUBLE WITH RED LIGHT

Pittsburg's "fallen" will invade the City Hall.

Pittsburg, March 30.—Word was carried to Mayor Magee today that unless the order wiping out the "Redlight" district is countermanded within 24 hours, 2000 women from that section will invade the city hall and demand that the council furnish them with other means of livelihood. It is hinted today that politicians and others interested in the maintenance of the district organized the women for the demonstration. They will march through the streets carrying banners and placards.

## PEASANTS IN GREAT DANGER

AETNA BELCHES OUT LAVA DURING  
NIGHT

STEADY STREAM WORKING  
TOWARD CATANIA TODAY

Peasants waded through a half a foot of dust praying for deliverance from death—Air filled with particles, that give strange hue to the atmosphere—Many craters are vomiting lava and ashes.

Catania, March 30.—Violent eruptions of Mount Aetna throughout the night filled the streets of Catania with ashes and cinders to a depth of half a foot.

The volcano 20 miles away is scattering volcanic dust over a great area to the Southwest, ruining vineyards and orchards and showing every indication of approaching the crisis. A huge stream of lava is slowly moving toward the city and the people are becoming terrorized. Fresh craters appeared today. Prof. Rice estimates that 35 craters, old and new are active.

Assurance of the authorities that the lava stream will probably be diverted, calms the more intelligent of the people but thousands of peasants pass through the ash strewn streets praying for deliverance.

A heavy coat of ashes has choked all vegetation for miles and the country has taken on a desolate appearance. Impalpable dust from the craters fill the air to such an extent that breathing is unpleasant. During today the sun's rays cause the floating particles to become illuminated with beautiful color, while at night the fires of the volcano present an inspiring but terrific sight.

Government engineers are digging trenches and building dams to stop the lava stream, which averages to a depth of 12 feet and thousands of feet in width. The population of half a million is affected by the eruption which promises to be the greatest of modern times.

Local authorities have appealed to the government for aid in caring for the thousands of refugees from the stricken territory surrounding Mount Aetna. The government will likely make an appropriation for carrying on the relief work.

## DAYTON IS DRY

Dayton, March 30  
Dayton will be dry for two more years. For the second time the town voted against the saloons yesterday, but the saloons yesterday, but votes.

## A HAIR TRAGEDY

In the healthy scalp when a hair falls out it is soon followed by a new one. This process goes on all the time.

But there may come a day when the falling hair is not renewed; the hair bulb has lost its vigor. Unless this vigor is promptly restored the bulb will probably never be revived. Multiply these torpid or dead bulbs and permanent baldness is the result.

Don't wait when the hair begins to thin out. Use Shiek's Golden Hair Tonic in time and it will always prevent baldness.

It makes the scalp healthy and the hair soft, glossy and thrifty.

**Newlin Drug Co.**

LA GRANDE, OR.

## LOADED DOWN

With new Shoes and Oxfords just received, still warm, right from the factory, with a style that won't grow old



Shoes  
Oxfords  
Slippers  
Sandals  
for  
Men  
for  
Women  
for  
Children

THE FAIR