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38 DEMURRERS HALT PLEAS

ALL BUT ONE OF THOSE INDICTED ON CHARGES OF SELLING LIQUOR DEMUR.

BECK FILES PLEA TODAY

Either Actually Filled or Verbal Notice of Such Intentions Presented to Court—Attaches Prepare For Long Term if Demurrers Are Overruled—Separate Juries For Each of The 39 Indictments.

Thirty-eight demurrers, filed through attorneys this morning for defendants in their alleged liquor selling cases, has again deferred the time when the separate defendants will plead guilty or not guilty to the charges of selling intoxicating liquors as alleged by the grand jury, or it may throw some or all of the cases out of the court. A postponed hour of pleading was due at 1:30 this afternoon, the defendants having been given more time in which to prepare their pleas last Monday, but the filing of demurrers, or notice of doing so, has deferred the time of action in this matter. There was one exception.

Adam Beck Pleads.

Adam Beck of Island City, did not take up the formality of filing a demurrer, but through his attorney entered a plea of not guilty to the five indictments against him. The time of trial has not been set.

Argument Time Uncertain.

His plea was made when court convened this morning and many had at that time actually filed demurrers.

Prepares For Long Session.

The court's dais is sheltered in an alcove, and Judge Knowles has had carpenters extend the dais in such a way that he will not be forced to sit in a place where no air reaches him and where testimony of witnesses is hard to distinguish. Court attaches and attorneys are preparing for a long term in the event that the liquor indictments come to issue. Each separate charge will have to be tried separately and by separate juries, and as some have as high as a half dozen indictments against them, the term will draw out considerably.

Demurrers Upset Plans.

Early this morning the schedule was arranged so that the defendants who live in La Grande should plead at 1:30 this afternoon and the Elgin contingent was slated to appear as soon as the train from Elgin had arrived. As the demurrers are now pending, most of the Elgin defendants did not reach the city at all and will come only when the demurrers are to be argued.

HAS BEN HINTON CONFESSED?

Can Casaday Be Convicted Upon Evidence Originating From Hinton.

Ben Hinton, who caused so much stir among attorneys and sheriffs last week, is still in the county jail and will probably remain there until time for him to be taken to Canyon City for sentence, June 20, says the Baker City Herald. Neither the attorneys for the defense or prosecution have seen him, and there is considerable speculation as to whether or not he has made a full confession. When speaking of the case Sheriff Collier of Grant county said that if Hinton had not already made the confession, he thought he would.

The case of Deputy Sheriff Casaday, who had charge of Snyder when he

was taken from him and strung up, will be called Monday and there is considerable speculation as to whether or not he will be convicted. Hinton was convicted practically upon his own evidence, eight witnesses testifying that he told them of his connection with the affair.

Now the question arises as to whether or not the prosecution has any evidence to offer aside from the testimony which can be given by the men who appeared against Hinton. Did Hinton implicate all of the men and will his word be sufficient to warrant a jury in sending the other men up for life for their alleged participation in the crime? This question is causing considerable discussion but there is no way of settling it until the jury decides. Several have expressed the opinion that unless other testimony than that originating from Hinton is introduced, the jury will disagree or acquit Casaday.

Freewater Votes Dry.

Freewater, Ore., June 14.—After one of the most bitterly contested campaigns in the history of this little city, the "dry" forces yesterday won what is considered a sweeping victory by deciding that the common council may by ordinance, close all near-beer saloons, billiard halls, pool rooms and card rooms. There was a total of 114 votes cast—just twice as many as was ever known here and the "drys" won by just 31.

Judges of the election were Edward Bottoff, William Johnson and G. W. Crabtree. Clerks who officiated were John Crimmins and L. W. Mitchell.

100 FRESHMEN IN LOCAL SCHOOL

ALL RECORDS DUE TO BE BROKEN NEXT FALL.

Eighth Grade Examination Papers Are Graded—207 Pass Successfully.

Top-notch records in the number of members of the 1910 freshman class of the La Grande high school will be reached this fall when, according to records, one hundred eighth grade students will enter the local high school, and very likely more than that will be registered before the fall semester is well under way. The total number eligible to enter the high school from the county is 207, but the estimated number who will actually participate is 100. The eligibility list from La Grande district runs to 110.

With this tremendously large class slated to enter the institution here, urgent needs for a new building are again emphasized and were not a new and commodious building under way, the school management would truly be in a dilemma.

Yesterday evening Miss Ruth Bush, deputized to grade the recent eighth grade examination papers, reached the last paper of the big pile. Two hundred and forty took the examination and of that number 207 passed the required standing. This includes all sections of the county of course.

INITIATION RUSH CEASES.

New Strike of Gold Discovered Near Stewart City.

Seattle, June 15.—The rush to Iditarod has died away and steamship travel is a little above the normal again, although there will be a steady stream of travel to the new diggings. Coincident with the death of Iditarod as an Eldorado, come reports of the strike of a big reef of free milling gold near Stewart City, B. C., near the Alaska line. There is much excitement over the discovery along the coast and the rush is on.

Jackson county has a newly discovered mammoth cave. It will come handy for the assembly nominees next November.

GREAT ARMY OF KNOX OUTLINES MEN IDLE CLEAR POLICY

RETRENCHMENT ORDERS SENT OUT FROM HEADQUARTERS OF MANY RAILROADS.

IDLE NUMBER THOUSANDS TAFT PRODS AT CONGRESS

Various Causes Advanced as Reason For Sudden Retrenchment of Development Work in Middle and Western States—Demand for Better Service is Given as One Cause—Higher Wages Also One.

St. Paul, June 15.—Railroads of the Northwest today issued orders stopping practically all construction work. The Northern Pacific discharged 2,500 men, the Great Northern 3000, the Northwestern 600, and the Milwaukee road 1200. Later the Santa Fe announced the discharge of 4,000 and the Rock Island 1500.

President Elliot of the Northern Pacific said the retrenchment policy of the roads is due to the increased taxes, wages and materials, and better service demands by the public. The increased powers of the national and state railway commissions with reference to rates is also one of the items back of the retrenchment, he said.

OIL BURNERS POPULAR.

Proposition of Using Them More Extensively to Be Discussed.

Olympia, Wash., June 15.—Letters have been addressed to the officials of ten railroads in the northwest by the state railroad commissioners asking that they make a suggestion as to the date for holding a conference for the purpose of discussing the installation of oil burners in locomotives. The Milwaukee road is already burning oil on part of its lines and the Northern Pacific has installed a few burners on its switch engines. The proposed conference will be held in either Seattle or Tacoma. Oil is recommended as it eliminates much danger of forest fires resulting from the sparks of the engines.

A scow containing 22 head of beef cattle capsized near Marshfield and eight of them were drowned, but the others swam out.

TEDDY WORKS IN EXPLOIT FAIR AT EARLY DAY

COLONEL MINGLES WITH STOKERS ON THE STEAMER.

Great Crowds Rushing to New York to Welcome Roosevelt.

Aboard Kaiserin Augusta Victoria, June 15.—Theodore Roosevelt spent a part of today visiting the stokehold of the steamship on which he is crossing the Atlantic and he helped the stokers for a short time in shoveling coal into the furnaces. Later he formally received first and second class passengers.

New York Is Mecca.

New York, June 15.—Thousands are arriving today to join in the welcome of Roosevelt. Battery Park will be the mecca of the crowds and carpenters are erecting stands there. Mayor Gaynor will receive Roosevelt and welcome him home.

The parade proposed has been abandoned, so many wanted to join it, that it would take a day for it to pass a reviewing stand.

MOST EXPLICIT STATEMENT OF FOREIGN POLICIES THAT SECRETARY HAS MADE.

TAFT PRODS AT CONGRESS

Executive Statehood Bill is Hurried Along By President in Statement to Congressmen—Knox Says Administration is Anxious to Have Court of Arbitration Established at Once—Hague Suggested.

Philadelphia, June 15.—In one of the most significant speeches yet made by the Taft cabinet members, Secretary of State Philander C. Knox declared the establishment of an international court of arbitration was practically assured. He made the speech at the commencement exercises of the University of Pennsylvania and his utterances are regarded as the most important recital of the administration's attitude on foreign relations made since the former senator became secretary.

He declared that the present administration had carried America's foreign policies farther than any other administration. Speaking on the subject of "Spirit and purpose of American diplomacy" he said, "The United States has uniformly exhausted every resource to adjust international difficulties."

Then he recited the efforts of this country to make the Hague tribunal a real arbitration court, and said he believed these efforts would soon result in the establishment of such a court. Referring to the existing relations between this country and China, he said: "America's diplomacy is marked by regard for China's right and sovereign power. We are related to a policy of peace."

Taft Drives at Congress.

Washington, June 15.—Before going to Marietta, Ohio, where he will deliver an address at the anniversary of the founding of Muskingum academy this afternoon and also receive an honorary degree, President Taft informed several members of congress that he will insist upon a passage of the New Mexico-Arizona statehood bills before congress adjourns. This may prevent adjournment next week as planned.

FAIR COMMISSION HOLDS IMPORTANT MEETING LAST NIGHT.

Steps Taken to Have Careful and Thorough Exploitation Soon.

Systematic and energetic exploitation of the coming county fair in this city will be commenced immediately. This action was decided upon at a meeting of the entire board of managers of the Union County Exposition association last evening. Secretary Fred B. Currey of the inter-county association being one of those attending. The interest taken by the board is but a reflection of the widespread support given the fair by everyone in the county.

Many matters of considerable importance were threshed out at the meeting, but the chief point of the session was the decision to commence at once a systematic publicity campaign that will end in every man,

woman and child in Union county knowing all the details of the many attractive features that will be presented during the week.

How Observer Ads Pay.

Last evening a lady advertised for work in the Observer and gave her address at the Sommer house. Several answered the ad last night and more came this morning, but the lady gave the wrong address, for the Sommer house knew nothing of her. The clerk in that hotel called up the Observer before noon and said "for pity sake call off the people who are worrying us about an ad, that appeared in last evening's paper. We have done nothing but answer telephone calls for that woman all morning, and one long distance call came in from Hilgard wanting her." The Observer is the advertising medium that brings returns.

JUDGE KNOWLES AFFIRMED.

Circuit Court Here Affirmed By Supreme Court This Week.

Judge Knowles has been affirmed in a decision relative to a dispute over a water ditch near North Powder. Wm. Shaw brought suit to enjoin T. N. Proffett from interfering with the water in the ditch, and Judge J. W. Knowles ruled in favor of the plaintiff. Proffett appealed and this week the supreme court handed down a decision upholding and affirming the lower court.

THINK CHARLTON STILL ALIVE

THOUGHT TO BE HURRYING TO AMERICA AT THIS TIME.

Announced That Woman's Head Was Crushed Before Drowning.

Como, Italy, June 15.—The police here are convinced that Charlton, husband of the murdered Mrs. Charlton, whose body was found in a trunk at the bottom of Como lake, and which has become an international affair, has sailed for America and that the rumors of his reported death in conjunction with the death of his wife, are wrong.

Wireless messages have been sent to the captains on the steamers Verona and Virginia, requesting them to detain the man suspected of wife murder. Witnesses say they saw Charlton after the discovery of the murder. New York police have orders to await the arrival of the boats.

It is also believed that the Russian held here as a suspect, is innocent and his speedy release is expected.

Another discovery which clears up in a measure, the manner of Mrs. Charlton's death, is that the police announce a decision of the physicians to the effect that her skull was crushed before she was placed in the trunk. This is a contradiction to the belief that she was simply placed in the trunk and allowed to suffocate.

La Grande Boy to Wed.

An interesting piece of news comes in the announcement of the engagement of Miss Leita A. Cowell to Alvah Duryea. Miss Cowell is a very pretty girl of the blonde type, tall and exceedingly graceful. She has resided in Fresno for the past four or five years and during that time has endeared herself to a large circle of friends because of her gracious manner. Mr. Duryea is a very estimable young man in the employ of the Southern Pacific company. The wedding will be a quiet of this month—Fresno, California, Cal.

Mr. Duryea is a son of Mrs. Carrie P. Duryea who resides at 1910 Second street in this city and for many years he was in the employ of the O. R. & N. machine shops here.

PRIZE FIGHT IN GRAVE DANGER

GOVERNOR GILLETTE TAKES SUDDEN BUT DECISIVE ACTION THIS AFTERNOON.

WANT FIGHTERS PUNISHED

Governor Gillette Asks Attorney General Webb to Take Immediate Action to Have the Fight Stopped—If Courts Won't Grant Injunction Then He Wants Fighters Prosecuted Under Penal Code.

San Francisco, June 15.—It is learned late this afternoon that Governor Gillette has communicated with Attorney General U. S. Webb asking him to take steps to stop the Jeffries-Johnson prize fight.

The governor said later in the afternoon that he had communicated with Webb toward preventing the fight. In five close-written pages, he wrote to parties interested in the fight conveying to them the same information.

The governor expresses strong opinions against the fight and calls upon Webb to secure a restraining order from the courts to prevent it. In case the courts won't grant the injunction the governor tells Webb to proceed against the fighters and promoters under the penal code which makes prize fighting a felony.

He assures Webb of the Governor's co-operation.

The news has created an excitement in San Francisco such as has not been equalled in a long time.

Owl Bank Shortens Hours.

New York, June 15.—New York's "owl" financial institution, the Night and Day Bank, in Fifth avenue, will hereafter have shorter business hours the new schedule going into effect today. It has been found that New Yorkers are not such night hawks as was expected, and that after midnight, there is practically no demand for the services of a bank.

Since the bank was started in 1906 it has been open to depositors during the entire twenty-four hours with the exception of Sundays and legal holidays, thus maintaining a standard unique among the banks of this city. A close watch, however, has been kept on the amount of business done after the regular banking hours, running from 9 to 3 o'clock, and the directors have come to the conclusion that there is so little demand on the bank after midnight that they have decided to close at that hour. The bank hereafter will open at 8 in the morning and close at midnight. The safe deposit company will also observe the same hours of business in the future.

INTERPRETER BRIBES HINDUS.

Misinterprets Answers Upon Their Refusal to Pay.

Seattle, June 15.—In affidavits filed by sixteen Hindus for re-examination for admittance into this country, E. S. Jelly, Jr., official interpreter of the immigration department, is charged with demanding bribes of \$1000, and upon the refusal of the Hindus to pay he misinterpreted their answers to the questions and they were refused admittance to this country.

At The Airdome.

"In Old Kentucky" will be seen for the last time at the Airdome tonight. Many compliments have been received by Mr. Lowe and company on the creditable way in which they have put on this difficult bill. Tomorrow night will open "Friends" a play that is one of the prettiest pieces of play writing ever done.

Springfield has a big new gasoline street roller.