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RENO PROBABLY NEXT BEST

LEGAL STRUGGLE AT FRISCO MAY BE SETTLED THIS WEEK DEFINITELY.

SATURDAY BOUT TABOOED

Sporting Fraternity of The Country Surprised to Learn That Jeffries-Johnson Scrap May Be Acted Upon By Test Case Which Happens Next Saturday—Jeffries May Quit Training For Present.

Reno, June 16.—As soon as it was learned that the fight may be held at Reno, ministers of the state started a movement to protest against the fight here. Governor Spry still stands out against holding it at Salt Lake.

San Francisco, June 16.—That the legal battle which may determine the fate of the Jeffries-Johnson fight may be unnecessary on account of a smaller legal struggle over the Langford-Kaufman contest, is the new startling feature of the controversy which Governor Gillette prompted yesterday by ordering steps to prevent the world's championship contest in San Francisco.

Governor Gillette's orders to Attorney General Webb to apply his instructions to the Langford-Kaufman fight too, may bring affairs to a climax quick. The fight is scheduled for next Saturday and therefore a quick decision is necessary. As the lesser struggle will cover all the points involved in the Jeffries-Johnson scrap, the big mill will be settled by the outcome of the little one.

Gleason and Tex Rickard, the promoters of the big scrap, conferred long last night and today are ready for the fight, asserting there is no law to prevent it.

Attorney Webb, with assistants is preparing an injunction suit for the Langford-Kaufman and Jeffries-Johnson fight. It is said that it will be filed tomorrow. But it needs much care in preparation and the papers may not appear publicly until the last moment.

Looks to The Future. Sacramento, June 16.—Gossip here is that Gillette is seeking methods to stop the fight to save the Panama Exposition to San Francisco. New Orleans and other claimants to the exposition, are making capital out of the "Paris of America" condition existing at San Francisco.

Jeffries Grouchy Again. Rowardenna, June 16.—Jeffries has got an indigo grouch today. Yesterday he was in the best of spirits, but when he learned of the governor's actions, his spirits dropped. It is problematical what he will do. He threatens to quit training until the matter is decided. The camp generally is disconsolate today.

May Go to Reno. It is possible that the fight will go to Reno if thrown out of California. For Rickard got a permit there two months ago, anticipating drastic action in Frisco.

WILL IRRIGATE LANDS.

Prineville Takes Up The Important Development.

According to a dispatch from Prineville, Central Oregon, is undergoing a great change. The numerous filings for water rights with County Clerk Warren Brown, the preparations for dividing large stock ranches into holdings of 40 and 80 acres, and the development of agricultural lands that have long lain dormant, show that conditions are becoming better, and that the day of the cattle baron and the sheep king is near an end in Central Oregon.

J. H. Gray & Son, who have had

the largest stock ranch in this vicinity and who have given little attention to agriculture, are constructing an irrigation system that will reclaim 500 acres in addition to the 300-acre tract they already have in alfalfa, and will direct their attention to agriculture in the future.

E. T. Slayton, T. H. Lafollette, and J. S. Watkins have just about completed a canal five miles in length to supply water for 100 acres of land to be sown to alfalfa, all of it less than four miles from Prineville.

W. F. King, J. O. Powell and Hermann Poch, with other minor interests, are building another canal to irrigate 1000 acres in the same vicinity, to be planted to alfalfa, and will produce a crop valued at \$50 per acre annually. Heretofore the land has been in sagebrush, and the only possible crop was grain valued at not to exceed \$10 an acre annually. These and many other projects are under way, while many large orchards are to be planted in the Spring.

PROGRAM IS NOW ANNOUNCED

GENERAL OUTLINE OF EVENTS FOR THE FOURTH READY.

With Speech in The Morning, Entire Day is Occupied Excellently.

Final and definite arrangement of principal events for the Fourth of July celebration to be held here in conjunction with the Chautauqua, have been reached today. The main event of the forenoon will be the address by Judge Stephen A. Lowell and at 1:30 promptly commences a rather novel sport program—novel at least in La Grande where nothing like it has ever been attempted before. Somewhat limited in facilities, the program for the water sports will be shaped to conform with conditions, but it will be extremely interesting and amusing nevertheless. Much interest is being taken and every event will be closely contested.

Cups Here Soon. The expensive loving cups which will be awarded to the winner of individual championship in land and water sports, will be in the city in a few days and will be on display in the Peare jewelry store immediately on their arrival. The outlay for a fine large loving cup for winner of first place, and one less expensive though attractive for second man, is considerable, and the prize is one that will repay efforts of those who enter the various events.

Congress at 3:30. The sports will be concluded in time to permit the reproduction of the continental congress—an elaborate and spectacular affair—at 3:30 o'clock. In addition to these there will be other attractions of more or less importance, such as the baseball game and the prize fight returns.

Around these events will center the day's attractions. Each one of the numbers, however, will be of a high class. Grounds Being Prepared. Building of a fence around the Chautauqua grounds, and general repair to the grounds themselves are under way. The plat of available tent grounds across the way from the Chautauqua grounds, is being checked off rapidly, those intending to camp at the grounds during the week, being anxious to get good locations. The one who appears first gets the best there is left. W. R. Jones at the Bohnenkamp store has the plat of the camp grounds.

Case Non-Suited. The case which has occupied the attention of the court for two days past, was non-suited last evening.

N. Schoonover and A. B. Hempel of Union are registered at the Summit today.

At present, the activities at the site consist of digging trenches for the foundation.

DEATH TOLL IN PORTLAND LABOR FLOOD LARGE

GREAT AREA SUFFERING LOSSES OF LIFE AND PROPERTY IN HIGH WATER.

RELIEF AT OBERAMMERGAU

Budapest, Berne, Oberammergau, Belgrade And a Score of Other Towns Are in Path of Flood Waters—Hundreds Drowned And Thousands Marooned in Places of Safety—King Peter Heading Relief Work.

Constantinople, June 16.—Four hundred were drowned and big damage done to crops by a flood today which inundated many towns in Asia Minor. Waters came in a big wave. Many people sought house tops, but the rising water swept them to death. A few escaped to the highlands.

Berlin, June 16.—The river Ammer is falling today, giving the first relief evidence since the commencement of the fearful floods in this section of the continent. Rescue work is much easier. The Oberammergau district is also able to save its dead and take the marooned to safety. One hundred and fifty were drowned in the Ahr valley where floods were the most severe.

80 Drowned in Neva. Budapest, June 16.—Eighty persons were drowned in the river Neva which has flooded the countryside, according to news today. The property loss is enormous.

Vandalism Near Berne. Berne, June 16.—The towns of Zurich, Atdorf, Lucerne, Staz and others are partly inundated by the flood. A landslide in the vicinity of Lucerne killed eleven children who were at work in a factory.

Twenty Towns Inundated. Belgrade, June 16.—In the Moravia river valley, twenty towns are inundated. King Peter is personally heading the relief work. Thousands are marooned on the roofs and between three and four hundred are drowned.

Staying at Walden Hotel. "Heck" McKinzie is resting at the Walden hotel today, his stay being the result of a drunk and disorderly sentence.

DIRT BROKEN AT SCHOOL SITE

CONTRACTOR NOW IN ABERDEEN SECURING LUMBER.

Larger Crew Will Be Put to Work Soon to Rush Construction.

Ground was broken last evening for the new \$75,000 high school in this city. The site is just north of the rangers for rushing the construction have been made, and a larger crew will be put to work just as soon as the men can be found. The crew at this time is not very large.

Mr. Bartlett of Bartlett & Ross, the Pullman contractors who have the job of erecting the building, left last evening for Aberdeen where he will procure the lumber and attend to having millwork done. The Aberdeen grade of lumber is said to be excellent.

At present, the activities at the site consist of digging trenches for the foundation.

PORTLAND LABOR WAR WORSE

SMALL ARMY OF STRIKEBREAKERS HEADED FOR PORTLAND TO RELIEVE CONDITIONS.

POLICE FORCE AUGMENTED

Police Force in Portland Doubled So That There Will Be No Riots When Large Number of Strikebreakers Go to Work Tomorrow—Building Operations at a Standstill Due to Draymen's War.

Portland, June 16.—A crisis in the teamsters strike is expected soon. Today the building construction on several steel structures was practically suspended owing to the action of the draymen in withdrawing their wagons on the pretext that the city would not provide police protection. Mayor Simon previously stated that he was ready and willing to provide the police. The strikers declare that they will tie up the city by calling out other unions. President Banfield said that 200 strikers were listed and would be brought to the city in small gangs.

Strikebreakers Coming. According to Chief of Police Cox this afternoon, 100 strikebreakers from Spokane, fifty from Seattle, and fifty from San Francisco are expected tonight. The chief is hiring fifty special police to protect them when they go out on wagons tomorrow. He has received instructions to hire as many more if it is necessary. Union men have sent out advance pickets to meet the strikebreakers' delegation and attempt by peaceful means to persuade them not to work in Portland.

COMMISSIONS ARE TOO HIGH. Insurance Commissioners May Reduce The Agents' Commission.

New York, June 16.—The commission paid insurance agents is too high according to reports from the investigating committee representing the insurance commissioners of many states who are in session here today. The average is 25 per cent commission. The committee is endeavoring to find a way of reducing insurance expenses and probably will reduce the agents' commission.

BOWERMAN ACTS FOR BENSON

SECRETARY SWORN IN AS ACTING GOVERNOR TODAY.

Benson's Health Does Not Permit His Return at This Time.

Salem, June 16.—Owing to the accumulation of state business, and the necessity of Governor Benson remaining in San Francisco for treatment for his nose, Jay Bowerman, private secretary to the governor, and president of the last senate, was today sworn in as acting governor of Oregon. He arrived from Portland today on telegraphic request from Benson at San Francisco. Benson's health is reported as not being as good as usual.

Exchange Wireless Messages. New York, June 16.—A wireless received here today by Teddy Roosevelt Jr., from Colonel Roosevelt, says that

all are well aboard. Teddy Jr. also sent a wireless to his brother Kermit asking him to serve as best man at Teddy's wedding, which takes place June 29, when he is to marry Miss Alexander.

SEARCHING LAKE FOR CHARLTON

Different Theories as to What Has Become of Husband of Murdered Woman.

Como, June 16.—Divers are searching the bottom of the lake for Charlton. Many believe he is dead, being a victim of the murderer who killed his wife. Others believe he has fled to Switzerland disguised as a priest. There is no verification of the report that he was seen in London.

No Argument Dates Yet. No time has been set for hearing arguments on the thirty-eight demurrers filed in the bootlegging cases a few days ago.

ESCHEAT CASES TAKEN UP

CASE SENT BACK BY HIGH TRIBUNAL FOR RETRIAL.

Perhaps Most Widely Known Case in Recent Jurisprudence Here.

Evidence accumulated through more than a year's correspondence with officials and high dignitaries of Scotland, England, New Foundland, and other foreign countries, will be introduced again in a case which was called in circuit court this morning. The case is that of the state of Oregon against P. A. Mac Donald of this city, though in reality it is an escheat case, attempting to escheat to the state of Oregon a large fortune owned by John Morrison, now deceased. Grounds are that Morrison was an illegitimate son and not the proper heir to fortunes which fell into his hands. The case excited much attention when it came up here a year ago and was won by the state, Attorneys Cochran and Cochran, and F. S. Ivanhoe being special agents for the Attorney General in the matter. The supreme court sent the case back for retrial. Attorney Turner Oliver handles the case for Mr. Mac Donald. The defendant was named administrator and at the regular time was given power to distribute the estate of John Morrison to nearly a half dozen heirs all of whom live in this county. This was done through the orders of the county court before the escheat proceedings were instigated. It seems that if the state eventually wins the suit, Mr. Mac Donald will be held responsible for the amount of the estate which has been converted into cash and spent since Morrison's death, several years ago. In many ways the case is an unusual one, and especially so in that documents and affidavits from two or three foreign countries will appear as evidence.

The jurors, who were selected at 2 o'clock this afternoon, are: G. M. Richey, C. W. P. Ellsworth, James Nash, J. A. Graybeal, Thomas Loftus, Wm. Hall, A. F. Lilly, O. F. Cooldidge, John Cates, James Peach, Henry H. Goldrick and M. Elledge.

HAS A SPLENDID PROGRAM.

Isis Delights Everyone—Theatre in Fine Shape.

The moving picture program with itself at the Isis is certainly a delightful evening's entertainment. Few theatres have the splendid lighting effect, the well ventilated and carefully managed interior that the Isis possesses.

Besides the several reels of excellent films last evening the singer made good as usual, and the orchestra with drums added touches to the program that no one failed to overlook.

MANIAC WOULD REACH TAFT

HEAVILY ARMED MINER TRIES TO GAIN ADMITTANCE TO EXECUTIVE OFFICE.

ALMOST SLIPS BY DOOR

Nervousness Excites Suspicious Instinct of the Keeper at The Door and on Search Weapons Are Discovered on His Person—Man Harried to Jail Where He Will Be Examined For His Sanity.

Washington, June 16.—Armed with a .38 revolver, James Strickland, a miner from Cumberland, Md., attempted to reach President Taft today. He almost succeeded in passing the guards into the president's private office, but was stopped.

Strickland didn't arouse suspicion when he entered, but he said he had an appointment with the president. The doorkeeper noticed his excitement and as he was turning the door knob, stopped the guest. A hasty examination revealed the hidden but loaded weapon, and calling for assistance, the doorkeeper soon had the man in irons.

Detectives Sergeant and Dalyrample bundled the fellow off to the police station where he will be held pending an examination for his sanity.

IMPORTANT ARREST AT JOSEPH.

Howard Hunt Captured at Joseph Tuesday by Idaho Official.

O. H. Kulper, a detective in charge of the Pacific Division of the American Bankers' association, arrested Howard Hunter at Joseph Tuesday afternoon, and telephoned Sheriff Marvin to take the prisoner in charge pending the arrival of Deputy Sheriff Hart from Blaine county, Idaho, says the Enterprise News-Record. The prisoner was thus brought to Enterprise and lodged in jail. Deputy Sheriff Hart telegraphed that he would arrive in Enterprise Wednesday evening to remove the prisoner to Idaho.

Hunter is charged with forgeries amounting to \$135 in the aggregate. The forgeries were committed in Blaine county, Idaho, and the Bankers' association has been after the prisoner for some time. Hunter has been working in the mines in the Snake river country, making Joseph his headquarters. When he was informed that the prosecuting witness would probably identify him, he is reported to have said, "Then it will be all up with me."

ROOSEVELT NEARS HOME.

Colonel Feels Happy as a Lark as His Boat Nears Shore.

On Board Kaiserin Aguste Victoria, June 16.—Theodore Roosevelt is feeling blithesome today because he is nearing home. He walked the deck and chatted with Captain Ruser. Lawrence Abbot, business manager of the Outlook, entertained Roosevelt and newspaper men who have been accompanying Roosevelt on his trip, at a dinner this evening. No speeches were made.

TERRIBLE EARTHQUAKE REPORTED.

Not Known if an Inhabited Country is Scene of the Shocks.

Cleveland, June 16.—A severe earthquake, probably in Iceland, was recorded by the seismograph this morning. Shocks continued from 2:45 to 4:15 a. m. If it struck an inhabited country, damage will be terrible.

Mrs. Robert Newlin arrived home today from a visit in Portland.