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CRIPPEN'S PLEAS IGNORED BY THE TRIBUNES

DOCTOR WILL HANG NOVEMBER EIGHT AS ORIGINALLY ANNOUNCED BY TRIAL COURT.

DEFENDANT HEARS DECREE

Defense's Contention That Evidence Was Insufficient and That the Jury Had Been Tampered With Overruled by the Court of Appeals—Only Hope for Crippen's Life at This Time.

London, Nov. 5.—The court of appeals today dismissed Dr. Crippen's plea for a retrial. The decision means he will hang November eighth.

After hearing the brief arguments the court decided there existed no ground for a retrial. Crippen was calm though pale, when told of the result. The only interference now is the home secretary who can prevent the execution. It is not likely the secretary will interfere.

Crippen appeared in court with his attorneys and walked steadily to his seat and conferred with the barristers. Barrister Tobin pleaded that the trial jurors had not been sufficiently isolated, from outsiders, who communicated with them. His plea was overruled. Then he argued that the body had not been sufficiently identified, and there was no proof of the murder.

Attorneys denounced they would appeal to the home secretary to commute the death sentence to life imprisonment or grant a pardon.

BIG BUSINESS CHANGE.

Bridges Property Traded for \$100,000 Fruit Land.

The Geo. H. Currey Real Estate Agency has negotiated one of the largest residence transactions that has taken place for sometime wherein Senator Peter McDonald becomes the owner of the Frank R. Bridge home, formerly the W. L. Brenholts's stately home. Br. Bridges receives in exchange 80 acres of fine fruit land of Mr. McDonald at a valuation of \$10,000. This land will be immediately set out to fruit and sold in small lots.

THREE SHOOT.

North Powder Will Tave Big Blue Rock Event.

Announcement is made that the Gun Club of North Powder will hold a three days shoot beginning Nov. 20 and closing on the 22nd. Some valuable prizes have been offered and many shooters of the Northwest will no doubt be in attendance.

DOUBLE BOARD AT ELECTION

WHERE THERE ARE MORE THAN 200 BALLOTS, FORCE DOUBLED.

Means Speedier Count of the Ballots and Less Chance for Errors.

In accordance with the statutes of Oregon, the county court this week ordered that wherever there are over 200 ballots cast, the election board shall be doubled. This not only facilitates the voting, but will expedite matters in the county immensely and reduce the chances of errors and oversights.

With the double board system in most of the precincts, the vote should be nearly complete twenty-four hours after the counting commences.

ANNUAL CONVENTION SOON.

Next Week Will See Annual Event of Importance to Sunday Schools.

Commencing November 9th and lasting two full days, the annual convention of the Grande Ronde valley Sunday school association will be held at the Baptist church. Every school in the county is planning on sending delegates and many are expected. The list of speakers on the program includes many of the Sunday School workers of state prominence.

Political Prisoners Released.

Lisbon, Nov. 5.—Every political prisoner in Portugal was released today by order of the new administration. Sentences of all criminals were reduced one third. Hundreds of men and a score of women were liberated as the result.

Charlton Case Renewed.

Washington, Nov. 5.—Records in case of Porter Charlton, wanted in Italy for the alleged murder of his wife, Mary Scott Castle Charlton, was submitted today to the state department for decision relative to a possible extradition.

CONDON FARMER STANDS WITH BOWERMAN

DEMOCRATIC LEADER OF FARMERS' UNION INDORSES HIM.

Condon Man is Free With Praise for Republican Leader.

P. H. Stevenson, an ardent Democrat of Condon has written to Grande Ronde farmers indorsing Jay Bowerman. W. S. McMillan of Alieel has received one of these letters from Mr. Stevenson who by the way is secretary of the Farmers' Co-Operative Union of America. Mr. Stevenson said to Mr. McMillan:

Owing to the fact that a political campaign is now on, in which the question of the character and standing of the candidates is before the people, the farmers of Gilliam county, who belong to the union in this county, felt they could not be amiss to call the attention of yourself and other friends throughout the state to the standing and character of one of the candidates for governor who resides in this county.

Jay Bowerman who was nominated on the Republican ticket, has lived here for twelve years and we know him intimately. He is attorney for our union and for a large majority of the farmers in this county. No man stands higher than he does and this fact is emphasized by the vote he received at the primaries. He received almost 90 per cent of all the votes cast in this county and in the three adjoining counties he received from 75 per cent upwards. His services as state senator from this district have been entirely satisfactory to the farmers. He has shown himself alive to all our needs and requirements and in complete sympathy with our demands. The charges against him are without any foundation in fact whatever.

I am a life-long Democrat and have been elected twice to the office of Treasurer of this county as such, but I am supporting Mr. Bowerman at the present time because I know him; because he is the kind of a man we need in the Governor's office and because, if he is elected, the farmers of the state of Oregon will have a governor who was raised on a farm, who is familiar with our needs and our requirements and who will discharge the duties of that office as we believe they should be. I am not writing this as a political letter, but simply as a testimonial of the work and character of Mr. Bowerman.

Yours very truly,
(Signed) P. H. STEPHENSON,
Secretary.

BOTH PARTY LEADERS CLAIM NEXT HOUSE WHEN BALLOTS ARE CAST NEXT TUESDAY

New York, Nov. 5.—In most of the states of this country today the congressional campaign is closing. In a few states red fire will glow Monday evening but the real close of the campaign came today. In every state, Maine and Vermont excepted, congressional elections will be held. In twenty-five states complete new state tickets will be voted for the first time since 1890 when the house of representatives was sweeping re-elected Democratic with a Republican president.

Politicians of old declare conditions are similar to 1890. The revulsion of feeling which the Democrats profess to see, has admittedly worried the Republican leaders and may leave Taft, in the same position as Harrison was, with the overwhelming Democratic house.

Roosevelt is backing Stimson for Governor against John Dix. In Washington the fight is admittedly out on the progressive lines, and they are the only congressional elections, in Idaho the chief interest is on gubernatorial contests in which the wet vs. the dry and progressivism against stand-patism are issues.

In Oregon the chief interest is in the gubernatorial contest.

In some states, notably New York,

New Jersey, Massachusetts, California and Oregon, the gubernatorial race overshadows congressional elections. The New York fight issue is undoubtedly "Theo. Roosevelt." Although the direct primary and other influences count some, the former president is the center of the stage factor.

Republicans See Victory.

Chicago, Nov. 5.—Chairman William B. McKinley, of the Republican congressional campaign committee today issued a statement saying he was confident the republicans will control the sixty-second congress with a fair working majority. He said the size of this majority will be determined by the percentage of the Republican vote going to the polls Tuesday. Secretary Trimble of the Democratic committee predicted a democratic majority in congress by fifty-one.

Situation in Ohio.

Columbus, O., Nov. 5.—Chairman Nycholls of the Democratic state central committee today issued a formal statement regarding the prospects of the party in Taft's state. He said he claims the re-election of Harmon as governor by a large majority and expects 14 Democratic congressmen will be elected.

Chairman Laylin of the Republican committee did not comment on Nycholls' announcement.

"STOP THIEF" YELLS THE MAN WHO HAS A PECULIAR RECORD

R. F. WILSON ADMITS CHARGE OF OBSERVER WHILE HE WAS COUNTY JUDGE, THEN SCREAMS "STOP THIEF" TO DETRACT ATTENTION FROM HIM.

Admitting there was a plan for bonding Union county set on foot with Jeff Shriber when Wilson was county judge; admitting that public sentiment was so strong against the measure that he (Wilson) and the remainder of the court weakened and cancelled the order; admitting that there was trouble over the tax sales (notice of which was given under the Wilson administration by an obscure reading notice) and in fact, admitting practically all the Observer had to say regarding him. Mr. Wilson closes his series of articles with the cry, "Stop Thief," or words to that effect.

In the morning paper he publishes a list of some of the expenses of the county commenting upon them to suit himself, but never entering into details—a thing he is afraid to do.

It is a fact of record that he misquoted the county records in one of his circular letters, and if a man will do that, when can you believe him. With the records staring him in the face he saw fit to garble a report from them and try and stuff it down the voter's throats as true.

But this act is in keeping with the "pussy-foot" methods adopted by Wilson when county judge. He is not recognized as a man who does daylight politics, but belongs to that element of dark-lantern politicians who used to "do things" on the quiet. And by the way, the Wilson stripe of politicians is fast disappearing from public life all over this land. People do not want "foxy" men at the head of their business affairs any more; they do not want men who seek to bond their homes; they do not want men whose business ability is such that indebtedness piles up with marked rapidity and the county's warrants are sold below par; they do not want county officials who apparently have in the past played politics in every transaction.

Analysis of the bills quoted by Wilson this morning will again prove

his craftiness, for the administration of Judge Henry perfectly free from censure by the honest, tax-paying element of Union county, all of whom are pleased with advancement and improvement and the fact that this county is now out of debt.

So far as the Observer's printing bills are concerned, this newspaper goes into the open market for the county business. It gets some of it and loses a great deal. Every bill paid the Observer represents a transaction similar in every way to the transaction of an individual with this newspaper, because there is no contract whatever existing and has not been.

Wilson is grasping at straws when he begins to talk county printing and this paper is ready to go to the bottom of any transaction the learned Union attorney may see fit to mention.

Iowa Population Known.

Washington, Nov. 5.—The population of Iowa was announced today as 2,124,773.

Asylum Burns Down.

Brandon, Manitoba, Nov. 5.—As far as could be ascertained today, no lives were lost last evening when the Manitoba government insane asylum burned to the ground. The loss will make half a million. One woman patient, playing with matches she purloined from the kitchen was responsible. There were six hundred patients in the structure.

There was great difficulty in saving them. Arrangements are made to secure the armory and convert it into a temporary asylum.

Goes to Boise.

Mr. J. H. Miller, the genial marker and sorter at the Cherry laundry, has resigned his position to accept a more lucrative one with the American laundry of Boise, Idaho.

TOWN MAY BE WIPED OUT.

Tidal Wave in Alaska Yesterday May Have Destroyed Camp.

Nome, Alaska, Nov. 5.—No news have yet come from the camp of Solomon today which may possibly mean that the town with its fifty inhabitants perished in yesterday's storm.

The town was located on Norton Sound beach, twenty-three miles away. Telephone lines are down.

Merchants here who lost heavily when the tidal waves inundated the lower part of Nome are attempting to save stores in water filled cellars.

Buy a Residence.

John Thiesen, the popular foreman of the Geo. Palmer planing mill, after being a resident here for three years has fully decided that La Grande looks good to him, so he purchased through the La Grande Investment Co., the W. B. Sargent house and lot on 1st street between Adams avenue and Washington avenue. Mr. Thiesen intends to make a lot of improvements on the property such as the location warrants.

BOLTON BODMER DID NOT BID ON GRADER

RECORDS AT COURT HOUSE SHOW STATEMENT WAS FALSE.

Bolton & Bodmer Deny Assertion They Bid on Road Machine.

A False Statement.
Our attention has been called to an article appearing in the Morning Star of November 5th, 1910, under "Paid Adv." column. The statement that Bolton & Bodmer's bid for Road Roller and Rock Crusher was \$5750.00 is absolutely false. Bolton & Bodmer never submitted a bid to the County Court for these articles and the records in the County Court's Office will substantiate this statement.
Yours truly,
BOLTON & BODMER,
Per S. A. BOLTON.

KILLPACK TOURS BRANCH.

Finds School Buildings in Two Counties in Good Shape.

(By J. G. Killpack, with Portland Boys' and Girls' Home.)

On my trip into Wallowa county I was much impressed with the spirit of progressiveness especially noticeable in the schools which I had the pleasure of visiting.

At Wallowa I found a fine brick school in course of construction to accommodate both public school and high school. There is an attendance of about 260 pupils who are at present crowded in inconmodious quarters poorly lighted and the two lowest grades have to be accommodated in an adjacent building.

Enterprise has a good looking substantial high school of stone construction, well lighted and situated so as to command a delightful view of the surrounding country. There are 78 students in attendance and Prof. H. K. Shirk, the principal hopes to install courses in Domestic Science and Manual Training in the near future in addition to the regular work.

The public school has about 260 pupils and are outgrowing their present one-story building, to which an addition of 2 rooms is now being made, but I anticipate that in a year or so a more modern building will be erected in place of the present one which is somewhat unsightly.

Joseph is erecting a fine looking building of concrete blocks to house both their high school and public school and are hoping to be in their new quarters by the first of the year. They have an attendance of about 280 and have entirely outgrown their

MRS. KERSH FIVE IN HANDS THE JURY

PORTLAND TRUNK MURDER REVIVED BY THE WOMAN'S TRIAL THIS WEEK.

HELD AS AN ACCOMPLICE

Jury Given Its Instructions by the Noon Hour by Presiding Judge Morris. Woman Arrested With Man Who Was Later Convicted of Murdering Johnson in Grand Central Hotel, Portland.

Portland Ore., Nov. 5.—The fate of Mrs. Carrie Kersh, on trial as an accomplice in the murder of William Johnson, the trunk murderer, at the Grand Central hotel in June for which Jesse Webb is already convicted and sentenced to death, went to the jury at noon today.

Judge Morris delivered the instructions in the case which has attracted nation-wide attention at the time it was committed.

Johnson, Mrs. Kersh and Webb came from Spokane where Johnson met the woman. He gave her \$1800 and intended to marry her, but Webb who likewise loved her, killed him and stuffed the body in the trunk and tried to ship it. He was arrested with the woman while joy riding.

present building and have had to use an old church building to accommodate the 1st and 2nd grades. Domestic science and manual training courses will probably be installed later in the high school course. I might add that Joseph hopes to be able to secure a game of foot ball with La Grande if they do not give Enterprise too severe a defeat next Saturday. On my return I stopped at Elgin where they have a fine brick building containing about 350 pupils. The rooms were well-lighted and I noticed a sanitary drinking fountain an important adjunct lacking in some of the above mentioned schools.

It has been a great pleasure to me to meet such an efficient, courteous corps of teachers in these various schools and I feel assured of their kindly co-operation and assistance in bettering the conditions of the neglected and dependent children of this state.

I am hoping to be able to find more homes for our children in this section of the country now that they have increased railroad facilities and best of all in a community where the people have high ideals and good educational advantages.

Coal is Chief Fuel.

Washington, Nov. 3.—Coal now has been acknowledged by the Department of Agriculture and the Geological Survey as chief fuel of the United States and fire-wood has been placed in the background. According to a bulletin issued by Chief Forester Henry S. Graves, the census of 1880 estimated that at that time nearly 146 million cords of wood was used for fuel annually. The estimated value of this wood was approximately \$322,000,000. The population of the United States was at that time 50 million. Since then, however, the population of the United States has reached about 90 million, but the use of wood as fuel has decreased in total quantity. Coal, however, is used much more extensively.

The quantity of firewood used on farms varies greatly between different parts of the country on account of a number of influences, such as climate, the distance from coal fields, the development of transportation facilities and the progressiveness of the consumers.

The Geological Survey announced that in 1880 the total production of coal was 71,481,570 short tons, 84% of