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JURY TO GET PARKER CASE THIS EVENING SOMETIME

At press time, District Attorney Iranbee is making his finishing and final argument to the jury. The presumption is, the jury will be instructed late this evening or at a night session, and the jurors ordered to retire.

With evidence all in arguments to the jury begun this morning in circuit court in the case of State vs. Jess Parker. Crowds gathered in the court room to hear the attorneys in their final argument and many people found it impossible to get within hearing distance of the lawyers.

John L. Rand, attorney for the prosecution, opened the argument with a keen, clear cut review of the case in which he refreshed the minds of the jury on many points. When he reached the story of the finding of the pistol in the highway which was introduced by the defense, Mr. Rand dwelt at length upon it, pointing out in his own way the impractical side of such a transaction. He analyzed the surroundings and charged the father of the defendant with having placed the gun in the road in order to be able to go there and find it, endeavoring to establish that it was Porter's gun.

No feeling of antagonism prevailed in Mr. Rand's talk and his manner was such as to cause little excitement in the court room.

Judge Crawford for the defense next addressed the jury. He asserted that Porter had assaulted Parker with a dangerous weapon and it was but natural for Parker to protect his own life—hence the killing followed. In reviewing the witnesses during the trial Judge Crawford brought out the strong personality of Mrs. Parker, mother of the accused boy, and in a sympathetic vein called upon the jury to weigh carefully her evidence.

"Men may lie," said the Judge. "There may be times when all men lie, but gentlemen of the jury, a good woman like Mrs. Parker who has borne and raised a family—a woman who is the mother—don't lie."

Another point heavily impressed by Judge Parker was the love that Jess Parker has for his little child and the love the child has for his father. "I want to say," said Judge Crawford, "little children love men through instinct. When you see a man stop and listen to the prattling of a child in the street, there is something good in that man. When Jess Parker's little boy clung about his father's neck it convinced me that Jess Parker loved the child and the child loved Jess."

The attorney scouted the idea of Jess Parker carrying a gun for the purpose of killing Porter, and in sup-

port of that statement called the jury's attention to the fact that Parker's gun was only 22 calibre, whereas if most men had any intention of committing murder they would not arm themselves with such a gun. He also pointed out the right of every individual to carry a gun for self protection, stating the constitution gives every man that privilege.

He also touched upon the story of finding the pistol in the road and urged the jury as an attorney that it was of the utmost importance they look carefully into the matter for there was great chance for taking in such matters, but he stoutly contended that in this case the merit of the evidence was so great there is not a shadow of doubt as to the truth of the story. The prosecution had stated if there is a job in this particular transaction that Attorney Cochran, for the defense was in no way responsible for it, he having been fooled by his clients. This Judge Crawford would not agree to, for he said if there was jobbery Mr. Cochran was cognizant of the fact, and therefore knowing Mr. Cochran as he does and every other man in the country does, he was positively convinced there was nothing but the straightest kind of evidence admitted regarding the finding of the pistol in the road.

NEW OFFICIALS TO WAIT LONG FOR JOBS

COUNCILMEN WILL NOT TAKE OFFICE UNTIL MARCH.

Mayor, Recorder, Treasurer and Chief to go in January 2.

Rather peculiar circumstances attend in regard to when the newly elected councilmen and officials take office. Due to the new charter provisions, the councilmen will not take office until in March, while the mayor, recorder, treasurer and chief of police take office on January 2. This unusual circumstance becomes so through the charter provisions, changing the date of election. Two years ago next March is the time when the four councilmen were elected to two years. In the meantime the mayor, recorder, treasurer and chief of police had served one full year and one short year. Thus, the short term requirements have been fulfilled by these officials, while the councilmen holding over will also have their short period served out. Consequently in 1912, all will have taken their turn at the short term business and in 1913 the new elections will take place in December.

ONE CONTEST FILED.

Thus Far, Indications Point to But Few Squabbles Over Land.

While there can be nothing definitely stated until the 21st of this month, it is apparent that there will be but few contests over the recent land opening. Up to date but one contest has been filed. Joner Trump of Promise brings contest against Joseph Pifer. Pifer filed claiming settlement, while Trump aims to prove the contrary and files for a timber and stone. At the expiration of a month's time from the filing date, it will be possible to state approximately how many conflicts and contests there will be.

FORMER OFFICIAL IN OREGON IS MURDERED

NATHAN HYDE COMES TO GRIEF IN CHICAGO HOTEL.

Authorities Believe They Have Clew to His Murderer.

Chicago, Dec. 13.—In a blood-stained letter written by Nathan B. Hyde, former federal commissioner for Southern Oregon, as he was struck and killed by a crowbar, the police today believe they hold a clew to the murderer.

Detectives are seeking Emil Mathias in connection with the crime, believing he had written the letter for Mathias. The body was discovered when blood seeped through the floor to a room below which Mathias occupied.

PANAMA FAIR TO BE HELD IN 'FRISCO

CALIFORNIA DELEGATION HAS ENOUGH VOTES TO WIN.

Are Now Working for Speedy Vote on the Important Question.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Confident they have sufficient votes for San Francisco for the Panama exposition, the members of the California delegation today concentrated their efforts toward securing a speedy vote on the question of the fair site. They hope an agreement in the house which will permit voting on the bill either Thursday or Friday of this week.

STRIKE BREAKERS GATHERING AT DIVISION POINTS

business, he devoted time and millions to the improvement of schools in Wisconsin, using his power as state senator as a tool to formulate his plans, financed solely by himself.

ELKINS NEAR DEATH.

Blessed with Wealth Yet Starving to Death Is Report from Elkins.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Surrounded by luxury but starving to death due to his inability to assimilate food United States Senator Elkins of West Virginia, a reported near death, according to a report current here today. It is asserted he has lost much flesh and his friends do not recognize him. No one is allowed to see him. Last night it was announced at his home there was no cause for alarm.

INDEMNITY LAND SELECTIONS.

State of Oregon Makes Two Selections for Pendleton Woman.

Two indemnity school land selections have been made in the land office here today by the state in favor of Stella Z. Rose of Pendleton. The basis for the selections were made on the Wallowa reserve.

SEVENTY-THREE IN GRIEF OVER WATER RENT

EACH MUST PAY FINE IN ORDER TO BE RETURNED TO SERVICE.

New Practice of not Sending Out Cards Spells Grief for Scores.

That grief which the Observer predicted last night would come to the homes of La Grande water consumers, came in even greater proportions than had been anticipated. Seventy-three consumers were disconnected this morning on orders from the water department. The orders of the council to the effect that the water connections go off after the tenth unless the rent is paid, is being closely enforced. The same seventy-three cut off today must pay the dollar fine before they can again be connected up and be given the usual service. The large number of disconnections followed the decision of the council not to send out the customary card notices of due water rent.

Women Suffer by Decision.

Melbourne, Australia, Dec. 13.—By a decision of the arbitration court in Sidney, women under industrial laws are now entitled to the same wages as men. The decision was made today. This so far from benefiting the women will lead in many cases to their supersession by men in factories and shops.

Trouble in Seattle.

Seattle, Dec. 13.—The postal authorities today began a search for the person who sent a death threat in the mails to Rev. Adna Wright, pastor of the First Methodist church of Seattle. Sunday the minister attacked the city administration. Yesterday he got a letter telling him to desist or he would be killed. Wright is unworried and says only a coward would send an anonymous missive.

Woman May be Acquitted.

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 13.—An acquittal is freely predicted today for Hattie Leblanc who is charged with having murdered Clarence Glover.

Portland, Dec. 13.—From sources considered well informed concerning railroad matters it is reported today that railroads in the Northwest have been quietly placing reserve engineers at important division points, such as Portland, Spokane, Tacoma, Seattle, La Grande, Pocatello and Butte, in anticipation of a strike of the locomotive engineers. This is merely precautionary it is said, so that the railroads will be ready to operate trains without delay. It is said a general feeling is that there will be no strike but both sides are preparing for the issue.

Winnipeg, Dec. 13.—Leading engine drivers on the railways running out of Winnipeg are preparing to strike. It is stated here today that the great engine strike affecting Canadian and American lines in the west will be called Dec. 23 unless the demands of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, submitted yesterday to railroad managements at Chicago, for an increase, be granted. About 35,000 engineers are affected by the Canadian movement.

Strike Generally Scouted.

Tacoma, Dec. 13.—Engineers here express the opinion that there will be no strike but that arbitration will prevent a general strike of engineers on western lines.

SHOOTS NIECE BY MISTAKE.

Awakened Suddenly by Call to Breakfast Man Shoots and Kills.

Albuquerque, N. M., Dec. 13.—W. A. Gray, who shot and killed his niece, Mary Williamson, thinking her a burglar, will probably be exonerated by a coroner's jury today. The man was completely unnerved. He declared today he was half asleep when he shot and did not know what he was doing until the report fully awakened him. She was calling him to breakfast when he rose from his bed and fired. He was not arrested.

Election Booth in a Tent.

For the city election yesterday it was necessary in the third ward to have the booth in a tent as there were no vacant rooms available. This shows what a scarcity of vacant rooms there are in the city and it certainly does denote a mild climate to be able to hold an election in a tent in the middle of December.

LOCAL CUE ARTIST WINS HANDILY

BOATMAN DEFEATED EVEN IN HANDICAP MATCH.

Third Inning Played Last Night, Closing Three-Night Affair.

Don McLaughlin won handily from Tommie Boatman the Northwest crack in a handicap pool event lasting three nights. The last inning was played off last night when McLaughlin reached his 550 his goal. To win, Boatman would be required to score 600 before McLaughlin reached 550, but instead of that McLaughlin won even. Boatman reached 534, sixteen less than playing even.

Boatman Issues Challenge.

Boatman today issued a challenge through the Observer to play Don McLaughlin a week from last night at 250 points straight, for a prize to be put up to the winner. Mr. Boatman does not provide for a handicap but wants to play McLaughlin even on that occasion, and says he will meet McLaughlin in such a contest.

DECISIVE VICTORIES SIGNALIZE ELECTION IN CITY YESTERDAY

Scoring a majority over all other votes cast, A. L. Richardson was again placed at the helm of the city's administration yesterday. The official canvass of the votes has been made,

Candidates.	First Ward	Second Ward	Third Ward	Fourth Ward	Totals
For Mayor					
A. L. Richardson	33 199	185	79	496	
W. N. Monroe	38	51	57	33	179
James Mahady	6	20	14	46	86
For Recorder					
C. M. Humphreys	41	182	155	54	432
John A. Cates	33	91	94	98	316
For Chief Police:					
John Walden	49	305	172	67	493
P. W. Porter	28	65	80	91	264
For Treasurer:					
Ray W. Logan	67	235	212	121	635
Councilmen					
E. C. Davis	48				
Robert Deal	29				
C. L. Mackey	134				
J. A. Woodell	125				
W. J. Church	158				
W. D. Grandy	96				
Robert Finley	83				
G. E. Fowler	40				
J. K. Shiek	33				
Bonds:					
For	43	200	179	78	500
Against	28	38	54	70	119
Charter Amend:					
For	20	79	85	22	206
Against	52	175	154	130	511
Majorities:					
Richardson, for Mayor	231				
Humphreys for Recorder	116				
Walden for Chief Police	229				

and the appended list of votes by wards is official. The vote was counted rapidly last evening, and only a few instances were there any errors. The winners and the vote cast for them, is as follows:

FOURTEEN INCHES OF SNOW.

Snow Has Been a Foot and a Half Deep at Head of Beaver Creek.

Ed. Prospect who is caretaker of the Beaver Creek pipe line 'phoned in yesterday that the snow was fourteen inches deep at the head of the line. On account of the warm rain the past few days about four inches have melted.

J. H. STOUT DEAD.

Well Known Wisconsin Philanthropist and Educator Passes Away.

Wisconsin papers reaching this city today tell of the death of James H. Stout, the nationally-known millionaire educator who has spent more than a million in building up manual training, domestic science, gymnastic and art departments in connection with the high school at his home in Menomonie, Wis. Graduates from the Stout Manual training and domestic science schools, separate institutions from the high school courses, are scattered all over the west, the Stout school being the leading institution of its kind in the world.

Mr. Stout was a pioneer lumberman and many of the lumbermen of Oregon received their preliminary training under the Stout lumber company. When acquiring wealth in the lumber

TARIFF DEBATE OPENED BY SEN. CUMMINS FOR ITEM REDUCTION

Washington, Dec. 13.—Defending the resolution he introduced yesterday for the modification of the rules to permit schedule by schedule the revision of the tariff from the charges that it was "Revolutionary and Drastic," Senator Cummins in the senate said today:

"It is not my purpose to precipitate a tariff debate. I believe however some portions of the tariff law are indefensible."

Cummins explained the effect of the proposed change saying the amend-

ments would be limited to items of schedules of bill carried.

Pension Bill Large.

Washington, Dec. 13.—The pension bill carrying an appropriation of \$153,668,000 is being considered in the House of Representatives today. Reports accompanying the bill asserts the government has already paid out more than four billion for pensions. It is expected the bill will be attacked in some quarters and efforts made to reduce the amount.

FINE ARRAY OF FOWLS SEEN

MORE BIRDS THAN ANTICIPATED ARE ENTERED IN SHOW.

Judging Has Already Commenced Under Direction of Purvis.

With more birds entered than had been anticipated, the poultry show doors swung open this noon. Scoring of the entries has already commenced under the trained and skillful eye of Millar Purvis, the well known poultryman. The doors will be open this evening so that the public may have the chance of seeing the splendid birds on display for the prizes.

Though only the second event of its kind ever held here, the show is decidedly popular and even before all the entries were in place, people were paying admissions to gain a glimpse of what is in store.