

SEATTLE EDITOR DRAGGED INTO LIMELIGHT BY GRAND JURY INDICTMENTS FOR GRAFT

Seattle, May 24.—Alden Blethen, the editor of the Seattle Times, who was indicted yesterday on three counts for conspiring to protect gambling houses and of maintaining a public nuisance in the shape of the Arcade dance hall, and criminally libeling Councilman J. Y. C. Kellogg, today gave out a statement, saying the cause of the finding of the indictments against himself, managing editor and city editor of the Times, was because the Times supported Gill for mayor and because they defeated him after he was recalled. He said the evidence is in-

sufficient to warrant an indictment, that he would defeat each case as it was tried.

Inter-Paper Fight.

Referring to a letter published in a morning paper in which Blethen addressed Chief Wapenstein as "Dear Wappy" and advised him to remain away from Seattle, just before Wapenstein was indicted, Blethen charged that Dr. Mathews, foreman of the grand jury had played into the hands of the Post-Intelligencer for "political revenge."

\$4000 FIRE PAVES WAY FOR NEW UP-TO-DATE BRICK

Fire of mysterious or at least unknown origin this morning destroyed the Adams building on Adams avenue between Elm and Greenwood, burned up a \$2,000 second hand store stock owned by Neal Suydam, completely destroyed the stock of the Union Tea company, and various personal property belonging to Mrs. Charles Elsworth, the Union Tea company agent here, and of roomers in the building. For a time it appeared that adjoining and nearby property was doomed but the fire department, aided by a rain a few hours before, made the fire a one-building affair. The wind carried the flames across the street but the sparks were harmless.

The place was enveloped in flames when notice was called to it. It appears that the fire originated in the rear of the building, or in the basement, though this is all conjecture.

Clark Adams, owner of the building, carried an insurance policy of \$1500, while Mr. Suydam carried a \$1,000 policy on his stock. Everything was a total loss. The tea company also carried insurance. The Gollithan building adjoining, partially ruined by a previous fire, was completely destroyed.

The last known fire kindled in the building yesterday was when Steve Golden prepared his evening meal in his apartments in the rear of the store. That room is not burned down completely so the fire could scarcely have started there.

Mr. Adams, who makes his home in Huntington, has had plans partially prepared for a new brick building at that site for some time and it is said today that the fire last night will mean speedy construction of a modern building there.

Trainmen Adjourn Session.

Harrisburg, Pa., May 24.—After selecting San Francisco as their convention city in 1913, the convention of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen adjourned today.

Last Hanging in Kentucky.

Frankfort, Ky., May 24.—The execution of Roger Warren here tomorrow will probably be the last legal hanging in Kentucky, as the law now requires all men condemned to death to be electrocuted, provided the crime was committed after the electrocution law came into effect. Warren is a negro convict sent up from Jefferson county. After his arrival at the state penitentiary he killed another negro convict, the crime being committed just before the electrocution law went into effect.

Tennessee Bar Association.

Nashville, Tenn., May 24.—Leading lawyers and jurists from all parts of the state are attending the 13th annual meeting of the Tennessee Bar association, which began its sessions today at the Hermitage hotel. Gen. Luke L. Wright of Memphis, Frederick N. Judson of St. Louis and several other legal authorities of national reputation are on the program for addresses. The sessions will last three days.

Cox Exonerated.

Portland, May 24.—Acquitted of the charges of willfully neglecting his duties as chief of police, Cox is expected to return to duty soon. He would not state his position today. Cox was indicted recently for alleged failure to close disorderly houses.

POWER TAXED TO HAUL TRAINS

RESUMPTION OF NORMAL BUSINESS INCREASES PAYROLL.

Crews Released Some Time Ago Are Being Used Once More Here.

Mechanical power to handle the freight and passenger business in and out of La Grande is being taxed and freight is not handled with the facility that it usually is because the 18 or 19 engines available at this time cannot handle the business without the waits. This encouraging state of affairs is the result of a rapid and steady increase of freight business, east and west, in this city during the past few days. Engines are being overlapped into service every 24 hours so that the 19 available out of 24 engines are doing the duty of about 27. Train crews released some time ago when the slump in business came are being run as regulars again and there is the old time hum of business in the local yards. This morning there were 80 loads of east bound freight in the yards, meaning two freight trains to Huntington as fast as power was ready. A long west bound stock train passed through the city last night and another this morning. The yards at Huntington and Umatilla are crammed with loads.

This rather unexpected return to normal rush business has tacked on many a dollar to the O.-W. payroll this month and the local railroaders are highly elated, along with business men in general who are enthused at the sawmill, railroad and commercial activities this month.

GOOD ROADS ARE BOOSTED

TEMPORARY ORGANIZATION OF AUTO CLUB PERFECTED.

Association Will Work for Betterment of Roads for Mutual Benefits.

Rousing interest was instilled into the formation of a Union county Automobile club last evening when more than 50 auto owners, many from out of town, took the first steps looking toward permanent organization and threw a firebrand of activity into good roads movements. A rainstorm did not keep something over 50 from reporting in for the big banquet in the Foley grill at 8 o'clock. Mountain trout and numerous other delicacies being served under the personal direction of Mr. Foley with a great deal of delight to the guests. It was a fine dinner well served and it whetted interest and congenial addresses, called by Toastmaster Fred L. Holmes.

Better county roads and better city streets was the crying request of every speaker and the voted voice of the body, and how best to secure these needed improvements were discussed at length. County Judge Henry, County Commissioner Cecil Galloway of Elgin and Bridge Superintendent J. F. Campbell assured the autoists that there is no retrenchment in administration circles as far as good roads movement is concerned; that the county officials will spend every available cent for the betterment of the roads.

Dr. Molitor, the first man to own and operate a machine in this county, very appropriately led off with the post-prandial speeches and too appropriately enough, F. L. Meyers, the "Baby" autoist of the county, was the last. Mr. Meyers purchased a machine only a few hours before the banquet.

Many fundamental principles and thought as regards the improvement of roads and the betterment of conditions were recalled by the speakers. Dr. Molitor told of the prejudice a few years ago against the automobile and remarked at the vast difference in public opinion today, principally because the farmer is now buying the automobile for business and pleasure. George Ruckman of Alicel, the first farmer to own a machine came next and he touched on various subjects in this relation; County Judge Henry promised every possible assistance from the coffers of the county and Commissioner Galloway corroborated him.

Superintendent Campbell talked of the needed support from farmers and

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JOSEPH GIRLS CAPTURE COMPANION TRIPS

MISS EAMES AND ROUP LEAD MID-CONTEST COMPETITION

ENDS MAY TWENTY-SEVEN

Every Day and Every Hour Now Counts For Success or Failure as Nearly Every Candidate Is Working Her Best To Win Out In the Grand Finish—Friends Are Joining In the Game and are Anxious to Help.

Both mid-contest prizes are captured by the two enterprising young ladies of Joseph, a striking evidence of their hustling ability as well as a fine testimonial of the loyalty of the people of Joseph to their own. The people of the upper Wallowa valley have responded generously and liberally to the solicitations of their girls.

When the dignity of Joseph is at stake every citizen who looks toward that prosperous center is up in its defense. Farmers, stock men and business men all stand together. Joseph knows the meaning of "all pull together." When the prestige of Joseph is involved the people are of one mind to hold the banner of the town high above the heads of everybody.

Several subscribers of the Observer at Joseph have written to the contest manager telling him how industriously Miss Roup and Miss Eames have been calling at every house. One gentleman who subscribed for the Daily Observer narrated the following:

"Miss Roup spoiled a pair of shoes to walk out in the field when I was plowing to talk to me about subscription. No matter how far from the house a farmer was she would find him and convince both him and his wife that they need the Observer. I told I did not have the money with me and she said: 'You must have it back at the house. I can go there again after it. So I sent her to the house and she got the money. This is the first time in my life I ever took a daily paper and now I would not get along without your Observer.'"

The Dugger hotel, where Miss Eames assists her sister Mrs. Dugger, is one of the best kept and most popular hostleries in Oregon. Its cooking is equal to that of the best places in Portland. It is as popular with the big farmers and stock men of the rich Wallowa county as it is with exacting commercial travelers. Every guest who comes to the hotel hears the story charmingly told by Miss Eames herself, as to why that young lady desires to win a trip to the Portland Rose Festival by taking subscribers to the Observer. As a result Miss Eames is gathering subscriptions

Total of All Votes Cast For Every Candidate Between May 8 and May 20:--

Eames, Edna	171,665	Lyrenmann, Anna	8,221
Roup, Margaret	157,012	Combs, Frankie	7,272
Wilson, Eva	46,200	Evans, Minnie	1,998
Chattin, Violet	30,175	Peebler, Frankie	726
Stephenson, Mildred	25,101	Nutter, Mrs. B. B.	25
Hansen, Agnes	21,593	Jeffries, Nellie	1,304
Van Housen, Hazel	21,198	Huff, Ruby	25
Robertson, Zella	18,896	Russell, Bethel	1,304
Boswell, Cecil	18,690	Conrad, Nellie	1,716
Martin, Irma	15,425	Wisdom, Bessie	1,517
Cotner, Eva	14,563	Wyley, Gladys	570

LINE-UP OF CANDIDATES

CONTEST DISTRICT NO. 1

This district comprises the city of La Grande. The two ladies residing in La Grande who at the end of the contest have received the most votes will be the guests of the Observer at the Portland Rose Festival.

HUFF, RUBY, Seventh and L streets	15,004
STEPHENSON, MILDRED, Care Star Theatre	32,334
COTNER, EVA, 2,008 Oak street	38,607
MARTIN, IRMA, 1201 Fourth street	24,015
COMBS, FRANKIE, 1201 D avenue	16,322
NUTTER, MRS. B. B., 1705 1-2 Sixth St.	10,178
WILLIAMS, MRS. Fred W., Box 804	1,174
DAVIS, ADA, 1312 X avenue	1,001
SNOW, ALICE, 1410 Z avenue	1,001

CONTEST DISTRICT NO. 2

This district comprises all of Union county except La Grande. The four ladies of this district who, at the end of the contest, have received the most votes will be the guests of the Observer at the Portland Rose Festival.

ROBERTSON, ZELLA, R. F. D. No. 2	33,920
WILSON, EVA, Union	31,449
HANSEN, AGNES, Perry	31,276
VAN HOUSEN, HAZEL, Alicel	30,565
PEEBLER, FRANKIE, R. F. D. No. 2	30,364
CHATTIN, VIOLET, Summerville	37,801
CONRAD, NELLIE, R. F. D. No. 1 La Grande	13,301
RUSSELL, BETHEL, Elgin	14,441
ARNOLD, MABEL, Elgin	7,035
WEEKS, BERNIE, North Powder	7,006
KEEFER, STELLA, Imbler	1,151
WOODDELL, ETTA, R. F. D. No. 1, Summerville	1,001

CONTEST DISTRICT NO. 3

This district comprises all of Wallowa county and Pine and Eagle valleys. The three ladies of this district who, at the end of the contest, have received the most votes will be the guests of the Observer at the Portland Rose Festival.

EAMES, EDNA, Joseph	185,564
ROUP, MARGARET, Joseph	173,513
BOSWELL, CECIL, Minam	31,030
LYRENMAN, ANNA, Enterprise	16,022
EVANS, MINNIE L., Wallowa	11,005
WISDOM, BESSIE, Lostine	7,518
MAVOR, ALICE, Enterprise	6,000
WILEY, GLADYS, Wallowa	5,571
BROCK, NETTIE, Flora	3,001

PRIZES REGARDLESS OF DISTRICTS.

The three candidate who, at the end of the contest have more votes than any of their rivals, may, at the expense of the Observer, extend their trips on to San Francisco.

The four candidates who range next in standing, regardless of districts, will be entertained at the Hotel Gearhart, Gearhart Park, By-the-Sea.

All winning candidates will be given side trips to all points of interest in and about Portland; and will be taken to the leading places of amusement and recreation.

Instead of taking a trip, any winning candidate may have music lessons to the value of \$50 or a scholarship in Whitman college; in the Baker City business college or choice of several other colleges. In lieu of the San Francisco trips scholarships valued at \$100 will be arranged for, in case exchange is desired.

from every part of eastern Wallowa county.

Very bad weather prevailed during the entire mid contest period. Wind and rain made getting about an unpleasant task. But the Joseph girls did not stop on account of inclement weather. They braved every storm and overcame every difficulty.

It is commonly reported that several candidates now low down the score line have been saving up bunches of votes for the finish. The candidates themselves do not admit this in the contest office as the contest manager does not encourage such procedure. The contest manager has advised the voting in of all subscriptions as fast as the same are gathered. Nevertheless, several candidates may have been preparing to surprise their rivals at the very last hour of the contest.

At any time on Saturday, the last day, subscriptions may be turned in privately. On Saturday no candidate will be permitted to know how many votes rivals are receiving. The voting will be entirely secret. This is in-

tended to prevent the bidding off of the prizes by candidate watching one another so as to turn in their own long-term subscriptions.

All candidates who wish may turn in their reports on the last day in sealed envelopes so that their contents will not be known even to the contest manager himself except when all reports are finally in and opened in the presence of several disinterested persons.

West Virginia G. R.

Morgantown, W. Va., May 24.—The annual encampment of the department of West Virginia, Grand Army of the Republic, and the annual meeting of the Woman's Relief Corps, ladies of the G. A. R., and the annual meetings Sons of Veterans opened here today and will continue through Thursday. Today was given over largely to the reception of the visitors and the preliminary business of the encampment. The city is handsomely decorated in honor of the veterans.

VALUE OF SUBSCRIPTIONS

Voting Power of Subscriptions for the Evening Observer.			
TIME	By Carrier in La Grande	By Mail in United States	VOTES ALLOWED
Three Months	1.75	1.00	600
One Week	.15	.10	10
One Month	.65	.65	150
Six months	9.50	3.00	2500
One year	7.00	4.00	6000
Two years	14.00	8.00	15,000
Three years	21.00	12.00	24,000
Four years	28.00	16.00	33,000
Five years	35.00	20.00	42,000

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Two years	3.00	2.00	1,600
Three years	4.50	3.00	2,400
Four years	6.00	4.00	3,200
Five years	7.50	5.00	4,000

Votes at the above proportionate increase will be allowed on any additional payments made by any subscriber who has already paid one year during the present contest. This fact should be mentioned when extensions of subscription are sent to the Observer.