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BOY IN BATTLE WITH POSSE OF 150 MEN

AUTHORITIES SURROUND YOUNGSTER WANTED IN VALLEJO FOR ROBBERY.

ADOPT STARVING METHOD

Boy, Hid Away in Bushes, Holds Big Posses of Farmers at Bay All Day—Said to Be Starving and Will Likely Give Himself Up—No Effort Made to Kill the Young Man, However.

Vallejo, Cal., June 15.—Fred Melville, a Berri bandit, alleged to have robbed 10 saloons since his escape two weeks ago from the Preston reform school, today engaged in a desperate battle with a posse of 150 men. Melville took his stand in a thick clump of brush between Vallejo and Benicia. The posse dares not storm him. It is believed he is without food or water and can be starved out.

Shortly after 9 o'clock Melville attempted to leave his stronghold but Sheriff Veale of Contra Costa county saw him, and fired 15 shots and the lad rushed back to his stronghold in the rocks.

The posse stopped firing then and simply surrounded the hill, waiting. Officers say the boy has had nothing to eat since last night and that his attempt to break through the lines indicate his straits are desperate.

The officers got track of the boy last night when the sheriff encountered him on the road. They had a pistol duel then the lad dropped and crawled into the bushes, where he disappeared.

Instructions were sent out today to the farmers saying not to feed anyone asking for food.

South Carolina Epworth League.

Florence, S. C., June 15.—Delegates and visitors from all over South Carolina have gathered here for the 18th annual state conference of the Epworth league, which opens tonight for a four days' session. Several noted divines and educators are here to address the gathering.

To Attend Eucharistic Congress.

New York, June 15.—A large party of Roman Catholic pilgrims, representing many parts of the country, sailed today on the steamer La Sabote to attend the international Eucharistic congress, which is soon to convene in Madrid.

SUDDEN DEATH OF G. S. MOATS

DETAILS NOT AVAILABLE; BODY COMING TOMORROW

Wealthy Summerville Fincher Passes Away Suddenly at Salem.

G. S. Moats, a wealthy rancher of Summerville, died very suddenly at Salem yesterday afternoon. Details of the sudden demise cannot be obtained here today but it is presumed it was heart failure. The deceased leaves a wife, Mrs. Woodell Moats, and a son about seven years of age. The death yesterday was extremely shocking to the wife and friends for as far as they knew Mr. Moats was physically healthy, though he was sent to Salem a few months ago following a sudden attack of peculiar insanity. Mr. Moats lived near Summerville where he farmed a large ranch and had acquired considerable wealth. In the midst of financial success and happiness in the family circles he was stricken with a peculiar malady and

though he was not violent, he requested that he be placed in care of attendants that he might be prevented from doing harm to family or friends when the spells seized him. Otherwise in perfect health he was taken to Salem where he was progressing very satisfactorily and encouragingly.

News Comes Suddenly. The news of the untimely death for Mr. Moats was sent in his thirties came as a severe shock. Yesterday afternoon Mrs. Moats was in La Grande and while conversing with a friend was asked as to her husband's health. She replied that he was in excellent condition but no sooner had she spoken the words than news of the sudden death reached her.

No further details have been received, except information that the body will probably reach La Grande tomorrow evening for interment at Summerville. Until then, no funeral arrangements can be announced.

Mrs. Moats, the sorrowing widow, is the daughter of Will Woodell, pioneer of Summerville.

INVITES ISSUED TO VARIOUS BODIES

CHURCHES, GRADUATES AND THE LODGES TO MEET.

Arrangements Allowing Many and Varied Headquarters at Park.

An invitation is extended to members of the alumni of the various schools and colleges residing in this vicinity, and to all of the churches, clubs, civic and social societies, lodges and other organizations, to establish headquarters at the chautauqua grounds during the second annual assembly. Camping arrangements may be arranged with the secretary, Mr. Geo. T. Cochran, or with any of the directors, or with Mrs. Eckley for the Proebstel grove, which is available during the session.

Riverside park is this year a scene of beauty and that person who has not explored the grounds since the extensive improvements by the ladies have been successfully completed, have positively no conception of the magnitude of the work that has been done, nor of the results that have crowned their efforts. Superintendent Campbell will have a force at the small bridge, within a few days, which will result in relieving the congestion at that point. The Park ladies will have the bath houses installed at the dam by the time of opening, the residents of North Spruce and adjoining streets are installing sidewalks as rapidly as possible. Beaver creek water is laid into the park and other improvements are being arranged for at the earliest possible moment.

Be sure to come out and camp at the chautauqua this summer.

Returns From Klamath Falls.

J. W. Stephenson, of Baker, is in La Grande today on his way home from Klamath Falls where he went to make a search for his partner, a photographer, who was lost there last fall. Mr. Stephenson was unsuccessful in finding the missing man, but he is convinced that in an attempt to procure some certain picture of scenery he lost his balance and went into Crater Lake. Among the effects of the missing man was a panorama film, which when developed by Mr. Stephenson, becomes the best picture of Crater Lake ever made. This is a picture which all artists agree will be heard from in the future.

Troops Leaving Border.

San Diego, June 15.—General Bliss and his provisional brigade, here since March, prepared today to return to home stations at Monterrey and the Presidio at El Paso on the transport Logan. Seven companies of brigade will remain along the border but 1,500 troops will be sent north immediately.

JOSEPH F. SMITH OTIS ATTACKED ORDERED TO TESTIFY BY COLONEL ROOSEVELT

HEAD OF MORMON CHURCH WILL BE WITNESS BEFORE THE SUGAR INVESTIGATION

SMOOT OFFERS SUBSTITUTE CALLS TIMES BRUTAL

Because Sugar Trust Investigation Believes President Smith Was, Interested in Formation of Utah-Oregon Sugar Company, None Other Will Do—Not Stated When He Will Testify.

Washington, June 15.—Despite the protests of Senator Reed Smoot, of Utah, the Hardick sugar investigating committee today ordered President Joseph Smith of the Mormon church to testify before them. Senator Smoot wrote a letter asking that President Smith be excused because Thomas Galtier of Salt Lake City, could give all the testimony that Smith could. Hardwick insisted on Smith himself, however, saying he was a big factor in the organization of the Utah-Oregon Sugar company, which has several factories in Utah, Idaho and one in La Grande, Oregon. It is not stated just when Smith will be called to Washington, though it will probably be soon as the sugar investigation is now under way. Mr. Smith has been made president since the company was organized.

Helke resumed the stand today. His memory was poor concerning the de-

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MRS. ELMER E. BLACK, WHO WORKS FOR UNIVERSAL PEACE

NOT only men are engaged in the worldwide movement for the establishment of universal peace. There are noble and earnest women who are working toward that end with tongue and pen. Among these is Mrs. Elmer E. Black, who served recently with ability as vice president of the national peace congress. Mrs. Black is editor of the Editorial Review, the chief aim of which journal is to further the peace movement. Her editorial utterances are clear and forceful. She sees the horrors of war, which come home to women, and is determined to do all in her power to substitute arbitration for the ancient method of settling disputes by war.

mile cases. In every war the colonel has dropped the tone prevailing in the original discussion.

STEAMER BURNS UP.

Passengers Rescued by Small Boats in Safety.

Paducah, Ky., June 15.—With 50 passengers aboard the river steamer John Lowry burned to the water's edge opposite Smithland this morning. The steamer was midstream when the fire was discovered and the passengers were rescued by small boats. None were injured.

Madrid Hears Bombs.

Madrid, June 15.—A bomb was exploded today in the Plaza Oriente, adjacent to the royal palace at the entrance of the cathedral which was damaged, and other buildings in the neighborhood shaken. So far no persons were injured.

CANADA NOT IN HARMONY WITH RECIPROCITY

GENERALLY BELIEVED OPPOSITION WILL BE MANIFESTED.

Parliament Will Meet Soon to Consider the Issue.

Ottawa, Ont., June 15.—That public sentiment in Canada will manifest itself in strong opposition to the reciprocity pact when parliament re-assembles next month is the opinion of Mr. Robert L. Borden, leader of the conservative party, who leaves tonight for an extensive tour of the Prairie Provinces in the west, where the government has counted on a clean sweep in favor of reciprocity.

Mr. Borden's tour will last a full month, during which time he will make a speaking campaign that will cover every nook and corner of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. His first stop will be Winnipeg where a special train will be provided for the tour to accommodate the leader and the speakers who are to accompany him. Among the principal places where Mr. Borden will be heard are Brandon, Moose Jaw, Indian Head, Regina, Medicine Hat, Lethbridge, Calgary, Red Deer, Edmonton, North and South Battleford, Saskatoon and Portage la Prairie.

SEE OPPOSED BY WIFE.

Prosecution Gains—Much Testimony From Noted Leader's Wife.

Chicago, June 15.—Although the wife of Evelyn See of the "Absolute Life" cult cannot under the law testify against him, attorneys for the state who are prosecuting him for alleged mistreatment of girls, admitted today that through her they got the most of the testimony against See.

With a safe cracker she went to the so-called "junior" commonwealth established by her husband and blew the safe and secured papers, many in See's handwriting. Among the papers is an unpublished so-called "Book of Truth" in which he refers to the "spirit of absolute life."

Madero Is Accused.

Mexico City, June 15.—Referring to Madero as a "modern Caesar," an article by Vera Estanol, a former member of Diaz' cabinet published today, caused a tremendous sensation. He charged Madero with despotism, favoritism.

Southern Musician Here.

Prof. J. Francis Maguire is visiting in the city with his family. Prof. Maguire is a pianist and organist of a leading woman's college of the south.

Storm Hits Austria.

Trieste, June 15.—More than 20 homes, victims of a storm which swept the Atlantic coast have been recovered.

TOWNLEY VICTOR IN THE FINAL APPEAL

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR HOLDS LOUDERMILK HOME—STEAD IMPROPER

DISPUTE LASTS FOR YEARS

Final Decision Reached Today Which Gives Back to W. J. Townley the Land in Dispute. Records Here Showed Error Made in 1890.

Litigation in civil courts and hearings in federal land offices and departments, commenced two or three years ago were terminated today by a decision of the department of the interior in the Loudermilk-Townley conflict which gives Townley the title to the land in dispute and removes from Mr. Loudermilk the right to prove up on the land as a homestead. Bobbing in and out from land office to department headquarters, from justice court to circuit court and back again, this dispute over a piece of land in the den belt of Union county has been the public time and time again. Mr. Loudermilk died on the land originally, about three years ago, having found that the records in the La Grande land office showed it to be vacant. Mr. W. J. Townley was then turning to having gained title from the state of Oregon under the swamp land act. The place was drained and became excellent land. Mr. Townley contested the application which was eventually allowed in the land office but the subsequent proceedings carried to the department of the interior, ended in Mr. Townley retaining title to the land.

FINDS FOR PLAINTIFF.

J. F. Bragg Winner in Jury Trial Over Hay Account.

The jury hearing the case brought against the Grande Ronde Cash company by J. F. Bragg over a hay account, brought a verdict last night for the plaintiff in the sum of \$495.00. Today circuit court is hearing a minor case, entitled Golden against Godsey.

STRIKE GETTING LUKEWARM

INTEREST SAID TO BE WANING IN MANY PLACES.

Generally Admitted Conditions for a Victory Are Gloomy Today.

London, June 15.—Leaders of the striking seamen admitted today that the general strike outlook is more unsatisfactory than yesterday when the general walkout was ordered. They assert other seamen will join soon. The shippers say the strike is a fizzle, and declare those who walked out want to return. The strike is progressing in London, Glasgow, Shields, Middlesbrough, Belfast, Amsterdam, Manchester, Antwerp and other places. Strike breakers are being recruited.

Treasure Ship Returning.

San Diego, June 15.—The so-called treasure ship Eureka of the North Pacific Steamship company is said to be bringing recovered treasure valued at \$20,000,000 from the Honduran coast, was spoken at Salina Cruz June 8th by the freighter Nebraskan which arrived in port today. No information concerning the treasure was volunteered by the crew.