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SENATORS AND MINE OWNERS DISPLAY FISTS

ROUGH AND TUMBLE TVERTED BY OFFICIALS AT COMMITTEE HEARING.

MINERS GIVEN ALL BLAME

Charleston Hearing Today Made Live-ly by Verbal and Subsequent Near Fist Fight Between Mineowner and One of the Investigators—Story of Shooting Up Holly Creek Given.

Charleston, June 17.—Mine owners continued to give their side of the dispute which prompted the investigation to a sub-committee of the senate into conditions in the coal regions of West Virginia today. The committee hopes to complete its inquiry before the general strike is called.

Operators testified that owners were not responsible for terror in Paint creek and Cabin creek. They declared the miners themselves were to blame and guards imported after thousands in damage was done.

Senator Martine, of Jersey and C. C. Watts, a lawyer for the coal operators, clashed bitterly. Martine was examining the doctor regarding sanitation at Cabin creek and Watts shouted: "I demand you cease brow-beating, the fact you are senator gives you no right to be a czar. West Virginia knows how to take care of her own people. The state need not go to Mosquito ridden swamps in Jersey to learn lessons of sanitation."

This roused Martine to a fighting pitch. The committee room rang with denunciations and both tried to shout the other down. Senator Swanson rebuked Watts, and Martine was within his rights he said.

The doctor was much resentful at completing his story but had to continue. He declared the famous armored train sent to the district early in the trouble, had machine guns when it went up the creek. Hearing the miners had planned an attack, he ordered the gun to be fired only should the miners begin.

Miners in the New River district convention tomorrow will vote whether or not to strike. Organizers of mine workers are trying to hold off the men from action until the senate finishes its probe. Operators ridicule the strike.

After adjournment Senator Martine and Quinn Morton, the mine operator almost came to blows over efforts of Martine to get a story of shooting up Holly creek. They were separated by the sergeant at arms.

ALBERT PIATT DEAD.

Well Known Union County Man Passes Away at Lind Yesterday.

Remains of Albert Piatt, aged 48, and son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Al Good of Fruitdale, will be brought to La Grande tonight for burial, though no funeral announcements have been made. Mr. Piatt died at Lind, Wn., yesterday after a protracted illness, having moved to Lind last fall, after a long residence in Union county. He is survived by the wife and three children, Myrtle and Elsie and Mrs. Hazel Hanson, all of whom will be here for the funeral.

Troops Sent to Manila.

San Francisco, June 17.—Three batteries of artillery headquarters and the band, have orders to proceed from Vancouver barracks to Manila

to relieve an equal force for transfer to Hawaii. They sail July 6th from Frisco. Guns and horses go on the transport Dix from Seattle June twenty-five.

Cholera Among Bulgarians.

Salonika, June 17.—News of a serious epidemic of cholera among Bulgarian troops at Macedonia has arrived here. It is expected two hundred new cases are added daily. The death list is heavy.

Dependent Man Suicides.

Raymond, Wn., June 17.—Ill health caused by a kick by a horse, caused Isaac Whealdon to hang himself. The body was discovered by his son. Whealdon had just finished an article for an historical society.

FRIEDMAN ON JOURNEY HOME

LEAVES AMERICA WITH PARTING EXPLANATION.

"Time Has Been Too Short," Avers Alleged Servant to Reporters.

New York, June 17.—Declaring the time spent in America was too short to prove anything for his alleged cure for tuberculosis, Dr. Friedman sailed for Germany today. On the pier he said: "I originally intended to return much earlier. Circumstances kept me here. My presence in Germany is needed. Extra inducements are imputed to me which I never made. The claims I do make, I submitted to Taft and to the senate in January. I have no doubt the medical fraternity will acknowledge and recognize it."

"I much appreciate the courtesy shown me," said Friedman, "I was sorry when I first arrived not knowing the language and customs and felt dazed, but now I am pleased to state I left my treatment in the best of hands. I do not consider closed the cases I have left."

INVESTOR LIKES LA GRANDE.

Wizard In Figures Shows How Compound Interest Runs Into Money.

Had it been possible to place a \$20 gold piece at six per cent compound interest at the time of the creation, interest payable semiannually in gold and run to the present day, it would now be a ball of gold larger than the earth. Such is the contention of J. H. Curry, traveling auditor for the Equitable Savings & Loan Association, who is in La Grande to pay off three maturities for his company.

"Compound interest works long hours," said Mr. Curry, "and the above comparison only illustrates what it will do."

"La Grande looks better to us every day," continued the traveling auditor, "and we have loaned more money here in the last two years than in any other town of equal size in the state."

We have paid out in maturities in this town during the last few months nearly \$10,000. Most of this money was saved on the monthly savings plan. It was said by a financial sage that only one man in a hundred saves a thousand dollars in his lifetime. In view of this statement it was gratifying to me today, to pay a young lady here in La Grande, \$1,000. She is a working girl too, and saved the money in less than ten years, in deposits that amounted to less than twenty-five cents per day.

The Equitable has securities amounting to more than \$6,000,000 and they are said to confine their loans to the larger towns and cities. Charles E. Ladd, president and F. McKercher secretary, have made the Equitable one of the greatest of all Savings & Loan companies."

BALL TEAM BLOW-UP COMES ON SUDDENLY

Noiseless Puff of Smoke Marks Demise of Spuds

A man named Weeds formerly connected with teams in Wyoming and other western states, telephoned to La Grande late this afternoon asking for permission to take the franchise for La Grande and asking if any assistance would be given him by the people here.

As a base ball club in an organized league, the Spuds were shriveled up and wafted to the winds and all that remains is the memory of a mighty good, scrappy team that lacked only another pitcher to be way up at the top but couldn't exist financially because President Sweet kept the team on the road almost continually and furthermore, because it was the Spuds' bad fortune to play twice in North Yakima where the gate receipts received wouldn't do justice to a town of Elgin's size. The big blowup came for a certainty when President Pat Foley started a whirlwind campaign at noon today to collect \$600 on notes subscribed earlier in the season, said \$600 being urgently needed to pay the players' salaries already two days overdue. The Pendleton team arrived this morning and is loafing about, a much disgruntled aggregation and though there has been talk of others picking up the wreck, nothing developed today of a tangible nature. It may yet come but is doubtful, though the easiest money of the entire schedule lies before the club the next three weeks. Lack of funds to meet the payroll alone caused the stumble, and the shortage of funds is blamable to one thing only—the lack of support in other towns coupled with long jumps La Grande has been forced to take. Over \$1300 were lost in 10 days just preceding the return home. The unfairness of the schedule is very largely to blame for the upset, and not failure to support games in La Grande for there has been but 12 here in two months; a condition of affairs that is ridiculous.

The meeting last night was held without sufficient notice and the entire explosion has come so suddenly that the businessmen were unprepared for it.

President Foley decided to get out from under the load this morning but made a final effort at noon to collect the \$600. Not finding it possible in the short time allotted, he threw the sponge in the ring and called it off. The franchise has yet to be disposed of. It could be sold to some other team if the club here was kept going for a week or so. Ontario would probably take it, and pay for it and Spokane is said to be seeking it. Rebate for pooled hotel and traveling expenses cannot be collected for the season yesterday morning. Judge Knowles must be played out to do this. The

players are being held and will probably go with the transfer of the franchise, unless that North Yakima will heave a gulp of relief when it reads this little bit of information and say "fine too." That is probably what will happen.

In any event Wenatchee is in line for the Yakima franchise and it may be Spokane, Wenatchee, Walla Walla, Pendleton, Baker and Boise. This is mere conjecture at the best and Mr. Sweet's decision is being awaited. It is not thought the league will go up however but may shrivel down to four clubs.

Terry McKune is boiling over with indignation and knows not what to do with his Buckaroos; Pat Foley has a fat bunch of accounts to meet with a \$1000 in so-called collectable paper in his possession; Sweet has a bunch of grief on his hands; La Grande has no base ball team; La Grande will get the blame and go down in history as a blowup town because she is the "goat" for the other towns; Fourth of July simoleons will trinkle in the other clubs' pocket; these and many other irritating facts prick the fans and businessmen of the city but the chiefest fact of all the facts is that the telephone at the park will be brought in, the gong laid away, the suits stored, the contracts disposed of and La Grande settle down to a merciful study of the batting average on the bush branchline league.

ROAD SUPPORT CAUSE.

Long Jumps and No Returns While On Road Chiefly Responsible.

Large sums of money, as high as \$1,300 in 10 days, were lost by long jumps and no support on the road. Had La Grande been at home, home fans could be blamed, but as it is it is North Yakima, Walla Walla and the other towns that claim all these 1,500 crowds daily but where gate receipts pay board only, are to blame. La Grande went to Boise for a week after playing nine games at home, and got away with less than enough to pay expenses. Then she jumped to Yakima and lost five hundred dollars at Yakima alone. The gate receipts didn't even begin to balance expense accounts. Three days at Walla Walla resulted in just enough to pay board, but didn't cover a doctor bill and transportation from Yakima to La Grande, another big jump. This is the way it has been—constantly on the road and not getting any expenses money while away. La Grande as a city becomes the "goat" for the shortcomings out of the other clubs. There is no question but what a jump from Boise to Yakima with no remunera-

tion forthcoming at Yakima is too strenuous. As said before La Grande had better been home occasionally drawing even smaller crowds, than to be on the road under heavy expense and no appreciable returns coming into the coffers.

A mere handful of fans turned out last night to discuss the situation.

It seems a debatable question as to what will happen if he big smoke is off. The franchise will probably be transferred to some other town so that the players do not become free lances. At least two sales that are pending, under draft season if nothing else, are lost should the smoke explode, and the question of who is to pay the salaries due yesterday—\$300—is also bothering. Some claim that the forfeit money covers , and others claim not; the rules in the case are not at hand. In any event the salaries have to be paid.

EXPERT LENDS FREE ADVICE

APPLE GROWERS GET WORDS OF ADVICE.

Growing Pest to Apple Growers Are Treated in Expert's Letter.

P. J. O'Gara, pathologist and said to be one of the greatest experts in his line in the country, and entomologist at Rogue River, where he is employed by the fruitmen to look after affairs for the growers of this nature, has taken an interest in the spread of pear blight of Union county. It seems to be a fact that the blight is stretching out in this valley seriously and the growers who have only in rare instances been face to face with the problem before, admit that they need advice on the matter. In response to a letter to Prof. O'Gara from C. O. Ramsey, the local apple dealer, the Rogue River specialist says:

Replying to your favor of June 11th I may say that the terms "twig blight, root blight and fire blight," are all the same thing; that is to say, the pear blight germ will cause the destruction of any succulent or sappy part of pome fruit trees, such as apples, pears, quinces; some stone fruits, such as plums, and apricots; and such wild fruits as the hawthorne, service berry, mountain ash, etc. The twigs, blossoms, soft bark and cambium of branches, bodies or roots are liable to be attacked, depending upon the susceptibility of the variety. Some pome fruits, such as most of the pears and many varieties of apples, such as the Spitzenberg, crabs and others of Russian blood, are very susceptible. The more vigorous and sappy the growth, the more injurious the blight will be; therefore, highly cultivated fertilized or irrigated trees will blight worse than those that are growing more normally and are not being pushed too rapidly.

Blight is caused by a very minute germ or bacterium, which is a plant belonging to the great group of bacteria. In trees which have been affected the previous year, the germs live over in the cankers which were produced by it. In the spring, the growth of the germ in the bark and cambium causes these cankers to ooze; the ooze being filled with the germ. Bees, and other insects, visit the ooze and carry the germs to the blossoms; later, infection is carried to tender twigs by sucking and biting insects.

The only method of controlling this serious disease is to carefully work out all the cankers which were produced during the year previous. If all these starting points for infection are eradicated, there can be no blight the following year. The great difficulty lies in not doing the work care-

NEW DIRECTOR CHOSEN; CLERK FILES REPORTS

L. P. DAY CHOSEN TO SUCCEED HIMSELF; ONLY 34 CAST VOTE.

IMBLER SQUABBLE ENDS

Financial Condition of La Grande School District Shows Big Sums Handled Annually—Less Than Four Per Cent of All Voters Cast Votes Yesterday—Woman Clerk Named.

Twenty-nine out of a total of 34 votes cast, went to L. P. Day yesterday afternoon in the annual school election, and Mr. Day succeeded himself on the La Grande school board. Mrs. Dora Schilke received 3, H. W. Stoner 1, S. N. Bolton 1. There are approximately 900 school voters in the district making less than four per cent that gave any attention to the school matters in yesterday's election.

The annual report of School Clerk A. C. Williams was made out and filed today. It covers the financial affairs of the local school district from June 17 last year, until today. Today there are moneys in hand, as receipts for the period named, \$88,919.17. This includes cash on hand a year ago today of \$13,748.35. The report details the expenditures for the year. Teachers of whom there were 39, received a total of \$27,952.75, being an average wage of \$110.25 to male teachers monthly, and \$73.34 to women teachers monthly.

Partial payments made on the new school building and site amounts to \$11,025 with a total expenditure for the year of \$58,092.51. There remains cash on hand today \$30,826.66. The estimated value of school buildings, grounds, is \$160,000; of furniture and apparatus, \$18,000.

Total children attending school were 1753.

IMBLER FIGHT HEATED.

Chaotic School Board Status Said to Be Quieter Now.

Imbler, June 17.—The usual decided interest was manifested at the annual school election held here today. A change on the board was made. L. A. Stringham taking the place of I. A. Bingham, the retiring director, by a majority of 66 to 19.

Sherwood Williams was re-elected clerk over Wm. Westenskow, the other nominee, by a vote of 66 to 18.

The new board as soon as Mr. Stringham has qualified, will turn their attention to bringing order out of the chaos which has existed in this district for the past two years.

Woman Is School Clerk.

Cove, Ore., June 17.—(Special)—District No. 15 (town of Cove and vicinity), had the annual school election Monday, June 16. Robert French was elected director in Mr. Autle's place and Mrs. J. A. Burdett was elected school clerk.

fully. A single case left in the crown, body, branches or twigs may result in serious infection the following season.

I am sorry to say that the bulletin on Pear Blight published by this office is no longer available as the supply is exhausted. However, if you will go to the files of Better Fruit and look up the August and November 1910, issues, you will find a discussion of pear blight fully illustrated by numerous cuts. If you desire any further information, I will be very glad to write you again.

MAIN BULK DROPPED FROM BIG LIST OF DEFENDANTS

Out of a maze of defendants in the E. W. Oliver suit against the Pioneer Flouring Mill, the Grande Ronde Grain company, Ed Kiddle, Fred Kiddle and Merton Kiddle, has developed one defendant, the Grande Ronde Grain company. This elimination of defendants came this afternoon, after the plaintiff had rested his case after occupying the court's attention since yesterday morning. Judge Knowles passed a ruling on a motion to non-

suit which came just before the noon luncheon recess, and was ruled upon at 1:30. The motion was to non-suit the entire case, but the motion was denied to this extent, that all were dropped except the Grande Ronde Grain company, and the defense was forced to continue with the trial. Because of the wide range of persons interested, the case is attracting much attention. The case involves the collection of some rentals for wheat land.