

## LIBEL SUITS AGAINST STAR AND THE TIMES

SEATTLE DAILIES AND ONE WEEKLY ACCUSED OF CRIMINAL LIBEL.

## GRAFT CHARGES CAUSES

Editors of Three Papers in Seattle Indicted by Grand Jury for Publishing Censures Against County Court of Seattle—Each Editor Indicted On a Separate and Distinct Charge.

Seattle, June 18.—Editors Allen J. Blethan and C. B. Blethan, of the Seattle Times, Leroy Sanders of the Seattle Star and Edward Clayton, of a weekly publication, were indicted on a criminal libel charge by the grand jury today following a prolonged investigation of charges by these men in their respective papers, that graft existed in county affairs. The county officials were censured for methods used in handling funds. No indictments were returned against the officials.

The editors of the Times were indicted for publishing a story that Joe Jarvis, a member of the Hulet-Wells faction of socialists, was missing with a thousand dollars.

The indictment of the editor of the Star is based on an article containing charges by the Pomona Grange that the commissioners were mismanaging and wasting funds for paving, and other contracts. The charge against the weekly is based on an attack against the superior judge.

### More Delay Is Asked For.

Washington, June 17.—Hinting at sensational developments in the money trust probe, Representative Henry of Texas, issued another appeal for delay of currency legislation until the Fujo committee finishes. He insisted he was not opposing the Wilson plan, but merely asks for delay.

### Old Josephite Dead.

Joseph, Ore., June 18.—(Special)—The death of Ole Miller, a retired merchant, occurred yesterday. He was born in Denmark. For many years he has lived in Joseph and followed the occupation of merchant. He has been very ill with paralysis. He is survived by a wife and four children.

## RIFLE BULLET PIERCES HEART

JOSEPH RESIDENT MEETS INSTANT DEATH.

Wounded Man Goes Squirrel Hunting and Meets Quick Death.

Joseph, June 18.—(Special)—Sunday, while squirrel hunting, Chas. Ogden was shot through the heart. Death was probably accidental as the old gentleman was alone at the time. He is survived by three sons and a daughter. His wife has been dead a number of years.

## City-Peare Litigation Again in Court, This Time Final is Belief

Final condemnation proceedings that are purposed to conclude with a jury naming the precise amount of damage which the city of La Grande must pay to J. H. Peare for building the terminus and main canal sewer pipe in front of the Peare property in the eastern outskirts of the city, were commenced this afternoon when City Attorney J. P. Rusk, representing the city, and W. B. Sargent, attorney, and J. H. Peare, defendant, entered into what many believe to be the last leg of a long and quarrelsome litigation. The pipe was run to the disposal tank via the Peare property and in several

places the topography of the highway along which it is built is such that the pipe, running on a straight percentage of slope, runs above the surface of the ground, hindering egress and ingress to the Peare property. This condition has existed about two years, and recently Mr. Peare won a suit of ejectment, but injunctions, temporary, were obtained and now, to remedy what the city finds to be the chief fault, the condemnation proceedings have begun. The result of this case may not necessarily terminate the litigation but such at least is the hope of all concerned.

## TIMBER OWNERS TO MEET SOON

For the purpose of learning more of the law passed by the legislature pertaining to forest protection, and for the further purpose of perfecting a working organization in Union and Wallowa counties among timber owners in order to combat the possible fires in the forests during the dry dangerous months, a meeting of all timber owners has been called on Friday afternoon, June 20th, at 2 o'clock in the Commercial club rooms of La Grande.

Under the new law lethargy and carelessness is not permissible on the part of timber owners for the State Board of Forestry is empowered by this statute to act where timber owners fail to do so, and establish suitable fire patrols taxing the expense of such work up to the timber lands. F. A. Elliott, state forester, will be

in attendance at the meeting and will give the men benefit of his ideas on fire protection which have been gained by constant study of existing conditions and by observation of the manner in which other timbered localities are handling the problems.

It is earnestly requested that all owners of standing timber be present at the meeting, but in case an owner cannot be present, it is best for him to address a communication to the following permanent committee setting forth his ideas as to what should be done. The letter will be read in the meeting and the owner's wishes recorded. The standing committee is composed of George Palmer of the George Palmer Lumber company, Aug. J. Stang of Mt. Emily Timber Co., and John T. Williamson.

## FRUITMEN WILL MEET JUNE 28

YOST WILL AT THAT TIME EXPLAIN AGENCY.

Meeting of Vital Importance to Orchardist Is Set.

On Saturday, June 28 all fruitmen of Union county and representatives of all fruit organizations are urged to meet at the Commercial club at 1:30 o'clock to hear presented the plan of the newest selling agency adopted in Hood River, North Yakima and other big fruit centers this year. W. N. Yost the Idaho agent for the concern, who was here a few days ago, has written to Sherwood Williams of Imbler asking him to announce a meeting on the date named. At that time the advisability of establishing a branch sub-agency here, or of simply becoming members of the big concern, known as the Pacific Northwest Distributors, will be taken up and acted upon. The agency is popular in all the big centers where various agencies have been tried out. The meeting means much to the growers and because of this will likely attract a big attendance.

### INTERVIEWS MORE FREQUENT.

President Wilson Calls Scribes Into Office Midweek to Deny Report.

Washington, June 18.—Breaking his custom of talking to newspapers at only certain periods, President Wilson called correspondents to his office to refute today the reports that Democratic leaders had disagreed on the currency reform program. He said McAdoo, Owen and Glass, in charge of the legislation, are in entire accord.

## PROGRAM ON STREET THURS.

LA GRANDE BAND TO RENDER FIRST PROGRAM.

Free Street Concert to Be Given Here Tomorrow Evening.

After one postponement for very good reasons, the La Grande band has set Thursday night for its initial band concert of the year. Prof. Bennet today prepared the appended program for the Thursday evening musicale:

1st "The Cavalier March," R. B. Hall  
2nd "Overture," Orion F. H. Losey  
3rd "The Battle Royal," T. S. Allen  
4th "Upon the Sea," waltz, C. Alvarado  
5th "Flower Girl," intermezzo. . . . . P. Wenrich  
6th "Golden Rod," . . . . . M. McKinley  
7th "March," Berrys U. S. Republic . . . . . C. E. Duple

### UNION RESIDENT HURT.

Man Falls From Horse and Is Badly Injured—Scalp Fractured.

Union, June 18.—(Special)—Because he fell from a plunging horse at 1 o'clock this afternoon, C. A. Cadwell of the firm of Smith & Cadwell is in a serious condition this afternoon. He was thrown from a horse he was riding with a halter and no bridle, when the animal became frightened and ran away, plunging wildly. The man struck the cement sidewalk and his head was badly bruised and the scalp crushed by the fall. He is in a precarious condition.

## SUGAR LOBBY PULLED WIRES WITH EDITORS

BIG NEWS ASSOCIATIONS IN HARMONY WITH FIGHT ON FREE SUGAR.

## LOBBY HEARS SENSATIONS

Legislators, Railroads and Editors All Over the Country Were Brought Into Play by Fight on Free Sugar Says Committeeman—Letters Read Today Show Interest Taken Month Ago.

Washington, June 18.—Complete exposure of a gigantic plot, through the use of newspapers and certain news distributing agencies, whereby the sugar interests daringly engaged in the manufacture of public sentiment against free sugar, is predicted in the senate committee investigating the "insidious" lobby. A letter was presented from C. C. Hamblin, a prominent Michigan sugar manufacturer which presumes to show the Associated Press, American Press association, and the American Newspaper Union, freely lent services to the sugar lobby. Senator Reed said:

"I want the country to get the full particulars and full significance of these letters. I want them to know the sugar people are using every weapon backed by limitless wealth, and have been fighting to defeat free sugar. They conducted a campaign to influence legislators, railroads and newspapers."

A fruitless fight was made against the reading of other correspondence showing the sugar publicity methods, by John Yerkes, counsel for Henry Oxnard.

Another letter unsigned, written to Oxnard, stated that Collins was anxious for Taft in the situation and hoped there was some way to make known his doubt of ability to carry California, Colorado, Idaho, Utah, Michigan." If we cannot head him off we might get a promise of him relative to sugar and tobacco industries. He asked me suggestions for action," said the letter referring regarding "promises" to Wilson.

## MOUNT PELEE GIVES WARNING

NATIVES ON MARTINIQUE IN GREAT ALARM.

Great Loss of Life a Few Days Ago May Be Repeated Soon.

St. Pierre, Martinique, June 18.—A severe earthquake shock on the island is causing great terror.

It is reported rumblings have been heard from Mount Pelee, which erupted a few days ago causing a great loss of life. No casualties reported from today's disturbance.

### Oliver Case Drags.

The Oliver case in circuit court is slow to get to the jury, and though it was expected the stage would be cleared for the next case this afternoon, the Oliver case dragged far into the afternoon.

CARDINAL DE CABRIERS. Bishop of the Diocese of Montpellier, in France.



## SCHALL FREED BY GRAND JURY

CHARGE FOUND TO BE FAULTY.

Brother-in-Law Prefers Charges That Come to Naught When Tested.

San Francisco, June 18.—After a two weeks' investigation the federal grand jury has refused to vote an indictment of murder against George H. Schall a former army hospital sergeant, arrested at Vancouver, Wash., on a charge of killing his wife and three children when his house at the Presidio burned.

The bodies were exhumed but failed to show poison in the stomachs and no marks of violence.

The investigation was started by George B. Tsoner, a brother-in-law who charged Schall with killing his family to collect the insurance.

### Esola Goes to Prison.

San Francisco, June 18.—Detective Esola will be wearing stripes in Folsom prison at supper time. He was taken quietly from the county jail for Sacramento. Later he will be returned to testify in the conspiracy cases of other police if officials want him.

### Tossed Off Bridge; Hurt.

Seattle, June 18.—William Lewis was thrown from a bridge when a runaway car hit his wagon. He fell fifty feet to the bottom of a gully and may die. His horses were killed instantly.

## RESCUE BOAT SENT NORTH TO FIND DR. STUCK

NO WORD FROM EXPLORER SINCE LAST APRIL; HIS FRIENDS ALARMED.

## BASE CAMP IS IGNORANT

Motorboat Expedition Sent Out to Miners in That District to Be Expected Find Trace of Missing Explorer—Listed in the Work—Arch Deacon Was Exploring Remote Mt. McKinley Points.

Fairbanks, Alaska, June 18.—A relief expedition to seek for Arch Deacon Stuck, of the Mt. McKinley expedition party was sent out from Tahana on order of Rev. Betticher, following reports that an Indian in charge of the base camp had not heard from the climber since April.

The expedition left in a motor boat and will go direct to the base camp to enlist miners of the district to look for the missing party.

The purpose of the stuck expedition was to explore remote sections of Mt. McKinley and if possible to climb it and seek records of Dr. Cook.

### HEARING IS TRANSFERRED.

Senators Decide to Leave Trouble Zone at Charleston Mines.

Charleston, June 18.—Chiefly as the result of the clash between Senator Martine and Quinn Morton, manager of Paint Creek Coal Operators' association, which almost ended in a fist fight, the senate mine strike committee decided to transfer its hearing to Washington and Senators leave tonight. The operators testified war on mining districts caused the attempts by miners to fight lock out.

### New Umps a Marvel.

Baker, Ore., June 18.—Starkell and Burnside are pippins in the umps game, compared to one John Carroll, claiming to have handled the indicator in Nebraska and Colorado. Of all the rank decisions handed to both the teams, he gave them yesterday.

Davis started the fireworks by finding Coleman for a homer with Johnson on. Things went along smoothly until the sixth, although the Boers scored one in the third and one in the fifth, walloped the pill over

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## BALL TEAM SITUATION STILL IN UNDECIDED STATE TODAY

The Observer has ascertained this afternoon that President Sweet has about concluded arrangements with Caldwell for a transfer of the La Grande franchise and club to that place. The transfer is to take place tomorrow. This information is gained on the best authority and late this afternoon appears to be the latest development in the sudden explosion of the local club.

Slow to flicker out completely, the base ball ember is still burning in a very modified way, and various rumors of new Messiahs springing up to shoulder the financial burden are being circulated hourly and to each rumor the Spuds—erstwhile Spuds—lend attentive ears. The Irrigators are still in town awaiting a disposition of the matter. The franchise cannot be left idle for after this week something must be done. President Sweet will have to either work out a solution or call the directors together to do it and it is doubtful if anything will be done for several days. News that Will Stoddard would take over the team were premature—this afternoon he refused to touch it now, but if given a week's time to think it over might do something. A half dozen other men have been named but all are holding back, being slow to act in any capacity. Sweet was due this morning but didn't arrive.