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STATE MILITIA SHOT MEN SENT TO END STRIKE

STRIKEBREAKER TESTIFIES HE
WAS PROMISED EIGHT DOL-
LARS PER DAY.

ACTUAL PAY SAID TO
HAVE BEEN UNDER THAT

Strike Probes at Colorado and Michi-
gan Under Way Today—Sensational
Evidence Given In Colorado
Mine Hearing When Strikebreaker
Recites His Experiences.

Denver, Feb. 10.—Sensational testi-
mony was offered by Sam Valenti, a
Sicilian strikebreaker, at today's ses-
sion of the congressional probe into
the Colorado coal strike situation. He
swore that he had been hired at
Pittsburg at \$8.00 per day, but said
he was taken to the Deleagua mine in
Southern Colorado and put to
work, but never got his money. He
was forced to work at greatly re-
duced wages.

"I saw strikebreakers shot and killed
in the Deleagua mine," he said.
"I saw four militiamen carry one
body out and I never saw it after-
ward. I told the Italian judge at
Deleagua about the soldiers killing the
man but he told me to go back to
work as 15,000 soldiers were watch-
ing me."

Valenti declared he saw the Sun-
day riot when militiamen rode down
women marchers.

Michigan Probe On.

Hancock, Mich., Feb. 10.—The con-
gressional investigation of the copper
strike was resumed today with Presi-
dent William Reckard of the Calumet
miners' union on the stand. He went
into detail concerning working condi-
tions. He said the strike was called
against the local officers, but no pow-
er could keep the men at work. New
persons were coming into the man-
agement of the mines, demanding
demanding more profits and exacting
more, making conditions for the la-
borers unbearable.

CONVENTION PLANS MATURE

Rex Hall to be Made Lodge Room
for big K. of P. Convention.

Plans for entertainment of the
Eastern Oregon Knights of Pythias
who will come here for the annual
convention and golden jubilee cele-
bration next week, have taken the
finished product shape in the past
few days.

The banquet will be served in the
I. O. O. F. hall after the convention
which is to be held in Rex Hall, where
the spacious floor and ample gallery
will accommodate the lodge. The in-
itiation of a large class will take
place at Rex Hall where every facil-
ity needed will be provided. After
the convention the Doakes will hold
forth at Rex Hall again.

The Pythian Sisters will serve the
banquet.

TAX NOTICES OUT

By Tonight Last of Tax Notices Will
Leave Collector.

By this evening county treasurer
John Frawley will have sent out all
of the tax receipts to property owners
of the county. Up to the present
time the payment of taxes has been

Buffalo, Syracuse And Brooklyn Rocked By A Severe Quake Last Night

Buffalo, Feb. 10.—Severe earth-
quakes rocked Buffalo at 1:30 this
morning. Many houses were badly
shaken and the occupants rushed to
the streets in wild alarm. The seis-
mograph at Canisius college was put
out of commission.

Brooklyn Feels Shock.

New York, Feb. 10.—A severe
earthquake was felt in Brooklyn at
1:30 today. Buildings rocked, and in
Syracuse many were in the street in
their night clothes.

The severe quakes revived the pre-

dictions made sometime ago by scien-
tists that the next big earthquake
to occur in this country would show
along the Atlantic coast, very prob-
ably in the region of New York.

Quake Kills One.

Binghamton, N. Y., Feb. 10.—Re-
co Avesz, a laborer, was killed by
the earthquake which rocked this city
today. He was crushed to death
when the tremor caused a land slide
in an excavation for a new building.

BACKING PHY FOR JUDGE

DEMOCRATS OF COUNTY HERE
YESTERDAY START BOOM.

J. R. Oliver Has Been Talked of For
the County Plum Also.

Circuit court business brought in
a bunch of democrats from different
parts of the county yesterday and
besides praising the Wilson adminis-
tration, throwing a few bouquets at
Oregon's senior senator and predict-
ing good times for the entire country,
these democrats decided that this is
the year to take over the county
judge's office. The more they talked
of such a thing the more enthusiastic
they became, and in casting about for
an available man the name of Frank
Phy was mentioned. Support is said
to have coagulated right there and
last night around the hotels democrats
were talking Phy with energy and
earnestness.

Yesterday's political action came
as an awakening, for Union county
has not been very active in getting
out candidates for the different of-
fices, and it seems to have been left
to democracy to break the ice and
start the machinery.

When approached by a reporter to-
day Mr. Phy said, "This is all a sur-
prise to me and I'll have to think it
over before giving an answer."

Phy supporters make strong argu-
ment in his behalf, and it is claimed
he is the man to take Union county
from the republicans. There is, how-
ever, another phase to the situation.
J. R. Oliver has been talked of more
or less for county judge but he has
never stated positively that he wants
the office. It is not believed that Mr.
Oliver and Mr. Phy will oppose each
other in the primaries, for their re-
lationship is of long standing and
they have both been fighting for the
success of democratic doctrine and
Jeffersonian simplicity too long in
Union county to now make an oppo-
sition primary fight, according to
those who are in touch with the sit-
uation.

In republican circles no candidate
has yet aspired to the judgeship.
While Judge Henry has not flatly de-
clined to carry the banner, many be-
lieve when it comes to a show down
the judge will refuse to serve another
term.

In the progressive camp there is
nothing to indicate there will be a
local ticket in the field.

slow and the treasurer is somewhat
in need of money.

It is thought that since there is no
rebate this year people will put off
paying until the last of March, when
there is going to be a grand rush.

MAYS FOUND UNWASTEFUL

JURY RETURNS VERDICT IN
HIS FAVOR.

Grand Jury Will Be Active For a Day
More—Other Cases Up.

R. C. Mays of Elgin, was vindicated
of charges that he was wasteful of the
funds of the estate of David Troy, of
which he is guardian, when at 2 P.
M. today a circuit court jury brought
out a verdict in favor of him.

The Murchison trespass case from
Summerville has been dismissed, after
the jury had been practically secured,
because of a pending suit to settle
ownership of certain small tracts of
land involved in the dispute which
had not before been called to the
state's attention.

The next case called for trial is
that of Zimmerle vs. Childers, sent
back for retrial by the supreme court,
and involving the validity of the sher-
iff's attachment sale, near Cove some
years ago.

It is reported that the grand jury
will conclude its present session
sometime tomorrow. It has returned
several true bills in the past 24 hours.
One against Dan Kennedy, alleged
to have committed larceny in the
Blue Mountain house. The articles
stolen are said to have been blankets
and articles of clothing.

The other is against Franz Bern-
hard charged with alleged fornication.
He was arrested recently in Baker
and is in the county jail awaiting trial.

This morning's session of the court
was taken up with arguments in the
case of Delilah Beam against R. C.
Mays. The gist of the case was
given in yesterday's Observer, and
hinges on mismanagement of the es-
tate of David Troy, who as an insane
ward, had a legal guardian.



Mrs. William Hitt, formerly Miss
Katherine Elkins, daughter of the late
Senator Elkins of West Virginia, who
was reported to have been engaged to
wed the duke of Abruzzi, and was
married suddenly to "Billy" Hitt of
Washington.

CONTESTS OVER ELECTIONS ARE UNAPPEALABLE

CIRCUIT COURT HAS THE FINAL
OPINION IN ALL SUCH CAS-
ES, IS OPINION.

WOODBURN MAYOR CASE
BRINGS FORTH RULING

Appeal From Woodburn Is Dismissed
On Grounds That Corrupt Practice
Act Makes Such Cases Unappeal-
able—Langdon Ousted For Mayor
But Lower Court Decides.

Salem, Feb. 10.—The supreme court
has held that election contest cases
are not appealable to the supreme
court. This opinion came today
when the tribunal dismissed the ap-
peal of J. R. Langdon, mayor of
Woodburn, since the election in No-
vember, but now about to be ousted
by L. A. Livesley on the grounds he
is not an American citizen.

The opinion of the court is that
the corrupt practice act provides any
contest case shall be finally settled
by the circuit court. This is the first
direct opinion on that phase of the
law.

MEETING OF MERCHANTS PAVES WAY FOR BIG STATE CONVENTION

THE NEW BOARD.
HARRY PATTISON.
C. D. EMAHISER.
FRED GEIBEL.
F. D. HAISTEN.
GEORGE GILBERT.
J. C. BARHAM.
F. A. EPLING.

and he outlined briefly how the as-
sociation could be made more effec-
tive in its work.

On motion of Mac Wood, a com-
mittee of five was appointed to sub-
mit a list of five names suitable for
board members. The committee re-
turned for that purpose and during the
interim F. D. Haisten spoke on the
good the June convention holds for
La Grande and Eastern Oregon. He
told what he saw at last year's con-
vention at Albany and pronounced the
largest meeting with state represen-
tation now held in Oregon. Mr. Ha-
isten did not hesitate to assert that
the annual meeting would be by far
the largest thing La Grande has ever
attempted in the way of entertain-
ment.

A good description of a recent the-
atre party given in Portland by the
retailers to start enthusiasm for the
La Grande meeting was given by
Fred J. Holmes who was in attend-
ance at the Orpheum theatre in the
metropolis when the theatre was leased
by the retailers. "I was very proud
of my home town," said Mr. Holmes,
"when the theatre manager stepped
before the curtain and announced
that his theatre was that evening
leased to the retailers for the purpose
of making the first start in the way
of preparation for the big excursion
to La Grande in June, and when the
manager further said that it was
understood in Portland that La Grande
is the best town of its size in the north-
west, I just clapped my hands as loud
as the loudest and I think I yelled a
little from the way the ladies looked
toward me."

Mr. Holmes feels that La Grande is
slated for a big entertainment and
he is anxious that everyone in the
were driven home to everyone present

The dinner was one of the Foley
Grill's widely reputed feeds that causes
satisfaction. President Fred Geibel
reviewed the work done the past
year in his speech which was the
first on the program. He was followed
by "Jim" Miller, traveling passenger
agent for the O.-W. R. & N. Co.,
who told what the railroad would do
toward making the annual state con-
vention a success.

Secretary C. A. Small, after render-
ing his report of the work, delivered
a speech to the business men in gen-
eral on extending credit. His points
were driven home to everyone present

Horse Killed, Rider Unhurt

WALLOWA BUTCHER HAS HAIR-
RAISING ESCAPE.

Train Kills The Animal

Crossing Tracks Near Wallowa Yes-
terday, Man Is Threatened.

Jerry, Maxwell a Wallowa but-
cher, came as near "cashing in" yes-
terday as he ever will without actual-
ly doing it. Mr. Maxwell was riding
a horse across the O.-W. track at
the outskirts of Wallowa without no-
ticing the approaching train. The
crash came and the mount was killed
outright, but Mr. Maxwell escaped all
injury, though frightened by his
narrow escape.

The men of the train crew said, on
arrival here last evening, that the
escape was one of the most mir-
aculous that they have been acquaint-
ed with. Maxwell bemoans the loss
of his horse, of course, but is never-
theless thankful that his own skin
is unscathed and unruined.

GOLD NUGGET FOUND

Sumpter Mine Produces \$1500 Gold
Nugget, Say Reports.

Baker, Feb. 10.—(Special).—A re-
port comes from Sumpter that a nug-
get worth \$1500 was found in the
Sumpter Dredge company's workings
recently. This is said to be the largest
nugget ever found in this section,
the former high record being one
valued at \$1200, found at Susanville.

PARLIAMENT ADJOURNED AS MOB GATHERS

TOKIO LAWMAKERS PURSUED
TO THEIR HOMES BY IN-
FURIATED CITIZENS.

ALLEGED GRAFT WHITE
WASH PRECIPITATES RIOT

Soldiers Prevent Mob From Reaching
Floor of Parliament and Members
Flee In Wild Disorder—Police Guard
Pro-Government Papers—Streets
Still Filled Tonight.

Tokio, Feb. 10.—Pursued by an in-
furiated mob, Japan's lawmakers were
chased from parliament house and
driven to their homes under guard
today. After white washing the
government when an attempt was
made to censure it for grafting al-
leged to have been permitted in the navy
department, announcement was made
that the anti-administration party
would move a resolution of lack of
confidence in the government.

A crowd of 50,000 gathered in Hibi-
park to demand action and adopted
measures after fiery speeches. Great-
ly excited in the first place, this grew
worse when news arrived that the res-
olution had been defeated substan-
tially. A rush to parliament building
followed.

A strong police force thrust them
aside at the temple when they ar-
rived. Soldiers stopped the charge
however, as they came again and pre-
vented them from going into the
building.

Alarmed, the members of parlia-
ment adjourned and were smuggled
out under heavy guard.

In the meantime, rioting was in
progress. Street cars were stoned
and several thousand rioters attempt-
ed to sack the pro-government news-
papers, but the police with swords
repulsed them, wounding a number.
At 10 o'clock tonight the mob still
fills the streets. Further disorders
are likely.

Anxiety is felt in government cir-
cles.

Prof. Fredrick Returns to Portland.

After spending the Sunday in La
Grande and conducting the services
at the Lutheran church, Prof. P. H.
W. Fredrick of the Pacific Lutheran
Seminary, left yesterday to resume
his duties at Portland. The professor
had not visited this city before and
has many pleasant things to say
about the beauty and the dry, health-
ful climate of this city and its sur-
roundings.

Sunday afternoon he installed Rev.
Drahn as the permanent pastor of
the local Lutheran church and in the
evening delivered a strong and inter-
esting address on the church's activ-
ity in educational work. He sees in
the establishment of the English
Lutheran Seminary at Portland the
gradual fusing together of the dif-
ferent nationalities of the Lutheran
church in the language of the land.

Lee Young Pays Fine.

Lee Young, of Hilgard, suffered ar-
rest by the police force last evening
for intoxication. He spent the night
in jail and paid a \$10.00 fine this
morning.

Nail Causes Pain.

Win Bunker, driver of the Snod-
grass delivery car, is suffering from
wounds caused by stepping on a nail.
He is unable to be at his work.

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