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GORE'S ALLEGED EPISODE IN WASHINGTON HOTEL RECITED BY HIS ACCUSER IN OKLAHOMA TRIAL

Mrs. Bond Tells Her Story To The Jury And Cross Examination Fails to Shake The Story

Oklahoma City, Feb. 12.—Sworn details of the assault she alleges she suffered at the hands of United States Senator Gore, the blind Oklahoma statesman, were given by Mrs. Bond today in her suit for \$50,000 for defamation of character. The witness told how she saw Gore first regarding the appointment of her husband to a federal position. That was in his office. The next interview she said, was in a room at the Winston hotel, March 10, 1908, after she had declined to visit Gore's office again. She alleged the former democratic committeeman, Jacobs, engaged a room and she took Gore there at Jacobs' suggestion.

"During the talk," she said, "I was

sitting on the bed and Mr. Gore in a rocking chair. The telephone rang and I answered it. When I returned, Gore had moved near the bed."

Gore, she then said, attempted to fondle her hands but she remonstrated. Gore then begged her pardon and she started to leave the room. Gore seized her, she said, and a struggle ensued in which her eye glasses were broken and which was interrupted by the entrance of Thaddeus Robertson, an Oklahoma City man, and Norman Pruitt.

On cross examination it was attempted to discredit the statement she couldn't escape Gore when he tried to seize her. She flatly denied she rose when Gore attempted to leave the room and caught hold of him.

Fancy Ewes Sold.

John Allen, living about one half mile from Cove, sold 30 ewes today or so ago, which averaged 157 pounds. This is considered one of the best lots of ewes ever put on the market in this valley. Mr. Allen has been in the sheep market for many years and is conversant with the nature of the animal and the proper kind of feeding. He will soon have another lot ready for the market that will come near this same average.

CITY TO BUY SIXTY METERS

PROSPECTIVE EXPANSION IN SYSTEM IS CAUSE.

Water Meter Tester Also to Be Obtained—Meet Again Friday.

Provisions for caring for the prospective spread in the water service of the city were made last evening at the weekly session of the city commission. Sixty new meters were ordered to care for new patrons and for some of those about out of commission. In addition to ordering the new meters, a meter tester will be purchased, the manager and water superintendent having been empowered to buy such an instrument.

The commission had set last night as the date of hearing remonstrances to improvements in the way of grading on Cedar street, and there being none, the commission agreed to adjourn until Friday night when the assessment ordinance will be passed. The work has been finished some little time but slight errors made it desirable to go back over the red tape features again.

Bills against the city were acted on, those having the various O K's being allowed.

The commissioners heard the weekly report of the manager, and adjourned until Friday evening.

General Manager's report for week ending February 7.

The police arrested 8, released 7, had one man in jail; collected \$25.00 fines.

The street superintendent spent \$4.50 for sand for streets and \$67.00 for lumber for cross walks. He spent \$19.10 placing cinders along hitching racks and some other work and \$13.35 cleaning streets.

Water superintendent spent \$16.05 putting in taps and \$5.35 on repairs.

The recorder collected \$45.17 improvement districts No. 82; \$937.04, No. 53; \$10 sewer between Adams and Washington avenues, 60 cents interest on same; \$1.00 for two building permits; \$55 pool licenses; \$1311.66 salary warrants and \$706.01 for labor certificates; \$97.25 library ex-

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Bond Hoax Uncovered

REPORTED MILLIONS IN BONDS DO NOT EXIST.

Government Denies Case

Sixty-four Million Dollar Hoax Exploded by Government Officials.

Washington, Feb. 12.—A hoax that deserves to rank with Barnum's "Carnegie Giant" and Dr. Cook's mental discovery of the North Pole has just called forth a warning from the treasury department to credulous investors generally. It concerns a most alluring story of \$64,644,000 in railroad bonds, with accrued interest since 1864, supposed to be gathering dust in Uncle Sam's strong box and waiting to be distributed among the heirs of Charles Durkee, one time senator from Wisconsin, and territorial governor of Utah, who died in 1870.

More than ten years after Durkee's death, Leonard C. Blaisdell, his nephew by marriage, conceived the idea that the former senator had at one time bought up an entire bond issue of first mortgage bonds of the Pacific railroads and had then turned over to the United States to guarantee completion of a transcontinental rail line. Col. F. A. Reeve, acting solicitor for the treasury department, believes that Blaisdell was merely suffering from some sort of hallucination, but since that time his story has been used to sell "stock" in the visionary claim. Blaisdell has not been heard of in Washington for years and officials here believe he is dead.

To give color to their scheme the promoters at one time brought suit

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YEAR'S WORST STORM RAGING OVER THE EAST

ZERO WEATHER REACHES ALMOST TO NORTH CAROLINA, INDICATE REPORTS.

MAINE IS INCLUDED IN THE ZERO WEATHER ZONE

Up and Down the Atlantic Coast Zero Weather and Heavy Gales Are Creating Much Suffering—Situation in New York Serious, Where Weather Was Two Below Last Night.

New York, Feb. 12.—The coldest weather of the winter is raging along the Atlantic coast. From North Carolina to Maine the temperature is ranging from a few degrees above to 20 below. It was two below at New York and suffering is terrific. A thirty-six mile gale adds to the discomfort.

GRAND JURORS FINISH WORK

FOURTEEN TRUE BILLS RETURNED BY THEM.

Zimmerle-Childers Case Takes Much of Time Today in Court.

The grand jury has just completed its February term and has been dismissed. During the nine days which it was in session it has returned 14 true bill indictments, and two not true bills. In its report it informs the court that some of the cases brought to its attention were not acted on for the lack of testimony. These will likely go over to the following session by this body. The following men composed the grand jury: W. R. Jasper, W. J. Hazelwood, Jno. F. Dean, Lee Smith, H. C. Rollins, W. A. Ogden. Many of the indictments are still secret. Frank McCollough, charged with obtaining money under false pretenses, pleaded guilty to the charge. Sentence will be imposed later.

All of yesterday and today's time in the circuit court was consumed in the hearing of the case of Zimmerle against Childers, and in an effort to find a real road through the maze of technicalities raised by the defense. The case is a familiar one in the circuit court and grew out of an execution sale by Frank Childers, then sheriff of this county, of property supposed to have belonged to the Grand Ronde Orchard company, but alleged by the plaintiff in this case to have belonged to himself through a bill of sale from the company to himself for money due him. The defense has set up the question of fraud in the making of the bill of sale and it is in an endeavor to prove this that technical questions regarding the admission of evidence are consuming so much of the court's time. The attorneys for the plaintiff have objected to much of the testimony presented by the defense, and citation of authorities on the subject of admission of evidence relative to cases of alleged fraud give the whole case a peighty appearance.

Juniper Bad Men 'Cut Up'

DANCE PARTY SHOT UP BY A JEALOUS DUO.

School Teacher Motive

Dance at Juniper Ends Up With Big Excitement and Gun Play.

Pendleton, Feb. 12.—(Special.)—Fulfilling the traditions of the wild west as impressed upon the effete east by dime novels, Lou Capar and last night shot up a dancing party held at the home of Elmer Ghormley at Juniper, terrified the ladies, intimidated the men and left the scene under cover of their own guns. No one was injured by the shots. A warrant was sworn out today for the arrest of the two disturbers and they are expected to be in custody before long.

Again, true to the dime novel idea of the wild west, the trouble was precipitated by the pretty face of a school teacher and was fanned along by the hot breath of one, John Barleycorn.

According to the story told District Attorney Steiwer and the officers by P. A. Miller, the complaining witness, Capar had been drinking and requested a dance with the school teacher. She danced with him once, but, when asked for the following number, politely declined. This is said to have roused the wrath of Capar and he soon whipped out a revolver and fired four shots. Two penetrated the head, at about the height of a man's waist, one went through the floor and the fourth went astray.

Ghormley reached the man before he could shoot further and persuaded him to give up his gun and leave the house. After leaving, however, he fortified his courage with whiskey and was joined by Murdock. Together they went to the farm house of Wm. Doring and procured a shotgun and a rifle. Armed with these they returned to the scene of the dance which had not recovered from the first excitement, and threw the men and ladies into another alarm by presenting these guns and making threats to shoot the "whole bunch."

Finally they mounted horses not belonging to them and galloped off at full speed, turning every now and then to send a shot back at the house as a warning to the men not to follow them.

The shooting caused a tremendous sensation in the community and the country side is aroused. Capar has been working on the Jack Pendergast farm while Murdock has been working for Doring. Both are comparatively young men.

BIGGEST CHILD-BETTERMENT MOVE EVER MADE IN LA GRANDE

Final arrangements have been made for the big mass meeting preparatory to the formation of the Parent-Teacher associations throughout the city. According to this arrangement a monster mass meeting will be held next Tuesday night in the high school auditorium when a program and also speeches by prominent men and women of the city will be delivered. The committee which has made these arrangements have given out the information that it will be the biggest move in the way of child betterment ever undertaken in La Grande.

It is the intention to have an organization for each of the schools in

MORE DETAILS OF COAL FIELD WARS PICTURED

STRIKE BREAKER CHIEF SAYS STRIKERS USED FIRE ARMS AGGRESSIVELY.

A. C. FELTS TALKS TO CONGRESSIONAL PROBERS

Frequent Use of Fire Arms Made By Both Sides, Though Chief Says the Strikers Were Aggressors—Thousands of Rounds of Ammunition Fired By Each Side in One Battle.

Denver, Feb. 12.—How he went about it in breaking mine and railroad strikes, but more especially the Colorado mine strikes, was told by A. C. Felts, Colorado manager of the Baldwin-Felts Detective agency, before the congressional committee today.

That fire arms were frequently used he didn't try to deny, but in all engagements mentioned he said the strikers were the aggressors. In the "Battle of Ludlow," when a force of deputies attempted to run in an armored train to the strikers' camp at Ludlow, his forces were repulsed. Fully a thousand shots were fired, he said, by each side. He told of repeated clashes between the foes with guns and pistols.

JAPANESE TAXES HEAVY

House of Parliament Under Guard While Lawmakers Pile On.

Tokio, Feb. 12.—Fierce rioting is still in progress in Japan as a result of crushing taxes for military burdens. The Japanese parliament passed the budget providing for the expenditure of \$62,000,000 in five years. The significant fact about the passing of the laws was the guard around the house of parliament, put there for the purpose of protecting the lawmakers.

This is taken as an argument against the jingoes press that Japan would fight at the drop of the hat. It is not generally known that Japan is hopelessly in debt as a result of the Russian conflict, even though she was victorious. This will be used to set at rest the stories that Japan might declare war against the United States.

BUT LITTLE HOMAGE PAID TO MEMORY OF ABE LINCOLN



Abe Lincoln, as he appeared when first entering public life as a lawyer, and whose anniversary is being observed today.

Outside of scholastic observation La Grande paid but little homage to the memory of Abraham Lincoln today.

Grade schools of La Grande are enjoying a quarter holiday today on account of Lincoln's birthday. The time this afternoon will be spent in recital of the life of the great war president, the reading of his famous Gettysburg speech and "A Perfect Tribute." There was no cessation of work in the high school, and the regular routine of work was gone through.

Forty-five years ago today when

Lincoln was celebrating his fiftieth birthday and was within six years of his death he was so little known to fame that he did not appear among the biographical books of the day. Two books of 1860, surveying the field of some 50 "representative living men" named him only once, casually in connection with the Douglass debate. Beginning with his first presidential term some impromptu biographical sketches appeared, mostly in pamphlet form, but it was not until his assassination in 1865 that the flood of Lincoln literature began. It continued for half a century at the rate of nearly a score of books a year, including every available word of Lincoln's own writings.

Today, if Lincoln were granted 24 years on earth to complete the Biblical allotment of three score and ten, he would have to devote most of his life extension to reading if he sought to review all that has been written of him. There are today nearly 1000 books and pamphlets which have appeared as distinct issues relating to the life of Lincoln. Scores of them are in foreign languages—French, German, Italian, Japanese and Modern Greek—which Lincoln would never be able to read at all. There are also over 1000 title entries to articles in magazines, covering every range of his life and character, but he would search almost in vain for traces of that hostile criticism which he read of himself in his day, so great is the mass of appreciation.

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