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UNEMPLOYED CRACK SAFE IN CALIFORNIA P.O.

STAMPS AND COIN TAKEN FROM
TILLS AND SAFE OF FED-
ERAL BUILDING.

POSTMASTER FELS TWO WHO ARE CARRIED AWAY

Daring of Men Who Have Long Been
a Nuisance to California Towns, and
Lately Forced to Move Has Climax
in Sensational Robbery and Running
Fight With Armed Posse.

Loomis, Calif., March 10.—At an early hour this morning, thirty or more men, supposed to belong to the army of unemployed, raided this place, broke down the doors of the postoffice and blew the safe with nitro glycerine, and obtained several hundred dollars in coins and stamps. The postmaster, S. W. Turner, roused by the explosion, dressed and armed himself and rushed to the scene. Here he encountered several men, and engaged in a fight with them. Two were seen to fall and were taken away by their companions. The town was aroused by the firing of the shots, and a dozen armed men engaged in the chase and running fight. The marauders had stolen horses and buggies and escaped. A posse was quickly formed and the search will be run down. Federal marshals have been notified and the search will be relentless.

Story is Verified.
Sacramento, March 10.—The sheriff received telephone communication verifying the outrage at Loomis, and said they secured more than three thousand. It is now believed they are headed for Folsom. A large posse is in pursuit. Warnings have been sent throughout this section of the state to beware of the onslaughts of scattered members of the armies.

CANADIAN BANK IS ROBBED.

Seven Desperados Force Cashier and Clerk to Turn Over Funds.

Sumas, Wash., March 10.—The bank of Abbotsford, B. C., was held up and robbed of two thousand in gold and currency at 10 o'clock this morning, by seven masked men. Three desperados waited on the outside of the building after they had opened it and four men with drawn revolvers, forced the cashier and a clerk, the only persons in the bank, to deliver the money, which they did.

DINNER DATE CHANGED.

Commercial Club Members and Wives to Convene Next Thursday.

Because of other events having already been dated for Friday evening the special committee of the Commercial club in charge of the second dinner of the series has decided to change the date of the 6 o'clock dinner to Thursday evening. The dinner will be served in the basement of the M. E. church and wives of Commercial club members will be welcome.

A business proposition of considerable importance is to come before the meeting, the details of which have not been sufficiently threshed out at the present time to justify publication.

However, the special committee composed of P. A. Foley, James Corbett, John Girdler, C. W. Bunting and C. D.

Putnam give assurance of an interesting evening and an event which should be attended by every person interested in the city and valley.

SPENCER FUNERAL HELD.

Body Laid to Rest This Afternoon—
Friends Pay Tribute

This afternoon the body of Mrs. Jess Spencer, who died Sunday leaving a 20-months' old daughter, husband and other relatives, was laid to rest from the Bohnenkamp chapel. Rev. E. B. Fyke officiated and Knights of Pythias acted as pall bearers. Many friends of the sorrowing family paid their respects to the deceased.

VERDICT GIVEN TO DEFENDANT.

State Case Called Today With Franz Bernhart as the Defendant.

The case of Rubey vs. Conley technically came to trial yesterday afternoon when certain facts were inserted into the complaint so that the judge was in a position to allow a directed verdict for the defendant. The gist of the case concerned a note for the sale of a stallion. The case of state vs. Franz Bernhart is now being tried. The charge is fornication.

ASSESSORS OF COUNTY CONFER

UNIFORMITY IN ASSESSMENTS TO BE SLOGAN.

Co-operation in Taxpayers Sought By
Force of Deputies.

To be able to give uniform and equitable assessment of Union county property, County Assessor U. G. Couch today assembled all his deputies and went over all lines of assessments with them. His instructions, and the deputies acquiesce in every respect, point to the necessity of uniform assessments, and to do this, the meeting was called today.

"We want the co-operation of the taxpayers," said Assessor Couch this afternoon. "In order to get it, we are going to offer them just as nearly a uniform assessment as it is possible to get, and to do the work fairly and with equality to all."

The deputies who were here today and who are to start out at once on the annual assessment visitations, are: D. Richardson, North Powder; G. F. Haller, Big Creek; L. Brazille, Cove; W. H. Hutchinson, Union; B. F. Webb, Alieel and Imbler; U. F. Weis, Elgin; Ed. Meyersick, La Grande No. 5; W. C. Combs, Hilgard and Starkey; A. R. Marker, La Grande.

MEAT AX USED BY MILITANT TO SLASH \$200,000 "VENUS"

London, March 10.—In retaliation for the arrest of Mrs. Pankhurst, Miss Mary Richardson, a prominent militant, took six chops with a meat ax at a \$200,000 painting of "Venus in the National gallery. Miss Richardson was arrested, the gallery cleared and closed. Experts have been called in to determine if the painting could be repaired. They thought some repair could be made but the picture could never be the same.

"I tried," said Miss Richardson, "to destroy the picture of the most beautiful woman of antiquity as a protest against the government's destruction of Mrs. Pankhurst, the most beautiful character of modern history."

Miss Richardson admitted she had been arrested ten times in the last year, saying the cat and mouse act make a comic valetine of the criminal code. She is held without bail.

FEDERAL ARMY TOLD TO TAKE THE OFFENSIVE

HUERTA THINKS HIS MEN HAVE
BEEN DEFENSIVE
LONG ENOUGH.

PRISONERS AT FORT BLISS JOIN FORCES

Two Trains Carrying Equipment to
Federals at Torreon Dynamited by
Rebels But None Injured or Killed.
—Generals Under Huerta Told to
Become Active and Offensive.

Mexico City, March 10.—Offensive federal campaigns against the rebels have been ordered by Huerta, in contrast to the defensive attitude heretofore adopted. The president said he considered his forces have stood on the defensive too long. Generals in the field have been warned that he will make trouble for them unless they initiate aggressive tactics immediately. Two hundred federal refugees who, after the defeat in Northern Mexico, fled into the United States, have arrived with the story that they were held prisoners at Fort Bliss but that American troops finally let them escape for small bribes.

Word has been received that the rebels near Torreon dynamited two troop trains on the way to strengthen the garrison, but without casualties. Charge de Affairs O'Shaughnessy is still heavily guarded.

ALASKA BILL PASSES.

Washington, March 10.—The senate has passed the Alaska railroad bill as amended in the joint conference committee, and the bill is now ready for the president's signature.

TRAVELING MAN FINED.

Trial in Municipal Court Results in
Decision of Guilt.

W. W. Franklin, a traveling salesman, was convicted in municipal court this morning of intoxication. He stood trial but was found guilty. Last evening he was removed by a policeman from a local dance hall on alleged refusal to comply with hall orders.

SCHOOL PRESIDENT HERE.

New Head of Pacific University at
Forest Grove Visits City.

While on a tour of Eastern Oregon, Prof. Bushnell, now head of Pacific University at Forest Grove, is in the city today on business. While here he addressed the high school student body this morning on "The Challenge of the 20th Century." Mr. Bushnell has recently taken the leadership of Pacific, coming to Oregon from Lawrence University, of Appleton, Wis., one of the best known schools of its kind in the middle west. Chicago is his alma mater. "I was agreeably surprised to find Pacific so well equipped and in such good condition to offer education to Oregon's young" said Mr. Bushnell today in discussing his new location.

Library To Be Formally Dedicated During March



Carnegie Library in La Grande as it appeared just before its completion, and which will be dedicated this month.

The La Grande public library is to be formally opened on the 16 instant. Now that Mr. Carnegie has put up the building, and the citizens of the community are to maintain it, they will be given an opportunity to inspect their property and see what the needs for the future will be. A program has been arranged for this occasion and the public is generously invited to assist at the dedication of the new structure. Persons will be at liberty

to make whatever suggestions they think fit for the proper maintenance of the building and the books that are to stock the shelves.

The building will be open from top to basement for the curious gaze of La Grande people and this is figured on to introduce to the seeker of good literature all of the best and latest reference books on the market. The date is March 16 and a large attendance is expected.

VICIOUS COLT HURTS OWNER

ALBERT HUTCHINSON OF NORTH
POWDER, HURT.

Young Animal Breaks Away and
Kicks Rancher Hard Blow.

North Powder, Ore., March 10.—(Special).—With three ribs broken and bad bruises all over his body, Albert Hutchinson, one of the best known ranchers in Eastern Oregon, is today suffering intensely as result of an attack from a vicious horse this morning. Mr. Hutchinson was breaking colts and in hitching up one of them he lost control of the animal. The horse struck him with its feet throwing him down and then ran over him, with a heavy farm wagon. While it is not believed Mr. Hutchinson is in danger from the fractures it is admitted by physicians that he will be confined to his home for some time while nature makes repairs.

PLAN NEW RULING.

Effort Made to Let Fair Association
Elect Officers Earlier.

A plan is afoot among stockholders of the Union County Fair association to change the annual meeting day to a date immediately after the fair of each year. This will give the association its permanent management for the next fair, nearly a year to work on instead of the present arrangement that gives only a few months. The annual meeting will be March 19th, and the notice to subscribers sent out by Secretary C. M. Secor, says among other things:

"There will be a meeting of the stockholders of the Union County Fair association, March 19th, 1914, at 2 p. m. sharp, at the Commercial club rooms, for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the year 1914, and to consider reducing the number of directors from thirteen to three; also to consider changing the time of holding the annual meetings from the present time to the first Wednesday of November of each year. Other matters such as financing or the adoption of some plan to finance the association and place it on a firm footing, as well as receiving the committees' reports on condition of the books, will be considered."

HEARING NOW NEAR ITS END

COMMISSION WILL CONCLUDE
CASE TONIGHT.

Telephone Case Gone into With Con-
siderable Detail Today.

At 3 o'clock the hearing conducted before the railroad commission of Oregon at the Commercial club by the Home Independent Telephone company, complainant, and the Eastern Oregon Telephone company, defendant company, came to a close. The complainant company rested its case in chief about 11 o'clock this morning after putting on considerable testimony and going into hard cross examination. The defendant company had the floor this afternoon. The issue at stake is to compel the Farmers' line to give connections with the Home company at Elgin, Summerville and Cove, instead of La Grande, where the Farmers' line is anxious to have the connections.

WRECK AT UNITY.

Three Cars of Conductor Smith's
Freight Derailed.

Three freight cars of a freight train, Conductor Smith, were this afternoon derailed near Unity. The wrecker was sent out but reports of the wreck, in which no one was hurt, indicate that there will be no delay of passenger trains. It is expected it will take about two hours to clear the track after the wrecker arrives on the scene.

GUNS AND CLUBS MEET ARMY

YOEMAN HEADQUARTERS HERE.

W. B. Holdiman Will Look After
Yoeman Interests From Here.

To become the deputy for the districts including Malheur, Baker, Union and Wallawa counties, W. B. Holdiman, an American Yoeman deputy, will make La Grande his headquarters for the future. Mr. Holdiman left today for Ontario in the interests of that lodge, but returns to La Grande soon and will add to the membership here as many as possible. The order has a nucleus in all the principal towns and the aim is to make it a more live, active fraternity than ever.

NORTH END IS ASKING FOR A MOTOR SERVICE

FIVE HUNDRED SIGNATURES AT-
TACHED TO PETITION
SENT TO O.-W.

THREE-TRIP SERVICE SUGGESTED BY PRAYER

La Grande and Island City Lists Have
Not Been Obtained But Will Come
Later—Objections First Heard But
These are Later Overcome—Great
Need for Service Cited.

Signed by over 500 taxpayers and business men and farmers from Alieel to Elgin, including Summerville, a petition was last night sent to Passenger Agent William McMurray of the O.-W. asking for a motor car service on the branch line between La Grande and Elgin. The necessities of such a train service, and the surety of its being a paying proposition to the company, are set out in the petition. Edwin Morrison, a dairyman of Summerville, forwarded the bulky petition last evening and the La Grande commercial club is going to add to the petition's weight by preparing one from La Grande, and having another prepared at Island City. The 500 names signed up, will be doubled no doubt. The present list is very significant.

Elgin Merchants Sign.
Though at first there was some doubt expressed by Elgin and Imbler merchants over the ultimate results of the system to their business, they quickly saw that whatever benefits would accrue to La Grande, the terminus, would be offset by other measures favorable to the Elgin and North end people in general.

Three Trips Asked For.

The petition sets out that it does not presume to dictate what the schedule for such a motor car service should be but it does suggest a three-trip schedule. The petition suggests that the car leave Elgin for La Grande at 6:30 a. m., returning to Elgin at 12 m. It would leave again at 1 o'clock, according to the suggestion, and return to Elgin again in time to leave on its third trip at 7 o'clock p. m., returning for the last time at 10 a. m. These are mere suggestions, however. A two trip service would be fully as much appreciated probably.

Some of the reasons set out in the petitions being salient for the claims are:

Stockmen and farmers who come to

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