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THREE MILLION DOLLAR DAMAGE SUITS STARTED

UNITED MINE WORKERS OF AMERICA DEFENDANTS IN ENORMOUS SUITS.

CONSPIRACY, VANDALISM INTIMIDATION CHARGED

Mineowners of Colorado Institute Four Suits that Aggregate Damage Demands of Three Million—Labor Leaders Accused of Arranging Riots, Vandalism and Arson.

Denver, March 20.—Alleging conspiracy, intimidation and other objectionable tactics, the Colorado Fuel & Iron Co., has filed suit in the U. S. district court for a million dollar damages against the National and State officers of the United Mineworkers of America. There are three other suits and the aggregate damage sought is \$3,000,000. The last three will be filed later.

The complaints charge conspiracy to paralyze the working conditions of the Colorado mines and the complaint avers that operators have already lost millions as a direct result. It also charges that the labor leaders are guilty of blackmail; that they induced miners to quit work; arranged riots; burned bridges; crippled business in every way possible. The mine owners cite the Danbury Hat case as a precedent for instituting the suit.

DEFENDANTS UNDECIDED YET.

Home Company Practically Admits Its Willingness to Withdraw.

Because the railroad commission order settling the controversy between the Home and the Cooperative telephone companies did not reach Elgin until today, Manager Ruckman of the Cooperative company has not had time today to peruse the document or to give an opinion on whether or not the order would be accepted without appeal. Mr. Ruckman expects to consult with the balance of the directors tonight as to final action on the order. "I know nothing of the order other than I read in the Observer last night," said Mr. Ruckman today.

The Home Co. will withdraw from Elgin, Summerville and Cove and leave these fields to the Cooperative company, if cursory reading of the railroad commission decision gives the correct interpretation. This was the announcement made by the company manager today. The commission gave the two companies 20 days to effect the exchange connections. Speaking of the terms of the commission order today, Manager Crowe said:

"I am sure the change will be of immense benefit to the telephone-using public of Union and Wallowa counties, inasmuch as it will then be possible for practically all the subscribers of one line to reach those on the other line by the use of one instrument."

"This decision will accomplish that which our company has been trying to do for nearly three years, to-wit: effect a connection between our system and that of the Cooperative company whereby the useless duplications of facilities would be avoided. Under the present day regulations of public utilities, competition only increases the expense to the public instead of decreasing it."

Injury Narrowly Averted.

Joseph, March 19.—Miss Lola Warnock narrowly escaped serious injury from fire on Friday of last week at her home in Joseph. She had just cleaned a pair of gloves and threw the rag

saturated with gasoline into a stove, thinking the fire was out, but it was not. In an instant her clothing was on fire. With rare presence of mind she threw herself on the floor and tried to smother the flames with a rug. This saved Lola from serious and perhaps fatal injury, as the flames of course were above her, but her arms were badly burned before her sister Gerty succeeded in putting out the fire.

SEWER WORK PROGRESSES.

Drain to Second Street Viaduct More Than Half Completed.

Practically two thirds of the drainage sewer now being constructed on Grandy Avenue, is completed. In all there are 1155 feet to construct and 750 have now been entirely completed. The average depth of the trench is 14 feet. Digging is made difficult by a large quantity of running water which interferes with both digging and laying of the mains. No fatalities have occurred so far and Jack Childs is proceeding with a great deal of caution.

PRESENT TERM NEAR ITS END

CONCLUDING CASE NOW ON FOR TRIAL.

February Term Has Been Drawn Out to Aid Farmers on Jury.

In the case of the Lone Pine Irrigation company vs. Welch, the jury brought in a verdict for the defendant. The verdict is divided, \$750 for C. M. and \$500 for J. W. Welch, with \$300 for attorneys' fees.

This morning the case of Hamilton vs. the Grande Ronde Lumber company is on for trial. It is a case of damages for trespass. This will be the last case tried in this term of court. When this trial will have been completed the docket will be clear. In speaking of the matter this morning Judge Knowles stated that he had continued the term for the purpose of clearing the docket of several cases that have been pending for several years. This will make the June term lighter and will interfere less with work on the farms when ranchers have little time to act as jurors.

INSANE MAN ADJUDGED.

North Powder Man Brought to the City for Examination.

On account of insanity, E. L. Delashmett of North Powder, was brought to the county seat yesterday by R. E. Lindley, constable for that district, and confined in the county jail. He is single and is a rancher by occupation. This afternoon County Judge Henry together with Dr. Graham, county physician, examined the insane man to determine the state of his mind.

General paresis was the verdict by the doctor. He will be taken to the asylum for treatment. He is suffering from hallucinations and illusions and is on the verge of a violent manic. According to the physician, this disease may come from a number of causes, such as exposure, mental strain, overwork, excesses and others.

LANSING SUCCEEDS MOORE.

Counsellor to State Department Named By President Wilson.

Washington, March 20. — Robert Lansing, of New York, was chosen by the president to fill the vacancy made by John Bassett Moore in the counsellor's office of the state department.

Cone Johnson of Texas, was the president's choice for state department solicitor to succeed Jos. W. Folk, who became counsellor of the interstate commerce commission.

CALMETTE FUNERAL SIGNAL FOR ROYALIST REMONSTRANCE AGAINST FRENCH MINISTERS

Paris, March 20.—In spite of elaborate precautions on the part of the police to prevent rioting on the day of the burial of Gaston Calmette, editor of Figaro, shot to death by Madame Henrietta Caillaux, wife of the minister of finance, disorders occurred in the district of Montmartre.

In defiance of the orders of the police that people keep moving, an army

of royalists gathered and shouted "down with Gaillaux, down with the assassins." In the midst of the excitement which was constantly increasing, the police finally charged. The royalists resisted and in the melee that followed many were injured, some very seriously.

The police finally succeeded in dispersing the crowd.

August Belmont Sued by Son's Wife For Enticing Raymond to Leave Her

New York, March 20.—Mrs. Ethel Lorraine Belmont, a former chorus girl and wife of Raymond Belmont, who is the son of the multi-millionaire August Belmont, appeared in Justice Greenbaum's court this morning and charged that the elder Belmont had induced his son, her husband, to

abandon her eight days after their marriage, November, 1912.

She asked an allowance sufficient to maintain her "in the style she would have affected, had Raymond continued to live with her."

August Belmont was in court. All attempts to settle the matter out of court yesterday proved futile.

PHELPS IMPOSES HEAVY FINES

Pendleton, March 20.—Judge Phelps imposed a total of \$1450 in fines upon gamblers indicted by the grand jury in the anti-gambling crusade, with promises that he would impose the maximum if they appeared before him again.

The majority of the men indicted by the grand jury pleaded guilty to the charge and this is taken as an indication that the judge dealt leniently with them for their frankness. Wesley Matlock, son of the mayor, was fined \$250 and was roundly scored by the judge.

Indicted Men Arraigned.

Pendleton, March 19.—Arraignment of the men indicted by the "vice probe" grand jury was commenced this morning before Circuit Judge G. W. Phelps who arrived home last evening from Heppner. Practically all of those who have been arrested to date appeared but only a few entered pleas. Most of them took until tomorrow morning to plead.

John Estes and Herman Peters, proprietors of the Bungalow bowling parlors, who were indicted for ex-

hibiting obscene pictures, appeared at 2 o'clock this afternoon and pleaded not guilty. Time for trial has not yet been fixed.

Sam Greer and Walter Lindsay indicted for gambling, entered pleas of guilty and will be sentenced tomorrow morning.

D. G. Smith, indicted for permitting gambling and for perjury, John Butler, Pat McDevitt, W. N. Matlock, John Estes and Jay Mosier, all indicted for permitting gambling, and Michael Briggs, indicted for gambling, will enter pleas tomorrow morning.

F. A. Thurber, indicted for burglary under the name of Ralph Smith, and J. M. McCarty, indicted for larceny, both entered pleas of guilty, waived time for sentence and were given indeterminate sentences of from two to five years in the penitentiary.

Jim Honder, indicted for sodomy, Lafayette Christian, indicted for non-support, and Joseph Callahan, indicted for larceny, were also arraigned. John Beddingfield, indicted for bootlegging, pleaded guilty.

FEDERALS BRING SUIT.

Legal Action Against Organized Ball Commenced in Michigan.

Grand Rapids, Mich., March 20.—A suit to restrain Catcher William Killifer from playing with the Philadelphia Nationals was filed in the United States court by officials of the Federal league of Chicago.

This suit marks the first action on the part of the outlaw league against organized baseball. The court was requested by the Federal magnates to subpoena Killifer who lives in Grand Rapids.

ROBBERS GET \$32,000 HAUL.

Work Safe's Combination Lock and Gain Entrance Without Explosives.

Nashville, Tenn., March 20. — The First National bank of Gallatin, Tenn., was robbed of \$32,000 early this morning. It is reported that the burglars worked the safety combinations of the vaults and thus acquired entrance.

order in which the answers are recorded on the registration rolls.

He further requests that persons take a piece of paper and write the necessary information according to the following list of questions:

Name in full.
Occupation.
Age.
If a person is a naturalized citizen he must produce his naturalization papers.

Town, street and house number.
If postoffice box, give that number.
Political affiliation.

There are now seven precincts in the city of La Grande, the boundaries of which will appear in tomorrow's issue of the Observer.

Woman Defendant Exonerated.

Marie Rose was today exonerated and found not guilty on a charge of using abusive and obscene language on the streets. Lizzie Bushnell was the complaining witness. The alleged obscene conversation was said to have taken place on a residence street but the defendant was found not guilty by Judge Eakin, he finding the evidence not warranting the arrest.

MRS. HAWLEY UNDISTURBED

THOUGH UNDER ARREST, WORRIES BUT LITTLE.

Federal Officers Today Take Charge of Poisoning Case.

Portland, March 20. — Mrs. Edith Hawley, who last night was arrested on a charge of having sent poisoned candy through the mails to her husband and to his children by a former marriage, with intent to cause their death, was formally taken into custody by Federal officers today.

Her eyes were red from weeping, but she showed that she was in no other manner disturbed over the enormity of her crime attempted. The candy in question was sent to a family in Sellwood and the first clue to the attempted crime came out when a member of the family to whom the candy had been sent, became violently ill and was saved only through the promptness of a physician. A chemical analysis showed that the candy contained a great quantity of bichloride of mercury and that each piece was sufficient to kill several persons.

Jealousy is said to be the cause. The charge leveled against her by the federal government is sending poison through the mails with intent to injure or kill.

DOES ADVERTISING PAY?

A beautiful keepsake was lost, a memento from the dearest person on earth, "mother." It was not only beautiful, it was valuable because it was set with a number of valuable diamonds. Some persons would have thought, "what's the use to sink good money advertising for it. The person who found it will take the stones out and have them put into some other piece of jewelry." That's a mental libel on mankind, for most people are honest. The lady advertised the loss in the Observer and the pin was brought to this office by the finder, and turned over to the owner. All this was done in a few days, and there was no clairvoyant medium about it either, just paper and printers' ink. The finder went away richer from this office than she came. Incidentally you will note that the want ad is the thing that restores confidence in the honesty of men. Do you want something? Try advertising.

FAIR MAY BE TURNED OVER WHOLE COUNTY

DIRECTORS AND STOCKHOLDERS LISTEN TO PLANS FOR THE FAIR'S FUTURE.

SHAREHOLDERS WILLING TO SURRENDER STOCK

Raising of Interest Money Due in June First, Movement to Be Undertaken—Initiative Measure Proposed—Farmers' Union Investigates Feasibility of the Project Proposition.

Arrangements to tide the Union County Fair association through the 1914 display of agricultural products, and next fall put an initiative measure on the ballot looking toward county ownership and management of the fair in the future, resulted from the annual meeting of stockholders held yesterday afternoon. Practically every stockholder at the meeting expressed a willingness to surrender his stock to the county if the vote was favorable to county ownership. This plan has been adopted in several counties of the state with much success.

The old board was re-elected to hold until fall, and the first move before the newly-elected directors is to raise the interest money due in June, that the plant may move until after the fall fair.

Farmers' Union Investigate.

Three representatives of the Farmers' Union were in attendance and were advised in detail of the financial affairs of the association and these men will report back to their unions and upon the decision of these unions will depend their support or antagonism to the county-ownership plan. The unions were represented by Messrs. Case, Moss and Wallsinger.

The board which will hold until fall, when the next annual meeting will be held, consists of: J. A. Russell, S. N. Bolton, N. K. West, T. J. Scroggin, George Palmer, Mack Wood, Doone Woodell, F. L. Meyers, Andrew Blockland, P. A. Foley, W. B. Grandy and Mr. Snyder. These will organize at a nearby date and choose their officials.

Three Districts Proposed.

In the rough, the county ownership plan is to divide the county into three districts, and from each of these elect a manager, who with the other two, will be generals in charge of the fair each year. In the meantime many details of the plan will be worked out and published so that signers of the initiative petition will know precisely what the plan involves.

GAMBLING CHARGE PREFERRED.

Two Greeks Alleged to Have Permitted Gambling in Pool Room.

Gambling charges have been preferred against Satis & Pollis, partners, who own and manage the Oregon Pool hall on Jefferson. The charge is that of permitting poker playing. The defendants have been arraigned and trial date set for Monday.

Franz Bernhard Out on Bail.

Franz Bernhard, whose trial resulted in a hung jury, was yesterday released from the county jail on \$250 bail. It is thought he will be again tried at the June term of court but no official steps have been taken to this effect.

Indians to Hike.

The second hike by the Indians, an organization of boys, will be held tomorrow commencing at 1:00 o'clock. Young boys not Indians, are invited to attend. A hike will be taken.