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MORGAN CAUSED NEWHAVEN DEAL ADMITS MELLEN

MELLEN TAKES BLAME, FEARS INDICTMENT WOULD CAUSE FINANCIER'S DEATH.

J. P. MORGAN JR., FIRES MELLEN IN CONSEQUENCE

Would Stand by Morgan Under All Conditions in Spite of Crooked Financing, Because He Feared Ill Results Would Flow from Indictment Against Real Head of Trouble.

Washington, May 22.—In his statements before the interstate commerce commission C. S. Mellen this morning asserted that he took the entire blame on himself for the New Haven deal, not wishing to incriminate the man really to blame, who was none other than the late J. P. Morgan himself. He feared the indictment would kill Mr. Morgan, owing to his delicate state of health.

In repayment for this, Morgan's son practically "fired" him from the headship of the New Haven. In a remarkable statement including this assertion Mellen this morning concluded his testimony before the commission.

The witness referred to the Grand Trunk-New Haven deal and explained it in detail. "This transaction," said he, "was Morgan's doing, but I decided to take the blame on myself, because I realized the state of Mr. Morgan's health. I knew positively it would kill him, had he been indicted. There is nothing I would not have done to aid him." The hearing was adjourned until Tuesday.

QUEEN THELMA COMING.

Rose Festival Queen and Princess to Be Feted in La Grande.

On June second, Thelma Hollingsworth, successful contender for the honor of being Portland's Rose Festival queen, and elevated to that enviable position through the indefatigable quest for votes on the part of employees and officers of the Harri-man lines, will pass through La Grande with her suite on the car "Iolanthe." This trip will begin in Portland June 1st and will take her to Pendleton, through La Grande, to Salt Lake and Los Angeles, all expenses paid, and in the finest car owned and operated by the Pullman system.

Local officials of the company are planning to give her a reception when she arrives here with her princess and 20 maids. The band will be asked to make merry music for the occasion when No. 6 arrives at 11:25 on that date. She is due to arrive in Portland on the day of the opening of the Rose Festival, which is to be greater and more elaborate than ever before it is said.

BUILDING NEW HOME.

John Wells, of Imbler, Improving His Alice Ranch.

One of the best farm houses in the valley will be the fine modern eight-room structure of John Wells which is now being built on his river ranch near Alice. It is being erected along present day lines of the best material obtainable and when completed will be used by Mr. Wells as a permanent home.

Democratic Air Marks Exercises

NINETEEN FOURTEEN CLASS IS GRADUATED.

TYPEWRITER IS EXTOLLED

Girls Urged to Teach and Typewrite—Speaker Urges Thrift.

With marked simplicity and yet with an elegance that stood out in sharp contrast with other years, 28 high school students last night ascended the rostrum and received certificates of graduation entitling them to enter the highest seat of learning in the state for further advancement in the training of the mind and the body.

Promptly at 8:30, the young men and women, in the bloom of health and flushed with the importance of the hour, marched to their respective places set aside on the platform, in the high school auditorium, there to hear a parting address which would officially usher them into another and higher sphere of life. The young men wore carnations in the lapels of their coats and the young ladies, distinguished throughout the state for their resolution to spend no more than \$5 on their gowns carried each a bouquet of carnations. When the march had ended and the Rev. Upton Gibbs had invoked divine blessing, not only on the fortunate young men and women, but upon the parents and friends and teachers, and Mrs. T. J. Scroggin had rendered a beautiful number in German and another in English, Walter Pierce arose to deliver the commencement address.

He compared the graduating exercises of today with the exercises of a few years ago and expressed delight at having been chosen to say words of fatherly and brotherly advice.

Taking his basic theme from the resolution of the young lady graduates relative to the price limit on gowns, he spoke most of the evening on the economics of life. He referred to the favorable comment which this resolution had occasioned throughout the state, and likewise to the flippant remark of one of Oregon's leading dailies, which in his estimation has lost much of its prestige through this unhappy incident.

In its scope and range of thought this address was not like the ordinary commencement address, laden by

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CHAS. BECKER FOUND GUILTY A SECOND TIME

JURY OUT LESS THAN TWO HOURS TO REACH THE VERDICT.

FRIENDS SEE CHANCES OF FINAL ACQUITTAL GLIMMER

Instructions Finished Just Before 1 O'clock This Afternoon and Before Three Becker is Found Guilty as Charged—Appeal Likely but Final Outcome Apparently Death.

New York, May 22.—Less than two hours were required to reconvene Lieutenant Charles Becker of the crime of murdering Rosenthal the gambler.

Judge Seabury finished his instructions to the jury at 12:52 and the jury immediately retired. Before 3 o'clock, the former police lieutenant was again convicted of murder. While it is expected an appeal will be taken, his friends fear that ere long Becker will travel the electric path of his colleagues who recently were electrocuted for the actual shooting of Rosenthal.

COCHRAN TO LAY STONE.

Portland Attorney Will Come to Former Home City Sunday.

Attorney C. E. Cochran in the law office of the O.-W. at Portland, is to lay the corner stone for the new Y. M. C. A. building Sunday. Several months ago Judge Eakin, of the supreme court bench, was engaged to come here for that purpose, but he is unavoidably detained. Mr. Cochran last evening accepted the invitation to officiate in that capacity, and the list of participants is now complete.

W. W. Cotton, chief counsel for the O.-W. will deliver the principal address.

Numerous Accidents Occurred Yesterday Evening and Night

Yesterday afternoon and evening formed a period of accidents in and near La Grande, ranging from auto spills one, horse runaways to accidents in a wire fence.

INJURED IN AUTO ACCIDENT.

Roy Brooks Sustains Broken Wrist When Car Strikes Ditch.

Roy Brooks, an undertaker, employed with Henry & Carr, sustained a broken wrist late last night when the Henry & Carr automobile struck an irrigation ditch near the L. Zundell ranch. County Judge J. C. Henry and J. J. Carr and Mr. Brooks were returning from the Golden home, where they had taken the remains of the late C. E. Golden after their arrival on the evening train. On their return trip, the lights gave out, and in order to proceed at all, Mr. Brooks leaned out to the left and Mr. Carr to the right, advising Mr. Henry at the wheel of any approaching danger. Despite the precautions the machine struck an irrigation ditch and pitched Mr. Brooks out of the car. He fell in such a way as to break the right wrist. The other two were uninjured. After considerable delay in getting to a telephone, Jay Van Buren was called and rushed the injured man to

the Grande Ronde hospital where the fracture was attended to.

Mr. Brooks is out today, but little worse for the severe pain he went through last night.

WIRE CUTS LIP.

George H. Curry Jr., Sustains Deep Cuts on Face at Tennis Game.

Geo. H. Curry Jr. sustained a deep cut on his upper lip yesterday evening while playing tennis on the Spring street court. In vaulting a fence a fence wire caught his lip tearing it in a triangular fashion to such an extent that when he was taken to the Grande Ronde hospital it was found necessary to apply several stitches. Dangers of a permanent scar are not deemed great.

MRS. KOGER HURT.

Runaway Horse Crashes Into Automobile, Injuring Occupant.

Mrs. S. W. Koger of Cove was brought to the Grande Ronde hospital yesterday for surgical treatment because of an accident in which she was severely injured. Tendons of one hand were cut when a runaway horse crashed into the rear of an automobile in which she was riding.

SILLIMAN ARRIVES IN MEXICO SAFE AND IN GOOD HEALTH

Mexico City, May 22.—After many days of wondering and worrying about the fate of United States Consul Silliman at Saltillo, all fears have been allayed by his arrival in the capital city. He is in good health and is unharmed.

Another American Killed. Washington, May 22.—United States Consul Montague reports from Cananea, province of Sonora, that Dick Urban, an American was killed

near Nacozari. Montague added that George Cooper, Urban's partner, who escaped, was later shot from ambush without provocation. Sonora constitutionalists are in possession of the territory.

Midnight Session Held. Niagara Falls, May 22.—There was a midnight conference of the mediation commissioners following the report that the rebels might be represented before the mediators by Jose Vasconcelos.

AGED TRAINMAN DEAD.

William Getchell Dies After Brief Illness of Pneumonia.

Wm. H. Getchell, an aged and respected citizen of this city passed away this morning at the home of his son-in-law, Frank Houston, whose home is near the fair grounds. Mr. Getchell was born in the State of Maine in the year 1831 and came west at the age of 18, going to California by way of the Isthmus of Panama. In 1880 he moved to Oregon, settling in the Grande Ronde valley. For many years he was a trusted and capable employee of the O.-W. working on the Elgin branch principally in the capacity of brakeman. Several years ago he severed his connection with the company, owing to advancing age. He leaves to mourn his loss five children viz. Wm. Getchell of Wallawa county, A. C. Getchell, of Grand Forks, B. C., who has wired his inability to attend the funeral, Mrs. Daisy Houston at whose home he died, Mrs. May Alford of Chico and Mrs. Hazel Lloyd of Chico. He is grandfather to eight grandchildren. Funeral arrangements have not been announced.

The body will lie in state at Bohlenkamp's funeral parlors.

Mr. Getchell was taken ill with pneumonia less than a week ago.

Graduate to Be Married.

Buena Vista Fine of Elgin is to be graduated from high school and then be married at once, according to an-

nouncements made by relatives. Harlan Huffman is the groom, and a marriage license was issued to them today. Miss Fine is a niece of Sheriff and Mrs. A. Hug, and is one of Elgin's most popular girls.

MOGULS WILL MEET.

Schedule for the Summer to Be Drafted Here This Evening.

Managers of the baseball teams throughout the valley and at North Powder, are scheduled to meet here this evening to draft a playing schedule for the rest of the season. Next Sunday the teams which played a week ago are to reverse playing centers, but after that there is no regular schedule, hence the meeting tonight.

Golden Funeral Sunday.

The funeral of the late C. E. Golden who died while attending the Odd Fellows Grand lodge convention at McMinnville, will take place Sunday at 2 p. m. from the Christian church in La Grande, Rev W. C. Drahn officiating. Remains will be taken from the residence near Island City at 12:30. Interment will take place in the Island City cemetery, where local Odd Fellows will have charge of the last rites.

It is desired that all local Odd Fellows assemble at Odd Fellows' hall on Sunday at 1:30 and march in a body to the Christian church, corner Penn. and Seventh street to attend the funeral services.

SUFFRAGETTE CAMPAIGN OF RAPINE GROWS

FAMOUS PAINTING ST. PETER SLASHED, AND ACADEMY ARTS SUFFER.

WOMAN CHAINS HERSELF TO ROYAL OPERA CHAIR

Campaign of Destruction to Arts Continued and Many Thousands in Damage Suffered—Chair, Woman and Chains Removed from Theater While King and Queen Look on.

London, May 22.—Tremendous damage inflicted yesterday by rioting suffragettes, was continued today, with attacks on the National Gallery and the Royal Academy. Like yesterday, the two demonstrations occurred today at practically the same time. One woman in the National gallery smashed four paintings by Bellini, including the famous picture of "St. Peter" before she was restrained.

Another in the Royal Academy of Art damaged one picture of no especial note, but worth considerable money. Both were arrested.

Another suffragette chained herself to a seat in the theater where the king and queen were watching the matinee, and began shouting "Release Mrs. Pankhurst." An attendant attempted to eject her, but after working for 20 minutes to unfasten the chain, gave up in despair and then unscrewed the seat from its floor fastenings and carried out the suffragette chained to the chair. Other suffragettes caused a disturbance. Seven women and two men were ejected.

FLOURMEN ASSISTING.

Local Mills Contributed Big Sum and Help Entertain Merchants.

Union county flour mills headed by the La Grande milling company have contributed \$250 to the Merchants' convention entertainment fund and in addition, have their five traveling salesmen for Oregon and Washington boosting for the convention. Special invitations have been sent out by these salesmen to their clients to meet in Portland and come to La Grande in a body.

Prof. Horner in Town.

Professor J. B. Horner of O. A. C. left the city this noon for Union. Mr. Horner came to this section in 1862 and made his home with his parents at the foot of Mount Emily. He has been in O. A. C. teaching history for a period of 23 years. In speaking of his coming lecture Sunday night. "From Jerusalem to Jerusalem" the Methodist church, he said "Fill the church and I guarantee that I will please the entire audience." He also mentioned that the garden of Gethsemane is the most wonderful garden in the world, of which he has many and interesting pictures. He will deliver the commencement address at Union.

Portland Man on Visit.

Robert McIntosh of Portland arrived this morning to be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Shay for an indefinite stay.

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BY HEATH

