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NINE PEOPLE ARRESTED IN TWO MIDNIGHT RAIDS

ALL BUT ONE WILL STAND TRIAL IN THE
MUNICIPAL COURT

POLICE FORCE AND SHERIFF IN MORAL SQUAD

Nine people, six of them women and three men, were rounded up by a rooming house raid last night in which several houses were scrutinized by the city police force and Sheriff Hug. All those arrested gave bonds for appearance this morning and today trial has been set for one group for tomorrow evening and the other group the following evening. The \$25.00 bond was forfeited by one of the men this morning. At the Blue Mountain hotel the police arrested two women and one man and at the Oxford rooming house four women and two men were picked up.

The arrests caused a widespread sensation. They began at the Blue Mountain hotel about midnight and were concluded shortly after two o'clock.

Those who will stand trial are: Those arrested in the Blue Mountain house give their names as Florence Graves and Margaret Williams. They are charged with frequenting and being inmates of a bawdy house. Gertrude McCulloch, Ruth Smith, Al Regner, John Smith and Bessie Braughton were arrested in the Oxford charged with frequenting and being inmates of a bawdy house. Mrs. T. H. Cross was arrested, being the manager of the Oxford. Jack Busch is the leaser of the building.

STORM RAGES IN THE EAST

CHICAGO TRAFFIC AT A STAND- STILL.

Dayton in Serious Danger Again Indicate News Dispatches.

Chicago, Feb. 1.—One of the worst storms in years holds the middle west and northwest in its grip. Trains entering Chicago are delayed and street car traffic in the city is paralyzed.

One person has been killed by the storm and scores are injured. Hundreds of miles of telephone and telegraph lines are down.

The storm struck Chicago early today, the snow soon turning to rain, and a sudden drop in the temperature causing the rain to freeze, covering the streets and wires with a coating of ice.

Dayton, Ohio, Feb. 1.—With flood prevention work tied up in litigation, Dayton, Hamilton and other prominent cities are facing conditions similar to that in the previous flood of 1913.

The great Miami river has risen four to six feet in two days. Ice flows have been dynamited here. The levees are being strengthened. Serious floods are predicted unless freezing weather comes.

Washington, Feb. 1.—Wireless dispatches have been received here to the effect that the Schooner Frank R. Swain has been wrecked in a heavy gale 70 miles southeast of Cape Henry. The vessel lies bottom upward but the dispatches fail to state the fate of the crew.

Other craft are reported to be endangered. A heavy gale is raging along the entire length of the Atlantic coast.

STEEL WORKS RESUME.

Pittsburgh, Feb. 1.—The Homestead works of the Carnegie Steel company resumed operations today and 8,000 men returned to work.

Insurance Manager Here.

Geo. A. Lovejoy, western manager of the Guarantee Fund Life Association, is in the city today from Portland, looking after the interests of his company.

Irish Shipping Stops.

Belfast, Ireland, Feb. 1.—As the result of reports to the effect that more German submarines had been sighted in the Irish seas the authorities have ordered boat service between Belfast, Liverpool and Manchester suspended.

RIGHT OF WAY DENIED.

Case of Considerable Interest from Union Settled Saturday.

Saturday afternoon Judge Knowles handed down a decision in a hard-fought case at Union in which A. W. Heppner sought to get a right of way to the street through property belonging to J. W. Patterson. Mr. Patterson through his attorney, R. J. Kitchen, contended that Mr. Heppner could reach another street without trespassing. The court held for Mr. Patterson.

PARTNERSHIP DISSOLVED

Litigants Ordered to Settle Dispute With Slight Expense.

Circuit Judge Knowles has handed down a decision in the Lewis Fiske-Mayo case from Union in which dissolution of partnership and settlement of accounts was sought. It has been ordered that dissolution take place and that the accounts be settled with as little expense as possible. R. J. Kitchen is Mr. Fiske's attorney.

POPE'S EFFORTS FAIL.

Rome, Feb. 1.—The efforts of the Pope toward an agreement between the belligerents for an exchange of invalid prisoners, has failed. The belligerents opposed the agreement on the ground that the wounded prisoners might reveal important military secrets if exchanged.

Leo Frank Granted Hearing.

Washington, Feb. 1.—The Supreme court today granted to Leo Frank a hearing on February 23, which is out of the regular order.

FAMOUS MEN AND WOMEN OF NATIONAL REPUTATION WHO HAVE TESTIFIED BEFORE WELFARE COMMISSION.



IDA M. TARBELL.



DANIEL GUGGENHEIM



SAMUEL UNTERMYER



HENRY FORD

GIRLS GIVEN LONGER HOURS

WELFARE COMMISSION GETS IN- STRUCTIONS.

New Bill Would Let Girls Work in Fruit Packing Over Time

Salem, Feb. 1.—The Senate today passed a bill authorizing the Industrial Welfare commission to allow women and girls employed in canneries, fruit packing houses and similar activities connected with the fruit industry to work overtime in case of emergencies.

A bill repealing the law providing that only licensed anaesthetists could administer anaesthetics was also passed.

The house session was brief and but little was accomplished.

BOOMING OF CANNON HEARD CONTINUOUSLY BY THE BUTCH

The present-day status of affairs in Holland, and in Belgium, is concisely set out in a letter received yesterday by E. L. Wright of May Park, who shortly after the war broke out was forced to leave the missionary field in Holland and Belgium. The letter was written by an intimate friend in Holland, recently, and the contents of the epistle have been kindly translated for the Observer by Mr. Wright. The translation reads:

The war is still raging, every day we hear the cannon roar from the English battle ships laying outside Zeebrugge, Belgium; our house sometimes shakes from the vibration. The Germans have fortified at Zeebrugge and the English are trying to drive them out but that is not so easily done. They have tried it several times but have gained very little because the Germans are extremely strong. The whole coast of Belgium is dotted with cannon. They (the Germans) are scattered all over Belgium, and it is difficult to determine who will win, though I suppose if it lasts much longer the Allies will, through their superior power, though Germany would easily win pitted against England alone. I hope the struggle will soon be ended but the sentiment is that it will last at least one or two years longer.

I have been in Antwerp since the bombardment, and it was a terrible sight to look upon. In some places the city but a few weeks previous a beautiful one—lay completely in ruins, done by the shells and fire. All Belgium is practically destroyed, and thousands upon thousands of their soldiers are dead or wounded. It is said that in this war there has been a million soldiers killed on each side.

With the bombardment, Antwerp was entirely deserted and all fled into Holland. Flushing, Middelburg, Rosendall, Bergen op Zoom—every place was full. It was an awful sight, those women and children without anything upon which to subsist; having lost every thing in their flight. It is impossible to describe the misery they have to go through.

There are at least 300,000 still in Holland, and the largest part of them must depend on the charity of the Dutch people for sustenance. Here in Middelburg there were 3500 and

are still 1200; who have nothing in the world which they can call their own. It is terrible to see the misery which, in such a short time, has befallen mankind, and what will the end be?

FORAGE POISON AFFECTS STOCK

CATTLE AND HORSES IN VAL- LEY AFFECTED BY FEED.

Change of Feed is Advised by Veterinary as Remedy for Disease.

Forage poison is now prevalent among stock of this valley and in many instances the disease has proven fatal. Stock infected soon begin to reel and frequently lean against fences in order to stand. Later developments of the disease causes blindness and death.

In speaking of the necessity of looking after stock thus affected, Dr. Charlton said this morning: "The very thing for stock owners to do is to change feed. This should be done whether stock is diseased or not as it will have a strong tendency to prevent the disease. Forage poison is caused by a mold that collects on the feed. Investigation has proven that the change of a week from one feed to another has a beneficial effect. For instance if a rancher is feeding alfalfa let him change to grain hay, or vice versa."

The stock industry is such an asset to the valley that every precaution should be taken to prevent disease. To give an idea of what the livestock does for this part of Oregon it is but necessary to call attention to the fact that twenty-one carloads of horses have been shipped from his valley in the past thirty days, and the usual number of cars of cattle and hogs have also been shipped.

Wheat at \$1.54.

Chicago, Feb. 1.—May wheat opened at \$1.54, the highest point recorded on the board of trade for many years.

COUNTY JUDGESHIP DECISION EXPECTED AT AN EARLY DATE

That the illness of Supreme Justice Robert Eakin has delayed a decision in the Frank Phy-Ed Wright friendly controversy over the issuance of a certificate of election for county judge in Union county, is the expression of La Grande attorneys who have returned from Salem. Shortly after the arguments were presented the Supreme court met in conference and voted as to how the case should be decided and Justice Eakin was designated to write the opinion. He was taken ill immediately after and has now gone to California for recuperation of his health. While nothing official is announced, of course, it is assumed that another justice has now been assigned the duty of writing the opinion, and some local attorneys believe that the decision will be announced tomorrow.

Attorney C. H. Finn, who is among the attorneys who have been in Salem, said today that he would not be surprised if a decision was handed down tomorrow. However, it is possible that still another week, or even two, may be required to complete all details in the case.

CIRCUIT COURT FOR FEBRUARY TERM STARTED

NEW DISTRICT ATTORNEY IS AT
HIS POST WHEN THE TERM
IS STARTED.

NEW GRAND JURY SELECTED AND IS NOW IN SESSION

Many Cases Said to be Pending in
Criminal Docket—Damage Case in
First One Called to Trial—Fred
Haisten Foreman of the Grand Jury
—Several Jurors Are Excused.

THE NEW GRAND JURY.

C. B. Hartley, Elgin.
William Kirk, Union.
G. H. Rollins, Union.
F. D. Halsten, (Foreman.)
La Grande.
B. F. Webb, Alicol.
G. M. Gray, Cove.
W. E. Brownell, Elgin.

With a calendar well crammed with important legislation, and numerous cases known to be pending before the February term of circuit court took its first session.

New Officer at Work.

The officials of the court had in their midst this morning a new face, when Col. F. S. Ivanhoe, for four years district attorney, was no longer in the personnel and John S. Hodgins appeared in his stead. With that exception the official slate was the same as usual. These are: Hon. J. W. Knowles, circuit court judge; Jno S. Hodgins district attorney; H. R. Hanna, court reporter; Ed Wright, county clerk; August Hug, sheriff; J. M. Hiltz, court bailiff, John Baker jury bailiff, John Cates grand jury bailiff.

Damage Case First.

The first case set down for trial is that of Jacob Kohler vs. the O-W. The plaintiff for whom R. J. Kitchen of Union is counsel, alleges that on the third of September last, five milk cows and one steer, the property of the plaintiff strayed through a defective right of way fence and entered upon the O-W. tracks where the herd was struck by a train, the impact killing three cows and the steer and injuring two cows. The total sum asked for is \$380 and costs.

Several Jurors Excused.

Among those who have been excused, either for the term or temporarily, are the following jurors: Gust Burns, John Strober, Mr. Crossland of Union and Clint Van Fleet of La Grande, all for the term. Jay Van Buren has been excused for the first week. T. H. Wasen didn't answer at roll; neither did J. C. Platon nor Carl Cassett. Ed Boswell has sickness in his family and was excused for the present.

INTENSE INTEREST SHOWN.

Biggest Sort of Importance Attached by Two Cities Tonight.

Not in many years of basketball in this city has there been quite as much interest manifested in a single game as there will be tonight when the Union Athletic club, better known as The Feds, come to La Grande backed with a band and a special trainload of people. The contest will be played at the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium tonight and the contest is set down to begin at 7:30. As the best seats are limited those who are there will get the best chance to witness the big contest. The M. I. A. girls will play the Union girls, and all in all it promises to be a busy night.

Each team has won one game, and the winner of the game tonight has but the Purple Giants of Umatilla county to contend with to claim undisputed club championship of Eastern Oregon. In addition to championship color, there is the inter-city rivalry that has developed in the game having already drawn two special trainloads of people during the present season.

Two Make Application.

Winter weather is hardly conducive to the selection of a homestead site but applications come in every now and then just the same. Today application for entry on land in this district were received by Samuel B. Armon, of Wallawa, who makes application for an original homestead, and from Walter Baker, of Halfway, who seeks an addition.