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Charge Is That Steve Hills Slapped
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Did he or didn't he?

That, in brief, seems to be the crux of litigation before circuit court this afternoon when Steve Hills was put on trial on a charge of slapping and kicking Master Harnden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Giles Harnden, North V. avenue. Hills is accused by the state of the crime of having gone to the street one noon in December when the young Harnden boy was returning home, and having there slapped and kicked the boy. Mrs. Harnden is the complaining witness and the case was first brought to the notice of the justice court, later taken to the grand jury where Hills was indicted, and now the case is on trial. He has been under peace bonds. Hills defense is that he didn't. The state has witnesses to prove that he did; the defense has witnesses to prove he didn't and there you are! The case will likely go to the jury tonight.

The Greek vs. Greek case came to a close this morning about noon. A note of considerable size formed the dispute between Frank Chatas and Geo. Kapellias. Jerry Rusk and Charles Albert Small were counsel.

Grand Jury Exercised.

The grand jury was excused last evening until further call after having found two true bills and two not true bills. One of the indictments indicted is already public and arraignment of the defendant has taken place. He is Harry Grover sometimes known as Tom Harlan, and is accused of bigamy.

Yesterday afternoon James Childers pleaded not guilty to larceny of mare.

T. B. Mulholland pleaded not guilty of a charge of nonsupport of child.

CANAL FACTS PUBLIC.

Col. Goethals Sends Definite Word to O.-W. Officials.

Just what may be expected of the Panama canal this spring, is clearly set out in announcements by H. E. Gee had been discharged, when the Lounsberry, general freight agent for other 57 joint owners of the liquor the O.-W. through Local Agent appeared in court and demanded the Keeney this afternoon. The letter return of their liquors in quantities from Lounsberry's office carries this coming into the restrictions of the authentic information:

Referring to mimeograph letter they thought the case had been set from this office under date of 1st in-for afternoon instead of morning, stant, the following statement which and for that reason were not in court we understand was made on Jan. 22d, at the time of the trial. On this by General Goethals, Governor of the ground the court took their claim on Panama Canal, is respectfully transder advisement and will decide withmited for your information:

"It is not intended to open the canal be returned to them.

BLAZE SWEEPS COBURG

Business Houses Swept Away But Mill is Saved

Eugene, Or. Feb. 7.—Coburg, the little sawmill city on the Woodburn-Springfield branch, seven miles north of Eugene, was visited by a disastrous fire early Sunday morning. The blaze broke out in one of the wooden store buildings on Main street at 4 a. m. and spread to adjoining buildings, notwithstanding a heavy rain-fall. The wind was blowing hard the flames spread rapidly. The estimated loss is about \$9000 and most of the buildings and stocks of goods were insured. The estimated losses are:

S. L. Tonneson, feed store \$1000; Vogt Bros. Pool parlors and confectionery store, \$2400; Dr. Lee Jarnigan, drug store \$3000; Cook & Rice, hardware store, \$1500; Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company, office fixtures, \$400; building owned by Locke & Washburne, \$300; hotel, loss to B. D. Locke, lessee, \$800; loss to Mrs. Lucy Soder, owner, \$500.

The Booth-Kelly saw mill which has not been operated for more than a year, is located only a block away from the main street, but ie escaped destruction, partly through the efforts of the citizens and partly on account of the heavy rains falling at the time.

Phil Conley Back.

Philip Conley returned last night from Portland where he went to see his brother, George, who has been under treatment at the Good Samaritan hospital the past few weeks. He reports that his brother is better but that he does not expect to return to Grande Ronde for two or three months but in the meantime will make a trip to California, which he considers will be a beneficial move in his present state of health.

Railroad Foreman in Town.

Lou Rayborn, who has the foremanship of the railroad construction outfit of the Palmer Lumber company, arrived from Vincent yesterday evening and will remain a day or two.

Vincent Family Return.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley, who have been out to La Grande, have returned to Vincent. Mr. Stanley has charge of the Palmer Lumber company's store at that place.

INCOME TAX STIFF.

Pendleton, Feb. 11.—Some of the local farmers who held their 1915 wheat crops until after January 1 for higher prices received a most rude awakening when they consulted with Thos. T. Sweek, deputy internal revenue collector, upon the making out of the return blanks for their income tax. They learned that money received from wheat sold after Jan. 1, 1916, could not be included as 1915 income.

At first reading the full import of this is not apparent. But hark to the explanation. The cost of growing the 1915 crop must be included in the 1915 return as the expenses were incurred during the year. Inasmuch as the money from the sale of the 1915 crop was not received until after the close of the year, it must be included next year on the 1916 return and, listen, it must be scheduled, every cent of it as income, and taxed accordingly.

For example, say a farmer raises \$20,000 worth of wheat and does not sell until after January 1. Say his expense for raising the wheat was \$12,000. This would have left a net income of \$8000 to be taxed under the federal income tax law had the wheat been disposed of during the year in which it was grown. However, it was not disposed of until sometime during January and, therefore, the full \$20,000 becomes income upon the 1916 return as the law does not permit expenses incurred during the previous year to be deducted. Thus the man who holds his wheat past the end of the year is subject to a much heavier income tax than the man who sold during the year.

Mr. Sweek further points out that if a farmer is still holding his wheat or held it after December 31, 1915, and if the money or money equivalent which he received during 1915 did not exceed by \$3000 his expenses then he is not required to make any return at all.

The farmer who sold his 1915 crop

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during 1916 and who sells his 1916 crop during the same year will have two years' receipts from which can be deducted but a single year of expenses.

Little News O' the Day.

Sandusky, O.—To save carfare, Schuyler Wickham, Huron, walks 20 miles from Huron to Sandusky and back each year to pay taxes on \$100,000 worth of property. He seldom leaves his home the rest of the year.

Gettysburg, Pa. —William Haner has returned from a pleasure trip to 2,334 miles to Florida. He rode a bicycle every inch of the way except when sand forced him to dismount and walk.

GARRISON QUILTS.

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Garrison parted official company.

Garrison's resignation was a complete surprise generally. He made no personal explanation. Several hours before it was officially announced, he boarded a train with his wife for New York. Word was passed at the war department he had gone for an indefinite stay. The acute difference of opinion which caused the break began early in the year, when congressional opposition to the continental army plan began developing.

There have been definite rumors of late of the possibility of Secretary of War Garrison leaving the cabinet but they were never countenanced in official quarters, and his action today occasioned great surprise in the capital. Garrison everywhere was regarded as one of the strong men upon whom the president leaned in the difficult situations, both domestic and international, which have confronted him. The circumstances leading to the resignation are detailed in Garrison's correspondence with the President, which the White House made public tonight. The letters disclose that the president believes the training, organization and control of the military reserve should be under important federal direction, but is not "irrevocably or dogmatically committed to any one plan." He wrote Garrison he could not force any specific plan on congress, adding, "I must welcome a frank interchange of views and a patient, thorough comparison of all methods proposed for obtaining the objects we all have in view." Garrison's contention that only the war department's plan should be considered seemed to the president as "wholly unjustifiable." Garrison considered "reliance upon the militia for national defense as unjustifiable and imperilling to the nation's safety."

In resigning, he wrote: "It is evident we hopelessly disagree upon what I consider to be fundamental principles." Garrison characterized the Clarke amendment to the Philippine bill, providing independence in four years, the "abandonment of the duty of this nation and a breach of trust for the Filipinos." The presi-

dent replied his judgment was that the Clarke amendment is "unwise at this time," adding that it is clearly most inadvisable "for me to take the position that I must dissent from that action, should both houses concur in the bill embodying the amendment." He must withhold judgment, he said, until final action is before him.

On January 12 Garrison wrote the president: "We are facing a critical juncture respecting the military part of our national defense program." He declared he felt that "unless the situation is dealt with promptly and

effectively, we can indulge in no reasonable expectation of any acceptable result."

Garrison severely criticized the national defense plans of Chairman Hay of the house military committee. "The effect of Hay's program would set back the whole cause in an entirely unjustifiable way. It would be a betrayal of trust in this regard. It would be illusory and apparently without any reality or substance." Garrison suggested that May's proposal of voting money to state militiamen "appealed to the direct interest of the members."

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