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THE WEATHER. Cloudy; probably rain tonight and Wednesday.

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PETTIBONE TRIAL ENDS SUDDENLY

Attorneys For Defense Submit Case Without Evidence or Argument; Await Instructions.

BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 31.—George A. Pettibone in court today showed plainly the effects of his illness. Judge Hilton, for the defense, announced that he had gone over all the testimony, and as the state had failed to connect the defendant with the crime charged in the indictment, it had been decided to offer no further testimony and to submit the case to the jury without argument.

Senator Borah asked a recess in order that the proposition of the defense might be considered. Judge Wood granted the request. After a brief conference State's Attorney Borah stated that the question of dispensing with arguments could not be settled until the instructions of the court had been examined. Judge Wood then announced that he will have his instructions ready by Friday morning, and an adjournment was taken until that time. The case now hinges entirely on the nature of the instructions of the court.

If the court instructs that proof of the conspiracy in itself is sufficient, providing that the state has presented a satisfactory proof that the defendant was a member of the conspiracy and that the killing of Steenberg was an incident to it, the case will be argued.

THE TOYMAKER TONIGHT AT THE MEDFORD THEATER

Arthur Cunningham, the sturdy baritone of the San Francisco Opera company, as Brother Mathew in "The Toy Maker," the comic opera feast that has been prepared for the patrons of the Medford Opera House tonight, was in the original New York production of the piece. Cunningham's singing of "Hail to the Peeping Angelus" and "A Contented Mind" is alone worth the price of admission. Aida Hemmi, the beautiful and accomplished prima donna soprano; Maude Bennett, the stunner; Eugene Wiener, the handsome young tenor; Frank Borland and William Harris, with George Kunkel, who portrays the title role, and Daphne Pollard, who plays the doll, completes the cast of principals. Al Wilder, who staged "The Earl and the Girl" for the Shubert Brothers, and "Lady Teazle" with Lillian Russell, for the same firm, has given "The Toy Maker" a beautiful production. Edward von Buechner, whom theatergoers will pleasantly remember as the conductor of the Tivoli Opera House, prior to the earthquake, will be the conductor for the San Francisco Opera company in "The Toy Maker."

EXAMINE COAL MINES FOR EASTERN INVESTORS

J. W. Wakefield, from Menasha, Minn., is here looking over with J. C. Brown the coal prospects in the interests of the British Realty corporation of New York city, an investment company of which Mr. Wakefield is president. He will be here for several days and is visiting the Medford coal mine and other coal properties in the Rogue River valley.

JACKSONVILLE ITEMS

Miss Ella Gnyan was in town Monday taking testimony at the coroner's inquest held over the body of James Mackin.

VICTIM OF MURDER WAS CHORUS GIRL

She Was Identified by Her Sister Who First Named Another Woman as General Stover's Suspect—Missing Piano Tuner Is Being Searched For.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Mrs. Alice Young, the supposed victim of the murder at Harrison, N. J., is alive and employed in a real estate office in this city. In an interview she is quoted as saying that she knows Mrs. Hull, who identified the murdered woman as Mrs. Young, but is unable to understand why Mrs. Hull should tell such a story as she did to the police.

NEWARK, Dec. 31.—When Mrs. Hull was told that Mrs. Young was alive she declared that the murdered woman was her own half-sister, Minnie Jeanette Gaston, daughter of R. B. Gaston of Servilla, Tenn., and formerly a member of the chorus of "The Texas Steer" company. She had been living lately in New York. Mrs. Hull declared that Charles Meyers brought her sister to New York and that she accompanied the latter to a meeting with Meyers on Christmas day, when Miss Gaston was to go to Harrison with Meyers. She said she identified the body as that of Mrs. Young in order to avoid involving Miss Gaston's name in the scandal. The magistrate lectured Mrs. Hull and ordered a detective to escort her out of the state.

BURNS ARE CURED BY BAKING THE PATIENT

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Physicians at Roosevelt hospital are encouraged over a new method which is being tried there for the treatment of severe burns. The treatment consists of baking the patient. A large wire form is placed on the bed over the patient and the bed clothes placed on top of that. Beside the bed is placed an ordinary small gas stove, provided with a special air chamber, from which a tube runs under the bed clothes. Through this tube a constant current of hot air is forced into the oven-like covering of the bed.

MUST REGISTER ANEW TO VOTE IN PRIMARIES

Every voter who expects to participate in the primary elections to be held April 17 must register anew, beginning January 6.

LABOR COMMISSIONER INVESTIGATES FACTORIES

O. P. Huff, state labor commissioner of Oregon, spent a couple of days in Medford recently interviewing labor employers and looking after the enforcement of the labor laws. One of the acts of the last Oregon legislature regulates and limits the hours for the employment of women in mechanical and mercantile establishments, hotels, restaurants, etc., to not more than ten of the twenty-four hours of the day, the week preceding Christmas in retail stores being excepted as to allow twelve hours' work in a day.

BATCH OF MAIL LOOTED IN TEXAS

WACO, Tex., Dec. 31.—Another large batch of mail has been found west of here, where it was left by pouch-boosters on Christmas night. It is estimated that checks, money orders and drafts left lying where the pouches were opened, aggregate \$50,000.

Keep Army at Mine

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—The war department has decided to retain the present force of troops in Goldfield, with the exception of some officers, who will be dispensed with by the consolidation of the nine companies into two.

HURL BOMB AT BROKERS IN EXCHANGE

Roman Mart is Shattered by Dynamite—Sixteen Are Known to Be Injured.

ROME, Dec. 31.—A dynamite bomb was exploded in the stock exchange of this city today. Sixteen are known to have been injured. Some of the injured were buried under portions of the building which collapsed. Firemen, police and troops are on the scene conducting the work of rescue. It is supposed that the bomb was thrown with the intention of preventing the customary end-of-the-month liquidation.

CAN JUMP CLAIMS OF DELINQUENT MINERS

The Bartlett mining assessment bill has not passed the United States Senate. The Teller bill, which is similar, passed the Senate before the holidays, but will not pass the house.

PRESS ASSOCIATION MEETS IN JANUARY

Severals of enthusiastic letters have been received by the executive committee of the Oregon Press association in response to a call for a special meeting of that association, to be held in Portland, January 17, 1908. The interest that is being taken goes to show that this will be a great meeting and that something will be doing for the benefit of the general press of the state.

NEW APPLICATION FOR HOMESTEAD ENTRIES

A circular from the general land office announces to all concerned that new forms of applications for homestead entry, soldiers' additional homestead entry, desert land entry and for timber and stone-vein statements, timber proof in desert land cases, have been adopted, and on and after March 1, 1908, no entries will be allowed in the foregoing class of cases except upon the new forms.

MURDERED WOMAN'S BODY IS IDENTIFIED

NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 29.—The woman's body found in Harrison street last Thursday was identified today as that of Mrs. Agnes, or Alice, Young, who formerly lived with Mrs. King in Madison avenue, Brooklyn, and who was employed by her as a domestic. She was 33 years old.

HEAVY EARTHQUAKE RECORDED BY NEEDLE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—A heavy earthquake has been recorded by the instruments of the coast and geodetic survey observatory at Cheltenham, Md., that lasted two hours. The location of the disturbance is unknown.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Stewart Peterson—Henry Stewart and Josephine Peterson. Covert-Dutton—William O. Covert and Ella Dutton. Sam Van Dyke, the successful farmer, was among us Saturday. He is again spoken of prominently in connection with the Republican nomination for sheriff.

THIEVS IN AUTO LOOT STREET CAR

Two Men Steal Chest Containing Nearly Three Thousand Dollars and Make Good Their Escape from Rochester in a Motor Car.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Dec. 31.—Two men stole a chest containing \$2859 from a streetcar standing in front of the car barns at 6:45 o'clock this morning and got safely away with it in an automobile. The stolen money represented a portion of yesterday's earnings of the Rochester Railway Company. The robbers were tracked out of the city, but their trail was lost. Surrounding towns have been notified.

BEAR CREEK EATING OUT ITS EAST BANK

High water in Bear creek has cut away the natural bank of the creek on the west side. The wing that was put diagonally across the creek by the city council last fall with the intention of saving the east bank from being cut away and thereby flooding a portion of the east side and diverting the channel of the creek, seems by the recent flood to have been placed too near the west side, for the channel is now cutting into the west bank. Another such flood as that of last week will take out two large trees that have stood on the west bank undisturbed for the past half century, and a large block of ground that is underlain with gravel. The present wing confines the water into a space of about 50 feet, whereas formerly it covered over 100 feet.

PURCHASE LOGS OF BUTTE CREEK COMPANY

W. T. Goulder and others have purchased the logs of the Sugar Pine Lumber company, which institution went into bankruptcy. In all there are about 1550 logs. The purchasers have leased the sawmill and are now at work making lumber which they will put upon the market. The purchase was made from J. A. Perry, who is trustee of the bankrupt lumber company. The amount in running feet of logs is 500,000.

LUMBER COMPANY RESUMES OPERATIONS

The Iowa Lumber & Box company have started up work again after several weeks of suspension on account of bad weather. They are working a full force of men. A banner year in building is looked forward to by the company.

ALL ATLANTA SALOONS CLOSE DOORS TONIGHT

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 31.—At 10 o'clock tonight every saloon in the city will close its doors permanently, or until the prohibition act is repealed, unless the injunction proceedings now being considered in the United States court restrain enforcement of the state act.

LUMBER PRICES CUT IN MISSISSIPPI STATES

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 31.—Lumber prices are down. Nearly everything in the northern pine list is cut. Reductions from the August list of prices range from 41 to 43 a thousand, and a further cut is predicted for the near future.

Bishop Andrews Dead

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Bishop Edward G. Andrews of the Methodist Episcopal church died at his home in Brooklyn this morning, aged 82.

First Gun Club Meet

The first meeting of the Gold Hill Gun Club will be held at the club house on Sunday, January 5. Every one is cordially invited to attend. The Medford gunners are expected to be 100.

Mrs. Stover Dead

Mrs. Stover, wife of Joseph Stover, died at the family home at Gold Hill, Friday, from a lingering illness. She had been very ill for a long time.

E. G. McWilliams of Astoria was here one day during the past week. He has let a contract to Mr. Green, late of Baker City, for running a 25-foot tunnel on the Gold Standard mine, located a few miles west of Jacksonville.

ROOSEVELT TO PARDON S. A. D. PUTER

Heney and Baker Recommend Action to Attorney General—Use Testimony in Hermann Trial

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—In accordance with the strong recommendation made to Francis J. Heney and United States Attorney Baker of the District of Columbia, Attorney General Bonaparte today recommended to the president the pardon of Stephen A. D. Puter, in order that the latter's testimony can be utilized in connection with the prosecution of the Oregon land fraud cases.

PORTLAND, Dec. 31.—S. A. D. Puter is confined in the Multnomah county jail serving a two years' sentence for conspiracy to defraud the United States out of its public lands. He was convicted in December, 1904, but was allowed liberty until he attempted to escape a year and a half later, when he was recaptured. He was the central figure in the land fraud conspiracy, and after conviction turned state's evidence, aiding the state in the trials of the late Senator Mitchell, F. P. Mays, Binger Hermann and others.

ALLEGED LIBEL DROVE PRINCE FROM ARMY

BERLIN, Dec. 31.—In the hearing of the Harden-Von Moltke libel suit today, Count Kuno Von Moltke stated that he had resigned from the army as the result of articles published by Harden. The state's attorney in opening the pleadings demanded the imposition of a sentence of four months' imprisonment against Harden. He declared that Harden had attacked Von Moltke and Prince Zu Eulenburg and his mother, both of whom he had declared were untrustworthy and possessed of abnormal tendencies. The prosecutor declared that Von Moltke had been completely cleared, as had Zu Eulenburg. The state's attorney said that he had received a letter threatening him with death if a verdict unfavorable to Harden was returned.

BOMB SHATTERS FISH STORE IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—A bomb thrown against the front of a two-story frame building on East One Hundred and Forty-ninth street before daylight endangered the lives of eight who were asleep therein. The fish store of Joseph Rao was demolished and his daughter injured. Rao asked the police to search for his son-in-law, who he said had threatened to blow up the store because his wife had left him and taken refuge with her father.

NOTICE

Parties owning lots in Butte Falls township should make payments to J. A. Perry, trustee in bankruptcy, at his office, 244

NEW YORK NEWSPAPER PRINTS PRESCRIPTION

A well-known authority on Rheumatism gives the formula of a large New York daily paper the following valuable yet simple and harmless prescription, which any one can easily prepare at home.

This pleasant mixture, if taken regularly for a few days, is said to overcome almost any case of Rheumatism. The pain and swelling, if any, disappears with each dose, until permanent results are obtained, and without injuring the stomach. While there are many so-called Rheumatism remedies, patent medicines, etc., some of which do give relief, few really give permanent results, and the above will, no doubt, be greatly appreciated by many sufferers here at this time.

NEW THEATRE FOR MEDFORD PROMISED

Capitalist Here to Figure on Erecting Handsome New Opera-House Which Will Be the Finest in Southern Oregon if Deal Is Made.

William H. Hamilton, formerly of Crescent City, Cal., but now of Santa Barbara, Cal., is here to figure upon the building of a new opera-house in Medford, designed to be the finest in Southern Oregon, and suitable for a city of many times Medford's present size.

Mr. Hamilton is one of the original owners of the Blue Lodge mine and recently returned from a trip to Scotland. He owns several pieces of property in Medford and has great faith in the city's future. Among other properties he is interested in is the present opera-house and the corner lot adjoining, which he owns jointly with Dr. J. F. Reddy.

NOTICE

The regular meeting of the Medford Commercial club will be held Thursday, January 2. All members are urged to be present.

Real Estate Transfers

Table listing real estate transfers with names, addresses, and amounts.