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Probably fair weather tonight and Tuesday.

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EDITOR IS ON TRIAL FOR LIBEL

Preliminary Motions Argued in Putnam Case--Accused of Defaming Grand Jury.

The trial of G. Putnam, editor of the Tribune, on the charge of criminal libel as per indictment returned by the grand jury, begins at Jacksonville today. A motion to quash the indictment and a demurrer to the indictment will be presented and argued, after which, if overruled, the date of trial will be set.

The court overruled the motion to quash the indictment and took the demurrer under consideration, and will render a decision upon it Tuesday.

Putnam is represented by Vawter & Purdin, Withington & Kelly and Robert G. Smith of Grants Pass, all of whom volunteered to serve in his defense. An immediate trial will be demanded. The state is represented by District Attorney Reames.

History of Case.

Putnam was indicted December 21 and hauled from his berth in a Pullman while enroute to Portland to spend Christmas with his mother, and landed in the Douglas county jail, denied communication with friends and kept there until noon the next day. The indictment reads as follows:

"George Putnam is accused by the grand jury for the county of Jackson, state of Oregon, by the indictment, of the crime of libel, committed as follows, to-wit: That said George Putnam on, to-wit, the 19th day of December, 1907, in the county of Jackson, state of Oregon, then and there being, did then and there wilfully publish, by means other than words orally spoken, to-wit, by printed matter in a newspaper, called the Medford Daily Tribune, and then and there of general circulation in said county, the following false and scandalous matter of and concerning Wallace Woods, Joel Hartley, J. R. Robison, C. H. Vaupel, Adam Schmidt, T. E. Pottenger and J. L. Garvin, then and there composing and constituting the grand jury for said county, and Clarence L. Reames, then and there a deputy prosecuting attorney, representing the State of Oregon, in said matters before said grand jury, to-wit:

Alleged Libel.

"The grand jury is composed of the following men: Wallace Woods, J. R. Robison, C. H. Vaupel, Adam Schmidt, T. E. Pottenger, J. L. Garvin. It took them just 15 minutes to indict a friendless, penniless, poor old woman and a penniless forger. They spent three days on the Barnum case and then justified the murderous assault. Deputy District Attorney Reames is a most relentless prosecutor, when a man drops a nickel in the slot machine or takes

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EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY LAW VOID

United States Supreme Court Holds Measure Passed Is Unconstitutional.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—In an opinion by Justice White, the supreme court of the United States has held to be unconstitutional the congressional enactment of June 11, 1906, known as the "employers' liability law," making railroads and other common carriers responsible to employees in accidents due to the negligence of fellow servants or to ineffective appliances. The decision of the lower courts is affirmed.

GOOD MINING OUTLOOK FOR THE COMING YEAR

The mining outlook for the vicinity of Gold Hill was never more promising than at the present time. On nearly every train men arrive from all sections of the country to look over some of the properties that are on the market here. Practically all of the larger quartz properties are being worked and all the placer mines now have an abundance of water. Two new stamp-mills have been built within the past year and many other steps of advancement have been taken. The preliminary work of installing the big electric shovel on Kates creek has been completed and its installation is delayed only on account of the non-arrival of the machinery. The boom in the Nevada country is over and now the eyes of the mining world will turn to a country where more practical mining and less wildcatting can and will be done. It is being demonstrated every day that the ledges of Southern Oregon have depth, a fact that is generally disputed by mining men who are unacquainted with the country and its formation, and when this is generally known money will be more readily secured for working the ledges that are now lying idle. For the outward appearance we predict a busy year among the mines in the vicinity of Gold Hill.—Gold Hill News.

WALLACE WOODS FINED FOR ASSAULTING ROGE

Wallace Woods, proprietor of the Woods Lumber company, was arraigned before City Recorder Collins Saturday afternoon and pleaded guilty to disturbing the peace and quiet of the city by fighting upon the streets. It being the first time that Mr. Woods had been arraigned before Mr. Collins as city recorder for this offense, he was given the minimum fine of \$10, which he promptly paid. He assaulted M. G. Hoge by striking him in a dispute over an old account.

"Shorty" Garnett, Hardware Man, On Top Again for 1908.



This cartoon shows how easily the Maud S. Pump beats the Medford Fire Department to the fire. The Toledo range as a solid political platform on which any body can ride to the heart of her hubby. Nason's Pure Paint, always highest in esteem and lowest in price.

INDICTMENTS FOR BANKERS OF PORTLAND

Four Separate Counts Against Officials of Title Guarantee and Trust Company.

PORTLAND, Jan. 6.—Four separate indictments were filed against each of the following officers of the Title Guarantee & Trust company by District Attorney Manning this afternoon. Those indicted were President J. Thorburn Ross, Vice-President George H. Hill, Secretary John E. Alfelson and Treasurer T. T. Burkhardt. The four indictments are: Receiving deposits after the bank was known to be insolvent; conversion to their own use of public money, loaning public money and property by neglect to pay over school funds on demand.

The indicted persons will be arrested and placed under bonds. They are already under bonds for the original arrest, but will have to provide a larger security.

FLOYD JOHNSON DEAD FROM SURGICAL OPERATION

Floyd Johnson, who underwent a surgical operation Friday for appendicitis, died at the home of his mother in East Medford Saturday evening. He had been ill for several weeks with appendicitis, which had been aggravated by an injury, making the operation necessary. He was at the time of his death 18 years old and the third son of the late C. G. Johnson, and leaves surviving him his mother, three brothers and three sisters. The funeral was held to day from the family residence.

FRANCE AND AMERICA CONCLUDE TARIFF TREATY

PARIS, Jan. 6.—The government has been advised by M. Jasseraud, French ambassador at Washington, that the Franco-American tariff negotiations at Washington have been successfully terminated and that an agreement will probably be signed today or tomorrow.

HARRY THAW AGAIN ON TRIAL FOR MURDER

Slayer of Stanford White Pleaded That He Is Once Again to Face a Jury.

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—A large crowd gathered about the criminal court building today to catch a glimpse of Harry Thaw as he crossed the Bridge of Sighs on his way to court for the beginning of his second trial for the murder of Stanford White, and in the corridors several hundred people gathered to witness the opening scenes.

That is pleased over the fact that the trial is on, the eyes of his sisters and brothers called upon him and a message came from his mother, who was too ill to leave Pittsburgh. Thaw's wife would direct him to the hotel to the court.

At the very outset of the trial the plea of insanity was entered in behalf of the defendant.

Charles E. Goodrich, a ship broker, was the first juror drawn by the Thaw case.

BERLIN IS STARTLED BY JACK THE RIPTER CRIME

BERLIN, Jan. 6.—Another Ripper murder has occurred in the suburb of Chadodtenburg, and a little girl is the victim. She was carried into a doorway and stabbed in exactly the same manner as that employed last July, when a fiend startled the city by a series of crimes in which young children were stabbed. There is no clue.

VIOLENCE CEASES FOR MUNCIE STRIKEBREAKERS

MUNCIE, Ind., Jan. 6.—There are no disturbances this morning. Cars are running on regular schedule. Streets are patrolled by 400 business and professional men, armed in as deputies. Twelve companies of infantry and one battery of the Indiana National guard are resting in their quarters.

NO ELECTION OF MAYOR CALLED FOR

City Recorder Issues Federal Supreme Court Reverses Decision Against Oregon Congressman.

City Recorder Collins Saturday night issued the call for a municipal election as ordered by the city council. The call orders the election for a recorder, treasurer and three councilmen, but not for a mayor.

Mr. Collins was petitioned to call the election of a mayor also, but as the charter does not confer upon the recorder the authority to call elections, acting upon the advice of his attorneys, he refused. If he had complied and called the election, and another mayor had been chosen, the entire election would have been invalidated.

The election is scheduled for Tuesday, January 14.

HORTICULTURIST LECTURES UPON FRUIT DISEASES

There was an interesting meeting of the Rogue River Valley fruitgrowers held at the Commercial club rooms Saturday afternoon, there being present over 100 fruitmen. Professor P. J. O'Farra of Washington, D. C., gave an interesting talk upon the prevailing diseases of the fruit tree, the most prominent feature of the address being pear blight, a disease that originates and spreads over an orchard and to adjoining orchards, but cannot be conveyed any great distance, as the germ is very short-lived when taken from the tree. Attempts have been made, so says the professor, to ship live pear blight to Germany for analytical examination, but have not met with success, because the germs were dead upon reaching their destination. Blight is highly contagious and can be spread from tree to tree and from orchard to orchard by the use of pruning shears that are not sterilized after being used upon a tree that is affected.

The germ of pear blight is so small that 25,000 placed in close succession in a straight line are required to make one inch in length, and cannot be seen except with the aid of a powerful microscopical instrument.

TAPT ADVOCATES MORE PAY FOR BOYS IN BLUE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—Secretary Taft is a strong advocate of increased pay for the army, and his annual report, just sent to congress, dispels any doubt that may exist as to his disposition. The report shows a rapid decrease in the strength of the regular army in recent years (the loss in the last year is 1425 men) and a pressing need for officers to replace those now detailed on recruiting duty and as military instructors in educational institutions. The secretary declares that the inadequacy of army pay is one of the reasons for the falling off in enlistments.

EX SUPERVISOR LONGERAN DROPS DEAD AT HOME

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 6.—Former Supervisor Thomas E. Longeran dropped dead at his home this morning. He was one of the members of the board of supervisors who confessed to having received bribes from the United Railroads, telephone companies and other corporations.

WILLIAMSON WINS VICTORY IN HIGH COURT

Federal Supreme Court Reverses Decision Against Oregon Congressman.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—The case against Ex-Congressman J. N. Williamson of Oregon, charged with unlawfully cutting timber on public lands in Crook county, Oregon, in conspiracy with 100 others, was decided by the supreme court in favor of Williamson. The United States court for Oregon imposed a fine of \$500 and sentenced Williamson to prison for ten months. The supreme court reverses the decision, upon irregularity in admitting affidavits.

Williamson's partner, Dr. Van Geener, and Marion B. Higge, who were sentenced with him, have already served out their terms of imprisonment in the Multnomah county jail, but have not paid their fines and are still held. All appealed to the circuit court of appeals, which upheld the lower court and is now reversed.

JAPANESE RESERVES NOT CALLED HOME

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—Mr. Miyoko, the charge of the Japanese embassy here, today authorized a formal denial of the report from Vancouver, B. C., that the Japanese government is recalling to Japan reserve men now in the United States, and states that he has not the least information of any such purpose on the part of the Japanese government. Moreover, the call to return for reserves will necessarily be preceded a considerable time by the mobilization of the reserves now in Japan.

HARTJE AGAIN REFUSED PERMISSION FOR DIVORCE

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 6.—The Pennsylvania supreme court today refused to permit an appeal to be taken to that tribunal from the superior court in the famous Hartje divorce case. Hartje was refused a divorce from his wife and the decision was affirmed. Hartje may take the case to the United States supreme court.

WILL DRV FIRE HOSE IN CITY HALL BELL TOWER

The bell tower on the new city hall that is being built will be used as a place to drain and dry fire hose after being used. It is so arranged that the hose can be raised with pulleys. The tower is about 30 feet high, counting from the roof of the hall, its base being one side wall of the building and the other the wall of the stairway.

NEWPORT BUILDINGS SWEEP BY FLAMES

A disastrous fire happened at Newport, Or., January 1. The fire was discovered in the rear room of the Gray Corbin confectionery shop on Front street and its alarm was immediately given by the whistle of the steamer. The flames, but for the time-consuming process of the fire department, would have spread to the general merchandise store of W. Williams, in the Keystone building, were a scorching mass of flames.

YOU ARE WELCOME

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS WILL BE LADIES' VISITING DAY AT PEIL'S ELITE LAUNDRY. LADIES ARE ESPECIALLY INVITED TO CALL AND GO THROUGH THE ESTABLISHMENT—SEE HOW THE CLOTHES ARE WASHED IN AN UP-TO-DATE AND MODERN LAUNDRY. ATTENDANTS WILL BE ON HAND TO EXPLAIN DETAILS

Peil's Elite Laundry

Why Has It Been Discontinued?