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COURT HOLDS HARRY K. THAW TO BE MENACING MANIAC

SLAYER OF WHITE IS ORDERED RETURNED TO ASYLUM FOR SAFETY

Jerome's "Hot Air" Blamed by Prisoner Who Objects to Returning to Matteawan --- Evelyn is said to be Pleased at decision --- Mother Greatly Distressed Over Result.

NEW YORK, May 25.—Harry Kendall Thaw is insane and if released from the asylum would be a menace to the country. This decision was filed today by Justice Joseph Morsehauser in the supreme court in the habeas corpus action brought in the hope of gaining the freedom of the millionaire slayer of Stanford White. It was all his counsel could do to restrain him and prevent him from making a demonstration when the decision was rendered.

for confining Thaw may not be held until a week from Saturday. A story is going the rounds that Evelyn Nesbit Thaw is pleased at the decision. The suit to annul her marriage to Harry on the grounds that he was insane when he was married is still pending.

LAKEVIEW IS AGAIN LIGHTED BY ELECTRICITY

LAKEVIEW, May 25.—This week, for the first time since the middle of last October, Lakeview is again being lighted by electricity. On the night of October 11, 1907, during an electric storm, lightning struck the wires near the electric plant at Pine creek and set fire to the building, completely destroying the plant. Lakeview was thus placed in darkness, with a possibility of a scarcity of coal oil, as the merchants had not been in the habit of ordering coal oil for lighting purposes to any great extent, and it was at a time of the year when the roads were bad and consequently hard to get freight here.

TRAPPERS AND SEINERS TO FIGHT GILLNETTERS

ASTORIA, Or., May 25.—Gillnetters of the Columbia-river salmon fisheries have refused to acknowledge seiners and trappers entitled to equal privileges with themselves, or to no more destructive of salmon than gillnetters, whereupon the seiners and trappers declined to unite with the gillnetters for an onslaught on the wheel owners. Efforts of Astoria men to bring the warring elements of the lower river together for the benefit of Astoria trade and for "protection" of salmon have been futile.

SOUTHERN OREGON PIONEER CROSSES GREAT DIVIDE

KERBY, Or., May 25.—David A. Houck died here recently of paralysis, at the age of 77 years. He was born at Haggerstown, Carroll county, Ohio, in 1830, and moved to Iowa with his parents when a boy. In March, 1853, he started across the plains with an ox team and arrived in California in September, 1853. He was a prominent miner in California until 1856, when he crossed into Oregon in June of that year and followed mining in the Altamont and Sucker creek districts until 1862 when he enlisted in Company F, First Oregon volunteer cavalry, and was in active service three years and two months. He was honorably discharged in 1865 and returned to Josephine county, where he had since made his home.

800-POUND WHEEL FALLS UPON BOY

KENNETT, Cal., May 25.—The little son of H. H. Bishop, furnace foreman on the feed floor of the Mammoth smelter, met with a painful accident, he was playing on the baseball diamond near the smelter and between plays mounted a big piece of discarded machinery that the company has piled near by. An 800-pound piece of broken fly-wheel fell over upon him, catching his arm and holding him. His companions extricated him.

ARE DRIVEN FROM HOME BY FLOODS

Texas is Devastated by Deluge---Seven Thousand Homeless Along Trinity River -- Many Drown.

DALLAS, Tex., May 25.—The most violent storm of the year broke over North Texas last night. It was exceptionally severe at Fort Worth and Dallas and White Falls. Andrew Welch, a saloonkeeper of North Fort Worth, whose place was inundated, was drowned in trying to escape. A 15-year-old boy, who was working for Welch, was also drowned. Five men were seen to be swept away in the suburbs of Fort Worth and drowned. Efforts to learn their identity has failed.

The property loss at Fort Worth and vicinity exceeds \$100,000. Wade Owens and Ernest Stetler were drowned at Mineral Wells. Six persons are known to have been drowned near Wichita Falls, and Childress, and at Denton an unknown man lost his life in the flood. Railroads and crops have suffered to a large extent.

Two thousand more persons were driven from their homes today as the result of the rise of the Trinity river, making approximately 7000 that are now practically without shelter. Houses are being swept down and carried away by the raging stream, big factories are flooded and bridges have been torn out. Thousands of livestock have perished.

ENGINEERS IN FAVOR OF DREDGING COOS BAY

WASHINGTON, May 25.—It is the purpose of the army engineers, if congress acts, to dredge a channel of 20 feet from the entrance of Coos bay to Marshfield, but there is already a depth of 20 feet on the bar at the entrance of the bay and the report recommends that \$35,000 be expended on a special dredge for the purpose of greatly deepening the channel across the bar. It was incoherently stated yesterday that a depth of only 20 feet was recommended. The engineers do not fix the maximum depth which can be dredged across the bar, but propose sufficient depth to permit vessels drawing 18 feet to cross in all kinds of weather in entire safety.

HAWLEY INVITED TO STUMP EASTERN STATES

WASHINGTON, May 25.—Representative Sherman, chairman of the republican congressional campaign committee, has extended to Congressman Hawley an earnest invitation to come east in September and October and campaign in Indiana, New Jersey and the New England states. Mr. Sherman said it would be necessary to make a hard fight in those states, and he was very anxious that Mr. Hawley should take the stump there, for he was impressed by his recent speech in the house and believed he would be an effective campaigner.

TOWNSEND COMING TO PRESS LAND GRANT SUIT

WASHINGTON, May 25.—T. B. Townsend, in charge of the Oregon & California land grant suit, leaves Washington this week for Portland, stopping on the way at his home in North Dakota. Upon arrival at Portland he will confer with Tracy C. Becker and put the finishing touches on the bill, and as soon as all the details are agreed upon, the bill will be filed in court. The attorney general wishes this suit pressed to an early hearing.

ST. LOUIS CAPITALIST KILLED BY LIGHTNING

ST. LOUIS, May 25.—Joseph J. Howard, president of the W. P. Howard Commission company and prominent in business circles in this city, was struck by lightning during a storm on the Glen Echo links yesterday afternoon and is instantly killed.

Scene in Jackson County Jail



Torture of Prisoner Under Sheriff Jackson's Regime.

HAFER UPON PROHIBITION

Manager of Crater Lake Lumber Company Decries Efforts of Agitators Who Pay No Taxes.

Medford, Or., May 24. To the Editor: As our company is a heavy taxpayer and holder of large interests in the county and city of Medford, I am deeply interested in the campaign now in progress in which prohibition is the paramount issue. I take the liberty of giving you what I believe to be the opinion of a majority of Medford property owners in regard to prohibition.

SNATCH LAND FROM GRASP OF TIMBER MILLIONAIRE

PORTLAND, May 25.—To recover nearly 10,000 acres of the best timber land in Oregon, valued at approximately \$1,000,000, now in possession of C. C. Smith, millionaire lumberman of Minneapolis, suit was started by United States District Attorney John McCourt today, who filed bills of complaint in a suit in equity. The defendants named are Smith, his financial agent, Frederick A. Krebs, the Mealey Brothers, who are alleged to have secured dummy entrymen. By June 1 Smith would have had absolute possession of this land, and it could not have been taken from him on account of the statute of limitations.

STOCK EXCHANGE SHOWS SATISFACTORY ADVANCES

NEW YORK, May 25.—Directly after the initial figures, which were weak and a good fraction lower, stocks developed a strong undertone, making a very satisfactory advance. During the mid-afternoon, profit taking caused a slight reaction.

MORRELL, AIRSHIP INVENTOR, SUED FOR CONTRACT VIOLATION

SAN FRANCISCO, May 25.—While Julia A. Morrell, the airship inventor, lay on a bed in Roosevelt hospital in Berkeley today suffering from larynx trouble as the result of the collapse of his motor flying machine Saturday, charges against him of violating the stock transaction dealings with the Morrell Airship company were called before Judge Lester. Counsel for Morrell asked for continuance, which was granted.

MAE WOOD GETS BOND AND IS RELEASED FROM JAIL

NEW YORK, May 25.—Mae Wood, who is under arrest on a charge of perjury in connection with her recent suit against Senator Thomas C. Platt, in which she claimed to be Platt's wife, was released from the Tombs today on a bond of \$1000, furnished by the American Surety company.

OREGON GIVEN REVENUE SHIP

House Agrees to Report on Sundry Civil Appropriation Bill Carrying \$112,000,000.

WASHINGTON, May 25.—The house today agreed to the conference report on the sundry civil appropriation bill, carrying \$112,000,000. As the bill goes to President Roosevelt for his signature, it contains an appropriation of \$225,000 for the construction of a revenue cutter for the Oregon coast, and the \$215,000 appropriated for a light tender for San Francisco is eliminated. The bill sets aside \$600,000 instead of \$700,000 for the Alaska Yukon expedition. For a wharf and storehouse at Neah Bay, Washington, \$24,000 is appropriated.

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Incident in Sheriff Jackson's Administration -- Victim's Chains Cut with Bolt Shears from Store.

Stringing a prisoner up by his wrists and leaving him to suffer tortures with his hands chained by handcuffs to the steel lattice work of the jail cell, until outsiders heard his screams, forced an entrance and cut him down with bolt shears is one of the incidents of Sheriff Jackson's administration of his office.

On March 10, 1907, four prisoners made a jailbreak and escaped to the hills from the Jackson county jail. They were Henry Vickers and Gunning, who were accused of stealing a rifle from T. W. Dally's shooting gallery at Medford; Steve Amick, held under a statutory charge, and Dan McDaniel, charged with stealing a coat from Mr. Ellis at Medford.

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Gunning was captured shortly after getting out by Elmer Hafe, a youth of Jacksonville, who held him up with a .22-caliber rifle and forced him to march back to jail. Amick and McDaniel were caught at Ashland, while waiting to take a train. Harry Vickers is still a fugitive, having made good his escape.

At the time of the jailbreak there were five prisoners confined. Fred Jones, accused of high grading at the Opp mine, was the only prisoner who made no attempt to get away. He was later acquitted. The escape was made through a deputy's having left a saw and other tools in the corridor, where one of the prisoners, treated as a trusty, secured them and released his companions.

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Colonel Ray Coming to Increase Output of Electricity Generated By--the Rogue River

Colonel Frank H. Ray of New York will arrive in Medford Thursday to look over his holdings in the valley and in particular to complete the preliminary arrangements which have been under way for some time looking to the increasing of the plant of the Rogue River Electric company. The plans as now outlined will mean the doubling of the capacity of the present plant. Operations are expected to commence at once.

At a time when capital is especially backward in seeking new ventures, Colonel Ray is not hesitating to increase his investments here, which is a good indication of the faith which farseeing capitalists have in the future of Medford and the surrounding country. Colonel Ray was one of the first to see the immense possibilities of this valley and his holdings here have always been very large. The Ray Realty company is the largest property owner in Jackson county.

Dr. C. R. Ray, his brother here, is associated with him in many of his enterprises.

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Colonel Ray has recently been in San Francisco arranging for an enlarging of his electrical enterprises here. The following is from the San Francisco Examiner:

Colonel F. H. Ray, director of the American Tobacco company and chief backer of the Great Western Power company, and H. P. Wilson of the firm of Brown & Wilson, financial agents, are in the city on a tour of inspection of the Great Western Power company, the property and the chief power house of the company, located on the north fork of the American river. This plant is nearly completed and will commence to furnish power in the northern part of the state in October. It cost about \$12,000,000 and is the largest power house on the coast.

Colonel Ray says all the power that can be furnished by this plant already has been contracted for and announces that it has been decided that the power house on the American river should be enlarged to such a size that it will be capable of furnishing power throughout the state. This new investment will cost \$25,000,000 and will be all subsidized by eastern capital.

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For days Colonel Ray and Mr. Wilson have been closing the great deal. Among the men who were called into the hotel was P. H. Schwaner, vice-president and general manager of the Pacific Mail Steamship company. The financiers seldom left their rooms except for meals or to walk down to the office of the Great Western Power company, which are located on the sixth floor of the Cusker building.

This deal, besides revolutionizing the price of electric power in this city and in other points in California, will be a stimulus to other eastern capitalists in venturing their wealth in this state.

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The late Colonel Frank McLaughlin was the original promoter of this scheme. He fully recognized the fact that the possibilities for furnishing power from the American river were unexplored, and he originated the idea of an electric power house combined there.

FUNERAL SERVICES OF GOV. SPARKS OF NEVADA

RENO, Nev., May 25.—In response to a call issued by Acting Governor D. S. Dickerson and Mayor Kerman, all business is suspended here today on account of the funeral of Governor John Sparks. The funeral service was held at the Elks' Home. All the bells in the city tolled. The body was escorted by the governor's staff and a body of politicians. Besides the governor's friends, members of the secret orders to which he belonged and the state and city officials, many marched, including civic bodies, university cadets and the state troops. The body will be taken to the governor's old home in the next for burial.