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FINCH MUST HANG ON FEB 5

Prisoner Almost Collapsed When He Heard Fatal Words from Lips of Judge - Murder was Cowardly

PORTLAND, Or., Jan. 2.—James Finch, who was recently convicted of murdering Ralph B. Fisher, the prosecutor for the Oregon Bar association, in the latter's office a few weeks ago, was today sentenced to hang at Salem, February 5, by Judge Bronaugh.

SUPPORTED BY ITS DISTRICT WOULD HAVE EACH NORMAL

ROSEBURG, Or., Jan. 2.—Senator Abraham will introduce a bill at the coming session of the legislature to convert the normal school situation completely. Under the provisions of the proposed bill each district in which the normal school is situated will be compelled to finance its own normal within out the aid of other districts.

NOTES ABOUT TOWN.

J. S. Hamrick of Central Point spent Saturday in Medford. Albert C. Mead is visiting Medford from Englevale. He is greatly pleased with the valley. William Eastman of Big Butte was in Medford spend the New Year. John Williamson of Talent was in Medford on business Friday.

BIG ORCHARD TRACT NEAR GRAATS PASS HAS CHANGED HANDS

Eisman Orchard Sold for Over \$500 an Acre—Entire Price Paid Was \$34,000—One of the Oldest Orchards in the Valley.

GRANTS PASS, Or., Jan. 2.—The sale of the Eisman orchard, five miles below Grants Pass, to Elmer Shank and C. C. Hall, was one of the largest real estate transactions which has taken place in this end of the valley for some months. There are 64 acres in the tract, 35 of which is composed of apple trees in bearing. Another 29 acres is planted with apple and peach trees alternately, but is not in bearing.

The 35-acre tract is one of the oldest orchards in the valley and has had much to do with the fame of this section, as the land of the big red apple, and while it was making fame for Grants Pass it also had a fortune for its owner. The entire place is well equipped, has good residences, packing houses, spray factory, irrigation system and everything else to constitute a well equipped working orchard.

CHINESE EXCLUSION ACT CONSTRUED LENIENTLY

AMONG, China, Jan. 2.—The Manila immigration authorities have instructed the United States Consul Arnold to construe very leniently the regulations of the Chinese exclusion act regarding Chinese men domiciled in the Philippine islands who may have left their homes, but desire to return thereto.

It is expected that these new instructions will be very acceptable to the Chinese. Up to the present time as high as 80 per cent of the Chinese men leaving here for Manila have been held because of fraudulent papers.

Special Services at the Tabernacle.

Sunday will be a great day at the tabernacle. The great Bible school will hold a rally at 10 o'clock. The regular session will take place. Over 200 in attendance. Every member of the church and as many more in the Bible school.

JACKSON IS THIRD IN WEALTH

Marion and Multnomah Only Two Counties in State That Surpass This County in Valuation

Jackson county stands third among Oregon counties in point of wealth. Only two counties—Multnomah and Marion—surpass Jackson when the assessed valuation of the counties are shown. The following from the Portland Oregonian shows that Oregon is a wealthy state:

The phenomenal growth of the state of Oregon in natural wealth in the last ten years is shown by a comparison of assessment valuations. In 1898 the total value of all assessed property was \$141,367,792. That valuation as shown above for 1908 is more than four times as great. Part of this increase is undoubtedly due to changed policies in fixing valuations for taxation purposes, but there is no doubt that the actual value of property in the state is three and one-half times the value in 1898.

Table listing property valuations for various counties: Baker, Benton, Clackamas, Clatsop, Columbia, Coos, Crook, Curry, Douglas, Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Hood River, Jackson, Josephine, Klamath, Lake, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Malheur, Marion, Morrow, Multnomah, Polk, Sherman, Tillamook, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, Wasco, Washington, Wheeler, Yamhill, Total.

MALBOEUF HAS WORDS OF PRAISE FOR THIS SECTION

Article in Oregonian Annual on Pears Sings of Wealth of the Rogue River Valley as the Finest Fruit District in the State.

In an article on the pear industry of Oregon, Charles A. Malboeuf, district freight agent of the Southern Pacific, and a firm friend of the Rogue River valley, says: "The Rogue River valley pears surpass any fruit of the kind ever marketed. At least commercial history records the fact that the highest figure ever paid for that kind of fruit was for the product of the Rogue River valley in the last three years. The top figure was \$8.80 a 50-pound box, or nearly 18 cents a pound. The retailer shared in further profits and the consumer paid not less than 20 cents a pound for the luxury.

As a fruit of particularly appetizing quality, the pear leads the list. It is the favorite in France, whence the best varieties known in present day markets originated, and in that and other European countries has always commanded the highest prices in competition with other fruits of equal quality. This condition exists to a marked degree in the United States. The use of fruit as a regular diet is almost universal with us, and the increasing demand for better grades is largely the result of education or natural habits in that respect.

Hence American consumption calls for the very best pear that can be produced, and to take care of that exacting demand, as far as it will go, Oregon's entire output is annually requisitioned by the eastern markets. New York people, especially, are familiar with our pears, and want them at any price. In 1907 they paid 18 cents per pound wholesale for them by the carload, and again during the past season the Oregon pear brought more money in Manhattan than did any other fruit, regardless of kind or origin. This is a remarkable tribute to the excellence of our product. The general quality of the pear is the only advertising value it possesses. It has no fancy appearance to commend it to public attention. The blushing cheek and alluring coarsers of the apple and peach are lacking, and its reputation must be based exclusively upon sterling merit.

J. H. Stewart the Pioneer.

The industry in Oregon is still in its infancy. Its progress, as compared with that of the apple, has been slow, and it is perhaps fortunate that this condition has existed. When it was first started transportation facilities were not up to the present standard, local markets were limited and the eastern supply was adequate to take care of the demand. With decreasing production there, however, markets were gradually opened and, aided by the fruit's reputation, the growth of the industry quickly followed along substantial lines.

In the meantime cultivation had been conducted upon a basis of skillful experiment and the final development of a fruit without superior in any locality is largely to be attributed to that fact, as well as the tireless energy and persistent sagacity of such pioneers as the late J. H. Stewart, of Medford and others, who, recognizing this state as an ideal one for pear culture, devoted a half score of years of effort to accomplish this invaluable result.

In 1908 the aggregate of pear-bearing orchards in Oregon was 2690 acres, with 10,000 acres of young trees. The average planted during the present season will be the largest on record, and, looking upon the general outlook, it can safely be estimated that within ten years more than 100,000 acres of the fruit will be in full bearing, and contribute to the state's annual resources not less than \$10,000,000. This is justified by the success thus far achieved. The unprecedented returns received by our fruitgrowers for their fancy pears has resulted in a greater attention to pear culture than was given it under former conditions, and the present general activity unmistakably emphasizes the brilliant future of the industry.

COURT TERM OPENS IN GRANTS PASS JANUARY 11

GRANTS PASS, Or., Jan. 2.—Circuit court for the First judicial district will convene in this city January 11. Three prisoners bound over from the justice court are awaiting the action of the grand jury. Of these, David Penwell and W. L. Rogers will have to answer for defaulting board bills.

Paris, Jan. 2.—A new system of examination at the medical college of the Sorbonne began today. Two thousand students paraded the streets shouting displeasure. They broke windows in the college with stones and showered the police with eggs, stones and sticks. Several persons were injured, some of them innocent spectators. The Republican Guard was summoned and cleared the streets.

WILL ASK MR. BARNUM TO EXPLAIN

State Railroad Commission Will Turn Searchlight on R. R. V. R. R. Affairs Next.

W. H. Barnum of the Rogue River Valley railroad will have the pleasure of explaining to the railroad commission of Oregon on next Tuesday why he has paid no attention to their instructions issued to him one year ago, when on next Tuesday afternoon he will face them in Jacksonville. They will hold session in that city at that time in response to a complaint that has been lodged against the local railroad magnate.

District Attorney Mukey at the present time is preparing the evidence in the case and it is expected that he will have at least a dozen witnesses when the commission meets. He will conduct a vigorous prosecution in order that the railroad will be placed in a condition of lending greater comfort to its patrons.

Mr. Barnum has not followed the instructions of the commission in a number of particulars, and constant complaint has been made against the service. Finally a formal complaint was filed with the district attorney and the necessary steps taken to have the railroad commission look into the matter. The chief complaint is that is lodged against Barnum is the fact that, although he has erected a depot in Medford, he keeps the waiting room locked and has converted the greater portion of it into a store. Then he has not provided a lavatory upon his passenger coach. Other minor matters are also taken up in connection with the service.

It is reported now that there is something doing in the equipment department of the railroad—that new material is being rushed about and new supplies ordered, so that when the commission is ready to carry on its investigation that matters will be materially improved.

WOMAN THROWS BRICK THROUGH SALOON MIRROR

MARYSVILLE, Cal., Jan. 2.—Substituting the hatchet for a brick, Dora Gillis, formerly of Chico, emulated the renowned Carrie Nation in this city yesterday by demolishing a large plate glass mirror behind the bar in the Eagle saloon on the main street, conducted by Pickett & Pools, and creating a rough house generally.

The Gillis woman is the same who caused the arrest of herself and Al Poole of this city in Sacramento last summer on account of a lively row the pair indulged in while on a visit to the capital. The breaking of the mirror yesterday was the sequel to another such row, which has grown common with them.

About a year ago Dora Gillis came here from Chico with a man named A. B. Frost. After a while she quit Frost for Al Poole. The latter at that time held a partnership in a paying livey business, but he has since been compelled to retire, presumably on account of the heavy drafts the Gillis woman made on his receipts.

Poole and the woman had apartments in a rooming house conducted by F. J. Buell over his saloon on C street, until the police exposed their illicit relations. Lately they have been indulging in frequent quarrels at the Athens, their new quarters. Yesterday the scene of battle was changed to the saloon in which Poole is a partner with a former Sacramento man named Pickett. The place was known as the Royal before the new firm purchased it.

The brick thrown by the woman was intended for Poole's head, but he proved a clever dodger, and the missile landed in the center of a costly mirror.

NEARLY LOST LIFE WHILE IN PURSUIT OF HAT

HESTER, Pa., Jan. 2.—In trying to recover her hat, which was blown off, Miss Helen Haney nearly lost her life in the quagmire of the Eddystone marshes, along Riley creek.

Miss Haney was on her way to work and was taking a short cut along the marsh, when a puff of wind got in its work. She started in pursuit of the hat not knowing that she was in danger on the soft ground, she reeled with the wind and before she realized what had happened was floundering knee-deep in the mire.

HALL AMENDMENT WILL NOT APPEAR ON NEXT BALLOT

Petition Contains No Warning Clause and, Acting on Advice of City Attorney, Recorder Will Not Place It on the Ballot.

The amendment to the city charter as proposed by J. C. Hall will not appear upon the ballot on January 12, owing to the fact that it contained no warning clause, and upon the advice of the city attorney the petition has been rejected.

The resolution submitted to the people calling for a vote upon the wet and dry question practically covers the matter.

IS IT MULE RANCH OR NEW OIL FIELD?

RED BLUFF, Cal., Jan. 2.—A man who gives his name as Miller has been securing options on a great deal of land in the western foothills of Tehama county, and the residents are at a loss to know why this is being done. He has options on most of the lands in a strip about five miles along the foothills in the neighborhood of Paskouta and Lowrey.

In some cases Miller is reported as giving a cash bonus of \$10 and \$20 per month for his options on the lands for one year. Miller gives as his reasons for wanting these lands that he expects to begin the raising of mules on a very extensive scale within a short time.

As there are many indications of oil in this section, and much prospecting has been done, it is believed by many that some extensive work in boring for oil is to be done when the lands are tied up. This belief is strengthened by the fact that an oil expert, who was thought to be here in the interest of the Standard Oil company made an inspection of this territory about a year ago, and some four years previous to this some 500 oil claims were filed in the vicinity by the same party.

ITALIAN CONSUL IN THE ONLY CLAIMANT

ASHLAND, Or., Jan. 2.—Little has been learned yet as to Giuseppe Fazio, the Italian American from Anconino, Mont., who committed suicide in the Southern Pacific depot at Ashland last Sunday afternoon, with nearly \$2000 in cash on his person, as told in The Tribune of Monday. The deceased appears to have had no relatives at Anconino, and to have been not generally known there, although papers on his person showed that he had been naturalized as a citizen of the United States there in 1904.

The Italian consul at San Francisco was notified and sent word to have the body buried here, the expenses paid and the balance of the money found on the body forwarded to him. This would not be a lawful procedure, however, it is stated by the officials here, and the estate will have to be protected in the county court of this county. Meantime the body is embalmed and held by Dodge & Son, awaiting further developments, while the man's feet and money are in the possession of the carrier.

FARMERS WILL DO THE ROAD WORK THEMSELVES

LODI, Cal., Jan. 2.—The present great need in northern San Joaquin county of road improvements has caused a few public spirited vineyardists of this locality to take upon their own responsibility and resources the task of repairing the highways.

The election to be held some time in February to determine whether or not the county is to be bonded for the improvement of public highways is due in the future to fill the present needs of the farmers, and there is a movement on foot to secure the combined efforts of the entire community to help in the good cause. A few vineyardists have raised an appeal for this movement, however, claiming that it will be all right for the suitors, while the poor farmers will have to stand the expense.

TWINS ARE BORN ON DIFFERENT DAYS

ROSEBURG, Or., Jan. 2.—Blessing enjoys the distinction of having the only pair of twins in the state whose birthday falls upon a different date. The boys in question are Delmar and Delon Green, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Green, well known residents of this locality. Delmar, the oldest of the boys, was born at 11:55 o'clock on the evening of August 17, 1882, while Delon, the younger of the pair, was born at 12:05 o'clock on the morning of August 18, 1882. The very seldom that such an instance as this occurs, has much as the boys are twins, but yet fell into their birth on different days.

Delmar the older of the boys is employed as messenger of the local office of the Western Union Telegraph company. Christmas services were held every Sunday morning at 11 o'clock in the Commercial club room. Subject Gilbert Childs Jr. arrived, Childs summoned aid and succeeded in getting her out of her dangerous predicament.

LAND SOLD TO PROVIDE RELIEF

Emanuel Gives all to Relief Fund--Marquis Found in Cellar--Vatican a Vast Hospital.

ROME, Jan. 2.—King Emanuel today ordered the sale of his estate in the western part of Sicily in order to provide funds for the relief of his needy people.

The total property loss is estimated at over one billion of dollars.

MESSINA, Jan. 2.—Tracing the sound of a voice today resulted in the finding of the Marquis of Samola alive in the cellar of his castle beneath a pile of debris. He told the rescuers to give their attention to others, as he had enough food to remain where he was and was in no immediate danger.

ROME, Jan. 2.—The gardens of the Vatican have been transferred into an immense hospital for the wounded refugees from Messina and Reggio in order that the pope can attend the sufferers in person.

The church authorities have reported to the pope that they believe that many Americans are in the ruins of Messina.

MESSINA, Jan. 2.—Queen Helena, working in the ruins of Messina, was injured by the panic stricken sufferers during a slight recurrent shock. She was in a partly demolished building when the ground trembled. In the rush she was trampled upon.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO RESUME WORK ON MONDAY, JANUARY 4

The public schools of the city will resume work Monday, January 4, after a vacation of two weeks. The first three weeks will be given to the completion of the work of the first half of the school year. Examinations will be held and plans for instituting the semi-annual promotion plan will be completed. By means of this plan pupils who have not reached a satisfactory standard of proficiency in their work will be given an opportunity to go over the work again with the loss of but a half year instead of losing a whole year as heretofore.

The second half of the school year will begin Monday, January 25, at which time the new plan will go into operation. New classes will be organized at that time and children who have never attended school and who have reached the age of 6 years will then be admitted to the first primary classes, but not until then.

COUNTY RECORDER SAYS HIS BUSINESS IS BOOMING

County Recorder Robert T. Burnett says that the new indexing system, as laid out for in the county recorder's office, is quite the right thing, and that it will save a vast amount of work and time. This new indexing outfit has been purchased by the county at an outlay of about \$500, and when installed and in operation one index will suffice for references, whereas under the present system there may be a dozen or more indexes. The work of transferring all the old indexes to the new will require several months' time.

The work in the office of the county recorder has increased during the past two years to an amount almost beyond belief. When the present county recorder, Mr. Burnett, took the office two years ago last July, he did all the work of the office unassisted, and he was no marvel as a typewriter—in fact, he was a novice; now he is a booming good operator himself and his assistant is better than he—and the two are unable to keep up with the work. Two years ago the fees of the office amounted to something like \$75 per month; the fees collected last month from filing land instruments amounted to just \$400.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC STILL CLEANS UP THE COIN

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Publication was made today of the earnings for November of the Southern Pacific and Union Pacific systems. The Southern Pacific showed an increase of \$452,000, or 10 per cent, in operating expenses. The Union Pacific showed a reduction of \$104,841, or 1.4 per cent, in operating expenses.

1909 Miller & Ewbank advertisement. Finds the cash grocery struggling along under an immense load of business, almost more than we can handle; but wait. Soon we will improve our facilities and push back the horizon of our activities. Watch for later developments. Cash is the magical agent that has wrought this change. Should you price your daily food wants at our store, you would know why. We wish you a Happy New Year and ever an eye for the cloud's silver lining.