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BECKER'S DEFENSE AIDED BY JUDGE

NEW YORK POLICE LIEUTENANT'S CASE IS REOPENED BY COURT

PLOT TO CONVICT DEFENDANT TOLD

Accused Man's Counsel Objects When Men are Called by Goff to Testify in His Behalf

NEW YORK, Oct. 22.—The case of the state against Police Lieutenant Becker closed dramatically this afternoon with the district attorney, at the court's command, reading into the record a flood of testimony from "Jack" Sullivan, the admission of which Becker's lawyers had fought long and hard when Sullivan testified before.

Amid the vigorous protests of Becker's counsel, who had objected as vigorously when Sullivan's testimony was barred several days ago, the "King of the Newsboys" unloosened his tongue. He told his story belligerently and excitedly in his own way, just as he had asked permission to tell when he was on the stand before. His testimony was in direct support of the contention of the defense that Rose, Webber, Vallon and Schepps, informers and state witnesses, had conspired in jail to send Becker to the electric chair by their own perjury.

John P. McIntyre Becker's chief counsel, had declared his case rested when Sullivan was recalled. He said frankly that he did not want Sullivan to testify. The court ordered the case reopened and instructed attendants to call Sullivan to the witness stand. Mr. McIntyre refused to question him and Justice Goff instructed the district attorney to ask the witness, "as a part of the case of the defense," questions which the court had excluded during Sullivan's previous testimony.

"Rose told me that he and Webber and Vallon and Schepps were going to frame up Becker," Sullivan declared. "He asked me to corroborate his testimony. They were after me—kept after me—day and night. When one left off the other began. Rose got a letter from the district attorney one day and after he had read it he came to me and said, 'Jack, the district attorney writes me that he wants to know if you are going to corroborate us. He says if you do, it will be all right; if you don't you'll be in dicted.'"

"Weber said to me, 'The only way you can get out of this is for you to do as Mr. Whitman says and swear that you saw Becker and Jack Rose and me a few hours after the murder. If you do that, you'll get out, like we will, after the trial. If you don't, you'll be indicted and spend six months in jail.'"

Louis Plitt, brother of Becker's so-called press agent, was another witness for the defense who was forced on the stand by Justice Goff after Mr. McIntyre had declared his case closed. Mr. McIntyre refused to examine Plitt and again the district attorney read into the records evidence against the state's case.

"Jack Rose told me," Plitt testified, "that Becker didn't have anything to do with the murder. He said, 'I swear to you on my mother's grave that Becker didn't have anything to do with this. He is innocent, but I've been talking too much, and I've got to testify against him.'"

Tomorrow will be devoted to summing up. Justice Goff will charge the jury Thursday morning.

ROOSEVELT LEFT WITHOUT DOCTORS

OYSTER BAY, N. Y., Oct. 22.—The quiet routine of life at Sagamore Hill was resumed today by Colonel Roosevelt and his family as though it had not been interrupted by the attempt to assassinate the former president.

For the first time since he was wounded eight days ago Colonel Roosevelt was unattended today by a physician. There was no one in the house except members of the family and servants and the Colonel spoke hopefully of being able, after one day more of rest, gradually to resume his work.

Four physicians were with the Colonel on his arrival today and after they had dressed his wound they told him that the one essential thing was complete rest. If their directions are observed, it is believed complete recovery is probable.

DIMICK TO ARGUE HARDIN CASE AT SALEM

Grant B. Dimick, attorney for William Hardin, sentenced to serve twenty years in the penitentiary on a charge of improper conduct with his step daughter will go to Salem today to argue an appeal from the decision of the Circuit Court. Judge Dimick expects to obtain a new trial.

COUNTY JUDGE BEATIE OFFICIATES AT WEDDING

County Judge Beatie officiated Tuesday at the wedding of Lydia Starr and Roy B. Taylor, of Oregon City. The ceremony was solemnized at the home of W. R. Hunsacker. Others who obtained licenses to marry Tuesday were Blanch E. Green and Clyde Hamar; Jessie Clotfelter Durbin and Raymond Hurd.

LIVE WIRES TO DISCUSS BILLS

MEASURES TO BE VOTED UPON WILL BE DISSESSED BY ORGANIZATION

W. C. T. U. MEMBERS COMING TO CITY

Clackamas Southern Railway Will Begin Laying Rails at Once—Opposition to Road is Deplored

At the weekly luncheon of the Live Wires Tuesday the Main Trunk was authorized to arrange for a discussion of the bills to be voted upon at the coming election at the next meeting to be held at 6:30 o'clock next Tuesday evening. Being an evening session there will be plenty of time for a full exploitation of the measures. The Main Trunk will assign certain bills to the members who are supposed to be familiar with them and they will be expected to give an opinion as to the advisability of their passage.

Colonel C. H. Hyde announced that about 150 of the delegates to the Women's Christian Temperance Union Convention being held in Portland would visit this city the latter part of the week. They will come here on a special train. A special committee, composed of F. J. Toose, Dr. Clyde Mount and Livy Stipp, was named to meet the visitors and show them about the city. It was decided to appropriate \$10 to assist in paying for the special car.

William Hammond, chairman of the committee appointed to learn the authorship of literature favorable to county division, which has been distributed throughout the county, reported that the committee had been unable to find out the names of the authors. He said the literature had been distributed from a wagon, which had been sent out to various parts of the county. Not having signatures the literature is said to be a violation of the corrupt practices act. The committee was authorized to make further investigation. J. E. Hedges, chairman of a committee to oppose county division, reported that favorable progress had been made.

SHIELDS AND U'REN DEBATE SATURDAY

Charles H. Shields, secretary of the Oregon Equal Taxation League, and W. S. U'ren, representing the Joseph Fels' organization, will debate single tax in this city Saturday night. Announcement probably will be made today where the debate will be held. Owing to the large crowd which is expected to attend it is probable that the debate will be at the Shiveley Opera House. The series of debates between these two men will start this evening in Portland. They will debate in Hood River Friday night, in Salem next Monday night and in Portland next Tuesday night.

ATHLETIC CLUB TO BE FORMED TONIGHT

An athletic club for young men more than seventeen years of age will be organized at the Congregation at church this evening. The meeting will be held in the church gymnasium and it is planned to have classes every Wednesday evening. All young men of the city, without regard to religious affiliation, are urged to become members of the class. Angus Wagner, instructor of science and athletics in the high school and Charles Legler, who has had considerable experience in Young Men's Christian Association work, will be the instructors. J. C. Cook will assist in organizing the class.

PARENTS OF BAY VICTIM FORMERLY LIVED HERE

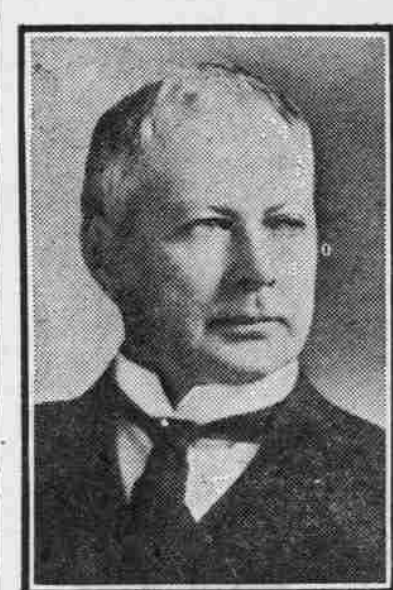
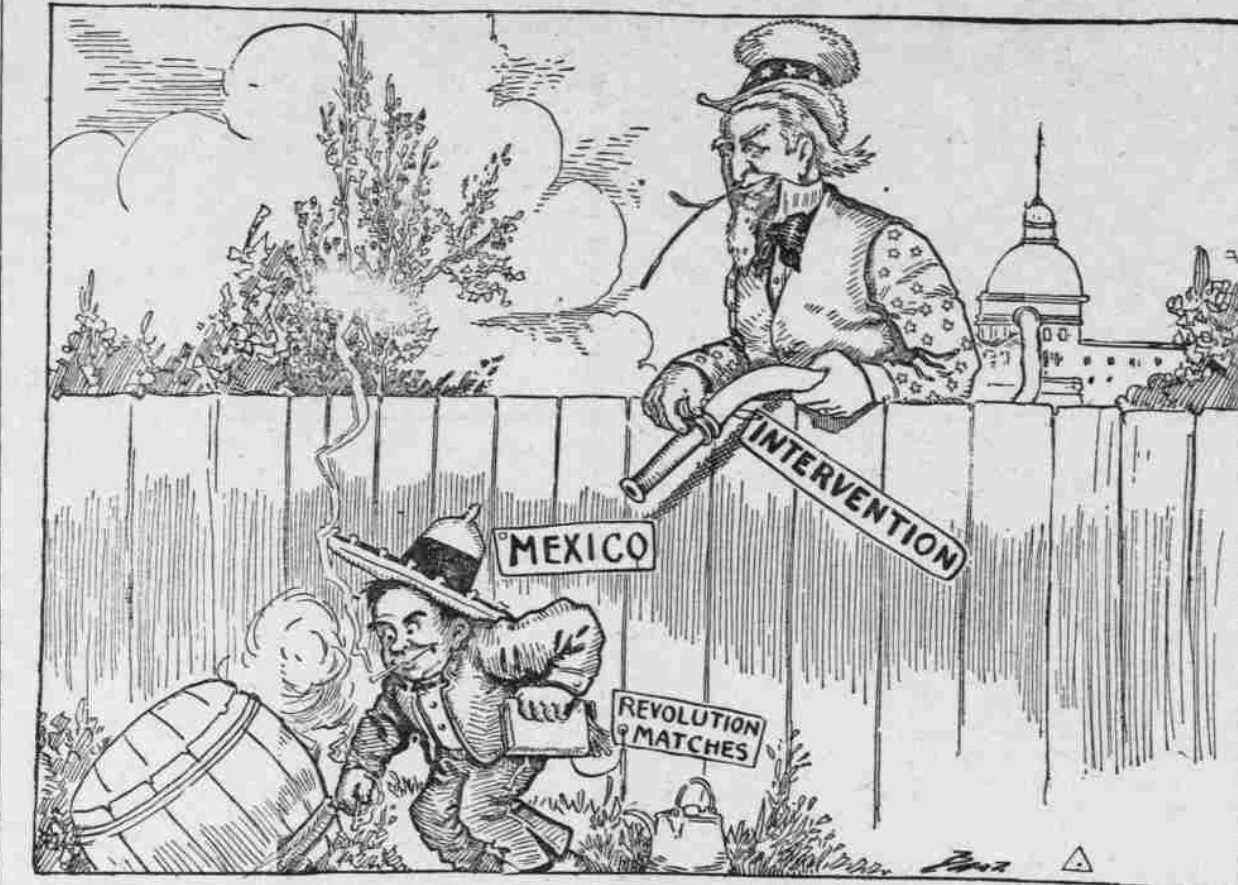
F. Toner, who was killed at Toledo, Or., a few days ago, was a son of Mr. and Mrs. William Toner. Mr. Toner lived in Oregon City several years ago, and is well known here. The young man was in company with three other young men, all of whom lost their lives in the bay when the boat capsized. Another son of Mr. and Mrs. Toner died of typhoid fever.

MISS KATE VONDERAHE INJURED BY FALL

Miss Kate Vonderahe while on her way to work at the Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph Company Tuesday, slipped on the sidewalk and fell, breaking her left arm near the elbow. The fractured bone will be set today.

Mrs. Young Buried.
The funeral of Mrs. S. C. Young, of Damascus, was held at 1 o'clock Tuesday at the Damascus church. The interment was in the Damascus cemetery. Mrs. Young's husband is a prominent farmer in that section.

IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY.



Albert S. Burlison, director of the speaker's bureau of the Wilson campaign. Representative from Texas.

SINGLE TAX WOULD INJURE FARMER

PLAN IS TO ELIMINATE ASSESSMENT OF ALL WATER POWER IMPROVEMENTS

GALLOWAY EXPOSES U'REN SCHEME

Portland Railway, Light & Power Company Would Have to Pay on Power it Uses and Sells to Others

(By CHAS. V. GALLOWAY, Chairman Legislative Tax Committee.)
SALEM, Or., Oct. 22.—Assessment and taxation of water power in Oregon have been the subject of much controversy during the past few months and have been responsible for many erroneous statements made in an effort to promote the interest of the graduated single tax amendment, which is to go before the people at the general election November 5.

Direct allegations, made to further the interests of the single tax promoters, that the laws of this state have been juggled by corporate influences to exempt water power from taxation, are amply refuted by plain figures which are a matter of record at the state capitol, Salem.

As an instance, the report of the Board of State Tax Commissioners for 1912 on page 13 shows that the hydro electric plant of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company at Oregon City, Cazadero and Silverton were made subject to a heavy assessment. The hydro electric plant at Oregon City alone is assessed at \$1,700,000. Of this the buildings, machinery and equipment are assessed at \$500,000, leaving \$1,200,000 placed against the water power resources controlled by the company at that point. This is but a fraction of the grand total of the assessment against the water power resources of the company. It represents only an assessment of the excess power which the company sells to other companies. The Board of State Tax Commissioners, in making its assessments of power companies and their water power resources base the assessed valuation upon the capitalization of the earnings of such companies.

The assessment of \$1,200,000 represents an assessment only on what the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company has earned from selling power to other corporations. Assessment is made separately upon the valuation of power which it converts to its own uses for its street car lines its lighting systems and other power and electrical uses.

Should the graduated single tax amendment become effective, the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company should entirely escape an assessed valuation upon its buildings, machinery and equipment. All improvements of this character would remain untaxed. This would throw an additional burden upon the land owner; and the excess burden of taxation, which is now carried by the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, and similar corporations would pass upon the shoulders of the farmer.

TWO WIVES AND ONE HUSBAND ASK DECREES

Alleging cruelty, Rosella Jeffries filed suit Tuesday for a divorce against Keno Jeffries. They were married December 8, 1908, in Nobelsville, Ind. The plaintiff avers that she worked in a retail store in Portland and when she returned home at night her husband accused her of having been out with other men. Elsie M. Shields asks a decree from T. B. McDevitt, for a divorce from Edward Shields. They were married in Portland, August 17, 1892. Plaintiff says her husband deserted her September 8, 1904. Sannuel Baker sues for a divorce from Rebecca Baker. They were married in Philadelphia September 25, 1889. They have four children.

POST GIVEN REBEL MONEY FOR SOUVENIRS

Secretary of the United States Treasury McVeigh, has made a present to Meade Post No. 2, G. A. R., of Confederate money that was captured in 1865. This money consists of one \$50 bill; four \$5 bills and five \$10 bills. The bills which are highly prized by the members of Meade Post, were received Saturday by H. S. Clyde, adjutant of Meade post.

At a meeting held by the post Saturday at Willamette hall, T. B. McDevitt, of Portland, and other members of Sumner, Garfield and Wright posts, were in attendance and made addresses. Thirty-one members were present and a delicious dinner was served.

AID ASKED IN LOCATING TRUANT SCHOOL CHILDREN
Superintendent of City Schools Toose and D. E. Frost, truant officer, request that all persons knowing of children who should attend school and are not doing so, report to them. Mr. Frost was appointed truant officer at the last regular meeting of the school directors.



Eugene Wilder Chafin, prohibition candidate for president of the United States.

ST. AGNES BABY HOME IS BEING ENLARGED

The St. Agnes Baby Home at Park place, conducted by the Sisters of Mercy, is undergoing repairs. May, June, July and August, there were ninety-nine children, many of them babies occupying one dormitory, and it was necessary for the Sisters to have one of their apartments made in to a temporary dormitory. The large building formerly used as a laundry at the rear of the main building is being thoroughly renovated, and will be used hereafter as a schoolroom. There will be two school rooms, three dormitories, wardrobes and four bath rooms. A heating plant, costing \$1,500 is being installed. The cost of improvements will be about \$2,200, which will be raised by the Sisters, who are caring for homeless children. Not only are children of the Catholic faith taken into the institution but of all denominations. On Sunday afternoon, visitors are allowed to call at the home and see how the little ones are cared for. Thursday afternoon has also been set aside for the visitors. Many persons visit the institution, and the youngsters favor them with songs that have been taught them by the Sisters. There are eighty-one children, ranging from a few days to twelve years in the institution at present.

The Star

Feature Today
The Cattle Rustlers
A western thriller, lots of cow boys, plenty of good riding, see the stampede of cattle by the thieves while the cow boys sleep, also the exciting chase and capture of the thieves by the cow boys.

His Lordship and the Valet
A fine comedy by the Vitagraph Company.

Little Girl Next Door
A splendid drama.

A Gay Time in Quebec
This is one of the best laugh producers that has been shown here for some time.

NOTICE
The Athletic Association of the Oregon City High School will give an entertainment at this theater next Tuesday night, Oct. 29th, 1912.

COMPANIONS OF GIRL SUICIDE HELD

FINUCANE AND TIMMONS SENTENCED TO SERVE ONE YEAR IN JAIL EACH

WITNESSES TELL OF AUTO BREAKING

Party Left Machine at Garage, and Went to West Portland Restaurant—Men Locked Up at Once

John Finucane and Harry Timmons accused of contributing to the delinquency of Valeria Proffitt, fourteen years of age, who committed suicide last Friday morning following an all night automobile trip to Portland, were declared guilty Tuesday by County Judge Beattie and sentenced to serve one year in jail each. The men, who were released the day following the tragedy on \$500 bail each, were immediately locked up. Judge Beattie intimated that he might during their term of service parole them.

Frank Proffitt, father of the dead girl, testified that she was fourteen years of age last September. Finucane, Timmons and Clara Johnson, who also was a member of the automobile party, told about the same story. Finucane and Miss Johnson arranged the automobile trip, and being the original intention to attend a Portland theater, and return to this city about 1 o'clock Friday morning. The automobile got out of order shortly after they left this city, but they were able to reach Gray's Crossing and two hours were spent at a garage in that neighborhood, the machine being temporarily repaired. It, however, broke down again on Hawthorne avenue and was pushed by the young men to a garage. The machinist there said it would take several hours to repair it, and the young men and girls went to West Portland.

They testified that they ate in a restaurant on Third street and when they returned to the garage the machine had been repaired. They arrived in Oregon City about 7 o'clock, and, after eating at a Main street restaurant, Miss Johnson was taken to her home at Fourteenth and Center streets, and Timmons started up the hill with Miss Proffitt. He said he left her at Shiveley's theater at her request. It was immediately after this that she bought the carbolic acid, which she drank just before entering her home, when she fell dying in her mother's arms.

ESTATES OF ACCIDENT VICTIMS PROBATED

The estate of Christian Roth, valued at \$11,000 was admitted to probate by County Judge Beattie Tuesday. The heirs are Mrs. Schultz, Aurora; Mrs. Magdalena Ningsner, Aurora; Mrs. Adalena Christner, Aurora; Mrs. Catharine Yoder, Hubbard; Mrs. Rosa Strubbar, Aurora; Mrs. Emma Kauffman, Hubbard; Joseph Roth, Woodburn; William Roth, Aurora; Daniel Roth, Aurora and Simon Roth, Aurora. Mr. Roth owned a large farm at Macksburg.

Judge Beattie admitted to probate the will of R. G. Pierce. It was executed January 21, 1905. His widow, Jennie Pierce, is named as executrix and is bequeathed all the property, which is valued at \$5000.

The estate of John Nordhausen, valued at \$4,000, was admitted to probate through Dimick & Dimick, attorneys for the Executor. The property consists of about \$4,500 in notes and mortgages and 193 acres of land of the probable value of \$9,500. The estate of Daniel Boyle, who was killed at Cottage Grove, by a blast in a rock quarry, but whose home was in Clackamas county, was admitted to probate through Dimick & Dimick, attorneys for Anna B. Boyle, the administratrix. The property consists of wages due the deceased at the time of his death, an equity in certain real property in Clackamas county and a prospective claim for damages for causing the death of deceased. The estate of H. F. W. Gortler, who was killed by the Southern Pacific train at Aurora on September 20th, was admitted to probate and F. C. Gortler was appointed administrator and is represented by Dimick & Dimick as his attorneys. The property consists of a hop yard at Borlow and the 1812 crop of hops, of the probable value of \$1500.

ANTI-DIVISION LEAGUE FORMED

RESIDENTS OF BORING COUNTRY ARE OPPOSED TO PLAN OF SECESSION

J. W. ROOTS IS ELECTED PRESIDENT

Vigorous Campaign Will Be Conducted Against Measure Designed to Divide the County

Formal organization of the Clackamas county Anti Division League was effected at Boring Tuesday afternoon, and J. W. Roots, of Boring, was unanimously elected president. The following vice presidents were chosen; E. F. Bruns, Sandy; A. D. Burnett, Eagle Creek; J. E. Siefert, Damascus; Louis Funk, Viola; A. C. Thomas, Bull Run; J. H. Revenue, Kelso; D. M. Marshall, Estacada; Thomas Mc Cabe, Cherryville, and J. G. DeShazer, Dover.

These gentlemen, all of them residents of the eastern section of Clackamas county which is embraced in the proposed Cascade county, will conduct a vigorous campaign up to the day of election, November 5, in opposition to the scheme of many of the people of Estacada to divide Clackamas county and form a new county, with Estacada as the county seat. Funds are pouring in to defray the expense of a liberal campaign of education and the league expects to fully inform every voter in the state as to the true import of the bill that will go on the November ballot under the numbers 318, yes, and 319, no.

Aside from the sentiment in favor of the measure at Estacada, where the plan was hatched, there is very little support for the bill in other sections of the proposed new county. This is shown by the original petition on file in the office of the secretary of State, which bears only 92 names of registered voters of Clackamas county who are not residents of Estacada precinct. Four precincts of Boring eight of Barton, two of Garfield, seven of Springfield and few other scattering names from George and Oswego, the latter precinct not being embraced in the territory which it is proposed to cut off. There are no signatures from Eagle Creek, Sandy, Dover and many other sections of eastern Clackamas.

The people of Sandy held a big mass meeting Monday night and raised \$109 at the meeting to fight county division. There were about 70 people present from Sandy, Kelso, Cottrell, Bull Run, Firwood and Cherryville. L. DeWitt was chairman of the meeting and E. F. Bruns was secretary. The following resolution was adopted by unanimous vote: "We, the citizens of Sandy, living within the proposed boundaries of the new county of Cascade, in assembly this 21st day of October, 1912, do hereby unanimously oppose the creation of the new county of Cascade and earnestly appeal to the voters of the state of Oregon to assist us in voting against the proposed new county of Cascade."

MEN, CALLED THIEVES, CAUGHT IN STABLE

T. A. Carnine, sheriff of Clackamas county, accompanied by Archie Leonard, deputy sheriff of Multnomah county, arrived in Oregon City Monday evening, remaining here until Tuesday morning. Sheriff Carnine was in search of two men, who were charged with grand larceny, and were before their return they had their men. The men arrived in this city Monday evening, and going to the Fashion Hotel, they stated to the proprietor that they wished to go to Molalla Tuesday morning, and to arouse them about 4:30 o'clock. They said they intended visiting one of the men's brothers, who has a homestead there. Night Policeman Cooke visited the Fashion Hotel stable, where he found the men sleeping on straw. The policeman hastened to the Electric hotel, where the sheriff and deputy sheriff had taken a room for the night, and informed them the men at the livery stable answered the description of the men wanted. They were taken into custody and returned to Kalama.

PARENT-TEACHER MEETING PLANNED

An interesting program has been arranged for a parent teacher meeting to be held at Willamette Saturday evening. The teachers of the school and County Superintendent Gary request all residents of the district to attend, and take part in the discussions. The meeting will begin at 7 o'clock for Willamette at 8 o'clock in the morning. The program will begin at 10 o'clock with a question box and the discussion of the following subjects: "The Clackamas County School League, debating, oratory, athletics;" 11 o'clock—"Picture Study"; Miss Vinnie Hewitt; 12 o'clock—dinner; 1:30 o'clock—program by school; 2:30 o'clock—Address, Dr. Coleman, Reed Institute; 3:30 o'clock—Solo, Miss Lena Ulen. "The High School Fund Law" and "What Can Parents Do to Help the School?" will be the subjects for general discussion.