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CEPTING ST. JOHN, FED-  
ERATION ORGANIZER.

Arrests Made Before Names Are  
Published—Defendants Wants  
Immediate Trial—Jury  
Completes Its Work.

Boise, Idaho, March 6.—At 11 o'clock this morning the grand jury filed into the courtroom at Caldwell and Foreman Moses delivered into the hands of Judge Smith a large package of legal documents having the appearance of indictments. The court cautioned the members of the jury against talking of their work, especially of the persons against whom indictments had been returned. The jury then returned for further transaction of business.

When Judge Smith looked over the papers handed him, it was seen that 11 different instruments constituted the report of the grand jury. To an earnest request for such information as might safely be given out Judge Smith said that the law prohibited information of indictments being made public until the parties informed against had been arrested and arraigned.

It is, however stated on good authority that Mercer, Heywood, Pettibone, St. John, Orchard, Adams and at least three others have been indicted for the murder of ex Governor Steunenberg. Sheriff Nichols is on his way to Boise and it is believed he is carrying warrants for all the men in the penitentiary that are awaiting grand jury action.

The defendants' attorneys will demand their immediate arraignment in order to begin to raise objections to the indictments and probably all the indicted men will be taken to Caldwell tomorrow.

F. E. Richardson of Denver, attorney for the Western Federation will be in Boise the night of March with an answer in the habeas corpus case. Clarence Darrow, the Chicago lawyer, will not come until after the date of the trial is set.

Thirty-eight strangers got off of the train at Caldwell last night, and there are more unknown people in that county than ever before in its history. No explanation of the influx can be given unless they are there for the benefit of the Western Federation men under arrest. The town is very quiet, but many fear trouble is brewing, for conditions are considered desperate for the imprisoned men.

While not a member of the prosecution will give a reason for the failure for the indictment of St. John, it is understood all along that the state had little direct information against St. John. Just why he was arrested the prosecution has never seen fit to make public. It was rumored that his arrest was made at the request of the mine-owners' Association because they considered him a dangerous man.

The fact that Simpkins was indicted along with the rest sets at rest the story that he was already in the hands of officers working for the prosecution. The story has had it that Simpkins had been arrested and had made a confession, and that it was this confession that was directly the cause of breaking Adams down.

Washington, March 7.—General J. M. Schofield was buried this afternoon with full military honors. The president and the highest governmental officials participated in the services.

Seattle, Wash., March 7.—Judge William Hickman Moore, municipal ownership candidate for mayor of this city, has been elected by a majority of 15 votes after one of the closest fights in the history of the city. John Riplinger, republican candidate, was badly cut in many of the wards and ran far behind his ticket. The leaders of the municipal ownership party charge gross frauds in several of the wards, and had their candidate been defeated would have contested the election.

The election of Judge Moore is the most remarkable political victory that has been achieved here, and came like a thunderbolt to the republican leaders, who at all times were confident of a sweeping victory.

Judge Moore is a strong man and

has always been a democrat, but his official record has been such that he has had many warm supporters among King county republicans.

New York, March 6.—A real gold mine whose quartz assays very high has been discovered on lower Broadway, within a stone's throw on Wall street. The "strike" was made 174 feet under the street level under a handsome new building being erected for the Title Guarantee & Trust Company at 176 Broadway.

To equip the building with plunger elevators, four holes, each about nine inches in diameter, were drilled. At a depth of 174 feet Samuel C. Pyle of Wilmington, Delaware, who, besides being foreman of the bricklayers, is a mechanic, mineralogist, geologist and metallurgist, noticed stray bits of stone brought up from the plunger holes and pocketed several pieces. He took them home and worked the specimens until he had a nice little lump of pure gold.

Since then Pyle has assayed similar samples of the ore found in the same borings under Broadway and says that in some of them the gold runs as high as \$2,000 a ton. The immediate surface value of the reality thereabouts precludes the possibility of a gold craze following the strike.

Cottage Grove Western Oregon: Paragraphs have been appearing in the state papers relative to the oldest officers who administered the civil laws in Oregon in territorial days. Cottage Grove is able to do something along that line. L. L. Whitcomb, whose postoffice address is Cottage Grove, is mentioned as the oldest assessor now living in the state. He was elected assessor of Washington county at the June election in 1854 and assessed the county that year. That was before Multnomah county was formed. Hillsboro was the county seat where all county business originating in Portland was transacted. In 1905, Mr. Whitcomb was elected commissioner for Washington county. After serving his term he moved to Yamhill county, where in 1864 and again in 1866 he was elected sheriff, serving two full terms. It is believed, until further returns are received, that he is the oldest living ex-sheriff.

Boise, Idaho, March 4.—Assassinating those whose hands were against the Western Federation of Miners, and those who refused to join the association, are not the only crimes for which the members of the Inner Circle will be called upon to answer. Not only were non-union miners murdered outright, bombs placed for state officials, but the poor tools who committed the revolting crimes for the inner circle were themselves victims of this committee of death.

Harry Orchard was among the tools of the Inner Circle marked for destruction. Had he managed to have escaped arrest after having assassinated Steunenberg, he would not have lived long to enjoy the \$3,800 he was to have received for doing the job.

The confession of Steve Adams, it is said, shows that the members of the Inner Circle were suspicious of Orchard, and that he had been shadowed for a long time before he went to Caldwell for the purpose of placing the bomb which killed ex-Governor Steunenberg. Sentence had been passed upon him, and it is said that whether he succeeded as he did, or failed, he would have been added to the list of the tools that have been put out of the way. Crimes within crimes was the system which the Inner Circle carried out. When dupes of the Inner Circle had performed so many deeds for the Inner Circle that they knew too much they were quietly put out of the way, and it is believed that the confessions of Orchard and Adams will prove this.

Orchard had reached the point where he knew too much for the peace of mind of the members of the Inner Circle, and he, like others was slated for destruction.

Portland, March 6.—Oregonian: One of the largest of natural wonders of South America is the swinging rock of Tandil, la piedra hove-diza. The stone lies about half an hour's walk from the city of Tandil, province of Buenos Ayres, Argentine Republic, upon the highest summit of a little rocky ridge.

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## HIS REPORT

PRESIDENT JOHNSON TELLS  
CITIZENS LEAGUE OF  
PROSPERITY AND  
GROWTH.

In Corvallis—More Buildings Than  
Ever Before—More Railroad  
Tonnage—Greater Receipts  
at Local Postoffice—  
Other News.

Corvallis sold more goods, built more houses, shipped and received more freight and used the local postoffice far more last year than during any year in her past history. The facts were brought out in the annual report to the Citizens League by President Johnson Tuesday night. His report says in part:

In the first place I want to congratulate the business men on the substantial increase in business in all lines during the past year. I am advised by different merchants of the city that business of the past year has shown an increase of from 10 to 100 per cent, and I feel certain that considerable of this increase is due to the affective work of the league. The postal revenues are generally conceded to be an excellent barometer of business conditions. During the past week the Portland papers have given much space to telling the world of the wonderful increase of postal revenues of the Portland cost office during the month of February, claiming that such increase was a trifle over 25 per cent.

Corvallis, however, can make a much better showing than Portland. The revenue from the sale of stamps for the Corvallis post office for February, 1905, was \$555, for February, 1906, \$755, a gain of \$200, or a trifle over 36 per cent. For the year ending February 28, 1905, the revenues of the Corvallis post office were \$7,157.80, and for the year ending February 28, 1906, the revenues were \$8,095.55, showing a gain for the year of 13 per cent. I believe this showing is a fair index of the prosperity that the community has enjoyed during the past year.

During the year just ended the league has received directly and indirectly \$655. Of this amount \$450 was contributed by the county and city; \$140 was received from subscriptions for Corvallis Day at the Lewis and Clark Fair, and the balance of \$65 was received from dues.

One great thing the league has done during the past year that shows tangible results is in the matter of advertising. Last May the county appropriated \$150 for the use of the league in advertising. This, together with some cards that were printed for distribution at the Lewis and Clark Fair, has brought to the secretary 1,450 requests for printed matter concerning Benton county. It is asserted by those in a position to know that during the past year fully \$175,000 have actually been invested in this county and it is probable that all told \$250,000 of outside capital have been brought to the county during the 12 months just passed. So satisfactory was the work of the league that the county at the February term of court granted an additional \$150 for the uses of the leaguers in furthering the interests of Benton county.

Commenting upon the fact that John F. Allen, secretary of the league, wrote one or more personal letters to every one of the 1,450 persons who inquired of conditions here during the last year, it may be properly said that the citizens of Corvallis should feel under lasting obligations to Mr. Allen for his faithful performance of duty.

The apathy and lack of interest displayed by the citizens of Corvallis toward

this organization is discouraging to the officers and the results are nothing like so great as they might be if the organization had the active co-operation of its citizens. I am not complaining, but I feel that the organization is essential to the development of this town and county and that it has accomplished during the last year a great deal of good, and that with the support which it deserves its work could be much more beneficial and effective. To my mind the maintenance of the organization at its highest state of efficiency is essential to the best interests of Corvallis.

In regard to conditions locally the increase in new buildings was probably the most noticeable. From figures and estimates obtained from builders and contractors I feel safe in saying that 100 residences were erected in and around Corvallis during the past year, and that these and other local improvements have resulted in a gross expenditure of probably \$150,000.

The gross tonnage by rail in and out of Corvallis for 1905 exceeded that of the previous year by 33 per cent, while the receipts from passenger business during the same period, even at the very low rates in effect during the Lewis and Clark Fair, show 50 per cent increase.

Eureka, Cal., March 7.—As the culmination of the attack on the Herald in the Californian of last Saturday, M. M. Vaughn, editor of that paper, this afternoon shot three times at Niles G. Hyatt, manager of the Herald, neither bullet, however, doing any injury.

Vaughn, who is paralyzed in the lower limbs and unable to walk, drove up in front of the Herald office about 2 o'clock and called for some one to come to the door. Miss May Goddard, an attaché, went to the sidewalk, and Vaughn asked her if Frank Parker, editor of the Herald was in. Miss Goddard was not sure, and went in to inquire. Finding Mr. Parker was out, she returned to the carriage and so informed Mr. Vaughn.

Vaughn then inquired for the manager, Hyatt, and the latter went to the door. He was not acquainted with Vaughn, and innocently approached the carriage. As he did so, Vaughn sang out, "Arm yourself."

Before Hyatt could have armed himself, even had he so desired, three shots rang out. When Hyatt saw what was coming, he immediately sought refuge behind a telephone pole and Vaughn was restrained from further shooting. Vaughn was arrested and released on bail.

Chicago, March 7.—John D. Rockefeller was scored as a promoter of corporate evil by Andrew Cook in an address to the students at the University of Chicago. The bold attack on the founder of the university, who has given millions of dollars to it, caused general surprise and discussion on the Midway.

"Publicity will cure many evils of the Rockefeller system," said Cook. "If John D. Rockefeller would tell the people just how much of the enterprise is water and how much represents real value, people would have nothing to do with these companies."

After explaining the process of forming a corporation and the method by which it does business Cook pointed out some of the abuses of the "system" and scored the practice of watering stock.

Chicago, March 7.—W. H. Condon, who lives at the Palmer house, is a firm believer in getting his rights by recourse to law. He is now suing the Chicago & Western Indiana railroad for \$5,000,000, but has also found time to begin suit against Tony Pacelli, a newboy, for 7 cents. This followed a heated discussion, ending in Condon chasing Pacelli through the corridors of the hotel, and then filing his suit.

Pacelli contracted to deliver the papers every morning to Condon. On March 1 Pacelli tendered a bill for 70 cents to Condon, which was paid. Sunday morning Condon told Pacelli he had been overpaid.

"I paid you 70 cents and I missed one Sunday paper," Condon is said to have declared. "Besides there are only 28 days in February and you owe me 7 cents."

Pacelli refused to refund and the suit is the result.

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