

WHEAT IS LEFT TO ROT ON PLATFORMS

Central Washington Dealers Denied Privilege of Loading It Into Empty Cars.

HUNDREDS ON THE SIDINGS

Committee Calls on Northern Pacific Superintendent at Spokane and Makes Charge That Flour is Given the Preference.

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—That a million bushels of wheat is being permitted to rot on platforms at Northern Pacific stations in Central Washington because the railway officials refuse to permit the grain to be loaded into empty cars which stand idle on the sidings was charged today by a committee representing the Central Washington grain dealers in a conference at the office of Superintendent Beamer, of the Northern Pacific, N. E. Hayes, Ned W. Munger, Simon McLean, J. S. Inkster and Richard Stevens constituted the committee. They contend that the claim of car shortage has been a mere pretext, manufactured by the railways to meet the complaints of those suffering the rigors of coal famine, of lumbermen, grain dealers and flour manufacturers. N. E. Hayes was authority for the statement at the meeting that 300 empty cars are now standing on sidings between Pasco and Sprague, and that the railroads excuse for not filling them with grain is that it has not the motive power to haul them. Members of the committee begged that they be permitted to transfer their grain sacks from the platforms to those cars for mere storage purposes, as 50 per cent would thus be saved. They charged that the railroads are in reality discriminating in favor of flour shipments, which pay better, and think it a significant fact that the flour manufacturers, who were invited to join them in the conference, failed to appear.

Local officials asserted that the heavy demand for cars to move the grain in Dakota was responsible for the local tie-up, but the grain dealers replied that the shipments into Minneapolis from the Dakotas are lighter this year than last.

STEAL GRIPS FROM THE TRAIN

Thieves Secure Quantity of Jewelry at Tacoma and Escape.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Two bold thieves boarded the Portland passenger train as it was entering the city at 12 o'clock last night, and made good their escape with four grips, one of which contained over \$200 worth of jewelry, before the train came to a stop.

Early this morning three of the grips were found in a street back of the West Coast grocery store. The grip which contained jewelry belonged to A. H. Wright, a traveling salesman. At the police station this morning he told the following story of the robbery:

"There were but nine of us in the Pullman car. Our train came to a full stop when crossing Pacific avenue to allow another train from Seattle to pull in, and I think the men must have boarded the train there. We passengers had all stopped out on the platform and were talking and laughing. When the train had started up and just as it was being pulled up to the station, I turned the grip which I saw to see if the porter was brushing off my grip, as I had asked him to do. I saw two men, each carrying two grips, leaving the car by the other door."

BRIDE STAYS WITH CAPTAIN

Together They Take Last Boat From Wrecked Ship.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Mrs. E. Kruger, wife of the captain of the Norwegian steamer *Thema*, wrecked Friday night at the entrance to Queen Charlotte Sound, and a bride of less than a week, refused to leave the doomed ship until her husband agreed to go with her to the lifeboats. She had come from Norway and had married Captain Kruger, December 11.

When the vessel struck Friday night the crew stayed aboard her until daylight, when Captain Kruger ordered every one ashore. He tried to send his wife in the first boat, but she refused to leave the bridge unless he went with her. Finally husband and wife went off together in the last boat.

Aside from the fact that the weather was so thick the shore could scarcely be seen, a nasty gale was blowing and the *Thema*, in her exposed position, was in momentary danger of being broken up. Captain Kruger and his crew got ashore safely and the little fishing steamer *San Juan* picked up the men and brought them to Vancouver, coming on to Seattle today. Captain Kruger remained to look after his boat.

GIRL DRINKS DEADLY POISON

Misunderstood Directions of Doctor, but Recovers From Dose.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Ida Anderson, a domestic, 10 days ago swallowed 15 grains of corrosive sublimate by mistake and has recovered. She left the hospital today. Miss Anderson was suffering with a fever and the doctor to whom she went gave her several powders to be dissolved in water with which to wash the affected finger. On going home the girl swallowed the poison, forgetting what had been told her or not understanding English sufficiently well to know.

She complained of the medicine to the woman for whom she worked and for 10 hours was without treatment. When the doctor arrived the girl informed him that she had taken the acid internally. Proper treatment was at once begun and the girl sent to the hospital. To the surprise of every one she began to improve the day after her experience and is now well.

SEATTLE ATTORNEY ARRESTED

Twenty-one Charges Are Made, Including Fifteen for Barratry.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—George P. Rossmann, one of the best-known attorneys in Seattle, was arrested today on a charge of perjury, and charges were filed against him in anticipation of disbarment proceedings. Twenty-one counts, 15 of them for barratry, were recounted in the disbarment proceedings. Rossmann was arrested as he left the courtroom after pleading one case, but his bail on the perjury charge was only fixed at \$500. The charge of perjury lodged against

Rossmann grows out of his testimony, given Saturday morning in proceedings taken to oust him as administrator of the estate of the late John Johnson. He testified that Johnson, his law partner, still owed him \$400 on a purchase of an interest in the practice, and that Johnson had embezzled two sums given him to pay clients. These claims, together with a professed ignorance that the clients had not been paid, are said to have been perjured.

Defamation of Johnson's character is one of the charges in the disbarment proceedings. The latter was killed in a runaway April 23.

PROVIDES FOR MUNICIPAL EXPENSE.

BAKER CITY, Dec. 17.—(Special.)—The City Council of Baker City tonight made a levy of 5 mills on all property to provide for the municipal expense of the next year. The levy is less than one-third of last year. The levy provides funds of about \$1100 per month upon which the city must be maintained for the year. The Mayor and Auditor were instructed to enter into a lighting contract with the Baker Light & Power Company for one year. The city plans to have a light plant of its own, utilizing the water power from its gravity water system.

The plan to have a paid fire department for Baker City was killed this evening by the City Council at its special meeting. The expenditure was to have been about \$10,000, and the taxpayers objected.

Oil Pipe Filled With Salt.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 17.—(Special.)—The City Council of the Union Oil Company, in Los Angeles, say that their new pipe-line across the Isthmus of Panama was filled with 25,000 barrels of salt. When ready for use the oil will be pumped from the Pacific to the Atlantic through this pipe. The opening of the line will solve the fuel problem of the Isthmus. Fourteen thousand tons of coal are now used there monthly, but it is anticipated that oil will soon be the fuel in use on the Governmental works.

DECLARE SLOANE INSANE

SIX PHYSICIANS GIVE TESTIMONY FOR THE DEFENSE.

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Five prominent physicians, called as insanity experts, and the head of an institution for the care of the insane, today declared on the witness-stand in the Sloane murder trial, that Sidney Sloane was insane when he killed his father. These opinions were based on the circumstances surrounding the crime, the boy's actions from his early childhood, and his vicious habits in later years.

Dr. John M. Semple, Dr. P. D. McCord, Dr. Edwin Kimball, Dr. John R. Neely, Dr. W. J. Howell, all physicians of this city, and Dr. John W. Gray, Superintendent of the Asylum for the Insane at Orofino, Idaho, were the experts called by the defense, and their testimony was a unit as to the boy's insanity.

The gist of the testimony tended to show that Sidney Sloane suffered from epileptic insanity, that he was afflicted with unconsciousness and that he was possessed of a homicidal mania. Many of the answers were brought out only after strenuous objection on the part of Prosecuting Attorney Barham.

With the exception of Dr. Semple, who had made a personal examination of Sidney Sloane, all of the experts testified that the boy's actions from which has been introduced by witnesses called by either the defense or the state to explain incidents connected with the Sloane murder, the days preceding his birth, the mother's illness and the father's drinking, the boy's unconsciousness in early years, his unobedience, lack of knowledge of right or wrong and his dumbness.

BURGLAR FIRES VALDES BANK

Hotel and Other Buildings Are Destroyed by the Blaze.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—A special to the Times from Valdez, Alaska, says that a fire in the bank of Valdes totally destroyed the bank, the Mercantile Hotel and the Valdes Bank & Mercantile Company's buildings, entailing a loss of \$53,000.

An explosion at the bank vault shows a large hole had been blown in the back of the vault. The absence of wind, a light snow and the good weather which prevented the destruction of the town.

Backed by Eastern Money.

HOQUIAM, Wash., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—At a special meeting of the City Council tonight the Puget Sound & Gray's Harbor right-of-way was under discussion. J. B. Bridges, representing the company, said:

"This company is backed by an Eastern company and has ample capital. Our road will be built to a point near Chehalis or Centralia. Within 30 days an immense amount of money will be invested in this community for right-of-way. I may add we have already commenced condemnation proceedings against Anderson & Middleton Mill Company and the Western Coopers Company of Aberdeen."

Committee on Government Surveys.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Governor Mead has appointed the following on a committee to report to him on the advisability of making recommendations to the Legislature for the co-operation of the state with the Federal Government in the making of geologic, hydrographic and topographic surveys:

Professor Henry Landes, State Geologist, University of Washington; Hon. Ralph D. Nichols, State Senator from King County; Professor J. M. Hill, State Librarian; Hon. J. M. Snow, State Highway Commissioner; and A. N. Brown, Secretary to the Governor.

Fraternal Societies Buy Property.

HOQUIAM, Wash., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—The local Aerie of Eagles today purchased two lots in the business portion of the city for \$1100. The lots will be held as a speculation, while the other will be used on which a fireproof hall will be erected. The two lots adjoining have been purchased by the Elks and Masons, respectively, and it is probable that three halls will be built about the same time.

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WIDOW ON STAND

Mrs. Emory Tells What She Knows of Judge's Murder.

PROVES A GOOD WITNESS

Captain Ward Recounts the Arrest of Chester Thompson and of the Singular Coolness Shown by the Slayer at the Station.

Does Not Ask for Children.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 17.—After examining Mrs. Emory, the police officers who went to the Emory home following the shooting of Judge Emory by Chester Thompson, the state, at the conclusion of today's session, announced that it has but nine more witnesses to place on direct examination to testify against the boy. Prosecutor Mackintosh stated that it is highly probable that less than half this number will be examined and was firm in the belief that the state will rest at noon tomorrow.

With the introduction of evidence for the defense the real battle will begin. At the outset, attorneys for the accused admitted not only, killing but all the circumstances that lead up to it and all subsequent events. There was very little cross-examination of the state's witnesses by Mr. Morris and that merely to clear away any misapprehensions that might arise in the minds of the jurors as to details surrounding the actual shooting.

She has proved the killing and whatever evidence it submits directly will only substantiate that admitted fact.

Will H. Thompson will be the first witness for the defense. Mr. Morris stated tonight, and he will repeat in substance what he told the jury in his statement last Friday. The prosecution has prepared for the most rigorous cross-examination and much that he told last week will not be admitted in evidence, because he was neither a witness to the incident nor a party to the conversations he stated took place.

In point of interest to the public the testimony of Mrs. Emory, the widow of the slain judge, was the most engaging of the day. In point of importance that of Captain Ward, the last witness, takes precedence.

Mrs. Emory, pale and wan, showing fully the terrible suffering she has undergone, was at the supreme test a most satisfactory witness. The details of the tragedy that robbed her of a devoted husband were indelibly stamped upon her memory, and she answered readily every question put to her by General Vane, the friend of her girlhood in the Carolinas.

She saw Chester Thompson dash up the porch and run into the house, and saw her husband follow him. She heard shots and said a bullet passed close to her face. Then she screamed and ran to the home of her sister, Mrs. Charles F. Whittlesey.

Captain Ward told of the arrest of Thompson and the conversations at the police station in the excitement of the arrest the police failed to ask Thompson a very material question—why he had gone to the Emory residence armed, or what he had done with his hat and coat before approaching the house. Both the state and defense regard Captain Ward's testimony as of prime importance.

Mr. Morris, leading counsel of the defense, was particularly pleased at the statement of the witness that Chester Thompson signed no papers, nervousness and answered all questions put to him at the police station unhesitatingly and in a low, slow voice.

It is not the intention of Judge Snell to attempt to rush the case too hard. He will hold no night sessions if avoidable, on account of the severe strain upon the jurors and court officials. It is his intention to follow the usual court hours, 10 to 12 and 2 to 5, as closely as possible. The outlook for the case will string along until not far from the middle of January.

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When the dividends to the amount of \$7,746,110.46 had been paid there was left a surplus for the year amounting to \$1,126,836.70, and a surplus to date of \$16,701,033.57. Of the total earnings, \$35,660,423.31 was from passenger business, and \$44,236,222.84 from freight business. The operating expenses include \$11,203,463.31 for maintenance of way and structures, \$5,830,961.42 for maintenance of equipment and \$19,239,523.94 for conducting transportation.

OBTAINS A CHANGE OF VENUE
Secretary of State-Elect of Idaho Is Charged With Embezzlement.

WEISER, Idaho, Dec. 17.—(Special.)—In the District Court today in session in this city, Robert Lansdon, Sheriff of Washington County and Republican state Secretary of State-Elect, who is charged with embezzlement of public funds while Assessor of this county, made application for a change of venue. In his affidavit Lansdon alleges that by reason of the attacks made on him by the press and his political opponents, the people of his home county are prejudiced against him.

The application was granted and the case will come on for trial December 27 or 28, at Caldwell. Lansdon was beaten in his home county, by more than 900 votes.

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OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Alleging desertion more than a year ago, W. A. McKown today filed suit for divorce from Marguertha McKown, whom he married in 1891. There are two minor children aged 13 and 6 years, respectively, but plaintiff does not apply for their custody.

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