

ELIOTT'S NOT SPARING OF SELF

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VERACITY IS QUESTIONED

Witnesses to Be Called to Disparage His Testimony—Williamson's Refusal to Buy Smith's Hay Only Motive Shown So Far.

PRINEVILLE, Or., May 7.—(Special.)—Larkin Elliott told his story this afternoon to a Crook County jury before Judge Bradshaw. He related the burning of the Williamson sheep-shearing plant, 13 miles east of Prineville, March 25; also of the cutting of a mile of wire fence on land leased by Williamson, and distributing poison in Williamson's sheep corral. He told of planning to dynamite the city residence of the ex-Congressman and of the plan to burn the forthcoming wool clip if he did not in the meantime change his residence.

This startling tale was along the lines of previous rumors and was listened to by a crowded courtroom, where witness



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were as plentiful as men. These rumors have been heard so much before that little surprise was shown when the story was given under oath from the stand.

Elliott is embarrassed. Elliott was plainly embarrassed at first and gave his answers in an extremely halting manner, as if he was either distressed at being in the presence of so many people or was trying to remember his acts. He recovered his self-possession after being questioned a half hour and thenceforth was cool and collected.

In substance his confession implicated C. Sam Smith, ex-Sheriff of Crook County, and his 14-year-old son, Stanley Smith, in the cutting of the wire fences, which was the last act in the drama before the arrest of the participants. In the burning of the sheep-shearing plant and ranch house and the attempted burning of the barn, Elliott said Smith and himself operated without assistance. The other acts, dynamiting the city home of Williamson and burning his next wool clip while on the wagon, were only planned.

Elliott was badly tangled in his dates in cross-examination, showing an extremely bad memory and considerable hesitancy before giving his answers. His cross-examination was almost over with at 6 o'clock, when court adjourned for dinner.

Does Not Spare Himself.

In the evening the courtroom was, if anything, more crowded than in the afternoon. Elliott was again placed on cross-examination, and the most rigid questioning failed to shake his testimony. Throughout examination and cross-examination he spared himself not in the least, assuming all blame where it was due and offering no excuses for his acts.

He also did not spare Smith. After being on the stand for three and one-half hours, he was allowed to return to his seat.

Wen Allen, one of Williamson's herdsmen, was the next witness called. He testified to the distribution of the concentrated lye mixed with salt and squirrel poison around the corral, and also to the burning of the tent and bedding on March 27. With the conclusion of his testimony, court was adjourned till tomorrow morning.

Motive for Elliott's Acts.

A number of witnesses will be called in the morning who will swear that Elliott's veracity is of very doubtful character. Without any corroborative testimony of Elliott's tale, it is generally thought here that the state's case against Smith is extremely weak. The only motive shown up so far was Williamson's refusal to buy Smith's hay or ranch, both of which he wanted to sell. Williamson wanted a small part of Smith's pasture land, which he would not sell unless he sold his whole ranch in a body. This consists of several thousand acres of alfalfa meadow and range land, and is valuable, but Williamson did not want it all. He also went elsewhere last fall to buy hay, leaving a large quantity on Smith's hands. These two acts, the prosecution claims, constitute the motive.

WOODMEN IN NORTH YAKIMA

Annual Convention Being Held With 200 Delegates.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., May 7.—(Special.)—The Annual State Convention of the Modern Woodmen of America met in this city today for the opening of the ensuing year and appointed delegates to the National Camp in Peoria, Ill., next June. The delegation will go instructed to advocate the extension of the jurisdiction of the order to include Alaska and Canada. Two hundred delegates are present and about 700 other members of the order, as well as many of the Royal Neighbors and the members of the Royal Order of the Woodmen, are present, which are to contest for big prizes in the drilling contests tomorrow. The officers elected are: J. A. Toulson, Spokane, consul; J. D. Capann, Oak Harbor, adviser; A. E. Maurer, Kelso, banker; F. Garrett, Fisher, watchman; O. E. Sauter, Seattle, secretary.

The triennial convention of the Modern Woodmen of America concluded here tonight with a banquet attended by over

700 delegates and members of the order. A grand parade was held at noon and this afternoon the foresters teams competed for two prizes of \$500 and \$150, respectively. Seattle won with 25 points, Tacoma was second with 74 points and Bellingham third with 62 points. North Yakima and Spokane also competed.

PAUPERS VOTE HEAVY BONDS

Taxpayers of Liberty Object to Way Election Carried.

SALEM, Or., May 7.—(Special.)—The taxpayers of Liberty school district, south of Salem, recently had the novel and unpleasant experience of having \$6000 bonds voted by men who were not only non-taxpayers, but who were paupers receiving support from the county. The question of issuing bonds for the purpose of erecting a large school house had been submitted at a special election. At that election the issuance of bonds was ordered by a vote of two majorities. It was discovered that two men who voted for the issuance of bonds are being cared for by the county. This situation has enraged some of the heavy property-owners of the district and they are planning to test the legality of the proceedings.

ADVERTISE UMATILLA COUNTY

Real Estate Men and Commercial Club to Co-operate.

PENDELTON, Or., May 7.—(Special.)—Real estate men from every town in the county gathered in this city this evening. They perfected a county organization and made preliminary arrangements for the establishment of a publicity bureau to be operated in connection with the Commercial Club, of this city. It will have for its purpose the advertising of the resources of the county. Following the meeting, the visiting real estate men were guests of the local business men at a banquet.

A joint committee from the County Real Estate League and the Commercial Association will immediately begin the work of soliciting funds for the publicity campaign.

ENJOINED FROM PAYING

YAMHILL TREASURER MUST TURN IN BUT PART OF TAXES.

Outgrowth of Allegation That in Proportionation of Taxes Yamhill's Share is Unfair.

MMINNVILLE, Or., May 7.—(Special.)—Circuit Judge William Galloway, of the Third Judicial District, today signed an injunction to prevent the Treasurer of Yamhill County from paying, and the State Treasurer from collecting, the state tax apportioned to this county for the present year, except the sum of \$23,117.03.

This is an outgrowth of the allegation that when the taxes for the various counties in the state were apportioned Yamhill was obliged to pay an amount too large in proportion to the assessment. The complaint in part states: "The plaintiff county alleges that the said Board, when making the apportionment amongst the several counties of the state, in January, 1908, did not base its computation upon the actual value of the assessable property of the several counties, or of any of such counties, but instead apportioned the portion or part of the said revenue for state purposes by the said several counties in an arbitrary manner and by an arbitrary rule, without reference to the relative value of the assessable property of the several counties, without constitutional or legal authority."

GET READY FOR CHERRY FAIR

Salem Exposition to Surpass That of Last Year.

SALEM, Or., May 7.—(Special.)—Extensive preparations are being made for the annual cherry fair to be held in Salem about the first of July and from information received it is apparent that the fair this year will surpass that of 1907. Cherry growers at The Dalles are planning to come to the Salem fair and capture the best of the prizes in competition with the Williamson growers. Last year 30 silver cups and 25 diploma were offered as premiums. This year the number will be considerably increased, an effort being made to offer a premium for every class of fruit ripe at that season of the year. Special attention will be given to cherries in commercial pack.

The Salem Board of Trade has taken charge of the preliminary arrangements and has committees at work.

FIRE LIMITS FOR OREGON CITY

Council Establishes Boundaries. Dogs Impounded to Be Killed.

OREGON CITY, Or., May 7.—(Special.)—The city will establish fire limits for the downtown portion of the city, covering the territory between Third and Eighth streets. The new lawley Pulp & Paper Company interests and the Oregon City Manufacturing Company's plant are not embraced. The ordinance at night passed to its second reading an ordinance granting authority to the Hawley company for sidewalks and switches. The improvement contract will be accepted in a few weeks, at a cost of \$18,000. Under an order of the Council last night, dogs that have been impounded will be killed unless they are claimed in two days, while they were formerly kept five days.

Ada County for Taft.

BOISE, Idaho, May 7.—(Special.)—Twenty-four men, Republicans of Ada County, instructed to vote for a Taft delegate to the Republican National Convention from Idaho, and every one a strong Taft admirer, will attend the state Republican convention at Wallace next Tuesday. They will go, not only instructed for Taft, but instructed to vote for Senator Heyburn and Senator Borah, if those two will consent to represent the state at the Chicago convention. This was decided on at a harmonious county convention held yesterday afternoon in the District Court room, at which were present 14 delegates from the various precincts.

Indians to Vote Against Saloons.

PENDELTON, Or., May 7.—(Special.)—The big Indian camp-meeting on the Umatilla reservation is developing strong assistance for the anti-saloon forces in their fight for a dry county. Large numbers of the Indians are joining the temperance society and are being lined up to vote against the saloon. The Indian vote in all former elections has been inconsiderable, but the temperance forces are now bringing great pressure to bear, with the result that the Indian vote will probably be greater by 200.

Tomorrow and Monday positively the last days for discount on West Side gas bills. Bills received before discount period expires. PORTLAND GAS COMPANY.

PILES' FRIENDS ARE IN CONTROL

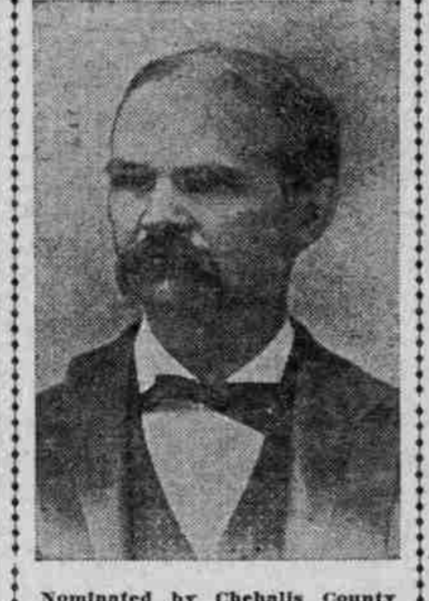
Sway King County Republican Convention That Elects Delegates.

BALLINGER IS INDORSED

Favored for Delegate to National Convention—Platform Declares for Taft and Election of People's Choice for Senator.

SEATTLE, Wash., May 7.—(Special.)—United States Senator S. H. Piles' friends controlled today's Republican convention that selected a delegation of 121 to attend the state convention at Spokane. R. A. Ballinger, ex-Commissioner of the General Land Office and both Mayor and supporter of Piles during his fight for Senator four years ago, was endorsed as the sole candidate from King County for delegate to the National Convention. Anti-Piles leaders wanted to endorse two or more candidates, but the Piles programme was to give favors to Northwestern counties which have been loyal. John H. McGraw, who was one of the

BEN SHEEKS.



Nominated by Chehalis County Bar for Superior Judge.

ABERDEEN, Wash., May 6.—(Special.)—Ben Sheeks, who has been nominated by the bar of Chehalis County for Superior Court Judge, is a lawyer of much distinction in the State of Washington and in Utah. Before coming to Washington he was connected with some of the largest fee cases in Utah and was counsel for Brigham Young in several suits, notably that of the divorce proceedings in which Anna Eliza Young sued for a separation from the Mormon leader. Mr. Sheeks was counsel for the City of Tacoma in its fight against the Tacoma Light & Water Company, which sold to the city its franchise for \$1,750,000, and was afterwards compelled to return \$75,000 of the amount as an excessive payment. Mr. Sheeks has been in the city since he was elected, and he informed the members of the bar that he did not seek the position but, if nominated, would accept, and if the people desired him to serve them they could elect him.

Plies Managers in the Senatorial Fight

A fight developed three days ago over the chairmanship between McGraw and H. C. Gill, both Piles supporters. McGraw had an overwhelming majority and this morning Gill agreed to withdraw and accept the permanent chairmanship, which had been offered him. Some of the McGraw supporters demanded that the delegates go to a vote, but McGraw personally insisted that Gill was not only his friend but a supporter of Piles and ought to be recognized.

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Platform of Convention.

The platform adopted endorsed National, state and county Republican administrations; indorses the work of the Congressional delegation, approves Postmaster-General Meyers' postal-savings bank and parcel post schemes, instructs for Taft, demands a law guaranteeing bank deposits through a special state fund, supports the National employers' liability act, and demands a similar state statute, commends the Legislature for favorable labor legislation, and asks an eight-hour law for females and miners, insists legislative candidates sign a pledge to support the Senatorial candidate receiving a popu-

lar majority, and makes a strong recommendation for support for the good roads movement.

BILL AMENDS THE CAREY ACT

Mondell Proposes to Remove Limit on Acreage Reclaimed.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 7.—Representative Mondell has introduced a bill removing the restriction as to the amount of land any state can reclaim under the Carey act. His bill will permit states to reclaim as much arid land as they desire under the provisions of this law. Representative Hall, of South Dakota, introduced a bill providing that coal lands in forest reserves shall be held by the Government and leased in tracts not exceeding 250 acres for periods of 25 years, leases to be in the nature of a royalty on the coal mined.

READY TO GET GOOD WATER

Eugene Signs Contract for Constructing Gravity System.

EUGENE, Or., May 7.—(Special.)—This afternoon the City of Eugene signed up the contract for the construction of the gravity water system and the work of preliminary surveys will commence Monday. The contract was made with F. C. Kelsey as consulting engineer and J. W. McArthur and Carl McClain as resident engineers. The latter will attend to the construction work. The city will secure for itself a first-class water system. The first surveys will include the Ritchie Creek stream and watershed, which the Council favors. It will take about two weeks for the preliminary work.

DEAD OF THE NORTHWEST

D. Fisher.

OREGON CITY, Or., May 7.—(Special.)—D. Fisher died here yesterday, aged 59 years 31 days. He was born in Germany and came to America with his parents when a child, arriving in Oregon from Indiana 19 years ago. He has been a resident of Oregon City continuously for the last 15 years, and survived by a widow and six children: Mrs. J. W. Johnson, of Klamath Falls; Mrs. Etta McCoy, of Forest Grove; Miss Anna Fisher, J. D., C. D., and August Fisher, of Oregon City. Death was due to stomach and kidney trouble.

Malheur Prisoners Sent Up.

VALE, Or., May 7.—(Special.)—Sheriff Robert O'Dell, of Malheur County, took six men to the Penitentiary at Salem, Henry Shure, Fred Wheatley, Roe Gray and Harry Reed go up for horse stealing; Wheatley gets four years, the others indeterminate sentences. Lewis Jones, cattle stealer, gets an indeterminate sentence, with a recommendation to the Governor for a pardon at the end of a year. Sam Yarborough gets two years for rape. All except Jones and Yarborough are young men, two of them meta boys.

Eugene High School Elects.

EUGENE, Or., May 7.—(Special.)—The student body of the Eugene High School this afternoon elected its officers for the coming year as follows: President Robert Cuykendall; vice-president, Esther Jones; secretary, Pauline Potter; editor of the News, Leonard Booy; business manager, Holmes Holman; basketball manager, Cleary Watson. For manager of debate, Ernest Lamb and Edward Bailey tied.

Eugene Mayor Helps Clackamas.

OREGON CITY, Or., May 7.—(Special.)—J. D. Matlock, Mayor of Eugene, will aid the local option element in Clackamas County in a speech Friday evening, May 15. He will talk on "Civic Righteousness" with special reference to the campaign for prohibition. Mayor Matlock will refer especially to the conditions in Eugene and Lane County since the victory of the dry people two years ago.

Logger Cuts His Throat.

RAYMOND, Wash., May 7.—(Special.)—Victor Koeki, a logger, who has been employed during the winter in Ellsworth's camp, committed suicide yesterday by cutting his throat almost from ear to ear with a razor. Koeki had been drinking heavily for two weeks. He leaves a wife and three children, the youngest being an infant two weeks old.

Teachers Get a Raise.

EUGENE, Or., May 7.—(Special.)—The Board of Education this evening re-elected for the coming year all the teachers now employed in the grades, raising the salary of each from \$50 to \$60 per month. Principal Lyons of the Central School resigned some time ago. His successor was not chosen today. The board will choose the High School staff and finish its business Monday evening.

Many Take French Leave.

CENTRALIA, Wash., May 7.—(Special.)—It was learned today that 17 inmates of the State Reformatory at Chehalis have escaped since April 7. The numerous escapes are attributed to a change in detail officers. A new detail officer was appointed about a month ago. An attempt was made to keep the escapes secret.

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Splash Dam Operations Are Stopped on Wishkah.

GOVERNMENT MAKES RULE

Heeds Complaints Filed by Ranchers Who Contended That Navigation Was Impeded—Body Blow to a Big Industry.

ABERDEEN, Wash., May 7.—(Special.)—A notice received from the Government by the Wishkah Boom Company to stop all splash dam operations on the Wishkah River and keep a free channel has caused consternation among the logging companies on that stream. The order is the result of the persistent efforts of the ranchers along the river, who complain that the stream is monopolized by the Wishkah Boom Company to the exclusion of transportation. If the order is made permanent it will compel the logging companies practically to quit business. The logging companies affected are as follows: Haynes & Preston, Coats Logging Company, Aberdeen Lumber & Shingle Company, Boeing & McCrimmon, Murray & Blackwell, O. K. Logging Company, Wishkah Logging Company, Larkin Logging Company.

It is estimated that there are now about 25,000 feet of logs in booms on the river and many of the companies have large quantities of down timber in the woods, bucked and ready for the river. Logging on the Wishkah is expensive at best and if the dams cannot be splashed it is entirely impracticable. The different logging companies are, so to speak, "up a stump" and are very much discouraged by the turn which the facts have taken. After a long period of inactivity, the companies have at last resumed operations and now, to be compelled to again shut down, has caused them to view the matter with considerable impatience. The boom companies will, it is understood, endeavor to fight the order, and it is thought they will be able to do so by the date indicated in the order from the War Department.

COTTAGE GROVE ON RECORD

Woman's Club Passes Resolutions Favoring Appropriation.

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., May 7.—(Special.)—At the last meeting of the Woman's Club the merits of the university appropriation, which comes up at the June election under the referendum act, was discussed and the following resolutions unanimously adopted:

Whereas, at the last session of the Legislature of the State of Oregon, that body passed an act granting to the State University an annual appropriation of \$125,000 for the maintenance of that institution, and whereas, certain persons are seeking to defeat this appropriation by means of the referendum, and whereas, the Woman's Club of Cottage Grove, Oregon, believe that if this appropriation is not granted, the cause of higher education in this state will receive a setback that will cast a serious reflection on the people who believe in higher education and result in bringing the state into disrepute in other states that have wisely provided for their boys and girls by a large appropriation to their universities, and also result in delaying a large number of people from coming to this state who would come if the state institutions were allowed the appropriations necessary to carry on their work; therefore, be it resolved, that we do use our best efforts to have the appropriation carried; and be it further resolved, that we are most heartily in favor of said appropriation, and request all voters to support said appropriation.

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