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Postal Authorities to Be Called Upon.

IMPROPER USE MAIL, CHARGE

Blakesley's Record Shows Up in Bad Light on Probing.

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Tittle City of St. Helens Takes Sides in Queer Case and Many Stories of the Past Are Re-.called by Citizens.

ST. HELENS, May Z .- (Special.) - Submission of the threatening letters received by County Treasurer E E Quick to the United States District Aftorney will probably he an early step taken in the black-mailing case that is now the sole sub-ject of conversation in this town.

The letters are of a character sufficient to cause the indictment of the sender on a charge of unlawful use of the mails if the sender can be identified, and identification of that individual is the one important point on which District Attorney E. B. Tongue is now working.

strong similarity has been discovered between the handwriting in the letters and that of J. Kendall Blakesley, who is now under indictment by the Columbia County grand jury for attempted ex-

McCarty or Blakesley?

The letters carry the purport of having been written by one Jack McCarty, allaround crook and bad man, who has confined in nearly every penitentiary in the West at one time or another. But the letter on which the indictment is founded contains a reference to Blakesley and there is a marked similarity between the way "Blakesley" is written in this threatening letter and Blakesley's own signature. The services of a handwriting expert are to be secured in the effort to positively identify the writer of the

The District Attorney is proceeding on the theory that Jack McCarty, so far as any connection with this transaction is concerned, is a myth-that Blakesley conceived and executed the whole plan-A remarkable case is that which is unfolding in St. Helens. E. E. Quick, Oregon ploneer of 1862, resident of Columbia County for 27 years and at present Council and chairman of the Board of

School Directors, asserts that he paid the filmsiest of threats received in mails and supposed to be from a desperate crook he had never seen.

Blakesley Well Known.

Blakesley, known by every one in St. was born two blocks from the site of the Courthouse which Quick says Blakesley proposed that he, Quick and McCarty blow up and burn. "Toots" has lived in St. Helens all his life. father was A. H. Blakesley, who settled here in 1853, and who for 30 years has conducted a botel. So well known are both the principals

In the case that naturally the townspecare taking sides, Concerning Mr. Quick only the kindest words are spoken, except by those most intimately asso-clated with Blakesley. Blakesley is declated with Blakesley. scribed by his friends and those who accuse him of the crime as a "good fellow," and one ever willing to help out another trouble. About 35 years old, rotund and jovial, he does not bear the look of the blackmaller or criminal. But now that he has been definitely accused of orime, there are many reports that may be heard of past misdeeds.

Mr. Quick is described by his own friends as easily imposed upon in money matters, which is the only explanation for his strange submissison to the blackscheme. Probably accurate knowledge of his characteristics in this regard may be obtained from the remark one friend, who said today: "Why. if any man wanted to berrow money in this town, and din't ask him to inderse the note, Quick would be insulted."

Mr. Quick is 57 years old. He was born to Indiana and came to Oregon with his father in 1862, settling in Linn panic of 1907. County. The family soon afterwards moved to Washington County, where his younger life was spent and he came teach school. In the earlier days of county he was elected School Superintendent, and served six years. 1888 he was elected County Clerk and served in that capacity for six years. Between 1894 and last year he served almost continually in one city office or

He has been City Clerk, City Treasurer, member of the Council, president of the Council and school director. Last year he was elected County Treasurer. On December 1 of last year his books were experted and found without a flaw. The grand jury is now checking them again, but has not yet completed its work. Mr. Quick says that he is certain they are in good shape and that the cash will balance. Only the one letter, which has alscady been published in The Oregonian, (Concluded on Page 1)

STRANGE MALADY = CAUSE OF ALARM

TWO DEATHS IN ONE FAMILY PUZZLE PHYSICIANS.

Symptoms Are Similar to Cerebro Spinal Meningitis-Doctors Fear Epidemic.

A mysterious, inexplicable disease that s baffling the skill of the health officer. Dr. Eather Pohl, and every physician in the city has siready caused three deaths and others are looked for.

Last Sunday the 10-year-old daughter f James Killduff, a tinner living at 363 ramento street, was suddenly taken ill and died a few hours later. In re-porting the case to Dr. Pohl, Dr. Hayes, the attending physician, diagnosed the case as "auto-toxaemia," which is a medical term meaning that death is from some inexplicable poison generated by the

Monday afternoon a younger daughter aged 4, was also taken ill with the same mysterious maisdy, and succumbed Tues On the body of the child an au topsy was held by Dr. R. C. Yenney, Dr. M. B. Marcellus and Dr. Baird. Cerebrospinal meningitis was looked for as being the cause of death, for the reason several cases from down-river towns have recently been brought to Portland and died here. When cultures were taken they were shown to be nega-

"This is not a sure sign no disease is present," said Dr. Pohl last night, "but had the culture been positive, it would have been a certain sign some disease was present.

A leading physician's theory in diagnosis of the cases last night was given as cerebro-spinal meningitis or a malignant form of scarlet fever, which becomes fatal before any rash is produced.

In the Killduff family at present are

two other daughters affected. One of said Dr. Sandford Whiting last night, has symptoms of tonsilitis, while the other is suffering from severe fright. There was a third mysterious death yesterday. Dr. Haird, who attended the patient, has not yet reported on this case.

MR. TAFT'S ACTS ATTACKED Negro Society Declares His Policy Is One of Retrogression.

COLUMBUS, O., May 27.-The National Negro American League adopted resolutions tonight condemning what the negroes call the policy of retrogression advocated by President Taft.

Appointments made by the President are criticised, especially of Democrats with alleged ante-bellum tendencies. The attitude of the President has had an ef fect prejudicial to the negro in industrial life, it is declared, insemuch as member ship in labor unions, which they have held for years, is now seriously objected

The "executive color line policy" of the President is denounced and it is de-manded that he square his policy with the Chicago platform so far as the 14th and 15th amendments are concerned. The league adopted an address to the Nation that was read at a John Brown

memorial meeting here tonight. Brown, aged Si, of Akron, O., son famous John Brown, and W. F. Cook. the form of letters sent through the of Baltimore, son of J. E. Cook, who was hanged with John Brown, made ad-

GREAT WILD HORSE HUNT Fifty Square Miles of Territory to Be "Driven" for New Steeds.

RENO, Nev., May 27 .- Under the leadmid Lake Indian reservation, and R. H. Cowles, a ranchman of Washoe County. the biggest wild horse hunt ever attempted in Nevada will be started tomorrow in the Limbo country, north of Wadsworth. Five hundred "buckaroos" from surrounding ranches will partici-

Fifty square miles of territory will be encircled by mounted men, who will drive toward a central point near the northern end of the Nightingale Mountains, where an immense corral has been erected.

The older horses will be shot, while the younger ones will be broken for saddle

HARRIMAN BUYS ENGINES Largest Order Since Panic Given

Philadelphia Firm.

PHILADELPHIA, May 27 .- It was reported here today that a contract for 105 locomotives had been placed with the Baldwin Locomotive Works by the Harriman lines. This is the largest order placed with the firm since the

to Columbia County as a young man to Furness Boat Limps Into St. Johns Badly Battered Forward.

ST. JOHNS, N. F., May 27.-With her bow badly damaged after a collision with an loeberg, the Furness liner Almeriana came into port today from Liverpool, She reported greaf quantities of ice off the The Almeriana hit the berg about midnight on Tuesday.

"JOY RIDES" TO CEASE It Is Larceny Now in New York to Borrow Automobiles.

ALBANY, N. Y., May 27.-Governor Hughes today signed the so-called "joy riding" automobile bill, making it lar-ceny for anyone to use an automobile without its owner's consent.

GETS PUGILISTIC

Texan "Mixes It" With Newspaper Man.

FIGHT IN SENATE CORRIDOR

New York Times Man Raps Solon With Umbrella.

FRIENDS PUT STOP TO ROW

Trouble Follows Fiery Denunciation of Article in Senate, in Which Bailey Calls Writer an "Infamous Liar."

WASHINGTON, May 27. -Bailey of Texas and W. S. Manning. representative of the New York Times in the Senate press gallery, exchanged blows just as the Senate adjourned today as the result of a conversation they had in reference to an article printed by the New York newspaper questioning the sincerity of the Sen

ator in his course on the income tax. Neither was injured, as they were sep arated by Senator Clapp, Porto Rican Commissioner Larrinaga, a number of Senate employes and several newspa-

Mr. Bailey made a hitter attack in the Senate upon the author of an ar-ticle in the New York Times charging that Senator Balley had played into the nds of Senator Aldrich by his course in demanding an immediate vote on the income tax amendment, and thus had caused a split of the forces supporting such an amendment.

Manning Accosts Senator.

Mr. Manning accested Mr. Builey after adjournment to inform him that he was inaccurate in suggesting Republi-can Senators as a possible source of inspiration for the article.

Mr. Bailey asked who wrote the ar-

ticle and at the same time declared, it is said, that the man who had written it was a "liar." The Senator's language was very em phatic and Mr. Manning responded that he "had not had the honor to write the

Mr. Bailey said that the word "honor" was emphasized in a manner intended to be offensive. The two men were directly in front of the door leading to the finance committee, and also in front of one of the private clevators. Sev eral persons heard the word proclaimed in a loud voice, and ther saw Mr. Balley and Mr. Manning clinch

Both Men "Mix It."

The latter alleged that Mr. Hailey hit him first. In the mixup Mr. Manning struck the Senator with his umbrells, knocking off his hat, and the Senator grabbed Mr. Manning by the

Just at that moment the elevator (Concluded on Page 2.)

NIGHT COURT HELD TO GRANT DIVORCE

WOMAN SEEKS RELEASE SO AS TO MARRY DYING MAN.

Had Interlocatory Decree and Fiance Was in Hospital for Opcration, Hence Haste,

REDDING, Cal. May M.-Because Al Frazer, of Stockton, Cal., to whom she to engaged to be married, is seriously ill and submit to an operation from which he may not recover, Mrs. Bernice Win chell, of Stockton, formerly Miss Bernice Bemis of this place, was granted an absolute decree of divorce from Winchell tonight, the court holding a night session in order that the engaged couple might wed before death intervened to prevent

Mrs. Winchell had been given an interlocutory decree of divorce some time ago, and the court bastened to comply with her wishes and go through the formality of entering the absolute decree. As soon as the order was filed, Mrs. Winchell was informed by wire that she was free to

STOCKTON, Cal., May 27.-Al France ashier of the California Navigation & Improvement Company, was operated upon tonight in St. Joseph's Home, but was not married. He is in a critical cor fittion, but the surgeons entertain hope of his recovery. His father is the leading banker in this city. Mr. Frazer was taken suddenly ill today. His fiancee had no reached here up to a late hour

CHILD CHOKED BY BEAN

Tries to Swallow It and Dies on Way to Doctor.

BILLINGS, Mont., May 27 .- (Special.) e 1-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. W. Lakinbeal, residing near this city. died this morning from the effects of choking caused by a bean which lodged in its throat. The child was playing with some beans and got one of them into its mouth, partly swallowing it. It lodged in the throat, which began swelling. The child was brought to the city and died just as the physician's office

TAFT'S SON FOLLOWS DAD

Is Elected to Same Senior Society at Yale as His Father.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., May E-Not in years has the interest in "tap day" at Yale been so keen as it was today in the selections for the three senior so-

Robert Taft, son of President Taft went to Skull and Bones, as did his father and his grandfather. After the other societies were filled, Carroll Cooney, the football player, declined an ele to Wolf's Head.

LIQUOR CAUSES DROWNING

Widow Gets \$5000 Verdict Against

VINCENNES, Ind., May 27 .- Mrs. Revtha Hillman, of Petersburg, Ind., was awarded \$5000 today in her damage suit against William E. Stewart, a saloonkeeper of Jimtown. The woman alleged that her husband was drowned while under the influence of liquor sold him by Stewart.

THOSE INDORSEMENTS.

Acts Promptly on Decision of Contest.

PHONE COMPANY MUST PAY

Court Declares State Franchise Not Binding.

CITY MAY CHARGE LICENSE

Sweeping Decision in Favor of City Ends Bitter Struggle and Now Company Must Pay and Get Franchise.

PASADENA, Cal., May II .- (Special)-Under the direction of City Electrician Reeves, expert wiremen tonight cut the cables of the Sunset (Pacific Bell) Telebone Company and effectively cut off this city from telephone communication by

This action marks the climax of a long and bitter war between the city and the telephone company over the question of franchise. A Superior Court decision by Judge Bordwell this morning was the cause of a hasty meeting of the City Council this afternoon, when it was de cided to cut the cables and remove the

Victory Won by City.

The Surset Company contended that was not obliged to ask a frapchise of the city for the operation of its business because of a blanket franchise granted by the state years ago. The city main-tuined that the company must get a frarchise, pay a license tax on its point of 75 cents every six months, and follow certain ordinances laid down by the City Council. All these things the company refused to do. Accordingly suit was brought Once the city was defeated, but City At torney J. Ferry Wood devised another way of getting the case before the courts, with today's result. Judge Bordwell's de cision was aweeping and sustained the city

Every Telephone Cable Cut.

on as the decision became know in this city, the members of the Council re called together in conference with City Attorneys Wood and Honberger apt action was advised. Mayor Early took part in the conference and after an hour's debate on the best method to adopt in forcing the telephone company to terms, Mr. Reeves was directed to get his force of men ready at I o'clock this Saturday night. One of the m

The men were sent out in sounds, each At 5:10 o'clock the first cable at Colorado at reet and Oakland avenue was cut. three handkerchiefs cut for masks, three bits the city was severed. There was into the city was severed. There was no disturbance, though large crowds assembled at each point of attack and instilly cheered the city's workmen.

The squads of wire-cutters, who trav-

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INDORSED BY E.S.J.MFALLISTER

INDORSED BY THE (LATE) MUNIC-

IPAL ASSOCIATION

STYON INDORSED BY THE

PEOPLE. (Received more votes than

all other candidates of all parties

KELLAHER INDORSED BY

YANKEE INVENTORS COST KRUPPS DEAR

ARMOR-HARDENING PROCESSES

German Concern Loses \$1,000,000 Annually in Royalties and Sends Man to Find Why.

PITTSBURG, May E.-Mystery sur sunded the visit of Haron von Beden hausen, of Krupp interests, to America until today. For some time no royalty has been paid Krupp by American mak ers of armor-plate, as Midvale. Carnegue and Bethlebem interests now have each an armor-plate hardening system of their own. It is \$15 per ton cheaper also, as this is the royalty which the American makers have been paying Krupp for rearn.

Baron von Bodenhausen came to America for the purpose of clearing up th armor-plate case. The Germans have no selfered that the American makers con have invented three different forms of hardening plate. The loss of revenue t the Germans has been very great, so the Baron came here to re-establish that

revenue if possible.

That the American companies had each invented armor-plate processes came as distinct news to Pittsburg. The coming of the German Baron appears to have made publicity imperative. Krupps question the legality of the American processes, and the Americans express a will ingness to demenstrate that their proceis no infringement. At armor-plate headroyalties amounted to \$1,000,000 annually

ATTEMPT OFFICIAL'S LIFE

Grand Councillor at Pekin Is Attacked in Carriage.

PERIN. May ZI.-(Special.)-A sensa onal attempt was made today to sesaesinate the venerable Grand Councillor Chang Chih Tung.

While driving from his home to the imperial palace for an audience. Chang's carriage was stopped by a man whom the outriders mistook for a friend. On reach ing the carriage, the man suddenly dres a short sword and lunged savagely and cut through Chang's outer robes. He was seized before severe injury was inflicted. The would-be assumed was identified a native of Shan Tung named Li Yee Ni. What impired the attack has not yet

developed. Yamen goesip attributes it to a deep political plot involving rivalry. The police are investigating the possible connection with a revolutionary society which has been under suvelliance since th scare preceding the late Emperor's fun

CATCH OMAHA SUSPECTS

Police Arrest Three Men for Union Pacific Train Robbery.

OMAHA, Neb., May E.-The police of South Omaha arrested tonight three men suspected of complicity in the Union Pa-cific train robbery mear this city fast \$125 and the second 206 and the third a

Children playing last night in the vicin ity where the arrests were made found place was watched. Four men were seen late tonight to approach the spoi where the outfit had been hidden, and three of them were arrested.

ctitious names and told differing stories. The clothing bears the mark of a Denver merchant. They told of having been with some women during the even ing, but would not divulge names.

PROPOSES BY TELEPHONE Walla Walla Chinaman Would Wed Spokane Japanese Girl.

SPOKANE, Wash, May 27 .- (Special) A Chinaman at Walla Walls, who did not give his name, called the probation this morning and asked for Anita Takaki, a 15-year-old Japanese. who was taken to the probation office last night. The caller was informed that he could not talk to the girl, and to Probation Officer B. G. Peters he confided his purpose in calling. He wanted the Japanese girl to come to Walla Walla and marry him.

negotiate such a deal over the tele-

Probation Officer Peters declined to

ROOSEVELT POLICIES LIVE Clews Says Taft Will Inject Them Into Laws.

NEW YORK, May M .- President Taft voiced into the Nation's heart. Thuse, therefore, who are so mistaken as to suppose that President Hoosevelt's poliand moral principles may become a dead letter in this Administration will be undeceived. They will discover that President Taft is not reactionary but

This prediction was made by Henry Clews, the New York banker, tonight inan address at the service dedicating the Roosevelt memorial window at the Metrepolitan Temple in this city.

SAYS AWAY WITH GIBBET Illinois House Votes to Abolish

Death Penalty.

SPRINGPIELD. III. May E.-A bill abolishing capital posishment in Illinois. passed the House today. It substitutes life imprisonment for the death penalty.

Hundreds in Chicago Make Easy Money.

THEIR LUCK IS PROVERBIAL

Now Racetracks Are Closed, No Other Way to Gamble.

QUIT WITH SMIALL PROFIT

Faith in Patten Enables Women to Buy Many Luxuries and Pay Many Bills-Market Falls on Good Crop News.

CHICAGO, May M .- (Special.)-The minine element has entered into the cramble for "easy money" which has accompanied the present sensational advance in prices of grain, due to the spectacular operations of James A. Patof women in Chicago and nearby towns have profited by following discreetly the "trades" of the "wheat king," according to guarded admission of LaBalle-street brokers today. Many of the we guit with much "money in the bank."

Buy When Patten Buys.

"The luck of the fair sex is proverhial." beyond the range of hearing of the room skyscraper. "Also, they place blind faith in a successful plunger. You know how it is on the racetrack. Of course, we don't call this gambling. Nevertheless, what would you call it when a woman with a few hundred dollars telephones me to huy May wheat when Patten docs, and sell b when he disposes of HT The average woit-not that men do, either, for that

Only Chance to Gamble

"You see," continued the dealer in "margine" and "options," warming to the subject, "there are lots of women in this town who used to pick up a few hundred now and then when the Washington Park racetrack was being operated a few years ago. Perhaps they have hus hands or brothers who have a weakness for the grain game. They heard them tell about the wenderful guessing ability Jim Patter-if you want to call it that-

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