

MR. WHEALDON HELD GUILTY OF BREACH

President of Union Pacific Life Accuses Plaintiff of Devaluing Value of Stock.

SHARE APPRAISAL IS \$70

Attempted Extortion Also Asserted in Combination Sale of Holdings and Judgment for \$2500 Against Company.

Stock in the defendant American Life Insurance Company would be worth \$100 a share today, if it were not for a breach of contract by Mr. Whealdon, a plaintiff in this suit.

This was the bomb dropped into a peaceful gathering at the Courthouse yesterday, at which depositions were being taken by Morton Gregory, president of the Union Pacific Life Insurance Company, one of the defendants.

Mr. Gregory went on to say that Mr. Whealdon used information given him in confidence to further his own interests at the expense of both the American and Union Pacific Life.

The information, he explained, was imparted in strict secrecy by Mr. Gregory at a meeting of the directors of the American Life. It was the proposed amalgamation of the First National Life (as the Union Pacific was then known) with the Northern Life of Seattle, the latter a corporation with assets of \$1,000,000.

Understanding in Charge. Mr. Gregory charged that Mr. Whealdon sold his stock in the American Life to the American Bookers Company of Tacoma and urged other stockholders to do the same, undermining the American Life. Then, accused Mr. Gregory, Mr. Whealdon began selling, under similar circumstances to the one now pending, against the Union Pacific Life.

Pending litigation for the Union Pacific Life threatened all plans for amalgamation with the Northern Life. Mr. Gregory further charged Mr. Whealdon with attempted extortion before filing the Houston suit in Tacoma. He is alleged to have obtained a judgment of \$2000 against the Union Pacific Life and money for the sale of his stock as well.

Changes of Silencing in the deposition taking were made by C. L. Whealdon, attorney for the stockholders, and brother of one of the plaintiffs. He accused both Mr. Gregory and N. W. Boushore yesterday of making long-winded statements with little point, when faced by possible damaging evidence on their part.

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Mr. Gregory denied that he had not paid for 4000 shares of stock in the name of himself and A. E. Braden, secretary of the company. He admitted having that stock and said that half of it was fully paid up.

Defendants' attorney said the court has no jurisdiction in the case, that the plaintiffs have no legal capacity to sue, that there is a defect in the title of the suit, and that the facts alleged are alleged to warrant an action by the plaintiffs, were filed in the Circuit Court by Mr. Gregory at yesterday.

The case will be argued before Judge Gates next week.

ROSARIAN MASCOT IS ILL

Edward E. Merges, Jr., 7-year-old son of Edward E. Merges, 621 Main street, was hurried to the Columbia Hospital yesterday, where he was operated on at 3 o'clock in the afternoon for appendicitis. He came from under the anesthetic well, and his recovery is reported last night as being very favorable for a complete and early recovery.

The lad has been ill for a week. Dr. E. A. Bennett and George Barry performed the operation.

The Merges boy has been mascot of the Rosarians on various trips to the California coast.

MOTOR SIGNS PROPOSED

Mechanical Device May Be Required to Designate Direction.

With a possibility of an ordinance to force materials to adopt some mechanical device on such automobile to indicate the direction in which the car is about to turn, the City Council yesterday delegated the Public Safety Commission as a special committee to investigate the various devices on the market.

WIDOWS DEFY ICE TO WED

Neither Thirteenth Nor Flies in River Deters 2 Vancouver Brides.

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POWER GIVEN PRESIDENT

County Fair Association Grants Increased Power to Executive.

GRESHAM, Or., Jan. 13.—(Special.)—At the meeting of the board of directors of the Multnomah County Fair Association, Monday, the board departed from the former practice and made H. A. Lewis president and manager of the grounds of the fair.

BOMB JUST MISSES JAPANESE PREMIER

Attack Made on Count Okuma in Densely Populated Section of Capital.

AUTO SLIGHTLY DAMAGED

Two Assassins Lie in Wait for Statesman on Way Home Late at Night From Banquet in Honor of Russian Grand Duke.

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The Premier was not injured. His secretary and the chauffeur also escaped unscathed. Two bombs were thrown at the Premier's automobile. One of them exploded just behind the machine. The second failed to explode.

The machine was traveling in a densely inhabited quarter of the city when a man rushed into the street and threw a bomb at the car. The missile broke a window in the machine, but glanced and rolled off into the gutter. The chauffeur, situated in danger, put on speed and managed to escape the second bomb, which fell behind the car and exploded. The car was slightly damaged.

The police kept the details of the attack quiet as long as possible, hoping to capture the assailant or assailants of the Premier. According to eyewitnesses of the attack, there were two bomb throwers. Both were dressed in European clothes, but presumably were Japanese.

At the banquet prior to the attack, which was attended by the royal princes, members of the Cabinet and other dignitaries, the Emperor and the Grand Duke exchanged congratulations and voiced satisfaction at the growth of the confidence and friendship existing between Japan and Russia.

The grand duke then presented to the Emperor and Empress the decorations of the Order of St. Andrew and the Order of St. Catherine in diamonds. They are the highest orders in the Russian court.

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Miss Anna Barrows, of the Teachers' College of Columbia University, who is a visitor in Portland, was entertained at an elaborate dinner last night in the Hotel Mallory with the Professional Women's League as hostesses. Miss Mary Frances Ison, president, presided.

At noon Miss Barrows was the guest of Miss Lillian Tingle at luncheon in the Benson Polytechnic School. Several prominent women were invited to meet the visitor.

SAFETY FORUM PROPOSED

Governor and Other Officials to Be Speakers January 28.

Governor Withycombe will be one of the speakers at a "Safety Forum" to be held in Portland January 28. If he accepts the invitation to be sent by the committee planning this event, Harvey Wells of the State Insurance Commission will also be asked to speak, as well as heads of the workmen's compensation bureau.

CITY VETERAN COMPLAINS

W. S. Chapman, Engineer, Protest Against Position Assigned.

W. S. Chapman, one of Portland's first city engineers and for 25 years an employe in the city engineering service, made a formal complaint to the Municipal Civil Service Board yesterday that he has been forced down from a position involving engineering to a mere clerical position, while others in his same rank and class have been pushed ahead and more salary paid them. The Board promised to investigate.

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