

NIGHTRIDER CASE IS CALLED IN TACOMA

Thirteen Pacific County Defendants Accused of Trying to Drive Off Settlers.

LONG TRIAL IS EXPECTED

Suit Is Result of Series of Alleged Threats and Intimidation of Homesteaders, Principally Margaret Ross and Family.

TACOMA, Dec. 7.—Thirteen of the alleged "night riders" from the North River country in Pacific County appeared in the Federal Court today for trial on a charge of conspiring to injure Mrs. Margaret Ross and other homesteaders in Pacific County.

The government and defense expect the case to last perhaps several weeks as indicated in the examination of the jurors.

The 13 defendants are Ralph and John Howard, Claude Vanderpool, Homer Blaine, Ernest and Walter Burke, Joseph Crawford, Virgil Dolan, Knott Dillard, Mike Harnahan, James C. Simmons, Trenton Tidwell and Earl Timmon.

They are charged in the indictment with having on several occasions, beginning July 15, 1913, conspired to drive Mrs. Margaret Ross and other homesteaders from their homes in Pacific County, by threats and intimidation, from their homesteads in Pacific County.

The defense will be that if the acts complained of were committed at all, they were committed by other persons. Mrs. Margaret Ross' first attempt in the Pacific County Court resulted in the arrest and conviction of her two sons, Earl and Frank, on a charge of assaulting a neighbor. Mrs. Ross then took the matter up with the Federal authorities. The grand jury last year indicted the 13 defendants, partly, it is said, as the result of the work of three Government special agents.

Jury Work Is Slow.

When the United States District Court adjourned today 23 talesmen had been examined for jurors and 11 of the number had been excused for cause or had been peremptorily challenged. A special venire had been called Wednesday and when the case opened before Judge E. E. Cushman the courtroom was filled with interested spectators, drawn by the widespread publicity which had been given the case.

As the jury stands tonight, it is composed of the following men: George Trager, retired, Tacoma; R. C. Hobbs, lumberman, Tacoma; C. W. White, launch operator, Cathlamet, Wash.; Charles E. Lyons, farmer, Amboy, Wash.; Fred H. Patterson, lumberman, Tacoma; Thomas Irving, dairyman, Cathlamet, Wash.; A. F. Naeff, furniture dealer, Tacoma; Phillip J. Horther, produce merchant, Tacoma; W. C. Hancock, real estate, Tacoma; Walter Clinton, inspector Washington Forest Fire Association, Adna, Wash.; E. Christie, railroad watchman, Tacoma.

Six Challenges Exercised.

In obtaining this number of jurors the defense exercised three of its 10 peremptory challenges, while the prosecution used three of the six challenges in examining the jurors. District Attorney Clay J. Adams, however, did not represent the government, while the defense was represented by John T. Welsh, of South Bend, and A. R. Tidwell, of Tacoma. W. H. Abel, of Montesano, will not take part in the case at this time.

The work of selecting the jury is being carried on with the utmost care by both sides, the least deviation from the customary answers to the questions of the attorneys, subjecting the prospective juror to a grilling. It is believed that the jury will not be completed late tomorrow.

The 13 defendants will all be tried together. In this connection the Government won the first skirmish between the opposing attorneys. Judge Cushman denied the motion of Attorney Welsh, for the defense, that the prosecution should be required to indict under which of the four counts in the indictment the defendants will be tried, and try specific defendants for acts charged to some of them in the indictment. Mr. Welsh took exception to the ruling of Judge Cushman.

POLK BUDGET 22 MILLS

Public Hearing on Adoption Set for December 29.

DALLAS, Or., Dec. 7.—(Special.)—Polk County Court has adopted its tentative budget for 1917, and proposes to levy a tax of 22 mills, the full limit permitted by law. Over \$200,000 dollars has been placed in the budget for the construction of the Salem bridge. One year ago more than \$50,000 was raised by taxes for this purpose, but it is said that most of this was applied to other purposes. A determined effort will be made at once to bring the Salem bridge construction to a head, so that work will commence in the Spring of next year.

The court will hold its public budget meeting on December 29.

NOTE SIGNED BY MISTAKE

Oregon City Man Shows He Thought It Was Insurance Application.

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 7.—(Special.)—T. C. Miller, employed as a musician in a local theater, today won an action before Circuit Judge Campbell, wherein L. A. Buller attempted to collect from him \$62, alleged due on a promissory note.

Mr. Miller alleged he signed the note believing it an application for an insurance policy. He said he signed the note without reading it.

Illness Cuts Kelso Attendance.

KELSO, Wash., Dec. 7.—(Special.)—School attendance in Kelso schools suffered more from absence than account of actual illness the past month than during any previous month, according to the report of the superintendent Lee F. Jones. Absences for the month totaled 338 days, as compared with 151 in the corresponding month last year.

20 Have Diphtheria at Shelton.

SHELTON, Wash., Dec. 7.—Twenty cases of diphtheria have developed in Shelton since last Friday, when a son of Horace Dumbach was stricken with the disease. The cases have since developed in four families. The public schools, therefore, today held assemblies of all sorts have been closed.

Embargo on Food Exports Urged.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 7.—The Seattle Central Labor Council last night passed a resolution demanding that Congress place an embargo on exportation of all food. The resolution was telegraphed today to all Washington Senators and Representatives in Congress.

WOMAN WHO CAUSED PROSECUTIONS IN NIGHTRIDER CASES.



MRS. MARGARET M. ROSS.

PIONEER DIES AT 98

Reuben Gant Passes Away at His Home in Philomath.

PLAINS CROSSED IN '50S

Residence Maintained in Willamette Valley More Than Half Century and Service Seen in Rogue River Indian Wars.

PHILOMATH, Or., Dec. 7.—(Special.)—Reuben Gant, Oregon pioneer and long a resident of the city, died at his home in Philomath Wednesday. Mr. Gant would have been 99 years old next May. Until a year ago he enjoyed robust health, but for the past several months has been confined to his bed. The funeral was held here Thursday from the United Brethren Church.

Reuben Gant was born in Indiana and for more than half a century he has been a resident of the Willamette Valley, living in Benton County the greater part of that time. He was the first man to bring a wheeled vehicle over the Cascade Mountains, following a route and breaking a trail over what later became known as the Barlow road.

When a young man Reuben Gant taught school in Indiana; then he went to Missouri, following the same vocation. Parties were being organized there to go to the Far West, and young Gant joined one of these in the early '50s. When they reached Eastern Oregon they found further progress blocked by the Cascade barrier. The leader wanted to halt or take another route. Gant believed they could get over the range. He was offered the best cow in the outfit if he would successfully lead the way over the mountains. He did this, although they were obliged at one place to lower the wagons over a bluff by ropes. Gant, for some reason, did not get the cow, but was paid for his services.

He and his bride came to the Willamette valley and settled in the daughter of the leader as his wife. He went to Southern Oregon when gold was discovered in the Rogue River country. He served as a soldier through a part of the Rogue River Indian War.

After the Indian War he returned to the Willamette valley and has remained there ever since. For almost 40 years he has been a continual resident of Benton County, near Philomath.

POSTOFFICE AIDS IN CHASE

Four Inspectors Take Trail of Idaho Stage Robbers.

SPOKANE, Dec. 7.—Four postoffice inspectors, two from the Spokane district and two from the San Francisco office, were today placed on the trail of the highwaymen who held up and robbed, after killing the driver, the mail stage running between Roscon, Idaho, and Jarbidge, Nev., yesterday. A shirt and an overcoat covered with blood were found near the scene of the robbery, and the opinion is expressed that F. Searcy, driver of the stage, wounded one of the robbers before he was shot through the back.

It is thought the robbers obtained in excess of \$3000 when they rifled the mail pouches. The money in the pouches was intended for the payroll of the Long Hike mine near Jarbidge.

BANK ROBBERS NOT TAKEN

Four Reported in Party That Pillaged Bothell Institution.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 7.—The robbers who forced the cashier of the State Bank of Bothell, to deliver \$4000 to them yesterday are believed to have made their way out of the woods in which they found shelter and to have reached Seattle.

According to Harry Mori, the Japanese chauffeur who conveyed the robbers to Bothell, there were four men in the party, one of whom stood guard outside while three entered the bank.

PEDDLING TO BE STOPPED

Kelso Also Decides on Construction of Much Sidewalk.

KELSO, Wash., Dec. 7.—(Special.)—The Kelso City Council last night voted to enforce the anti-peddling ordinance as soon as the legal rights of

the city under the ordinance can be determined. An account of the operation of two meat-peddling wagons within the city limits this question has aroused much heated debate within the past few months.

An ordinance providing for the construction of five-foot cement walks in the residential districts was passed, and another ordinance to regulate the use of Fourth of July explosives will be ready for passage at the next meeting.

42 SENTENCES COMMUTED

Governor of Montana Shows Favor to Two Life-Term Men.

HELENA, Mont., Dec. 7.—Governor Stewart today commuted the sentences of 42 prisoners in the state prison. Among these were two men serving 99-year sentences, one of which term was cut to 20 years and the other to not less than 18, nor more than 99. The commutations are subject to approval by the State Board of Pardons.

Walter Whitworth, who killed Adolph Levin while foreman of the great Gifford and Reader ranch in Northern Montana, had his 10-year sentence made indeterminate between three and 10, and George Melville, who slew a neighbor at Bald Butte in a row over Melville's wife in 1907, had his 20-year term changed to between 9 and 20 years.

CARLO TITA FACES CHARGE

Accusation of Practicing Medicine Without License Pressed.

Prosecution of Carlo Tita, of 220 1/2 Hall street, for practicing medicine without a license, opened before District Judge Bell yesterday, and will be concluded today.

Tita, who was said by Attorney A. B. Ferrara to be worth between \$30,000 and \$35,000, is accused of representing himself to John Fata, of 556 Hood street, on April 6 last, as a competent physician and to have collected \$105 from Fata for "curing" him of a dread disease, which Fata never had.

Tita admitted that he had no license to practice medicine.

LEWIS OFFICIALS TO SHIFT

Newly-Elected Ones to Assume Posts January 8.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Dec. 7.—(Special.)—The officers recently elected in Lewis county will assume their duties on January 8. Mrs. Cora Black, elected clerk, is the only new officer to announce her chief deputy. Charles Hoos, of this city, was appointed.

It is understood that Floyd Hancock, a Chehalis attorney, will be deputy prosecutor, and that Ed Detering and J. G. Kriebel, of this city, will be deputies under Sheriff-elect Berry. It is expected that J. C. Dallava will be chief deputy under Mrs. Bertha Gage, Auditor-elect. These are the only county offices in which the administration is changed.

MILLS CUT DOWN OUTPUT

Lumbermen Also Reject Orders Because of Car Shortage.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 7.—The West Coast Lumbermen's Association reports that Pacific Northwest lumber mills are turning away orders and curtailing production on account of car shortage. Production has been reduced nearly 22 per cent. In the matter of car supply, lumbermen are averaging 50 per cent of their immediate requirements. A number of mills are closing for the remainder of the year. Cargo ships, both coast and offshore, have taken a sudden spurt.

\$1960 PAID FOR STEER

Detroit Packer Buys California Prize Animal at Chicago.

CHICAGO, Dec. 7.—California Favorite awarded the grand steer championship of the International Livestock Exposition here, was sold at auction today to a Detroit packing firm for \$1960. The price is declared to be the highest ever paid for beef. The price per pound was \$1.75.

The steer was raised by the University of California and the proceeds of the sale will go to the agricultural department of that institution.

Hatcheries Bill Passes House.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 7.—The House of Representatives today passed the omnibus fish hatchery bill, which carries \$50,000 each for hatcheries on the Columbia River and Lake Quinalt and in Idaho.



OREGON HENS LISTED

Honors to Be Sought in Seattle Show Next Week.

Local Exhibit Regarded as Great Success and Numerous Sales Are Reported—Special Rabbit Prize Goes to Mrs. E. J. Clarke.

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they are busy with the circulation of petitions.

THEFT IS NOT PROVED

Vancouver Man Acquitted of Chicken Theft Charge.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 7.—(Special.)—J. R. Richardson, charged with stealing chickens from T. E. Rand, was acquitted today before Justice of the Peace Derr.

Mr. Rand had heard his rooster crow in the henhouse of Mr. Richardson. He called the police and there found his five chickens. Richardson was arrested, charged with stealing them. He pleaded not guilty.

The state failed to prove Mr. Richardson had stolen the chickens. The state will have to pay the costs, amounting to nearly \$15. Mr. Rand got his chickens back.

RAILROAD STEP IS TAKEN

Klamath Falls Council Passes Bond Ordinance to Third Reading.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Dec. 7.—(Special.)—The ordinance calling for the sale by the City of Klamath Falls of the \$300,000 bond issue to assist Robert E. Strahorn in the construction of the Oregon, California & Eastern Railroad, has been passed by the City Council on the third reading. Next Monday evening is set as the time for the voting on final passage. The vote was unanimous.

The ordinance provides that 300 6 per cent bonds of \$1000 each shall be sold by the city.

Silverton Plant Carries Water.

SILVERTON, Or., Dec. 7.—(Special.)—Water was turned into the pipes of Silverton's new auxiliary water system Wednesday. The plant was just completed at a cost of \$21,000. The source of the water supply is in the Albion Basin, and this system will be used by the Silverton Lumber Company and the Silver Falls Timber Company to provide water for the mill ponds. Water from this system will also be used in the residence district of North Silverton.

Polk Recall Stimulated

Advertisement for Work on Censured Improvement Resented.

DALLAS, Or., Dec. 7.—(Special.)—Polk County Court, in the absence of County Judge Teal, has advertised for bids for the fencing of the right of way on the members of the court for the original making of the improvement, which included a mile of hard-surface pavement and the construction of a new concrete bridge. The award will be made December 23, and it is reported that a large delegation of citizens will be on hand to protest this expenditure of money.

This new action on the part of the court has added new life to the recall movement. The recallers are working quietly, but it is reliably reported that

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PLAGUE SHUTS SCHOOLS

MILWAUKIE DISCOVERS CASE OF INFANTILE PARALYSIS.

New Grade School Is to Be Fumigated and Classes May Be Resumed Monday—Teachers Not Delayed.

MILWAUKIE, Or., Dec. 7.—(Special.)—As a precaution against the spread of infantile paralysis among Milwaukie school children, the Board of Education decided tonight to close both the grammar and the high school at once. The meeting was called on account of a case of poliomyelitis which was discovered in the school.

Bernice Noakes, the 7-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Noakes, at Evergreen Station, at the Milwaukie city limits, who was stricken on the way home from school Monday was diagnosed as a sufferer from the disease.

It was indicated last night that the closing of the school would only be temporary. It is intended to fumigate thoroughly the structure and if safety can be assured by Monday the Board will probably order a resumption of studies.

Sessions of teachers' institute will be transferred to the Milwaukie City Hall. The Milwaukie School is a new and thoroughly modern structure which has only been in use for about a week. The attendance in high school and grades is approximately 400.

Conductor Subpenaed in Caplan Case

ASHLAND, Or., Dec. 7.—(Special.)—J. H. Turner, Southern Pacific passenger conductor here, has been summoned to Los Angeles on a subpoena to testify in the second trial of Caplan, one of the alleged dynamite conspirators connected with the blowing up of the Times newspaper office in that city some years ago. Turner's testimony is supposed to be connected with the transportation of an empty tourist car on his train in which it is thought Caplan may have been secreted.

FRUIT CAKES ARE MAILED

One Goes to American Marine, One to British Officer.

ALBANY, Or., Dec. 7.—(Special.)—Two very large fruit cakes have been sent out on long journeys by parcel post. One weighing eight pounds was shipped to Scotland, and the other, nine pounds in weight, was sent to Santa Domingo. Though these cakes were sent by different persons, they went in each instance to a soldier. The one to Santa Domingo was sent to a member of the United States marine now on duty there, and the one to Scotland was sent to an officer in the English army.



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