

CRITICISM SAID TO BE BASED ON ERROR

Mr. Thatcher Answers Points Raised by Mr. Tongue in Probe of Pender Case.

CAUSE FOR STUDY TOLD

Investigator Says He is Spending Own Money to See Justice Done. Examination of Hair to Be Important, He Thinks.

BY GEORGE A. TEACHER. There were three slight errors in a statement attributed to me in the Oregonian Wednesday in the Pender matter, but I did not write the statement, and so I decline responsibility for them.

They were not so amazing to me as they evidently were to Mr. E. B. Tongue, judging from his average attack on me in the Oregonian Friday.

Expenses Paid Himself. There is no occasion for Mr. Tongue to lose his temper. I have undertaken to make an investigation of the Wehrman murder as a director of the Oregon Prisoners' Aid Society, as I occasionally do in other cases. There is no money in the treasury and no one has promised any pay prospectively, contingently in this case or any other case.

What expense money I have used I have paid out of my own pocket, because I became satisfied that an innocent man was paying the penalty for another's crime. I have not now, and never have had, any connection with the defense of Pender. As for my work being a newspaper advertisement, it is perfectly obvious that the slightest error or indiscretion on my part would obtain advertising for me that would make me ridiculous.

Miscarriage of Justice Believed. It is not a popular thing to say that there has been a miscarriage of justice, but I believe that there has been in this matter. I have indulged in no personalities and said distinctly that I was expressing no disrespect for the Supreme Court or the trial courts or the prosecuting officers.

Mr. Tongue refers to my "theory that Wehrman killed his wife" as having no such theory, and I consider it absurd and slanderous. I don't know Mr. Wehrman, but I believe it to be impossible, from the nature of the crime, the crime, either guilty of it or that he procured it. That is sufficient answer to that charge.

Mr. Tongue says that my interview in the Oregonian, which was identified as the one she placed in the improvised mail box near Pender's cabin on September 2, that according to the report of testimony at the preliminary hearing in October, 1911, Mr. Wehrman said, in answer to a question, that this package was in his hands on Sunday before last, in Portland. That can be easily verified.

Revolver Question Dismissed. I also said that apparently no question was asked Mr. Wehrman about the paper. The reporter bulled this down, which was not in my report. I read it and which induced Mr. Tongue to say: "This statement by Mr. Thatcher is absolutely untrue."

Mr. Tongue says that I claim "it was contended at the trial that the Riley & Hazen revolver was stolen on Sunday," and adds, "No such suitably evidence was ever made." This was simply a typographical error, and if Mr. Tongue had taken the pains to read the sentence carefully he would have noticed that fact. Here, that the Oregonian said on Wednesday:

That the Wehrman murder was committed Sunday, September 2, and not on the following day, as stated by the reporter, Mr. Thatcher has brought to light. This matter was brought to the attention of Mr. Thatcher, as the Riley and Hazen revolver was stolen on Sunday, and the fact that the revolver was taken on that day, although it was alleged at the trial that the revolver was taken Sunday.

The last word should be "Monday," instead of "Sunday," as the context plainly shows.

This has been my belief all along, and Governor Withcombe will soon have the affidavits and transcript, which will show that this was the broken link in the prosecution's chain of evidence.

Hair Study Called Important. Mr. Tongue says, "Mr. Thatcher says he has an affidavit from Haasen to the effect that the hair found in the car was taken before September 6." I have not said so, and I defer to affidavits of Miller and Egan, which is nearly correct. I had Miller's and a copy of Phelan's, although September 6 was substituted for September 9.

What Mr. Tongue says about Sierks' confession is untrue, both as to Mr. MacLaren and as to me. As for the microscopic study of the hair, that is an important point, and Governor Withcombe realized it. The hair found in Mrs. Wehrman's hands is precisely similar in structure to Sierks' hair. Governor Withcombe became interested in the microscopic examination and desires to submit Mrs. Wehrman's hair and her little boy's to a similar examination.

Theory Thought Wrong. Mr. Tongue says that it was generally conceded by all concerned that the hair was the baby's hair. There is no ground for such a conclusion until the hair from the baby's head has been examined and compared with the hair found in Mrs. Wehrman's hands.

Mr. Tongue professes to put words into my mouth as to the prosecution being right in its guesses. I have said all along and say now that the prosecution was working on a mistaken theory, and that the verdict obtained was a false verdict which has caused unlimited sorrow and suffering to several families and individuals, and has resulted in shutting an innocent man in the penitentiary for life.

Apology Thought Due. Why should I go to the men who put him there? They can't get him out even if they could be convinced of their blunder.

This is too serious a matter for personalities. I can expect nothing but ridicule and scorn. If Mr. Tongue, I think he owes me an apology for his loose and careless and reckless accusations, unless, of course, he took this method of trying to catch an investigation of his official acts.

WOMAN JITNEY BUS DRIVER, WHO MAKES MEN HUSTLE.



MRS. JENNIE RIEMANN.

LADY IN JITNEY WINS

First Fair Bus Driver in City is Mrs. Jennie Riemann.

ENVY OF MEN WINS TRADE

Woman, Without Professional Experience, as Own Mechanic and Able Pilot, Says Work in Business That Pays is Pleasure.

Portland has a woman jitney bus driver.

She is Mrs. Jennie Riemann, of 3215 North Fifteenth street, who drives her car from 10 o'clock in the morning until 10 at night from Second and Washington streets to Twenty-third and Thurman. Mrs. Riemann owns her own car, is her own mechanic and has had no professional experience heretofore. She is a capable driver and a generous one, in many cases going out of her way to oblige her passengers.

Mrs. Riemann is an attractive, dark-eyed little woman who knows her business and knows she knows it, and is as independent and self-reliant as a man could be. She is enterprising, too. She doesn't hesitate to drive near the curb and call "Twenty-third street."

"People are riding in her car, a lot of them. Thursday night at one time she had 15 passengers, and ran her car up the Ford street grade on high gear. She is proud of that and satisfied with her own prowess as a driver.

She has been driving five days and made, on her fourth day, \$18.25. "I get the passengers because I can give the service," she said. "All the men who have ridden with me declare when I turned to go to San Francisco to drive there during the fair."

Mrs. Riemann makes the trip from one end of the line to the other in about 15 minutes. She drives carefully and has a keen eye for distance, but at the same time she loses no time and drives as fast as traffic rules allow at all times.

Incidentally, Mrs. Riemann is a favorite of the traffic policeman, who smiles and seems reassured when they see her coming.

"I believe I have the men all backed off the map," she smiled. "I get good tips where they don't, and the women like to ride with me. I am heartily glad that I began this, and I am getting a lot of pleasure out of it, besides a good living."

"I WILL" SPIRIT URGED

Mr. Colt Tells Y. M. C. A. Gathering Optimism Aids Business.

In his address Friday at the clubmanship rally in the Y. M. C. A., C. C. Colt, president of the Commercial club, declared that the mental attitude has much to do with the effect of business depression.

Mr. Colt said that the business man should have the spirit of optimism, and that the spirit of "I will" is destined to revolutionize commercial relations in the city and state.

programme furnished the diversions of the evening.

The programme follows: Selections, Clifford's Junior Orchestra of 10 pieces; recitation, Maxter Rodger Collins; violin selection, Miss Catherine Davis, Dr. C. B. Shaw accompanist; baritone solo, A. E. Cain, Miss Agnes Senn accompanist; selections, Clifford's Junior Orchestra; soprano solo, Miss Susan Naufig; Mrs. Howard Bennett accompanist; recitation, Mrs. E. C. Geeslin; address, J. N. Davis, formerly of Lawrence, Kan.

In his address Mr. Davis dwelt upon the part Kansas has played in the history of the United States, especially with reference to the Civil War and the time just preceding it. He said that Kansas was one of the direct causes of the war, because had it not been for the anti-slavery clause in the Southern States would probably not have been so anxious to secede.

He spoke of the growth of the state from 35,000 50 years ago to 1,600,000 at the present. He also made humorous mention of the "dryness" of the state, saying that in some parts the "people could live on alfalfa."

Impromptu speeches by other members of the society were enjoyed.

TOWN WET 91 YEARS, DRY

CHANGE COMES SO QUICKLY THAT MANY ARE AFFECTED.

Four Already Have Petitioned for Refund on Licenses and Total Is Estimated at \$6673.75.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 30.—(Special.)—For the first business day in the 91 years of its history not a drop of liquor could be bought in this city legally Friday. The saloons and liquor houses closed so suddenly that many of those who usually keep liquor in their homes were left without supplies.

The first liquor to be seized was that of Frank J. Lackoff, of the Brewery Resort; who operated until after 5 o'clock yesterday, finally being arrested by the Sheriff, who now has charge of the place. Mr. Lackoff was released on a \$500 bond last night.

Already four saloonkeepers have asked the city for a refund of the unexpired portions of their licenses. Should all of the unexpired portions of the licenses be granted, it is estimated that the city will have to pay out \$6673.75.

The brewery, which sells much of its product in Portland, is still in operation. It has been estimated that the soldiers spend \$900 to \$10,000 a month here for liquor, and this will be transferred in some degree to Portland.

The City Council will hold a meeting Monday night to take up the question of refunding the unexpired portions of saloon licenses. It may be that several more applications will have been received by that time.

In the meantime Vancouver is experiencing the novelty of being absolutely dry.

HEADACHE POWDER KILLS

Acetanilid Is Cause of Death of Mrs. Edith Bird Elmer, Say Physicians.

LUMBER MEN PLAN NEW ORGANIZATION

Proposals to Revive Trade in Northwest Discussed at Tacoma Meeting.

SHIP PURCHASE NOT LIKED

Navigation Law Blamed for Lack of Merchant Marine—Oregon Legislature Asked to Set Aside \$450,000 for Irrigation

TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 30.—(Special.)—Reorganization to better the conditions of the lumber industry was definitely decided on at the annual meeting of the West Coast Lumber Manufacturers' Association Friday afternoon. Plans have been under way looking to this end for some time and a committee has been working on a plan and submitted it today.

This was the main business of the long session attended by leading lumbermen of the North Pacific Coast. Evening the deliberations was a discussion when D. E. Skinner, of Seattle, who has recently returned from Washington, D. C., in the interest of legislation to aid the lumbermen, pointed out what he said were the dangers of the ship purchase bill.

Navigation Laws Condemned. Mr. Skinner also read a telegram he had written to send Secretary Redfield, offering to form a ship corporation if the navigation laws were changed to make it possible for the shipping business to be profitable. He asked if the association would go on record to condemn President Wilson for pushing the ship purchase bill.

After discussion the association came to a straddle. A resolution was adopted to amend the constitution and the cause of no merchant marine. Then, as individuals, the lumbermen voted that a strong message be sent to Congress, Secretary Redfield and President Wilson condemning the ship purchase bill.

As outlined by the committee consisting of E. G. Griggs, E. E. Amos, E. R. Hazen, A. C. Dixon and H. Kirk, the reorganization will be accomplished by creating branches of districts without destroying the association as at present constituted by giving the 11 trustees absolute power to conduct the affairs of the association.

There will be a vice-president for Washington and one for Oregon, who will preside at monthly meetings of the members in their respective states.

Co-operation Called Way to Win. President W. B. Mackay, of Portland, in his annual report referred to a brief way to business depression of the last year. He said that the belief of some members that nothing could be done to stem the unfavorable tide is wrong.

"I wish to urge upon you," President Mackay said, "to consider what co-operation means and what can be accomplished if we will work to it end. Great good will come to us and it is up to all of us to work to that end. We are facing a crisis. Co-operation for the proper sort means help with every hope for ultimate success."

Eleven new trustees were elected, and will name their executive officers when their organization plan is complete. Following are the trustees: Portland district—H. Kiek, Portland, J. J. Don, Eugene.

Upper Columbia—E. B. Hazen, Portland; Lower Columbia, R. S. Shaw, Astoria; Willapa Harbor, E. J. Gaudette, South Bend; Central, A. N. Higgs, McCormick; Grays Harbor, A. W. Middleton, Aberdeen; Lower Sound, J. J. Dempsey, Tacoma; Central Sound, C. G. Bronson, Seattle; Northwest Sound, J. H. Bled, Seattle, and British Columbia, E. J. Palmer, Vancouver.

The Oregon delegation presented a resolution asking the association to petition the Oregon Legislature to appropriate \$450,000 to carry on irrigation work in Central Oregon in order that the Federal appropriation in that state which has been allotted to Oregon may become available. The resolution was adopted.

EX-PRESIDENT'S SON TAKEN

Captain Casimir-Perier Is Prisoner in German Lines.

TROYES, via Paris, Jan. 30.—Captain Claude Casimir-Perier, son of the ex-President of France, was taken prisoner during the recent battle at Soissons, according to the Petit Troves. The paper adds that the distinguished conduct of Captain Casimir-Perier in this fight gained him special mention in the army orders.

The Paris Petit, dated December 4, said that Claude Casimir-Perier, then lieutenant in the Eighteenth Infantry Regiment at Fontainebleau, recently had been severely wounded.

POLICE RAID 86 HOUSES

Fifty-Four Women and 16 Men Arrested in Los Angeles.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 30.—In a general police vice crusade, officers had raided 86 lodging-houses and all alleged gambling places at midnight. At that hour squads of patrolmen still were investigating other places.

A total of 54 women and 16 men were arrested in the raids.

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