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TESTIMONY IN THE WOOD CASE

Gen. Wood Had Prior Knowledge of Magazine Article Attacking His Superior.

REBUTTAL FILED AGAINST CHARGES MADE BY BRISTOW.

Defense Makes Admissions, But Qualifies Them—Other Defendants Go Before the United States Circuit Court at Baltimore With Demurrers—Are Charged With Defrauding Witnesses, Including Postmaster-General.

Washington, Nov. 30.—Rathbone, before the committee on military affairs this morning, urged the recall of General Bliss.

Horatio Rubens, who was counsel for the Cuban junta during the revolution, testified he could not accept Wood's word on anything even under oath. He went into details, showing Wood did not know the contents of the magazine article prepared by Huncle before its publication, and made comments on it afterward.

General Brooks is on the stand this afternoon.

Attack Bristow's Report. Cincinnati, Nov. 30.—Myring, of the Ault & Wadsworth ink manufacturing firm, this morning declares Bristow's report is entirely unjust to Heath. He says Heath and Louis should have left the position for the selection of Laka.

Also says the statement made in Bristow's report that Heath bought stamps for cancelling to the amount of \$14,000 in one year is not true, as the greatest amount ever sold in one year amounted to \$10,000.

He admits the price paid to be several cents higher per each stamp than that paid heretofore, but says that they could not be gotten for less; and also claims the inks, while the government paid an increased price for them, are absolutely indelible, which in itself saves the government thousands of dollars each year by effectively preventing the reuse of stamps.

Motion to Dismiss Appeal. Washington, Nov. 30.—In the supreme court today A. P. Brown, in behalf of the Northern Securities, submitted a motion to dismiss the appeal of the state of Minnesota in the case against the merger on the ground that the appeal, if made at all, should have been made in the United States circuit court of appeals, and not to the supreme court.

Fight Over Demurrer. Baltimore, Nov. 30.—Attorney Bryn an in an argument for the demurrers in the postoffice cases, started before the circuit court this morning, making a statement charging the government with holding up Bristow's report until this morning for discreditable purposes, influencing the public against the defendants.

The cases opened are those of rural delivery clerks McGregor and Upton, charged with conspiracy with Chas. Smith to defraud 60 witnesses, including Payne. For the first time Bona parte appeared personally as a special prosecutor.

WALLA WALLA WHEAT. Bluestem Eased Off After Standing Up to 70%.

Walla Walla, Nov. 30.—So far as could be ascertained, about 12,000 or 15,000 bushels of wheat changed hands Saturday. Bluestem started up in the morning at 70 to 75, closed on easy quotations, but later on eased off half a cent.

Some bluestem was bought at 59 1/2, but the quality was probably below grade.

TRIAL OF MRS. M'KNIGHT. Michigan Woman Accused of Poisoning Her Husband.

Cadillac, Mich., Nov. 30.—The Westford county circuit court was through today when the case of Mrs. McKnight the Kalkaska woman charged with poisoning her husband and children, was called for trial. An extra panel of talesmen was on hand and the work of selecting a jury was commenced. The trial promises to be one of the most sensational that has ever been held in Michigan.

ONE SENATOR SHORT. District Decides Not to Elect a Successor to Williamson at Present.

Princeton, Nov. 30.—The senatorial district comprising Crook, Grant, Klamath and Lake counties has decided not to elect a successor to State Senator Williamson for the special session.

was taken down to Baker City last week and it is estimated at \$40,000. The Alamo mill is completed and ready to start up. The flume is almost finished and as soon as this is connected up all operations will commence. It is expected that within two weeks the stamps will be dropping. There are over 3,000 feet of underground work done in the Alamo and large bodies of ore are blocked out for milling.

J. W. VIRTUE DEAD. Prominent Mining Man of Baker City Is No More.

Portland, Nov. 30.—J. W. Virtue, the pioneer mining man of Eastern Oregon, died at his home in Portland Saturday at 2 p. m. He had been sick for several months, but the news of his death came as a shock to his many friends in this section of the state. At the time of his death he was 68 years of age. His wife and two children survive him. The children are Robert Virtue and Mrs. Lillah Hardy.

Mr. Virtue was born in Canada. He came to Oregon in 1822 from Council Bluffs, Iowa, where he had been engaged as a banker's clerk. He located at Auburn, then went to Baker City and engaged in mining there and on Clark's creek. Some years later he became the owner of the rich Virtue mine, which was named after him, and which he later sold to G. W. Brayson of San Francisco.

Mr. Virtue was actively engaged in politics and in 1866 was elected sheriff of Baker county, which office he filled during two terms. Afterwards he engaged in banking and brokerage business and became prominent as a capitalist all over the state. Of late years he has been engaged in mining in the south part of the state and has made his home in Portland.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC BURNED. Famous Old Headquarters for the Union Element in Brooklyn.

New York, Nov. 30.—The famous old Academy of Music in Brooklyn, destroyed by fire this morning.

A defective fuse fell, breaking wires and starting a fire which spread rapidly, until at noon only a portion of the walls is left standing. Loss, \$250,000, uninsured.

It was built in 1840 and was first prominent as a meeting place for abolitionists before the civil war. Henry Ward Beecher used it as an auditorium.

One Life Lost. The body of an unidentified man found in the ruins at 1 this afternoon.

WAS MEMBER OF KID CURRY GANG. PATROL GUARDS PUT AROUND EVERY CELL.

Precautions Taken That the Prisoners Shall Not Be Released by Outriders Dynamiting the City Jail—Crimes so Heinous and Guilt so Demonstrated Immediate Punishment is Sure.

Chicago, Nov. 30.—The four extra bandits were placed under extra guards at the Harrison street station this morning to prevent a jail delivery. An armed patrol in the corridors and any immediate relatives are allowed entrance, the bandits being treated as ordinary prisoners.

Speedy trial, conviction and execution is expected. Vandine's sweet heart, Mamie Dunn, is exploiting herself in a museum again to raise funds for his defense.

Member of Kid Curry Gang. Vandine admits he was a member of the Kid Curry gang of Idaho desperadoes, and has accomplices and friends in and about the Hole in the Wall.

Rooseki, least given to boasting of the quartet, says Vandine will be rescued by friends from the far West if a chance is offered. Rooseki was first of the bandits to weaken, and assed the morning preceding in his cell.

The police gave sufficient credence to possible attempts at rescue to organize a patrol guard, whose rounds are around the outer walls, to prevent a possible attempt at dynamiting.

SURVEY COMPLETED. Feasible Route for the C. R. & C. O. R. R. Now Located.

Condon, Nov. 30.—The surveyors of the Columbia River & Central Oregon Railroad company completed their preliminary survey to Condon Saturday. Mr. Bellinger, the engineer in charge of the work, stated that they had secured a good grade all the way.

CATTLE THIEF SKIPS. Member of Ill-Fated Pruett Family Disappears.

Canyon City, Or., Nov. 30.—Alarmed at the prospect of falling into the hands of the Prairie City Cattlemen's association and being called upon to face the charge of stealing and slaughtering a fine beef animal belonging to his brother-in-law, Fred French, Fred Pruett has entirely disappeared. It is generally surmised that Pruett is in hiding in the immediate neighborhood, although the officers seem to think that he has left the country.

Pruett is a nephew of H. M. Pruett, an old and much esteemed pioneer of the neighborhood, who has raised the young man. He has a wife and three small children. His career recalls the many disasters that have befallen the family.

His cousin "Mug" Pruett was killed in a drunken brawl at Mitchell last Fourth of July, since which time two other members of the family have met sudden deaths, and still another was frightfully maimed in an accident at the Dixon Meadows mine.

Investigating Library Plans. Walla Walla, Nov. 30.—In order that the city council may have some data to work upon, a number of the prime movers in the library cause have been investigating the probable cost of certain pieces of property that may be available for a site for the building. Several desirable locations have been suggested and it is probable that the council will be willing to agree to the terms asked for by Andrew Carnegie.

To Decide Armstrong Case. Baker City, Nov. 30.—The mandate of the supreme court in the case of Pleasant Armstrong was returned yesterday to County Clerk Combs. Judge Eakin says he still has the matter under consideration, as he is as yet unable to say what he will do in the matter or when he will be ready to make public his decision. It will probably be put into writing.

MIRACULOUSLY ESCAPE DEATH. UNDERGROUND TRAINS LOADED WITH WORKMEN.

Excitement and Terror in Paris Over Repeated Disasters on Her Street Railway System—Demands for Electric Motor—Threats Are Made.

Paris, Nov. 30.—Fire this morning occurred on the Metropolitan Underground, causing great excitement. It was at first reported the casualties equaled last summer's disaster, but none were injured, however.

At noon a second accident almost identical with the first occurred. A car in which were 200 passengers, got ashed. All sprang to the tracks and rushed for an open point. None were injured, as all escaped through an opening.

The first train had 1,000 workmen aboard, who over their escape to the fact that the cars were just beneath an opening.

The conditions were so nearly identical with those which in July last resulted in the loss of 94 lives, that the whole city is in arms over the negligent management of the company, and the streets are ablaze with open threats of violence to the railroad officials. The tunnels of the underground are so poorly ventilated that they are desperately liable at all times to the combustion of gases and inflammable dust. A moment's negligence resulting in a delay of but a few moments increases the liability to a probability.

But for the mere coincidence of the train this morning stopping beneath an opening, rigid precautions could have prevented a holocaust and wholesale asphyxiation—a horror that must have exceeded several fold that of last summer's train was abandoned by its crew as well as passengers and until the engine fires burn themselves out and the light natural draft clears the tunnel of smoke and gas, no one will enter it.

The clamor for electric motor on the underground lines has grown into voluminous threats if it is not substituted for coal and steam.

OIL AT CONDON. Real Thing Struck at a Depth of 72 Feet.

Condon, Nov. 30.—The well drill of the Condon Drilling company, which is being operated on Dunn Bros' ranch northwest of town, struck a strata of blue shale or soapstone at a depth of 72 feet last Friday from which is obtained a small amount of apparently good oil.

A considerable quantity of the oil was brought up with the first bucket of water raised when the well was being pumped and the oily nature of the fluid also adheres to the drill stem to such an extent that when the drill was allowed to rest on a plank over the well over night the oil trickled down enough to saturate the plank. The oil is dark colored and heavy and gives off the well known petroleum odor which cannot be mistaken.

The strata of soapstone is about three feet in thickness and after passing through it a vein of quartz containing a considerable amount of copper and iron was encountered. This formation is very hard and the drill could make but slight progress in it.

PIONEER DEAD. Well Known Citizen of Walla Walla Passes Away.

Walla Walla, Nov. 30.—Rev. A. W. Sweeney, one of the best known pioneers of the Walla Walla valley, died Sunday morning at 4 o'clock, at the residence of his son, Samuel B. Sweeney.

FIGHT WITH BANDITS IN INDIANA FORESTS

Two Chicago Detectives Wounded, One of Them Fatally, and Both Outlaws Make Their Escape on a Train.

Fugitives Hold Up a Train and Kill a Brakeman and Are Still at Large—They Are Supposed to Be Implicated in the Car Barn Murders and Robbery of Three Months Ago—Posses in Pursuit and More Trouble Ahead.

Chicago, Nov. 27.—In the battle that has raged since evening last night between seven Chicago detectives and two men supposed to be Peter Weidemyer and Harvey Vandine, young bandits accused by Gustave Marx, the confessed barn murderer, of being his accomplices, two officers have been shot, one seriously.

Information was received by Chief O'Neill at 10 this morning from Miller's Station, near Hammond, Ind., where the battle is going on.

Reinforcements are asked for and the 40 best shots in the police department, armed with Winchester, have been sent to the scene on a special train, accompanied by a Catholic priest and a surgeon.

The supposed bandits are surrounded along the Baltimore & Ohio railway. The detectives and are now fighting.

Three men closely resembling Neidemyer, Vandine and Emil Ross, the third fugitive, were seen near Hammond yesterday and one, believed to be Ross, was taken into custody last night. His companions disappeared, but the Chicago detectives who had been sent to Hammond on request of the chief of police, there, took up the trail and soon located the men in a dugout.

Details of the battle have not yet been received. The two detectives wounded were brought here to a hospital. One is probably fatally hurt.

Advices received at police headquarters say the brakeman shot on the Fort Wayne train was killed.

Particulars of the battle received this morning say the seven detectives sent to Hammond last night located the men and gathered a posse, surrounded the dugout and waited for daylight to charge, owing to the known deadly marksmanship of Vandine and Neidemyer.

During the night a desultory fire on both sides was kept up. When dawn came the bandits opened fire in earnest. Two detectives were shot early in the engagement. Hundreds of shots were exchanged.

The three bandits, some of whom are 24 years old, made a dash before the special arrived at the scene. Vandine and Neidemyer, the most desperate of the three. They were taken from the train at some remote point and brought to prison in a carriage. They are being brought here to custody for Pennsylvania railway detectives, who effected the capture. Chief O'Neill is taking steps to prevent a lynching.

ARMSTRONG IN THE BALANCE. Judge Eakin Will Now Decide on the Status of the Case, at the Present Term of Court.

Baker City, Nov. 27.—Pleasant Armstrong is now hanging in the balance of the law. The mandate of the supreme court, denying him a new trial, has been sent back to this city, and is now in the hands of the county clerk, and Circuit Judge Rooker Eakin will determine the legal status of the case, when the papers are all returned from Salem.

The case is now open to habeas corpus proceedings for the release of Armstrong, and this will be the next move of his attorneys. It is the sentiment of a great many of the leading citizens of this county that Armstrong might as well submit to the jailer, now as later. It is said that a will never be allowed to walk out of the courthouse, if released.

CONGRESS ADJOURNS. Joint Resolution Passed to Do No Business Till December 1.

Washington, Nov. 27.—When the house met Mr. Payne moved to adjourn until Tuesday. Mr. Barnes presented a communication from President Roosevelt on the Panama revolution. The senate agreed to adjourn until Tuesday.

ST. CYR GETS LIMIT. Former O. R. & N. Engineer Sentenced Ten Years for Manslaughter, Idaho City, Nov. 28.—H. M. St. Cyr, convicted of manslaughter for the killing of Archie Emmons at Lardo, was today sentenced by Judge Ste-

return a verdict of manslaughter and so to 10 years.

St. Cyr took the verdict coolly, and seemed unconcerned when the foreman said that it was the finding of the jury. He will be sentenced at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning, and it is the belief here that he will be given the limit of ten years.

HEYBURN VERY RETICENT. Would Not Express a Definite Opinion on Any Subject for His Constituents.

Portland, Ida., Nov. 28.—United States Senator and Mrs. W. B. Heyburn passed through this city today on their way to Washington, spending fifteen minutes here. They were met at the station by a large party of citizens, and the senator spent every available moment of his time in chatting with them, receiving also a petition from the chamber of commerce and a memorial from the city council, praying for the opening of the five mile limit lands at \$2.50 per acre.

Senator Heyburn promised to give the matter his careful attention. The senator has for six weeks past been in Alaska attending to some legal business and in response to questions on public matters said that he must have time to find out what was going on before he attempted to discuss the national situation.

He was not posted on the progress of the fight against Reed Smoot, but had no doubt of Mr. Smoot's right to his seat or of his holding it.

Asked in regard to the Isthmian canal matter, he said that the new republic of Panama had been born since he had been in touch with the world, and he must learn more about it before he could discuss it.

RUSSIAN-AMERICAN LINE. First Long Distance Russian Line to Leave for Foreign Ports.

London, Nov. 28.—A dispatch from St. Petersburg says the inauguration of the new steamship service between Russia and America takes place today. Cargo has been booked from South Russian ports, and a satisfactory complement of emigrants has been secured. The service will be maintained by several ships having a minimum speed of fourteen knots. This is the first long distance Russian steamship line to be established between Russian ports and the Far East.

TWELVE PERSONS WERE MORE OR LESS INJURED. Two Loaded Cars Meet Head On, During a Heavy Fog on University Line—Two Men so Badly Injured They May Die—Lineman and Motorman Worst Hurt.

Seattle, Nov. 28.—Two loaded street cars on the University line collided head on, during a heavy fog, this morning, resulting in the death of Harry Kinsey, a telephone lineman and a leg crushed and internally injured.

Motorman Hammond's hip was crushed and he was terribly bruised and cut about the body and may die. Ten others were more or less seriously injured.

RAY STANNARD BAKER HAS BEEN SUMMONED. Against the Government Why So Large During His Administration in Cuba—Possibility That the President May Withdraw Nomination—Baker's Testimony Will Be Pivotal.

Washington, Nov. 28.—Ray Stannard Baker, who procured the publication of the Runcie article in the North American Review, denouncing General Brooks, will be summoned by the senate committee on military affairs. On his testimony will largely hang the decision as to Wood's eligibility for a higher official position.

General Wood's answer to Rathbone's charges has been made public. It contains 65 closely typewritten pages, each of which bears Wood's signature.

He denies charges of unfairness to Brooks, and also denies positively that he influenced the article against Brooks.

Referring to expenses, he says 99 per cent accounted for by vouchers which the committee is at liberty to examine.

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He says the employment of newspaper men on various work is irrelevant as a charge, and that many articles were published which were for the benefit of Cuba.

It is reported that Roosevelt assured Hanna he would withdraw Wood's nomination, if it could be proved he was responsible for the attack on Brooks in the magazine. Major Runcie, although retired, can be court-martialed.

HIS BROTHER DEAD. Secretary Shaw Receives Notification From Manila, Iowa.

Washington, Nov. 28.—Secretary Shaw this morning received a telegram about the death of his brother, D. Shaw, of Manila, Iowa, where he is a well known banker. The secretary left at 10 this morning to attend the funeral.

WALLA WALLA EXHIBIT. Large Collection of Products Ready for the St. Louis Exposition.

Time Between Ogden and San Francisco Cut Down by Two Hours—Will Ultimately Cost \$13,000,000—Over 2,000 Carloads of Oregon Piling Used in Making the Road Across the Lake—Greatest Engineering Feat in Modern Railroad Building.

Salt Lake, Nov. 27.—E. H. Harriman drove the last spike in the Ogden-Lucien cut-off yesterday evening. Many prominent railroad officials were present and made short talks, thanking their subordinates for their cooperation.

One of the most daring engineering feats attempted to date in the railroad world is that of the Ogden-Lucien cut-off consisting of 106 miles of new track, nearly half of which length extends across the Great Salt Lake, the mysterious dead sea of Utah, and is part of the scheme of the rectification of the main line of the Southern Pacific.

Not Yet Complete. While the last pile has driven, the wonderful cut-off is yet by no means complete. The amount of work to be done will take possibly 18 more months, and when it is eventually completed, it is estimated that the Southern Pacific will have put the sum of \$13,000,000 into the new line.

Within another six months, however, the running time between Ogden and San Francisco will have been cut down by fully two hours, for heavy passenger trains that now spend more than four hours in covering the 140 miles of mountainous road around the north end of the lake from Ogden to Lucien, will reach the same destination over a railroad which is laid straight across the lake 90 miles shorter.

Two thousand carloads of Oregon piling were used in constructing the road across the lake.

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WALLA WALLA EXHIBIT. Large Collection of Products Ready for the St. Louis Exposition.

Washington, Nov. 27.—The largest agricultural and horticultural exhibit ever collected in this county is now ready for shipment to the St. Louis exposition.

Every variety of grain grown in the county, including the following kinds of wheat: nine varieties of club, bluestem, Sonora, Turkey red, early May, Salt Lake, comata, red chaff and Jenkins club, besides six kinds of corn and samples of white face, blue, headless and bald barley, has been collected for the shipment to the exposition.

Black, white and English walnuts, cranian nuts, pecans, acorns, hazel nuts and every other variety grown in the county will be seen in the exhibit.

It is one of the most elaborate collections ever sent out of the state, and the people of Walla Walla are going to see that it is placed in an advantageous position in the Washington building at St. Louis.

The new dry dock for Portland, which is being built in Vancouver, is now ready to put in place, and the first shipment has been made.

PORTLAND ASKS YOUR PRESENCE

Invites Oregon Stockmen to Assist Her in Entertaining the Visitors.

THE LIVESTOCK CONVENTION IS OREGON'S OPPORTUNITY.

Thousands of Progressive Men Will Come West to See Oregon and Get Acquainted With Her Stockmen—Vital Topics Will Be Discussed by the Ablest Men in the Country—Individual Appeal to Every Thinking Stockman.

Portland is making extensive preparations to entertain the seventh annual convention of the National Livestock Association, which meets there in January, and sends urgent invitations to every individual stockman in Oregon to attend the meeting.

On the executive committee having charge of the meeting are about 100 of the leading citizens of the state, those for Umatilla county being Stephen H. Lowell, C. B. Wade, and J. H. Gwin.

The following urgent appeal to Umatilla county stockmen has been issued:

To the Stockmen of Umatilla County and Eastern Oregon: The seventh annual convention of the National Livestock Association will be held in Portland on January 12, 13, 14 and 15, 1904. This time is drawing near, and the stockmen of Umatilla county should take full cognizance of the meaning of this meeting, so near to our thresholds, in Eastern Oregon.

An Honor to Oregon. The honor to Oregon was won in competition with the leading livestock states of the West and Southwest, and the surrounding territory for the city of Portland was a signal victory for the state. It means that the people of Oregon will be permitted to share in the discussion of the vital questions concerning the livestock industry in the West. It means that the metropolis of the state will be visited by several thousand of the leading spirits in this industry, and that they will make a special effort to study the people, and the conditions in Oregon, while on this mission.

It Means You. The executive committee wishes to see every individual stockman in the state take an active part in this meeting, and especially to show a proper appreciation of the honor bestowed upon our state by being present at the meeting, and giving the visitors a royal welcome.

Investors Will Be There. The capital represented by membership of the National Livestock Association amounts to about \$500,000,000, and most of it will be personally represented in the city of Portland, during this meeting. Investors will be there, looking for places to locate their investments, and the conditions and the surroundings of the industry are congenial and inviting. There will be students of the livestock industry there, practical men, seeking information, and association, and contact with those engaged in the industry, in different parts of the country and from contact with these experienced stockmen of Oregon can gain much vital and valuable information.

Vital Issues to Be Discussed. The committee especially urges that every stockman of Umatilla county attend the meeting and listen to the discussions. Questions concerning every individual stockman will be able and fully discussed by those at the very head in the livestock industry. It will be a chance to get in touch with the inside workings of the National association, which will probably not come to Oregon stockmen again in a lifetime.

Influence on Legislation. The action of this great body of actual stockmen will have a direct influence on state and national legislation, and the recommendations of that body should be fully discussed by every man interested in better conditions in this state, and in the nation. Coming at a time when stockmen are at leisure, there is no reason why this meeting should not be attended by 30 per cent of the stockmen in the county. Special rates will be granted over the railroads, and Portland has prepared to entertain the visitors and delegates in a royal manner.

The question is one which appeals directly to every individual stockman, and should be responded to cheerfully and heartily in the interest of the state, the county and themselves.

NICE OF NAPOLEON. Aged Woman Suffering from Age and a Broken Thigh.

Paris, Nov. 27.—Princess Mathilde Bonaparte, the only surviving daughter of King Jerome Bonaparte, and a noble lady, 85 years of age, died last Saturday at 11. She broke a femoral bone last August. She is advanced in years.

Huntington-Lewiston Road. It is announced that bonds amounting to \$3,000,000, to cover the initial cost of survey and location work on the Lewiston-Huntington railway, have been floated in New York. Surveys over part of the route have already been made. The distance is 181 miles, a portion of the route being through the almost inaccessible Snake river gorge, the perpendicular walls of which tower in places 300 feet high.

The White Star liner Cedric, now wrecked in mid-ocean, nor met with any accident, serious or otherwise.

Burned the Mortgage. Independence, Or., Nov. 28.—The local G. A. R. post celebrated here yesterday with a grand banquet and entertainment at the occasion being the burning of the mortgage which the post has just paid on the auditorium, an assembly hall built by them several years ago. The building will seat about 500 people and the post now owns it.

There are 717 college Y. M. C. As in the United States.