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**DOUGLAS COUNTY MINES  
COMING TO THE FORE**

**Tests of New Machine in Levens Mine. Ore Shipments From Myrtle Creek to Smelter.**

There is more activity in the Douglas county mining district this season than ever before and many valuable properties are being developed and quite a number are being successfully operated and are paying good dividends. Just now the greatest activity is found in the splendid Myrtle Creek mining district which is attracting the attention of many.

Colorado and other middle western mining men some of whom are investing in that district and only last week C. O. White refused a handsome sum for one of the properties in which he is interested. The Glendale mining district is equally active and splendid reports come from the rich mines in that mineral section of the county. The miners of the Canyonville district are keeping busy and are pleased with their prospects. The Bohemia district has several big stamp mills pounding away this season and the great need of a smelter in that district becomes more apparent daily.

**Black Butte's New Smelter**

Cottage Grove, July 8.—Brick are being burnt and fire brick and terra cotta have been ordered for construction of a mercury furnace at the Black Butte mine, near Douglas and Lane county line. Plans and specifications for the new plant are being prepared as rapidly as possible, and actual construction will soon begin. In addition to this furnace, it is probable that the Black Butte management will remodel the old Scott furnace, each with a capacity of approximately 240 tons of ore daily.

Manager W. B. Dennis says that late experiments with the new furnace he invented have proved that the plant is up to the highest expectations raised by its initial work. Results attained now are far above the hope of Mr. Dennis when he began his work about two years ago. The new furnace is to have outside dimensions of about 40x40 feet on the ground, and a height of 36 feet. There will be 16 roasting zones in this tower, instead of four as in the present experimental plant. Each zone will have a grate surface of 36 feet long by four feet wide and the ore charge will be kept at an average depth of six inches on the grates.

By the new system of smelting a furnace, with the same outside dimensions as the Scott is increased in capacity about nine times over the old type, which is one of the most pronounced economies ever perfected in the metallurgy of mercury, especially in view of the fact that the fuel consumption is not increased, and the same force of men, with the possible variation of a man one way or the other, will be required at the new plant.

Mr. Dennis will not make public details of the new furnace yet, as he is perfecting patent to certain portions for this country and foreign lands. He said that his gas generating plant was working admirably, and he believed he was getting the best results from a wood burning gas generator of any device that had yet been devised. The management is working further with the present plant.

**RAIL ROAD INTO  
KLAMATH FALLS**

San Francisco, July 5.—The California Northeastern Railway filed articles of incorporation today, with a capital of \$1,400,000. The incorporators are A. H. Nofziger, G. X. Wendling, C. M. Cross, president of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank at Hanford; G. E. Bittinger, cashier of the Los Angeles National Bank, and H. Nathan.

**COSTLY FIRE  
IN SPOKANE**

Spokane, July 8.—A costly fire raged near the center of the business district this afternoon and for a time a great conflagration was threatened. The loss is estimated at \$120,000, probably two-thirds insured.

The cause is unknown. Starting about 7 p. m. in the basement of F. F. Wright & Co.'s art store, the fire spread to the store of paints and oils and could not be checked until the building was a wreck. Adjoining stores were badly damaged by smoke and water.

**CONGRESSMAN WILLIAMSON  
IS NOW ON TRIAL**

**Jury Secured to Try Case Without Delay. Names of Those Who Will Decide Case.**

Portland, July 8.—Summary of what the government expects to prove in the case of the United States vs John Newton Williamson, Dr. Van Gesner, his partner in the sheepraising business, and Marion R. Biggs, United States Court Commissioner, was given to the court Friday afternoon by District Attorney Heney, who was followed by the attorneys for the defense, Judge A. S. Bennett and Attorney H. S. Wilson of The Dalles, and Attorney W. J. Barnes of Prineville, who appear for all three of the defendants.

**JURY SELECTED**

Jury selected Friday to try the Williamson case: J. E. Henke, merchant, Philomath, Benton county; M. V. Thomas, farmer, Bull Run, Clackamas county; Webb Mast, farmer, Lee, Coos county; G. O. Walker, Walker, Lane county; J. W. Williams, farmer, Junction City, Lane county; Barney May, merchant, Harrisburg, Linn county; W. P. George, restaurateur, Salem, Marion county; A. E. Binns, liveryman, Heppner, Morrow county; August Carlton, manufacturer Portland, Multnomah county; S. S. Burnaugh, farmer, Elgin, Union county; O. H. Flook, farmer, Olalla, Douglas county; W. O. Cook, brickmaker, Eugene, Lane county.

The charge is that of subornation of perjury in having induced persons in Lane county to make affidavits in effecting final proof that the lands were for the exclusive use and benefit of the entrants, but who transferred them to Williamson and Gesner as soon as title passed to the homesteaders. This is in violation of section 533, R. S., and after the indictment was found against the three in February, 1904, by the grand jury the defendants were released under \$1000 bonds, with the exception of Williamson, who was allowed to go on his own recognizance. The three accused ones were in court this morning, and watched the empanelling of the jury with close attention. Biggs is charged with having taken the affidavits of the entrants, who, it is said, were acting for the firm of Williamson and Gesner, and is alleged to be equally guilty of suborning perjury.

**Defendants in Court.**

A number of defendants in the land fraud cases were in court this morning, among them being ex-Surveyor-General Henry Meldrum. Judge De Haven, a former Congressman from California, is sitting on the bench, presiding over the trial of a Congressman from Oregon. On Saturday the examination of witnesses began and the trial was on in earnest.

**Many Defendants Plead.**

During the morning session an indictment against Senator Brownell was dismissed, because it is believed two other indictments remaining will cover the charges. Attorney Dan J. Maloney appeared for Brownell and filed a brief and submitted it without argument. At the request of United States District Attorney Heney, the charges against Frank H. Duncan were dismissed.

**INDICTMENTS  
IN MONTANA**

Hitchcock Talks on Land Frauds and His Hopes in This Direction

Boston, July 8.—While discussing the land frauds of the far west, Secretary of the Interior Hitchcock today said: "The conviction of Senator Mitchell is the first of many which we hope to secure in the near future. We have been working on this matter for several years and have now got where we hope to accomplish results. We have two indictments in Montana of so-called stool pigeons, the people who impersonated the insolvent homesteaders and turned over the certificates for money."

**BOOTH INDICTMENT  
IS FAULTY**

Portland, July 7.—A brief argument was made by Attorney Woodcock, who contended that the indictment did not specify the time when Booth, as Receiver of the Roseburg office had given Krebs the alleged advance information of lands made vacant by cancellation of the former entries, so that Krebs might file up on them as lien selections. He also held that the indictment does not state sufficient grounds for the prosecution of his client under the statute, because there is nothing to show that the defendant used his influence with any of the departments. District Attorney Heney in his argument stated that he was of the opinion that the case would come under bribery and cited the case of the United States vs Benson, who was convicted of bribing a clerk in the Land Department at Washington, and who gave out advance information regarding the creation of a forest reserve.

Brief oral arguments were heard in the case of Mayor Davis. Attorney for the defense submitted a number of authorities in support of the contention that Ormsby, before whom Mayor Davis took oath, was without authority to administer the oath. Judge De Haven took the case under advisement.

The latest novelty, the hit of the season in descriptive songs, Dear Old Stars and Stripes, Good-bye, illustrated by moving pictures at Roseburg theater, July 7-8, prices 15-25-35 cents. Seats on sale at Bella's Candy Store.

**THE MITCHELL  
JURY VERDICT**

Foreman of Jury Denies Published Statement in the Papers

Foreman Steiner, of this city, is authorized for the statement that the report that the Mitchell jury stood eleven to one for conviction, and took eleven ballots before agreeing is not correct. He says the jury agreed to give out no statement as to how they did stand on the subject of conviction on the first ballot, but that they did not stand as published in this paper and the Portland papers.

**DECLARES HE WAS  
FORCED TO MURDER**

Chehalis, Wash., July 8.—Marshal Lyons of Toledo, and three other men whom he had summoned to his assistance, have arrested Heskiah Hall, familiarly known in his native home in Lee county, Virginia, as Hike Hall. He is wanted very badly in Lee county for the murder of John Grubb and diverse other serious offenses.

For some months it has been known that Hall has been making his headquarters in the Cowitz river country, above Toledo. He has evidently labored under the delusion that his identity was unknown, from the fact that he circulated very freely up and down the Cowitz valley. Yet it is known that he went heavily armed at all times. Some time ago Marshal Lyons of Toledo learned through the sheriff's office at Chehalis that Hall was badly wanted

**JAPANESE TROOPS LAND  
ON SAKHALIN ISLAND**

**Military Circles of St. Petersburg Started by News of Move on Part of Enemy.**

St. Petersburg, July 8.—A landing of Japanese troops on the island of Sakhalin was officially reported tonight, and startles military circles in St. Petersburg though it had been realized since the defeat of Admiral Rostovsky that the Japanese were able to take possession of the island as soon as they thought fit. The strength of the landing force cannot be ascertained, but the garrison of the island is too weak to offer an effective defense.

St. Petersburg, July 8.—A dispatch dated July 7th, from General Liapunoff, commanding the Russian troops on the island of Sakhalin, says: "At 9 o'clock in the morning of July 7 a squadron approached the village of Chipuran, about seven miles south-west of Karakorsak, and opened fire on the shore."

Another dispatch of the date says: "At 3 p. m. Japanese torpedo boats approached Karakorsak and the Russian batteries opened fire on them and compelled the boats to retire. During the day four of the inhabitants of Karakorsak were killed. The battle had been anticipated and the commandant had ordered the withdrawal of the defenders northward."

**ENVOYS SAIL  
FOR AMERICA**

Yokohama, Japan, July 8.—The steamer Minnesota of the Great Northern line, having on board the Japanese plenipotentiaries, sailed from this port for Seattle at 4:30 this afternoon. The governor of Yokohama and civic bodies escorted the plenipotentiaries to the pier, where they were received by a military guard. At the pier the plenipotentiaries and their suites entered launches and were conveyed to the Minnesota, which was dressed with flags, as were all the other ships in the harbor.

The Marquis Ito, Premier Katsura, the other member of the cabinet, Mr. Grieborn, the American minister, and the staff of the legation, were among those who accompanied Baron Komura and his party to the Minnesota. An enormous crowd of Japanese and foreigners, with bands of music, assembled at the water front and general enthusiasm was manifested, bands playing patriotic airs and the crowds discharging fireworks.

On arriving on board the Minnesota, Baron Komura and those who accompanied him partook of a collation, after which the ship sailed amidst a storm of "huzzahs." The Japanese guardship Takao fired a salute of nineteen guns as the Minnesota put to sea, escorted by a torpedo boat and a naval steamer.

**SENATOR FULTON  
AGAINST CHINESE**

Baker City, July 6.—Two special features marked the celebration of the Fourth of July in this city. In his speech Senator Charles W. Fulton in a manner attacked Secretary Taft's policy on the Chinese immigration law, and an ex-union soldier and an ex-confederate rose upon the speaker's platform and demonstrated personally that the war was over and that all animosities had been buried.

Senator Fulton stated amidst loud applause that he regretted the tenacity of some of the leading newspapers of the country to favor the modification and even the repeal of the Chinese immigration acts. He also stated that he had seen where Secretary Taft had advised a similar policy.

"I regret this," said Senator Fulton, feelingly, "and I wish to say that so long as I represent the state of Oregon in the United States senate I will never vote to change the Chinese immigration law, which would mean the introduction of an inferior race of people to compete with the laboring class of this country."

**POTEMKINE AT  
LAST SURRENDERS**

Odessa, July 8.—Admiral Chokain when informed of the surrender of the Potemkine, dispatched two warships and six torpedo boats to Kusteni to take over the battleship.

St. Petersburg, July 8.—The admiralty late this afternoon was informed of the surrender of the Potemkine to Romanian authorities at Kusteni, but officials have no details of the arrangements made between the Romanian government and the mutineers.

No diplomatic step has been taken but the foreign office will undoubtedly make the strongest representations against mutineers being treated as simple deserters and will demand their surrender as a condition for any further assistance for their office. The bombardment of Odessa and the commitment to revolution.

The valiant proclamation issued by the mutineers of Odessa will weigh heavily against them. Their crime is considered the most odious by all nations and it is thought to be imperative that strongest justice be meted out to ring-leaders as an example to the fleet of Russia and the whole world.

Kruger's squadron so soon as it can be found will be ordered to proceed to Kusteni to take over the battleship and place the crew on board. There is strong sentiment manifesting itself here in favor of wiping the name Potemkine from the navy register and giving the ship a new name.

SEVERAL OTTOMAN REPORTED  
London, July 8.—A dispatch to a news agency from St. Petersburg says a serious outbreak on the part of men of the fourteenth and sixteenth battalions occurred near St. Petersburg. Rioters, it is said, broke all the windows and their officers were compelled to summon armed men from various military posts. The dispatch added that a general strike was decided upon today, to commence July 10 and a great meeting is proposed for July 22.

**NO CONDITIONS TO  
BECKMAN'S PARDON**

An examination of the records in the secretary of state's office shows that Wm. F. Beckman, the aged veteran of the civil war, who was recently arrested for the alleged breaking of his parole, was unconditionally pardoned by Governor Geer, and not upon the condition that he should leave the state, as has been alleged, says the Salem Journal.

Beckman is an old man nearly 80 years of age, and was sentenced to life imprisonment in the penitentiary a number of years ago for the murder of his wife and a son near Oak Creek, Oregon. He alleged that he had killed in self-defense. After he had served seven years of life term he was pardoned by Governor Geer and sent to Minnesota, where he entered the soldiers' home.

The claim to here did not agree with him, so he was given permission to be transferred to a soldiers' home in California. On his way there he stopped off in Portland to visit an old friend for a short time, and had his ticket for California in his pocket when arrested.

District Attorney Brown states that Beckman was pardoned and allowed to get out of the state before the local authorities knew anything about it, otherwise Beckman would have been immediately re-arrested upon leaving prison and brought back to Roseburg then instead of now and tried for murdering his son, Robert Ring.

A petition for Beckman's pardon was circulated here in Roseburg, but it received only a few signatures. Beckman's pardon was finally obtained, however, through the efforts of Attorney Chas. J. Schmale, in Portland, and upon the showing that Beckman was slowly wasting away from consumption. Freedom seems to have benefited Beckman's health, however, for despite the fact that he is nearly 80 years old he appears to be in excellent physical condition.

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