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## WOULD-BE ASSASSIN SHOTS F. J. HENEY

Famous Prosecutor Shot While in Court

## HAAS COMMITTS SUICIDE --HENEY IS RECOVERING

Ex-Convict Whom He Exposed Attempts Assassination Of Prosecutor In California Graft Cases.

Francis J. Heney, famous prosecutor of the Oregon land frauds, and who is now engaged in the prosecution of the graft cases in San Francisco, was shot down in the court room in that city last Friday afternoon while attending court and conducting the case against Abraham Reuf, the former boss of the city. The shooting was done by Morris Haas, an ex-convict whose record Mr. Heney had exposed when the former attempted to qualify as a juror in the graft case. The bullet, fired from a pistol not over a foot and a half from Mr. Heney's head, passed through the head but below the brain cavity, and the latest reports are that Mr. Heney will recover.

The shooting occurred during a recess in the Reuf trial. Mr. Heney was seated at his counsel table in the court room, when the would-be assassin stepped quickly forward, and before he could be prevented by the guards, fired the shot which nearly ended Mr. Heney's life. Haas was immediately seized and over-powered before he had an opportunity to fire again, and later under strong guard was removed to the jail. Mr. Heney's wound was at first thought to be fatal, but later examinations showed that the bullet had passed below the brain cavity, and the recovery of the noted prosecutor is confidently expected.

### HAAS COMMITTS SUICIDE

Morris Haas, who fired the shot at Mr. Heney, committed suicide by shooting himself through the head next morning while confined in jail. The pistol with which he shot himself was a single shot derringer, which he is believed to have concealed in his shoe. Shortly after being taken to the jail Haas was put through a "sweating" process, in an effort to find out who or what had prompted the attempted assassination of Mr. Heney. He stoutly maintained at first that the shot was fired because Heney had exposed the fact that Haas was an ex-convict, but it is asserted that later on Haas broke down and admitted that he had been urged on to the deed by enemies of the graft prosecution. The prosecution is reported to have a confession from Haas, and startling disclosures are expected.

## OREGON TRUNK SURVEYORS MOVE CAMP

Location Of Line Completed From Madras To Mouth Of Deschutes River.

The party of Oregon Trunk Line surveyors under F. Crane, who have been camped near the Wamspring ferry on the Deschutes, finished up their work on this end of the line last Thursday and on Friday moved camp. The party was kept intact and moved down the river, so it is assumed that other work awaits them near the mouth of the river. Mr. Crane and the draftsman, T. Sims, were in town Friday afternoon, on their way out to the railroad.

The completion of the work on this end of the line by Mr. Crane and his party, who were making a location of the line from Madras down Willow creek and then down the Deschutes river to connect with the party under T. N. Hanford, practically completes the location of the Oregon Trunk Line between the mouth of the Deschutes and Madras. Mr. Hanford and his party located the line up the Deschutes from the mouth of White river, and the party under Mr. Crane, beginning the location at Madras, located down the river until they made a connection with the Hanford party a short distance above the mouth of Trout creek. With the completion of the work there, Mr. Hanford and his party also broke camp and have moved down the river.

It is generally understood that the Oregon Trunk Line has secured a fine line into this country by the Deschutes route, with nothing to exceed a 1.3 per

cent grade, and nothing over a 6 degree curve, although some heavy work will be necessary. The Oregon Trunk Line leaves the Deschutes canyon at Willow creek, while the Harriman line comes out at Trout creek, both following down the Deschutes below Trout creek, although they are on opposite sides of the river for a greater portion of the distance. A comparison of the relative merits of the two lines would be impossible without a study and comparison of the maps and engineering data of the two surveys, but it is generally believed that the Oregon Trunk Line has the choice of routes in having selected the Willow creek pass out of the Deschutes canyon.

With the completion of the line to Madras, some definite announcement regarding construction work should be forthcoming before a great while. It is reported that there is still some work to be finished up near the mouth of the river, which work will doubtless be completed and the estimates submitted as to the cost of the entire line by the present location, before any definite action is taken or any announcement is made regarding the commencement of construction. That this announcement will not be long delayed is the general belief of all who have kept in touch with recent developments in the railroad situation in Central Oregon.

## DRILL PUNCHES BOTTOM OUT OF WELL

Drilling was continued after water was found in the well on Mrs. D. W. Adams' homestead South of town, with the result that the drill penetrated the stratum of rock which held the water, and the entire supply has been lost. No other explanation has been offered of the disappearance of the water in the well, which was plentiful at 100 feet, and disappeared entirely when the drill had gone down a few feet lower. The well is now down over 150 feet and there is still no water, but drilling will be continued until it is found.

The well was being drilled deeper, after water was struck, for the purpose of increasing the capacity of the well. The drill passed through 10 or 12 feet of gravel and then evidently broke through a crevice, which allowed the water to escape as rapidly as it was supplied by the water-bearing stratum. It is not known to what depth the well will have to be sunk before another supply of water will be found.

## PAYS \$2500 FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY OVER RANCH

Rumor That Willis W. Brown Has Sold Right-Of-Way To The Harriman Line.

The report was current here yesterday that Willis W. Brown of Heister had closed a deal with the Harriman interests for a right-of-way across his ranch on the Deschutes river, the consideration being \$2500. The report has not been confirmed but is generally believed, as it comes from a reliable source and it is known that negotiations were pending between Mr. Brown and the right-of-way agent of the Harriman line.

The Brown ranch, located several miles below the mouth of Trout creek on the Deschutes river, is reputed to be one of the most attractive ranches on the river, and it is known that Mr. Brown was very much averse to having the railroad build across his property in the way the line was located. Failure on his part to grant a right-of-way, however, would only have resulted in the bringing of a condemnation suit by the railroad company, and so the assumption is that an amicable settlement of the damages was arrived at between the parties in interest, as being the best way out of it.

It is not known whether any deal has been closed between Mr. Brown and the Oregon Trunk Line people for a right-of-way for the latter line over his land, although it is known that the survey for the Oregon Trunk Line also crosses the Brown ranch. From the fact, however, that the Oregon Trunk people secured practically all of their right-of-way several months ago, it may be assumed that they have some understanding with Mr. Brown. The Oregon Trunk Line bought 95 per cent of its right-of-way along the Deschutes, and it is a matter of common knowledge that they paid one man--Charley U'Ren--the sum of \$2500 for a right-of-way across his river ranch.

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## THREE LINES OVER WILLOW CREEK BASIN

The Harriman party of engineers under H. J. Roberts, who have been camped at Madras for several weeks, have located three lines across Willow Creek flat in the vicinity of town. One of these lines follows the range of hills East of town and crosses Willow creek near the dam on A. S. Phillips' place. The second follows on up the grade to the top of Agency Plains, after it crosses the divide Northeast of Madras, and crosses over Willow creek at the top of the hill at the head of the canyon just West of the White. This crossing over Willow creek would be 250 feet higher than Madras and would necessitate a high bridge probably 500 feet long. The third line crosses the flat near the Madras mill, following practically the old Columbia Southern Extension survey. This line has just been located, and is understood to be the one most likely to be followed when the Harriman line is built. It is understood that this line gets down to the flat with not to exceed a 1.3 per cent grade, and that the line out on the South side of the flat will not exceed 1.2 per cent.

Mr. Roberts' party completed the location to Madras Monday and are now locating South, by way of Trail Crossing. They will probably move camp the last of the week.

## ITEMS FROM OUR EXCHANGES

### Early Name Of Deschutes

The old Indian name of the Deschutes was Tawah-na-hi-ooks. It received its present name from the early French name from the French voyagers, who plied the Columbia river in their bateaux going from the upper country to points along the Columbia. They were fur hunters and belonged to the Northwest company.

Lewis and Clark called the Deschutes by the old Indian name. Before they reached the rapids of the Columbia at Cello the explorers heard from the Indians of the Great Falls, where all the water of the Columbia goes leaping over the break in the basalt to depths below. --The Dalles Chronicle.

### Railroad In Two Years

E. B. DeYoe, expert accountant of Portland, who has been experting the books of the Deschutes Irrigation & Power Company at Bend, since the early part of July, passed through Prineville Friday on his way to Portland. Colonel DeYoe says this country will have a railroad in less than two years, and this paper trusts his statement proves to be prophetic. --Review.

### Expect To Find Oil

Mr. Heavis, of the Heavis-May Oil Co., is anticipating an oil strike now at any time at the well on the May farm at Ramsay creek. They are down now between 1000 and 1200 feet and every indication points to oil soon. The hole is now being sunk through a stratum of shale, which is regarded as one of the strongest proofs that oil will appear soon. --Dufur Dispatch.

### LARK ELLIOTT DYING OF CONSUMPTION

Prineville, Oregon, Nov. 16.--Word reaches here in a letter from Salem that Larkin Elliott, sentenced last May to serve four years in the state penitentiary for conviction for burning sheep sheds, poisoning sheep and destroying fences in the recent mid-Oregon sheep and cattle war, is fast dying of quick consumption. The letter says Elliott suffered three hemorrhages in as many hours.

### PAY \$3600 FOR BELGIAN STALLION

The imported Belgian stallion, Sapphire, owned by the well known importers, A. C. Ruby & Co., was purchased last week by a company of farmers of this vicinity, the price being \$3600. Sapphire is a magnificent horse, four years old and weighing 1905 pounds, and was imported by A. C. Ruby. He is a light bay in color, has very good action, and has attracted considerable attention here already. Those who compose the company which purchased Sapphire are: W. H. Ramsey, William Harper, S. E. Binder, G. L. Paxton, John Colter, W. C. Moore, B. E. Moore, W. G. Killingbeck, Emil Zemek, J. G. Moelling, S. K. King and Peter Marnach.

Peter Marnach disposed of his horse, Prince Corbet, in the deal, the owner of Sapphire, taking the Marnach horse at \$1800. It is understood that Prince Corbet will be taken to the Southern part of the state and will be disposed of there, doubtless at a good price as he is a fine animal. The new owners of Sapphire are very much pleased with their purchase.