

PRESIDENT EXPLAINS POSITION

Does Not Take Back Anything He Said About Moyer-Haywood Affair-- Uses Strong Terms.

Washington, April 23.—In a letter addressed to Honore Jackson of Chicago, chairman of the Cook county Moyer-Haywood conference, made public today, President Roosevelt replies to the criticisms of his recent letter, in which he referred to Moyer and Haywood, officials of the Western Federation of Miners, charged with implication in the Stuenen murder, as "undesirable citizens."

He says he indicated no opinion as to the guilt of the arrested persons, but it was simple absurdity to assume that because a man is on trial he is free from criticism as to his manner of life. He says he might as well be accused of trying to influence suits against Harriman, some of whose friends had also criticised him.

The president said further that Moyer and Haywood stand as representatives of those who habitually appear as guilty of incitement to, or apology, for bloodshed and violence. He added that he was profoundly indignant to the condemnations of himself for his criticisms of the undesirable types of citizens, regardless of the power of either labor or capital.

MATE FALLS OFF SHIP

August Johnson Was the Man Drowned in the Coquille at Riverton.

HAD BEEN DRINKING

He Was Mate of the Lumber Schooner Albion of San Francisco.

(Times Special Service.) Riverton, Ore., April 23.—The body of the sailor who was drowned in the Coquille river here was buried today. His name was August Johnson, and he was mate on the lumber schooner Albion of San Francisco. He had been drinking and while intoxicated fell backward off the boat and was drowned before he could be rescued.

STOCKMEN ARRESTED

Alleged That They Stole Several Hundred Sheep. Butte, April 23.—A special to the Miner from Billings states that John Tilden and Chester Martin, two of the most prominent stockmen in eastern Montana, have been arrested on a charge of wholesale stock thefts, it being alleged that the men stole 425 wethers.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Western Oregon and western Washington, showers in north portion, fair in south portion; eastern Oregon, eastern Washington and Idaho, showers.

LOCAL WEATHER.

The local weather for yesterday, as reported by Dr. Mingus, the Marshfield observer, follows: Highest56 degrees Lowest48 degrees 6 p. m.49 degrees Wind in northwest. Clear.

YOUNG MAN BADLY HURT

Steve Stuart Has Arm Frightfully Crushed at Thomas' Lumber Camp.

FALLS UNDER A TRUCK

Thought That He Will Recover, but His Injury Is a Serious One.

(Times Special Service.) Coquille, Ore., April 23.—Steve Stuart, of Riverton, was frightfully injured today at the Seeley Thomas lumber camp, six miles south of Coquille. He fell under a lumber truck and his arm was crushed so badly that the bone was pulled out at the elbow. A doctor was called from Coquille.

It is thought that Stuart will recover, and it may be possible to save his arm. He is 23 years old and well known.

MONK REFUSES TO OPEN FOR KING

Amusing Incident Attends Visit of English Royalty at an Italian Church.

Naples, April 23.—The king and queen of England arrived here and spent the day in sightseeing. An amusing incident occurred in front of the church of Santa Chiara. Their majesties approached, intending to visit the edifice, but found it closed and the monks eating dinner. A member of the party knocked, and a monk came to the door and thinking they were beggars, without taking trouble to open the door called out, "Begone in peace; there is nothing for you here." This amused King Edward immensely and he laughed heartily. The visitors knocked again and explained they wanted to visit the church, but the sacristan now irritated at the persistence shouted, "Don't bother me; this is no time for sightseeing. The brothers are at lunch." General Salsa, who was passing, recognized the visitors and ordered the monk to open the door. His embarrassment knew no bounds when he found out who had been knocking.

ONE DEADLOCK BROKEN

Samuel P. Colt Chosen U. S. Senator From Rhode Island.

Providence, R. I. April 23.—After 13 weeks of deadlock which time 56 ballots have been cast for candidates for United States senator, the executive committee of the state committee declared in favor of Samuel P. Colt. The committee urged all republican members of the general assembly to cast their votes for Col. Colt, who throughout the contest has been supported by the majority of the republican members.

HONORS ARE DIVIDED

One American Wins and Another Loses in Contest.

London, April 23.—A large crowd attended the two international fistic contests here. Owen Moran of Birmingham defeated Albert Delmont, the American, in the twenty round bout for the bantam championship of the world and a purse of \$2,000. Sam Langford, American, defeated "Tiger" Smith, the Welsh fighter, in four rounds for the middleweight championship of the world and a purse of \$2,000.

VEGETABLES SCARCE.

Little Green Stuff Is in the Local Market Now.

The local market is about bare of vegetables again, in spite of the shipment on the Breakwater the last of the week. All classes of garden products still remain high, and stand a good chance of increasing. Sugar took another jump yesterday. This time all grades are affected to the extent of 25 cents a bag, and the prospects are that it will continue to go up.

PUSHING RAIL ROAD WORK

Men Are at Work Along The Line From Gardiner to Drain.

TOWN IS CROWDED

With the Men Who Are Employed on Southern Pacific Construction Work.

(Times Special Service.) Gardiner, Ore., April 23.—The Southern Pacific is making everything look lively here. Forces of men are strung out all along the line between here and Drain, and the work is being pushed.

A big warehouse 100x80 feet has been completed at this place for the road, and every room and available sleeping quarters in the town is occupied by the men working on the railroad.

BASEBALL SCORES.

Pacific Coast League. Oakland, April 23.—San Francisco, 6; Oakland, 3. Los Angeles, April 23.—Los Angeles, 3; Portland, 2, ten innings. Northwest League. Seattle, April 23.—Seattle, 4; Butte, 1.

CASE YET UNSETTLED.

Husband of Woman Has Collapse When Told the Truth.

The Roseburg Review has the following to say regarding the baby case at that place:

Investigation into the newly born babe which was deposited from the lavatory of a Pullman car onto the Southern Pacific railroad track was continued at Myrtle Creek before five of the jurors of the inquest held on Saturday, the sixth juror being absent in Portland on business. The investigation was directed by District Attorney Brown, and the result was a divided jury. Three of the jurors favored a verdict of culpable negligence on the part of both the mother and her husband, while the other two took the stand that only the mother was negligent. This disagreement put District Attorney Brown in a dilemma, and Tuesday he held a conference with Judge J. W. Hamilton as to how to proceed. On the result of the conference rests the disposal of the case.

A pitiful phase of the affair is the mental condition of the husband, who appears to have been grossly deceived by his wife, whom he loved devotedly and trusted implicitly. Married only six months ago, he completely collapsed when he was told at Myrtle Creek that the child was of full nine months' maturity and healthy and alive when born. Broken-hearted, he sobbed like a child and at times talked irrationally. Being of a rather effeminate disposition, it will probably be a long time before he fully recovers himself. He remained in his apartments.

REFERENDUM CLAUSE.

The following appeared in a number of the Oregon papers:

When the people of Oregon come to realize that it is going to cost between \$20,000 and \$25,000 for the satisfaction of exercising their right of suffrage upon just one question of legislation, it is very doubtful if they will display such haste in petitioning for this privilege, under the initiative and referendum clause constitution.

There are many changes in the process of submitting questions of legislation to the people under the new law over the old, principle among which, from a financial standpoint, is that which requires the secretary of state to mail to each legal voter of the state a copy of the measure upon which the initiative and referendum has been invoked, in pamphlet form, together with printed copies of such arguments for and against the passage of such measures as may be advanced by the chief in-

HARRIMAN ON WITNESS STAND

Testifies Regarding the Letters Which Were Made Public and Drew Forth Roosevelt's Statement

New York, April 23.—E. H. Harriman was the principal witness today in the final hearing of the case of Frank W. Hill, Harriman's former secretary, who is charged with having sold for publication the now famous letter written by Harriman to Sidney Webster, the publication of which drew forth a spirited declaration from Roosevelt that the statements made by Harriman were untrue.

Magistrate Wahle announced after the hearing that he would give his decision May 1. Harriman denied today he ever gave permission to any newspaper to publish the letter. On

the other hand, he said, when he learned that the letter was in the possession of the New York World he tried without success to prevent its publication.

"When I learned it was in print I called up the American and told the man at the other end of the telephone line that it was only fair to let him know that the letter was to be published," said Harriman.

"Did you then give him permission to print the letter?" he was asked.

"I did not," he replied. Alexander Miller, Harriman's private secretary, testified that all the original copies of the letter are in his possession.

VIOLATION EXPENSIVE

Cost John Barklow Big Fine For Breaking the Whiskey Laws. Several trials are taken up in the circuit court at Coquille at Tuesday's session.

CAPITOL TO BE BETTER PROTECTED

Better Fire Fighting Arrangements Will Be Installed at the State House.

Salem, Ore., April 23.—Chief Dave Campbell of the Portland fire department, who at the request of the state board of building commissioners made an investigation of the state house regarding its equipment with a better system of fire protection, has filed his report. Among some of the suggestions he makes are that the attic should be equipped with brick fire walls wherever possible and that the old books and papers in that section of the capitol should be placed some where else so as to minimize the fire risk; the floor of the attic should be so laid that it could be readily removed in case fire was running under it; to secure better protection the attic ought to be accessible from the outside and the chief recommends that the building be provided with fire escapes on the north and south ends, also with balconies, at the line of windows of the second and third floors, and that a window be cut in the gables on the north and south ends of the main building.

The attic is the most dangerous spot of the entire building in case of fire and its present condition makes it well nigh inaccessible to the fire department, and it is imperative that that section of the building be thoroughly overhauled. The electric wiring should in many places be put in anew.

The bad condition of the building for adequate fire protection was called to the attention of the legislature by Chief Mark Savage of the local fire department and the legislature appropriated some \$3,500 for providing a more efficient system.

It is planned to install a stationary chemical engine and hose stations are to be located so that every part be reached by the chemical stream and the chemical is to be so situated as to require the least number of feet of piping possible for sending of a % chemical stream for 20 minutes with a 5000-gallon engine.

MRS. MAY DEAD.

Mrs. Marshall May, one of the pioneers of Coos county, died Monday night after a prolonged illness of several months at her home in Ferndale.

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SEVERAL TRIALS

Are Taken Up in the Circuit Court at Coquille at Tuesday's Session.

OTHER CRIMINAL CASES.

Ballard, the young fellow who broke out of the Marshfield city prison, and who afterward, in company with another prisoner, broke out of the county jail, and stole a revolver from the sheriff's office, will be sentenced on the larceny charge Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock.

McCausby, the man who passed a forged check on the Bank of Oregon at North Bend, pleaded guilty. The case of Larson & Co. against the Bandon Manufacturing company, an action at law to recover about 300 logs, was finished. The jury was out all day and no agreement was reached, so the jurors were discharged.

Much of the day was taken up with the trial of the case of Elmer Quick against John Swing, an action at law to recover \$600, alleged to be due for labor performed on the defendant's gasoline boat, the "Fish." Attorneys Farrin & Farrin and J. M. Upton appeared for the plaintiff, and J. W. Bennett defended the case. The jury returned a verdict giving the plaintiff \$475 damages.

The case of the Coos Bay Improvement company against the Coos Bay Manufacturing company will be taken up for trial today.