

BINGER HERMANN IS FOUND NOT GUILTY

Jury Returns a Verdict Saturday--Defendant Was Widely Known in Coos County--Has Served in Many Public Offices

Washington, D. C., April 27.—The jury in the case of Binger Hermann, former congressman and former commissioner of the general land office, returned a verdict of not guilty today. The jury was out all night. Hermann was charged with having destroyed public records while in the land office. The case was an exceedingly hard fought one, and has attracted attention throughout the country.

WAS COOS COUNTY MAN.

Binger Herman Served in Many Public Places.

Binger Hermann was a Coos county man. He was the son of Dr. Henry Hermann, who was one of the early settlers and founded the colony of Baltimore immigrants on the headwaters of the Coquille. The family came from Pennsylvania with about twenty other families in 1879, and after a long voyage landed at Port Orford, and eventually found their way to the south fork of the Coquille, and there permanently located and founded a settlement. Binger Hermann at the age of eighteen opened a school for the education of the youths. He taught at other places and was successful, and in 1865 turned to the profession of law. He was admitted to the bar and elected to the state legislature, and later studied in the office of John B. Felton, the great civil lawyer. In 1868 Mr. Hermann was elected joint senator for Douglas, Coos and Curry counties, and three years later was appointed by the president receiver of the Roseburg land office. In 1882 Mr. Hermann was elected to congress, and continued in office until 1897, when he was succeeded by Thomas H. Tongue, who was elected by a small majority. Later he was appointed commissioner of the general land office. While he was in congress Mr. Hermann introduced many bills for the improvement of Coos Bay and other localities which he represented.

Personal Mention

Mrs. Hess, who fell several days ago at the rink, breaking her arm, is reported as recovering rapidly.

Mrs. H. Wells, who has been in the Mercy hospital for the past ten days, will be able to leave that place Wednesday.

Charles Sneddon, who has been ill with typhoid fever at the Marshfield General hospital, is improving.

DECIDES NOT TO GO

Committee Will Not Visit the President at Washington.

New York, April 27.—It has been announced that a committee appointed by the Central Federation Union last Sunday to go to Washington and ask President Roosevelt to retract the statement that Moyer-Haywood are "Undesirable Citizens," has decided not to go. This decision it was added was the result partly of the letter of the president to chairman of the Moyer-Haywood conference in Chicago, confirming instead of retracting the original statement.

SOME OBJECT.

Canadian People Do Not All Approve of Jamaican Governor.

Vancouver, B. C., April 27.—Sir Alexander Sweetenham, who was relieved of the governorship of Jamaica because of his ungracious behavior to Admiral Davis, will arrive in Vancouver in July. The Canadian club of Victoria proposes to tender him a banquet. Considerable opposition has arisen in Vancouver to any such proposal.

THE POWERS ABSENT.

Washington, April 27.—For the first time in many years the president and his entire official family are absent from Washington. The president and a number of cabinet members are at Jamestown, Secretary Wilson is in Pittsburg, Root is in Clinton, N. Y., Taft at Cincinnati and Bonaparte in Boston.

SALES OF A WEEK.

I. S. Kaufman & Company Report a Big Business.

I. S. Kaufman & Company report the following sales for the week: J. M. Blake to L. W. Shaw, lots 9, 10, 11 and 12 in block "Y" in the Western Addition to Marshfield, \$1,350.

John Mitchell to C. J. Whealey, lots 3 and 4 in block 16, South Marshfield, \$1,250.

Lots 10 and 11 in block 14, town of Millington, \$2,050.

Merchant Land Co. to G. W. Leslie, lot "D" in the Railroad addition, \$750.

Alva Doll to Mr. Gibson, lots 3 and 4, block 38, Railroad addition, \$650.

Merchant Land Co. to Lars Larson, lots 8 and 9 in block 27, Railroad addition, \$800.

Merchant Land Co. to L. D. Bileu, lots 29 and 30 in block 74, Railroad addition, \$240.

Merchant Land Co. to C. Bayles, lot 28 in block 74, Railroad addition, \$120.

Merchant Land Co. to L. M. Richardson, lots 23 and 24 in block 6, \$300.

Merchant Land Co. to C. W. Gardner, lots 17 and 18 in block 50, Railroad addition, 300.

Merchant Land Co. to M. B. Zimmer, lots 9, 10 and 11 in block 26, Railroad addition, \$1,275.

Merchant Land Co. to J. M. Blake, lots 12, 13, 14 and 15, block 26, Railroad addition, \$1,700.

McIntoch to M. B. Zimmer, lots 25, 26 and 27, block 27, Railroad addition, \$1,225.

John Golden to M. B. Zimmer, lots 1 and 4 in block 8, Marshfield, \$12,250.

E. L. C. Farrin to M. B. Zimmer, lot 8 in block 12, \$6,750.

Merchant Land Co. to A. McClelland, 25, 26 and 27, block 27, Railroad addition, \$800.

Merchant Land Co. to J. Doll, lots 6 and 7 in block 27, Railroad addition, \$800.

Alva Doll to I. S. Smith et al, lots 5 and 8, block 18, Marshfield; \$10,000.

MAY HAVE A STRIKE.

Possibility of Trouble at Stanford University Work.

San Francisco, April 27.—Strong possibility of a strike that will completely tie up building operations at the Stanford University lies in the conference held here today between representatives of the Building Trades Council and stone masons and cutters employed on the college campus. The men are after a raise in wages, and if they do not get it they will probably walk out.

LIFE OF BINGER HERMANN.

Son of Dr. Henry Hermann, early settler. 1843—Born in Lanoconing, Pa. 1879—Come to Port Orford. 1879—Settled on Coquille river. 1860—Began teaching school. 1865—Took up study of law. 1866—Admitted to bar. 1866—Elected to the lower house. 1867—Entered J. B. Fen-ton's law office in San Francisco. 1868—Elected senator Douglas, Coos and Curry counties. 1882—Elected to congress. 1897—Defeated by T. H. Tongue for congress. 1897—Appointed commissioner of general land office. 1901—Resigned as commissioner. 1902—Elected to congress. 1906—Defeated by W. C. Hawley. 1907—Tried for destroying documents of land office. April 27, 1907—Found not guilty.

WILL HOLD DEBATE.

Walla Walla and Pendleton Schools to Meet.

Walla Walla, Wash., April 27.—On Monday evening, April 29, the Pendleton and Walla Walla high schools will hold a debate in this city. The subject of debate is:

"Resolved, That women should be granted equal rights of suffrage with men."

The various phases of this national question offer an interesting and absorbing topic. A good contest is expected, as both schools have good speakers and the one that wins will know it has a hard fight.

HAS NEW ORGAN.

Methodist Church Will Use It For First Time Today.

The Methodist church has installed a fine new organ, which will be used today for the first time. The organ was purchased through the W. R. Haines Music House, and is one of the best church organs in the city.

BANGOR LOOKS BUSY.

New Houses Going Up and Improvements Made.

Several new houses are being built in the Bangor addition, which makes the addition look quite progressive. Bangor addition is being improved in the way of grading.

YOST BOUND OVER

Charged With Having Tried To Bribe A Jurymen.

Boise, Idaho, April 27.—W. M. Yost was bound over to May 4, to answer a charge of contempt of court in connection with the approaching trial of Haywood in alleged complicity with the assassination of former Governor Stuenkelberg. It is said he attempted to influence Juror Wagner of the regular panel.

ISSUES A CALL.

Convention Will Be Held to Consider Land Question.

Denver, Colo., April 27.—Acting Governor Harper today issued a call for a public land convention to be held at Denver June 18-20. The conference is called for the purpose of discussing the relation of the states west of the Missouri river to the public lands.

Four Workmen Killed.

New York, April 27.—Four Hungarians were instantly killed, three badly wounded and fifteen more or less hurt by the falling of a brick wall at the Delamar Copper Works at Chrome, N. J., tonight.

FIRE IN NORTH BEND

Creates a Panic and Subjects the City to Much Uncomfortable Anxiety.

MILL IS THREATENED

Prompt Action on Part of the Men Averts a Most Disastrous Blaze.

Fire on North Bend's water front threw the entire city in nerve-racking suspense Saturday afternoon about 5:30. A strong southerly wind was blowing, and when the whistle at the shingle factory suddenly emitted the long, shrieking signals signifying fire practically everyone on Sherman avenue made a wild dash for the scene.

The blaze was extinguished by the employes before any more serious damage had occurred than the scorching of some of the timber supports in the engine room. The fire was started by the accidental dropping of a match near the big fly wheel. There was some lubricating oil on the floor and this instantly ignited and almost simultaneously the room was ablaze. The hose was brought into service and the stream of water sufficed to extinguish the fire.

The fire was the first in many months in North Bend, and created no little excitement until assurance was given that there was no fear of danger. The fire department did not respond, as there was no necessity, and the amount of damage is trivial.

King Goes Home.

Naples, April 27.—King Edward landed here last night and will go by rail to London. Queen Alexandra remained on board the royal yacht and will cruise to Greece.

Oregon Loses.

Moscow, Idaho, April 27.—The University of Oregon was defeated by the University of Idaho, three to one in today's game.

Miss Healy Wins.

Carvalls, Ore., April 27.—Miss Fern Healey of Washington college won the oratorical contest here against the Agricultural college and the Whitman state college.

Offer a Plan.

Tacoma, April 27.—At a conference between the state railroad commission and a company of lumber manufacturers today, it was decided that if the railroad kept a record book of the cars open for inspection of the shippers at Tacoma, Seattle and Spokane, it would be a satisfactory compliance with the law in that particular.

DREDGING CHANNEL

Team Machine Is at Work on Water-front.

A team dredge is at work deepening the channel along side the Masters and McLain rock crushing plant. This is being done that large vessels can be loaded and unloaded at this point.

RESIGNS HIS PLACE.

Washington, April 27.—The resignation of Commissioner of Patents Frederick I. Allen has been tendered to the president, effective June 1.

SHOW SIGNS OF SPRING.

Boys Went in Swimming at Plat B Yesterday.

Four boys were swimming in the bay at Plat B yesterday, which was certainly an indication of spring. It might have been a little cold for some people, but the boys could not resist the spring desire for a plunge.

Expected Home.

E. A. Flake, purchasing agent for the C. A. Smith Lumber and Manufacturing company, will return from San Francisco on the steamer Plant this week.

Brings Load of Wood.

The boat Coos river came to one of the North Bend mills yesterday with 75 cords of shingle wood.

BOAT RACE ALMOST ENDS DISASTROUSLY

At First 'Varsity Meet Ever Held On the Pacific Coast Shells Are Swamped

Sausalito, Cal., April 27.—A steady west wind, freshening as the afternoon advanced, put a disastrous end to the eight-oared varsity race between Washington, California and Stanford, the first of its kind ever attempted on the Pacific coast. All three boats swamped in the choppy sea within half to three quarters of a mile from the finish, and the race had to be abandoned. Larger craft took the oarsmen and their coxwains from the chilly waters of San Francisco bay half a mile off Sausalito, and brought them ashore.

The four-oared freshmen race between Stanford and California was announced for 1:35 o'clock, but was postponed until later in the day because of the roughness of the water. Shortly after 2 o'clock the Washington eight got away from the San Francisco yacht club house and started for Manzanita Point. Stanford followed after a delay caused by their late arrival, and California got away last. Stanford and Washington made the point without accident, but Berkeley was less fortunate. Half way up to the starting point her boat was swamped and sank in five feet of water.

Undaunted by the mishap, the big Californians righted their boat and waded ashore with it. There they spent an hour or more getting the water out of the shell and drying it. Showing off again, they rowed to Manzanita Point, where they arrived chattering with cold, but ready for the start. The crews drew away at the booming of a cannon, Washington catching the water first and Berkeley and Stanford following in the order named. California led Stanford for a quarter of a mile, with Washington ahead by a length. Then California, taking a gallon of water with every stroke, began to fill and shortly dropped abreast of Stanford. They rowed together for a dozen lengths, Berkeley continuing to ship water and gradually settling until between half and three quarters of a mile from the finish, when she sank.

Seeing the condition of their rival the Washington eight rested on their oars, and then the Stanford crew followed suit. In a moment, their headway being lost, both were swamped and the crews of all three were up to their waists in water. The official launch, which had stuck in the mud at the start, came to the rescue, and presently a score of other crafts that had been lying at the finish line joined in the procession to the place of disaster. The shivering, half-submerged oarsmen were helped over the sides of launches, and the water-logged shells taken in tow. Later in the afternoon the freshman race was rowed over a slightly different course. The Stanford men won from California by a length.

Nelson, the English runner and former holder of the coast five-mile road record, lowered his own time and that of Baird of the Olympic club. Time, 26 minutes, 28 seconds. From today's winners a team will be selected to go to Jamestown in August.

Condemn President.

San Francisco, April 27.—The San Francisco labor council passed a resolution condemning President Roosevelt for his reference to the Moyer and Haywood Idaho prisoners as "undesirable citizens."

On Way From Alaska.

W. A. Reed, of Fort Seward, Alaska, is on his way to this city to visit with his wife and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Sehlbrede. Mr. Reed and wife will visit here for a month or six weeks.

THROWN FROM TRAIN AS CLIMAX TO THRILLING FIGHT

Escaped Prisoners Battle With Officers and Citizens Aid Is Necessary To Effect Their Capture

Wells, Nev., April 27.—After an exciting chase across the state of Nevada, lasting since last Wednesday, four escaped prisoners from the jail at Fallon were recaptured at Montello and are now en route back to Fallon. Two deputy sheriffs disguised as hobos followed the men. Last night at Carlin they overtook the escapes and took passage with them in a box car. Knowing the escapes to be dangerous men, the deputies awaited a chance to get the drop on them. When near Wells, the escapes suddenly pounced on the deputies and after a desperate battle overpowered the officers, robbed them of their coin and valuables and took their revolvers. Then they opened the car door and threw the men out.

The train was moving up grade at a reduced speed, and the fall did not disable the officers. They boarded the rear end of the train and acquainted the train crew. At Montello a number of citizens were impressed and surrounded the car. After considerable parleying the men surrendered and were taken from the car and heavily shackled.