

DEFENSE TRIES TO DISCREDIT

Wood's Story Intended To Show That the Vindicator Explosion Was Accidental

STRONG TESTIMONY

Witnesses Swear They Heard Orchard Threaten to Kill Steunenberg.

Boise, June 28.—Attorneys for Hayward continued to center efforts in discrediting Orchard and establishment of their claim that Orchard killed Steunenberg for revenge for loss of his interest in the Hercules mine. Today they directly attacked the Vindicator explosion testimony with a witness who made it appear accidental rather than criminal. Thomas Wood, a non-unionist who entered Vindicator as a timberman after the strike was begun, swore that the night before the explosion he placed a box containing 25 pounds of giant powder at the shaft of the eighth level. He saw the powder the next morning shortly after 10 o'clock, and a few minutes later Superintendent McCormick and Foreman Beck came to the eighth level. They remained but a short time and left to go to the sixth level, where they were killed. Wood swore that when he reached the shaft twenty minutes later the powder was gone, and it is a reasonable inference that McCormick and Beck took it with them. Wood testified he had seen a revolver in Beck's pocket and that fragments only of one revolver were found on the sixth level, and that the bodies of McCormick and Beck were blown apart, indicating that explosion occurred between them.

Orchard said he had fixed the revolver with a wire attachment, so that when the safety bar was raised it would send a bullet into the giant powder he had placed. One witness for the State has shown that he later found the wire attached to the safety bar, but Wood, who was among the first to reach the sixth level after the explosion, said he had carefully examined the safety bar and found nothing attached to it. Wood's testimony was given in a clear, forceful manner and told a thrilling story of climbing to safety of the men cut off by the explosion below the sixth level. William Easterly, who concluded testimony this morning, and D. G. Copley, who was called this afternoon, both swore they heard Orchard tell of the loss of the Hercules mine and threaten to kill Steunenberg for it.

On cross-examination the State questioned them both, and particularly Easterly, who received two letters and one telephone message from Orchard on the eve of killing of Steunenberg for remaining quiet when they knew a crime might be committed. Easterly continued he did not know Steunenberg lived in Caldwell and explained that although he knew "Thomas Hogan" was Harry Orchard, he took no steps immediately after the crime except to consult counsel for the Federation because he was not an informer, and Copley asserted he did not take Orchard seriously when they met in San Francisco, and he told of the Bradley crime. There was further showing as to the work of bloodhounds at Independence station, which the detectives sent first to the house of a deputy sheriff and then down the road that Orchard took on his flight to Denver and on to Wyoming.

- BASEBALL RESULTS. San Francisco, June 28.—Oakland, 5; Portland, 2. Los Angeles, June 28.—Los Angeles, 8; San Francisco, 2. Spokane, June 28.—Seattle, 4; Butte, June 28.—Butte, 2; Aberdeen, 0. Vancouver, June 28.—Vancouver, 2; Tacoma, 4.

BREAKWATER RESUMES RUN

Boat Will Leave San Francisco Monday Afternoon—Fast Portland-Coos Bay Schedule

HAS BEEN ENLARGED

Will Now Carry Eighty Passengers and Freight—Plant Has New Berth.

C. F. McCollum, local agent for the steamer Breakwater, yesterday received a telegram from C. J. Mills, of Portland, that the steamer Breakwater will leave San Francisco at 4 o'clock Monday afternoon for this port. She will sail from Coos Bay at 5 p. m. July 3 for Portland between which two places she will run in the future, giving a 24-hour service. This is a faster schedule than has ever been attempted by any vessels running to Portland.

The Breakwater has been off the run for the past six weeks, during which time she has been enlarged to provide for eighty first class passengers and more freight. New benches have been installed for handling freight.

With the announcement of the Breakwater resuming her run comes the fact of a probable change in the berth of the ship in this city. The warehouse used at the present time is said to be too small to take care of the heavy shipments expected from Portland and a deal is under way for securing a lease from the Marshfield Commission Company for their dock and warehouse, which is the one that has been used by the steamer F. A. Kilburn. The local authorities when asked about the change said it was probable, but that nothing definite had been done.

J. W. Gardiner, formerly chief engineer of the Breakwater under the Spreckels management, but who is now on the bay overseeing the installing of the machinery in the new steamer schooner under way at Porter, will again join the Breakwater in his former capacity. Mr. Gardiner is also overseeing the installation of the machinery in the steam schooner being completed at Bandon.

The tug Hunter arrived yesterday from Gardiner with a small cargo of freight and will return with general merchandise today.

Report comes from Gardiner by the crew of the Hunter that the schooner Alpha, which is on the sand near the mouth of the Umpqua river, is about ready to float. The Hunter recently stood by all of one night for the purpose of towing her to Coos Bay if she came off, but a heavy fog prevented work. The men engaged in refloating the boat are now working at night owing to the extreme high tides at that time.

LAUNCH EAGLE'S THIRD BIRTHDAY

Coos Bay's Speedy Boat Celebrates Anniversary By Carrying Ladies Free

The launch Eagle, which has been running between Marshfield and North Bend for the past three years, yesterday celebrated its third anniversary. Captain Holland had the boat decorated from stem to stern with the different code flags, and it presented a handsome appearance.

In honor of the occasion Captain Holland wished to carry the ladies of Coos Bay free the round trip between Marshfield and North Bend, contingent upon each one bringing a bouquet as a tribute to the boat's third birthday. Through a regrettable error the announcement was omitted from the Times yesterday morning, and many of the ladies were unaware of the generous offer which Captain Holland made for the day.

Plant's New Berth. The steamer M. F. Plant arrived from San Francisco yesterday with a heavy cargo of freight, having over 290 tons for this city, 50 for the railroad, about 80 for North Bend and

about 10 for Empire. Of this shipment a lot of heavy iron was received by both the C. A. Smith Lumber and Manufacturing Company and the Kruse and Banks shipyard.

The Plant has changed her San Francisco berth from the Broadway No. 2 dock to the Howard No. 2, which has been in use by the Breakwater up to the present. This gives the ship a much better dock than heretofore.

The Plant came in at extreme low tide yesterday and Captain Nelson reported 17 feet of water on the bar. This should allay any feeling about the Coos Bay bar being shallow. The steamer will sail for San Francisco from North Bend Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

STRIKERS ARE FIRM

TO LEVY SPECIAL STRIKE ASSESSMENT IN AUGUST.

Will Hold Out Until Satisfactory Adjustment Is Made—Railroads In No Danger.

San Francisco, June 28.—That the telegraphers now on a strike intend to stay out until a satisfactory adjustment of their grievances has been reached is evidenced by the recommendation by the General Secretary Treasurer of the International Union that another assessment will be levied August 1 in order that the strike fund may be further increased. In reply to the telegram sent by President Small of the telegraphers to President Pitham of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers at St. Louis the latter wired that the officials of the Southern Pacific assured him no breach of agreement will occur. President Small expresses the belief that the trouble will not extend to the railroads.

FACE COAL FAMINE

DEALERS IN SNAKE RIVER VALLEY UNABLE TO BUY.

For Over Month No Commercial Coal Has Been Shipped to Black Foot.

Butte, June 28.—A special to the Miner from Black Foot says: "A most serious coal famine is threatening the entire Snake River Valley. For over a month there has not been a pound of coal shipped into Black Foot for commercial use. During the winter months mine owners and railroads urged the storing of coal in the summer, and although the dealers have made extensive preparations for the storage of coal their orders were turned down upon the ground that it was impossible to get cars. As all the threshing machines in the valley are equipped with coal burners the famine threatens the grain crop situation, and is so serious that an appeal may be directed to the Interstate Commerce Commission showing conditions and asking for immediate relief.

COOS BAY TO ASK FOR CHEAP RATES

North Bend Chamber of Commerce Instructs Peter Loggie To See Boat Companies

Last night at a meeting of the North Bend Chamber of Commerce it was voted to wire Peter Loggie to petition the steamship companies operating boats between this city and Portland to make arrangements for reduced rates during September and October. Mr. Loggie is now in Portland, and he will take action at once. The reason for a reduced boat rate during those two months is the fact that colonist rates from the East will prevail. A committee was appointed to meet with the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce in order that the two bodies act in conjunction. The colonist rate is \$25 from most of the Middle States. Thousands are expected to come to the coast.

LECTURER DYING. Los Angeles, June 28.—Francis Murphy, the temperance lecturer, is hovering between life and death. His four sons are expected to arrive tomorrow.

BOY CUT IN TWO. Shehalis, June 28.—Early Castater, the seventeen-year-old son of the city marshal of Winlock, was cut in two by a freight train this afternoon, dying later.

GORDONS ARE INCREASING

Former North Bend Man Now Claimed As Husband by "Mysterious Woman"

NO. 1 GROWS ANGRY

Does Not Fancy New Claimant to Gordon's Hand—No. 2 Also Wants Money.

The troubles of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon are attaining much prominence for Coos Bay. Now comes a story from Portland to the effect that another woman has entered in the case, claiming to be Mr. Gordon's own wife. The following is taken from the Oregonian:

A mysterious woman, tall, dark and described as having flashing black eyes and wearing a black skirt and a white hat, trimmed with an abundance of flaming red roses, has appeared in Portland as the latest sensation in the Edward Sam Gordon case. She lays claim to being the original and only lawful wife of the Coos Bay man, whose troubles with Mrs. Bertha Lurch Gordon, his divorced wife, have filled columns of Pacific Coast newspaper space. The black-eyed woman is branded by the recognized ex-wife as a blackmailer and fraud.

The mysterious woman, whose first appearance at Oregon City Monday caused a sensation, is said to be making preparations to contest the deed by Gordon of \$8,000 worth of Coos Bay property to his divorced wife, but whatever her intentions may be, she is said to have spent busy hours Monday night and a large portion of yesterday in an effort to obtain a private interview with Mrs. Bertha Lurch Gordon. She called the latter from her bed at 10:30 o'clock in the Oregon Hotel Monday night.

"Is this Mrs. Gordon?" asked a feminine voice, when Mrs. Lurch Gordon answered.

"It is," was the reply.

"Well, this is a friend of yours, and I have something very important to tell you," said the strange voice.

The voice refused to tell the name of its owner, however, and Mrs. Lurch Gordon hung up the receiver in a moment she was recalled, but on recognizing the voice, again hung up the receiver and retired for the night.

When Mrs. Bertha Lurch Gordon entered the hotel office yesterday morning at 9 o'clock, the clerk informed her that a woman, attired in a black skirt, white waist and a hat trimmed with very noticeable red roses, had been there to see her, but had wearied of waiting and had left but a few minutes previously.

Eager to see the mysterious woman who had telephoned the previous evening, Mrs. Gordon, having read of the woman who appeared at Oregon City and set up the claim to being Gordon's wife, went to First and Alder streets to catch a car for the purpose of consulting her attorney at the Clackamas county town, and by chance ran into her "friend."

Mrs. Gordon easily identified the mysterious woman by her attire and especially by the large, red roses on the hat she wore. The stranger was accompanied by a male escort, and both seemed to recognize Mrs. Gordon. They kept her under surveillance all the way to Oregon City.

At Oregon City Mrs. Gordon and the mysterious woman, who positively refused to tell her name met face to face in the office of Dimmick & Dimmick, representing Gordon. It was an animated session, but lasted only a few minutes.

"I suppose this is the woman who claims to be Edward Sam Gordon's wife," said Mrs. Gordon, as she entered the office and met the mysterious stranger.

"I never laid any claim to being Mrs. Gordon," answered the mysterious woman.

BOWLSBY NOW BEING TRIED

Evidence Taken Before Justice of Peace Goodman At Astoria—Murderer In Jail

BOAT MEN TESTIFY

Justice Says Men Who Wreck Homes Should Receive Punishment—Is Unbiased.

(Special to The Times.)

Astoria, June 28.—In the justice court yesterday morning two witnesses in the Jennings murder case were examined. Deputy Prosecuting Attorney McCue represented the prosecution, while the defense was in the hands of Frederick D. Winton. Captain Olson of the steamer Alliance was the first witness to take the stand, and substantially repeated the evidence given before the coroner's jury. He told of taking the gun from Bowlsby and repeated the conversation he had with him. After Captain Olson came Fred. Thurston, winchman and oiler aboard the Alliance. His evidence was similar to that which he gave at the inquest. He saw Jennings fall when he was hit and saw Bowlsby after the shooting. The Alliance was held for an hour on the outward trip yesterday that these two men's evidence might be taken. After they had been examined the steamer pulled out and the trial was adjourned until her return. It will then be resumed and other witnesses examined. Bowlsby in the meantime is held in the county jail. In a talk with Justice of the Peace Goodman he expressed himself as of the opinion that breakers up of homes should meet with severe punishment, but said in this case he would be guided entirely by Providence, and that without prejudice he should so deal with the case as he felt directed by the Supreme Power.

DECISION ON JULY 5

MOTION MADE TO SET ASIDE SAN FRANCISCO INDICTMENTS.

Include Mayor Schmitz, Abe Ruef and Officials of United Railways.

San Francisco, June 28.—At the close this evening of arguments lasting throughout four days, motions setting aside certain of their indictments against Vice-President Louis Glass, Pacific States Telephone and Telegraph Company, were submitted by Attorneys Delmas and Coogan for the defense and Assistant District Attorney Langdon and his associates for the prosecution. After a written citation tomorrow of further authorities the same motions in behalf of Mayor Schmitz, Abraham Ruef and indicted officials of the United Railways will likewise be submitted and Judge Lawlor will render a decision one week later, July 5.

ties of Clackamas county that she was the real wife of Gordon, and that she proposed to contest his action in deeding to Mrs. Gordon some of his Coos Bay property. Grant Dimmick, of counsel for Mrs. Gordon, on learning of the woman's statements Monday afternoon, telephoned to Portland and arranged to have Gordon and a detective meet the car upon which the mysterious woman came to the city. At First and Alder streets, when she alighted, Mr. Dimmick stopped her and asked her if she had ever seen Gordon before. She replied that she had not; that the man before her was a stranger to her.

Gordon was married to Bertha Gordon in San Francisco August 9, 1901, and since then they have been in trouble a great deal. He vowed she was not his wife, and later she fled from the Bay City to Portland, and a bench warrant was issued for her arrest. She was taken into custody here, and was returned to San Francisco for trial, but was acquitted. She and Gordon lived at Coos Bay five years, and recently came here, where they had still further differences, resulting in a decree of divorce in her favor a week ago at Oregon City.

GIVE PUPILS THE DIPLOMAS

Graduating Exercises of Marshfield High School Held Last Evening in Opera House

SUPERB DECORATIONS

Musical Program Is Marked Success—Alumni Banquet Well Attended—Dance To-night.

"A picture no artist could paint," would well apply to the luxuriant stage setting in the Masonic Opera House last night when the Marshfield High School class of 1907 was given its formal farewell as it passed into school history. Flowers of every color with the white rose and the lily predominating gave to the auditorium a touch of vivid personality, attesting the loving remembrance of many friends and paying silent tribute to Nature's lavish hand on Coos Bay.

The stage itself on which were grouped the graduates, was a stage on which roses and lilies were displayed in extravagant profusion, and robbed the bare boards of theatre personality and blended the whole into a beautifully colored picture of flower life. Across the ceiling of the auditorium was strung floral letters spelling the class motto, "Only the Beginning." The table on the stage was invisible for the hundreds of bouquets which had been strewn on and around it. Nothing happened to mar the spirit which prevailed at the Masonic Opera House last night.

The spontaneous outbursts of applause which marked the rendition of the program testified to the high ability of Marshfield's musical talent. It is to be regretted that the program cannot be gone into at length, but space does not permit. It is sufficient to say that those who attended the graduating exercises of the Marshfield High School last night were treated to a revelation in music which they will remember for many years. The address to the graduates was delivered by Mr. Francis H. Clarke, and it will be published Sunday morning.

Miss Clara Myren gave the salutatory, "True Faults in the American Democracy." Miss Selma Johnson made the presentation of the class mantle, and Miss Bessie Coke made the acceptance for the class for 1908. Miss Edna Brainard delivered the valedictory; her subject was, "American Ideals." The presentation of the diplomas was made by the Right Reverend Bishop Scadding in a fitting and well chosen speech. Following are the names of the graduates: Annie Berry, Clara Meyer, Selma Johnson, Marjory Cowan and Edna Brainard.

The promotion exercises held yesterday afternoon in the Assembly room of the High School were largely attended by parents and friends of the graduates. All were lavish in their praise of the program given for the occasion. The room was prettily decorated with roses and lilies, the color scheme of white and green being carried out. Professor Golden awarded the diplomas following the program.

BALL TEAMS READY FOR SUNDAY'S FRAY

Junior Independents and High School Aggregations To Decide Diamond Supremacy

The Independent Juniors and the High School teams say they are in tiptop shape for the ball game which is to be pulled off tomorrow afternoon at the Depot grounds at 2:30 o'clock. This is the first time the High School team has ever demonstrated its prowess on the diamond, and there is curiosity regarding the outcome. The proceeds of the game will be given to the public library fund. Adults will be charged a gate fee of 25c, and minors will be admitted for 15c. The management has not yet selected the gate censor to pass judgment on the ages of the patrons.