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"NOT GUILTY" IS VERDICT OF THAW JURY

FOURTEEN BALLOTS ARE NECESSARY

ACQUITTED ON INSANITY PLEA

White's Slayer Must Now Face New York's State Lunacy Commission.

MOTHER OVERCOME WITH HAPPINESS

"Thank God, My Son Is Saved—I Am Perfectly Satisfied," She Says.

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—Acquitted today for the murder of Stanford White on the grounds that he was insane, Harry K. Thaw was ordered by Justice Dowling to be committed to the Matteawan asylum for the criminal insane until such time as he can convince the state lunacy commission that his being at large will not endanger public safety.

At the request of the defendant's counsel Justice Dowling has delayed the execution order committing Thaw to Matteawan until 3 p. m. to allow his counsel to confer as to whether or not the writ of habeas corpus can be sued out to have his sanity tested by the commission before he is taken to the asylum.

When the news of the verdict was communicated to Mrs. William Thaw, mother of the prisoner, she said: "Thank God my son is saved. I am perfectly satisfied."

Both Thaw and his wife, the latter being the only member of the family present when the jury returned the verdict after a deliberation of 25 hours, seemed pleased and satisfied with the outcome. Thaw stood and smilingly bowed his acknowledgements as the jurors filed out of the box.

PRESSMAN'S UNION MAY STRIKE

(By Associated Press.) CINCINNATI, Feb. 1.—United States Judge Thompson handed down a decision today refusing to enjoin the International Pressmen's union from striking.

BLIZZARD IN MIDDLE WEST

(By Associated Press.) CHICAGO, Feb. 1.—A bitter cold wave has struck Kansas, Oklahoma, Nebraska, Colorado and Missouri. It is the first blizzard weather this winter.

LUMBERMEN TO WASHINGTON

Smith and Simpson Will Cooperate in Pushing Harbor Bill.

C. A. Smith and L. J. Simpson, the foremost lumbermen of Coos Bay, have announced their intention of working jointly for the securing of the appropriation at Washington which will enable the improving of the bar and harbor of Coos Bay.

The plan now is to make preparations for a delegation of prominent Coos Bay men to accompany them to the national capital at the same time the rivers and harbors appropriation is taken under consideration. It is the belief of Messrs. Simpson and Smith that with the proper cooperation on the part of Coos Bay citizens the success of the appropriation will be well nigh assured.

FIVE LIVES LOST IN KANSAS CITY FIRE

Hamilton Hotel on Suwanee River, Florida Totally Destroyed by Conflagration.

(By Associated Press.) JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Feb. 1.—The Hamilton hotel, on the banks of the Suwanee river at White Springs, and which was filled with winter guests, was entirely destroyed by fire. There were many narrow escapes from death. Eight were overcome by smoke when carried from the building. The loss will total a hundred thousand dollars.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 1.—

Five people were burned to death and five injured in a fire in a rooming house near the business center this morning. The fire was the result of an explosion of natural gas in the basement. It spread with great rapidity cutting off the escape of four persons asleep on the third floor. Mrs. Jennie Bert, of Harrisonville, Mo., lost her life trying to arouse the inmates.

LIABLE TO FINE OF \$500 PER MINUTE

Here's a Proposition That Would Make the Coos Bay Gas & Electric Co. Go Some.

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—A penalty of \$500 a minute—the heaviest ever proposed by the city—is imposed in a contract just signed with the Edison Company. The company must pay this if it fails within three minutes after a fire alarm is given to furnish adequate power to operate pumps from the city's new high-pressure water mains between Chambers and Twenty-third streets. The new high-pressure fire service will be completed tomorrow and John J. O'Brien, water commissioner, has made a contract with the Edison Company to supply the necessary power to operate the pumps. The new system has been installed at a cost of about \$2,500,000.

Itching between the toes does not necessarily mean that you are getting web footed, but rough, red, chapped hands does mean that you need a bottle of McArthur's Hand Lotion! Say it makes 'em white too.

COOS MAY GET DISTRICT FAIR

Board of Commissioners Meet in Roseburg Next Monday to Decide.

The meeting of the eight commissioners who constitute the board having in charge the selection of location of the fifteenth annual exhibition of the Second Southern Oregon District Agricultural Society will be held in Roseburg, Monday, February 3. The last fair was held in Roseburg and this year Coos county is due to have the exhibition.

A series of unforeseen circumstances prevented Coos county sending, as was expected, a delegation to work for the fair. Much preliminary work had been done by mail, however, and it is anticipated that the decision will be favorable to this county.

John Bear, of Marshfield, one of the commissioners has forwarded his proxy to J. C. Aiken, of Roseburg, with a letter explaining the situation. He also sent assurance that the people of Coos county would guarantee that the grounds for the exposition would be put in first class condition and furnished free of all charge or expense to the society.

The following is a complete list of the commissioners:

- John Bear... Marshfield
Russell C. Dement... Myrtle Point
J. C. Aiken... Roseburg
E. Dixon... Roseburg
H. J. Stewart... Port Orford
C. W. Parrott... Roseburg
V. P. Hollenbeck... Eugene
C. M. Young... Eugene

It is understood that the number of these already pledged to Coos county will assure the fair when they received assurance that the grounds will be put in proper shape.

P. P. Norton deserves much credit for his activity in this matter and it is to be hoped that his efforts will meet with success.

FAMOUS CELTIC SINGER DIES

Dennis O'Sullivan Succumbs While Under Operation for Appendicitis.

(By Associated Press.) COLUMBUS, Feb. 1.—Dennis O'Sullivan, the Irish actor and singer, died today at the Grant hospital under an operation for appendicitis. He was born in San Francisco in 1866. His wife is here. The body will probably be taken to San Francisco.

UNCLE SAM STARTS BIG RAILROAD SUIT

Action Is Brought in Utah Against the Most Powerful Corporation Magnates in This Country—Based on Conspiracy in Restraint of Commerce

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—United States Attorney Hiram Booth, acting under directions from the attorney general today filed in the circuit court of the United States for the district of Utah sitting at Salt Lake City a petition or bill of equity. The United States being complainant and the Union Pacific, Oregon Short Line, Oregon Railroad & Navigation Co., the San Pedro, Los Angeles and Salt Lake Railroad company, Atchafson Topeka & Santa Fe, Southern Pacific, Northern Pacific, Great Northern, Farmers Loan & Trust company, E. H. Harriman, Jacob Schiff, Otto Kahn, James Stillman, Henry B. Rogers, Henry C. Frick and William A. Clark defendants.

FORGES CHECK, IS ARRESTED

Charles Marcy Secures \$25 at Nutwood Saloon—Now in County Jail.

Charles Marcy was yesterday taught a lesson in the expediency of Marshfield's police work when within less than an hour after he had passed a worthless check over the bar of the Nutwood saloon he was placed under arrest by Marshal Carter and Officer Condon. Marcy will be remembered as the man who broke out of the Bandon jail some weeks ago and was later arrested. He has been in the vicinity of Coos Bay for some time.

Yesterday afternoon he walked into the Nutwood saloon about 2 o'clock, ordered a drink and handed the bartender a check on John Curran for \$25. The bartender gave him the change and the man shortly after walked out. Marcy went under the name of MacGregor at the saloon, the forged check being made out to that name. Shortly after he had left inquiry developed that the check was worthless. Marshal Carter was immediately notified and together with Condon set out on the trail of his quarry. He was arrested on Front street near the Pullman saloon. He admitted his guilt.

A search revealed a Breakwater ticket for Portland and \$21.65 in cash. He was taken to the office of Justice Pennock and committed to the county jail in lieu of cash for his bail of \$500. Marshal Carter took him to Coquille on the morning train.

PROVIDES FOR BANK EMERGENCIES

Senator Aldrich's Bill Favorably Reported on by Senate Financial Committee.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—Senator Aldrich, chairman of the senate committee on finance, today favorably reported his bill providing for an emergency increase in the national bank circulation. The report was authorized at a meeting of the committee held today. All the republican members voted in favor of the Aldrich document and the democrats voted for the Bailey substitute. Aldrich said he would call the bill up for consideration February 10.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC WILL SPREAD COOS BAY'S FAME BROADCAST

Half-Tones and Descriptive Articles To Be Placed in Hundreds of Thousands of Circulars For Distribution in United States and Europe.

Secretary Lyon Makes Report at Friday Night's Session of Marshfield Chamber of Commerce on Portland Visit—Mayor Simpson Talks.

Friday night's gathering of the Marshfield chamber of commerce might well be called a meeting militant. The spirit of progress of growth and optimism seemed to imbue itself not only into the personality of the speakers but even the audience that packed the hall to capacity. Enthusiastic applause marked the different tributes to Coos Bay's promised future, her wonderful resources, and last but not least equally important her harbor.

The meeting was called to order by President McCormac, of the Marshfield chamber of commerce, who welcomed the strangers and stated that Secretary Lyon would make a report on the result of his visit to Portland in the interests of Marshfield and the Coos Bay country. Mr. Lyon told of his visit in company with the Coos Bay delegation to Engineer Roessler, U. S. Engineer in charge of the Pacific coast. The engineer asked many questions touching on the annual export tonnage, and the freight rate per ton of Coos Bay and in conclusion asked that the chamber of commerce bodies of Coos Bay compile and file a report incorporating in it an estimate of freight shipments out of Coos Bay for the next five years from the different industries, allowing that shipping facilities prove equal to the business.

The Mail Service.

Secretary Lyon's next interview was with Colonel Vail, United States postal inspector for Oregon. The secretary hardly introduced himself and made known his mission before the government official broke out in a tirade against the conditions of the Coos county wagon road. Mr. Lyon explained that the county had expended \$1,200 on this highway prior to Christmas. Mr. Vail then said that the real trouble lay with the Douglas county end of the road. Mr. Lyon informed Editor Wimbley, of the Roseburg Review of this statement and the latter promised to handle the Douglas end of the route. Congressman Hawley was written a letter relative to the Coos Bay mail service and upon personal inquiry the post-office department informed him that Contractor Fenton had orders not to deliver any mail unless he was assured it could get through on scheduled time.

Indications are now that our lamentable mail service will have to be re-incarnated in the shape of new horses and wagons. It has been suggested that the mail out of Roseburg be handled in two separate loads. This plan was not met with very warm approval. There is nothing definite as to the ultimate solution of Coos Bay's mail puzzle. It was stated last night that one of the carriers wife had deserted him because he was on the road so much.

Campaign of Advertising.

Through the cooperation of Mr. Murray, publicity man for the Southern Pacific railroad company, the fame of Coos will travel into practically every state in the union and also to foreign climes. In their endeavor to focus the world's eye on the Pacific coast, the railroad magnates are planning a mighty campaign of advertising in which the

climate and other charms of the Oregon and California coast country will be placed alluringly before the prospective tourist. The Southern Pacific is now having printed three series of folders, fifty thousand in each series. Mr. Murray has given orders to have a page advertisement of Coos Bay in each folder. These folders will go to every railway station in the United States. Their inestimable value as an advertising medium is obvious. Besides these, two hundred thousand circulars are being gotten up for the Union Pacific railroad and a page advertisement will be placed in each of these. The Southern Pacific will soon have off the press some artistic literature to be distributed over Europe. Mr. Murray has given assurance that he will run a number of cuts from the late pamphlet which the Marshfield chamber has had printed. Last but not least the Southern Pacific intends to advertise Coos Bay as a summer resort and as this will be done immediately a record breaking number of visitors may be expected the coming summer. As conclusive proof that the Southern Pacific expects heavy travel from Portland to Coos Bay the coming months Mr. Lyon cited the fact that the Breakwater will soon have her passenger accommodations enlarged to accommodate about twenty more passengers. Concluding Mr. Lyon said: "While passing through Drain I was strongly impressed with the enormous quantity of structural bridge steel. It seemed to me there was enough to build a bridge from here to Sumner and back again. It must be remembered that every bit of the steel is numbered and all will be used in the construction of the Drain-Coos Bay railroad."

Capt. Magenn Talks.

Captain Magenn, of the Breakwater, made a few brief but pointed remarks on the value of Coos Bay's harbor and bar showing what wonderful results can be obtained by extending the south jetty a distance of 1,000 feet seaward, thus conveying the current against the north jetty and insuring a channel second to none and ranking with Golden Gate and Puget Sound. "If the proper steps are taken," said the Breakwater's skipper, "this will be the best harbor on the Pacific coast."

For the benefit of strangers and also in part explanation of Captain Magenn's remarks, President McCormac here related to the gathering a brief history of Coos Bay's bar, telling among other things of the appropriation which was made and a part of which Coos Bay is still waiting for. Briefly he told of the surprisingly excellent results which had been obtained with the few hundred thousand dollars which the government had allowed.

Mayor Simpson's Address.

L. J. Simpson here made his bow to the meeting, being introduced by President McCormac as the mayor of Coos Bay. Mayor Simpson's appearance was the signal for an ovation and when it had subsided he said: "Gentlemen I am more than pleased to greet you tonight." After a few pleasantries he launched into an

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