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## AN INNOCENT MAN IN SHADOW GALLOWS FOR ANOTHER'S CRIME

Herman Billik of Chicago Convicted of Six Murders on Perjured Testimony.

THE CHIEF WITNESS WEAKENS AND TELLS

Was Coached in His Story by Assistant State Attorney and Police.

CHICAGO, Feb. 22.—Eighteen year old Jerry M. Vzal, whose testimony more than any other person's served to convict the Bohemian fortune teller, Herman Billik, of the murder of six members of the Vzal family has, it is announced recanted in an affidavit and declares his testimony was simply perjury. Billik is under sentence to hang March 20. The Supreme Court Thursday affirmed the judgment. The Vzal boy also declares that two of his relatives also lied. The boy declares that the vital part of the testimony he gave against Billik at the trial was taught him by a high police official and an assistant state's attorney. He names the men he accuses and in an affidavit says he told the story because the police officials threatened him with the charge of murder unless he did as the police wished him. He declares he has been in forty conferences with the state's attorney and fifty with the Inspector of Police. The confession from the boy was obtained by Rev. P. J. O'Callaghan, who has been working in Billik's behalf for several months.

## PORTUGAL FEARS ARMED OUTBREAK

Great Precautions Taken by the Government to Prevent an Armed Outbreak.

LISBON, Feb. 22.—The greatest precautions are being observed in Lisbon to insure the maintenance of order. It is evident that the government fears an outbreak of some kind, but up to the present time no disturbances are reported.

The soldiers are being kept in the barracks. All public buildings, including the Bank of Portugal, are occupied by heavy detachments of the municipal guard. The commerce of the city reflects the secret uneasiness of the people. El Soule (newspaper) expresses the opinion that everything indicates that the government fears armed revolutionary outbreaks.

## FATE WOULD NOT BE DENIED THIS TIME

Pittsburg, Feb. 22.—Saved from drowning in the icy waters of the Monongahela river at Elizabeth, only to be run down and killed by a train on reaching the shore, was the fate last night of J. W. Draper and F. B. Garrett, government employes at lock No. 3. C. E. Stoner, who saved the men from drowning, was also hit by the train and probably fatally injured. Draper fell into the river and Garrett plunged in after him. Eventually Stoner rescued both men with the aid of a boat hook. Then all three started to walk along the Pittsburg, Virginia and Charleston tracks to Elizabeth to get dry clothes. The approach of a train was not noticed and the men were struck.

**FOR THE DISCERNING.**  
800-acre farm near Coos river; deeded right of way to river and good road; per acre... \$8  
Large tract of coal land within 1 miles of Marshfield, on the water; per acre... \$100  
Two fine lots on Broadway, close in; each... \$850  
Good improved residence property close in; in West Marshfield... \$2250  
Two fine residence lots in North Marshfield; splendid bay view... \$600  
Lots in Kay Park, \$10 down, \$5 a month... from \$60 to \$100  
L. S. KAUFMAN & CO.  
Across from Chamber of Commerce.

## BREAKWATER LEAVES FOR ROSE CITY

Departs From Dock at Marshfield at 1 O'clock—List of Passengers Aboard Ship.

The steamship Breakwater left the Marshfield dock at 1 o'clock for her trip up to Portland. Following is the list of passengers aboard: A. B. Watson, Frank Verbena, J. Martin, T. Clark, Mrs. Crittenden, A. L. Ballard, C. L. Duboise, H. T. Houghton, Joe Heath, J. W. Tyler, Theo Heath, Della Gettings, M. Gettings, Stella Gettings, J. Gettings and wife, Mrs. O. Frey, Mrs. Ballard, G. M. Malley, Henry Hoeck, Gus Larsen, W. Waters, E. Wheeler, W. L. Wheeler, A. L. Davidson, M. B. Guyton, W. W. Case, R. W. Reeves, W. Jacobson, G. H. Stauff, Mr and Mrs. Duncan, J. W. Hougher and wife, W. Dawson, H. F. McLain, A. T. Haines, P. F. Ernsley, Dr. and Mrs. Endicott, Mr and Mrs. L. B. Nim, Mr and Mrs. Hoppe, J. A. Land, A. B. Waite, Father Donnelly, W. C. Cooper, Wm. Hahn, E. Galena, A. Raap, J. W. Paulson, E. E. Stannard, C. G. Collins, P. J. Sasey, Wm. McGuire, L. R. Morehouse, Mr. Teaning, W. H. Moody, P. Strain, W. L. Wheeler.

## DR. M. G. POHL APPOINTED FRUIT INSPECTOR

County Judge Hall has appointed Dr. M. G. Pohl, of Myrtle Point, as fruit tree inspector of Coos county. The full petition, containing 127 signatures endorsing Dr. Pohl for the appointment, was sent to H. A. Carson, commissioner of horticulture of the third district of Oregon, who on this showing recommended Mr. Pohl for the appointment, which naturally followed.

In a note to the editor of the Times announcing his appointment, Dr. Pohl says:

"The great necessity and the greater advantages derived from a fruit inspector will in the near future be explained to the farmers and orchardists of Coos Bay. Meantime I beg each and every possessor of fruit trees to take up this work without delay. Pruning and spraying is at hand and there is no time to lose. "The people of Coos Bay shall find that between Coos Bay and the Coquille valley there is no dividing line for me. My whole attention shall be given to the whole of Coos county alike."

## REV. FATHER DONNELLY GOES TO PORTLAND

Very Rev. Father Donnelly departed on the Breakwater for Portland, where he will have a conference with Archbishop Christie in reference to the new church which the Catholics will build in Marshfield. Father Donnelly is earnestly enthusiastic about the new home for his flock and is desirous of having all the preliminaries arranged to commence work at the earliest possible moment. It is the purpose to erect at least a \$15,000 edifice, but actual construction will not commence until \$10,000 of this is in the treasury in cash. More than this amount has already been pledged and over half of it paid in. The balance is expected to be realized soon and it is Father Donnelly's desire to have everything arranged to push the work when in a position to do so. He expects to return on the first boat.

## REV. FATHER CURLEY RETURNS TO COOS BAY

His vast number of friends will be more than pleased to learn that The Reverend Father Curley has returned to Coos Bay to resume his former duties as assistant to Father Donnelly. Father Curley has been in Portland for some time where his health has not been of the best and this in part is responsible for his return to the sunny skies and balmy climate of Coos Bay. Father Donnelly left on today's Breakwater and his duties will be assumed by Father Curley during his absence. Father Donnelly will return on the next Breakwater. Father Curley will remain in North Bend and will in a measure be the resident priest for that part of the parish.

## LAND FRAUD TRIAL APRIL 1

United States Supreme Court Has Set Date of Hearing Action.

## OREGON AND CALIFORNIA

Many Witnesses to Be Summoned From the West by the Government in Prosecuting Alleged Land Grifters. (By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—Justice Stafford, of the supreme court of the District of Columbia, has set aside April 1 next as the date of the beginning of the trial of Frederick A. Hyde, Henry P. Diamond, John A. Benson and J. H. Schneider, charged with conspiracy to defraud the government out of many thousands of acres of public lands in Oregon. About forty witnesses from the west will be called by the government.

## "CLEAN UP" NORTH BEND.

Beautifying City and Rubbish Wagon Starts Monday.

North Bend's aggressive and progressive civic improvement organization, the Beautiful America Club, met Friday and further enlarged the scope of work for the making of a city beautiful of North Bend. The city square will be metamorphosed into a nature bower by the planting of a white cedar privet hedge around it. In the center will be built a shell shaped band stand, and an elaborate drinking fountain will be installed. The ladies are now concentrating their efforts to the raising of money for this work, and they are greatly encouraged by the magnificent manner in which North Bend people are responding. Besides A. W. Meyers' offer of five per cent of the proceeds of the sales of the Meyers store on next Saturday, Editor Archibald Whisman of the Coos Bay Harbor has generously volunteered the use of the Coos Bay Harbor for one issue, Easter, the ladies to take complete charge editorially and otherwise. A percentage of the advertising receipts will be turned over to them on this occasion.

Friday, arrangements were completed for next Saturday at the Meyers store. Punch, sherbet and lunch will be served and candy sold by the ladies on this occasion. The following ladies will be on the reception committee: Mesdames McCullom, Gale, Simpson, and Misses Brigham, Curran and Planagan. Ladies on the sherbet committee are: Mrs. Burmaster and Misses Curran and Brigham. Lunch committee; Mesdames James, Horn, Thum, Wicks Winsor and Curran.

About the middle of March Mrs. Sylvia McGuire, a recitationist of note, and who comes with recommendations from Governor Chamberlain and Tom Richardson, of the Oregon Development League, will give an entertainment in Eckhoff hall under the auspices of the Beautiful America club. Forty per cent of the door receipts will go to the organization. Monday morning of next week the "clean-up" wagon will start on its tour of North Bend, gathering up tin cans and other rubbish which the residents will collect and have piled in waiting for the wagon. J. J. Burns, the well known street contractor, has kindly donated the use of a team, harrow and driver for the cleaning up of the city square preparatory to its improvement.

## A CARD.

To the Republican voters of Coos County, Oregon:  
Greeting: I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the nomination for School Superintendent of Coos county, subject to your pleasure at the Republican primaries.  
ROBERT GOETZ.

## GET YOUR SUNDAY DINNER

At Smith's Cafe. Nice tender chicken served. Tables reserved for ladies.

## CHICKEN DINNER.

Sunday at Smith's Cafe. Private tables for ladies.

## PERKINS SAYS WISE POLICY

California Senator Endorses Action of Sending Battleships to Pacific.

## NOT AN UNFRIENDLY ACT

Was Necessary to Retain Prestige That Will Give Fair and Open Field to Sea Trade. (By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—A defense of the policy of sending the battleship fleet to the Pacific and maintaining that the vast expenditure was fully warranted was made in the Senate by Senator Perkins of California yesterday. His remarks were directed to a resolution which he had read at his desk as follows:

"Resolved, That it should be the policy of this government, while not adopting a continuous programme fixing the number of naval vessels of any type to be built in future years, to maintain its present relative position in comparison with the navies of other great powers."

"The policy," Perkins said, "which sent the fleet to the Pacific is wise and necessary if we are to retain on that ocean the prestige that will give a fair and open field to our sea trade. This is in no way an indication of any unfriendliness on the part of the United States toward any other nation."

## LIPTON MUST LOOK TO HIS SEA LAURELS

Ivy Condon to Have a Fast Launch On the Bay That Will Be Christened "Shamrock."

Sir Thomas Lipton must look to his laurels. His "Shamrock I and II and III" are not the only boats that are to perpetuate the name of the Emerald Isle's triune emblem in the annals of the vessels that plow the vast deep.

Ivy Condon, the Pioneer groceryman and member of the municipal tribunal, will shortly have means whereby to relax from the onerous duties entailed by public and business cares. Holland Brothers, the shipbuilders, are now constructing a gasoline launch for Mr. Condon. The boat will be a worthy addition to the large benzine craft family which now calls Coos Bay home. It will have a twelve horse power Buffalo engine and will be about thirty-eight feet long, with seven and a half foot beam.

Indications are that it will be a time annihilator that would make Lipton's craft look like a mud scow. Mr. Condon expects to make the run to his ranch up Coos River in about an hour. He has pledged himself to take some few of the more intimate of his friends on the initial trip of the boat. What color the launch will be painted was not learned but the name will be "Shamrock."

The Millicoma Club has a plan under consideration for chartering the vessel for an outing for the frequenters of the Poet's Corner.

## SATURDAY EVENING GUARANTEE SNAPS.

6 LOTS in Eastside, \$60.00 each, two blocks from canal landing.  
130x140 ON C and Bennett streets, Marshfield, \$800.00.  
50x100 FOOT lot, with barn, on Tenth street, South Marshfield, \$1,000.00.  
CHOICE corner in Sengstacken addition 100x100, \$550.00.  
LOT on Broadway, close in, \$750.00.  
LOT on 5th street near C, 50x100, \$1,500.00.  
150 FEET on Sherman, Corner Main, North Bend, \$1,000.00.  
100 FEET square on Main street, North Bend, \$500.00.  
200 FEET on Virginia street, North Bend, \$2,000.00.  
THREE 10 acre fruit farms, \$500.00 each, easy terms.  
See Title Guarantee & Abstract Company, Henry Sengstacken, Manager.

## CHICKEN DINNER.

Sunday at Smith's Cafe. Private tables for ladies.

## PORTLAND'S ROSE PLANTING DAY PROVES GREAT SUCCESS

## STEAMER HOMER MAKES LAST TRIP TO BAY

Plant to Resume Her Regular Schedule Next Week—Arrivals on Today's Boat.

The steamer Homer arrived in the Bay this morning about 8 o'clock, being compelled to lay outside the bar all night Friday because of arriving after it became too dark to cross. The boat is billed to leave Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock. This is her last trip. The plant will sail from San Francisco Tuesday resuming her regular schedule between that point and Coos Bay. Following are the passengers arriving on the Homer: J. F. Ramsey, Percy Ward, Mrs. Ward, A. S. Ward and child, John Preuss, Mrs. J. Preuss, C. C. Rambo, C. Rambo, N. B. Rambo, J. B. Rust, F. M. Elmsinger, Mrs. and Miss Elmsinger, W. T. Moffett, Rex Large, Mrs. A. B. Wooley, H. Deets, H. F. Clinton, F. N. Cameron, T. C. Hill, H. Jackson, P. J. Broughton, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Smith and child; six steerage.

## SHOULD THE PEOPLE TOLERATE GRAFTERS

A Citizen Writes a Red Hot Letter on The Subject of What Is Termed A Common Nuisance.

Editor Times:

It is an old story that people like to be faked and it is a common saying that a sucker is born every second. Street fakers and petty peddlers of plunder, by their sensational advertising and convincing remarks make their debut and people are ever ready to be taken in, fleeced, and compelled to be silent for fear of ridicule from their neighbors and friends.

Grafters like these come into your community, advertise "something for nothing" and invariably find a victim. They not only find a victim, but several who are ready to bite at the first cast of the hook. Does he get stung? Always, and ready for the next salve artist who may make his appearance.

These people are a nuisance to any community and you have yet to recall one with honesty of purpose or who is addicted to the truth. His game is sensational advertising or to perform miracles, and by his convincing arguments separate the victim from his hard earned dollar.

Merchants in any city strive to build up their business. When a customer is served he always has recourse and depends upon the merchant's honesty to make good. A merchant strives to serve his patrons and unless he pursues this way of doing business he can not hope to last.

You deal with a grafter today, tomorrow he is gone to the next field of operations and enjoys a good laugh at his previous easy marks. You have no recourse but to content yourselves with sweet silence.

Should we encourage this kind of business? Who keeps up your city? Who is it you call upon to erect your churches, your schools, your public institutions and any good cause that needs a helping hand? Do you depend on people like this? No! It is the good citizen, the taxpayer and the business man. Then why allow these things to go on unmolested and say nothing.

There is a remedy for these things. The writer has been in communities where provisions were made to safeguard against such graft; where privileges were made large enough to keep out such people and unless performed with an honesty of purpose they were tin canned or decorated with a dose of over ripe eggs.

It is time when the citizens and taxpayers of Marshfield should be protected. There should be a license and heavy tax provided against such discriminations. We should copy after our neighboring cities and enact laws that will protect us from any such graft.

Here at our doors is the home of prosperity, while around us everywhere communities have felt the recent crisis. Coos Bay is destined to be one of the great commercial centers of the Pacific. Let us guard well the beginning and look after the small things. The large ones will take care of themselves.

—A CITIZEN.

## Thousands of School Children Help in Work of Rose Planting.

## GOV. CHAMBERLAIN DELIVERS ADDRESS

Preliminary to the Great Rose Festival in June When Flowers Bloom.

(By Associated Press.)

PORTLAND, Feb. 22.—Under a clear sky and a June like sun thousands of Portland school children, ten thousands of citizens and visitors participated this afternoon in Rose Planting Day preliminary to the Rose Festival to be held the first week in June when it is expected fifty thousand visitors will be the guests of city. Five thousand rose bushes were planted today in the three city park blocks. There were patriotic exercises including addresses by Gov. Chamberlain, Mayor Lane and other officials.

## AT THE CHURCHES

**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE**—Services will be held in the Masonic lodge rooms Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Subject, "Mind." All are cordially invited.

**CATHOLIC CHURCH**—Mass at North Bend at 8 o'clock Sunday morning and in Marshfield at 10:30 o'clock, Rev. Father Curley, celebrant.

**ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH**—Meets in Redmen's hall. Sunday School 9:45. Morning service 11 a. m. Luther League at 6:45. Evening service 7:30. Rev. W. F. Holl, Pastor.

**FIRST METHODIST EPISCOPAL**—W. R. F. Browne, Pastor. 10:00 a. m. Sabbath School, E. L. Church, supt. 11:00 a. m. Sermon, "What Makes a Nation Great." 3 p. m. Epworth League, Nettie Woolley, supt. 6:30 p. m. Sermon, "The Rich Fool." A kindly welcome will be given to all who attend these services.

**FIRST BAPTIST**—10 a. m. Bible School, F. M. Stewart, supt. 11 a. m. Sermon, "Consider." 3 p. m. Junior Union, Mrs. Phillips, supt. 6:30 p. m. Young people's prayer meeting. 7:30 p. m. Sermon "The False and the True." Special music by the choir, C. J. Mills, director. Several converts will be taken into the church at the close of the evening service. Mrs. Dr. C. W. Tower will render a solo, "The Harvest Time is Passing By." Miss Susie Eickworth will accompany on the piano.

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**—Announcements for Sunday, February 23. The Sunday School is now pursuing studies in the Life of Christ, and convenes at 10 o'clock. The Young Men's Bible Class, conducted by Mr. M. C. Horton, extends a special invitation to all young men who are in the city over Sunday to visit the class and spend this hour with them. Public worship at 11:00 with sermon by the pastor. Subject: "The Charter and Commission of the Christian Church." The Christian Endeavor service is held at 6:30 o'clock. The service will be conducted by the Missionary Committee. This service meets a great need in the life and work of the church. It is conducted with the idea of affording an opportunity for the exchange of thought and opinion; a sort of clearing house of ideas on vital subjects. The invitation to this service is to all interested in its work, "Come, let us reason together." Public preaching service at 7:30 o'clock. The subject of the sermon will be: "The Repentance of a City." This is the third sermon in the series on the story of Jonah. This service is introduced by a fifteen minute praise service of good stirring gospel songs, and will be followed by a short service of prayer. A cordial welcome is extended the public at all of the services. H. H. Brown, Pastor.