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FREDERICK A. BURNHAM IS FOUND DEAD IN HIS BED

As Late President of Mutual Reserve Life He Was Indicted.

GAS ASPHYXIATION WAS THE CAUSE

Company of Which He Was the Head in Hands of Receiver.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Frederick A. Burnham, former president of the Mutual Reserve Life Insurance Company, was found dead in bed at his home in this city today. He died of gas asphyxiation. The Mutual Reserve Insurance Company went into the hands of a receiver February last. Pres. Burnham and his brother Geo. Burnham, Jr., the treasurer of the company, were indicted on charges of larceny and forgery which grew out of the alleged payments of funds of the company in satisfaction for personal claims against some of its officers.
Geo. Burnham, Jr., was convicted and sentenced to two years but the appellate court set aside the verdict and Burnham was released. The case against Frederick A. Burnham had not come to trial and it was understood that it was to be dropped unless the prosecution was successful in the case of the brother.

PLANT SAILS.

The steamer M. F. Plant left North Bend this morning at 10 o'clock. It was expected that she would go out yesterday but the boat was delayed because of loading lumber at North Bend. It is expected to land the passengers at San Francisco Christmas morning.

MAKING READY FOR CHRISTMAS

Sunday School Children Will All Have Entertainment at the Churches.

Preparations have been made for Christmas celebrations in all of the Marshfield and North Bend churches. In each case the Sunday school children will be made happy with treats and entertainments. The programs of the different churches will be printed in full tomorrow evening. The following gives the time and place of the entertainment at each church:
Swedish Lutheran—Christmas night at 7:30 at church.
St. Monica's Catholic—Christmas afternoon at new store room in South Marshfield.
Episcopal—Christmas night at the church.
Presbyterian—Christmas eve at the church.
Methodist—Christmas eve at the church.
Baptist—Christmas eve at the church.
North Bend United Brethren—Christmas eve at the church.
North Bend Methodist Episcopal—Christmas night at church.
North Bend Presbyterian—Christmas eve at church.
Knights Templar.
The Pacific Commandery, No. 10, Knights Templar, will observe Christmas service at 8:30 a. m., Christmas Day. All sir Knights are invited to attend.

More than 4,000,000 persons, living in 100 cities, obtain water for domestic and industrial purposes from the great lakes.

Tattooed portraits of the last six French presidents were found on the skin of a burglar named Bertin arrested in Paris.

Royal Daulton Jugs and Plates at the COOS BAY CASH STORE.

GOMPERS SENTENCED TO JAIL

Famous Contempt Case Is Decided Against American Federation of Labor and Officials Given Severe Punishment.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23.—The famous contempt case of the Buck and Haggerty Company against President Gompers and Vice-president and Secretary Morrison of the American Federation of Labor, was decided today by Justice Wright of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, adversely to the Federation. Gompers was sentenced to twelve months imprisonment; Mitchell, nine months, and Morrison, six months. The case grew out of an alleged boycott of the stove company's products and the putting of that company on the unfair list, and the federation's alleged violation of Judge Gould's recent mandamus which attracted wide attention.
Pending an appeal to the United States Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia, all three defendants were released on bail.

Rather Go to Jail.

(By Associated Press.)
DENVER, Colo., Dec. 23.—During

MARSDEN CASE NOW SETTLED

Found Not Guilty in the Second Trial Involving the Building Line.

The second case against Robert Marsden regarding the erection of the building at the rear of the Breakwater office on the dock, came up yesterday afternoon before Recorder Upton.
In this case a warrant was served against Mr. Marsden charging that he had allowed the structure he is erecting to extend over the building line established by the city.
The evidence was almost entirely in the nature of records. There was introduced the records of an ordinance passed by the council in 1885. This ordinance provides that a committee of the council make maps and establish a building line and the committee plan was later adopted or supposed to be adopted.
The government fixes the harbor line and a city has a right to control the nature of the wharf or building which may be erected between the harbor line and low water line. After hearing the evidence the court held that the old resolution had never been properly adopted and that the city council at that time had established a wharf line but had not established a building line. Mr. Marsden was therefore acquitted of the charge.

In the previous case which was disposed of several days ago, Mr. Marsden was charged with having erected his building without first having secured a permit. Mr. Sandberg, the city engineer, states that he did not, as reported, testify that he told Marsden he need not have a permit. Mr. Sandberg testified that Mr. Marsden had applied once to know if he should have a permit and the matter was put off because of the absence of the city attorney and that Mr. Marsden did the same thing a second time.
Of this charge Mr. Marsden was found guilty as the court held that he had evidently made an honest effort to comply with the permit regulation.

This settled the matter of the Marsden building on the wharf.

At Sholapur, British India, a factory is successfully making matches with sticks of a peculiarly stiff form of native grass.

Carmen Syva, Queen of Roumania, has practically built one hospital by the sale of her stories, and has largely benefited several others.

The remarkable development of plant life in the Arctic regions, where the sun is weak, is thought to be due to atmospheric electricity.

the convention of the American Federation of Labor last month, Gompers, in speaking of the Buck case said he would rather go to jail than to pay a fine for his actions in the case.

LEADER COMMENT.

Declare Convicted Men Will Never Go to Jail.

(By Associated Press.)
DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 23.—"I think you will find that Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison will never serve sentence," was the only comment made by Immigration Commissioner Daniel J. Keefe, formerly vice-president of the American Federation of Labor and head of the Longshoremen's Union.
"I am not prepared to discuss the matter any further than this prediction," he said, "and I will not say why they will never serve sentence."
"It is an outrage, absolute outrage," declared President Mahon of the Amalgamated Association of Street Railway Employees. "This is the end of free speech. It will be resented not only by the workingmen but by all other liberty loving people." Mahon said further that this would not destroy trades unionism and if the leaders are put in jail new ones will be there to take their places.

ARE FACING GRAFT CHARGE

Great Excitement in Pittsburg When Aldermen Are Arraigned in Court.

(By Associated Press.)
PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 23.—A great crowd packed Police Magistrate Brady's court today when the seven councilmen and the two bankers indicted yesterday for alleged corruption in connection with the municipal affairs, were arraigned for a preliminary hearing. The scandal created a sensation and promise of further arrests added excitement. W. W. Ramsey and A. A. Vilsack, the bankers, were given their first hearing and were held for the court of trial. Their bonds of \$14,000 each were renewed. During the graft hearing this afternoon, it was testified that sixty councilmen were paid \$45,000 in connection with the construction of the filter plant.
According to the testimony, it was an easy thing to bribe the council by the payment of sums ranging from \$100 to \$5. With the exception of Councilmen Klein and Wasson, all the defendants have been released on bonds ranging from \$14,000 to \$30,000.

VOTE A TAX AT ELECTION

Total School Tax In District Number Nine About Ten Mills.

An election for the purpose of levying a special school tax in school district No. 9, which includes the city of Marshfield and a small territory outside, was held last night at the school house. There was a small vote but it was unanimous in favor of the proposition to levy a special tax of 6 1/2 mills on the dollar. This money is for school purposes and for furnishing the new school building.
This afternoon the school board met for the purpose of levying a tax to raise money for taking up a bonded indebtedness of \$1,500, paying a note for \$1,000 and paying interest on bonds. It was estimated that a tax of 3 1/2 mills would be required to do this so that the total school tax will be about 10 mills on the dollar.

Steamer BREAKWATER sails from Coos Bay for Portland SATURDAY, DEC. 26, at 12, NOON.

STANDARD OIL RECEIVES SEVERE BLOW FROM COURT

Street Names Are Suggested

Mayor and J. W. Snover Present General Plan For New Arrangement.

A general plan for renaming the streets of Marshfield was brought up last night at the meeting of the city council. Mayor Straw and J. W. Snover, who was chairman of the committee appointed for the purpose, have been working on the matter and presented what they suggested might be a good general plan to follow out.

Mayor Straw said that Walter Lyon, who is on his way to Washington, had written back that if anything was done with the postoffice department in regard to securing a free delivery in the city, the streets must be named and the houses numbered with some system or the department would not consider the petition. It was explained that Mr. Lyon wanted to do something in this regard with the department while at Washington and the mayor urged that the street committee take up the matter and make some report at the next meeting.
The mayor had a map on which the new names for the streets were marked out. The general plan suggested provides that Cedar street or Broadway as it is also known, should be First street. This because it extends clear through the city. Front street will retain its present name. Beginning with First street, the other streets back from the bay would be numbered in rotation.
It is suggested by the plan that 'C' street which extends clear through the city, be the center from which to start naming the streets or avenues running east and west. Extending north from 'C' street or Central avenue as it is called under the new system, the streets are named for old settlers or men who have been prominent in the affairs of the city, with an alphabetical arrangement of the initial letter. First comes Alken, then Bennett, Chandler and Dimmick. The mayor said he could not recall a name beginning with E, but continuing on down the alphabet there came Flanagan, Golden, Hirst, Kruse, Lockhart, Merchant, Nasburg, Owens and Rogers. The plan was shy names beginning with I, J, and K, but it was suggested these could be supplied.
The plan shows that beginning from 'C' street and extending in the other directions, the streets are named for Oregon towns and city. It was suggested that these streets could be avenues while the numbered thoroughfares could be called streets which would make a distinction. There are some irregularities in the streets and in order to make the plan come out right, some of the short streets are called courts. It is necessary to name an alley "Third Alley" in order that the numbered arrangement figure out right.
Mayor Straw said that the only trouble with naming the streets for Oregon towns and cities was that with carelessly directed letters there might often be trouble in the post-office. For example a letter directed to a number on Drain street might sometimes make confusion in the postoffice and go to Drain, Or. However, other cities have followed that plan and there probably would not be any objection from the post-office people.
The mayor said that the plan which he and Mr. Snover had figured out was merely a suggestion and asked that the street committee look it over and make changes thought necessary or present some better scheme.

Coffee Percolators and chafing dishes at the RED CROSS.

HAVE YOU seen the Steinway Piano new scale at Sherman, Clay & Co., Coos Building, Marshfield, Ore. SHERMAN & CLAY have COME TO STAY.

With Republic Oil Company Ousted For Good From State of Missouri.

WATERS PIERCE COMPANY DISSOLVED

Unless It Shows That It Will Operate As Independent Concern.

(By Associated Press.)
JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Dec. 23.—The Supreme Court handed down a decision today ousting the Standard Oil Company of Indiana and the Republic Oil Company from the state and forbidding them to ever again do business in Missouri, and dissolving the Waters Pierce Oil Company of St. Louis. In addition, each company is fined \$50,000. The order dissolving the Waters Pierce Oil Company will become effective January 15, unless the company on or before that date can furnish the court satisfactory evidence that it intends to operate as an independent concern.
The opinion was written by Judge Woodson. All seven members of the court concurred. Judges Graves and Lamb wrote separate opinions. Judge Lamb adds his belief that the Waters Pierce Oil Company should be fined one million dollars instead of fifty thousand. Judge Graves thinks the Waters Pierce Company should not be dissolved. He said that the evidence showed that H. Clay Pierce, who owns forty per cent of the capital stock of the company did all in his power to prevent it going into the trust, even losing his position as president of the company on that account.

STATION IS WASHED AWAY
Bad Storm Causes Loss to the Government of About \$15,000.
(By Associated Press.)
SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 23.—A terrific storm was experienced Monday night in the straits of San Juan De Fuca. The United States life saving station at Noah Bay was washed away. The loss was \$15,000.

VENEZUELA QUIET NOW

Probable That All Difficulties Will Quickly Be Brought to Settlement.

(By Associated Press.)
THE HAGUE, Dec. 23.—The foreign minister will make a statement this afternoon in which he is expected to announce the suspension of the Dutch hostile action against Venezuela and the prospect of early settlement of all differences.
Would Settle Trouble.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23.—The resumption of the American diplomatic relations with Venezuela is at hand. Vice-president Gomez of that country, is in communication through the Brazilian minister at Caracas, expressing the wish to settle all matters of difficulty between the United States and Venezuela, and for the presence of an American warship at La Guaira.
Cease Activities.
THE HAGUE, Dec. 23.—The commanders of the three Dutch warships in Venezuelan waters were ordered to cease further activity against Venezuela.

Walter Condon was allowed \$245.
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