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REV. KNOX TENDERS RESIGNATION AS RESULT OF FAMILY TROUBLES

Well-Known Marshfield Divine Resigns Charge—May Seek Divorce Soon.

LIFE MAKES MANY CHARGES AGAINST HIM

Husband Understood to Claim Cruel and Inhuman Treatment—Causes Stir.

As a result of domestic trouble, Rev. J. T. M. Knox, pastor of the Marshfield Presbyterian church, has tendered his resignation to the board of trustees and, according to a well-authenticated report, will shortly institute suit for divorce or separation.

The trouble was not entirely unexpected as friends of the family have had previous intimations of the difficulties in the pastor's family.

Rev. Knox left here a few days ago and is understood to be temporarily located at Coquille pending developments in the affair.

The trustees of the church have not yet taken any action on his resignation. He came here over a year ago very highly recommended and as won for himself quite a reputation as a pulpit orator and a brilliant thinker.

He came here from Long Beach, Cal., but had previously held charges at Minneapolis, Kas., Miles City, Mont., and Cairo, Ill.

He and Mrs. Knox were married at Bellbrook, Ohio, December 24, 1890, and have two children.

Many rumors in connection with their troubles have been afloat. It is understood that Mrs. Knox has shown a decidedly jealous disposition and it is intimated that she has vented this to such an extent in some instances as to almost have caused trouble locally heretofore.

It is further understood that she charges Dr. Knox with using liquor to excess. He has also intimated that the reasons why Dr. Knox left his previous charges were about the same unpleasantness as she charges here.

Dr. Knox's friends deny the charges that Mrs. Knox makes against him and declare that her intimations of infidelity are absolutely unfounded. Letters written here by clerks of the Presbyterian Synods embracing the Minneapolis, Kas., and the Miles City, Mont., charges absolutely refute this. He was in one place four years and in the other seven years. As to the charge of his being addicted to the use of liquor, it is stated that he has been using liquor very moderately for medical purposes.

It is understood that Dr. Knox's action for divorce or separation will be on the grounds of cruel and inhuman treatment and incompatibility. Whether any of the rumors that have been started in connection with the matter will alter this, remains to be seen.

The matter is greatly regretted by the members of the church and others.

GARDINER MATTER UP.

Opposition to Plan to Incorporate Town Develops at Roseburg.

ROSEBURG, Ore., Jan. 15.—Opposing arguments on the proposed incorporation of the town of Gardiner were made before the County Court in Roseburg by Attorney George Neuner, representing one set of petitioners, and Attorney A. N. Orutt, representing the other. This is the second time this matter has been before the court. A year ago last fall the court, upon petition, fixed a day of election on the incorporation question, but the citizens of Gardiner were divided on the proposition and it was defeated by a close vote.

The primary question before the court now is that of bounding such territory of the town as may be decided on for incorporation. The citizens are divided on this. Property owners in the north end of the town, the main residence portion, do not wish their holdings included in the municipality, but they are not opposing the incorporation of the remainder of the town. They have presented to the court an advisory set of boundaries, which are opposed by other citizens because they include the public school building.

PANCAKES SUIT; GIRL, TOO.

KENT, Conn., Jan. 15.—Edward Wilnot, a well-to-do farmer, advertised two weeks ago for a cook "who can cook pancakes as they should be cooked." Miss Hilda Sping thought she could cook pancakes that way and a week ago Monday was engaged. She cooked pancakes three times a day.

To prevent any cessation of the pancake supply Mr. Wilnot proposed marriage the following Friday and on Saturday they were married. Their friends are wishing them "long life and pancakes."

REBELS MASSACRE 10,000 MANCHUS

Terrific Loss of Life Reported in Chinese Revolution—Imperial Troops Advance on Revolutionists.

(By Associated Press to the Coos Bay Times.)

PEKIN, China, Jan. 15.—The Kan Su Imperial army after much fighting, has succeeded in pushing its way within sixty miles of Sian Fu. The entire province of Shen Si is in a turmoil. Many towns were looted and deserted. The reported massacre of ten thousand Manchus by the rebels in the Shen Si district is confirmed.

CHINA HAS HOLIDAY.

Inauguration of President of Republic Is Celebrated.

(By Associated Press to the Coos Bay Times.)

AMOY, China, Jan. 15.—By a special proclamation, today was celebrated as a public holiday in honor of the inauguration of Dr. Sun Yat Sen, as president of the Chinese republic.

NORTHWESTERN IS COMING HERE

Portland Paper Finds Further Evidence of Big System's Activity.

The following from the Portland Journal tends to confirm stories afloat some time ago that the Northwestern is looking to Coos Bay as a Pacific Coast terminal:

"When news leaked out in Portland that within the last few days the Pittsburg & Gilmore railroad company, which is generally believed to be a subsidiary company of the Chicago & Northwestern, had authorized the construction of its line down the Salmon river canyon in Idaho, headed on a direct water grade to Pasco, Wash., where it will make connection with the North Bank and continue its downhill run to Portland, new light was thrown on the recent activity in east side realty blocks south of East Morrison street and between the river and Union avenue.

It was stated today by one who is in position to know, that the Pittsburg & Gilmore is headed for Portland and that it was a nine to one shot that the Chicago & Northwestern is cooperating with the Hill interests in securing terminal room in this city. In fact, it was stated that there is but little doubt that these roads are the source from which the \$2,000,000 or more came that was used to purchase a dozen half blocks in the heart of the east side waterfront district in almost as many days.

For several years the Chicago & Northwestern and the Hill interests have been working in close harmony, and now that the Pittsburg & Gilmore has authorized construction of its main line down Salmon river, bent on getting into Portland and on to the coast, there is nothing more natural than that the two lines should cooperate in securing east side terminals in this city. It is pointed out by building its road down Salmon river to the Snake and on down the Snake to Pasco, Wash., and then connecting with the North Bank road, which is a Hill road, a water grade haul will be secured from Armstead, Mont. The road will tap the rich mining districts of central Idaho, in which it is said the Chicago & Northwestern is especially interested, and the ore may then be hauled at a minimum expense to the smelter at Tacoma, which is the nearest smelter in the district. Such a road would also shorten the distance between Chicago and Portland about 300 miles.

The Pittsburg & Gilmore road, from Armstead, Mont., to Salmon City, Idaho, is completed and the grading from Salmon to Shoup, located at the eastern end of the Salmon River canyon, is completed. Two surveys have been completed for the Pittsburg & Gilmore road. One over which it is said a road will be built first, is down the Salmon and Snake rivers to Pasco, and the other leaves the Salmon at the junction of the Little Salmon and runs down to Meadows, where it joins the P. & I. N., running from Meadows to Weller, and which is said to be controlled by the Chicago & Northwestern. This survey crosses the Snake river at Weller and hits across Central Oregon to Coos Bay. Just what points are touched by the survey across the central part of the state could not be learned today.

HOLD LAW VALID.

United States Supreme Court Sustains Employers' Liability Act.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 15.—The constitutionality of the employers' liability law passed by congress in 1908 today was upheld by the Supreme Court of the United States in all cases before it. The court also decided that the state courts may enforce the act when the local laws are adequate.

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FRAUD SHOWN IN NOTE DEAL

Marshfield and Ten Mile Men Escape Paying Instruments Obtained by Fraud.

Holding that fraud had been perpetrated in the attempted sale of a stallion to a number of Coos county men, a jury in the circuit court at Coquille late Saturday night brought in a verdict relieving the local men from any liability on seven notes, aggregating \$2,500, which they had been duped into signing.

The case was that of Campbell and Leiter of Portland vs. W. F. Bowron, W. R. Beattie, A. F. Johnson, Paul Raubach, G. E. Divilbiss, Blanchard, Rezin and Blanchard, Allen Roberts and Robert Hope. It was to enforce payment of a number of notes, aggregating \$2,500, which the plaintiffs had bought from A. C. Ruby company of Portland.

The evidence was that the defendants did not know they were signing a note but claimed that the only paper they signed was an agreement to meet in Marshfield to consider the purchase of the stallion. It seems that Chas. D. Ray representing the A. C. Ruby company came here to arrange for the sale of the horse. He saw Robert Hope and agreed to give Hope a \$400 interest in the company to be formed to buy the horse if Hope would take him around among the farmers, introduce him and help put the deal through. Hope took him around. Finally on one of the trips Ray asked the farmers and others interested to sign an agreement to meet in Marshfield to arrange for the purchase of the horse. They did so. Then he asked them to sign a duplicate. They did so and all of them testified that they did not read either of the instruments but merely took Ray's word as to the contents.

Later the second instrument proved to be a form of a promissory note for \$400 each. The horse was shipped here and the parties refused to take it. After being kept here for a few months, the animal was sold at sheriff's sale for \$417 to St. Noah for a feed bill. Noah sold the horse to Walter Condron for \$700. The animal is a thoroughbred and registered and Mr. Condron testified that he was worth \$3,000.

Meanwhile the A. C. Ruby company sold the \$2,500 block of notes to Campbell and Leiter, Portland brokers, for \$2,517. The notes were "indorsed without recourse," that is guaranteeing the validity of the paper but not the payment. As a result of the trial here, Campbell and Leiter can begin action to recover their money from the A. C. Ruby company.

In the trial, they did not attempt to deny the fraud charged against Ray but set up the claim that they were "innocent holders of value." Mr. Campbell and his attorney were here from Portland.

It is likely that the cause will be an object lesson to the men involved and to many others in that it will probably teach them to be careful about signing papers of which they do not know the contents.

KILLED AT STOCKTON.

Masked Robber Slays Proprietor of Saloon There.

(By Associated Press to the Coos Bay Times.)

STOCKTON, Cal., Jan. 15.—William H. Newman, proprietor of a saloon, was shot and instantly killed by a masked robber early today.

HITCHCOCK FAVORS GOVERNMENT OWNING TELEGRAPH LINES NOW

MINISTER WILL TEACH DANCING

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Jan. 15.—Dancing and the principles of dramatic art will be taught church members in the guild hall of St. Andrew's Episcopal church under the supervision of the rector, Rev. George Thomas Lawton. The pastor has announced his intention to superintend the conducting of social affairs in the church parlors at least five nights a week.

Over Five Billion Dollars Worth of Securities in Vaults of Equitable Building.

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NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—There probably was five billion dollars worth of securities in the vaults of the Mercantile Safe Deposit company now covered up in the ruins of the burned Equitable building according to the estimate by W. B. Brenner, assistant treasurer of the Equitable Life Assurance company which controls the Mercantile concern. Five billion dollars is nearly twice as much money as is in circulation in the United States. It would pay the national debt and leave a balance greater than the combined fortunes of John D. Rockefeller, Andrew Carnegie and J. P. Morgan, and if the five billions were divided equally among the population of the United States, it would give each person more than \$50.

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FILE ANSWER IN CONTEST

Mayor Straw's Attorneys Reply to R. A. Copple's Complaint Today.

Alleging that the court and clerk of court are without authority to issue the citation, that it was issued too late even had they had the authority, that notice was not properly served and that the grounds for the contest as set forth in the petition are insufficient, an answer was filed today in the election contest of R. A. Copple vs. E. E. Straw, involving the mayorality of Marshfield. The answer sets forth that C. A. Schibrede, J. M. Upton and J. D. Goss have been retained by Mayor Straw to defend him in the contest. Notice of the answer was served on H. G. Hoy, attorney for Mr. Copple, at noon today.

Mayor Straw said that he had turned the whole matter over to his attorneys and while he knew that they had filed a motion, he said he did not know whether "anybody seconded it."

There probably will be more or less sparring over technicalities before the case can come to trial.

FISHERMEN IN DANGER.

Thirty Vessels Caught in Ice Off New Foundland.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 15.—Thirty American fishing vessels with cargoes of frozen herring valued at five hundred thousand dollars are imprisoned in the ice on the coast of New Foundland and are threatened with destruction. The revenue cutters Gresham and Androscooggin have been ordered to their assistance.

SAYS HE IS INNOCENT

O. A. Tveitmore in Report Denies Complicity in Dynamiting.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

FRESNO, Cal., Jan. 15.—O. A. Tveitmore, secretary and treasurer of the California State Building Trades Council, declared his innocence of complicity in the national dynamite conspiracy in his annual report read today at the eleventh annual convention.

Postmaster General Recommends to Congress That Nation Buy and Operate Them

CAUSES GREATEST STIR OF ANY OFFICIAL ACTS

White House Tries to Get It Recalled—Taft Had No Advance Information.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 15.—The announcement of Postmaster General Hitchcock last night that he would recommend to congress government ownership and operation of telegraph lines, has stirred official Washington as few administrative acts have in recent years. President Taft knew nothing about it and senators and congressmen learned of it today through publication in the newspapers. So great was the surprise at the White House last night that efforts were made to recall the announcement. These efforts, however, did not come from Hitchcock who was out of the city when the statement was released and did not return until late last night. Then he went immediately to his apartments and would not be disturbed.

There is a disposition among some of the senators today to credit the report that Hitchcock's action might mean a break between him and Taft and the alignment of Hitchcock with those urging the candidacy of Roosevelt for the republican presidential nomination.

Taft this morning sent for Hitchcock to discuss with him the latter's proposed recommendation that the government acquire all telegraph lines as an adjunct of the postal system. At the conclusion of one hour's conference, it was announced that there had been no friction over the proposal.

LOCAL OVERFLOW.

A. K. PECK returned today from Coquille where he spent Sunday with friends.

SENATOR W. C. CHASE of Coquille is in Marshfield today on business and pleasure.

MRS. A. DUNHAM of Bandon is spending the day with friends in Marshfield.

GEO. A. GAGE of Riverton is a Marshfield business visitor.

J. W. HUNT has been laid up for several days as a result of a very painful carbuncle.

THAYER GRIMES expects to leave sometime next month for Chicago where he will continue his art lessons. He may go abroad in a year or so to continue his art studies in Europe.

C. E. HULING of Myrtle Point is a Marshfield business visitor. He and a number of Coos county hardware men are planning to attend the annual convention of the Oregon Hardware Dealers association in Portland. The Coos county association will meet this week.

Want Early Trial.—Dallas Foote has returned from Coquille where he has been with his father, W. R. Foote. He says they are anxious for an early trial. It is understood that they have retained Barrows, Smith and Reigard to defend Mr. Foote.

Body Not Found.—The body of Alex Nicholson, a member of the schooner Arago's crew, who fell overboard and was drowned at North Bend the other night, has not been found yet although the bay was carefully dragged near where the accident occurred.

Court Adjourns.—Judge J. S. Coke Saturday evening adjourned the regular term of court indefinitely, making it possible to convene for a special session if it is deemed advisable. Judge Coke expressed himself from the bench the other day as being willing to have a special term of court to dispose of the Bestacott-Murray murder case and the Foote-Wilcox murder case if the opposing attorneys in the case could agree on the date for same.

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