MISSING WITNESS AN IMPORTANT ONE

FRANCIS J. HENEY, WHO ARRIVES FROM SAN FRANCISCO TO AID IN PROSECUTING M'KINLEY - WARE CASES, SAYS HOBSON WAS EYE WITNESS TO FRAUDULENT ACTS.

Francis J. Heney of San Francisco, who as special counsel for the government has just concluded successfully the preliminary investigation into the gigantic land frauds of the Benson-Hyde-Dimond ring, and who is to aid in the prosecution of Horace McKinley, S. A. D. Puter, Marie Ware and Emma Watson, arrived in Portland this morning only to find that the latter cases had been postponed indefinitely. The mysterious disappearance of W. H. Hobson, one of the government's most important witnesses, made it inexpedient to proceed at this term with the case, which was to have come up for trial tomorrow.

Mr. Heney is well satisfied to have the case go over, and even before Hobson's disappearance he had written to United States District Attorney Hall, suggesting a continuance, for the reason that the pressure of other business made it difficult for him to come to Portland at this time.

"The government will lose nothing by a continuance," Mr. Heney remarked at noon today, upon his return from a two hours' conference with District Attorney John Hall. "If anything, we shall have a stronger case in the fall than we have now. But Hobson is one of our important witnesses, and it does not seem wise to proceed without him. Can we get him when we want him again? Without a doubt. There will not be the least trouble about that."

Only One Theory.

"How do you explain his disappearance?"

"There is no theory upon which we can explain it, except the theory that the defendants have induced him to leave," replied the attorney. "He is a man of large means, being worth, I am told, about $100,000. He thoroughly understood the importance to the government of his appearance at the trial. He was living at Eugene, but he disappeared about three weeks ago, leaving no word as to where he had gone and no instructions about forwarding his mail.

"Hobson's testimony will be very important in the prosecution of the McKinley-Ware-Puter-Watson case. He bought a piece of land from one of their fictitious patentees, Robert Simpson. Of course no such person as Robert Simpson existed. Hobson was present when the deed was acknowledged by Clyde Lloyd, who had never seen Simpson, and of course did not know his signature. Lloyd wrote the acknowledgment on the strength of McKinley's assertion that he knew Simpson, and that the signature was all right. McKinley told Lloyd to go ahead and fill out the acknowledgment, as he had seen Simpson sign the deed.

"The deed was in blank and Hobson's name was written in as the grantee. He then gave his check for $550 to Miss Ware, payable to her order, and she said she would see that it reached Simpson. The deed was then delivered to Hobson. He was asked not to record it at once as it would look bad to have a conveyance of the land so soon after final proof had been made upon it. They asked him not to record it for a month. He complied, and when he finally took the deed to be recorded he found that another deed was on record from Simpson to Mrs. Emma Watson, conveying the same property which he had bought. This deed had been made after the conveyance to him, but recorded before his deed. The acknowledgement of the deed from Simpson to Emma Watson was taken by Puter. Of course, under the law the deed which is recorded first takes precedence.

Puter Gave Back the Money.

"Hobson immediately went after McKinley, who said that Puter had no right to sell the land and that he would make him give the money back. Notice that it was Puter who was to give the money back, although the $550 paid by Hobson was supposed to go to Simpson. More than a year afterwards and just before these prosecutions started, Puter did give back the money to Hobson.

"At their request Hobson then made a quitclaim deed to Thaddeus Potter, who is now a clerk in the office of Pierce Mays. Potter was obviously a conduit for some one else. He denies any part in the conspiracy himself, but he won't tell for whom he took this title."

"You can easily see that Hobson is an important witness for the government. We do not want to go on without him. We shall certainly find him though, and our case is likely to be all the stronger in the fall."

"Was this entry by the fictitious Robert Simpson one of the cases rushed to patent by Binger Hermann?"

"Yes, the patent was issued within 13 days after the application was filed," replied Mr. Heney. "Hermann marked it 'special' and it went through at once."

Mr. Heney, who has gained a high reputation as a prosecutor, was originally retained only in the McKinley-Ware-Puter-Watson cases, but shortly afterward the attorney-general requested him to take up also the investigation of the Benson-Hyde frauds. In this he has been signally successful, and all of the principals in the conspiracy are now under indictment. Mr. Heney is confident that they will be convicted.

"The case against them could not be stronger," he said. "Thanks to the action of the defense in putting Dimond on the stand, we got in all the letters which were written by Dimond to Hyde, and they clinched the case for the government. There can't be any doubt that Benson and Hyde and Dimond will be convicted."

PINKERTON TAKES CHARGE.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

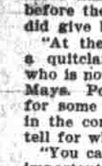
Seattle, May 17.—William A. Pinkerton, head of the National Pinkerton Detective agency, has arrived in Seattle to take personal charge of the hunt for the missing lad Prewitt Baker, supposed to be kidnaped.

OFF TO GEORGETOWN.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Seattle, May 17.—Four men were today convicted of conducting a poolroom contrary to the city ordinance, and each was fined $100. Georgetown welcomes the betting resorts and will pass an ordinance regulating them.

FEET WELL DRESSED



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ODD FELLOWS IN ANNUAL SESSION

GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF OREGON OPENS ITS BUSINESS IN ASTORIA —CITY FILLED WITH DELEGATES AND VISITORS—GREAT GAIN IN MEMBERSHIP.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Astoria, Or., May 17.—The grand encampment of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Oregon and the Rebekah assembly convened in annual session here this morning. The encampment finishes its work today. The Rebekah session will last two, and perhaps, three days. The city is crowded with the delegates and their friends. The encampment was called to order in Odd Fellows' hall by Grand Patriarch T. F. Howard, E. E. Sharon, grand scribe. The entire morning was devoted to reports of the officers. Grand Scribe Sharon's report shows no increase in the number of encampments, still 47 organizations. The membership, December 31, 1902, was 1,982; December 31, 1903, 2,239, a gain of 257.

There were several candidates for all the offices to be filled this afternoon. The Rebekah assembly met in Pythian Castle. The officers were: Lizzie Howell, Oregon City, president; Nora Barnett, Athena, vice-president; Ella Fraser, Eugene, warden; Ora Cosper, Dallas, secretary.

The secretary's report shows a gain in the number of lodges from December 31, 1902, to May 1, 1904, of 13; an increase in the membership of 320 brothers, and 515 sisters; a per capita income of $1.49; a per capita expense of $1.33, and per capita assets of $2.52.

This morning the Rebekahs conferred the assembly degree upon 100 sisters and 60 brothers. Officers will be elected tomorrow or the following day.

Tonight the local Odd Fellows and Rebekahs will give an entertainment and dance for the visitors in Foard & Stokes' pavilion. Mayor Surprenant will deliver an address of welcome.

The grand lodge convenes tomorrow morning. The session lasts two days, and perhaps three.

HEARST IS THE ISSUE

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presidential nomination and has been conducting a vigorous campaign, not with any idea of receiving the nomination, but with the avowed purpose of preventing Hearst from securing the support of the Wisconsin delegation at St. Louis. The indications are that he will succeed in preventing Hearst instructions at today's convention.

WANT CONSERVATIVE PLATFORM.

Des Moines, Ia., May 17.—Secretary Shaw, Senators Allison and Dolliver and several national representatives have united in urging the leaders of the anti-Cummins forces in the Republican state convention, which is to be held tomorrow, to be conservative in the preparation of a platform.

The "stand-patters," however, have the whip hand. The Washington delegation was supposed to reflect the sentiment of the administration when they declared against a radical "stand-pat" tariff question. Allison, Dolliver, Cummins and Blythe will be the delegates at large.

ARKANSAS REPUBLICANS.

Little Rock, Ark., May 17.—As a result of the efforts of Gen. Powell Clayton and other party leaders of the state the Republicans of Arkansas assembled in state convention here today with prospects of a more harmonious gathering than seemed possible a month ago. Both factions showed a disposition to settle their differences, with the result that but one delegation will be sent to the Chicago convention. In addition to selecting delegates to the national convention candidates will be named for the state offices to be filled at the September election. Harry H. Myers leads in the number of instructed delegates for the gubernatorial nomination.

MONTANA DEMOCRATS.

Great Falls, Mont., May 17.—The Montana Democratic state convention to select six delegates to the St. Louis convention met here at 2 o'clock this afternoon. After effecting a temporary organization and appointing the usual committees the convention took a recess until this evening.

A second convention will be held at Helena in September to name a state ticket.

OHIO REPUBLICANS.

Columbus, O., May 17.—The Ohio Republican convention was called to order late this afternoon by Governor Myron T. Herrick, whose opening address was largely devoted to a eulogy of the late Senator Hanna. The convention will complete its work tomorrow by the nomination of candidates for secretary of state and other state officers, the adoption of a platform, and the choice of delegates-at-large to the Chicago convention, and of presidential electors-at-large.

SOUTH CAROLINA FOR PARKER.

Columbia, S. C., May 17.—South Carolina Democrats hold their state convention today to select delegates to the national convention at St. Louis. There appears to be a strong sentiment for Parker, and the convention will probably declare in his favor.

HULL RENOMINATED.

Des Moines, Ia., May 17.—Congressman J. A. T. Hull was renominated today by the Republicans of the 7th congressional district.

UNION MEN ASK FOR EIGHT-HOUR DAY

C. H. Gram, president of the state American Federation of Labor, called on Jefferson Meyers yesterday afternoon with the view of endeavoring to arrange for a conference with the Lewis and Clark fair commission for the purpose of trying to have an improvement made in the labor situation at the fair grounds and the inauguration of an 8-hour day.

It was decided to send a communication to each member of the commission, in which a request will be made that the matter be taken up with as little delay as possible. The labor union men are of the opinion that they will succeed in getting a material improvement made. It is stated that Contractor Bennett, who is erecting one of the important buildings at the fair site, is working his men nine hours a day and paying them at a low rate of wages.

FAILS TO KILL HIMSELF.

E. D. Allen, who attempted to commit suicide yesterday at his home, 516 Starr street, Albina, by drinking laudanum, will recover. He is being cared for at the Good Samaritan hospital. He was despondent. Financial worries are the cause of his despondency.

CUTS WAY OUT OF ST. HELENS JAIL

JAMES MEEHAN MAKES DARING ESCAPE FROM COUNTRY PRISON BY CUTTING THROUGH TOP OF THE BUILDING—BELIEVED CONFEDERATES AIDED HIM.

Word was received by Sheriff Storey this morning that James Meehan, charged with burglary, who was transferred from the county jail here to the prison at St. Helens, cut his way through the ceiling and roof of that structure last night and succeeded in making his escape. Notice has been sent the authorities of the various counties to be on the watch for him, while a number of deputies from St. Helens are now on his trail.

It is believed that Meehan was aided in making his escape by confederates on the outside. The jail at St. Helens is a wooden structure, with steel tanks on the inside. These tanks reach within 16 inches of the ceiling. Last night Meehan climbed the side of one of the tanks and, crawling along the top until he was hidden from view, cut his way first through the ceiling and then through the roof. He reached the ground by means of a long rope.

The jail-break was discovered by Sheriff R. S. Hatton about 7 o'clock this morning. Leaving Chief Deputy W. A. Wood in charge of the office, he took all his available men and started after the fugitive, who is believed to be heading for Portland by a little-traveled route.

Meehan was arrested on the charge of entering the store of the Mayger company, at Mayger, in Columbia county, last January. He secured more than $200 in money and several articles of value. He was sent to the county jail here for safekeeping about four months ago, and was taken back to stand trial a week ago.

"ARE NOT BOER ARMY OFFICERS"

GEN. VILJOEN TELEGRAPHS FROM ST. LOUIS TO MAYOR WILLIAMS THAT GIDEON JOUBERT AND CAPT. O'DONNELL HAVE NO MISSION FOR COUNTRYMEN.

General Gideon Joubert and Captain O'Donnell who recently lectured in Portland and told tales of their experiences while officers in the Boer army, do not represent the Boers, according to General B. J. Viljoen, at the head of the Boer encampment at the St. Louis fair. Mayor Williams this morning received the following dispatch from General Viljoen:

"Myself and dozen officers of late Boer army stationed here at present, inform you that Joubert and O'Donnell are unknown as officers of the Boer army. They have no mission for immigration. Kindly publish this."

Joubert and O'Donnell left the city last night, and at the Perkins hotel, where they stopped during the stay in the city, it was not known where they went. Both men while here said that they were merely honorary officers and that their immigration plans were chiefly self-assumed, that they were writing letters and sending circulars to South Africa to induce their old comrades in arms to come to the northwest.

Irish patriotic societies attended in a body to hear them lecture and the Marquam Grand theatre was well filled.

BIG FRUIT CROP IN FREEWATER DISTRICT

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Pendleton, Or., May 17.—The first four crates of a $50,000 strawberry crop in the Milton and Freewater district, were brought to the express office at Freewater yesterday.

By May 20 the crop in this entire district will be ripening and 1,000 people will be busily engaged in harvesting the greatest crop of strawberries and blackberries ever grown in Umatilla county.

In the district tributary to the O. R. & N. station at Freewater are approximately 200 acres of strawberries, 20 per cent more than last year. There are about 100 acres of blackberries in the same district, and the output of the two crops this year is estimated at 30,000 crates of strawberries and 15,000 crates of blackberries, valued at $50,000 for the strawberries and $25,000 for the blackberries.

It is estimated that every acre of bearing fruit will produce 150 crates, and the crop will last from May 20 to July 1.

In 1903 the strawberry crop in this district amounted to 25,000 crates, valued at $40,000. About 100 cars of apples were shipped last year, 100 cars of prunes, 10 of pears, 30 of potatoes, 30 of onions, and 20 cars of peaches.

The peach crop this year will amount to 20 carloads.

The cherry crop will begin to ripen about June 5, and amounts to five cars, valued at $500 per car.

The strawberry and blackberry acreage has increased 20 per cent in the past year, the fruit tree acreage having increased about 10 per cent.

OFFER FREE TRIP TO PORTLAND FAIR

(Journal Special Service.)

St. Louis, Mo., May 17.—The second day's session of the international press parliament was addressed by Sir Hugh Gilsean Read, of London, who presided. The committee reports were read, after which B. B. Harbert spoke on a British institution for journalists.

Oklahoma and California delegates are working hard for the next convention. It is Guthrie against Pasadena. The Guthrieites, 1,000 strong, offer flattering inducements, including a trip to California and the Portland exposition.

CAN NOW ADVERTISE FOR ALIEN LABOR

(Journal Special Service.)

Vancouver, B. C., May 17.—Justice Duff, of the supreme court of British Columbia, decided this morning that a want advertisement for machinists inserted in the Times and Post-Intelligencer of Seattle by Vancouver engineering works of Vancouver, which induced machinists to come to Vancouver, was not in contravention of the alien law act. The decision is far-reaching in its results, as in cases of strikes workmen can be freely advertised for in Puget sound and California.

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POSTMASTER DROPS HIS ASSISTANT

MR. BANCROFT TAKES SUMMARY ACTION, THEN GOES HOME—BURCKHARDT QUITS HIS DESK, LEAVING CHECK FOR HIS SALARY BEHIND.

Assistant Postmaster Burckhardt went into his office at the customary time this morning, notwithstanding the notice of dismissal which he received from Postmaster Bancroft yesterday afternoon. He carried a small hand sachel with him, which he filled with personal belongings.

Stripping his desk of pens, ink-wells, private papers and other little articles of personal property, he locked the desk, took the key with him and left the building. His departure left the Portland postoffice without an assistant.

He refused to discuss his dismissal, but laughingly said he had been "fired." Mr. Burckhardt went directly to Republican headquarters, where an indignation meeting was held and his friends relieved themselves of various expressions of amazement at Mr. Bancroft's act.

It was, they said, because the postmaster hoped to create the impression at Washington that his assistant was in some way responsible for the irregularities that were discovered by the postal inspectors. It would act as a boomerang, they said, for was not the father of the assistant responsible for the postmaster's securing bonds at the time of his appointment? Further, Mr. Burckhardt had nothing to do with the matters which were handled irregularly.

Mr. Bancroft drove to the office yesterday afternoon, but his assistant was out. He had left a few minutes before to visit a relative who is confined in a hospital. Accordingly, the postmaster penned a brief missive to his subordinate, informing him that the office could run in the future without him, and that the cashier would pay him for his services to date. This check was drawn, according to instructions, but up to this time remains untouched on Mr. Burckhardt's desk.

Speculation has arisen at the office as to whether the office of assistant postmaster is under the civil service rules, and accordingly beyond the power of the postmaster when removals are in order. The postal regulations state that the postmaster has the authority to discharge an assistant or other employe at any time, but must submit any appointments to that position to the assistant postmaster-general.

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DIES AFTER BEING THROWN FROM WAGON

Leonard Tycer died last night at Albina from internal injuries received by being thrown from the seat of a wagon he was driving at the ferry on this side of the river about noon yesterday. He was a cousin of County Treasurer Lewis and is survived by a widow and two children.

It appears that while Tycer was driving a team of spirited horses several cars were backed down the railroad track. The team took fright and ran up the sidewalk, cutting in ahead of the cars about 40 feet north of the crossing. As the wagon struck the rails it slid along several feet and gave a lurch, throwing Tycer out.

He regained his feet and walked to the ferry, afterward walking to the Albina hotel, where he was attended by Dr. Holcomb. The physician thought he would be all right in a few days but it developed afterward that internal injuries had been received. The body will be sent to Woodburn tomorrow for burial and the funeral will take place under the auspices of the Woodmen of the World, of which order Tycer was a member.

His Size.

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