

WATSON'S PAST REVEALED IN TRIAL

Details Gone into by Government in Trial of Defendant for Perjury in Connection With Land Frauds Near Town of Fossil

A jury in the federal court is now being furnished with data sufficient for a three-volume story of what seven years brought to Charles A. Watson. It was in 1915 that Watson filed on a homestead; it was in 1914 that he proved up, and as he at present faces a charge of perjury growing out of his sworn statements on final proof, the government files it necessary to turn the searchlight on those intervening years.

Therefore the jury is hearing all about Watson—that he broke horses for one man and harvested lumber for another, followed and harvested, went home to the funeral of his grandmother, ran a saloon, turned logger and hurt his foot, often complained of his health, but made a trip to Missouri did a hundred head of cattle that might have been gotten if he had not filed on a homestead in that portion of Wheeler county where the Butte Creek Land, Livestock & Lumber company owned the earth and all the tenants thereof.

Kennedy Gives Testimony

Kennedy testified that he had been on Watson's place "lots of times," but had never seen any one living there. When asked to describe the cabin on the land, he said:

"It didn't look like much of a house; it looked as if it might have been used for a comb."

Through James S. Stewart, who succeeded Hamilton H. Hendricks as United States commissioner at Fossil and still holds the appointment, United States Attorney Bristol brought out that Watson's list of witnesses on final proof and a description of the land were taken to Stewart by Hendricks. It developed from Stewart's testimony that final proof was not made on the date advertised. The defense asked that all evidence of the transaction be stricken out on the ground that at the time final proof was made Stewart had no jurisdiction, but Judge Hunt overruled the motion. According to government authority, claimants are allowed 10 days of grace.

James King, a cattle raiser, testified that in 1913 Watson worked for Cor D. Burman, eight or nine miles from his claim. Watson did some haying for King that year, brought him the news of the Hepper flood and told him he had gone back to his old home in Missouri and spent a year there.

MRS. LEDOUX DROPPED BY DEATH SENTENCE

Woman Hears Court Without a Tremor—Mother Weeps Over Daughter.

Stockton, Cal., Aug. 7.—Without a tremor slight Mrs. Ledoux received her death sentence this morning. The little woman stood the coolest and most collected of all in the crowded court room while Judge Nutter passed the sentence. After the court proceedings were over Mrs. Ledoux reddened a bit, but after a few moments her face resumed its usual expressionless appearance.

After all was over Mrs. Ledoux joined her mother-in-law, Mrs. Rittner, and throwing her hands above her head uttered a little cry and rushed into her mother's arms. Mrs. Ledoux sobbed, but Mrs. Rittner shed no tears. Mrs. Ledoux was led back to the jail.

This morning Attorney Farrell for the defendant introduced more affidavits to show the good reputation of witnesses who had sworn that Juror Rittner declared during the trial that the jury intended to hang the woman. Judge Nutter, in denying the motion for a new trial, announced his belief that the affidavits, Murphy and Smith, had testified falsely about Juror Rittner and directed the sheriff to deliver the woman into the custody of the warden at San Quentin prison within 10 days.

WIFE SAYS HUSBAND IS GUILTY OF THEFT

Upon complaint of Mrs. Cora Snyder of 124 Malloy avenue, warrant for the arrest of her husband, Gregory Snyder, was issued this afternoon by Judge Cameron, charging him with larceny. It is alleged by the complainant that her spouse has decamped for parts unknown with \$3,500. According to Mrs. Snyder's story to the police her former husband upon his death left \$3,500 in trust to her daughter and it is claimed that this is the money stolen by Snyder.

Under the provisions of the will Mrs. Snyder was appointed the trustee and after her marriage with her present husband he induced her to sign over the money to him. After securing the coin it is claimed that he commented upon his wife's ill-health and advised a trip to Seaside. During her absence at the beach it is alleged that Snyder disappeared.

CLOSING OF COPPERS IN BOSTON MARKET

Boston, Aug. 7.—Official close bid prices: Adventure, \$6.62 1/2; Alliance, \$15; Arcadian, \$2.75; Atlantic, \$10.45; Bingham, \$3.25; Calmet, \$5.95; Centennial, \$22.50; Cop. Range, \$7.50; Daly West, \$16.75; Franklin, \$16.80; Greene Con., \$26.75; Grubby, \$21.75; Massachusetts, \$5.75; Mohawk, \$6.50; Nevada, Con. \$11; North Butte, \$21.75; Old Dominion, \$25; Oceola, \$104.50; Parrott, \$27; Phoenix, \$60; Quincy, \$25; Sharon, \$29.50; Tambrack, \$28; United Cop., \$68; Victoria, \$4; Winona, \$24.75; Wolverine, \$150; East Butte, \$26.50; Edg., \$7.25; Black Mt., \$16; Cal. & Arizonas, \$109.50.

Balloon Flights Made

Stockton, Aug. 7.—The Knabenshue-Thomas balloon, which was inflated yesterday afternoon, alighting in the marshes near Grant Rock.

SEPARATE CHURCH FOR STATE

Idaho Democrats Declare Themselves as Opposed to Mormon Control.

PRACTICE OF POLYGAMY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED

Will Enact Legislation That Will Render Effective Clause in Constitution Barring Teachers of Bigamy From Rights of Citizenship.

Spokane, Wash., Aug. 7.—With 23 delegates in attendance, the Idaho Democratic convention was called to order yesterday at noon at Coeur d'Alene, with former United States Senator Helfield as temporary chairman. Committees were appointed, and a recess was taken while the eligibility of persons for the resolutions committee was ascertained.

The delegates were invited to take a boat ride on the steamer Idaho to Harlow, the stipulation of polygamy and unlawful cohabitation in the state of Idaho, complete separation of the state and church in politics and pledge ourselves to enact legislation that will render effective the clause of the constitution of the state of Idaho which reads: "No person shall be permitted to vote, serve as a juror or hold any civil office who is a bigamist or polygamist or who teaches, advises, counsels, aids or encourages a person to enter upon polygamy."

The work of nominating the ticket will not be concluded until late this afternoon.

COSTS MOST MONEY TO GOVERN NEW YORK

Washington, Aug. 7.—The completed census of cities shows the total corporate expenditures of 161 cities of over 50,000 population for the fiscal year, New York expenditures are twice as large as those of Chicago and four times as great as those of Boston, Washington, Philadelphia and Baltimore, which spent the largest amounts for New York in proportion to population. San Francisco is one of seven cities of over 100,000 population not owning its waterworks.

B. Y. P. U. WILL GIVE PICNIC AT HAWTHORNE

The B. Y. P. U. of Portland will give a picnic at Hawthorne park Wednesday, August 8, from 5 to 10 p. m. The union invites all young people to come and bring a basket of lunch, which will be taken charge of by the committee and the picnicers treated as one big family. Lunch will be served at 7 o'clock. There will be games and music and after the picnic a trolley ride to Mount Scott.

DOCTOR ASKS FORTUNE FROM LAURA BIGGAR

Pittsburg, Aug. 7.—Dr. C. C. Hendricks today filed suit for \$239,580 against Laura Biggar Bennett, the former actress, for professional services rendered during the troublesome time which followed the San Francisco earthquake and fire, will address the members of the Commercial club at the luncheon hour tomorrow.

MURDERED WOMAN BUT FORGETS IT ALL

Stockton, Cal., Aug. 7.—Edward Wilson, who murdered Lou Hill last night, professes to remember nothing from the time he entered the woman's house yesterday forenoon until he found himself in jail. Officers believe that he is faking insanity.

THUG ATTEMPTS TO ROB WOMAN OF NORTH END

An unknown thug attempted to choke and rob a woman of the north end at 72 North Fourth street at 10 o'clock this morning, but was prevented from accomplishing his purpose by the arrival of assistance. The police have an excellent description of the fellow and expect to capture him.

LUMBER TRUST BOOSTS PRICE IN LOS ANGELES

Los Angeles, Aug. 7.—Local lumber dealers announce an advance of \$1 a thousand feet on Saturday, to make the base price here \$28 a thousand feet, the highest ever reached. The local advance is due to the trust price up the coast.

FREIGHT HANDLERS AT SACRAMENTO ON STRIKE

Sacramento, Aug. 7.—The Southern Pacific freight handlers are still out. The company refuses to grant their demands. Their places have not yet been filled.

TOOK MONEY FROM BANK AND WAS THEN ROBBED

Chicago, Aug. 7.—Mary Grabolski, to be sure of her money, took \$386 from a safety deposit vault in the closed Milwaukee Avenue bank today, and was immediately robbed by a pickpocket.

Mine's Cage Falls

Chacabuco, Belgium, Aug. 7.—Nine miners were killed in a cage in a coal mine by falling 1,100 feet here today.

FRENCH GENERALS IN COMIC OPERA DUEL

Paris, Aug. 7.—Generals Andre and Demerit were fought due today. Two shots were fired, but nobody was hurt.

SLAYED HIS BEST FRIEND TO WED HIS WIFE.

Charged With Having Slain His Best Friend to Wed His Wife.

WOMAN AIDED PLOT TO SLAY HUSBAND

Mrs. Scheck Let Lover Into House, Then Awoke Her Sleeping Husband So That He Could Be Killed by Paramour.

Los Angeles, Aug. 7.—The trial of Ernest Stackpole, charged with the murder of Scheck, his companion's husband, Judge James, objection having been made to Judge Smith. The courtroom was jammed, many women being present. Application for a change of venue and a continuance were refused. Mrs. Scheck, Stackpole's companion and accomplice, was not in court.

Joel Scheck, a young laundry worker, was killed the night of June 14 as he rose from his bed to respond to a call from his wife that burglars were in the house. He was shot twice. Both wounds would have proved fatal and were powder marked.

Mrs. Scheck was found to have been friendly to her husband's supposed intimate friend, Ernest G. Stackpole. The latter was arrested and a search of his clothing turned up two bloody handkerchiefs.

Mrs. Stackpole was arrested and finally broke down and confessed that she had not been for the blood-stained clothes in the morning to admit Stackpole to the kitchen and that she then returned to bed and had called her husband in order that Stackpole might shoot him as he came up in bed.

The plot between the woman and her lover had been arranged the day before the crime. Scheck had become suspicious of his wife and Stackpole and the couple concluded to put him out of the way.

UMATILLA INDIAN SUES TO RECOVER HIS LAND

Moses, an Indian living on the Umatilla reservation, has filed a complaint against the United States and Ta-ma-sa-mi and Wa-win-ta-let to recover title to a tract of land which was allotted to an Indian woman named Pe-lout-pum originally, but which passed into the hands of the government at her death.

Moses claims that he is a brother of the dead woman and the only heir, while the complaint a judgment is recited of a suit brought by the codefendants of the United States in the present case which shows that one is the niece and the other a grand-niece of the deceased.

ROLLING MILLS ARE ENDANGERED BY FIRE

Fire due to leaking oil becoming ignited from the fierce heat of a nearby furnace, after the fire threatened the rolling mills of the Pacific Hardware & Steel company at the foot of Twenty-third street. The flames were extinguished in a short time, however, and the picketers treated as one big family.

The fire broke out at 1:20 o'clock and the burning oil blazed high, igniting the rafters which support the steel floor above the engine-room. Upon the arrival of the fire department the blaze was extinguished by a liberal application of water.

DR. BAKER TO SPEAK AT COMMERCIAL CLUB

Dr. Ernest E. Baker, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Oakland and chairman of the relief committee there during the troublesome time which followed the San Francisco earthquake and fire, will address the members of the Commercial club at the luncheon hour tomorrow.

CONTRACTOR ON TRIAL FOR POISONING WIFE

Chicago, Aug. 7.—Knut Knudson, a wealthy contractor, was held by the coroner's jury this afternoon on the charge of poisoning his wife, Johanna Augusta, who died last March. The woman was buried at the time and no suspicion was aroused. Recently relatives caused an exhumation and the examination of the organs led the jury to believe that poison was found. A statement alleged to have been made by the woman on her deathbed is among the evidence.

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WORK OF SNEAK THIEF REPORTED

Sadie Warren reports that a sneak thief entered her room at the Van Noy hotel and carried away a purse containing \$11.

Frank Bequette of 154 North Third street reports stolen from that address a .22-caliber Winchester rifle.

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Telephone Men Are Accused of Reckless Driving Through Village Streets.

Salem, Or., Aug. 7.—A party of Portland excursionists may find themselves up against it. Word has reached here from the Hubbard officials for the number of an automobile which reached at 1 o'clock. It seems that the party did some reckless driving in the town of Hubbard and ran into a farmer and his wagon there.

Members of the party are L. J. Bremer, president of the Securities commission of Los Angeles; William Godfrey, superintendent of construction of the Automatic Telephone company; Charles Zohn, engineer of the Home & Long Distances Telephone company; Robert Tucker, president of the Empire Electric company, and S. A. Baldwin, chauffeur for Covey & Riddle's automobile garage on Oregon 244, Portland 251.

The party left Portland this morning at 7:30 o'clock, intending to inspect the lines of the Home Telephone company between here and Salem, according to H. M. Covey, of Covey & Riddle. Mr. Covey, who was in the automobile, did not hear of the accident at Hubbard.

PORTLAND MAN ROBBED BY HIS COMPANION

Vancouver, Wash., Aug. 7.—Ed Dement is in the city jail on a charge of robbing a workman by the name of Stead of \$41 and a man by the name of Taylor is also wanted for being mixed up in the affair.

Stead was here from Portland last night and after visiting several saloons went to the U. S. bar. Here he bought several rounds of drinks for Dement and Taylor and lost his money.

Taylor told the police that Dement did the stealing, but when he wanted to sustain the charge he could not be found. The police have notified the Portland authorities to watch for Taylor, if they believe he went to that city last evening.

Dement's hearing before the police court will probably come up this afternoon.

DATES ARE SET FOR TEACHERS' INSTITUTES

Salem, Or., Aug. 7.—Superintendent Ackerman and his corps of assistants are busy compiling the biennial school report, which will contain some valuable information concerning the schools of the state. He has also arranged for institutes to be held at the following places: North Bend, August 13, 15, 16; La Grande, September 3, 4, 5; Baker City, September 5, 6, 7; Condon, September 7, 8, 9; Astoria, September 12, 13, 14; John Day, September 10, 11, 12; Burns, September 12, 13, 14; Lakeview, September 18, 19; Klamath Falls, September 20, 21, 22; meeting of the department of superintendents in Salem, October 5 and 6; The Dalles, October 10, 11, 12; McMinnville, October 17, 18, 19; Moro, October 22, 23, 24; Hillsboro, October 24, 25, 26; Salem, November 7, 8, 9.

The meeting of the State Teachers' association will be in Salem, November 26, 27, 28, and the state meeting for the western division of the state society will be in Pendleton, November 27 and 28.

TWO BOYS LOST IN HEART OF MOUNTAINS

Walla Walla, Wash., Aug. 7.—Men arriving from Big Meadows this morning said that they had no trace of the two sons of Gilbert Konasewski who disappeared from camp Sunday morning, although several searching parties have been scouring the timber for a radius of three miles of the camp.

The boys, who are aged 18 and 19 years, left Meadows Sunday afternoon with a .22-caliber rifle to hunt squirrels. They failed to return that night and yesterday men in the camp began a search for them in the mountains. One of the boys has been hurt in some manner and the other brother is staying with him. Penitentiary bloodhounds will be put on the trail tomorrow if the traces of the boys is found tonight. The big mountains are in the heart of the Blue mountains, 25 miles southeast of Walla Walla.

WILLIAM DILLS LOSES ALL WHEN BANK FAILS

William Dills, the well known character comedian and member of the Baker stock company during the season just closed, announced himself today as one of the victims of the million-dollar deflation which caused the wreck of the Milwaukee Avenue state bank of Chicago yesterday.

Dills says that he does not know how much he has lost, but the amount represents several years of savings sent home to be banked by his mother, who resides in the Kerchoff flats on North Oakley avenue.

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Within Two Hundred Feet of Top Are Forced to Turn Back—Many Narrow Escapes From Death Are Reported.

Bellingham, Wash., Aug. 7.—Barred in many trial ascents on adjacent peaks and suffering from the effects of eating caught of the mushrooms and clams, the Maszamas, according to a report, which reached Bellingham today, have suffered the greatest defeat of all by failing to reach the summit of Mount Baker, which they have been trying more than a week. For the remainder of the week Maszamas are expected to arrive in Bellingham with stories of their failure to plant their Alpine sticks on the jagged dome of Kulkhan.

When within 200 feet of the summit the mountain climbers are said to have turned back after repeated efforts on the part of the few who ascended this far to overcome the bulwark of stone and ice before them.

Several narrow escapes from death are reported. All kinds of expedients known to the experienced climbers were tried, and even the boldest and hardest were compelled to admit defeat.

Apparently the pinnacle is too formidable ever to be negotiated and it is claimed by old prospectors of the Mount Baker region that Kulkhan summit never has been trod upon. Long before the rounded dome was reached many of the 40 Maszamas who essayed the ascent became exhausted and were forced to lie down.

These returned to the temporary camp. It is said that all of the eight plucky women who attempted the trip kept on until the pinnacle was looming above them and owing to the isolation of the temporary camp it is impossible to learn today who were present at the final defeat.

RAILROAD WILL NOT MEET SAND HOGS' DEMANDS

Company Will Re-Employ Part of Old Crew if They Will Work at Former Wage.

Vancouver, Wash., Aug. 7.—Mayor Eastman, Joe Webber, J. Padden and J. E. Harris, the committee appointed at the request of the compressed air workers (sand hogs) formerly employed on the Portland & Seattle Railway company's Columbia river bridge to company with Bridge Engineer Crosby in regard to a settlement of the strike, yesterday met Engineer Crosby.

The committee put the situation before the sand hogs' strikers, stating that they desired to do what was for the best interests of all concerned. In reply Engineer Crosby stated that he would deviate from his former statement and that if any of the compressed air workers desired to go back to work they could do so, but that their pay would not be raised. This decision on the part of Mr. Crosby, it is understood, has been accepted by the strikers.

Mr. McClary was en route for Vancouver, where he was to be met by the sand hogs' strikers. He was found in an unconscious condition and carried to the house. Medical aid was summoned from Vancouver, but arrived too late to be of assistance in the dying man. The body was removed to Vancouver and is now at the undertaking parlors of Goode & Burnett. Arrangements for the funeral will not be made until advice are received from relatives in Canada.

WELL-KNOWN RESIDENT OF VANCOUVER PASSES AWAY

Vancouver, Wash., Aug. 7.—Robert McClary, aged 42 years, and for the past 13 years a resident of Vancouver, died of apoplexy yesterday afternoon at the old Seward residence, on the Fruit Valley road.

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TO USE SPRING WATER AT REFORM SCHOOL

Salem, Aug. 7.—At a meeting of the state board in charge of the reform school held yesterday it was decided to secure a new supply of water for the institution. Accordingly the board purchased a spring situated on Levi Herren's place and the right of way for the laying of a pipe, which will be about a mile in length. The spring is so situated as to insure a fine flow of water for the institution and it is thought that the mute school will also be able to receive its water supply from the same source. The report shows 103 boys in attendance on August 1.

The report of Superintendent Calbreath of the asylum was also submitted. At the close of the month of July there were 375 males and 443 females; the number of employees is 148 and the average monthly capita expense is \$1,021. The general health of the patients is reported good. It was also decided to secure carpenters and begin the repair work on the part of the building damaged by the fire. The wards damaged by the fire are occupied just as formerly with the employment of an additional attendant against ailments through the ceiling and roof.

PEACE DECLARED IN ST. PETERSBURG AND BELIEVED PROVINCES WILL FOLLOW—CZAR TO CHANGE CABINET THURSDAY.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 7.—The work was done here has decided to call off the strike in this city and make that announcement tonight. It is believed the provinces will follow. The government is overjoyed at the turn of affairs and held the train which was loaded with soldiers ready to dispatch to needed points. The warships in the harbor will carry foreign mails in the event of a strike.

The Gazette announced today it is informed the czar will change the cabinet Thursday. Prince Lvoff will be premier, Count Heyden minister of the interior and Stakovich minister of finance. It is also announced that the czar will decide to allow the duma next March to supervise the budget for 1907. The city is quiet, the strikers being dispersed and no gatherings permitted. Work is resumed in many factories.

HELSINGFORS, AUG. 7.—The captured revolutionaries have been turned over to the Finnish authorities to be tried and will be punished by imprisonment according to the Finnish law. The shooting of the men condemned for participating in the mutiny at Sveaborg continues at the fortress.

RYGORSK, AUG. 7.—The commander of the garrison was killed today by an officer.

HARBIN, AUG. 7.—A Russian gunboat shelled bandits who were robbing a village and killed many of them today.

YOUNG GIRL HAS NARROW ESCAPE

What appears to have been a dastardly attempt to deliberately ruin 16-year-old Julia Stanley was brought to the attention of the authorities this morning upon the arrest of Mrs. Ella Monk and F. J. Stretch on a statutory charge by Special Policeman Hemsworth. The girl was found in the room with the couple at 657 Pettygrove street, and was also brought to police headquarters.

Upon the orders of Mrs. Monk she went to the solicitation of Mrs. Monk she and Stretch and another man at Yamhill and Fifth streets last night, and they then went to the Oregon jail. At that resort she alleges the men sought to induce her to drink several glasses of beer, but she refused to comply with their wishes. An automobile ride to Claremont tavern followed, and there it is claimed her companions tried to ply her with champagne.

Upon the orders of Chief Gritzmacher a detective has been detailed to arrest the other man. The girl is extremely pretty and resides at 343 Albina avenue. Late this afternoon, while detectives were out looking for the "other man," he walked into the police station to claim a wallet containing \$150 which had been found by a chauffeur. He was immediately taken into custody and is being held pending an investigation of the case.

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