

SENATOR FRANKLIN PIERCE MAYS AND HIS CO-DEFENDANTS PLEAD "NOT GUILTY" AND WORK SELECTING JURY TO HEAR CASE IS BEGUN

The Blue Mountain reserve land fraud case was called for trial this morning in the federal court, but the first hour and a half was consumed in dispute over a final point and the work of selecting a jury was not reached until 11 o'clock. An hour of questioning resulted in three rejections, two of them by order of Judge Hunt and one by consent of counsel for both sides. The jury was selected at noon one lone juror having been accepted.

There are three defendants represented by five attorneys. State Senator Franklin Pierce Mays has ex-Judge Penton and W. Lair Hill conducting his battle. Mr. J. M. L. Pipes and S. B. Huston are looking after the interests of Willard N. Jones and the legal rights of George Sorenson are being looked after by ex-Judge Alex. Swank. The government has two representatives, Special Assistant Attorney-General Francis J. Heney and United States Attorney William C. Bristol.

GRANDSTAND AND THEATRE THREATENED BY FIRE

Panic narrowly averted at Baseball Park—Fire scare at Star Theatre. Two amusement enterprises were threatened with destruction by fire yesterday and in the first instance it was only the prompt action of several men that prevented a terrible loss of life and property.

WOULD YOU BE PURE IF YOUR CELL WAS WHITE

County Prisoners Will Have a Chance to Solve Problem When Painting is Finished. Though Jailer Mitchell is spreading white paint on the walls and ceiling of the county jail with lavish hand, the deep, dark, dank dungeons will remain just as deep and dark as their original coat of black paint made them.

WITNESSES TESTIFY DUNN IS WEAK MENTALLY

Shown Accused Naval Officer Was Not in Right Mind While in Command. Vallejo, Cal., Aug. 20.—The Dunn court-martial proceedings were resumed this morning. The first witness for the defense was Machinist Hanlon, who testified that he came in contact with Dunn frequently while on duty on the Independence, and that Dunn's mental condition made an impression on him.

MRS. HANDLEY DIES AT HOME IN DALLES

The Dalles, Or., Aug. 20.—Mrs. Catherine Handley, aged 79, died this morning. She had been sick 10 days and underwent a long illness. The cause of her death was old age and stomach trouble.

WORK COMMENCES ON UMATILLA PROJECT

Pendleton, Or., Aug. 20.—Actual work began on the intake of the East Umatilla project at Echo today. Teams and men are at work and clouds of material are being brought in. Many teams and men are wanted. The Puget Sound company is doing the first work.

LUMBERMEN REFUSE TO UNLOAD; STRIKE RESULTS

Los Angeles, Aug. 20.—The steam schooner Centralia, lumber-laden, arrived at San Pedro this morning and the owners of the lumber-yards tried to have their employees unload her. The men refused and were discharged, where the men did not walk out. Six hundred are out. It is said the employers will get non-union men to unload the vessel.

EFFECTS OF FIRE IN 20 BUILDINGS PAID FOR BY INSURANCE CORPORATIONS

I. N. Lewis Tells of What He Observed During Visit to San Francisco.

REINFORCED CONCRETE STOOD DISASTER WELL. Heat Had Terrible Effect on Steel Beams and Columns, Some of Them Being Buckled and Twisted Out of Shape by the Fire.

I. N. Lewis of Whidden & Lewis, architects, has returned from San Francisco where he went to study the effects of earthquake and fire on modern buildings and to learn what progress is being made in the reconstruction of the burned city. Mr. Lewis says that the modern buildings withstood the effect of both the earthquake and fire in fairly good condition, particularly the steel frame buildings.

San Francisco Gets About One Million Dollars a Day From Insurance Corporations.

(Journal Special Service.) San Francisco, Aug. 20.—It is estimated that for two months past insurance companies have been paying losses at the rate of about \$1,000,000 a day. Twenty companies, of which one half is so-called large and one half small, have paid an aggregate sum up to date of \$20,000,000, an average of \$1,000,000 for each company.

SULLIVAN SAYS HE CONTROLS ILLINOIS DEMOCRACY

Delegates Gathering at Peoria for Greatest Fight in History of Party in the State. (Journal Special Service.) Peoria, Ill., Aug. 20.—The Democracy of Illinois is gathering here for the greatest struggle in its history. Not only are delegates to the state convention coming in on every train, but the fight for control has drawn people from all parts of the state.

MRS. EDMUND B. GAZE HURT BY STREETCAR

Dr. Edmund B. Gaze, wife of a broker at 233 Pine street, was painfully if not seriously injured in a collision with a Woodlawn streetcar at the corner of Third and Washington streets during the noon hour today.

TEAMSTERS ARRESTED FOR BRUTAL ASSAULT

Edward Sullivan and O. J. Henry, two teamsters, were arrested at the foot of Washington street at 11:30 a. m. by Patrolman Price on charges of assault and battery. It is alleged that the two men brutally assaulted him. Price at the time of making the arrest was not in uniform, Sullivan thinking that he was Campbell's friend, and struck a truck stake and the policeman.

SLOW WORK GETTING JURY IN FEDERAL COURT

Talesmen Selected Carefully by Attorneys Connected With Blue Mountain Case. The work of selecting a jury in the Blue Mountain reserve case, involving State Senator Franklin Pierce Mays, Willard N. Jones and George Sorenson, resumed this afternoon in the federal court.

BLOW OPEN SAFE TO GET SEVENTY CENTS

Athens, Or., Aug. 20.—Burglars entered the O. R. N. depot at this place at an unknown hour last night, blew up the safe with nitro-glycerin and badly wrecked the office. It was evidently the work of experts. Agent Dobbs discovered the robbery this morning and found the robber's tools, a screwdriver and monkey wrench. Otherwise the robbery was carefully executed.

LAWSON SAYS WHITNEY IS STANDARD OIL MAN

Boston, Mass., Aug. 20.—Tom Lawson, in a public letter to District Attorney Moran, accuses Henry Whitney, candidate for governor, Loring and some legislators, and tells Moran he should support Gullif if Whitney should run. Lawson says he will support him. He declares that Whitney is owned by the Standard Oil.

SERVICES OF POLICEMEN BIG CONCERN OF FORESTERS

Shake-Up in Plain Clothes Department Ends by Batty Being Put in Charge.

Inspector Bruin Expects by This Method to Get Better Service, He Declares, Than Has Been Given by Detectives Heselofors.

Under the provisions of an order issued this morning by Chief Gritzmacher, the plain clothes men of the Portland and moral squad, will hereafter act under the orders of Sergeant Batty. Contrary to the general impression that this would signify the beginning of a sensational crusade against vice, Inspector Bruin declares that the purpose of the assignment of a sergeant in charge of the squad is solely to promote efficiency.

People Line Streets to Watch Forepaugh-Sells Brothers' Street Procession.

Two Days, Giving Two Shows Daily at Twenty-Fifth and Overton Streets. Tens of thousands of people turned out to see the Forepaugh-Sells circus this morning. Hundreds lined the sidewalks along every block of the route, while lawns, porches and windows were alive with eager faces and craning necks.

WILL DIRECT WORK OF THE NIGHT SQUAD

It is impossible for me to be on duty both night and day to direct the work of the plain clothes men, and I considered it for the best interests of the city to place some ranking officer in charge of these men," is the statement made by Bruin. The order is as follows: "In order to obtain the very best results for the police service from the patrolmen now detailed in plain clothes to look more particularly after gambling and disorderly houses it is deemed necessary that some ranking officer take charge of the squad and that all the members of the squad be under his direct control."

Purchases Half Interest in Pendleton Tribune to Train for Senatorial Race.

Believed He Will Have Good Chance. Ex-Governor is Popular and Might Have Secured Nomination This Year Had He Determined to List Himself Among the Candidates.

Ex-Governor T. T. Geer, undaunted by his defeat in the Republican primaries last spring, is preparing to reenter the political arena and there is strong reason to believe that he intends to run for United States senator in 1908. As the first step toward the furtherance of this ambition he has purchased a half interest in the Pendleton Tribune and within a few days will take active charge of the conduct of the paper.

BIG ROBBERY IS PUZZLING POLICE AND DETECTIVES

Sacks of Gold Disappear From Safe of Allen & Lewis and Thief is Not Caught. A mysterious disappearance of two sacks of gold from the vault of Allen & Lewis, wholesale grocers, at Front and Davis streets, is engaging the attention of the local police and the Federal bureau. The case is one of the most puzzling crimes reported to the authorities in some time and involves the loss of \$1,000 in cash and \$500 in checks.

LAST CURTAIN FOR POPULAR LEWIS MORRISON

Heroic Soldier and Fine Old Actor Dies With Members of His Family at Bedside. (Journal Special Service.) New York, Aug. 20.—Lewis Morrison, who became famous by his interpretation of Mephisto in "Faust," died suddenly of heart failure at the New York hospital, Yonkers, after an operation for stomach trouble. He was to start for San Francisco last Friday to enter upon an engagement.

CONFERENCES COMING TO BE HELD IN SPOKANE

Cities of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana Will Send Delegates. As a result of the recent exchanges of courtesies and calls between Portland and Spokane business men, a call has been made for the cities of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana, to convene at Spokane September 25. R. Copeland Robschacher, manager of the Spokane Commercial club, came to Portland today to confer with business men as to program and plan.

MONSTER CROWD GATHERS AT CANEMAH PARK

Foresters of Portland and Oregon City Assemble and Hold Big Picnic. (Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Oregon City, Aug. 20.—Two thousand people from Portland and Oregon City assembled in the shady groves of Canemah park yesterday to attend the picnic given by the Foresters of America. Nine Portland crews were represented and the same invitation will be extended to Washington and Idaho. Western Montans will be represented.

MEDICOS GATHER TO DISCUSS DISEASES

Toronto, Ont., Aug. 20.—The seventy-fourth annual meeting of the British Medical Association is in progress in this city tomorrow and 600 physicians and surgeons from Great Britain are here to attend. Many prominent medical men from other parts of Europe and from Canada and the United States are here. The sessions will be held under the auspices of the medical department of the University of Toronto. Thirteen scientific sections have been arranged and will meet daily through the week in the university building. The program promises interesting discussion, owing to the large attendance of men of eminence from all parts of the world. As a preliminary to the conjunction the Glasgow Medical Association opens its annual meeting at the university today.

GLAD JUDGE HUNT WAS GOING TO QUIT WORK

W. F. Davidson, a juror called in the land fraud cases, told Judge Hunt this morning that he would like to be excused from jury duty. After September 1. The court told him that such an excuse would not be necessary, as he would not be in Portland to hear cases after that date. "I'm glad of it," said Davidson. Everybody laughed, including Judge Hunt. Davidson, who is a hoggrower near Salem, later explained that he meant he was glad because it would give him time to pick his horse and not because Judge Hunt would leave the city.

RUSSIAN POLICE ARE USING MACHINE GUNS

St. Petersburg, Aug. 20.—Reports of officials show that the Russian police are using machine guns. These figures apply only to the cities. A multitude were banished and scores were officially executed. The police of this city are being trained to handle rapid-fire guns.

THROWN FROM STREET CAR—BADLY INJURED

C. B. Schley, residing at 831 1/2 Washington street, was seriously injured shortly after noon today at the corner of Sixteenth and Washington streets. The injured man stepped off backwards from a moving car and was thrown to the ground. He was rendered unconscious by the fall and carried into the quarters of engine company No. 3 by several firemen. The patrol wagon was summoned and Schley was removed to his home, where Dr. Wheeler upon examination found that he had sustained what appears to be a dislocation of the neck. The injury, although serious, is not necessarily fatal.

AGAIN THIRTEEN TO BE HOODOO NUMBER

Pendleton, Or., Aug. 20.—James Kennedy, a waiter of the Imperial restaurant, is now in jail charged with robbing the O. R. N. depot at this place here, and was left in charge of the restaurant last night and closed up soon after. The officers soon captured him. He admitted having the money, but denied wishing to steal it. His trial will be held tomorrow.

DRUNKEN WINEMAKERS DIE BENEATH WHEELS

Chico, Cal., Aug. 20.—Ben Kelley and J. Allen, laborers at Stanford winery, near Vina, were killed this morning by the southbound Oregon train. Both were drunk. A minute before a tramp on the same train had his foot cut off by falling from the trucks.