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# HOTEL FIRE CAUSES PANIC AND DEATH

## CHARRED BODIES TAKEN RUMS AT SHELDON, WASH

Two Portland Persons Are Among Victims of Morning Disaster in Town of State of Washington Between Seattle and Olympia

T. W. Ostrander and Man Named Brash of This City Reported to Have Been Severely Burned--Guests Jump From Windows.

Tacoma, Sept. 5.--News reached here this morning of a serious disaster at Sheldon, county seat of Mason county, situated between Seattle and Olympia. Fifteen persons are supposed to have perished in an early morning fire which destroyed the Hotel Webb and several adjacent buildings. Among those injured during the fire were two Portland men, L. W. Ostrander and a Mr. Brash. Both were seriously burned.

The fire started in the rafters of the hotel at 1:30 a. m. and spread with such rapidity that a panic resulted among the guests. The flames surrounded the victims so suddenly that escape was impossible and the majority of the citizens and police and firemen many were overcome before assistance could be rendered them. Two of the bodies have been identified as those of women: Miss Bailey and Miss Mudge of this city. The women finding themselves in a dangerous situation lost their heads and jumped from the upper story of the building. Others who died in the fire were mostly men. The property damage will amount to about \$60,000. William Holmes, master mechanic of the Peninsular Railway and Charles Granite and Joe Rabaqueux were among those known to have lost their lives. In all seven bodies have been recovered but not all have been identified.

The only Brash in the city directory of Portland is Hugo Brash, a traveling salesman for Biesinger & Co., of Front and Salmon streets. At the offices of Biesinger & Co. this morning members of the firm were positive that Hugo Brash could not have been in Sheldon last night. He was in Roseburg, Oregon, yesterday according to a letter received from him this morning. Although there are several Ostrandersons in Portland, none of them know of any Brash who might be in the Washington town.

### CATTLE EXHIBITS AT STATE FAIR

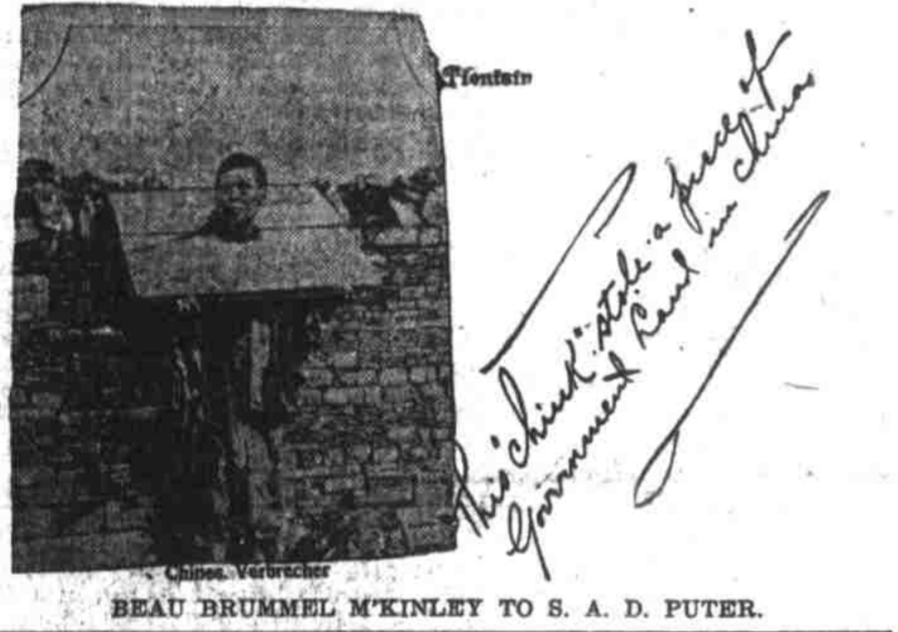
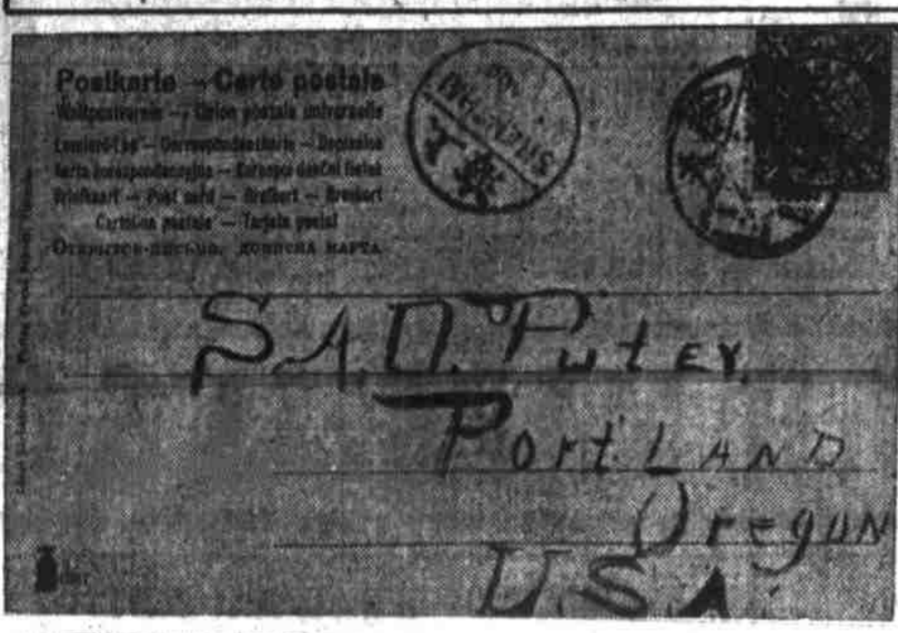
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Salem, Or., Sept. 5.--Oregon cattle breeders are coming in with entries for the state fair as never before. Among the large exhibitors will be A. C. Ruby, of Pendleton with 35 head. The head of the state fair will show a 22 head of Ayrshires, a herd which in numbers has seldom if ever been surpassed for this breed at any Oregon state fair.

### FIGHT AGAINST RATE INCREASE

Washington Railroad Commission Petitions Interstate Organization.

(Pacific Coast Press Leased Wire.) Olympia, Wash., Sept. 5.--As a result of a conference during the past two days between the railroad commission and representatives of the Southwestern Lumber Manufacturers' association, the Pacific Coast Lumber Manufacturing association and the Shingle Mills bureau, all doing business in this state, the Washington railroad commission yesterday addressed to the interstate commerce commission a protest against the proposed increase in lumber rates on the part of the present freight railroads. The protest sets forth that petitions have been filed with the Washington state commission by the lumber and shingle manufacturers, representing approximately 1,000 mills, having an output of approximately 14,200,000,000 shingles annually and 4,000,000,000 feet of lumber annually. The petition further avers that the manufacture of lumber and shingles is the principal industry of Washington; that the lumber and shingle industry is one of the most important in the states of Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, Missouri, Arkansas, Texas, Oklahoma, Indian Territory, Kansas, Nebraska, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Colorado, Wyoming, New Mexico, Utah and elsewhere throughout the United States; and that it is proposed by the railroads to advance the freight rates on lumber and shingles on October 1 approximately 25 per cent. It is represented that the manufacturers of lumber and shingles have built up a large business and extensive connections based on the present freight rates and that the proposed increase in the rate would work irreparable loss, damage and injury to such manufacturers, and would necessitate the closing of such mills and the throwing out of employment of countless numbers of employees and would work a public calamity to the business interests of the state of Washington.

### CHEERFUL GREETING TO PRISONER.



BEAU BRUMMEL MCKINLEY TO S. A. D. PUTER.

## LAND GRABBER MCKINLEY TURNS PRACTICAL JOKER

Portlander Who Fled to China to Escape Punishment at Hands of Government Sends Humorous Postal to Former Associate, S. A. D. Puter, Serving Time in Jail.

Horace G. McKinley, the Beau Brummel of the Oregon land fraud artists, has become a joker. His old-time friend and associate, S. A. D. Puter, who is now serving time in the county jail, was selected for the butt of McKinley's fun. Since McKinley suddenly and quietly slipped out of the restraining clutches of the federal law and emigrated to China some two years ago, he has not left his friends very closely informed as to his comings in and goings out. Vague and inconsistent rumor has placed him in many different parts of China and following many different occupations. Wrote From Shanghai. A few days ago a post card came from Shanghai, bearing the representation of a very emaciated Chinaman hunched forlornly in the mediaeval stocks. Underneath was written in McKinley's hand, "This 'Chink' stole a piece of government land in China." The card was addressed to S. A. D. Puter. Friends of McKinley state that he has followed the commission business almost from the time he landed upon oriental shores until quite recently, when he sold out and has gone into one of the northern provinces of China on a gold hunting expedition. This is verified by a personal item in the China Critic of recent date. Accident Caused Change. McKinley's change of base was hastened somewhat by an accident which befell him, resulting in his sustaining a bad fracture of one of his ankles which laid him up for quite awhile. Puter has announced his intention of running the post-card as a souvenir in his forthcoming book, and declares that it must represent the punishment for some other offense than land-grabbing, for the reason that had there been any government land in China, McKinley would have gobbled it up long ago.

### KELSO TERRORIZED BY DRUNKEN LOGGERS

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Kelso, Wash., Sept. 5.--The unusual sight of a man on horseback, carrying a loaded rifle across his saddle and defying arrest was witnessed by the majority of the people of Kelso yesterday. Henry Stickle, a logger on the Coveeman, became intoxicated and wanted to fight. He met Dr. Ballard, with whom he had had a long-standing grudge, and proceeded to thrash him. He got him down and had already broken his nose and badly cut up his face when he was pulled off by a bystander. Stickle then got into his wagon, and when Marshal Morris attempted to arrest him he whipped up his horses until they broke away from Morris and went out of town with his team on the run. He soon returned on horseback, with a loaded Winchester across his saddle, and claimed to be hunting for the marshal. He paraded the streets for a time and then left town.

### DAKOTA WHEAT CROP IS RUINED BY FROST

(United Press Leased Wire.) Minneapolis, Sept. 5.--Millers here are being advised by Saskatchewan millers that their crop of wheat has been damaged 40 per cent. It is likewise stated that the North Dakota crop has been hurt again by frosts and that the yields will run 8 to 12 bushels to the acre instead of 20 to 25 bushels as expected.

## Ninety Tons of White Paper Consumed in the Issue of The Sunday Journal September 8

The story of the Oregon country is told in picture and text in The Sunday Journal, of September 8. There will be duplicate editions of it--a newspaper edition of 160 pages, which will sell at the usual price of 5 cents a copy--ready for mailing, including postage, 15 cents a copy--of which 35,000 copies are printed; and a souvenir edition, on plate paper in magazine form, newspaper size, accompanied by the regular news sections, in all 150 pages, of which 15,000 copies are printed, price 11 per copy, the weight being six pounds, and the postage or expressage on each copy 45 cents. Orders for extra copies of either edition should be given to the business office of The Journal or to Journal agents, as early as possible. Phones, Main 7178; Home A-8230.

## LAND CASES

Hitchcock's Policies to Be Abandoned by Government--Bristol Will Be Ousted From Office--Henyey Not to Return Here.

Government Has Not Provided Ample Funds for the Trial of Further Land Cases and Only a Very Small Fund Is Available.

- Salient Facts in Land Fraud Situation.
- 1. Francis J. Heney will not return to try pending cases.
- 2. Both Senator Fulton and Senator Bourne expect William C. Bristol to be ousted from office as United States district attorney at the coming session of congress.
- 3. Not one of the indictments secured by Heney has been turned over to Bristol for prosecution.
- 4. For more than a year Bristol has been without the assistance of special agents or secret service men, to aid in the preparation of cases.
- 5. Neither the interior department nor the department of justice is in sympathy with the policies of Hitchcock, under whose administration the land fraud prosecutions were begun.

Despite all denials, stubborn facts unmistakably indicate the complete abandonment by the government of the policy of Ex-Secretary Hitchcock of the interior department, under whose administration the Oregon land fraud prosecutions were inaugurated.

No arrangements have been made for Francis J. Heney to return to Oregon and try any of the pending cases. None of these cases have been turned over to District Attorney Bristol. The big corps of special agents and secret service men who assisted Heney in his prosecutions have been assigned to other duties. William J. Burns, the famous secret service chief, has provided ample funds for the trial of further cases in an empty sham, for the \$30,000 appropriated by the department of justice is available only for the payment of the fees and mileage of witnesses and jurors, and minor incidental expenses, and none of the money has been expended in the preparation of the evidence, the employment of special agents or the multitudinous other items which make up the bulk of the cost of the trial.

Fulton's Expectations. It is a notorious fact that both Senator Fulton and Senator Bourne expect Bristol's tenure of office to end shortly after congress convenes in December and it is common gossip that Schuebel of Oregon City, a law partner of W. S. O'Ren, is slated for the place. It is announced from Washington that the department of justice expects all the Oregon land fraud cases to be disposed of by December 1. As there are some 60 of these cases, with more than 100 defendants, such an early conclusion of the trials would be an utter impossibility, even if Bristol were given the extraordinary assistance which was accorded Heney. He has not yet received instructions to proceed with a single one of these cases.

During the earlier stages of the land fraud prosecutions, the departments of justice and the interior cooperated in carrying them forward. There now appears to be an utter lack of cooperation between the two departments and it is an open secret that whatever Attorney-General Bonaparte may be disposed to do, Secretary of the Interior Gifford is entirely out of sympathy with the policy of Ex-Secretary Hitchcock. All suspensions of land entries made during Hitchcock's administration have been set aside by Gifford, whose chief anxiety is to dispose as quickly and as cheaply as possible of all the Oregon land troubles.

The department of justice has new and far more spectacular litigation on its hands in the prosecution of railroad and Standard Oil kings, and the program is to bring to a close the campaign inaugurated by Heney. Secret Work Dropping. For many months before the trial of any of the cases conducted by Heney, an army of special agents was at work gathering evidence from all parts of the state under the direction of W. J. Burns, accounted the most skillful sleuth in the employ of the government. Some of the work was carried forward by Inspector Neuhansen of the interior department. There was no apparent limit upon either the number of men to be employed or the money to be spent. For more than a year past all the conditions have been changed and Bristol has been carrying forward his work single handed. Mr. Bristol was asked today what he had to say as to an interview with

## MILLWORKERS BATTLE WITH IMPORTED HINDU LABORERS

### HER BEAUTY DROVE ADMIRER TO DESTRUCTION



LIEUTENANT LUELLA HAWLEY OF THE VOLUNTEERS.

## JOSEPH RUSSELL HOLDS NEW LOVE LETTER RECORD

Pens Passionate Missive Remarkable for Its Brevity, Using Life Blood as Fluid--Object of Affection Is Pretty Luella Hawley of the Volunteers of America.

Made prisoner by the big gray eyes of Lieutenant Luella Hawley, the beauty of the Portland Volunteers of America corps, his passion so ardent that the sight of her was heaven for him and her disfavor spelled hell, Francis Joseph Russell has established a new record in love missives. Daily the postman carried Miss Hawley notes telling her of Russell's infatuation. But Uncle Sam was not the only emissary of Russell. He would linger outside the Salvation Army meetings and when Miss Hawley sang he would write out his heart's wishes on paper and throw them into the hall through the open window. The climax came when Lieutenant Hawley received a letter written in Russell's own blood telling her that she had killed him and that he hoped his ghost would haunt her. Then Lieutenant Hawley appealed to the police to protect her from the attentions of her too loving swain. Russell was arrested and will be tried for his sanity. The first letter was mildly plaintive in it. Russell made no threats--he merely told the army lassie of his desire to be worthy to love her. Here it is: "Portland, Or., Aug. 25 1907. Dear sister--I heard you singing today and you came near making me cry. I am only 19 years old but I have made my own living for the last 7 years and I have had lots of trouble. I have just been here four days but I am working. I was in love with another girl in another city, San Francisco, and I tried to make her good and I lost her and I have a notion to do away with myself. Every time I think about her I take a drink of whiskey. Please write a few words and I will remember you and take your advice." (Continued on Page Four.)

Foreigners Forced to Take Refuge in City Jail and Flee to the Lowlands From Angry Whites Who Seek Their Lives.

Officials Say May Call for Federal Troops as the New Consignment of Workers Was Made Up of British Subjects.

(Pacific Coast Press Leased Wire.) Bellingham, Wash., Sept. 5.--A mob of 500 laborers from the mills of the city last night raided the Hindu settlement in the lower part of town, dragged the foreigners from their rooms, many of them half naked, and attempted to drive the entire lot outside the limits of the municipality. Some of the Hindus took refuge far out on the tide flats, others took to the woods and more than 100 are in the city jail. The leaders of the mob declare that all must leave the city tomorrow or suffer the consequences. The police were unable to stop the mob and it is declared that if the trouble continues today extra men will be sworn in and threats are made that the local company of militia will be called into action. For a time last night it seemed certain that a riot with possible bloodshed would result, but the leaders of the mob managed their followers well and no assaults were made. The trouble had been brewing for several days and was caused by the local millworkers employing foreigners because they could be had for less wages than demanded by local men. The trouble last night was caused by the action of the Whites who had for some time been discharging laborers to make room for the Hindu workmen. When the news of the action spread, a mob was soon formed and the riot began. Some of the Hindus who were disposed to show resistance were beaten badly, and those composing the night watch on the tide flats were in some cases forced to leap from the docks to save themselves. It is claimed the Hindus have become very insolent of late. More trouble is expected and it may result seriously. The millworkers renewed their efforts this morning to drive the Hindus out of town. The police have over 300 of them in jail for protection from the enraged citizens. At 10 o'clock this morning 50 additional police were sworn in. Mayor Black issued a statement that he would order the Hindus to leave the city, but British subjects and call for federal troops if police are unable to keep the peace. The millworkers have barricaded their shops and threaten to fire upon the mob if they approach. The millworkers say they will not stop with the Hindus, but want the town cleared of all Japanese and Filipino mill laborers. Business was suspended this morning and the entire town is in a state of commotion. It is feared.

Commission Takes Steps on Lines Pursued in Washington.

## STATE INQUIRY INTO RAILWAYS

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Salem, Or., Sept. 5.--The state railway commission is about to commence an investigation of the railways of the state, beginning with the lines of the Columbia Southern, the Portland Railway, Light & Power company, the Coquille & Eastern and the Astoria & Columbia River, in compliance with section 46 of the act creating the railway commission, which provides that the commission shall ascertain from time to time the cost of construction, indebtedness, cost of right of way, and income, amount required to replace different lines, and other like matters in reference to lines of nearly as practical. The original bill provided for the employment of engineers and experts for this purpose, but no appropriation was made at the last session for their payment. The commission, however, feels that it must comply as nearly as practicable, and intends to do so by the inspection of the books of the companies and the examination of witnesses cognizant of facts. The reason for commencing with the four lines named is that complaints relating to their entire management and freight schedules are being made against the first two, and that recently sales of the last two have been affected. A similar investigation will now be carried on by the Washington commission, the record of which will be of much service to the Oregon commission.

## Taft Reception Will Be Rousing Gathering

Entire Beaver State Will Be Represented Through Its Various Commercial Organizations When Good-Natured War Secretary Arrives for Oriental Journey.

When good-natured, smiling and obliging corpulent William H. Taft, secretary of war and a promising presidential candidate in 1908, arrives in Portland tonight he will find that the whole state of Oregon through its commercial organizations has united in tendering him a reception. There will be nothing of political flavor about the honor to be bestowed upon the distinguished visitor while he remains in the city, and he will come and go as the plain American citizen so far as political reference is concerned. Invitations have also been extended to all the presidents of the various state commercial organizations to sit on the stage, but the balance of the big building will be thrown open to the public. Six thousand can be accommodated and it is expected that all the standing room will also be occupied. The Army is being decorated by the Third regiment and no pains are being spared to make this feature of the event an attractive as possible. Entire State Will Participate. It is not expected that the program at the armory will consume more than one hour and 30 minutes. A short introductory address will be made by Theodore B. Wilcox, president of the Oregon Development League, and then the distinguished visitor will address his remarks to the audience. C. W. Hodson, president of the Portland Commercial club, and S. G. Reed, president of the chamber of commerce, will assist in the armory reception, which will be of a social nature throughout. It will be an event participated in by the entire state, it is intended to be such, and no hint of politics is expected to mar the joviality of the atmosphere. Secretary Taft will arrive in Portland tonight at 8 o'clock and will leave Saturday forenoon for Seattle, where he takes passage on the Minnesota for Yokohama. Tonight he will be the guest of Theodore B. Wilcox at the