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# GOVERNMENT'S EVIDENCE IS HALL'S DEFENSE

## FEDERAL TESTIMONY FAVORS DEFENDANTS

### Letters and Other Papers Introduced by Heney So Far Tend to Exonerate Former District Attorney and F. P. Mays—Hall Gave Minute Instructions Regarding Illegal Fencing.

Slowly, stone by stone and brick by brick, the government is laying the foundation of its vital evidence against John H. Hall and Edwin P. Mays in the land fencing case now being heard in the federal court. Ponderously, like from the storied mill of the gods, Heney is grinding his testimony out and up to this time has not shown any connection between the defendants on trial and the conspiracy charged in the indictment. Nor will this connection be made certain for some little time to come according to the apparent outline of the government's plan of action.

All during the morning Ed A. Putnam of Fossil, the man who urged for several years that some action be taken against the men who were fencing up the government land near Fossil, has been on the stand telling of his correspondence with Hall and Mays, and of his efforts to have action taken against the incorporators of the Butte Creek Land, Lumber & Livestock company, W. W. Stelwer, H. H. Hendricks and A. C. Zachary.

### Testimony Does Not Injure Hall

His testimony up to this point has tended on the face of it to exonerate Hall and Mays from any blame or neglect of duty rather than to connect them with a conspiracy to violate the law. He has been kept busy by Mr. Heney identifying letters written by himself to Hall, to Mays, to Special Agents Loomis and Stratford and to Binger Hiermann describing conditions near Fossil and asking for relief. He

has also identified many letters written by Hall and Mays in answer to his petitions, all of which point out to the complainant the remedies existing for him in the law and advising him how to proceed in order to avail himself of these remedies.

### Vital Evidence Later

He is slowly establishing the fact that the defendants had been fully acquainted with the charge that the laws were being violated both by letters and by personal visits.

This done he will attempt to prove the alleged conspiracy between Hendricks, Stelwer, Zachary and their associates by which these men acquired title to a string of claims around a township with which they were able to shut out all other range riders from use of the land. He will then show that once the fence was up the men in control of the enclosure drove all other cattlemen out of their government pastures with threats of personal violence to herders and flocks using the land as their own.

These things established the prosecution will then proceed to make the first real connection between the promoters of the land company and its conspirators and the defendants Hall and Mays. It is the theory of the prosecution that once Hall and Mays were acquainted with the conditions in Wheeler county and once they were put in possession of facts and maps and evidence bringing conditions clearly to their attention they are in a position to proceed against the violators of the law.

From that it will be necessary to go one step further and show that Hall

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## LOVE FEAST OF EDITORS HERE TODAY

### Oregon Press Association Meets in Special Session to Discuss Means of Conducting Newspapers With Better Success.

### Reorganization of Body on Broader Basis Will Be Prime Object—Large Attendance of Scribes From Interior.

The largest representation of the interior country press that has assembled in Portland for a great many years was present at the informal session of the Oregon Press association this morning. The present convention promises to be the most successful ever held. The meetings are being held in Woodmen of the World hall on Eleventh street near Alder.

Further than to become acquainted and register, and incidentally to pay up back dues, little was done this morning by the editors. Newcomers were singled out and made to feel at home. The following resolution was passed which outlines the purposes of the present meeting:

### Purpose of Session.

"The Oregon Press association hereby expresses appreciation to various persons and public bodies which have offered it courtesies for the present session which it has not been able to accept. In a sense, the present session, which is not the regular annual meeting, is executive, its prime reason being for a thorough discussion of the internal workings of the newspaper business, its betterment, and a reorganization of the state association upon a broader and better basis, by which a higher grade of local newspaper shall work for a higher and better condition. To do this work well, it should have nothing to detract from the objects set forth, that all its time should be employed in its own special work and in bringing as close together as possible at this session, its own special members, effecting closer acquaintance and better knowledge of each other more readily to weld them together into a powerful body of value to every newspaper in the state and in the best interest of our great and growing commonwealth.

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## EVELYN CALLED TO STAND BUT DOES NOT TELL TALE



LAWYERS WHO ARE DEFENDING HARRY THAW, ON TRIAL FOR THE MURDER OF STANFORD WHITE. FROM LEFT TO RIGHT THEY ARE, MARTIN W. LITTLETON, DAN O'REILLY AND RUSSELL PEABODY.

## BOYS CREMATED WHILE IN JAIL

### Arrested for Shooting Up Town and Try to Burn Way Through Wall.

Santa Fe, N. M., Jan. 17.—As a result of a fire started for the purpose of burning a hole large enough for them to crawl through R. B. Nesbitt Jr. and Cecil Whitlock, two prisoners in the county jail at Estancia, Torrence county, are dead.

## WOMAN Baffles LAWYER JEROME

### Miss Alice Fletcher Beats District Attorney in Oral Fencing Match.

New York, Jan. 17.—Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, wife of Harry Kendall Thaw, was called to the stand at 11:35 o'clock this morning in the murder trial in which her husband is the defendant. This was a rather unexpected move on the part of the defense, as it was thought that she would be one of the last lay witnesses.

## PREMIER RAIDED BY SUFFRAGISTS

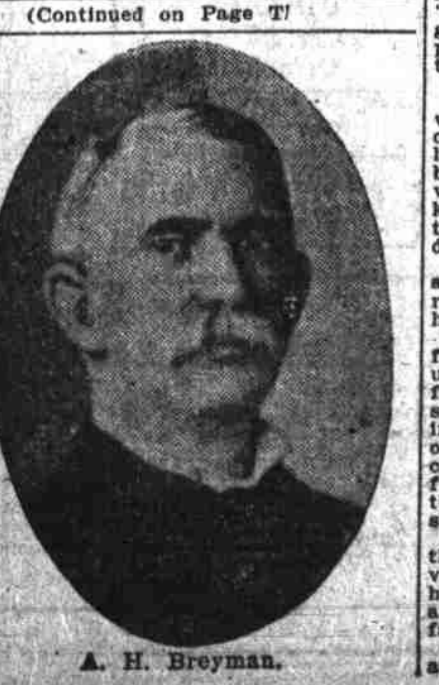
### Wild Riot Occurs in Streets of London and Police Called to Rescue.

London, Jan. 17.—Suffragists raided the house of Premier Campbell-Bannerman during the meeting of the cabinet today and subsequently participated in one of the wildest street riots that ever took place in London. When the police swooped down upon them the suffragists resisted all attempts made to arrest them and fought the "bobbies" for a solid hour.

## AN OLD PIONEER SUDDENLY DIES

### Arthur H. Breyman, Dealer in Leather, Passes Away at an Early Hour.

Arthur H. Breyman, one of Portland's best known and most highly respected merchants, died about 4 o'clock this morning at his home on Portland Heights after an illness of several months. Mr. Breyman was surrounded by his family at the time of his death, which although not entirely unexpected is a great shock to them and to the community in which he has been so long and so favorably known.



A. H. Breyman.

## SHOOTS HIMSELF IN HOTEL LOBBY

### Man Who Sent Money to Miss Mary Johnson in Portland Suicides.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 17.—"Gentlemen, may God forgive me," with these words C. O. Gullander, a well-dressed, fine-looking man 36 years of age, who is a stranger here, sent a bullet crashing through his head at the Tourist hotel at 10:30 o'clock last night. A number of people were in the hotel lobby at the time and there was almost a panic. Who Gullander is and what caused him to destroy himself is something of a mystery. The bullet entered at the right ear and passing through his head, came out of the left eye and then imbedded itself in the wall.

Judge Thomas Carroll, formerly of the superior bench of Pierce county, and Denny Foley, proprietor of the hotel, were within five feet of the man watching him, when he shot himself. Gullander entered the hotel lobby, crossing the room away from left to right as though under the influence of liquor. A big mirror stands in front of a bar in the lobby watched by the head waiter, and the crack of the revolver ending the sentence. In Gullander's pocket was found a registry receipt showing that he had sent money to "Miss Mary Johnson, of Portland, Oregon." Thimbles and thread found in the pockets show the man to have been a tailor.

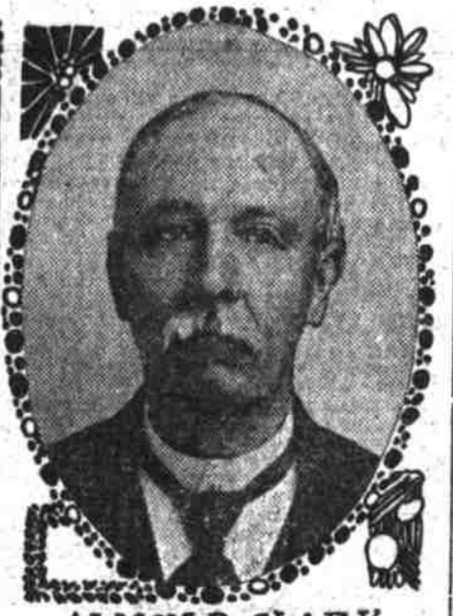
## SOME OREGON EDITORS ATTENDING STATE EDITORIAL CONVENTION.



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ALMON B. CLARK, REPORTER, TOLEDO.



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CHAS. H. FISHER, GUARD, EUGENE.



J. P. WOODS, WASHINGTON COUNTY NEWS.

## RICH WOMAN JUMPS TO HER DEATH

### Mrs. Herbert Sears Leaps From Thirteenth Floor of St. Regis Hotel to Death on the Roof of the Next Building.

### Wife of Boston Millionaire Kills Herself as Result of Long Suffering From a Nervous Disease—Leaves Letter for Husband.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

New York, Jan. 17.—One of the most sensational suicides that ever occurred in this city was committed last night when Mrs. Herbert Sears, wife of a millionaire lawyer of Boston, and a member of one of the most aristocratic families in Massachusetts, leaped from her room on the thirteenth floor of the fashionable St. Regis hotel and was dashed to death on the roof of an adjoining building, 100 feet below.

That the suicide was carefully planned there is no doubt. Arising from her bed some time during the night, after having retired in apparently good spirits, she threw a light wrapper over her night gown and then made the plunge to death. Mrs. Sears' maid, who occupied adjoining apartments, did not hear her mistress moving about, but she thought it was strange that she locked the door between the two sleeping rooms. Mrs. Sears had evidently planned this suicide against any interruption of her plans by the maid.

When the maid entered Mrs. Sears' apartments this morning she was startled by finding her mistress and one of the windows thrown up. She looked down and saw the mangled form of her employer lying on the roof of a building below. Her body was so badly crushed that it was almost unrecognizable.

Mrs. Sears had come to New York to undergo treatment for a nervous disease. It is supposed that it was on account of her bad health that she committed suicide.

Before killing herself she penned a letter to her husband and this is being held for him.

## LEAVES TROOPS AT GOLDFIELD

### President Decides to Allow Soldiers to Remain Until the Legislature Acts.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, Jan. 17.—Responding to an appeal from the Nevada legislature, President Roosevelt today issued an order directing that the troops remain at Goldfield until the legislature takes definite action looking to the organization of a state police force. The appeal was transmitted through Governor Sparks.

## All Oregon Editors

You are interested in an Oregon paper or wish to contribute to the press who are with us today? The Journal is that paper and bids welcome to its brothers of the press who are with us today.

## BREAKS JAIL TO GET HIS COFFEE

### Redlands Prisoner Seizes Beverage, Then Returns and Pleads Guilty.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Redlands, Cal., Jan. 17.—The tenth jail-break in the last three years in Redlands occurred yesterday. James Adamson, a colored giant, kicked a hole in the wall and left the jail to get a cup of coffee.

## ADMIRAL EVANS GOES ASHORE FIRST TIME

(United Press Leased Wire.) Rio de Janeiro, Jan. 17.—Rear Admiral Evans' trip ashore and a boat race between gunners' mates of the Atlantic fleet are the features of today's entertainment.

### Prisoners Released.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Seattle, Jan. 17.—William Peak and Gus Lehman, held since Wednesday morning pending an investigation into the murder of A. E. Johnson in an attempted saloon hold-up at Kangley last Saturday evening, have been completely exonerated and released.