WITNESS RETURNS

Chinaman Kidnaped After Murder of Lee Tai Hoi in Court to Testify for State in Tong War Trial—

Slow progress was made in the Chinese Highbinder case in Judge Bronaugh's court this morning. There was much wrangling over the introduction of Lee Tai Hoi's marriage certificate and of the 38-calibre revolver found in the headquarters of the Bow On tong. Lee Hong, the missing witness for the state, who was supposed to have been kidnaped, turned up at noon today and will testify this afternoon or tomorrow morning. He vouchsafed no explanation of his sudden disappearance. It is believed, however, that he left the city because of his fear of another outbreak in the tong.

Saw Hoi's Murderers.

The deputy sheriffs from Contra Costa county, California, who have been hanging around the court since the opening of the trial, and who attempted to extradite three of the state's chief witnesses prior to the calling of the case, were not in evidence this morning. They attempted to extradite Lenn Ling and Gow Ying Yuen, one of whom it is claimed was never in California. Their extradition was applied for before the names of the witnesses for the state had been announced.

This morning's testimony was mainly in Chinese, and the translation by the interpreter was slow work. Gow Ying Yuen, who was on the stand when the case was adjourned last evening, was cross-examined by the defense today. His story was to the effect that he lived in the house of Lee Tai Hoi at Fourth and Pine streets, and saw three Chinamen run out of it. He identified Lem Woon and Yee Gong as two of these Chinamen. The witness is a fisherman and works a portion of the year in the canneries, at other times living in Portland. He was quite positive that the two men he saw were the defendants in the case.

Lenn Ling, who took Detectives Jones and Tichenor over to where Lem Woon, Yee Gong and Jo Bong were concealed in the house at Second and Oak streets, said when he knocked on the door of the tong headquarters and told the occupants that the officers were outside he heard two or three men within whispering together, but that they refused to open the doors. Jung Ah Foo, he said, had told him that the three men in the tong rooms were the assassins, and had asked him to run across to police headquarters and inform them.

Frisco Witnesses Testify.

For the first time since the trial began, the defense's two Chinese from San Francisco, Sam Ah Tye and Won Dick Nong, were brought into the case. Attorney Logan asked Lenn if he had ever talked with either of these two men and knew what their position was in the head council of the tong. He said he didn't know them, and also denied any knowledge of a schism in the tong.

Detective Tichenor, the state's next witness, told how he and Detective Jones crossed the street to hunt for the murderers with Lenn Ling and another Chinese guide. They knocked for several minutes and tried to get admission but failed. Then Jones went for reinforcements, returning with C. L. Levings, a Journal reporter, and together they broke in the door. It led into a dark hallway, where a Chinese lantern was burning and giving a dim light.

The next room was empty like the hall, but the detectives thrust their revolvers into a closet partitioned off from one corner of the room and found two Chinamen hiding there. They also got a 38 revolver fully loaded. When Tichenor examined the weapon and ran his handkerchief through the barrel he found that there was a good deal of blackened powder in it and that it smelled as though it had been recently discharged. Then Tichenor and the others went into the front reception-room, where the guides pointed out another cowering tong man, who was also taken into custody.

Present Marriage Certificate.

When Mr. Malarkey for the state asked Tichenor to pick out the revolver from the box of weapons collected in the tong headquarters he did so, but Mr. Logan objected to its introduction and the court did not rule on its admissibility before adjournment for the noon recess.

The other exhibit offered by the state and objected to was the elaborate Chinese marriage certificate containing photographs of Lee Hai Toi, of his wife and also their names.

Mr. Logan said he didn't object to the introduction of the photograph, but did object to the marriage license. He is going to try to show later on that a Chinaman changes his name when he marries and that therefore the defendant is not Lem Woon at all, but has another name. The photograph was admitted and the license is still a mooted point.

This morning before the opening of court the jury was taken down to the premises at Second and Alder where the defendants were captured. They weren't allowed in the headquarters Tuesday but they got in all right this morning and spent half an hour looking over the rooms and finding out what a tong headquarters looks like.

The trial is attracting the usual crowd of curiosity-seekers and as a result the court room is crowded to suffocation. The bailiffs are seemingly unable to keep the people back from the bar, and lawyers, chair-warmers and everyone else have preempted the chairs and tables so that witnesses and others forced to be in the room are compelled to stand in the rear. Although lacking in sensational features for the onlookers the case has made the corridors of the courthouse almost impassable.

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TRADE SCHOOLS BEGIN IN FALL

Superintendent Rigler Sends Out Announcement of Opening New Branch.

With the opening of the next term of school Portland will establish its first trades school and in order to have a large attendance, Superintendent Rigler has sent out notices to students and their parents explaining the objects of the school. The school will be in charge of Principal Hamilton, who came to Portland from Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. He has had many years' experience in this line of education and established the first trade schools in Porto Rico under government supervision.

Superintendent Rigler's communication follows:

"To the patrons of the public schools of Portland—At the beginning of the school year in September next, there will be established in this city, under the direction of the board of education, a school which will be known as the Portland school of trades. The object of this school will be to furnish instruction to the boys of this city in some trade, that they may be better fitted for their life work. Opportunity will be given for instruction in the following trades: Carpentry, cabinet making, pattern making, moulding, electrical construction, machine shop practice, mechanical and architectural drafting and plumbing.

"Such academic branches as English, mathematics, applied physics and electricity and industrial chemistry will be included in the course. Special attention will be given to these subjects as they relate to or have bearing on the trade work. The course will be three years.

"We believe this school will meet the demand that is going forth all over our country for increased opportunities for industrial education. Many boys wish to learn trades but the opportunity is denied to them because of the social and industrial conditions which exist today.

"Any earnest, industrious boy who wants to learn a trade as a part of his education and preparation for life will be admitted. The school will aim to give something more than the mere equivalent of a workshop apprenticeship. Its graduates must have a fair command of the English language. They must know enough of mathematics, drawing and science to insure intelligent, progressive workmanship. Each must become a skillful, rapid and efficient workman in his trade.

"The instructors in charge of the mechanical departments have all been successful mechanics in their respective lines, and are fully competent to make and keep the work of the school thoroughly practical.

"We ask the hearty cooperation of all to make this school the best in the country. The principal will be glad to talk with the parents, with the boys, and all interested in the work of the school.

"The Atkinson school, at the corner of Eleventh and Davis, is now being equipped with machinery, and the work of making such changes as are necessary is in progress.

"The principal will be in charge of the equipping of the school and can be seen at the Atkinson building at any time from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

"FRANK RIGLER,
"Superintendent of Schools."

HONOR ROLL OF WEST SIDE HIGH GRADUATES

Class of Over a Hundred Will Be at Commencement Exercises Tonight.

The commencement exercises of the west side high school will be held at the Hellig tonight at 8 p. m. Of the class of 111 the following are honor pupils: Ludwig P. Anderson, Harold Elmer Anthony, Alfred H. Davies, Frances Elsie Dennis, Walter Dobie, Wayne E. Elliott, Marguerite Hendrickson Entler, Raphael Geisler, Ada Roberts Hall, Raymond H. Hunt, Hattie Evangeline Hyde, Virginia Evaline Ijams, Martha Roelfina Jensma, Edith Cecilia Jones, Augusta L. Kindorf, Hannah Ellen MacLeod, Grace F. Rankin, Harold Frederic Reinhart, Annie Hope Shelley, Newman Ward, Carroll H. Wooddy.

The high school glee club under the direction of Mrs. Walter Reed with Miss Laura Northup as accompanist will sing two selections, Miss Grace von Groenwald will play the Chopin Ballade in E flat, "La Fileuse" (Raff), and "Sous Bois" (Staub); Miss Metta C. Brown is to sing "Eleanora" (Mallinsen), and "When Mabel Sings" (Speaks). The address to the class will be delivered by R. K. Warren, formerly of the board of education and for several years principal of the high school. Diplomas will be presented by Herman Wittenberg, president of the board of directors.

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WHITSON RELEASED FROM EUGENE JAIL

Eugene, Or., June 18.—G. M. Whitson, the Portland traveling salesman, who several months ago forged two checks and passed them on local business houses, later being caught at Walla Walla and brought back here for trial, was discharged from custody yesterday, the prosecuting attorney moving for the dismissal of the case, as he deemed that Whitson had been sufficiently punished for the crime. He had served about three months in jail, besides paying all the costs of the prosecution and returning the amounts of money which he obtained by his forgeries. Whitson returned to Portland yesterday afternoon determined to secure honest employment if possible and to start in anew.

GETS DIVORCE BUT NO ALIMONY

On the charge of cruel treatment, Mrs. Lilia R. Elliott was granted a divorce from Edward J. Elliott by Judge O'Day this morning. She alleged that he threatened her and failed to furnish proper support, although he has a good place as a government postal clerk. They were married in Sacramento in 1901, and the defendant some time ago put in an answer in abatement, asserting that Mrs. Elliott is still a resident of Sacramento. This morning his answer was withdrawn and he refused to plead further, an agreement having been reached by which Mrs. Elliott relinquished her claim to a share in several thousand dollars' worth of property and also withdrew her request for alimony.

Saloon in Bankruptcy.

E. E. Lyon, John L. Stewart and W. H. Duinney, doing business under the firm name of Stewart & Lyon in Klamath Falls, filed a petition with the clerk of the United States district court today requesting that they be adjudged a bankrupt. The firm was in the saloon business. Their liabilities amount to $10,690 and the assets to $7,000.

COMMISSIONERS AT OLYMPIA

Oregon and Washington Officials Discuss Railroad Values and Rates.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Olympia, Wash., June 18.—The Oregon railroad commission has completed a day's conference with the Washington railway commission in this city, in which the methods of the latter in its two years' investigation of railroad values in this state, now drawing to a close, and the results achieved, were the principal subjects discussed.

The Oregon commission is preparing for more active work, now that the Oregon elections have given the assurance that there will be no change in the personnel of the commission, and the conference with the Washington commission was one of the preliminary steps.

The Oregon commissioners declined to say at this time whether or not they would ask the next legislative assembly for an appropriation for carrying on a work similar to that attempted by the Washington commission.

Oswald West of the Oregon commission expressed the belief that the Washington railroad valuations will be of value to them in determining the market value of numerous branch lines in Oregon. The construction of the O. R. & N. system in Washington is similar to the construction of that road in eastern Oregon, and construction cost of the former can be justly applied to the latter.

The Washington commission is to use its valuations for determining whether or not the rates in use are giving the railroads a fair return upon the value of their property. If a general reduction is ordered in rates in Washington, the Oregon commissioners believe that the justness of rates in Oregon can be determined by comparison.

"A reduction in Washington railroad rates will result in similar benefits to Oregon, or vice versa," said Mr. West. "This has already been proved by the reduction in distance tariffs in Oregon that followed such a reduction in Washington."

LARGE CROWD AT ST. MARY'S EXERCISES

Class of 20 Graduated From Young Women's Academy —Fine Program Given.

"The Ideals of a Girls' High School," was the interesting address that the young women graduates of St. Mary's academy and college, together with 700 classmates, relatives and friends, listened to in Murlark hall last night before their diplomas were awarded. The hall was decorated with thousands of roses for the event. Dr. Andrew C. Smith addressed the graduates. The Most Reverend Alexander Christie, archbishop of Oregon, was delayed in Montana and in consequence unable to deliver the annual address. Rev. E. V. O'Hara spoke on the subject of the ideals of a girls' high school. An excellent program of instrumental music was given.

The graduates are:

Lucia Mary Barton, Portland; Cecilia Margaret Bloomer, Oswego; A. E. Sybil Brown, Portland; Nora Estelle Casey, Hilgard; Margaret Catherine Duffy; Blanche Anna Ediefsen, St. John; Estella Marie Gueber, Hillsboro; Grace Mary Jennings, Portland; Alice Ethel Hughes, Portland; Annie Bowles Johnson, Forest Grove; Mary Elizabeth King, Portland; Agnes Loretta M. Mannion, Portland; Wanda Teckla Logan, Portland; Marguerite Beatrice Sheehy, Portland; Evalyn Chapman Mooney, Portland; Gertrude Margaret Sinnot, Astoria; Irene Katherine Studley, Portland, and Georgia Wise, Portland.

SYNOD APPOINTS NEW CHAIRMEN

At the morning session of the annual synodical convention of the Washington and Oregon districts of the German Lutheran church now convening in the Peninsula church, chairmen of committees were appointed as follows: President's report, Rev. E. Mueller; pastoral conference, Rev. G. Minke; missions, Rev. A. Bentzin; excuses, Rev. H. A. Reike; conference report, Rev. O. E. Just; auditing, Rev. F. Meinke. The synodical sermon was preached by Rev. A. Graebner of Farmington, Washington. Sessions will continue until next Tuesday.

Among the important matters to be taken up is that of the support of the Pacific seminary, Olympia, a training school for young men for the ministry in western fields. Dr. Carl Ackerman, president of the university is present at the conference, as is also Professor Holberger of the same institution.

The morning sessions of the conference will be devoted to papers and discussions, and the afternoon sessions to business. The paper this morning was on mission support, by Rev. G. Dauschert of Spokane, and after discussion the matter was referred to a committee which will report back to the conference. Rev. Paul Grosschupf is the president of the conference. Officers were elected as follows:

President, Rev. Paul Grosschupf of Spokane (reelected); vice-president, Rev. August Krause of Portland; secretary, August F. Griebner of Farmington; treasurer, G. Koehler of Davenport.

SALEM SCHOOLS IN HEALTHY CONDITION

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.)

Salem, Or., June 18.—The report of the Salem city school directors shows a healthy condition of the school fund. Total receipts for the year ending June 16 were $59,556.11; disbursements were $53,103.30, leaving a balance in the treasury of $6,452.81. Insurance carried on the district property including five schoolhouses and contents is $67,000. The total indebtedness consisting of bonds and notes is $47,275. Salaries of superintendent, principals and teachers last year amounted to $29,607.

At the general school election held Monday, E. B. Millard was chosen school director to serve three years. There were three candidates, Mr. Millard, Joseph Baumgartner and C. M. Epley. Mr. Millard succeeds E. M. Croisan.

SCHOONER PILES UP ON BEACH; TOTAL LOSS

Tillamook, Or., June 18.—The schooner Ida Schnauer came ashore yesterday near the Bay Ocean hotel site and piled up high and dry after the life saving crew had rescued the officers and crew. The vessel will be a total loss.

The Ida Schnauer was bound from Redondo to Hobsonville and had been outside several days waiting for a tug to tow her in. The tug Vosburg came from Nehalem yesterday but just 20 minutes too late, for when she appeared the schooner had already gone on the sands. A heavy sea was running and the hull began to pound to pieces at once. Then, in her dilapidated condition, she was cast high on the beach.

The Ida Schnauer was owned by the Miami Lumber company of Hobsonville and Captain Ben Henderson was in command.

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OUTSIDE POINTS TO REMAIN DRY

Water Board Decides to Lay No More Mains Beyond City Boundaries.

No more water mains will be laid outside the present city boundaries, according to a decision of the water board yesterday, or rather by an indecision, because the vote to establish mains outside the city was a tie and Mayor Lane declared the motion lost. Mayor Lane refused to vote on the motion, declaring that it was unnecessary, inasmuch as the motion had failed to carry.

The action was taken because of a petition from two property owners living just east of the city asking that they be granted extensions from the city's water system. The petitioners showed that residents surrounding them were supplied from the main and asked that they be allowed the same privileges. The main runs through one of the petitioner's property and several of the members of the board thought him entitled to the use of city water. Three votes were necessary to carry the motion, but only two were forthcoming.

Mayor Lane teld the members that if the motion was put, throwing the proposition wide open and granting extensions to everybody who applied, he would be willing to vote for it; but, inasmuch as it was a special privilege, he would not listen to it.

R. D. Montague, special counsel employed by the board in regard to the ordinance of the Mount Hood Railway & Power company, made a report yesterday in which he advocated several changes in the measure before it is passed. The board took the matter under advisement and will take up the changes at a later meeting.

The board authorized the employment of three fire inspectors to work in the Bull Run reservation. A contract for 2,100 feet of wood pipe, to cost $729, was let to the National Wood Pipe company.

The board turned down a petition from a number of large business firms, asking to be relieved from paying the water tax of $6 a month for standpipes. The petitioners claimed that the water was to be used solely for fire protection, and that the board should not charge them for the water. The petitioners were: Willamette Tent & Awning company, Marshall-Wells company, Olds, Wortman & King, Meier & Frank company, Wadhams & Co., Mason, Ehrman & Co., Mitchell, Lewis & Staver company and the John Deere Plow company.

MANY PUPILS PASS INTO HIGH SCHOOL

Returns From Five Grammar Institutions Show 111 Ready for Higher Grades.

Returns have been received from five schools showing that 111 students have graduated into the high school. Of the five the largest number of graduates are returned from Holladay where 34 will leave the school to enter the high school when the next term is called. Montavilla school graduated 23, Shattuck, 22, Brooklyn 19, Lents 13. The list of graduates from these five schools follows:

Brooklyn School.

Ruth Anderson, Inga Anderson, Amy Bartow, Roy Bevis, Clara Hansen, Winifred Heckman, Amelia Jones, Walter Kautz, Raymond Kinser, Ethel Luke, Katherine Misslich, Melvin Neimeyer, Maynard Older, Kathleen Pippy, Wallace Snyder, Lizzie Sprick, Nada Warren, Henry Welton, Eddie Wittner.

Holladay School.

Harvey Black, Marie Cavaline, James Cellas, Brenda Lillian Felloes, Helen Evelyn Glaze, Alice Margaret Gram, Edna B. Gray Gray, Alma Margaret Harder, Alice Jackson, Fay Fletcher Jackson, MaBelle Florence Jacobs, Edith Helen Jones, Frank Risley Kennell, Susie Keyes, Grace Kyne, Marguerite Loring, Lena Margaret Lourish, Millard McLennan, Tirzah Louise McMillen, Minnie Aldea Menefee, Mildred O'Malley, Charles W. Parcell, Edward Paulsen, Winnifred Phillips, Eleanor S. Ruby, Frank H. Schmid, Ellery C. Smith, Helen Eugenia Southard, Ralph J. Staehli, Hilda Ingeborg Strom, James J. Troy, Alice D. Warren, Frederick Manson White, Percy Newell Pratt.

Lents School.

Anna Lenora Plummer, Bernhardt E. Max Meyer, Donna Adele Paul, Dorothy Louisa Sparks, Edna Mae Wolf, Edwin L. York, Edna May Blything, Ethel M. Brandorff, George Howe, Hortense Lillian Ingalls, Lottie Rhoda Sharpe, Wilbur Irving Jackson, Willie Porter.

Montavilla School.

Claude Beckner, Lulu Downing, Ruth Dickenson, Abra Ehlers, Elsie France, Franklin Funk, Lottie Gray, Ella Johnson, Mae Lawton, Crystal Loveridge, Olive Mortimere, Laura McIntosh, Gladys Mitchell, Herbert Muenzer, Amy Ohlsen, Joanna Parker, Harry Rider, George Rider, Fred Schumacher, Myrtle Souvigner, Bessie Stein, Elizabeth Stennett, Helen Zidell.

Shattuck School.

Willie Billeter, Collins E. Brown, Elvin C. Condit, Clarence A. Derbyshire, Sophie Dubiver, Clara Fleshman, Albert W. Gentner, Abby Gilbert, Becky Goldstein, Maud Hughes, Esther S. Krupke, Russell Gault Kurtz, Bertha E. Lucas, Annie Nemerovsky, Leonard A. Pinard, Philip L. Polsky, Lola Price, Merale D. Smith, Rose Weiser, Verda May Wells, Walter W. Winters, Minerva Zentbauer.

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GOSSIPING WOMEN CAUSE DESTRUCTION OF PACKING PLANT

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Fresno, Cal., June 18.—Because two women were talking over the telephone and would not give up the line so that an alarm could be turned in, the big Eagle Racine packing-house owned by Noble Bros. burned to the ground this morning. The loss was $80,000, practically all of which was covered by insurance.

Owing to the delay in putting in the alarm the fire engines arrived just as the tall smokestack and water tower crashed to the ground. The fire is supposed to have resulted from crossed wires.

ROADS HEADED FOR LAKEVIEW

Harriman Officials Leave to Make an Investigation of Eastern Oregon Traffic.

Three crews of engineers are working out of Alturas, northern California, running permanent location lines for the Goose Lake & Southern railroad recently incorporated by E. E. Calvin, general manager of the Southern Pacific's California lines, William Hood, chief engineer, and other Southern Pacific officials. Tomorrow R. B. Miller, general freight agent of the Harriman lines in the northwest, will leave for Lakeview to make an examination of the traffic producing capabilities of the southern Oregon region east of the Cascades.

Mr. Miller will be accompanied by two assistants in the freight traffic department, and they expect to make a thorough investigation of the country tributary to Lakeview, to which point numerous Harriman railroad surveys now point. The Oregon Eastern has completed permanent locations for three lines converging from Lakeview, to the west, the northwest and the northeast, and is now running a line from Lakeview south to the Pitt river and thence to Anderson, a main line station six miles south of Redding.

Mr. Miller's trip to Lake county means, it is said, that the Southern Pacific will this year begin construction of a railroad to tap the Lake and Harney county regions at Lakeview, and an effort will be made to reach that point ahead of the Nevada, California & Oregon, a line now being built northward from Madeline, supposedly by the Western Pacific.

It is realized by railroad traffic men that the road which first reaches Lakeview will reap the reward of a large traffic which already centers there from a productive country covering a radius of 100 miles to the north, east and west. It is estimated by the railroad people that this traffic will be more than doubled within the next two years as a result of the opening and sale of the old Oregon Military Road land grant which embraces 300,000 acres of that region.

BLANCHET STUDENTS TO GIVE OPERETTA

Performance in Connection With Commencement for Benefit of New College.

The students of Blanchet institute, Fifth and Mill streets, are to give a benefit performance in connection with their commencement exercises at the Heilig theatre next Friday evening, June 19, presenting Schindler's dramatic operetta, "The Forest Bell."

As a prelude, three choruses of over 100 voices will be presented. The singing of the boys of this institution has become noteworthy, as members of the Glee club are frequently called upon to take part in local entertainments. Besides the choruses, the quarrel scene of Brutus and Cassius will be presented by Messrs. Hurley and McGinty, an extract by Edwin J. Kenefick and a violin selection by Robert Bruce Driscoll.

Immediately after the awarding of certificates to the students of the commercial department, and the reading of the honorable mentions, Most Rev. Archbishop Christie will give an address.

The officers of the Alumni association of the college have ordered a section of the theatre reserved for its members and their friends. The box office will be open for the exchange of tickets for reserved seats Thursday at 10 a. m., and will continue open until the evening of the performance. The alumni section, however, will only be reserved until 6 o'clock Friday evening.

The entertainment is for the benefit of the building fund of the new college.

LUMBER DROUGHER CLOSE TO ROCKS

Coming up from Coos Bay yesterday morning the steamer Alliance, Captain Olson, sighted a four-masted schooner dangerously close to the beach near the stranded bark Galena on Clatsop spit. The Alliance was steered for the schooner to give assistance if needed, but shortly the bar tug Wallula came out and took the lumber drougher in tow. The name of the schooner could not be made out, but she was either the Oliver J. Olson or the Alvena, both of which reached Astoria yesterday afternoon from San Francisco.

Officers of the Alliance report having had a pleasant trip, although the weather was a little rough going south. A good list of passengers came north but the freight was rather light. She docked at Greenwich wharf owing to the high water and will sail from there Saturday night.

THREE FIREMEN HURT BY AN EXPLOSION

San Francisco, June 18.—Assistant Chief Thomas Murphy of the fire department and two of his men are today under the care of physicians as the results of a terrific explosion following a fire late last night in the fashionable shopping district of Van Ness avenue. The fire started in the big furniture establishment of Brilliant & Co., and for several hours threatened the entire district in which is located most of the fashionable shopping places of the city.

While the firemen were in the thick of the blaze in the furniture establishment a terrific explosion occurred, throwing scores of the men to the floor and causing serious injury to Assistant Chief Murphy, Leslie Windrow and Lieutenant W. H. Heaney. The fire loss is estimated at more than $25,000.

BREWING COMPANY ASKS HOTEL RENT

The Northern Brewing company has begun suit in the circuit court against C. H. Edmunds and the Heyser Hotel company for $900 alleged to be due on rent of the hotel from May 1 to June 15. It is stated that Edmunds leased the hotel last year for 10 years at $600 per month, transferring his interest later on to the hotel company.

DULCODELLIA, LIKE BEDELIA, SINGS WONT YOU COME HOME, LUKINA

Baptiste Dulcodellia, who aspires to a naturalized citizenship, is the possessor of a fish market stand, with unlimited opportunity to corner the Columbia and Willamette rivers fish supply, and still he wants to get out an arrest warrant for one Henry Lukina, whom he admits gave him the chance—for the trifling consideration of $200—of wooing opportunity when it knocked at his door.

Baptiste, through an interpreter, gave forth the following tale: Just one year has elapsed since his departure from the sunny clime of Italy. That period has been spent in Oregon in the employ of ranchers. Dulcodellia managed to save up $200, also to fit himself, he thought, for the life of the city. Two days ago he arrived in Portland, carrying the $200 in his wallet. He met Mr. Lukina, proprietor of the fish stand at Second and Everett streets, and as luck would have it the latter agreed to take him in co-partnership for $200.

The deal was closed instanter. Yesterday morning Dulcodellia found himself in sole charge. Inquiry at the Lukina abode revealed that the latter had left the city. Baptiste never cultivated Don Quixote. He does not appreciate Lukina's magnanimity. He waits the law to bring back his fellow countryman in order that he may get back his $200 and dissolve partnership.

BASEBALL TALK FATAL TO CASE

Cowlitz Attorneys Rebuked by Supreme Court for Filing Discourteous Brief.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Olympia, June 18.—Cowlitz county attorneys, who, in their brief, asked the supreme court to "reverse this case with such a scorching decision that such flagrant errors will never again eminate from the same source," instead lost their case and received a rebuke from the supreme court in addition.

"The appellants' brief is so rambling," says the supreme court in its decision, "so vituperative and discourteous to the trial court that, had there been a motion to strike it, the motion would probably have been sustained, as a brief of this kind has no place in the records of this court."

The case is one in which the American Bonding company of Baltimore, after paying a judgment of $1,127.56, obtained Abel H. Dufur in a replevin suit, sued and obtained a similar judgment against Dufur, he having signed the return bond with the bonding company. The judgment was obtained by the bonding company and was on default, the trial court having overruled several demurrers and motions and stricken the answer in the case.

Dufur's attorneys were John F. Dufur and E. B. Dufur. In their brief they used the following language:

"The appellants were denied any answer; denied any hearing, summarily hung and quartered without a hearing and without 'right of clergy.' * * * Thus we have a court of justice turned into a farce, an apt lawyer drawing orders, which are signed by the able, learned and just judge instanter. This was a 'backstop' for appellants and a 'homerun' for respondents. We have heard of hanging without trial, of the Spanish inquisition, but never before experienced either a court of justice turned into a farce, or an able lawyer writing orders which are signed instanter by an able judge, unprejudiced, of course."

SHOT FOR BURGLAR BUT GETS NO DAMAGES

Jury Decides Against Newsboy Dangerously Injured by Hasty Revolver.

Christina Lehr, mother and guardian of Henry Lehr, the newsboy who was shot and dangerously injured by John B. Matthews one night last December, when the boy was mistaken for a burglar, will receive nothing in the way of damages for the boy's suffering and injury. This was the decision of a jury in Judge O'Day's department of the circuit court, returned last night.

Mrs. Lehr asked for $5,000 damages, minus $5 that was given to the boy as a Christmas present by Matthews. The latter paid the hospital fees and doctor bills incurred after the injury, and the jury evidently believed that this was sufficient.

The shooting took place in the early morning hours while young Lehr was sorting his papers on the porch of a drug store on Union avenue. Matthews said that he shot from an upstairs window, and that he inquired who was there before he pulled the trigger, receiving no reply.

TAFT WARNS PANAMA TO AVOID RIOTING

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Panama, June 18.—Intense excitement prevails in official circles here today following the publication of a letter which Secretary Taft delivered to President Amador at the time of the American secretary's visit here. The letter says plainly that the United States government will intervene in the coming election to prevent trouble and makes special reference to Senor Arias, secretary of state, who is a candidate for the presidency.

The contents of the letter had been carefully guarded by President Amador but the secret leaked out and is now in possession of the entire isthmus. The canal commissioners will watch the polling during the voting and marines are to be stationed in the principal cities of the isthmus.

POLICE HUNT FOR THREE MISSING ONES

Three sudden disappearances are now being investigated by the police department. This morning Mrs. L. Goodman, 207 Grant street, reported that her 15-year-old son Bennie is missing since last night. She believes that he may have left on an ocean steamer.

H. P. Thompson, 362½ Morrison street, reports the absence of a roomer, E. Curley, who has been in the house but a short time. Mr. Thompson also reports the loss of several pieces of silverware.

F. A. Smith, 22 years old, the support of his mother, who resides on Patton road, has not been seen since he left for his work as collector for the Ames Mercantile company yesterday morning. He was a young man of exemplary habits and his employers and friends are at a loss to account for his absence.

On Tour of Inspection.

Barron G. Collier of New York, the head of the advertising agency which has charge of practically all of the signs in the streetcars of the larger cities of this country, arrived at the Hotel Portland this morning. Mr. Collier has a contract with the Portland Railway, Light & Power company for the card space in all the cars which are operated in and around Portland. He is visiting his different offices throughout the country on a tour of inspection. He will only remain here a few days.

INDIANANS FURIOUS

Delegates Discuss Hanly's Threat to Pull State Out of Republican Ranks Because Fairbanks' Name Was Hooted Today.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Chicago, June 18.—Delegates to the national Republican convention are discussing Governor Hanly's threat to take Indiana out of the Republican ranks because of the reception he received today while nominating Fairbanks.

Mayor Bookwalter of Indianapolis also was infuriated at the treatment he received. He expressed his feelings as follows:

"The movements of the steam roller are evidently too slow for the gentlemen running this convention. Out in our country the only things that hiss are snakes."

He threatened that the vote of Indiana might be found on the "wrong side" in the fall.

Laugh at Hanly.

In his address nominating Hughes, General Woodford said:

"We have two candidates from New York who could win. One is in the White House and the other is in the state house. We have adopted a platform today longer"—

"Than Hanly's speech," interrupted a voice.

This was greeted with roars of laughter.

"Longer than mine, anyway," said General Woodford.

General Woodford paid high tribute to Hughes for his work in the insurance investigation and his fight against the bosses, but left the platform without formally placing Hughes' name before the convention, seemingly having forgotten that detail.

There was silence for a moment. Lodge looked vainly toward the New York delegation and finally said:

"There appears to be no second."

The clerk continued the roll call and then came the pandemonium. Alice Longworth was seen waving a great Taft banner during the demonstration.

When the cheering finally stopped, Burton began his speech. Amid the Texas delegation was raised a great pasteboard square reading: "As pants the hart for cooling streams, so Texas pants for Taft." Suspended from the sign were a pair of "rat man's trousers." A blue silk banner bearing a picture of Taft was carried down the aisle amid a great ovation.

The Ohio delegates stood on their chairs and called to the delegates from Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Indiana and Wisconsin to get up. The whole convention was in confusion.

ANOTHER GUEST IS MISSING FROM HOTEL

(United Press Leased Wire.)

San Francisco, June 18.—Another disappearance of a hotel guest, as strange and inexplicable as the three separate instances at the St. Francis hotel last week, is puzzling the authorities here today. The latest case is that of Dr. H. Y. Baldwin, late of London. Dr. Baldwin took apartments at the Hotel Robins on May 28, where he was accustomed to stay when in this city, but on the following day he dropped completely out of sight, leaving his baggage. No word has been received concerning him since.

SCOW BURNS ON UPPER COLUMBIA

A river boat, or scow, was burned on the upper Columbia yesterday afternoon between Bridal Veil and Cape Horn, but so far the identity of craft has not been ascertained. Since none of the companies operating boats out of this city has been informed of the loss of any craft it is supposed that the one destroyed by fire was one of the small tugs that ply on the upper river or a wood scow.

Upper River Falling.

The upper Columbia and Snake rivers began to fall yesterday, and it is believed that the crest of the flood will have passed the mouth of the Willamette in a couple of days. It is expected that the gauge in the harbor will show 21.2 feet Saturday morning, when the river will probably come to a stand.

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