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SUNDAY LAW DECISION WILL NOT ALTER STATUS OF THE SALOONS

FEAR FOR LIFE OF AGED PASTOR

Missing Since September 18, Friends of Rev. George Houghton Unable to Account for His Strange and Sudden Disappearance.

Reputed Wealth May Have Led to Crime—Came Here to Attend Conference—Took Rooms on Morrison Street.

Rev. George H. Houghton, an aged pastor of the Methodist church, reputed to be possessed of a large fortune, benefactor of Willamette university, Epworth church and Kimball college, has disappeared from the home of friends with whom he has been staying and although the police have made diligent inquiry no trace of him has been found since September 18. Fear is entertained that he has met with foul play because of his reputed wealth and his extreme age.

Rev. Mr. Houghton has been making his home with Colonel Fogue, pastor of the Methodist church at Bridal Veil, for some time. He came to Portland in company with Mr. Fogue a day or so before September 18, and took rooms at 511 Morrison street. September 18 he started for the Methodist conference at Salem and sent his trunk to the baggage room of the Southern Pacific. Since then nothing has been seen or heard of him though his trunk was taken from the depot.

Failure of the aged minister to reach the conference at Salem caused his friend Colonel Fogue to become anxious and make inquiries and the police were asked to aid in finding him. So far they have been unable to discover any trace of him.

Rev. Mr. Houghton was 74 years of age and came to Oregon from New York, where he had been identified with the Methodist church work for a great many years. He was reputed to be worth a large fortune by a relative in England. The minister was generous with his fortune, to educational and religious institutions of his denomination. He pledged \$10,000 to the endowment of the theological college at the home of the theological college, also located at Salem. He also pledged \$5,000 to the Epworth church in Portland and was a very eccentric and by some it was thought that his great wealth was largely an hallucination of his but he was firm in his religious convictions and was anxious to benefit by his generosity.

Some of his friends believe that Mr. Houghton had made up his mind to return to New York after having started for the conference and are hoping they will hear of his safe return. However, his sudden and mysterious disappearance is unaccountable and it is feared that some foul play has been done him.

BIG CAMPAIGN BANNERS ARE IN FASHION THIS YEAR



Specimens of rival campaign banners as they wave in New York city. The upper banner is for Taft and Sherman, and waves on Broadway. It is of enormous size, and shows not only a different Republican candidate but also the names of the candidates themselves. The lower banner is a Bryan and Kern banner, in front of Tammany hall, and shows the endorsement of the Democratic party by Tammany hall. The banner is the same size as the Republican banner, and built along similar lines. These are far specimens of the campaign advertising which will immediately make its appearance in all of the larger cities of the country.

SHOOTS BURGLAR, SUMMONS HELP

Famous Chemist, Dr. Gehrman, Puts Three Bullets Into Intruder.

Chicago, Sept. 28.—Dr. Adolph Gehrman, the famous expert who testified in the Hoch and Vraz case, and who is a noted analytical chemist, shot and killed a burglar who entered his house early today.

Dr. Gehrman heard the man outside the house and, arming himself with a rifle, stood at the head of the stairs and waited for the man to enter. As the thief entered, flashing a dark lantern, Dr. Gehrman fired three times, all three bullets taking effect. He then rushed to the side of the intruder, offered medical aid and summoned a nurse. The burglar died, however, without uttering a word. The thief has not been identified. He was armed with a knife and evidently was a professional housebreaker.

CARRIED GUILT 15 YEARS

Postmaster Long Ago Intercepted Letter From Lover to Girl and Finally Married Her—Conscience Hurting Confesses to Authorities Way He Won Bride.

Truth is stranger than fiction. Fifteen years ago, in Wolf Creek, southern Oregon, two men were in love with the same girl. One of them was the assistant postmaster. The other lived out of town. With this latter one the girl corresponded. Letters passed back and forth for some time, until one day a letter addressed to the young woman got no farther than the Wolf Creek postoffice. It was from the out-of-town man, far away. That letter was intercepted by the assistant postmaster. The man never wrote again. He thought that the girl had thrown him down. And the girl, well, for years she wondered why he had never written. But the assistant postmaster knew, and he played his cards well. In fact, he won the bells of Wolf Creek—the girl of his choice. The two—the girl and the postmaster—were married. Their lives have been happy all these years, but the man has had something on his mind. For more than 44 years the assistant postmaster has carried this secret of the intercepted letter in his heart. No one ever knew. The other day an old man hobbled on the stairs of the Federal building. He said he wanted to see the authorities.

PLEA OF MERCY TO DODGE LAW

Attorneys for Merchants Arrested for Keeping Open Shop Sunday Claim Statute Is Class Legislation—Violation a Necessity.

Detroit Judge Holds Sunday Ball Game Act of Charity—Local Cigar Men Maintain Selling Cigars Also Out of Mercy.

Fifty merchants, big and little, who had violated the district attorney's Sunday closing order, appeared in police court this morning, ready to plead that they had disobeyed the order that they might render acts of mercy and necessity. It was agreed, however, to continue all the cases for pleading until tomorrow morning, when some of the offenders will be told to report for trial later on in the week. In all cases the defendants will demand jury trials, as is provided in the statute, and they will leave to the jury the matter of deciding whether they did not keep open through mercy and necessity.

This afternoon District Attorney Cameron will bring a large number of cases before the grand jury and ask the jury to decide what is a shop or store and what places of business should come under the meaning of the law. These cases that are laid before the grand jury will be dismissed in the police court if indictments are returned by the jury.

Saloons Under Special Law. This afternoon a conference of the attorneys retained by the various merchants affected by the new order will be held. These attorneys include Teal & Minor, John F. Logan, Dan Malarkey

HASKELL ATTACKS THE PRESIDENT

Threatens to Publish Daily Chapter of Abuse of Roosevelt.

Guthrie, Okla., Sept. 28.—Governor C. N. Haskell, who arrived here yesterday and was greeted by a band and a big crowd of his followers, used the most bitter language in an attack upon President Roosevelt.

I will have a new chapter daily on Theodor the First, from now until election, showing him to be the greatest crook that ever sat in the presidential chair, he said. In reference to his retirement from the position of treasurer of the national Democratic committee, Haskell said: "My resignation was voluntary, for I could not afford, if Bryan is defeated, to have the Democracy say that if Haskell had been elected, I am searching a ward politician in the presidential office and I want to look after his case."

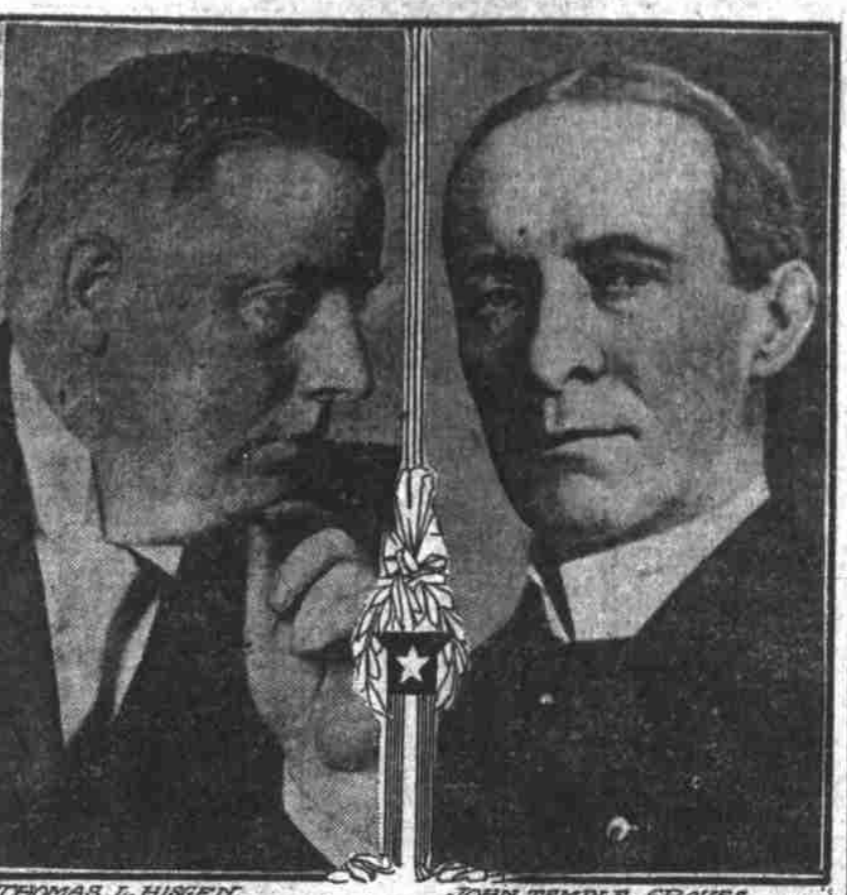
In an address to a crowd in front of Democratic headquarters, Haskell referred to the president as "an infamous liar." He announced that he would start this week against a number of Oklahoma men and said that he would also start action at once against William Randolph Hearst.

RED MASK YEGGS HOLD UP CITIZEN

Emil Albert Stopped at First and Hall Streets by Two Thugs.

Emil Albert, 421 1/2 First street, was held up and robbed last evening at First and Hall streets, according to the report he made to the detectives this morning. It is evident that Portland's population has been increased by two or three tough characters, presumably rogues, who stop at nothing. Two men held up Albert, and both wore red masks. The fact that this is the first appearance of a red mask since the murder of Patrolman Sam Young at Goldwood Wednesday evening adds interest to the case. Albert was not able to give a good description of the two men, but he says that one was shorter than the other, and that both wore dark clothes. He was knocked down and the \$12 in his pocket taken from him.

WILL MEET HISGEN, THEN DISCLOSE MORE LETTERS



THOMAS L. HISGEN, FOR PRESIDENT. JOHN TEMPLE GRAVES, FOR VICE-PRESIDENT. INDEPENDENCE PARTY NOMINEES. (United Press Leased Wire.) Chicago, Sept. 28.—William Randolph Hearst, who passed through here today on his way to Denver to join Thomas L. Hisgen, Independence party candidate for president, declared that he would disclose more letters similar to those already published in his sensational exposures of Foraker, Haskell and other politicians in connection with the Standard Oil company. Hearst declared that he would disclose the letters at the proper time, and when pressed for a statement as to their contents he declared they would corroborate the charges he has already made against members of both old political parties and prove new ones.

LOUISE LONSDALE PULITZER SAYS WAS DIVORCED

Pretty Actress Who Sues in Claiming Heirship Gave Young Elkins Married in San Francisco. Roosevelt Opportunity He Wanted.

(United Press Leased Wire.) San Francisco, Sept. 28.—That Miss Ada Louise Lonsdale, the actress, who is suing the youngest son of United States Senator Stephen B. Elkins for \$100,000 for breach of promise, was formerly married to a San Francisco man and has a local history which is exciting interest in society circles. Miss Lonsdale was formerly the wife of Leonard J. Schoof, a real estate man of this city. They were married at Washington in 1898 and two years later the woman secured a divorce on the grounds of desertion. Schoof is reticent about his former wife's marital troubles. He says she had good grounds for divorce, as he left her. He refuses to say why he left her but intimates that she was after money rather than love in seeking a husband.

CALIFORNIA SOLDIERS READY TO PLAY WAR

Paso Robles, Cal., Sept. 28.—With the arrival of the Twentieth infantry at the camp grounds at Atascadero today and the Eighth infantry so near the camp that it is expected to attack arms at the end of a long march this evening, everything is in readiness for the beginning tomorrow of maneuvers and mimic war. The light artillery completed its target practice today. Wednesday the Twentieth arrived here in the ambulance and not a sick report has been filed out. The Eighth is also reported as standing the march in good shape.

SET FIRE TO 90,000 ACRES

Federal Authorities to Arrest Louis Webb for Causing Disastrous Forest Conflagrations in Northern California—Tried to Improve the Grazing for Deer.

Louis R. Webb, a hunter and trapper living near Deering in southern Oregon, is to be arrested by the United States authorities and prosecuted for setting fire to timber belonging to the government. The land on which Webb is alleged to have started the forest fires is in northern California. It is claimed by the authorities that all told during his operations this summer, Webb set fire to and practically destroyed timber on lands in four entire townships. United States Deputy Sheriff Nicholson left Portland Tuesday morning to take the other and an order of removal to the California courts for trial will be issued for by District Attorney John McCourt. For days at a time it is claimed Webb went about the thickly timbered

GANG OF BAD MEN INFEST PORTLAND

Police Department Alarmed at Sudden Outbreak of Daring Crimes Showing Invasion of City by Yeggmen.

Police Judge Van Zante Is Urged by Detective Captain Baty to Impose Drastic Sentences on Criminals Captured by Police.

- Crime Record of Five Days. Murder of Patrolman Sam E. Young Wednesday evening. Burglary of Hansen residence, 170 North Twenty-third street, Saturday afternoon, \$1,000 worth of jewelry obtained. Murder of Lum Gip Sunday night. Burglary of F. T. Rogor's barber shop Sunday, \$72 obtained. Holdup of Emil Albert Sunday night.

Alarmed at the outbreak of crimes which show all too plainly the presence here of bold, experienced criminals, the police department is asking Municipal Judge Van Zante to give the limit to every man brought before him who is believed to be one of that most dangerous class, yeggmen.

Detective Captain Baty said that before the day is over he would personally lay the matter before Judge Van Zante. Baty wants the worst sent out by the under ground that Portland is a good place to stay away from. Apparently yeggmen and others are swarming into the city, and if the flood continues the police department will be entirely inadequate to cope with the situation. Judge Van Zante has shown a disposition to be lenient with ex-convicts when there has been no positive proof of recent criminal activity. The police believe that the yeggmen are taking advantage of the judge's willingness to give a man a chance.

PORTLAND MAN'S COMPANION DIES

George Buxton Is Brought Back Dead From Hunting Expedition.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Roseburg, Or., Sept. 28.—News has just been received that George Buxton was found dead late last night, shot through the abdomen. It is supposed that his shotgun was accidentally discharged. Buxton was the son of William Buxton of Brockway, a well-to-do farmer. He was believed to have been lost while hunting in the mountains last Friday, about 20 miles west of here. He was in company of George Smith, a resident of Portland. Mr. Smith says he heard Buxton shoot four or five times, and then call his dog, and after that he heard another shot. This was about 5:30 in the morning. He came on to town and later heard that his partner had not returned. Sunday morning Smith went out with a party from Brockway to search for Buxton, but the body was not found until late last night. Buxton was about 22 years of age.

"TROUBLE," BULLDOG, EXEMPLIFIES HIS NAME

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Olympia, Wash., Sept. 28.—"Trouble," a bulldog, owned by Gordon Mackay, a prominent young attorney of this city, saved Mr. Mackay from serious injury today at the hands of Harry S. Bamba. Mr. Mackay had been attorney for Mrs. Bamba in obtaining a divorce. Bamba invaded the attorney's office today and with a large rock in his hand assaulted Mackay, striking him in the jaw. "Trouble" rushed to his master's protection and fought Bamba, who by grabbing him by the leg, was saved from the dog's attack. Bamba was held by the police and Mackay is not seriously injured.