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**Angry Because Hindus Working for St. Johns Lumber Co. for \$1.80 a Day; Mob Attacks Their Living Quarters.**

## THREE FOREIGNERS HURLED FROM WINDOWS

**City Authorities Powerless to Quell Disturbance; Many Victims Brought Here.**

Race war broke out last night in St. Johns, where fully 100 Hindus were assaulted and robbed. Employees of the St. Johns Lumber company mill are being arrested this afternoon by the wholesale for the acts. In most cases the Hindus were held up by men with revolvers and forced to give up their money. Several were beaten into insensibility. Three men were thrown from a second story window to the ground.

The trouble started because the Hindus were working in the lumber mill. Shortly before 7 o'clock a large building on Burlington street, where a number are quartered, was surrounded by the mob men, who fired several shots through the windows. The rioters rushed in and beat and assaulted the Hindus, taking their watches and grabbing for their money belts.

## Offered Weak Defense.

The Hindus attempted to defend themselves, but against such odds nothing could be done.

The mob by this time had gone mad, and turned their energies toward robbery. The mill payroll was Saturday, and the greater number of the men had their money in their belts. The amounts stolen ranged from \$25 to \$100. Several reported losses of \$75, but the average loss was \$50.

When the mob had completed its work of destruction here, it went to another house, where there were a number of Hindus. Here the same methods were used. Mr. Fox, and old Hindu, was forced to jump from a second story window. His leg was broken. Two other men were grabbed and thrown from the window. One had a nine-inch gash on his forehead, and the other has a broken arm. Robbery was the chief motive of the mob. The Hindus were knocked down like cattle.

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## INSURGENTS NOT AFTER PLACE ON THE COMMITTEE

**Fight Was Made for Principle, Not for Jobs, Is Declaration of Representative Murdock of Kansas.**

## GARDNER, INSURGENT, MAY GET A PLACE

**Cannon Men Opposed to Norris and His Name Will Not Be Presented.**

(United Press Special Wire.) Washington, March 22.—Late today the dates for the Republican and Democratic caucuses to select members for the new rules committee were changed. By the new program the Republicans will meet tomorrow night instead of Thursday and the Democrats will meet Thursday night. The Democrats decided to hold their caucus after the Republicans so that they could cooperate with the insurgents should the Republicans refuse to appoint an insurgent for the committee.

With the new turn of affairs, some Republican leaders here predict that the insurgents will be given representation on the committee to prevent the possibility of any further alliance between the insurgents and the Democrats. It is predicted that the insurgents will make no fight in the caucus and that the meeting itself will be a tame affair. The men suggested for the committee by the Cannonites will probably be named without much discussion, and the caucus will, according to schedule, then resolve itself into a "get together" meeting in which some matters pertaining to the administration's legislative program will receive informal discussion.

Washington, March 22.—"We want it understood we made a fight for principle, not for jobs," declared Representative Victor Murdock of Kansas in discussing the probable membership of the new rules committee today. Murdock was one of the leaders in the recent fight to put the speaker off the rules committee. According to insurgent leaders they will make no effort to get places on the committee.

"If the insurgents are represented on the committee," one leader declared, "it will be because an insurgent is regularly selected at the Republican caucus and not because any demands are made."

## Will Prevent Wrangling.

It was decided by the insurgents today after a conference of leaders that this morning's caucus was called. It is generally believed here that this stand will prevent wrangling in the Republican caucus.

## Chief of Police Cox Finds No Fault With Last Night's Boxing Bouts Nor Does Deputy Constable Kiernan.

Chief of Police Cox and the constable's office did not see any infraction of the law at the boxing matches last night. Both say that the entertainment was quiet and orderly and that they could detect no evidence of any violation of the law.

## "As I Understand It," said Chief Cox this morning, "a prize fight is a contest between two men where a prize or reward is offered to one to beat the other, or where a decision is given as to the superiority of one over the other.

As far as I could find out from my investigations these provisions of the law were not violated. It seemed to be simply a trial of skill. It was quiet and orderly and I could see no illegality in it."

Constable Lou Wagner is in California, but William Kiernan, chief deputy constable, attended the bout.

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## Defendant Moore and Others Who Figure in His Trial



A few courtroom sketches of those who figure in the Oregon Trust bank trial, by Cartoonist Seed.

## ROOSEVELT SEES RUINS OF ANCIENT CITY OF THEBES

While Companions Sleep the Colonel Rises Early, Takes Horseback Exploration Trip; To Leave for Cairo.

(United Press Special Wire.) Luxor, March 22.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt rose at 6 o'clock today and two hours later started on a long horseback ride to visit the ruins of the ancient city of Thebes. Most of the other members of the Roosevelt party, which arrived here after a hard journey, preferred to rest and were sleeping soundly when the colonel started away.

Director of Antiquities Wiegall acted as special escort and guide for the horseback trip. The former president visited the ancient tombs in the neighborhood of the city and explored the colossal of Rameses III and Bahri.

## Trip a Family Affair.

Today's trip was a family affair, only members of the family and the correspondents accompanying Roosevelt being permitted to make the trip. Most of the party preferred to attempt any sightseeing expedition.

Roosevelt lunched at the home of Theodore Davis, a prominent antiquarian, and discussed the pieces visited during the morning. He returned to Luxor during the afternoon. The party is quartered at the Winter Palace hotel, where tonight a reception will be given and the many Americans living in Luxor will be given a chance to greet the Roosevelts.

## Tomorrow Evening the Roosevelt party will leave for Cairo and will arrive, according to the schedule, some time Thursday.

## RECEIVER DEVLIN PUT ON THE GRILL FOR TWO HOURS IN OREGON TRUST BANK HEARING

Insinuating that Thomas C. Devlin, as receiver of the Oregon Trust & Savings bank, deliberately tried to depreciate the securities of the defunct institution, then took an interest in the reorganized German-American bank, which had taken over the assets of the bank of which he was receiver, and began to hand out assurances that the German-American was sold, Charles W. Fulton this morning clearly indicated that one of the trump cards of the defense in the trial of Walter H. Moore will be an attack on Devlin's administration of the receivership.

Devlin was turned over to the defense for cross examination early this morning, and for more than two hours he was put through a grilling fire of questions. As Fulton pinned him down to specific questions which presented the figures of high finance in a light favorable to the defense he demanded the right to make explanations of his answers. Fulton poked up several details of transactions that Devlin had omitted to mention on direct examination and sought to create the impression that Devlin was hiding facts that would assist the defendant.

## German-American Bank Deal.

Fulton began on Devlin by questions concerning the deal with the German-American bank deal, showing that Devlin had advised the consummation of the contract by which the new bank took over all assets and liabilities of the Oregon Trust. Then he showed that Devlin, W. S. Bridges, F. L. Willis and a fourth man purchased \$12,000 worth of stock of the German-American in 1908. Devlin said he paid in \$3000.

The witness explained that this purchase was made to help the German-American out of serious difficulty. The new banking law was about to go into effect, making it necessary to reduce the capital stock from \$500,000 to \$300,000. Reed, president of the bank, was also agent for the Omaha Home Telephone company, and it was represented that if money could be raised to pay interest on the Omaha bond the situation would be saved. He and the others subscribed, he said, in the name of Bridges as trustee,

with an option to repurchase the bank stock. It was not an investment on his part, he said. He did it unselfishly and hopes to get his money back.

Deal With L. J. Wilde.

Devlin denied that he had begun to pay claims against the Oregon Trust before the deal with the German-American. He admitted after this agreement was made he ratified a transaction whereby Louis J. Wilde paid for \$200,000 capital in the German-American by cancelling an equal liability against the Oregon Trust. He declared he was not showing Wilde any favors, but the defense will argue from this that he made Wilde a preferred creditor of the Oregon Trust.

Fulton forced Devlin to admit that he had sold \$400,000 of stock of the German-American had been subscribed at par and 25 cents premium, and had assured the court that responsible persons had subscribed, so the full amount was good. He said he did this on the report of Charles Faber, who had exported the books. He had later learned this was not true.

Devlin denied having told P. L. Willis that the assets of the German-American will yield a profit of \$150,000 or \$200,000 to the German-American. He was asked if he had made similar representation to W. J. Clements, but objection to the question was sustained by Judge Brombaugh. Fulton indicated that Willis had called to prove the contrary, the object being to show that Devlin's testimony that the Oregon Trust was insolvent was not believed by himself a short time ago.

Start of German-Americans.

Devlin admitted that practically nothing went into the German-American except the capital stock and the assets of the Oregon Trust. He was asked to recommend this with his recommendation in favor of the German-American deal, if he considered the assets of the Oregon Trust of such little value. He said he recommended this because he believed it was the best thing to be done but decided by having "boasted" the German-American as soon as he had taken an

## WHOLE TRAINLOAD OF BOOSTERS WILL INVADE PORTLAND Medford-Crater Lake Workers to Solicit Funds From Every City in Willamette Valley—\$22,000 Raised at Medford.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Medford, Or., March 22.—It will not be long now before Portland will have a chance to see the Medford booster in action. For within a few days the men behind the movement to build a highway to Crater Lake will charter a train and descend upon the metropolis in a body to solicit funds for the construction of the road. And they will come determined to secure \$100 sub-scriptions from 250 persons, or \$25,000.

Already the commission in charge of the matter has resolved many complications, front leading residents of the northern portion of the state that they stand ready to contribute to the road fund and when the work is undertaken in earnest little difficulty is expected. Men prominent in all walks of life will be asked to contribute and were to be organized to see that their cities, towns or areas for a contribution for the good of the state.

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Medford has shown where she stands by starting the work at home. The mark set by the commission is \$25,000 from Medford and already \$22,000 has been subscribed in this city, and this with less than 10 days of active work on the part of a committee of three. The next field to be invaded is other southern Oregon towns and it is expected that when the boosters leave for the north in the near future that they will have with them a list upon which the pledges of aid total more than \$40,000.

## Other Cities Invaded.

Portland is not the only town outside of southern Oregon that is to be invaded by the local band of boosters. They will stop at all of the larger towns

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## LAWYERS SCHEME TO CHEAT SCORES OF HOME SEEKERS

**Thousands of Circulars Sent to Eastern Prospective Settlers Offering for Sale Acreage in Oregon & Cal. Land Grant.**

## U. S. ATTORNEY M' COURT SAYS IT IS FRAUD

**But Schemers Within Law; Would Be Settlers Advised Not to Trust Lawyers.**

Government officers are investigating methods of certain attorneys who are attempting to locate prospective settlers on the Oregon & California railroad land grants now in litigation in the federal courts. That it is a scheme for the wholesale defrauding of incautious investors is the opinion of the United States district attorney and the officers of the land office have been sent to eastern people. It is said that one circular out of every 100 has brought a response. Fees have been assessed in amounts from \$75 to \$100. At this rate, it is said, the business has bid fair to become immensely profitable, while to the same proportion disillusioned investors have been putting a "black eye" on legitimate advertisements of Oregon opportunities.

## "It's Fraud," Says McCourt.

Concerning the practiced United States District Attorney McCourt said yesterday: "It is fraud pure and simple, but just inside the law. Showing the proportion reached by the practice I will say that I have answered more than 1000 persons who asked if the scheme was all right. To each inquirer I said as vigorously as I could, 'No.' The government has not finished with the investigation."

In Portland several persons have been engaged in the business of getting locators for the litigated lands. The working of one of their circulars explains, briefly, the plan:

"Over 40 years ago the government granted to the Oregon Railroad and Navigation company, later reorganized under the name of the Oregon & California Railroad company, the odd numbered sections of land for 20 miles on each side of its lines, to aid in the building of its railroad from Portland, Or., to San Francisco, Cal.

Conditions embodied in this large grant from the government demanded that the grantee, or its assigns, should sell these lands to actual settlers for

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