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WEATHER FORECAST. This afternoon, tonight and Saturday, thundershowers.

NINE ASSESSORS ENDORSE STRAIN

They Represent All Counties in Which the O. R. & N. Company Owns Property.

ASSESSORS FIX O. R. & N. VALUES AT \$32,000 PER MILE.

Meeting of the Counties Containing O. R. & N. Property Held at La Grande Yesterday—State Association of Assessors Unanimously Indorse the Movement for Higher Values of Railroad Property—C. P. Strain of Umatilla County Selected to Present the Argument for the Assessors, and J. W. Morrow for the O. R. & N. Company.

The State Association of Assessors of Oregon, which met in a special session at La Grande yesterday, passed a resolution fixing the value of O. R. & N. railroad property at \$32,000 per mile and instructing assessors to assess this property at exactly the same proportion of this true valuation that other property is assessed, thus unambiguously indorsing the policy of Assessor C. P. Strain of this county, in his stand for higher valuations of railroad property.

The meeting was called by President Sigler of Multnomah county, president of the State Association of Assessors and assessors of Multnomah county, and was made up of the assessors of the counties in which the O. R. & N. owns property and was therefore composed of the following counties: Multnomah, Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam, Morrow, Umatilla, Union, Baker and Malheur, with the assessors of Jackson and Willamette counties present to listen to the discussions.

Tax Agent J. W. Morrow, of the O. R. & N., was invited to be present to present the railroad's side of the discussion and C. P. Strain of Umatilla county, made the arguments for the higher valuation. The discussion of the subject was thorough and exhaustive and half a day was consumed in the arguments of Mr. Strain and Mr. Morrow.

Unanimous Judgment.

At the close of the arguments a resolution was unanimously passed fixing the value of the O. R. & N. property at \$32,000 per mile in Oregon and binding assessors in every county in which the company has property to be made in each county on exactly the same basis as other property with this valuation as a basis. If other property is assessed at one-third of its true value, railroad property shall be assessed at one-third, with \$32,000 as the true value, thus practically indorsing the assessment of Mr. Strain in this county.

The only county which absolutely refused to be bound by the agreement was Baker county, and it is well known that it has always opposed assessing the railroad at anything but a nominal figure.

Assessor C. P. Strain, who returned home from the meeting last night, is highly pleased with the result of the meeting, and believes that the counties promising to live up to the agreement will faithfully perform their part of the pledge and that a general movement for higher valuation of railroad property throughout the state is now well defined.

He highly praises President Sigler of the state association as a student of taxation and an earnest, efficient assessor, seeking to find a true value of property by estimating its earning capacity and its ability to yield an income to its owners. The other assessors along the line were practically all as earnest in the matter as the president, and it is now apparent that the state association will back up the pioneer move made in this county by Mr. Strain along this line.

Vote of Thanks to Strain. At the close of the meeting a unanimous vote of thanks was extended to Mr. Strain for the able and concise manner in which he presented the facts and arguments on the side of the assessors and the able manner in which he readily refuted every argument of the railroad.

The meeting between the counties and the representative of O. R. & N. was most cordial and the best of feeling prevailed, the arguments being made on statistics and absolute facts.

After the Gamblers. St. Louis, June 23.—Attorney General Handley today ordered Sheriff Herpel of St. Louis county, to arrest all bookmakers on the Delmar track for violating the anti-gambling law. The sheriff is receiving anonymous threats.

and no prejudices or local fights being heard in any of the proceedings.

Wallawa was the only county represented having no railroads, but the assessor of that county is deeply interested in the subject and is studying the matter preparatory to making a right beginning when railroads reach his county, if such should come to pass during his term of office. Jackson county's assessor, while not interested in the assessment of the O. R. & N., is a student of taxation and was present to learn from the experience of other assessors, as he believes in higher values than have prevailed in former assessments in Oregon.

NOBODY KNOWS ANYTHING.

Fruitless Examination of Witnesses in Chicago.

Chicago, June 23.—Michael Donnelly, president of the Butchers' union and a leader of the stockyards strike, was a witness before the grand jury today in the labor graft investigation. Donnelly was unable to tell the jury who assaulted him at a meeting three years ago after he opposed the plan of strike settlement offered by John Driscoll.

R. E. Moffett of the Sears, Roebuck company, and E. Felsenthal, a business man, declared they had no knowledge of the use of money in strike settlements.

WILL INCREASE SQUADRON.

German After Greater Prestige in the Far East.

Berlin, June 23.—Official announcement is made that Germany intends to maintain a permanent flying squadron consisting of powerful fast cruisers in the Pacific, similar to her squadron in the Indian ocean. The intention of Germany is to increase her prestige in those waters.

Will Germany Go to War?

Berlin, June 23.—The Vorwarts, principal organ of the social democrat, asserts that Prince Von Buelow has asked the headquarters staff whether or not Germany is prepared to go to war with France in case the present crisis over the Moroccan question develops unfavorably.

Yachts Start in a Race.

Kiel, June 23.—The principal race in the Kiel regatta between the emperor's yacht Meteor and the Hamburg, was started today in a gale. The emperor was aboard the Meteor, lying on deck, enveloped in oil skins.

COURT SESSIONS ARE CONTINUED

JEROME IS LAYING A SCHEME TO PROSECUTE.

Doors Left Open to Receive in the Criminal Courts the Plungers of the Equitable Society—District Attorney Declares the Magnitude of Its Position in the Affairs of the World Makes the Demand Imperative for a Full Investigation.

New York, June 23.—District Attorney Jerome appeared before Recorder Goff this morning and made a motion that the June term of court, which ends next Thursday, be continued indefinitely in order that the public prosecutor might have aid in court in connection with the proposed investigation of Equitable affairs.

Jerome stated he had arranged with Justice Davy of Rochester to continue the June term of the criminal branch of the supreme court for a similar reason. Jerome said he is not in a position to say whether any crime has been committed, but in view of the fact that the people of the entire world are affected by the Equitable trouble, he felt it imperative to make a full investigation. The motion was granted.

To Recover Illegal Profits.

Attorney General Mayer began preparations today to bring suit against the officers of the Equitable for the recovery of profits alleged to be wrongfully acquired by reason of their position. It is understood the inquiries of Mayer will not be confined to the Hyde period, but the new Ryan regime will be asked to explain its future business policy.

New Nation of Norway.

Washington, June 23.—The American consul general at Christiania has transmitted a note from the Norwegian minister of foreign affairs, informing him of the creation of the new nation of Norway. No actions looking toward recognition have been taken at Washington.

Committee in Portland.

Portland, Or., June 23.—The congressional irrigation committee arrived this morning for a two-days' visit at the exposition. They will leave Saturday night for Tacoma.

Miles Denies It.

Boston, June 23.—General Miles today denied the report he was to marry Mrs. Huldekoper, a wealthy Philadelphia widow.

DAMAGING TESTIMONY AGAINST MITCHELL.

Portland, June 23.—Testimony very damaging to Senator Mitchell was given today by his former partner, A. H. Tanner, in the federal court, who continued the history of the partnership and concerning the acceptance of fees for promoting timber claims to patent. He identified letters, checks and other documents passing between the partners.

After an extended argument the prosecution won an important point, Judge De Haven permitting the introduction as evidence of transactions other than those involved in the indictment, in which Mitchell had knowledge of fees for his work before the government departments. This was held to be admissible for the purpose of showing Mitchell's knowledge of guilt, and rebutting the defense's contention of ignorance.

Following the court's ruling a third contract between Mitchell & Tanner with Frederick Krebs, and a contract with J. A. Benson, of California, were introduced as evidence.

MOSES TAYLOR FACES CHARGE GREAT BATTLE NOW IMMINENT

Story of Alleged Plot to Destroy Property and Do Personal Violence is Told. All Operations and Desultory Fighting Seem to Be in the Nature of Preliminaries.

INCrimINATING STORY TOLD IN FULL DETAILS.

Said That He Plotted the Burning of John Banister's Barn and Crops in Field, and in Addition the Flogging of Banister and Mrs. Joe Sherrard—For This "Work" the Perpetrators Were to Receive \$100—A Straight Story Apparently, and Confirmed by the Testimony of Others—Defendant is Wealthy and Widely Known.

In the circuit court this morning a story was told that resembles the plot of some dime novel, or cheap melodrama. The narrator was Monroe Palmer, and the villain as depicted by him, is Moses Taylor, of Athena, the rich wheatowner who is now on trial for having plotted to burn the barn and wheat field of John Banister.

According to Palmer's story as told on the witness stand this morning, he was working in the butcher shop of R. J. Boddy at Athena last Fourth of July, and that on that day he fell in company with one McGrath, who was then an employe of Taylor. While they were in the basement of a saloon, Palmer stated that his companion, McGrath, told him there was a rich man there who wanted some work done, and that he was willing to pay for it. This "work" he stated, was to burn the barn and grain field of John Banister; to flog the owner with not less than 74 licks, and also to inflict a similar punishment upon the person of Mrs. Joe Sherrard, after the latter had recovered from a pending confinement. This much was told to Palmer, but no names were given. To the proposition, Palmer said he replied, "That is a serious matter, and I will think it over."

Were to Receive \$100. That evening, according to Palmer's story, he told his employer, Boddy, of the offer made him, and that the latter immediately guessed at who all of the parties in the case were, and told Palmer to go ahead and carry out the scheme, and that they would lay plans to catch the perpetrators. Accordingly, Palmer stated that he did so, and that he later met McGrath and Moses Taylor in front of Attorney Peterson's office, the latter two having been in consultation with that attorney. They then repaired to a saloon, and later into a back room, where the subject was broached by Taylor with the statement that, "It must be made to go." To this Palmer replied, "I'm with you." Plans were then discussed for firing the field and barn, and for this \$100 was to be paid by Taylor. No definite bargain was made for whipping the two persons named, that being subsequent work.

According to Palmer, Taylor's object in wishing to have Banister's barn and grain burned, and himself and Mrs. Sherrard flogged, was revenge for the testimony given against him during his divorce trial here.

Continuing, Palmer said that on the night of July 30 he went to Taylor's place between midnight and 1 o'clock, and there met Taylor and McGrath. The horse rode by Palmer was one belonging to his employer, Boddy, while McGrath was mounted.

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DARING BANDIT FOILED IN HOLD-UP

Tacoma, June 23.—An unsuccessful attempt was made this morning to hold up the North Coast Limited from St. Paul, near Puyallup. A man boarded the train at Puyallup and when the train was three miles from the station ordered the engineer to stop at a fire burning near the tracks.

The engineer didn't stop until half a mile beyond the fire, when a brakeman came up to see what the trouble was and the bandit fired at him. The bandit then tried to run the engine back to the fire himself, but failed and jumping off the engine, fired twice at the engineer, but missed and then disappeared in the bush.

has posted notices of the forthcoming mobilization of troops, and exhorting the people to be calm. Mobilization is expected June 23.

The Russ Suspended. St. Petersburg, June 23.—The minister of the interior has prohibited the publication of the Russ for a month.

Renewed Fighting at Lodz. Warsaw, June 23.—Reports from Lodz say disturbances have been renewed and the situation is serious. Workmen are armed and fighting with the military.

Peace Plenipotentiary Named. St. Petersburg, June 23.—M. Neldoff, Russian ambassador to Paris, has been definitely appointed one of the Russian peace plenipotentiaries.

M. Neldoff is a skilled Russian diplomat who, as ambassador at Constantinople for a number of years, handled some of the most delicate problems connected with Russia's near eastern policy.

Man With Bomb Arrested. Warsaw, June 23.—A man carrying a bomb was arrested this morning in front of the Malewki police station. He refused all information regarding himself.

Russians Repulsed. Tokio, June 23.—Oyama reports the Japanese repulsed 1000 Russians in the vicinity of Wankautsaku June 21, with a heavy loss. An attack by a Russian detachment on the heights of Nanchendy on the same day was also repulsed and the enemy pursued. Otherwise the situation is unchanged.

Lamsdorff Is Ill. Washington, June 23.—It is stated officially that owing to the illness of Count Lamsdorff, the Russian foreign minister, there will be a slight check in peace negotiations.

CHICAGO WHEAT MARKET.

Quotations From the Greatest Wheat Market in the United States. Chicago, June 23.—July wheat opened at 91 1/4 and closed the same today. Corn closed at 53 7/8 and oats at 32 1/4.

New Spanish Cabinet.

Madrid, June 23.—King Alfonso has approved the cabinet formed by Premier Monterrosio. General Weyler will be minister of war, Senor Sanchez Roman of foreign affairs, and Senor Urvaig of finance.

SUCCESSOR TO CHIEF JOSEPH

ALBERT WATERS CHOSEN BY THE NEZ PERCE POWWOW

Much Dissatisfaction, as Yellow Bull the Hereditary Chief, Seems to Have Had Strong Claims to the Honor—Monument Unveiled and Speeches Made—Cameras Came Very Near Being Tabooed—Big Potlatch Will Take Place Later on.

Nespelem, Wash., June 23.—Albert Waters, an educated Indian, has been chosen chief of the Nez Perce Indians at the big powwow in progress on the reservation near here. There is considerable dissatisfaction over the election, many of the Indians claiming the office should properly go to the hereditary chief, Yellow Bull, who followed Chief Joseph all through the Nez Perce campaign of 1877. Yellow Bull says there could be no disputing of his rights if he chose to assert them.

The unveiling of the monument erected by Samuel Hill, vice president of the Great Northern railway company, on behalf of the State Historical society, took place Tuesday at 4 o'clock p. m.

There is one large council teepee 30 by 160 feet, and 15 or 20 smaller ones.

Big Potlatch Later.

The Indians came very near barring all cameras from the Indian cemetery on account of their superstitions. The big potlatch, when all of Joseph's clothes and property will be distributed gratis among his kindred and members of the tribe, will not be held for a few days yet.

Teopetocous is the principal dissenting candidate for chief. There were probably 50 or 60 prominent men present on the occasion of the unveiling ceremonies. Captain M. C. A. Webster, Indian agent for Colville reservation, was among them.

Miners Would Arbitrate.

Springfield, June 23.—The miners today proposed to the operators to submit all differences growing out of the shot-firers bill to arbitration. Governor Deneen to act as arbitrator, and the decision to be final.

On Lake Erie the freight steamer Etruria was sunk by colliding with the Amesa Stone, also a freighter. The latter was little injured. The Etruria sunk. Loss, including cargo, \$240,000. No lives were lost.

MANSLAUGHTER IS THE VERDICT

Martin Jury Agreed After Recording Wide Variations of Opinion and Wishes.

SPENT OVER FIVE HOURS IN ITS DELIBERATIONS.

Defendant Showed the Effects of Worry and Disappointment—For Some Time There Was a Prospect of a Hung Jury—Sentence Will Not Be Imposed Earlier Than Tomorrow Unless the Prisoner Waives—Defense Given Thirty Days in Which to File Motion for a New Trial—Theory of Grounds for an Appeal, or for a New Trial.

After deliberating over five hours, the jury in the case of Grover Martin charged with the murder of O. N. Preston, returned a verdict of manslaughter at 8:45 last evening.

Shortly after 8 o'clock in the evening the foreman of the jury communicated to the bailiffs that they had arrived at a verdict, and Circuit Judge Ellis, and the various attorneys and interested parties in the case were notified. Soon after court was called to order, and the sheriff was ordered to present the prisoner in the court room. Pale and worn out from the ordeal through which he has been subjected during the past few days, Martin took his seat and at the orders of the judge stood up while the sentence was read by County Clerk Frank Salling. At the conclusion of the verdict Martin sank into his seat, and though he showed his disappointment, bore up well under it. However, as he was being led back to his cell his strength left him, and he supported himself by taking hold of everything possible along the way.

Five Conclusions Reached.

On the first vote which the jurors took after leaving the court room, a plurality stood for murder in the second degree, the vote being: murder in the first degree, 1; second degree, 4; manslaughter, 3; acquittal, 3; and blank, 1. After several ballots one of those for acquittal gave in and voted for manslaughter. However, the other two held out firmly, and for a while it looked like a hung jury, but finally an agreement was reached by those desiring first and second degree coming down to manslaughter, and those for acquittal raising to that penalty. An effort was then made to have the mercy of the court requested, but this was objected to by the sterner jurors, and so was left out of the verdict.

The Maximum Penalty.

The penalty for the crime of manslaughter, of which Martin has been convicted, is imprisonment in the state penitentiary for a term of from one to 15 years, and in addition a fine of not more than \$5000 may be imposed, though the fine may not be imposed alone, it being necessary for the convicted party to serve a term in prison.

No sentence has yet been passed upon Martin by Judge Ellis and it cannot be done under the law until tomorrow, unless the prisoner should waive time for sentence, which it is said he will not do.

Following the announcement of the verdict last night Colonel J. H. Raley, leading counsel for Martin, moved that he be given 30 days in which to file a motion for a new trial, and it was allowed. Whether or not a new trial will be requested, has not yet been decided by the attorneys for the defense, as they have not had sufficient time to go over the evidence in detail.

Should a new trial be asked of Judge Ellis, it is the current opinion among attorneys that it will be denied, in which case an appeal to the supreme court would be open to the defense. Should such an appeal be made it would be on the ground that improper evidence was allowed in the trial, and should the appeal be sustained a new trial would be ordered held in the circuit court. Under the law, should another trial be held, the defendant could not be convicted of a greater offense than manslaughter.

However, it is strongly doubted if an appeal will be made, as such would be expensive to the defendant and his parents and with little hope

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Collide and Sink.

Detroit, June 23.—The steamer City of Rome and Linden, collided in the St. Croix river, opposite Tashmy Park, this morning. Both sunk. Two members of the crew of the Linden, the cook and his wife, were drowned.