



# W. C. E. PRUITT HAS DISAPPEARED

### Acting District Attorney and Temporary City Editor of Tribune is Missing.

#### LEFT PENDLETON TUESDAY NIGHT ON TRAIN NO. 5.

#### Relatives and Friends Search in Vain for Missing Attorney—No Possible Reason Assigned for Peculiar Behavior—Had Talked Mysteriously, and May Have Gone to South Africa—Wife Is at Lehman.

Where is W. C. E. Pruitt, attorney at law, acting district attorney and temporary city editor of the Tribune? For nearly a week he has been missing from the city, and a diligent search by relatives and friends has thus far failed to locate him. Some facts that have become known indicate he may have left for parts afar with the intention of returning not.

Pruitt was last seen here Tuesday night, when he boarded west bound train No. 5. At the depot he shook hands with Ung Goe, the Chinaman, telling him good bye, though he did not make known his destination. Since Tuesday night absolutely nothing has been heard of Pruitt, and his long absence has caused uneasiness among his relatives. At the time of his departure his wife was at Lehman Springs in company with her mother, Mrs. Aura M. Raley. They are still at that resort.

Falling to hear from her husband, Mrs. Pruitt phoned to Colonel J. H. Raley several days ago asking concerning him. Thereupon a search was made for the missing attorney, with somewhat startling results. Had Talked Mysteriously.

For some time before his departure Pruitt had been serving as city editor of the Tribune, and when he left he took French leave of that journal as well as of others here. However, a casual conversation which he had with Night Editor Davis now seems significant. To his fellow journalist Pruitt stated in a recent conversation that if he were foot-loose he would go to South Africa. To other friends he also declared that some day he was going to leave the city never to return.

But while uneasiness is felt concerning Pruitt, it is hardly believed that he has left for good. It is rather believed that he has merely gone away while under some form of "brain storm" and that he is now in Portland. The fact that he had been drinking for several days before he left lends credence to this theory. His friends say that it is hardly conceivable that he would go away for good, leaving his wife and his practice here. There is said to be absolutely no reason for his sudden action, as he had met with no trouble and was devoted to his wife.

Served as Prosecutor. Further interest is added to Pruitt's case by the fact that he was attending to the district attorney's business for several days before his departure. When Mr. Phelps went to the mountains for a month's outing he left his office in charge of C. J. Ferguson. However, Mr. Ferguson was called to Roseburg about a week ago, and he left the office with Pruitt during his absence.

On the door of the district attorney's office is a note saying that Mr. Phelps is away on his vacation and that Mr. Ferguson will return July 27, and that in the meantime Mr. Pruitt is attending to the affairs.

But since last Tuesday complaints have found no waiting ear into which to pour their troubles. This, together with the fact that not a magistrate is left in the city, has produced

a peculiar situation. However, it has had no serious consequence thus far.

**Left No Word.**  
When Pruitt left he took with him a suit case, doubtless containing clothing, but he made no disposition of his library. Nor did he leave any word with his law associates. In response to inquiries, Attorney Smith, who has offices with Pruitt & Oliver, merely says that "Mr. Pruitt is out of town, and I do not know when he will return."

## KILLS HER FOUR SONS.

### Russian Mother Saves Them from Horrors of Living.

Berlin, July 27.—A terrible quadruple murder is reported from Ekaterinburg, in Russia. A workman's wife—a woman 34 years of age—attacked her four younger sons during her husband's absence from home, and killed them all by cutting their throats with a knife. The unfortunate lads were all quite young, aged respectively 9, 7, 5 and 2 years. The woman then went to the field where her eldest son was working, with the intention of killing him also, but the lad after a struggle managed to disarm his mother, who was arrested. When she was questioned as to the motives of her terrible crime she replied calmly that she had too many children, "and," she added, "if God knew how we have to live, he would wish them to be killed." It is believed that the woman must have lost her reason, though up to the time of the tragedy she had been perfectly rational.

## World's Champion Flyer.

New York, July 27.—Henry Farman, world's champion aerial navigator, is here preparing to make 15 flights from the Brighton beach race track, for which the Aero club of America has agreed to pay \$24,000. He arrived from Havre Sunday. Later he makes flights in the principal cities of the United States.

## Weaver Greets Bryan.

Des Moines, July 27.—James B. Weaver, populist candidate for president in 1892, greeted Bryan when the latter arrived here today on his way back to Lincoln from Chicago. Weaver announced his intention to support Bryan.

# HOLLAND WILL ATTACK CASTRO

### VENEZUELA'S PRESIDENT EXPELLS DUTCH MINISTER.

#### All Warships in Amsterdam Waters Ordered to Proceed to the South American Republic and Make Demonstration—Ports Will Be Bombarded Unless Apology Is Made.

Amsterdam, Holland, July 27.—In retaliation for summary expulsion of Minister DeRues, it is officially announced today that all Dutch warships in Amsterdam water have been ordered to make a demonstration against Venezuela unless President Castro makes an immediate apology to this country. It is probable that the Dutch ships will bombard Lagunaira, Puerto Cabello and the other principal coast towns of Venezuela. The opinion is freely expressed that Castro has exceeded all bounds in international insults and that nothing but an actual attack upon Venezuela will bring him to a proper recognition of the rights of other nations.

## Cruiser Ordered Back.

Willemstad, Curacao, July 27.—The Dutch cruiser Galderland, arrived here today bearing Minister DeRues, who was expelled from Venezuela. The cruiser received orders to return at once to Venezuela to protect the Dutch interests and to be prepared for any emergency. DeRues will remain here, pending an order from the government.

# HISGIN TO LEAD HEARST'S PARTY

### Massachusetts Man Will Be Standard Bearer of Independence League.

#### SOME SOUTHERNER WILL BE RUNNING MATE.

#### National Convention Will Be Opened Tonight in Chicago—Feared that Meeting Will Be Stampeded for Bryan—Willie Randolph Declares There Will Be No Compromise With Democrats—Nominations Will Probably Be Made Tomorrow.

Chicago, July 27.—At a conference of the leaders of the independence party national convention opening tonight, it was practically decided that Thomas L. Hisgin of Massachusetts will be the candidate for the presidency and that a southerner as yet unchosen should be vice-presidential nominee.

Delegates are arriving from every state. It is understood there is fear an attempt will be made to capture the convention for Bryan.

Hearst, declared today that there would be no compromise with the democrats and that any attempt to endorse Bryan would be futile.

The convention will be called to order at 8 o'clock tonight by Charles A. Walsh of Iowa, secretary of the national committee. The presidential nomination will probably be made tomorrow.

## DRAGGED, FOOT IN STIRRUP.

### Maddened Horse Pulls Ray Fairchild on Range.

Heppner, Ore., July 27.—Dragged over the range at the stirrup of a maddened horse, Ray Fairchild, a well known cattle shipper and meat dealer, of this city, sustained such frightful injuries that he probably will die. Mr. Fairchild had gone out on horseback to round up a small bunch of cattle for shipment, when his horse made a sudden swerve and the saddle turned. The animal took fright immediately and bolted, dragging Mr. Fairchild by one foot, which had caught in the stirrup. When the horse was caught and the victim released he was found to have sustained a compound fracture of the head and face.

## MEXICAN GOVERNMENT MAKES HARRIMAN HUSTLE.

### Refuses to Extend Time Limit and Wizard Is Compelled to Get Busy.

Mexico City, Mex., July 27.—The Mexican government having refused a second request on the part of Harriman and his associates in the building of the Cananea River & Pacific road, to extend the time limit for the completion of the line, orders have been issued for the rushing of the work with all possible speed. The line will be finished by October 12, 1912.

The road extends from Guaymas on the north to Guadajara on the south, a distance of 870 miles. Before the southern terminus is reached the road will have been carried over the Sierra Madre mountains, where in some places it will cost \$100,000 per mile.

## Seeking Murderer.

Spokane, July 27.—The authorities are looking for Corporal Barker in connection with the murder of Ira Nessinger, a resident of Medical Lake, whose body, beaten to a pulp, was found in a lonely road. His clothes were torn and a gas pipe was by his side. The police say they have learned that Barker was with Nessinger all Saturday. Military authorities are also seeking Barker. Seventy-five dollars and a watch were taken from Nessinger.

## Regatta Is Feature.

Quebec, July 27.—The main feature of today's program in the tercentenary celebration is the regatta in the river harbor before the town, which is crowded with gaily decked pleasure craft. There will be a grand naval display tonight, participated in by the warships here for the event.

## FIRE DESTROYING BIG FOREST RESERVE.

Salina, Cal., July 27.—A forest fire is threatening to destroy the entire Monterey forest reserve of forty thousand acres. It has already consumed ten thousand acres of some of the best timber to be found in the United States. Fighters under government supervision are trying to check the flames. The fire is now spreading to the Santa Lucia range.

# HORRIBLE DEATH IN MOUNTAINS

### Man Succumbs After Sixteen Day of Awful Torture and Agony.

#### SLOWLY DIES FROM HUNGER AND INJURIES.

#### W. H. Gulliford Falls Down Mountains in Montana, Breaking Legs—Keeps Diary While Waiting for Death—Drags Himself Through Miles of Wilderness With Broken Limbs Dragging Behind—Yelled to Section Men Across River, But Received No Aid.

Helena, Mont., July 27.—After living in terrible torture and agony for 16 days, along without food, death finally came to the relief of W. H. Gulliford in the mountains near Olive station, in Sanders county.

The only thing known about the man is contained in a diary kept by him while he was slowly dying.

The first entry reads: "Notify my people. My name is W. H. Gulliford, and my home is in Birmingham, England. Notify my wife, mother and child at K. E. South St. I fell down the mountains and broke my legs."

The next memorandum was made the following day and says he had dragged himself through miles of wilderness with his broken legs dangling behind.

On the seventh day he wrote: "I could see section men across the river on a hand car. I yelled and was sure they heard me."

On the 12th day he wrote: "Two young men passed me and promised to go for help. They never returned." It is thought this last note is an hallucination.

On the 16th day he still had sufficient vitality to write. He wrote: "This is my last day." His body was found in a state of decomposition. He was about 30 years old.

## TWO WEEKS THEN DIVORCE.

### Salem Man's Honeymoon Is Full of Tribulation.

Salem, Ore., July 27.—Two weeks of married life was sufficient for William H. Jamison, a resident of this county, who has filed a suit for divorce against his better half, Idenia Jamison.

The pair were married in Portland July 6 of this year and managed to live together until July 21, when things became so exciting and strenuous for Jamison that he was compelled to abandon his unhappy "happy" home.

Jamison's venture into matrimony is said to be of the shortest duration in this part of the state, and is believed to set a record for all of Oregon. In his complaint, which was filed in the circuit court, Jamison alleges inhuman and cruel treatment, declaring that his wife swore at him and threw hot coffee in his face as an early morning greeting. He also alleges that she accused him of paying too much attention to other women.

## FOOD SUPPLY PROBLEM.

### Conditions Will Become Acute Within Another Generation.

Berkeley, Cal., July 27.—The problem of a food supply in this country will be acute within another generation unless some plan is conceived to improve the quality of wheat, according to Theodore C. Bartholomew, a prominent Cincinnati chemist, who addressed the master bakers of the Pacific coast at their annual meeting yesterday.

He rebuked the American farmers for their misuse of land, and said: "The day of vengeance is at hand. The earth refuses to be longer abused. In place of giving fifty fold, she only now gives five or ten, and often less."

Phosphates and nitrates, so necessary for plant life, are exhausted, and wheat raised on such starved out land is almost devoid of protein and gluten.

He said mail was a partial remedy for the evil and urges bakers to make use of it.

## Yacht Races.

London, July 27.—A large crowd is present today to see the start of the first day's racing of the international yacht races of the Olympic games. The yachts are divided into three classes. The course is a mile and a half long, starting from the finish off Ryde Pier on the Isle of Wight. A rowing regatta to be held in connection with the Olympic games, begins at Hendley tomorrow.

Baseball Scores. Portland, 6; Oakland, 2. San Francisco, 7-6; Los Angeles, 0-7.

# FLAMES SHOOT 1500 FEET IN AIR.

Mexico City, July 27.—Flames are shooting 1500 feet in the air today from the oil wells near Tampico, which have been burning for two weeks. Recent explosions have torn fissures in the earth surrounding the well giving an outlet to the fire. Experts say 90,000 barrels of oil are flowing from the wells daily. There is little hope of extinguishing the flames.

## GIRL CAPTURES BURGLAR.

### Compels Brute to Return to House, Locks Him in Bath Room and Calls Police.

Seattle, Wash., July 27.—Oscar Kildall, a confessed burglar, is in the county jail, where he landed as the result of the pluck and sprinting ability of Miss Beattie Carlin, of 320 1/2 Howell street. Kildall acknowledges that his vocation has been breaking into houses and looting the quarters in the slot gas meters.

It was in the middle of the afternoon when Miss Carlin, stepping from her room into the hall, saw Kildall at the gas meter. The burglar fled with the girl after him. Down the steps they flew and up the street, Miss Carlin gaining at every step.

When they had gone three blocks the girl was ten feet behind. She cried out to some men just ahead to stop the fugitive. One of them obligingly stuck out his foot, and Kildall tripped headlong. As he picked himself up, the breathless Miss Carlin pounced on him.

"Come with me," she exclaimed, as she seized his arm.

Then, single-handed, and indignantly declining assistance, Miss Carlin marched him back to her house and up stairs, and locked him in the bathroom. Then she telephoned for the police.

Miss Carlin weighs 130 pounds and Kildall 163.

# UNUSUAL LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

## ATTACHMENT SUIT FILED IN COUNTY COURT.

### Object Was to Gain Time—Not a Single Magistrate in the City at Present—Bean, Parkes and Gilliland Are All Out of Town on Annual Vacations.

An unusual legal proceeding occurred here today when an attachment suit was filed in the county court instead of the circuit or justice court before which such cases are almost invariably brought. The suit filed is that of John Scheller vs. C. D. Chandler and is to collect a balance of \$39 alleged to be due upon a \$52 note given at Williams, Ore., January 30, 1908. W. C. Sims is attorney for the plaintiff.

Rarely, if ever before has such a suit as this been brought in the county court. However, the course is perfectly legal for under a state law suits of that character may be brought in the county court provided the amount involved does not exceed \$500.

It is said that the suit was brought in the county court in hopes that quicker action could be had than before either of the other courts. But as Judge Gilliland as well as Judge Bean and Justice Parkes are all away from the city, it would seem that there is some doubt on this point.

## Forest Fire in Rogue Valley.

Grants Pass, Ore., July 27.—The first forest fire of the season in this section is now burning on railroad land five miles east of this city. It was evidently started by some careless hunters or hoodlum boys, and has now burned over 200 acres. The danger from forest fires in the Rogue river valley is greater than usual, as this spring and summer have been very dry and the woods are like a tinder box.

# BLUE MOUNTAINS NEVER BETTER

### Hundreds of Campers Enjoying Delightful Weather and Scenery.

#### IDEAL CONDITIONS FOR SUMMER OUTING.

Air, Water, Vegetation, all Combine to Make Life Enjoyable—Evidence of Advancing Civilization—Work of Uncle Sam's Guardians of National Forests, Gardens—Inspiring View From Towering Cliffs—Possibilities of Pendleton and County Revealed.

Kamela, July 27.—(East Oregonian)—The Blue mountains are filled with campers, wood haulers, huckleberry pickers and sheep. No one ever saw the mountains at better advantage than now. The delightfully cool and bracing air, the abundance of good water and luxuriant vegetation all combine to make an ideal scene for a summer outing.

The frost has killed many fine berry patches tributary to Kamela, but in other parts of the mountains they are plentiful. There is an abundance of water in all the streams on the high mountains and grass is good. Stock are in fine condition all through the mountains.

## Going Back for Wood.

As settlement advances farther and farther into the arid regions of the west each year, so do the wood choppers invade the deeper recesses of the forests each year.

New roads are being built far into the woods, cabins are to be found miles back in the heavy timber and families live in the lonely forests from year to year, that the demand for fuel may be supplied.

In walking on the breaks of the high hills overlooking the deep gorge of McKay creek yesterday, I was really startled to hear a baby crying in the dense forest and in a short distance I came upon a new cabin erected by a wood chopper at the very "end of the road."

Although the distance to the railroad is eight miles, yet the scarcity of good timber nearer the track makes it profitable to haul wood this distance.

## Work of the Rangers.

Along the summit of the Blue mountains north and south of Kamela are the beaten trails of the forest rangers, Uncle Sam's lonely guardians of the forests. For miles and miles through the forests, guided only by the "blazed" trees of the reserve boundaries, these watchful men ride day after day watching for forest fires, making trails and watering places, guarding the line to see that no unauthorized shepherd invades the reserve, clearing away the underbrush to reduce the severity of possible forest fires and developing new trails to make travel easy in the government's national forest gardens.

It is a fascinating, yet lonely occupation. The horse, dog and gun of the rangers are largely their only company on the long trails.

## Mt. Hood in the Distance.

It was a clear, beautiful day. I stood on the cliffs overlooking upper McKay creek. At my feet, 6000 feet below, ran the silver thread of the stream, between its towering battlements of frowning cliffs and sun-burned hills.

Just visible over an intervening ridge was the golden wheat belt of the Tutulla flats. There to the right arose the smoke of Pendleton's mills and yonder before me, 130 miles away, was lifted the shimmering summit of Mt. Hood!

What to that proud mountain peak are the petty plans of men? What to it the heartaches, hopes, hatreds, greed or ambitions of the jostling world?

Supreme and satisfied, lifted like a triumphant conqueror upon the shoulders of the hills, its serenity and quietude.

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# LEEVE CONTRACTOR IS TOLD TO HURRY

The levee committee today formally notified W. C. Betts, the contractor who was awarded the contract, to repair and extend the levee, that the work is progressing too slowly and that not a sufficient number of men and teams are being employed in the work.

Chairman Ell, of the committee, declares that he and the other members of the committee realized from the start the importance of having this work completed while the water is low, and that they have not lost a day since the work was undertaken. He also says they do not propose to allow the contractor to lag as it is to the best interests of the city and to the contractor as well, to rush it as rapidly as possible so he will not be caught and his work delayed and the city threatened by the high water.

"By not rushing the reconstruction of the levee two years ago, the council learned a lesson at the city's expense," says Mr. Ell, "and we propose to profit by that experience and avoid a recurrence of it."

"The money is on hand, everything is in readiness and there is no reason why all the men and teams available should not be employed and the job completed as soon as possible."

"The committee looks, at it this way: the water will never be any lower than it is at the present time and no one can tell how soon the early rains will set in and then the trouble will commence for everybody. We have no fault to find with the work being done. That is alright, but it is not being done fast enough." The committee consists of Joe Ell as chairman, and Councilman Knight and Mumm.

# STOLEN TIMEPIECE IS RECOVERED

Cached away between some ties in the O. R. & N. yard, the big clock stolen last week from the home of A. J. McAllister was found Saturday afternoon. It had evidently been placed there by the robbers who then caught a freight train out of the city.

The clock was found by a young man named Vaughan, who lives in the west end of town. He happened to be passing through the railroad yard Saturday when his glance fell upon something shiny between the ties. On investigating he found the clock partly buried in cinders and

with an old pair of shoes on top of it.

Taking the clock home with him, young Vaughan made inquiries and learning that the timepiece had been stolen from the McAllister home, returned it to the owners yesterday. The clock was not damaged to any extent and is now running as usual.

Thus far the officers have no trace of the burglars who robbed the McAllister and Raines houses, and as they have but little to work on, having no description of the men whatever, it is doubtful if the men will ever be captured.