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SAY OFFICIAL STOLE MONEY

Adjutant General of Washington National Guard Charged With Theft.

AMOUNT OF EMBEZZLEMENT ESTIMATED AT \$50,000

Post Intelligencer Says That Washington Adjutant General Takes Funds From State—Forges Accounts and Manipulates Vouchers—Reported to Have Squandered Money on Women of Under World—Tales of Profligacy are Told—Governor Hay Has Called Him to Account—Forced Out of His Office.

Seattle, May 5.—The Post Intelligencer this morning prints a story charging Adjutant Gen. Oris Hamilton of the Washington National guard, with forgeries in the manipulation of the military fund of the state, placing the amount of the alleged embezzlement at fifty thousand dollars.

Books of the military fund were examined recently by the Post says, and the money was stolen from the treasury by means of fraudulent vouchers, and forged accounts. It is reported that Hamilton squandered the money on a woman of the under world. He was summoned to Olympia last night by Attorney General Bell and it is expected that Governor Hay will prefer formal charges.

It is reported that the specific charge will name \$11,000, but it is thought that the actual amount will be much bigger. Hamilton surrendered the office to General George B. Lemping upon the request of Governor Hay. It is reported that he pretended to buy cartridges for the national guard arsenal and spent the money on Mrs. Florence Moore, his guest at the Hotel Butler annex, in this city, where he has luxurious apartments. She claims to be the wealthy widow of an Alaska miner. She went to the Orient with money presumably supplied by Hamilton.

The Post says that Hamilton met the woman while on a slumming trip in the restricted district. After she returned from the Orient she engaged apartments in the Butler hotel. One night she gave a fashionable ball, leading the grand march with Hamilton.

Hamilton is the son of W. J. Hamilton, a native of Willamette valley, Oregon, who moved to Whitman county in 1871. He married Mary Savage, the daughter of a wealthy Palouse county farmer in 1897. It is reported that she left him because of his infatuation for the Moore woman.

PROMPT CONSTRUCTION OF BUTTE TO IDAHO RAILROAD

Butte, May 5.—Construction on the railroad from Butte to Lapwai Junction, Idaho, will be started immediately, according to an announcement today when the articles of incorporation of the Montana, Idaho and Pacific railway were filed. It will be three hundred and fifty miles long. It is backed by Harriman, and in connection with the O. R. & N. and Oregon Short Line at Lapwai.

Debate on Prohibition.

Milwaukee, May 5.—The third and last debate on prohibition between Mayor Rose and Professor Samuel Dickie will be held in New Orleans at a date to be determined by the mayor and Chairman W. D. Cox of the Presbyterian prohibition committee.

Lumber Horse Hurried Home.

Shortly after noon today the local 10-block equine record was lowered by a delivery horse belonging to the Pendleton lumber yard. The horse was hitched to a small lumber wagon and broke away from his driver at the corner of Main and Webb, dodging the piles of lumber up Webb street with the wagon trailing behind. A few blocks up the street the hind wheels of the wagon were dropped and the sprinter hurried on to the lumber yard where he was taken in charge by Manager Ben Hill. But slight damage was caused by the runaway.

COMMITTEE SUICIDE BY SHOOTING AT ASTORIA.

Astoria, May 5.—A man supposed to be James Brown shot and killed himself last night after walking into a new building. His home is thought to be at Salem. Nothing by which positive identification can be made was found in his clothes.

TWO MORE FIRES OCCUR YESTERDAY

Pendleton was the scene of two more fires in rapid succession yesterday afternoon. One of them did nothing more than scorch the board fence in the rear of the hotel Pendleton while the other destroyed the house on the western border of the city, causing a loss of approximately \$1800.

The house was the one formerly owned by Powers, the dairyman, and which was recently purchased by Carl Shaw, son-in-law of M. L. Warren, the well-known rancher. The place was purchased of E. L. McBroom, formerly lease of the Golden Rule hotel.

The origin of the fire is unknown and owing to the high wind which was blowing, the building with all its contents was destroyed. Despite the great distance from the hydrant the west end fire department made a desperate effort and finally succeeded in getting a stream of water onto the flames. As it was impossible to take the hose cart across lots and up the hill the members of the company were compelled to take the hose off the reel and drag it up the hill. By that time the building was a mass of flames.

The house itself was valued at about \$1200 and the furniture at \$600. There was no insurance and the loss is complete.

The origin of the small blaze which scorched the fence near the Pendleton hotel is also a mystery but is believed to be the result of the deadly combination of children and matches.

The house destroyed has been occupied for the past few weeks by Perry Hunter and family.

MORE PROJECTS PROMISED OREGON

SECRETARY BALLINGER HAS WITHDRAWN NEW SITES

Reservoir Sites Withdrawn for John Days, Harney and Deschutes Projects—More Idaho Land Is Added to the Malheur Project—Other Land Withdrawn from Everything Except Homestead Entry—Idaho Land Restored.

Washington, May 5.—Secretary of the Interior Ballinger today withdrew 342,000 acres of land in Oregon from entry and ordered 120,320 acres of land in Idaho opened, in connection with the Malheur project in eastern Oregon. He ordered 148,000 acres withdrawn from everything except homestead entry and twenty thousand acres in the Dalles land district withdrawn absolutely for a reservoir, site for the John Day project. The land restored is in the Blackfoot, Idaho, district.

In the Burns land district he also withdrew absolutely ten thousand acres in connection with the Harney project for a reservoir site. On investigation 62,000 more acres were withdrawn in connection with the Deschutes project at Lakeview, Ore. The land restored in Idaho will be opened to settlement on July 29th and to entry on August 28th.

NORTH BANK FIREMAN KILLED BY JUMPING

Vancouver, Wn., May 5.—Fireman B. Kaster, of the North Bank railroad, was killed this morning by jumping from the cab near here. When he saw a watchman flag the train because a rock had rolled on the track Kaster thought it would be a wreck. He jumped with the intention of saving his life, and the top of his head was torn off. He would be alive if he had remained on the train which was only slightly damaged.

COMPLAINTS FILED WITH RAILROAD COMMISSION

Salem, May 5.—Three formal complaints were filed with the railroad commission today by the Superior Lumber company of Oregon City, the Williamson Handle factory, and the citizens of Linnton. The lumber company says that the railroad failed to provide any means to move their products. The handle concern says that the depot facilities are inadequate, and Linnton complains that the United Railway stops its cars 800 feet from the city, although the tracks are laid.

Decision Against Elks.

Denver, Col., May 5.—The supreme court of Colorado held Monday that club prohibition towns have no right to dispense liquor even to their own members. The case involved primarily the Elks lodge of Canon City, which sought to make a test case of the matter.

STATE PRISON IS DAMAGED

Foundry at State Penitentiary Burned Last Night With \$30,000 Loss.

FIRE ORIGINATES IN BLAST IN FURNACE

Foundry, Moulding and Polishing Rooms Are Destroyed—Fire Smolders All Afternoon Before It Breaks Out—Prison Guards Placed Around Building at First Alarm—Trustees Are Released—Fire Is Under Headway When Discovered—Fire Fighting Facilities Are Inadequate—Under Control by Midnight.

Salem, Ore., May 5.—The foundry, molding room and polishing room buildings of the Northwest stove Works at the Oregon state penitentiary were completely destroyed by fire last night, causing damage to the amount of \$30,000.

The fire originated in a blast in the afternoon and smoldered until late. The flames were carried through the buildings along greasy shaftings and were well under headway when discovered.

At the first alarm all the force of prison guards were placed around the building and the trustees were released. As the flames advanced it became apparent that the main structure was not in great danger unless explosions occurred from the gasoline tanks and the prisoners were kept in their cells, though under heavy guard.

Fire fighting facilities proved to be totally inadequate and the only attempt made was to prevent the roaring sea of flames spreading to the great structure where over 500 convicts were confined.

All the buildings destroyed were recently remodeled and thousands of dollars' worth of expensive machinery installed by Lowenberg & Going of Portland, proprietors of the stove works, is utterly ruined.

At midnight the fire was under control and all danger passed.

WHEAT KING PATTEN RETURNS TO THE PIT

Chicago, May 5.—Patten, the wheat king, created a furor today by returning to the wheat pit after an absence of two weeks. May wheat opened at \$1.26 and within an hour reached \$1.29 and a half.

It is reported that J. Ogden Armour has been carrying on the bull operations for Patten during his absence. Patten intends to renew his fight harder than ever.

Pittsburg Grafters Sentenced.

Pittsburg, May 5.—Sentence was passed today on W. W. Ramsey, former president of the German national band and five other men convicted of complicity in the council graft cases. Ramsey was given eighteen months in the penitentiary, and fined a thousand dollars. The others were heavily fined and sentenced from two to three years.

Chicago to Have Cleveland Statue.

Chicago, May 5.—The Grover Cleveland Memorial committee has decided the most important memorial which could be erected to the late president would be a statue. Accordingly a finance committee has been named which will have charge of arrangements. This statue probably will be located on the lake front.

Hughes Signs Bill.

Albany, N. Y., May 5.—Governor Hughes signed a bill last night aimed at immoral plays. The new law makes it a misdemeanor to advertise or present any obscene, immoral or impure drama, play, exhibition, show or entertainment.

Judge W. M. Ramsey of La Grande.

is among the number of out of town lawyers in the city today as the result of the present term of the supreme court.

DR. HENRY WALDO COE MENTIONED AS POSSIBLE MINISTER TO MEXICO

Dr. Henry Waldo Coe of the Finnish-Coe reclamation project in Umatilla county, is being urged for the appointment as minister to Mexico, according to a dispatch from Washington. The appointment is being urged by Senator Bourne, who has appealed personally to the president and secretary of state in Dr. Coe's behalf. However, it is understood that Dr. Coe is not seeking the appointment.

FOREIGNERS WANT PEACE

Ministers and Ambassadors Speak in the Interest of World Peace.

JUSTICE MOORE PRESIDES IN EARLY CONFERENCE

Session of National Peace Conference Devoted to Brief Speeches by Delegates—Secretary Ballinger Reads Message From President Taft—Principal Speech Relates to Peace Conference of 1908 in London—Congressman Bartholdt Presides During Afternoon—Chinese Minister Delivers Interesting Speech.

Chicago, May 5.—Justice Joseph Moore, of the supreme court of Michigan presided in the early sessions of the peace conference today, devoted to brief speeches by the delegates. Secretary of Interior Ballinger closed the session with a message from President Taft.

The principal speech was by Rev. J. L. Tryon of Boston, on "The London peace conference of 1908." The speech by Henry C. Niles of New York, relating to the United States peace conferences, was read by A. B. Farquar.

Congressman Bartholdt, of Missouri, presided this afternoon, when Count Von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, Senor De la Barrow, the Mexican ambassador, Dr. Wu Ting Fang, the Chinese minister, and others spoke.

Following is a part of the address delivered by Dr. Wu Ting Fang, the Chinese minister to the United States: "I am very happy to bring to you today the greetings of the oldest empire in the world, of which I have the honor to be its official representative.

Especially proud I am to stand before you this afternoon, because the nation I represent is famed for its love of peace. When it is remembered that China has a population of four hundred millions you will agree with me that its attitude on the subject of war and peace is of some importance to the world at large, and I can assure you that whatever other changes, political, educational and social, may take place in my country, her traditional policy of settling disputes by discussion and amicable means will not be departed from. China has no schemes of self-aggrandizement at the expense of others—so often the cause and pretext of bellicose action. Even in her days of past conservatism and seclusion from the nations of the west, her only desire was to be left alone and be permitted to enjoy peace. Her motto has been and is, 'Live and let live.'

China Not Afraid to Fight. "It is not, however, that the Chinese are afraid to fight. When compelled by necessity they make a good record for themselves. It is their disposition, their education which has made them peace loving people.

"If general disarmament should be proposed, you will not find China indisposed to accept it. I am aware that upon this subject there is a difference of views. We all have yet to learn and to educate public opinion for the cause of peace. Many inventions and discoveries have been made in the last seven centuries which have contributed to the welfare of mankind. But what greater good work can there be, I venture to ask, than that of interesting people in the cause of universal peace and leading them to see the folly and absurdity of slaughtering one another by fearful machines, which is the object of this Peace Society?"

Will Aid the Ladies.

At the meeting last night the subject of providing a souvenir to be distributed on Pendleton day at the Seattle fair was brought up by President Moore. He did so at the request of the ladies who are to be hostesses from this city and who desire something in the way of a souvenir to give to those calling at the Pendleton headquarters. Upon motion it was decided to comply with the request by backing the undertaking with an amount not exceeding \$50.

NEW RANGERS SELECTED FOR OREGON FORESTS

Portland, May 5.—The forest service has just announced the following changes and appointments on National forests in the Washington and Oregon district:

C. R. Davis and Robert J. Watson have been appointed assistant forest rangers on the Umpqua national forest; Walter G. Hellan, forest guard on the Wenatchee; Rolla J. Phelps, assistant forest ranger on the Whitman; E. E. Robertson, forest guard on the Columbia; Ralph Taylor, assistant forest ranger on the Cascade; John H. Russell and Earl Park, forest guards on the Wenaha; Bert Howard, assistant forest ranger on the Malheur; W. H. Brown, forest guard on the Snoqualmie; and S. A. Moore, assistant forest ranger on the Crater.

Roosevelt Dubbed by Natives. Nairobi, May 5.—Colonel Roosevelt is known to the natives as "Bwana Tumbo," meaning portly master, which is a mark of great respect. He was given the title after he had killed two lions yesterday.

ANOTHER OF PARR BROTHERS JAILED

All three of the Parr brothers are now in jail, while their mother is not expected to live. Ike Parr was the last to receive a jail sentence, he being the fourth bootlegger captured by Chief Gurdane for peddling whiskey to Indians. He was given a twelve day sentence.

Frank Parr, a brother, is serving a similar sentence for the same offense, while Joe Parr, the other brother, is under a six-year sentence to the penitentiary for assisting in robbing Peter Willets at the point of a gun.

The local police chief, has undertaken a crusade and proposes to make it interesting for bootleggers hereafter. The number of these offenders has been on the increase since the grand jury failed to return any indictments, but is now expected that there will be a falling off in this class of offenders and that there will be fewer drunk Indians to be found about the city.

PRATT IS ELECTED MAYOR OF SPOKANE

Spokane, May 5.—N. S. Pratt, democratic nominee, defeated J. T. Omo, republican, for mayor today, by a majority of more than 500 to 700. While Pratt ran on the democratic ticket, he stood pledged to a non-partisan administration.

Robert Fairley, democrat for comptroller, is elected over McKean, republican, and the treasurership is close between Peterson, republican, and Egleston, democrat.

MONEY NEEDED BY COMMERCIAL CLUB

SUBJECT WILL BE UP AT NEXT MEETING

Drastic Action May Be Taken to Better Club's Financial Standing—Association Will Assist Ladies With Work on Pendleton Day at Seattle Fair.

How to improve the financial status of the Commercial association will be the special order of the day at the next monthly meeting of the association. This subject will be considered as the result of a report submitted last evening by J. R. Raley, chairman of the committee on city interests. Under the by-laws this committee is charged with the task of presenting subjects for consideration at the hands of the association and apparently the present committee is out to do its duty.

At the meeting last night the fact was made known that the finances of the association are at low ebb and ways and means of improving conditions were discussed at some length. However, no action of any kind was taken. At the next meeting the finance committee is to present a report upon the subject and it is very probable that drastic action looking to the improvement of the association's exchequer will be taken.

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MERGER CASE CONTINUES

Harriman's Attitude Towards Deschutes Road Discussed Before Court.

EXTENSION IS DELAYED BY LACK OF COMPETITION

Vast Amount of Territory in Oregon Untouched by Railroad is Subject of Discussion and Evidence—Said That Lack of Competition Delays Extension of Deschutes Road—Agents Shown to be Merged After Consolidation of Two Railroads—Hearing Likely Concluded Today.

Portland, May 5.—Oregon's ninety thousand square miles of territory untouched by a railroad, and the way in which lack of competition kills the tendency on the part of the Harriman system to build lines up the Deschutes canyon, were important subjects in the merger trial today.

Samuel Elmore, from the big salmon cannery plant at Astoria, the first witness, testified that before the merger Harriman lines each had separate agents, but now one set represents all roads. Attorney Cotton, representing Harriman, explained that solicitors had decreased on all lines. Cotton tried to show that the country was not able to support a railroad. The hearing will be concluded today and will be resumed in San Francisco.

CALHOUN ENTERTAINED RUEF, SCHULZ ET AL

San Francisco, May 5.—The story of a luncheon and car ride at which the United Railroads was host, and former Mayor Schmitt, Abe Ruef, former Supervisor Gallagher were guests was related by former Railroad Commissioner Andrew M. Wilson today when he resumed the stand in the Calhoun trial. He said the entertainment provided by United Railroads and represented personally by Patrick Calhoun, was given directly after the passage of the franchise. The defense tried to impeach the witness, but failed.

NEW SULTAN STRENGTHENS HIS MILITARY POSITION

Constantinople, May 5.—Plots hatched by the leaders of one hundred civil officials dismissed by the new sultan, revealed today that the Turkish are rapidly doubling the military patrols here and elsewhere to prevent another reactionary outbreak. Several leaders were arrested and will be tried for treason. The situation is complicated by appeals from Asia Minor for more troops.

TAFT FAVORS TARIFF BILL IN PRESENT FORM

Washington, May 5.—Taft informed callers today that he favored the tariff bill substantially as it now stands and favors giving it a trial. If it does not yield enough revenue changes can be made. The first addition he would favor in such an event would be a graduated inheritance tax law.

Hamilton Will Be Arrested.

Olympia, May 5.—Adjutant Hamilton is conferring with Governor Hay at the latter's office. At the conclusion he will be taken into custody by the sheriff of Thurston county, who is waiting at the door.

Newburg Cheese Falsely Labeled.

Portland.—The first case known in this state where filled cheese has been falsely labeled and put on the market has been discovered by the office of Food and Dairy Commissioner Bailey. Skimmed cheese put up by the Newberk Milk Condenser has been found to have cottonseed oil for filling. The cheese was labeled skim cheese. This is a violation of the pure food laws, which stipulate that filled cheese must be so labeled.

Chemical analysis of the Newberk cheese is being made by chemists in Mr. Bailey's office and it is found to contain cottonseed oil in considerable quantities. The fine for this offense ranges from \$25 to \$100.

SHAH OF PERSIA GRANTS A CONSTITUTION.

St. Petersburg, May 5.—The shah of Persia today signed a proclamation granting the demand of the people for a constitutional government. The shah says that it is the only way to restore order. Persia's previous constitution was abrogated last November.