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In and About Pendleton

Heavy Rain on Meacham Creek.
Attorney Dan P. Smythe and H. A. Walker, the livestock buyer, returned this morning from a two-day visit to the Smythe sheep camps on upper McKay creek. Both men report a heavy rain storm in that section of the county.

McCourt Has Fever.
John McCourt, United States district attorney, and who formerly practiced law in Pendleton, is now ill at his home in Portland. It is reported that he has typhoid fever though his friends are hopeful that his ailment will prove less serious.

Commissioners Visit Farm.
County Commissioners Lee and Walker went out to the poor farm this morning to make an examination of the management and conditions. They will call a meeting of the district boundary board this afternoon and will probably close up the business of the court for this term this evening.

Visitor From St. Paul.
Henry Devellin, first assistant chief of the St. Paul fire department of St. Paul, Minnesota, arrived in Pendleton today noon, and is the guest of his brother, James A. Devellin, the local cigar manufacturer. The visiting fireman is on his way to Seattle and after a week's visit at the home of his brother here the two will go on to Portland and Seattle.

Nearly 1000 Anglers.
A total of 839 fishing licenses have been taken out in this county during the season so far and there is every indication that the thousand mark will be reached before the close of the summer. It is doubtful if any other county in the state will exceed this record. The phenomenal fishing season has been responsible to a great extent for the large number of licenses taken out.

For New School District.
A meeting of the district boundary board is being held in the commissioner's room this afternoon to act upon the question of creating a new school district in the west end of the county. J. W. Saling, T. E. Brassfield and W. O. Whitsett, three of the petitioners for the new district are here to present their claims. So far no objections have been made and it is believed the district will be created.

Wheat Test No. 1.
Charles Chaney, who is farming one of the William Temple ranches northwest of town, this morning brought in a sample of wheat which was threshed yesterday, to the local office of the Puget Sound Warehouse company. When tested the sample went 60 pounds to the bushel which is two pounds more than necessary to place in grade No. 1.

Dies of Diphtheria.
Harley Caplinger, the 5-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Caplinger, died this morning at 2 o'clock at the family home on McKay creek, ten miles from this city. The boy was interred this afternoon in the Olney cemetery, no funeral being permitted. The contraction of the disease by the boy is a mystery and none of the other members of the family has so far been affected.

Gwinn Returned Home.
J. H. Gwinn returned home this morning from Seattle where he had been to attend the fair during Pythian week. He was there with a party of Oregon Pythians including Grand Chancellor Manefe, L. R. Stinson, G. K. R. S., Past Grand Chancellor Moser and others. They saw the work of the famous Ili team from Dayton, Ohio, and Mr. Gwinn states that it was very beautiful as well as spectacular.

Clarence Kearney Improving.
Clarence Kearney, the former member of the police force who was so seriously injured several weeks ago by falling from a train as it was pulling into the local station, is slowly recovering. He is now able to walk down town and the incidents leading up to what came so near being a fatal fall are gradually coming back to him. At first his mind was a blank concerning the events which happened from the time he boarded the train in eastern Washington until he recovered consciousness.

Company L Leaves Tomorrow.
Under the command of Captain Dan P. Smythe and with Lee D. Drake and D. B. Bailey as first and second lieutenants respectively, company L will leave for the annual O. N. G. encampment tomorrow. The company is to entrain on No. 5, which passes through at 11 o'clock and a special tourist sleeper will be set out for the company. From appearances the company will leave here with upwards of 40 enlisted men and officers. The camp will be near Clackamas station, between Oregon City and Portland.

Ford Lectures at Chautauqua.
Dr. T. B. Ford, the popular pastor of the First Methodist church, is one of the speakers at today's sessions of the Willamette Valley Chautauqua association at Gladstone park. His address was on "The Paramount Issue in American Politics." What this paramount issue is only those who have heard the address can say. All others have simply been told that it is not the revision of the tariff schedules upward or downward, nor inheritance, income or corporation tax. Dr. Ford will return home tonight and will occupy his pulpit tomorrow, both morning and evening, as usual.

The Newberk cannery has started up and will employ 150 hands.

FAMILY IS PURSUED BY MADDENED COW

Walla Walla, Wash., July 10.—Crazed by the heat, a cow belonging to G. W. Bailey on Eckle mountain went wild while the owner was away and for several hours ran amuck about the farm, it first cleaned out the barnyard, scattering and injuring pigs, horses and cows.

Mrs. Bailey and the children fled to the house and barricaded the doors and windows. The maddened bovine pursued, and in its efforts to break in gouged its eyes out and fearfully lacerated its head. Mr. Bailey on returning was attacked and had to secure a gun to shoot the blinded creature. Mrs. Bailey was brought to town suffering from a nervous collapse.

This is the third cow thus affected in that neighborhood and it is thought some new disease has broken out among the cattle.

WOMAN GOES INSANE WHEN PET KITTEN DIES

New York, July 10.—Charlotte Gralter, who has been a voluntary prisoner in the Yorkville police court prison for five years, is insane in Bellevue hospital. When she first asked to be committed to the prison she adopted a little kitten which became her sole companion there. The cat died recently and the woman grieved over the matter until she lost her mind, the doctors say, permanently.

There has always been much mystery about the woman. Of apparent refinement and superior education, it was believed that she had sought the prison as a hiding place from the world, but why she did so, she would never reveal. She was first committed for six months on her own request as a vagrant. At the expiration of each term she was recommitted.

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CITY ATTORNEY TESTIFIES THAT SIGNATURE IS COPIED

Says That the Name at the End of the So-called "First" Young Will has Been Forged by Tracing—Demonstrates His Theory in Court—Insists that it is Reproduced From the Original Signature—Experts on the Witness Stand.

Experts from a distance are not the only ones who can spring sensational testimony. This was evidenced this morning when City Attorney J. Roy Raley was placed on the stand in the Warner-Young will contest. Raley corroborated to a certain extent the testimony of E. H. Thompson, the Spokane hand-writing expert, who declared yesterday that the signature of James W. Young to the so-called "first" will, is a forgery. Thompson, however, declared the signature had been forged by tracing, while Raley insisted that it had been reproduced from an original genuine signature by means of a copy press.

Examining the document he first declared that it showed evidence of having been held in a copy press. He then said it was possible for an original signature to be transferred onto an entirely different sheet of paper by taking a copy of the original signature on the thin sheet of paper contained in a copy press book and while it was yet wet, applying it to the paper on which it was desired to have it reproduced. His theory was

that this dim signature was then traced over with ink to make it correspond with the other ink used on the document. After making his explanation Raley made a demonstration in court to prove his theory.

F. J. Toland, the much heralded hand-writing expert, who participated in the famous Puter land fraud trials in Portland, proved to be somewhat of a disappointment. This was due largely to the fact that the expert who had preceded him, had taken all the wind out of his sails. He was only on the stand a short time and was not cross-examined at all.

Demonstrates His Theory.
He corroborated the testimony of Thompson in so far as the four letters written in pencil were concerned. These were the ones alleged to have been written by Young to show his friendly feeling toward all of his heirs with the exception of Mabel Warner. Both Thompson and Toland pronounced these forgeries. Toland also said the signature of Young to the "first" will was a forgery, thereby corroborating the testimony of Thompson and Raley. He did not testify however regarding the signatures of the "fourth" will, which is now at issue, nor to the sensational letter of denunciation supposed to have been written by Young to Mrs. Fred Young and denied by her, nor the memorandum of contract which Mrs. Warner claims proves conclusively that the uncle intended to leave her all his property.

Before leaving the stand yesterday afternoon, however, Thompson declared these signatures were all genuine. He scouted the theory of Prof. W. W. Williams and Prof. M. A. Albin of Portland that the signatures were all too nearly exactly alike to ever have been written by one man. Thompson said the measurements made by Williams and Albin were not to be relied upon at all and proceeded to make measurements of the original signature in court, which showed there were slight differences in the signatures and he declared the differences were as great as were to be found uniformly in the writings of J. W. Young.

Expert is Cross Examined.
Attorneys Fee and Phelps harrassed Thompson considerably during the course of the direct examination but they did not cross-examine the witness. Thompson says the attorneys were afraid to cross-examine him while Fee and Phelps say he did not give testimony of sufficient importance to make it worth while to cross examine him.

These attorneys also declare that while this "first" will is not at issue in this case and can have no bearing whatever upon the question as to whether or not the "fourth" will is a forgery, they will prove conclusively that the signature of J. W. Young on the document has been tampered with since it was offered in evidence. Witnesses will be placed on the stand to swear that the signature was thoroughly examined a short time ago and that at that time, it did not contain the blur which is so evident now, that there were no marks in blue ink and that instead of being a bright dark color as at present that the signature at that time was light and faded in color, as are the other signatures on the document. It will thus be seen that some interesting features in this sensational case are yet to be brought out.

Read the "Want" ads today.

ESKIMO YOUTH STARTS FOR THE NORTH POLE

New York, July 10.—Vowing to organize an exploration party in Greenland, to carry the American flag to the north pole, Mene Wallace, a 20 year old Eskimo youth, whose family was brought to the United States 13 years ago by Explorer Peary, sailed today for St. Johns, where he hopes to catch the steamer Jeanie, bound for the north. Before consenting to allow him to return home, members of the Peary arctic club forced him to sign a declaration that he would never carry arms in Greenland and never return to the United States. The club fears he might attempt to kill Peary, against whom he is very bitter because he says he received a "frost" when he came to this country. Despite this, he announced the intention of planting the flag on the north pole.

CORPORATION WINS BIG DAMAGE SUIT

Olympia, Wash., July 10.—Because Conductor Henry Sipes made Manager W. S. Dimmick a party defendant in his suit for damages against the Puget Sound Electric company for personal injuries sustained in a collision due to failure to transmit train orders and the jury found against the company and not against Dimmick, the supreme court says the law requires that the judgment for plaintiff be set aside and the case dismissed.

FIRES BLAST IN WELL, CLIMBS DOWN, SMOTHERS

Spokane, Wash., July 10.—After firing a charge of dynamite in the bottom of a well he was digging, a few miles west of Spokane last evening, Alfred Bunker climber down to see how much rock had been loosened. Nearly an hour later his body was found at the bottom of the well, the gas having suffocated him.

SCHOLL PLEADS GUILTY TO FIRST DEGREE MURDER

Spokane, July 10.—Edward Scholl who murdered Henry Falkstraw yesterday near Colport today pleaded guilty of murder in the first degree.

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