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TRACTION MAN TOLD OF PLANS

FitzGerald Told Washington & Oregon Company's Intentions for Pendleton.

LOCAL PEOPLE SHOW ENTHUSIASM FOR PROJECT

Committee of Seven to Meet With Traction Men and Present Pendleton's Desires as to Traction Lines—Prominent Local Men Endorse Enterprise as Offering Salvation to City—Committee to Report Saturday Evening.

The conference held last evening at the Commercial association rooms between local people and representatives of the Washington & Oregon Traction company proved decidedly interesting and enthusiastic. After D. FitzGerald had explained at length the purposes of the traction company regarding the work it wishes to do in this city, enthusiastic talks by local people and finally a committee of seven was named to confer further with the traction people and to report Saturday evening. President Moore named the following to act upon the committee: James A. Fee, Dr. C. J. Smith, Frank Frazier, E. J. Murphy, R. Alexander, Leon Cohen and E. B. Aldrich.

FitzGerald Explained.
At 8 o'clock last evening the rooms of the Commercial association were well filled with local business men, professional men and property owners. In opening the meeting, President Moore referred briefly to the object of the same and then introduced D. FitzGerald.

"I have been here before and well remember the grilling I received at the hands of your mayor and councilmen and my friend, Judge Lowell," said the traction man, entering upon his subject. He then proceeded to tell in a concise, business-like manner of the plans of the Washington & Oregon Traction company and of what the company expects of the people of this city.

In substance, Mr. FitzGerald said that following the veto of the company's franchise by the mayor of Walla Walla the plans of the company were completely changed. Previous to that time the company had been serving as a Walla Walla company and proposed the construction of an interurban line from Walla Walla to this city. At this time the company is anxious to enter Pendleton as a Pendleton company, to sell electric power in this city and to establish a traction system with this city as its base. The company has a power site on the Walla Walla river from which it can develop 5000 horse power. It does not wish to establish distributing plants in both Walla Walla and Pendleton so prefers taking this city, leaving Walla Walla to the Northwestern Gas & Electric company.

Will Hold Franchise.
According to Mr. FitzGerald his company desires to hold the franchise it has from the city of Pendleton and in order to do so is going to comply with the franchise by building at least three miles of track within the city and vicinity during the next five months upon which it will operate cars. Since the power plant will not be developed by the time the line will be ready the company will at first operate gasoline-electric cars over its lines.

To Establish Park.
In detail Mr. FitzGerald told of the plans for a park to be used as a fair grounds, athletic field and recreation grounds. He said it is the rule that new traction lines reap more profit from park traffic than from their

HAMILTON DENIED WRIT OF ERROR

Olympia, Nov. 24.—The supreme court yesterday denied the writ of error on the part of the counsel for Otis Hamilton. This writ would have had the effect of taking the case to the United States supreme court on appeal. The counsel then mailed its report direct to Washington, where it will be presented to the supreme court. If granted it will cause the setting aside of the present trial. The morning was spent by the superior court in examining telegrams for a jury to try Hamilton.

regular business and so the company will include a park in its plans. He intimated that it would be located upon one of the plateaus on either side of the city or else below the city. But thus far nothing definite has been done towards selecting a park site.

That the company wishes assistance in the form of stock subscriptions from the people of Pendleton was announced. As to how much aid they expect Mr. FitzGerald did not state. He explained that support from local people is expected in the construction of the line within the

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\$10,000 DAMAGE SUIT IS FILED

JOHN CLARENCE CAMPBELL CLAIMS FALSE IMPRISONMENT

Boy Suspected of Passing \$275 Forged on American National Bank Receipts Kindness by Bringing Suit Against Bank and Officers—Writing Experts Justify Arrest.

A suit for \$10,000 damages was filed today by John Clarence Campbell, a minor, by Nell Campbell, his guardian, against the American National bank, W. L. Thompson, Sheriff T. D. Taylor and Sheriff J. J. Cross of Ritzville, Washington. The suit is the result of the arrest last September of young Campbell on the charge of forgery.

About the middle of September a forged check for \$275 was passed on the American National bank, the name of George La Fontaine having been forged to the piece of paper. Sheriff Taylor was immediately notified as soon as it was discovered that the check was a forgery and he commenced an investigation.

It was soon found that young Campbell had been employed by La Fontaine and that he disappeared about the time the check was forged. A further investigation disclosed the fact that his writing was nearly exactly like that of the man who had forged the check.

With this strong circumstantial evidence against Campbell, Sheriff Taylor started out to find him and soon located him at Ritzville, Washington. There he was arrested and held in jail until Sheriff Taylor could go after him. After talking with the boy, Sheriff Taylor, despite the fact that every test of his writing would seem to incriminate him, believed there was a doubt as to the guilt of the young fellow. This doubt was communicated to the bank and after a conference it was decided to give the suspected boy the benefit of the doubt and he was released.

Later he returned to Pendleton and after a conference with Attorney W. Bailey, decided to bring the suit for damages, Bailey and George C. Brownell of Oregon City, being his attorneys.

According to local handwriting experts the officers were fully justified in making the arrest and public opinion also seems to justify the course taken.

FLOOD WATERS ARE RECEDING

High Waters Caused by Recent Deluge Subsiding and Rains Ceased.

RAILROAD TRAFFIC IS DEMORALIZED

Crest of Flood Is Past—Great Northern Is Tied Up—Repair of Damage Will Require Week—Passenger Trains Held in Mountains—Work Trains Are Busy—Umatilla River Up Seven Feet—No Damage Reported Here.

Seattle, Nov. 24.—With the cessation of a heavy rainfall it is believed the worst of the flood situation in the Cascades, which has tied up the Great Northern is ended, but it will require a week to repair tracks and rebuild bridges. Meanwhile the trains of the western division are diverted to the Northern Pacific to Spokane. Several passenger trains of the Great Northern are held by washouts in the mountains and some anxiety is expressed for the welfare of the passengers owing to a probable shortage of provisions. They have been stalled for more than thirty hours.

Officials of the company have decided to send no more trains through the Cascades for the present because of fear of a possible cave-in. Work trains have been sent from Spokane to repair the damage to the track on the east end of the mountain division. Work trains are also being sent eastward from Everett. Telegraph wires, and poles, for several miles through the mountain districts were carried away by roaring mountain streams, many of which overflowed their banks.

Umatilla Is Swollen.
The heavy rains of Sunday and Monday nights, coupled with the warm winds which have prevailed during the past few days, have served to cause a rise in the waters of the Umatilla river. At noon today the register at the Main street bridge showed the water to be nearly seven feet above low water mark, a height not attained at this season for several years.

No damage, whatever, has been sustained as yet because of the high water. For the most part the river is still confined within its banks and the few places where exceptionally low bottom lands have been flooded contained nothing that could be injured by the overflow. They are places which are accustomed to being flooded at every slight rise in the river and the owners of the land were therefore prepared.

It is believed that the crest of the flood has now reached this city and that the seven foot mark will not be reached.

The total rainfall for the week is 1.05 inches and for the month, 2.65 inches.

Nooksack River Falls.

Bellingham, Nov. 24.—Clear, cold weather and a cessation in the rain fall have combined to lower the Nooksack river by several feet in the past few hours and all danger is passed.

LOGGERS AND FARMERS ARE HEAVY LOSERS

Portland, Nov. 24.—Two hundred thousand dollars is a conservative estimate of the damage done in Oregon and Washington by the torrential rains up until noon today. Loggers and farmers are the heavy losers. The Willamette river is rising rapidly, and its tributaries in western Oregon have overflowed their banks. Fifty thousand dollars is the toll residents of the valley will pay for the high water.

CHRISTY WANTS TO KEEP HIS LITTLE CHILD

Indianapolis, Nov. 24.—Howard Chandler Christy, the famous artist, whose daughter Mrs. Christy is seeking to obtain, left last night after remaining two days in a local hotel inognito. Before he left he said: "My little daughter is just the brightest, sweetest child you ever saw. She broke our contract when she filed habeas corpus proceedings. I guess I am stubborn but I think the child needs the country air more than she does city society."

SLICE OF THUMB IDENTIFIES MURDERER

San Jose, California, Nov. 24.—Honda, a Jap from Alvarada, is in the jail today accused of murdering Okasaki, a fellow countryman, with a knife because a piece of a man's thumb was found near the body exactly fitted the recently cut thumb of Honda. The murder was brutal, the victim being literally slashed to pieces.

ALMA BELL IS VINDICATED

Jury in Famous Murder Case Acquits Her on Grounds of Insanity.

AFFECTING SCENE WHEN VERDICT IS ANNOUNCED

Girl Who Murdered Her Lover Because He Wronged Her and Betrayed Her Trust, Held Not Guilty by Her Judges—Aged Mother Overcome—Liberated Girl Radiant With Joy, Announces She Will Start Life Anew.

Auburn, Cal., Nov. 24.—Alma Bell vindicated herself in the eyes of the jury of mountaineers for slaying her lover, Joe Arnes, to whom she had relinquished her honor under a false promise of marriage, and the young girl is free to go her way. The jury returned a verdict of acquittal after an hour and fifteen minutes of deliberation. Three ballots were taken. She was acquitted on the ground of insanity, thus concluding one of the most famous cases in the history of this section of the state.

Scene is Affecting.
As the grey bearded foreman arose and in a tremulous voice, with tears running down his cheeks, announced the verdict, the aged mother of the defendant fell into her daughters arms and wept convulsively. Tears stood in the eyes of the jurors as the affecting scene was enacted. Attorney Chamberlain hastened across the court room and joined the family in thanking through her tears, exclaimed: "I'm so thankful, so glad. We'll have a great Thanksgiving up at the farm tomorrow. That turkey will taste good. I'm going to rest up after this and I'm going to be a good girl, and try to live down this awful thing." There was a suppressed exclamation of approval from the crowded court room which was promptly frowned down by the judge.

Girl Had Little Hope.
"I haven't much hope now but I am so glad it's all over," said Alma Bell as the jury left the room to consider the verdict which meant freedom or conviction to her for the slaying of her lover. Judge Arnot delivered the instructions to the jury this morning, instructing them to bring in one of four verdicts, first or second degree murder, manslaughter or acquittal.

HERMAN WILL FACE JURY JANUARY 10

Portland, Nov. 24.—Binger Hermann, ex-congressman of Oregon, will be put on trial January 10 for conspiracy to fraudulently obtain government lands. Judge Wolvorton definitely set that date today on the receipt of a telegram from Henry Worthington, chief counsel for Hermann, notifying the court of his ability to attend.

LEAVES GREENBACK ROLL UNDER PILLOW

San Francisco, Nov. 24.—A package containing \$3280 in bills belonging to Otto W. Olson, a mining man, was left under his pillow in a room in the Bedford hotel when he left for Los Angeles. After he had gone, Saddle Martin, a chambermaid, found the money and turned it over to the manager of the hotel, who telegraphed Olson. Shortly afterward the latter telegraphed back for them to forward the money and to pay the chambermaid the munificent sum of five dollars reward, which the girl reluctantly accepted. The money was in large denominations.

CABLE PROBABLE SUCCESSOR TO M'HARG

Washington, Nov. 24.—Benjamin S. Cable, a Chicago attorney, will succeed Ormsby McHarg as assistant secretary of commerce and labor, according to a statement made by Senator Cullom of Illinois. Cullom today submitted to President Taft documentary endorsements for Cable's candidacy.

EXECUTION OF AMERICANS NOT A LEGAL SENTENCE

New Orleans, Nov. 24.—Consul General Sussman, of Estrada's government today announced that upon investigation of the case by lawyers they had declared that fourteen years' imprisonment was the severest penalty that could have been legally inflicted upon Cannon and Grace. Sussman will notify the American department of state the result of their findings. Estrada's secret agents are reported to be seeking Juan Delphas in this city. He is accused of tipping off Estrada's plans to Zelazya, thereby forcing Estrada to begin the revolution 48 hours before he intended.

Schooner Being Battered.

Portland, Maine, Nov. 24.—The two masted schooner Pinkey was blown ashore in this harbor by the force of a storm and is being battered to pieces. Many small craft are reported wrecked on the Maine coast.

The man who understands women is the man who has a jolt coming to him and will be at home to receive it.

HUNDRED BODIES FOUND IN MINE

Cherry, Nov. 24.—A large number of bodies were found today in the lower level of the mine. It is estimated by rescuers that the number found this morning will total ninety. The bodies have not yet been brought to the surface.

The summary of the fatal mine disaster shows 514 men in the mine when the fire started. It is estimated that two hundred escaped the day of the fire. On Saturday twenty were removed alive. With 161 bodies found in the lowest level today, 24 bodies are still unaccounted for.

DEBBS TO TAKE UP FIGHT IN SPOKANE

Spokane, Nov. 24.—Eugene V. Debbs has been ordered to come to Spokane to assist in the free speech fight immediately. A telegram from Editor Warren of the Appeal to Reason, of Girard, Kansas, states that Debbs will undoubtedly come in a few days. With a small force of workers still fighting against the police, industrialists declare they will have more men as soon as work begins to shut down in the lumber camps and mines.

RYAN WILL HEAR HIS DOOM FRIDAY

JUDGE BEAN SETS TIME FOR SENTENCE

Attorneys for Defense Will File Notice of Appeal and Will Ask for Writ of Probable Cause—Will Also Ask for Freedom of Ryan on Bail.

Friday morning at 9 o'clock is the time fixed by Circuit Judge Bean for passing sentence on Michael Ryan, found guilty yesterday of manslaughter for killing Edward Dixon, the evening of May 20. As soon as sentence is pronounced, Lowell & Winter, of counsel for defense, will file a notice of appeal, ask for a writ of probable cause and ask that their client be admitted to bail. It is anticipated that the writ will be granted and that Ryan will be given his freedom under \$10,000 bonds.

The estimate on the amount of bail which will be required is based on the amount which was fixed in the George Horseman case, he having been found guilty of a similar charge.

Before they made their report the jurors agreed not to make public the results of their several ballots. It is therefore impossible to determine just how they stood, but it is understood that on the first ballot they stood all the way from acquittal to first degree murder. No record was kept of the number of ballots taken, but one juror says he thinks there must have been four thousand. Finally after they had been out more than 16 hours, those who were in favor of manslaughter finally won the others over to their way of thinking and the verdict was returned.

That Ryan and his attorneys expected a verdict of acquittal was plainly evident by the looks of disappointment which appeared on their faces when the verdict was read.

EDDIE GRANBY WILL BID FOR BIG SCRAP

San Francisco, Nov. 24.—With a certified check for five thousand dollars in his pocket, Eddie Granby will leave tomorrow for New York to bid for the Jeffries fight. The amount bid it is estimated, will be around a hundred thousand.

LAND OFFICE AIDS INTERESTS

Testimony in Cunningham Coal Land Cases Indicates Conspiracy.

GLAVIS' EFFORTS TO PROSECUTE WERE BLOCKED

Evidence Reveals Fact That Glavis Was Denied Sufficient Time to Make Examinations by Land Office—Forestry Service Intervened—Time Granted to Make Cursory Investigation—Government's Case is About Concluded.

Seattle, Nov. 24.—Proceedings in the Cunningham coal hearing today disclosed indications of a willingness on the part of the land office to facilitate the granting of patents to the claimants and a seeming lack of determination, and vigor in prosecuting the case. It developed last summer at the time the land office was forcing Glavis to a trial with the case Glavis was demanding a field examination for the purpose of ascertaining the character of the land, and improvements thereon. Failing to convince the land office of this necessity he appealed to the forestry service who intervened and asked for a delay and secured time enough to make a hasty examination. This examination was made by Special Agents Kennedy and Stone of the land office, and Ames, Langille and Wingate of the forestry service. Kennedy testified that he had covered nearly fifty five hundred acres in the mountain forests in eight days. Both testified that on some of the claims they had found no evidence of improvements. The morning session of the hearing today was devoted to a discussion by the opposing counsel regarding the order of procedure. Attorney Sheridan announced that with the exception of taking testimony in Spokane regarding certain deeds in some claims placed in care of the Union Trust company of Spokane, the government had concluded its case.

FRISCO WILL GIVE JAPS ROYAL WELCOME

San Francisco, Nov. 24.—Comprehensive plans for entertaining the Japanese commercial commission now completing its tour of this country are being arranged by the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce. The entertainment will include automobile rides, garden parties, receptions and banquets. As the crowning event of welcome the local committee has arranged to give a banquet and reception in the St. Francis hotel which will be attended by prominent men of the city. The commissioners will arrive Saturday.

"FOOTBALL MORE PERILOUS THAN ARCTIC EXPLORATION"

Chicago, Nov. 24.—"Football is much more dangerous than Arctic explorations," declared Explorer Amundsen, who was here today buying supplies for another trip through the Northwest passage. "The best equipment for football players and explorers is a lack of relatives to leave behind them," he said.

PENDLETON PEOPLE WILL FEAST ON TURKEY MEAT

With turkey at 25 cents per pound and cranberries at 15 cents per quart, Thanksgiving dinners in Pendleton will come rather high, but will still be within the reach of practically every resident. While the supply is now exhausted, there were plenty in the markets to supply the local demand, for though many of the local stores had sold out early this forenoon there were a few with a supply on hand sufficient to last them through the day.

Therefore, while Portland, Seattle and other cities in the northwest were unable to secure a supply of the nation's most popular bird sufficient to supply the demands in those cities, Pendleton families will be able to

partake of the usual annual meal in the usual manner. The prices in this city are also more reasonable than have prevailed in most of the other cities. In Portland the ruling price was 30 cents, while in Seattle 35 cents was paid and at that price the birds could not be had.

According to the Portland papers it was the Seattle buyers who sent prices so high. Not being able to secure turkeys from the producing centers of Washington, Idaho and Oregon, they invaded the Portland market itself, bought as many of the birds as they could obtain and shipped them to Seattle. This not only caused a rapid rise in the price in Portland but also caused a shortage in the supply for home consumption.

LOCAL TEAMS WILL BATTLE FOR CITY CHAMPIONSHIP

Pendleton's football season will be brought to a close in this city tomorrow afternoon when the elevens of the local High School and Academy will line up for the last battle of the year for both teams. An interesting exhibition of the modern game is promised and those who will take the trouble of walking down to the Alta street grounds will have a chance to see a real game.

Though the Academy team has been unfortunate in its games this season, the members of the team have kept faithfully at work and are now fully 100 per cent better than they have been at any time before this season. Taylor who has been playing a speedy game at end has been switched to right halfback and it is expected that

he will be able to carry the inflated piskin for good yardage when ever he is entrusted with its care. The team has otherwise been strengthened, principally by the substitution of team work for individual playing and as the weight of the two teams is about equal, the football enthusiasts are looking forward to a good contest.

To make the academy eleven's chances still brighter, the high school team has suffered the severest blow that could possibly be handed to it, with the loss of Devine, the whirlwind fullback. The high school captain sustained a serious injury to his knee early in the La Grande game and though he continued to play

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