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FRAUD QUEEN HERE AGAIN

Mrs. Myrtle Johnson, Alias Maud Baney, Occupies Old Quarters in Jail.

WAS ACQUITTED OF CHARGE IN SEATTLE

Deputy Sheriff Joe Blakeley Arrived With Shrewd Swindling Female Yesterday—Was Paroled Here Five Years Ago and May Have to Serve Old Sentence in Penitentiary—Lawyers Doubt Legality of Her Detention.

For the second time in the history of her career of crime and fraud, Mary Myrtle Johnson or Mrs. Maud Baney, is again behind the bars of the Umatilla county jail. Acquitted by a Seattle jury, after a deliberation of six hours, of the charge of defrauding the Seattle General Electric Co. of \$800 by means of a fake damage suit, Mrs. Johnson was immediately turned over to Deputy Sheriff Joe Blakeley of this city. Her attorneys at first declared they would resist her extradition but later changed their minds and in company with the Pendleton officer she arrived in this city yesterday noon on the Northern Pacific train.

Under the name of Maud Baney she appeared in Pendleton five years ago in company with a man supposed to be her husband and another man by the name of Hickerschmidt. She proceeded to pass forged checks on Lee Teutsch, Joe Tallman and R. Alexander but before she could make her get-away was apprehended and arrested. While in jail she feigned an attack of tuberculosis, had "morphine" injected, bones and various other alleged afflictions until she appeared to be about to "pass in her checks." She was finally permitted to plead guilty to a charge of uttering a forged evidence of debt and was paroled during good behavior and on condition that she did not leave the state. It was for violations of both the conditions of this parole that she was returned to this city for resentencing to the penitentiary.

As a great amount of time has elapsed since she was paroled there is doubt in the minds of many lawyers as to whether or not she can be jailed under the old sentence. She is being represented here by Judge James A. Fee and he will make an effort to show that the local court has no jurisdiction over her at this time.

There is another warrant of arrest out for the woman and if she is turned loose here she will immediately be taken in custody and taken to Vancouver, Washington, where she will be tried on the charge of obtaining \$1250 fraudulently from the Northern Pacific company by reason of an alleged accident which occurred at Yaocott, last spring.

The trial of Mrs. Johnson which ended Saturday in Seattle, attracted much attention throughout the country on account of the evidence introduced by the state to show that the woman had defrauded several railroad companies in the states of the middle west by means of fake damage suits. When the verdict of acquittal was read, Mrs. Johnson wept.

WILL DENOUNCE PENDLETON'S SLANDERERS FROM PLATFORM

Captain C. W. Dutton, national organizer for the Order of Good Templars, who has been in the city for nearly a week, declared to a representative of the East Oregonian this morning that he is going forth throughout the northwest and publicly refute the base slanders which have been circulated concerning Pendleton. He said that all through Washington the basest kind of lies have been circulated concerning this city by the saloon people in an effort to keep their own communities wet and that he came to Pendleton fully expecting to find plenty of vacant store rooms, in one of which he expected to open up headquarters to carry on his work for the order which he represents.

He declared this morning that in all his travels he had never been in a town where there were better hotel accommodations, where the hotels were better patronized or where such excellent living was to be obtained at such reasonable prices as were to be obtained in the restaurants of this

FATAL RACE WAR IN LOUISIANA.

Grand Cane, La., Dec. 20.—Three men are dead and six seriously wounded as the result of a desperate battle between parties of white men and negroes near this city early today. Troops have been summoned to guard against another outbreak of the trouble which started when John Allen, a white farmer, accused Belle Bower, a negro, of stealing his hogs. Bower and his brother-in-law resented the accusation and opened fire on the white man. Bower and his kinsman were instantly killed when Allen and a party of friends returned the fire. Allen was fatally injured and died an hour later. Other negroes and whites who were drawn into the fight continued the battle for an hour. The six wounded were negroes.

BATTILING NELSON GIVES HIS ULTIMATUM TO WELSH

Chicago, Dec. 20.—Evidently realizing that to engage in a twenty round fight with Freddie Welsh, the British lightweight champion would place his title in jeopardy, Battling Nelson declared today if Welsh wants to fight it must be for 45 rounds, or to a finish. If Welsh refuses to accept these conditions the Dane says he will give Ad Wolgast a fight. Packer McFarland is out entirely so far as Nelson is concerned. Several days ago John Robinson, Nelson's new manager announced he had accepted terms for a 20 round fight between the Battler and Welsh to take place in London next February.

BOY BREAKS LEG WHILE COASTING

GEORGE PEBBLER'S SLED CRASHES INTO TREE

First Accident of Cold Season—Boys Were Sliding on Garfield Street—Sled Flew Track and Boy Was Harled Against Tree—Now in Hospital.

George Pebler, the 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. David Pebler who reside on the corner of Market street and Perkins Avenue, is the victim of Pendleton's first coasting accident of the season. As the result of a tumble taken by him yesterday morning he is now lying at the hospital with his leg broken just above the knee.

In company with several other boys the injured lad was coasting on Garfield street yesterday morning. It is rather a dangerous place to coast for the reason that the walk is narrow and is lined with trees and with stakes which have been set for the grading of the street.

Several boys were coasting down the hill, one behind the other, when the cap from the boy in front of Pebler flew off and landed on the walk so that when the latter's sled runner struck it, the sled swerved to one side, struck one of the grade-stakes and hurled the boy against a tree.

Dr. C. J. Smith happened to be standing near when the accident occurred. He quickly picked the injured boy up and took him home and then discovering the serious nature of the fracture, had him removed to the hospital where the injury could be better attended to. The doctor says it will require care to prevent a stiffening of the knee joint as a result of the injury.

DANISH SAVANTS EMBARRASSED

Committee Investigating Dr. Cook's Data Would Withdraw Graciously.

REPORT MAY BE NEITHER FAVORABLE NOR ADVERSE

Member of Faculty of University of Copenhagen Believes Such Course Will Be Adopted—Professors Embarrassed Because of Former Championship of Explorer—Data Is Very Incomplete—Brooklyn Doctor's Presence Will Not Be Required.

Copenhagen, Dec. 20.—That the committee investigating the polar data of Dr. Frederick A. Cook will return a report neither favoring nor adverse to the claims of the explorer, was the prediction today by a member of the faculty of the University of Copenhagen who is cognizant of the deliberations of the committee. The savants of the Danish university who are serving on the committee are said to be deeply embarrassed by their former championship of Dr. Cook, coupled with their inability to find anything approaching acceptable proof of his reports, and are casting about for a way to retire gracefully from the controversy. Rumors have leaked from the committee room that the data submitted by the Brooklyn explorer is so incomplete that Cook's presence before the committee would not aid its work, and he will not be asked to appear.

SAYS COOK'S PICTURE IS FAKED.

Pittsburg, Dec. 20.—That Dr. Frederick Cook, the Brooklyn explorer, "faked" the picture of the flag which he claimed he planted at the north pole, was charged today by Dr. John A. Brasler, astronomer of the University of Pittsburg. Had the flag been planted at the pole, Brasler declared, it would have cast a long shadow, as the sun at that time was at an elevation of eight degrees. Cook's picture, he charged, showed no shadow.

The explorer explained this by stating that the picture was taken small and that many details were lost when it was enlarged for use as a picture slide. Speaking of the Brooklyn explorer, Brasler said: "When Cook testified in this city he was asked what sort of a man he was in making his observations and replied: 'I cannot remember.' This was a peculiar form of forgetfulness."

Dr. Brasler does not believe that either Cook or Peary will be able to prove they reached the pole.

THROWS PEPPER IN WOMAN'S EYES AND SNATCHES PURSE

Seattle, Dec. 20.—Mrs. Daniel Fuhrman, wife of a well known tailor of this city, was severely and perhaps seriously injured today by a man who gave his name as R. D. Hardy, who after throwing pepper into her eyes, snatched the woman's handbag which contained \$500 and fled. Hardy ran into L. B. Keane, a mail carrier. When the latter tried to stop him he fired two shots at the postman from his revolver. Neither shot took effect. Keane grappled with the robber and held him until a man in the vicinity rushed up and overpowered him. Hardy was taken to the city jail.

REPUBLICANS WILL IGNORE HITCHCOCK

Washington, Dec. 20.—It is believed here today that the republicans in congress will ignore the attack against Secretary Hollister by Representative Hitchcock of Nebraska, late last week on the floor of the house. The republicans declare his speech is merely demagogic campaign material, and they will not give democratic the satisfaction of congressional investigation of Hitchcock's accusation.

BARONESS VAUGHAN WILL NOT ATTEND ROYAL FUNERAL

Brossard, Dec. 20.—Baroness Vaughan left Brossard this afternoon for Paris, where she is expected to attend the funeral of the late King Leopold. It is reported that she has abandoned her reported intention of attending the funeral of the late King Leopold to whom she was married in Italy.

PREDICTED THAT WALLA WALLA GOES WET AGAIN

Walla Walla, Dec. 20.—Early predictions this noon based on the heavy morning vote indicates the town will remain wet by about 300. Both sides are claiming victory, but it is believed that the wets have won. There is intense excitement on the streets and three hours after the polls opened at a 1 o'clock half of the 4225 registered votes were cast.

LURTON MEETS NO OPPOSITION

Senate Confirms Appointment of Tennessee Judge to Peckham's Place.

SEVERAL NOMINATIONS FOR AMBASSADORS FILED

Bacon for France Kereens for Austria Hungary, Wilson for Mexico—Other Nominations Made—John C. Ardrey of Portland Nominated for Receiver of Public Moneys—Congress Will Not Settle Down Until After Holidays.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The senate today confirmed the appointment of Horace S. Lurton of Tennessee as associate justice of the United States supreme court. Lurton was recommended by President Taft to succeed the late Justice Peckham.

The nominations of Robert Bacon of New York as ambassador to France, Richard Kereens of Missouri, ambassador to Austria-Hungary, Hungary, Henry Lane Wilson of Washington as ambassador to Mexico were sent to the senate for confirmation today.

Other nominations sent to the senate today were as follows: Receiver of public moneys, Oliver R. Wrobinson of Los Angeles, and John C. Ardrey of Portland, Oregon. Registrar of land office, Frank Burns of Los Angeles. The appointment of the following postmasters was recommended: at Arlington, Ore., Arthur Wheelhouse; at Sumpter, Ore., Harvey S. Buck.

With probably less than a quorum of either house in the city, all legislative business in the next two days will be by common consent. The house will undertake nothing more than the passage of some minor bills and the completion of its work on the district of Columbia appropriation bill, which already has been under consideration for two or three days. It has been hoped that the army supply bill might be taken up and disposed of before the adjournment but that program has been abandoned in the face of the departure of so many members.

FIVE PERISH IN BIG LONDON STORE FIRE

London, Dec. 20.—Five persons are dead, and 50 in the hospitals suffering from injuries and many are missing as the result of a fire that destroyed the great Arding-Hobbs store in Chauman suburbs at noon today. Three hundred persons were in the store when the fire started. A scene of confusion bordering upon a panic ensued when scores of shoppers and clerks rushed for the lift and stairs. Several clerks and patrons leaped from the third and fourth story windows to the pavement. Others jumped from the interior balcony to the main floor, which was already burning fiercely. Within an hour after the fire was discovered, the great dome collapsed, covering adjoining stores with a mass of burning debris.

TWENTY-SEVEN PERISH WHEN BRIDGE COLLAPSES

St. Petersburg, Dec. 20.—Twenty-seven persons were drowned by the collapse of a wooden bridge across the Prpet river at the village of Mosyr in Minsk province, according to today's reports. A crowd of workmen and women were crossing the bridge en route to begin a day's toil when the structure went to pieces. The victims fell into the river which was filled with great blocks of ice, making rescue impossible.

WEALTHY LADIES ASSUME CONTROL OF STRIKE

New York, Dec. 20.—Mrs. Oliver H. P. Belmont and Miss Anna Morgan, daughter of J. Pierpont Morgan, today assumed active control of the strike of shirt waist makers, and it is announced that they are preparing to hire lawyers to defend any strikers who may be arrested, and make a test case upon the first opportunity. If this is done it will be the first instance on record that the rights of the police to arrest strike pickets has been tested.

CHANCELLOR GEORGE SAYS BUDGET WILL BE PASSED

London, Dec. 20.—Chancellor David Lloyd George, author of the British budget today gave out the following Christmas message to the United States: "The budget is gaining in popularity at an enormous rate. The outlook for victory in January's elections is more sanguine daily and there is no possibility of the budget being defeated."

BURNS IS TO HAVE A MASONIC TEMPLE AND A BIG NEW STORE BUILDING

Burns is to have a Masonic temple and a big new store building.

THREE LITTLE TOTS DIE IN FLAMES

Chicago, Dec. 20.—Mary, aged 6, Charles aged 4, and James aged 2, children of John Paromia, were burned to death at their home early today while the little girl was attempting to get breakfast for her parents. Paromia and his wife arose early this morning and went to a shed in the rear of the home to butcher a cow, and fifteen minutes later the woman saw smoke pouring from the kitchen, and rushed to the house. Stretched lifeless on the floor, their little bodies seared, and shriveled lay the two younger children. Mary lay at their side. As the mother entered the room she raised herself and gasped: "I was getting breakfast for you, mama." In a few minutes she was dead.

SAYS STAYAT GAVE LEOPOLD ROYAL WELCOME

North Attleboro, Mass., Dec. 20.—"Who in Hell is Leopold," was the title of a sermon delivered by Rev. Hazen Conklin of the First Universalist church of this city that is causing an unusual commotion today. From the pulpit Dr. Conklin pictured the late king as a worthy being for "Satan's successor in the infernal regions." He said: "Personally I doubt the existence of a hell but granting one exists Leopold must have received a royal welcome. While on earth he out sated Satan. For his revolt even Satan must feel the deepest envy."

NARROWLY ESCAPED CLAWS OF COUGAR

HORSE'S SPEED SAVES COLD SPRINGS RESIDENT

Huge Cat Sprang at Man While Riding Along—Horse Sustained Severe Scratches—First Time Cougar Has Been Seen There.

August Zenske, the well-known retired farmer who returned this morning from a visit to the Cold Springs section of the county, is authority for the statement that a cougar attacked a man near Cold Springs Saturday evening and that the man escaped only by the speed of his horse. He gives the name of the near victim as Walter Mosler and says that he was a very badly frightened man, even after he had left the cougar far in the rear and had arrived safely at the settlement.

The man said to have escaped unharmed, but the horse is suffering from several bad scratches which he received when the big cat made a leap at his rider.

As is well known, this section of the county is several miles from the mountains or any timber with the exception of an occasional dwarfed juniper. The settlers are therefore at a loss to account for his presence. Wild cats have been seen frequently about the bluffs in that vicinity, but this is the first time a cougar's presence has even been reported. It is believed that the exceptionally cold winter and heavy snow has driven the animal down from the mountains.

Harold Warner arrived from Eugene where he is in attendance at the university of Oregon. He will spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Warner.

ALLEGED BAD CHECK ARTISTS APPREHENDED IN THIS CITY

Two men and a woman were arrested in Pendleton Saturday afternoon by Deputy Sheriff Bert Wilson on advice of Sheriff Lexi Christman of The Dalles. They narrowly escaped spending a night in the Umatilla county jail by the mother of the woman, who lives in Joseph coming to the rescue and putting up through the bank in that city, the \$200 necessary to insure the appearance of the trio in the court at The Dalles. Those arrested were J. P. Lee, Agnes Leslie Lee and N. E. Crowe. The first named are man and wife, having been married in Joseph but a few weeks ago. Crowe is associated with Lee in soliciting insurance. According to a message from The Dalles, the trio are charged with obtaining money under false pretenses. Lee was arrested at Shaniko Thursday at the instance of the sheriff of Union county for the same offense. He was accompanied to The Dalles by the woman and a man professing to be N. E. Crowe, of Portland, general agent for Oregon of the Continental Life In-

WHOLE TRAIN INTO CANYON

Thirty Eight O. R. & N. Cars Crash Down Mountain Side to Destruction.

SPECTACULAR WRECK OCCURS NEAR MEACHAM

Engine Left Train at Kamela to Take on Coal—When Train Got Underway and Dashed Down Steep Grade at Maddening Speed—Thirty Eight Cars Piled up in Ravine—No One Killed as Far as Ascertained.

An entire O. R. & N. freight train is piled in a canyon four miles this side of Meacham as the result of one of the most spectacular and peculiar wrecks in the history of the O. R. & N. railroad. Without an engine the train of 38 heavily loaded cars left the Kamela station on the very summit of the Blue mountains and started on a wild dash down the mountain while the engine was taking on coal at the bunkers. The telegraph wires are all down and the few details of the extraordinary disaster has been obtained by telephone.

As near as can be ascertained however there was no one on the train and no one was killed or injured, though the first report which reached this city was to the effect that there were forty Greeks on the train and that all were killed. It is now believed that this report was false.

The train which was wrecked was an extra westbound freight. It pulled into Kamela about 10 o'clock and the engine was immediately cut off and run back to one side to the bunkers to take on coal. Hardly had the work of loading the coal commenced before the train started off down the mountain. The grade at that point and all the way in this direction is steep so that the further the train went the faster it ran until the runaway cars had attained a speed which was greater than that of the fastest express train. They passed through Kamela with a rumble and roar which was heard for miles and which struck terror to the hearts of all who heard it.

The engines runaway train managed to keep the rails alright until the first of the sharp curves this side of Meacham was reached when the head car is said to have jumped the track and started off down the mountain side, followed by the other 37. All are now piled in hopeless confusion while the tracks are torn up and wires are down.

Working trains are being hurried from The Dalles and from the east end of the line but it will probably be several hours before the debris is cleared away. All of last night's trains with the exception of No. 9 and all of today's trains are the other side of the wreck and will not reach this city for many hours.

KILLS HIMSELF FROM BITTER DISAPPOINTMENT

Tacoma, Dec. 20.—Because he found himself financially unable to purchase a wedding present for his daughter, who was married a week ago, is the reason assigned today by friends for the suicide of E. A. Olson, a former Tacoma tailor, who hung himself at Eatonville.