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## COMPLICATIONS IN LATE NEAR TRAGEDY

### LAIR BOUND OVER AND NOW LANGUISHES

His Victim to Be Arrested on Charge of Assault and Battery—Each Alleges Other Was Aggressor.

The results of the fight over the fight, which occurred in this city last Saturday evening are daily growing more complicated. Tom Lair was yesterday bound over to the grand jury in the sum of \$300 on a charge of assault with intent to kill. In default of the \$300 he is now languishing in the county jail, while Thomas E. Pruitt, the other belligerent fight fan, is to be arrested on a charge of assault and battery.

The trouble all grew out of a discussion which occurred in the Columbia near beer saloon on Main street, Saturday evening. At least one, and possibly both men, had been indulging in the use of the famous "near" beverage when they became involved in a discussion as to the merits of the approaching Johnson-Jeffries mill. As the argument grew warm they adjourned to the sidewalk, where it is alleged that Pruitt knocked his linguistic opponent into the street.

This termination of the argument was not at all satisfactory to Lair, who adjourned to the rear of the drinking resort, where he secured a large rock. Armed with this he marched out through the saloon to the front of the building, where Pruitt was still standing. Coming up behind Pruitt, Lair is said to have "soaked" him in the back of the head with the rock and then to have leaped upon his prostrate form with a knife, in an effort to cut his throat. Pruitt, however, refused to stand for all of this and

seizing Lair, hurled him to the walk with such violence that the latter's collar bone was broken.

Lair was arrested on the charge of assault with intent to kill, was given a hearing before Justice of the Peace Joe H. Parkes at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon and was held to appear before the grand jury. This morning, by the courtesy of Sheriff Taylor and Chief of Police Gurdane, Lair was permitted to appear before Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Steiwer and swear to a complaint charging Pruitt with assault. It is alleged that the assault was committed before Lair made his attack upon Pruitt.

### THERE ARE SKATERS AND "SKATES," SAYS DOMINIE

Tacoma, Feb. 17.—The Rev. Edward B. King, an ordained Methodist minister, and undertaker, defended himself today from criticisms on his having married George Perkins and Miss Grace Johnson at a local skating rink last night, the couple gliding from the box office to the orchestra gallery on rollers, while the band played the "Wedding March" from "Lohengrin."

"I have heard of weddings where the bride and groom, or one of them had skates on and they were not roller skates, either," said the Rev. Mr. King. "Ministers in this state have married persons where the ceremony was performed in a balloon or on a mountain peak, and why should a marriage in a skating rink be disapproved of?"

Last night's wedding followed a courtship of five years. The entire wedding party, including ring bearer, groom and a dozen accompanying friends, rolled smoothly out of a waiting room, circled the rink once and brought up at the bandstand where the Rev. Mr. King awaited them.

They attempted to induce him to don a pair of skates, too, but he refused flatly.

Charles C. Haning, of Hermiston, came up from his home in the west end of the county last evening.

## PERSONAL MENTION

T. G. Smith of Echo, is a Pendleton business visitor today.

Harold F. Warner of Freewater, is registered at the Hotel Bowman.

R. C. Stanley is down from his home at Cayuse for a brief visit.

T. M. Johnson of Coe, is transacting business in Pendleton today.

Mrs. W. J. Gordon of Walla Walla, is the guest of friends in this city.

Dora Morris of Milton was the guest of Pendleton friends over night.

R. N. Stanfield is up from his home in Stanfield for a brief business visit.

J. E. Taylor of Echo, left for home this morning after spending yesterday in this city.

E. F. Carney of McKay creek, was transacting business in the city yesterday afternoon.

J. M. Sullens, chief ranger in the Wenaha forest, with headquarters in Walla Walla, is here today.

H. C. Gibson of Joseph, is here from his Walla Walla county home, to care for business interests.

Jake Kimery, the well known Helix wheat grower, is in today from his ranch for the transaction of business.

Mrs. Lavelle McDonald, daughter of Major and Mrs. Lee Moorhouse, arrived this forenoon from Kahlotus, Wash.

Kenneth Cooper of the Hotel Bowman, has finished moving his family into the Ferguson residence on South Main street.

L. L. Van Slyke of Freewater, came down from that end of the county last evening and is transacting business at the county seat today.

J. W. Knowles of La Grande, is a Pendleton business visitor today, having come over yesterday afternoon on the delayed No. 7.

F. B. Swayze, cashier of the bank at Hermiston, is transacting business in Pendleton today, having come last evening on the Pendleton local.

Roy Alexander and wife arrived this morning from Seaside, where they have been spending the week since their marriage in Walla Walla.

Attorney Edward S. Taylor of the legal department of the reclamation service, is in the city today on business in connection with his department.

R. W. Fletcher, circulation manager of the East Oregonian, went to Weston this morning on business in connection with his department of the paper.

J. W. Messner, president of the Western Land & Irrigation company, arrived on yesterday afternoon's delayed train from his headquarters in Baker City.

Attorney W. G. Drowley, legal advisor for the Western Land & Irrigation company, is over from his home in Baker City on business for the company.

Mrs. Carrie Brown of Spokane, formerly Miss Carrie Burton of this city, arrived last evening for a visit at the home of her mother, Mrs. Helena Burton, of East Webb street.

### GIRLS' BASKETBALL GAME.

Walla Walla High to Play Pendleton High Friday Night in This City. (High School Correspondence.)

The girls' teams representing Walla Walla High and Pendleton High will decide the championship of this district Friday evening on the floor of the high school gym. A fast game is expected and there is much interest centered on the result. Both teams play girls' rules, which insures a clean and interesting performance. Many people objected to last year's game on account of roughness, but this has been entirely eliminated by the great changes in the rules. Herebefore a girls game was looked upon as a slow and uninteresting game, but now they are better drawing cards than the boys' games.

The local team has been defeated but once this year and this at the hands of Walla Walla high. The game was played in Walla Walla under very adverse conditions to the local team. It is hoped that last year's performance can be repeated as last year the local team lost in Walla Walla, but when the return game was played Walla Walla went home with the little end of the score.

The Walla Walla team will arrive tomorrow morning and come confident of victory. Their lineup will be as follows:

Centers, McRae sisters; forwards, Irene Steele and Margarette Hunt; guards, Margarette Whitney and Lotie Wright. The team will be accompanied by Miss Armstrong as chaperone and coach.

Pendleton will lineup as follows: Centers, Lucile Rader and Blanche Badley; forwards, Laura McKee and Hazel Rader; guards, Grace Bean and Ella Lazinka. Gladys Hamley, Muriel Saling and Francis Saling will act as substitutes. Mr. Greenwald, the popular coach of the Pendleton academy, will officiate.

### DEAF AND BLIND.

Chinaman Unable to Pay Up Debts Is Stricken.

Astoria, Ore.—Instancing the horrible consequences that follow a breach of the racial custom of liquidating debts at the New Year season, Mr. Jim John, for 37 years one of the leading Chinese merchants of this city, tells the tragic story of a man named Wah.

Wah came here when a mere boy and was naturally bright. He became a house servant and rapidly learned English. Later he engaged in business and was a power in the Chinese colony. The gambling fever gripped him, though, and he became a slave to the habit. Soon all his money was gone.

Three years ago at the New Year season for the first time in his life, Wah was unable to pay his debts, and

according to custom he became an outcast. Next year he was in the same position financially, and soon after his hearing began to fail. Last year he again had no money, and soon after New Year celebration ended he began to lose his sight. Now he is totally blind.

This year Wah had no money and what will happen to him after the celebration closes is a matter of conjecture. Although Mr. Jim John would not admit it as the truth, the impression prevails that Wah is being tortured in a manner white people do not know, as an example to the Chinese of what they may expect if they fail to pay their debts at the first of their year.

There are fewer Chinamen in Astoria than in former years and the celebration lacks something of its usual gorgeousness and prodigality. Although the Chinese here have been generally prosperous during the past year the enthusiasm of the New Year season is not upon them.

### FAMOUS ATHLETE ENTERS UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

Seattle, Wash.—Bralley Gish, regarded as one of the best all-around athletes on the Pacific coast, has entered the University of Washington, and will, in all probability, turn out with the squad of candidates for places on the varsity track team. Gish has made a wonderful record in athletics in the northwest, and was captain of the Seattle Athletic club track team that won the senior and junior championships at the A. A. U. meet at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition last summer. He is the holder of the world's record for the javelin throw, which mark he hung up at the A. A. U. meet. Should the northwest conference decide to substitute the javelin throw for the hammer throw, Washington would have a most valuable representative in this event. He also is a splendid broad jumper, and Coach Hall of the varsity track team expects Gish to annex at least 15 points in the triangular meet between the Universities of Oregon, Idaho and Washington, in Seattle, May 14.

With the opening of the second semester of the college year at the University of Washington, activities in athletic line have taken on added vigor. From now on candidates for the track and baseball teams and the rowing crew will be busy every day getting into condition. The husky oarsmen who want to represent Washington on the water will turn out this week and Trainer Conibear is satisfied that he can pick an excellent crew from the big squad of volunteers. The track athletes have been out every evening for some time and with the weather getting better it will not be long before they will be able to do their training outdoors every afternoon.

Dode Brinker who played right field for Spokane in the Northwestern league last year will coach the college baseball team. He will issue a call within the next two weeks for candidates for the varsity nine.

### ALLEGED "JOKER" WILL NOT SAVE LAW BREAKERS

Walla Walla, Feb. 17.—Statements given publicity here that because of an alleged "joker" in the fish and game laws trout could be caught at any time of the year, are denied by Game Warden C. L. Whitney, who declares that any one found in this county in possession of brook or mountain trout will be prosecuted.

He states that he has repeatedly warned his deputies that they are to arrest violators of the laws in spite of the seeming permission given in one clause.

"The alleged joker," says Mr. Whitney, "is an amendment which was passed at the last session of the legislature. It affects only salmon or other food fishes, and is as follows:

"Provided, that nothing in this act or any other act shall prevent any person residing in this state from taking salmon or other fish by any means, at any time, for consumption by himself and family."

"This amendment does not apply to trout and it is against the law to fish for trout in the closed season, which includes the months of November, December, January, February and March. The law applies to salmon and other food fish, which the law differentiates from game fish. All sorts of trout are included in the latter classification. The Supreme Court has passed upon this point and there is no doubt of its effectiveness."

### RELIGIOUS CONTROVERSY OVER IN WALLA WALLA

Walla Walla, Feb. 17.—Local ministers have had the opportunity of seeing themselves as others see them this week, and they are not particularly pleased. Instead of having men wait at the door to tell them what fine sermons they delivered, they found one who says they preach too much about platitudes and give such long-winded discourses that only women and children care to listen.

These remarks were made by Jesse Ferney, proprietor of a printing shop here. He spoke on "Why the Man of To-day Does Not Belong to One Church or Another," and he has the ministers thinking.

Next Sunday the ministers will probably have their innings and will likely send some hot ones over, but to date Ferney is the only man who has scored and the audience—in this case the church-going as well as the non-church-going—is waiting.

Ferney declares that the church as well as the newspapers, have filled the minds of the people with the idea that money was the one thing to work for, because they pander to people with money. Until recently the church has had no part in the affairs of the everyday world. Ferney asks, "Is it not possible that the churches have been holding onto theories which modern students have found to be erroneous and which are not adapted to our Christian life today?"

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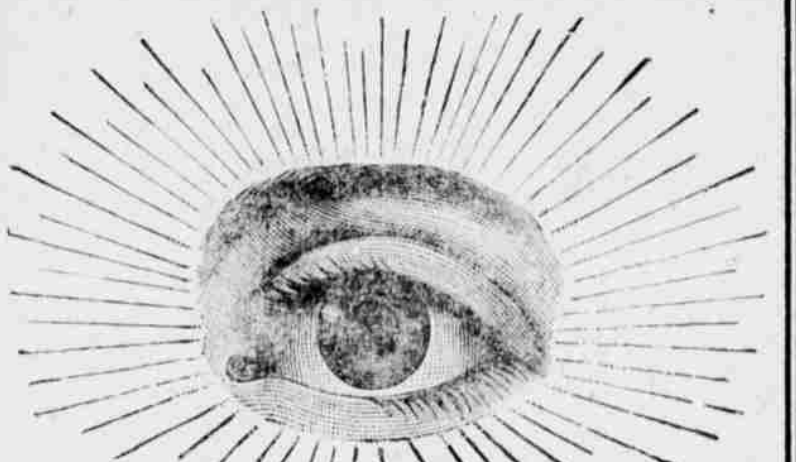
Says the Portland Evening Telegram: Frank Gigg, his figure tightly laced up in a pair of corsets, was taken into custody by the police this morning on the charge of using false and fraudulent means of trying to convert himself into an Apollo, when Nature had intended that he should be nothing any nearer akin to the god with the faultless figure than a soiled little Italian boy. When picked up by the police, it was found that Frank was attempting to make up in quantity what he lacked in quality in the haberdashery line. He wore two coats two shirts, two pairs of trousers and one and one-half pairs of shoes. The police turned him over to Chief Probation Officer Teusher, of the Juvenile Court. The officer divested the boy of his corsets, much to the latter's disappointment. The juvenile Beau Brummel is now awaiting the

further disposition of the court. He says he is 15 years old and that he rode freight trains from his home in Terre Haute, Ind.

### COOK TAKES MEAT WHEN WAGES DUE ARE UNPAID

Chicago.—Meat being high—pork in particular—Mrs. Lena Stevenson, a colored cook, assembled a collection of pork chops, several pounds of bacon and half a dozen eggs, and carried them from the boarding house of Mrs. D. E. Bonner of Oakwood Avenue, in lieu of a week's wages. The cook had quarreled with her mistress about wages and to facilitate matters took the valuable chops to the Hyde Park police station. Judge Fry fined Mrs. Stevenson \$1. Mrs. Bonner paid her former cook her original price after deducting the cost of the pork chops.

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