

TELEGRAPH OPERATORS ROB WESTERN UNION COMPANY

Eugene, Dec. 21.—According to Superintendent Reid, of the Western Union, an investigation by the auditing department, private detectives sent out for the purpose of filing from various points on the Northern Pacific and Great Northern from the Pacific coast to Minneapolis, resulted in the arrest of the agent at Ritzville, Wash., and the discharge of telegraph operators at various other stations, and the finding of what is believed to have been a conspiracy to systematically rob the Western Union of toll receipts from messages by passengers on trains for transmission to points on the same line where the messages will not have to pass through a relay office.

Complaints that messages had not been delivered caused the company to investigate, and as high as 40 per cent of the messages were never reported in the monthly statements to the auditing department. The operator at Ritzville confessed, and was tried in the superior court early in the new year.

FRANCIS HENEY FEELS NO EFFECT OF RECENT WOUND

Dec. 21.—Francis J. Heney arrived here today from San Francisco and proceeded to New York. He is feeling no ill effects from the bullet wound inflicted by Haas in Judge Lawlor's court during the Ruff trial some time ago.

Ashtand went Anti-saloon Tuesday stronger than ever, by over 150 majority in the city itself.

ZEIGLER COAL MINES MENACED WITH DESTRUCTION

Joe Leiter and Wife Are Personally Leading Fight to Save Valuable Property

Zeigler, Ill., Dec. 21.—The great Zeigler coal mines, owned by Joe Leiter, the Chicago millionaire, have been on fire for several days and a large force of men, led by Leiter personally, is fighting the flames, while Mrs. Leiter is personally serving coffee and sandwiches to the exhausted men and caring for the injured. The Zeigler is one of the most valuable of the Leiter properties. They have been greatly damaged and if the fires are not checked even within a short time, it is believed the mine cannot be worked for several months.

EX-CONGRESSMAN LOUD PASSES AWAY

San Francisco, Dec. 21.—Ex-Congressman Eugene F. Loud died last night at the home of his son-in-law.

Captain J. J. Callandan, in this city. He had been ill for some time and for several months past had practically been an invalid.

BIG SCANDAL IN CITY FINANCES IS UNEARTHED

Lisbon, Dec. 21.—The newly elected municipal court has unearthed a big scandal in the city's accounts, over seven million dollars having disappeared. The former monarchical councillors admit the irregularities but lay the blame upon the government, which, they say, illegally took the city's money.

GOVERNOR-ELECT COSGROVE FEELING MUCH IMPROVED

Paso Robles, Dec. 21.—Gov-Elect Cosgrove passed an excellent day yesterday, and was fully dressed and able to meet and talk with William McMurray, general passenger agent of the O. R. & N. From now on it is expected his improvement will be rapid.

The American fleet is expected home from its cruise around the world about February 22nd.

Dana Sleeth, a Portland editor, publisher of the News, has been indicted for libel, in accusing a man of being a land thief.

ANDREW CARNEGIE IS OPPOSED TO TARIFF ON STEEL MILL PRODUCTS

Washington, Dec. 21.—Andrew Carnegie, whose published views on the tariff question have caused considerable comment, took the stand before the House Ways and Means Committee today. He testified in support of the statements made in his articles, declaring that the facts show the steel industry needs no protection. Referring to the testimony of Judge Gary, the Laird of Skibo castle said:

"You should not place any real value on the testimony of interested parties. Judge Gary said the United States Steel Corporation could stand for the reduction of the tariff on steel, but that the smaller steel manufacturers could not survive with lowered duties. That is like one of Aesop's fables. Judge Gary is like the monkey who desired the chestnuts, but wanted the cat to pull them out of the fire."

Mr. Carnegie made the room ring with laughter on several occasions by his witty replies. He said Gary's annual statement showing the United States Steel Corporation made a profit of \$18,000,000 meant a profit of \$15.50 a ton on all steel produced.

LORETZ SUCCEEDS IN ATTEMPT TO KILL HIMSELF

Body of Man Who Hung Himself and Came to Life Found With Bullet Hole in Head

Joseph Loretz, the young farmer who hung himself with a rope from a stranger on a county bridge on the river road between Eugene and Junction City last Tuesday, but who was found before life became extinct and was cut down, has finally succeeded in his attempt at self-destruction. He was found dead in a field late Saturday afternoon near the home of his brother, Henry Loretz, with a bullet hole in his head and with his revolver lying by his side.

After his attempt at suicide by hanging, Loretz went to the home of his brother. The next day he left the house and that was the last seen of him alive. His brother instituted a search for him and found his body in the Edwards stubble field about a mile from the bridge where he hung himself.

Coroner Gordon received word of the suicide Saturday evening and at once drove to the scene. He held an inquest, empanelling the following jurors: Clarence Coon, James Hayes, M. J. Harper, F. T. Kirk, J. L. Hord and Ralph Coon. They rendered the following verdict:

"We the jury impaneled and sworn by W. T. Gordon, Coroner of Lane county, to inquire into the cause of the death of Joseph Loretz, then and there lying dead, find that deceased is Joseph Loretz, aged thirty-two years, a native of Oregon, and that he came to his death December 17th, 1908, from a gunshot wound self-inflicted."

"Dated December 19th, 1908." Loretz was a single man and lived with his brother, George, near the scene of the suicide. He has been known to be very peculiar and appeared many times to be partially insane. It was during one of these attacks that he took his life.

WESTERN UNION TO HAVE OFFICE IN BANK BUILDING

Will Be Located Across Street From Present Quarters On Ninth Street

H. W. Hall, manager of the Western Union telegraph office in this city today informed The Guard that the office will be moved directly across the street from the present quarters in the Christian block on West Ninth street as soon as the new quarters can be fitted up for that purpose, the new office will be in the room in the rear portion of the First National bank building.

The Wells-Fargo Express Co. will occupy alone the room to be vacated by the W. U. company, it having been quartered with the latter for many years. The express business has grown to such proportions that it becomes necessary to have more room, hence this move.

BROKER SUYDAM DEAD OF WOUND

New York, Dec. 21.—Harry B. Suydam, the curb broker shot Saturday by John C. Lumsden, an inventor, died today. Lumsden is under arrest.

RAIN AND WARMER WEATHER FORECAST
 + Oregon and Washington +
 + Rain west, snow and warmer +
 + east tonight and Tuesday. +
 + Idaho: Fair and warmer +
 + south, snow and warmer +
 + north Tuesday: fair south, +
 + with rain or snow north. +

THE WHEAT MARKET.
 Chicago, Dec. 21.—Dec., \$1.00 1/2; May, \$1.05 1/2; July, 73 1/2.

Portland, Dec. 21.—Track prices club, 90; bluestem, 96; Turkey red, 93; Red Russian, 88; valley, 82.

Tacoma, Dec. 21.—Milling bluestem, 95; export bluestem, 94; club, 90; red, 88.

The afternoon southbound local train, due here at 2:18 o'clock, is delayed several hours on account of a wreck near Brooks. Northbound freight train No. 222 went into the ditch there this morning, caused by a broken wheel. Reports received here of the wreck state that freight cars are piled a mile high, more or less. It is not known at what hour the passenger train will be here.

OPEN EVENINGS UNTIL AFTER CHRISTMAS

Can Your List Again--What Is Forgotten

HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN? SHIRTING BAGS
 We have the greatest values we ever offered the people of Eugene.
 \$3.50 values we now sell for.....\$6.00
 \$5.00 values we now sell for.....\$3.75
 \$4.00 values we now sell for.....\$2.50
 \$3.50 values we now sell for.....\$1.75
 \$2.00 values we now sell for.....\$1.25

HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN? DRESS GOODS
 Appropriate at Christmas time. The new styles in brown, navy and panamas, serges and many attractive weaves, suitable for suits or home gowns in the new shades; the yard 50c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50

HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN? STOCKINGS
 Good at any time of the year, but better at Christmas time. Extra fine silk hose, colors and black; the pair.....\$1.25

HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN? PILLOW COVERS
 We have them that will appeal to you; 500 novelty pillow covers from which to make a selection—latest in comic and fancy; each.....50c and 25c

HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN? PILLOW COVERS
 Fluffed scrim Pillow Covers, annual floral and conventional patterns, very attractive; each.....50c

HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN? WHITE APRONS
 You should see the dainty little round aprons we have for afternoon wear; they have lace or wide embroidery on the edge; they cost, each.....50c, 60c and 65c

HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN? RIBBONS
 We have many thousands of yards of plain and fancy ribbons in all widths. You can get almost anything you want. They cost from, the yard, \$1 down to 5c

HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN? HANDKERCHIEFS
 Among the small gifts; a big assortment from Belfast lawn to real lace; plain hemstitched, linen embroidered Swiss for women, range from, each.....10c to \$2.00

HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN? WOMAN'S HOLIDAY NECK FIXTURES
 50c or 75c will buy the neatest fancy collars you can imagine. While they last 15c to 25c will get some that are very dressy.

HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN? SWEATER COATS
 The daughter will be pleased with one of these; we have them in red, gray, brown and cream; they cost, each, \$2.50 to \$7

HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN? DRESSING SACQUES
 Ours are loose or semi-fitting, made of flannelette and cotton eiderdown and the price ranges from.....50c to \$1.50

HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN? FASCINATORS
 All colors, long Scarfs and square Shawls, cream, black, gray, pink; 25c to \$2.50

HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN? FURS FOR YOUR WIFE
 We carry the celebrated Gordon & Ferguson furs and they are the best made. We have real and imitation mink, Isabella fox, opossum and many others; the prices range from.....\$1.50 to \$27.50

HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN? WOMEN'S SUITS
 You know you can find the famous Wooltex or LaVogue Suits here. If you would have your wife or daughter dressed equal to the best you will buy one of these suits. Suits from.....\$15.00 to \$35.00

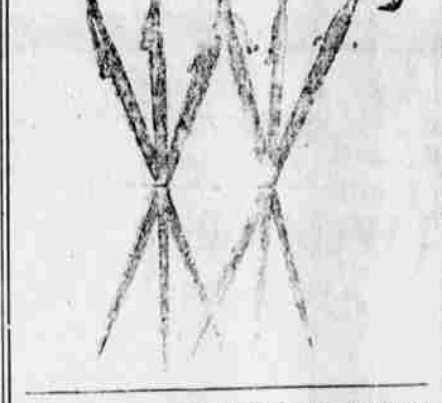
HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN? COUCH COVERS
 Let us show you two patterns in Oriental colors, wide, long and good looking; they come, each.....\$1.75 to \$2.50

HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN? BELTS
 The assortment of Women's Belts is too extensive to even attempt to describe. Our stock comprises the latest novelties that have appeared in the East in silk, leather, elastic or Persian; prices, 25c to \$3.50

HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN? UMBRELLAS
 Some very choice ones for Christmas, gold or silver detachable handles, all mounted on a nice quality silk; each.....\$6.00 to \$10.00

Then we have others with very neat handles on a silk and linen cover; look well, wear well, and range in price from, each.....\$1.50 to \$5.00

Colored Umbrellas to match suit, come in brown, blue, green and red; each \$3.50



HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN? GLOVES
 You can get the Centemeri Glove here. This is its Eugene home. Then we have a full assortment of other makes. You may select a pair now, and if the size is wrong, bring them after Christmas and have exchange for the correct size and have them fitted. Kid Gloves, pr \$1.25 to \$3.50

HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN? WOMEN'S COATS
 If she needs one why not buy it now? She will be "delighted" to have it for Christmas. They come in many colors of the Wooltex make. They are reduced to price now; will you take one? \$10 to \$35



When Will You Call For the Clothing

It's all ready for you—a new handsome suit and a smart stylish overcoat; made for us to sell to you, by Hart, Schaffner & Marx, who make the best clothes in the world. We've provided for all sorts of appetites in clothing; we know we've got just what you'll like. Single and double breasted suits; with patch, and plain, and plaited, and buttoned pockets; overcoats in all styles—long, medium, box and form fitting; all sorts of good things ready for you. \$18.00 to \$30.00 blue and black suits a specialty.

HAMPTON BROS.

BEAN DENIES HE IS OUT OF RACE FOR SPEAKER

Says He Has Not Withdrawn and Will Stay in Until Finally Settled

Today's Oregonian contains a column article in which it is stated that Louis E. Bean, of this city, has given up the fight for the speakership of the next house of representatives in the Oregon legislature. Mr. Bean, when interviewed upon the subject by a Guard reporter this morning, was emphatic in his denial of the truth of the story. He said: "There is absolutely nothing in it whatever. I haven't withdrawn and have no intention of doing so. I am still in the race for the speakership and intend to stay in till it is finally determined."

In regard to that portion of the Oregonian article stating that Mr. Bean agreed, in return for the support of the standpatters to give them the chairmanship of a third of the house committee, he said: "That is an absolute lie. I have never promised anything in the kind whatever. I am in favor of the 'forty' caucus and in my judgment it will be secured. I am working in the interest of the caucus and fully expect it will be organized. I expect that every Republican in the house will go into the caucus."

HARRY THAW LOSES IN COURT OF APPEALS

Cannot Be Taken to Pittsburg to Give Testimony

Philadelphia, Dec. 21.—Harry Kendall Thaw, slayer of Stanford White, confined in the state hospital for the criminal insane at Mattewan, cannot be taken to Pittsburg to testify in his bankruptcy proceedings, according to a decision handed down today by the United States circuit court of appeals of this city.

Whether the case will be taken to the United States supreme court is not known here.

A Woodburn special to the Marshfield Times says that Mrs. R. D. Hume is preparing to contest her late husband's will. It is reported that Mrs. Hume is cut off with about one-sixth of the estate which is valued at about a million dollars, the property received by her being in California. The remainder of the property is given relatives of Mr. Hume and a number of philanthropic bequests are made, one of which provides for research toward advancing the salmon fishing industry. The basis for the contest will be that Mr. Hume desired to change his will during his late sickness but was deterred by the possibility of the courts declaring that he was no longer rational when the proposed change was made.

The street sweeper is out today and is doing good work now that the rain has loosened the mud on the pavement. If the entire paved district is given a good sweeping often enough hereafter, there will be no more trouble.

WHITNEY GETS FIVE-YEAR TERM AND SMALL FINE

Convicted of Connection With Death of His Sweetheart, Miss Mabel Wirtz

Portland, Dec. 21.—Dr. D. C. Whitney, convicted of murder in connection with the death of Miss Mabel Wirtz by the administration of bichloride of mercury, was today sentenced to five years in the penitentiary and a fine of one hundred dollars.

BROTHER CHARLIE WOULD WEAR TOGA

Goes to Columbus to Open up Headquarters

Cincinnati, Dec. 21.—Charles P. Taft left today for Columbus to open headquarters to carry on his fight for United States senator in succession to Senator Foraker. He de-



C. P. TAFT.

clared there is no truth in the stories that President Roosevelt is opposed to his candidacy and that the latter's denial of taking no part in the contest should be accepted as final.

SALE OF COLORADO RAILROAD RATIFIED

New York, Dec. 21.—Directors of the Colorado & Southern today ratified the sale of the road to the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy.

KING EDWARD IS WELL AGAIN

London, Dec. 21.—King Edward has almost entirely recovered from his indisposition. It is not known at what hour the passenger train will be here.