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LET EVERYBODY HELP BUILD THE ROAD

The way to build the Eugene & Siuslaw railroad is to build it. In other words, the time for talk is past and action should be taken without any further delay.

As soon as the stock subscription is fairly under way, say when the first \$50,000 is raised, a small cash assessment should be levied and the surveyors put to work locating the line permanently.

The people along the line of the road, the farmers, dairy-men and timber owners, will help the residents of this city build it. They will contribute money, labor or material as their means will permit.

The motto in this railroad movement should be "Everybody helps," for everybody wants the railroad. In its construction lies the hope of Eugene's future importance as a city, and the farmer, the fruitgrower, the dairyman and lumberman of Lane county all need it in their business.

The people here will only have to build enough of this railroad to show their faith in it and place it upon a bonding basis. But if they should pay every dollar of its cost it would be the best investment they could make.

Businessmen and fraternal orders generally should participate in the celebration parade next Monday. We have invited Salem and other towns to join with us, and every resident of Eugene should constitute himself a committee of one to see that the occasion is made a big success.

GREAT INTEREST IN COMING OF RAFFLES ON MONDAY, JULY 5TH

Many Eugene People Determined to Finish Him in Crowds of Celebration

Hundreds of Eugene people and many in the country have already made up their minds that they are going to discover the mysterious Raffles as he walks the streets of Eugene on Monday, July 5, during the big celebration.

Judge Wintermeyer, chairman of the sports committee, this afternoon informed a reporter that there are already several entries in the rope-climbing contest which will be pulled off in front of the city hall.

Yesterday the fastenings were made on top of the Cockerline & Wetherbee building for the great hair-raising, spectacular mid-air triple bar performance by Professors Irvine and Brown.

LIQUOR CAUSES "BILLY" WALKER'S LIFE TRAGEDY

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ified that Walker stated, "Lang was abusing my mother, and I wouldn't stand for it." The witness said that Walker was waving his hands to stop the machine and gave himself up readily.

Brown, the county sheriff. He said that Walker telephoned to him to come over, bring a doctor, and an ambulance. The sheriff said Walker was very badly intoxicated.

Deputy Sheriff Creed Hammond reiterated the statements of Sheriff Brown. The old story of intoxication was again impressed upon the audience.

James M. Martin made the statement on the stand that Walker at the hospital said when Lang moaned in the next room, "The Irishman better shut up."

The scuffle, when the shooting occurred, was described by Mrs. Mary Walker, mother of William Walker. Both men had a hold on the shot gun and wrestled.

"Ed Lang went to follow Walker, and I tried to stop him, but I could not," was another statement. "My son started first for the bedroom. I think he closed the door. As soon as the door was opened, or within two or three seconds, the gun was fired."

"Tell the jury what Lang did when he fell," was asked. "He kind of sank down, crushed, and leaned back. I put a pillow under his head."

The witness added that Walker went to the telephone and called up the sheriff immediately. Mrs. Walker testified under cross examination before the scuffle Lang had frightened her nearly to death.

The witness, whose testimony was very strong for the defense, added that Lang shook her by the shoulder rather roughly. She did not know whether Lang had been drinking or not.

All Are Old. Mrs. Walker's testimony showed that Edward Lang was about 64 years old, and that her son, William, is 65 years old.

The defense put up a strong case in the presentation of its evidence. The two chief witnesses were William R. Walker and Maggie Leff, who was an eye-witness to most of the tragedy.

Maggie Leff related that Ed Lang was intoxicated before he came to Eugene, and was more so when he returned. According to the story of Mrs. Leff, during the morning Lang struck her.

About the same time Lang told her that if he were Grandma (Mrs. Mary Walker) he would take a stove poker and kill Willie (William Walker), indicating that there was some trouble between William and his mother.

She was an eyewitness of the scuffle, as was the mother. When Lang had sworn at Walker, the latter ran to the bedroom, followed by Lang, who was quoted as saying: "I will fix you."

Almost immediately the shooting began. Under cross-examination the witness said that there had been no trouble that she knew of between Mary Walker, the mother, and her son.

The bottle of whiskey that Lang had in his clothes was produced by Henry W. Stewart, of Eugene, who was called to the witness chair. He is a relative of the defendant. W. H. McFarland identified the bottle as the one he had taken from Lang's pocket.

That Lang was combative when intoxicated was the testimony of Mrs. Amos Wilkins, for whom Lang worked, 2 1/2 miles north of Coburg. Cross-examination showed that Lang worked for the Wilkins about five months. So far as the witness knew Lang had never really had a fight, and "simply swore a great deal."

About twenty minutes past two the defendant, William R. Walker, took the witness stand. He said he had come to Oregon in 1858. In occupation he had been a farmer and a banker. His testimony was very clear.

"My mother," he said, "had had a rupture and one paralytic stroke. I believe a sudden fall would kill her. I have known Lang a long time, and he has worked for me a number of periods. When he had no work, and usually no money, I would take him in. He said when he came to my

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CUPID BREAKS JUNE RECORD IN LANE COUNTY THIS YEAR

Larger Number of Marriages During Past Month Than Any Previous Month

June is always a popular month for marriages, but that month this year will go down in history as being a record-breaker in Lane county. An examination of the records at the county clerk's office discloses the fact that there has not been a month in the history of the county during which the number of marriage licenses issued equaled the number issued during the month just ended.

June was also a good month, for anglers and hunters' licenses. Of the latter 25 resident and two non-resident licenses were issued and 303 anglers paid their \$1 each for the privilege of whipping the streams of Lane county.

The paving of First street in Albany was completed yesterday and work at once began on Perry street between First and Second streets. The other side streets will then be taken up.

EUGENE KNOX, GREAT IMPERSONATOR, COMING

W. Eugene Knox, the great impersonator and reader, will appear at the First Christian church on Friday evening, July 2, at 8:15 o'clock. Following are some of the press notices.

Mr. Knox's impersonations never fail to win tremendous applause, and every feature of the program was cheered to the echo.—Portland Oregonian.

PUBLIC SALE DAY POSTPONED

On account of the races the Public Sale day for Saturday has been postponed.

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SPRINGFIELD BALL TEAM IMPORTS NEW PITCHER

Sherman, of Scio, to Go There—Other Springfield News

Next Sunday Springfield is determined to defeat Eugene, who beat them two weeks ago. To do so they will have Sherman, the crack little Woodburn-Scio pitcher, on the mound for them.

Springfield Local

J. J. Bryan, of Springfield, already has cabbages in his garden. Over three weeks ago he had new potatoes.

BINGHAM OUSTED

New York, July 1.—Mayor McClellan today removed Theodore A. Bingham from the office of police commissioner.

PERSONALS

L. L. Woods made a business trip to Cottage Grove this afternoon. O. W. Hurd and son, of Florence, returned this afternoon from a trip to Portland and Seattle.

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Large advertisement for 'Something Doing in Eugene' featuring a crescent moon and the text 'July 6th. WAIT'.

Advertisement for 'Camp Outfits' by Chambers Hdw. Co., listing various outdoor gear like tents, stoves, and tools.

Continuation of the legal case text from the middle column, including 'Defendant's Story' and 'Walker a Samaritan'.

Large advertisement for 'Eaton's Book and Art Store' featuring the word 'FREE' and promotional text about a 25% discount.