

BAKER CITY SENSATION CAUSED BY MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION

Dodgers Bitterly Criticising City and County Officials Designates City as "Stink Pot of Corruption."

Specific Charges Made—Judge Smith of Circuit Court, and Mayor Johns Charged With Drinking Before Saloon Bar Four and One-Half Minutes Before Opening of Harvey Brown Memorial Services—Prisoner in County Jail Accuses Judge Smith With Being Intoxicated During Progress of His Trial—Boys and Girls Allowed to Wander About Streets of City at All Hours of the Night—Skating Rinks Are Open on Sundays—Policeman Caught Gambling in Gambling Den.

Baker City, Ore., Jan. 27.—A sensation such as has not been enjoyed in eastern Oregon since the assassination of Harvey Brown, was sprung late yesterday forenoon when a dodger issued by the Ministerial association of this city was circulated, bitterly criticising officials of city and county.

The circular charged Baker City with being a "stink pot of corruption."

Among the specific charges are these: That Judge Smith of the circuit court and Mayor Johns were seen drinking before a saloon bar four and one-half minutes prior to the opening of the Harvey Brown memorial services.

That a prisoner in the county jail accuses Judge Smith of being intoxicated during the progress of his trial.

That boys and girls are allowed to

wander about the city at all hours of the night.

That the skating rinks are allowed to open on Sundays.

That one of the members of the civic purity committee once found a policeman in a gambling den gambling.

Does Not Deny the Charge.

Baker City, Jan. 27.—Mayor Johns today refused to deny that he had been seen drinking and playing the slot machine four and a half minutes after the Harvey Brown memorial service last October.

This was charged in a circular gotten out by the Ministerial association yesterday. Apparently the mayor is not greatly exercised over the charge of the ministers.

Judge Smith, who was accused of being with the mayor in the barroom at the time, is out of town.

DELAY BOOKED IN LAND FRAUD CASES

HALL-MAYS CASE EXPECTED TO CLOSE FRIDAY.

Henry Wants to Get Back to San Francisco—Judge Hunt Desires to Return to Montana and Attorney Becker Wants Time to Familiarize Himself With Testimony—F. P. Mays on Stand Today But Tells Nothing of Material Importance.

Portland, Jan. 27.—Following the Hall-Hays case, which will probably close Friday, another postponement in the land fraud cases is expected.

Judge Hunt announced today that a conference between Henry, Becker and himself on this subject would then occur. Henry wishes to get to San Francisco and Judge Hunt desires to return to Montana. Attorney Becker has been here but a short time and would like more time to become familiar with the Oregon procedure.

The next case on the docket is the Herman land fraud indictment. Hermann's attorneys are in Washington at present and might not be able to reach this coast within the next 10 days.

Today Frank P. Mays resumed his testimony, but told nothing of material interest. It was merely a detailed resume of his legal relations with Stelwer.

Following Mays, Henry attempted to put Henry Meldrum on the stand, but owing to the fact that Meldrum is now a convicted felon and serving a sentence for land frauding, his eligibility as a witness was objected to and Judge Hunt took the matter under advisement.

FIVE MILLION FOR RAILWAYS.

Calhoun Returns to San Francisco After Successfully Floating Big Bond Deal.

San Francisco, Jan. 27.—Patrick Calhoun, accompanied by Mrs. Calhoun and a niece, have returned and his return means the expenditure of \$5,000,000 for the street railway improvement.

Calhoun confirmed the statement that he had negotiated the sale of \$3,500,000 preferred stock which, with \$1,500,000 already disposed of, makes a total of \$5,000,000 at once available.

Latham Is Still Missing.

San Francisco, Jan. 27.—Alec Latham, Ruff's chauffeur, whose testimony is badly wanted by the prosecution, has not yet been found and the motion to have a commission appointed to take his deposition was withdrawn this morning by the state. Ruff asserts he has no knowledge of the whereabouts of Latham.

Vanderbilt Girl Is Now a Cognate.

New York, Jan. 27.—At high noon today Gladys Vanderbilt became the wife of Count Laszlo Szechenyi, the Hungarian nobleman. The ceremony was characterized by elegant simplicity and was performed by Manager La Valle. The pope sent an apostolic benediction through Archbishop Farley.

Standard Oil Case Set for Hearing.

Chicago, Jan. 27.—The hearing in the Standard Oil case involving the Chicago & Alton has been set for February 5.

JAP SPIES TRY TO PURLOIN MAPS

BULLETS FIRED BY SENATORS FRUSTRATE ATTEMPT.

Second Attempt Within 24 Hours Made to Enter Armory of National Guards at San Francisco Where Valuable Military Maps of State Defense Are Kept—Fusillade of Shots Stop Would-be Burglars.

San Francisco, Jan. 27.—Bullets fired by the sentries guarding the armory of national guards here frustrated a second attempt within 24 hours to enter the big building in which are kept the valuable military maps of San Francisco's defense.

The attack on the building was not made by ordinary burglars. The persistence of the mysterious visitors makes this apparent.

Early Saturday morning and again Sunday morning two men tried to gain entrance to the building. Fearing another attempt the sentries were doubled Sunday night.

From the descriptions furnished the officers by the soldiers, it is believed that the two men were Japanese spies. During a fusillade of shots Saturday the hat of one of the burglars was shot off.

IMPORTANT MENTAL EXPERTS.

Physicians from Europe Testify in Trial on Condition of Thaw's Mind.

New York, Jan. 27.—When the trial of Harry Thaw was resumed this morning, Dr. Charles F. Bingham, of Pittsburg, was called to the stand. The purpose of his testimony was to show the state of mentality at different stages of the defendant's life.

He testified that while a child Thaw was nervous and appeared irrational in the Tombs.

Dr. Sidney Riddell Wells of London, was the next witness. He testified that in 1899 he examined Thaw at Charlages, London, and found him suffering from a mental disturbance of some kind.

At 10:35 the defense had all the direct evidence in and Littleton began reading the hypothetical question to three experts for the defense.

Dr. Wells and an insanity expert testified that Thaw's condition was one of recurrent insanity. Miss Lillian McBride, who nursed Thaw at the Devonshire hospital, took the stand and corroborated Dr. Wells concerning Thaw's mental condition. Dr. Frederick J. Burton Brown of London, testified that he attended Thaw in Rome and that he was irrational.

SCIENTISTS MEET AT CAPITAL.

Practical Breeders of Plants and Animals Gather at Washington.

Washington, Jan. 28.—With Secretary of Agriculture James Wilson presiding, the American Breeders' association convened in fourth annual session in the National Rifle armory at 10 o'clock this morning. Delegates are in attendance from all sections of the country, including many practical breeders of animals and plants as well as scientists and theoretical students of heredity and breeding. The association was organized at St. Louis in 1903, and since then sessions have been held in Champaign, Ill., Lincoln, Neb., and Columbia, O.

At the initial session today reports

were presented by the committee on animal and plant introduction, animal hybridizing, breeding for dairy production, breeding hybrid cattle, breeding for meat production and co-operative work in plant and animal breeding. One of the features of the day was the presentation of the report of the committee on eugenics, or the scientific culture of the human animal, in which the results of the labors of the commission headed by Dr. David Starr Jordan, president of Leland Stanford university, were set forth. The committee on theoretical research in heredity also reported today. Addresses were made by several prominent breeders and scientific investigators.

The American Carnation society is holding an exhibition in connection with the convention of the plant breeders' section of the association, and will meet in its annual business session tonight.

CAPTAIN AND 10 MEN SAVED.

Eclipse, an American Sailing Vessel, Lost in Open Ocean Off Honolulu.

Honolulu, Jan. 28.—A ship's boat containing Captain Larsen and 10 members of the crew of the Eclipse, are reported to have arrived at the island of Maui.

The Eclipse, an American sailing vessel, went down in the open sea 500 miles north of Honolulu. The men took to the boats. Three died later from exposure and privation.

LANGDON SCORED IN COURT.

Calhoun's Attorney Accuses District Attorney of Breach of Faith.

San Francisco, Jan. 28.—District Attorney Langdon was given a terrific scoring today by A. A. Moore, attorney for Patrick Calhoun, of the United Railroads, because of the failure of Langdon to set Calhoun's case for trial.

He accused Langdon of breaking faith with him in delaying the trial and said that the Ruff trial was merely a club to hold over Calhoun and delay the magnate's trial.

Langdon's face flushed with anger but he said nothing in reply save to deny Moore's charges. Calhoun was in the court room during Moore's speech. Ruff was given a continuance until Thursday in order to await the arrival of Attorney Ach from Los Angeles.

Will Not Apply for Rethearing.

San Francisco, Jan. 28.—The district attorney's office will not apply for a rehearing in the appeal of Eugene Schmits in which the judgment of the lower court was dismissed.

Langdon announced this today. He will not say whether he will take the matter up before the supreme court or not.

BRYAN BOLTERS LOSE SKIRMISH

NEBRASKAN HOLDS TO IDEA THAT HE IS MAN FOR PLACE

Delegation Headed by Col. Harvey of Harper's Magazine, Confer With With Peers One in Regard to His Withdrawing from Race and Admit That They Were Defeated in Their Project—Plan of New York Democrats for New Man as Leader Has Fallen Flat.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 28.—The end of the fight against the nomination of Bryan by the democrats representing the old Cleveland-Parker wing of the party, is generally supposed to have been reached yesterday when the delegation of democrats, headed by Col. Harvey, editor of Harper's Magazine, came to Washington to confer with him in regard to his withdrawing from the race.

They failed to convince the Nebraskan that he was not the most available man in the party. Following the meeting Colonel Harvey admitted defeat.

"We lost out," he said, "Bryan is certain to be nominated. The project advanced by the New York democrats for a new man as leader has fallen flat."

Pensions Increase \$7,000,000.

Washington, Jan. 28.—Representative Keifer of Ohio, chairman of the sub-committee on pensions of the house committee on appropriations, has announced informally that the committee has agreed to recommend a pension roll of \$150,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1909. This will be about \$7,000,000 in excess of the pension roll of the present fiscal year. The increase is largely due to the provisions of the McCumber bill, effective in February, 1907, by which the enlargement of pensions in accordance with age and the abolishment of physical examination as a prerequisite to the establishment of pension claims on account of physical disability, were brought out.

Sell Naval Dry Dock.

Washington, Jan. 28.—Under the hammer of the auctioneer, the government today disposed of the old naval dry dock at Fort Royal, S. C. The dissolution of the naval dock there has been slow but sure, and for all practical purposes it was abandoned some time ago. Today's sale at public auction marks its end as a government dock.

Torpedo Flotilla Warmly Received.

Buenos Ayres, Jan. 28.—The torpedo boat flotilla was warmly received here today.

CHARGE AGAINST MAYS DISMISSED

Government Fails to Make Case Against Co-Defendant of Hall.

ARGUMENT TO DISMISS HALL CASE THIS AFTERNOON

Henry Makes Motion at Opening of Morning Session to Ask Judge Hunt to Instruct the Jury to Find Mays Not Guilty—Argument in Hall's Favor on Grounds That No Evidence Has Been Introduced Showing Hall Guilty of Acts Charged.

Portland, Jan. 28.—Edwin M. Mays, co-defendant with John Hall,

and on trial with Hall at this time, charged with conspiring with Hall and certain officers of the Butte Creek Land & Livestock Co. to defeat justice and defraud the government of its public domain, was discharged this morning by Judge Hunt on a motion made by Attorney Wilson, Mays' attorney, on the grounds that no evidence had been submitted by the government which tended to connect Mays with the alleged conspiracy as charged in the indictment.

Henry opened the morning's session by asking Judge Hunt to instruct the jury to find Mays not guilty as the government had been unable to connect with the charge filed against him.

Attorney Wilson then amended Henry's motion by asking Hunt to discharge the defendant. This was done. This afternoon Attorney Webster for Hall will argue a motion directing Judge Hunt to instruct the jury to bring in a verdict of acquittal in Hall's case on the grounds that no evidence has been introduced showing that Hall was guilty of any of the acts charged. Henry will contest this motion.

SUMMING UP WILL BEGIN TOMORROW MORNING

Second Trial of Murderer of Stanford White Will End Before the Close of Another Day—Witnesses Testify Today That Thaw Was Rational—Hummel's Clerk Fails to Identify Photograph of Evelyn's Cruelty Affidavit.

New York, Jan. 28.—The state began the introduction of evidence in rebuttal today in the Thaw case. R. E. Lingley, a public accountant, who was in Madison Square Garden the night Harry Thaw shot and killed White, was the first witness of the day. He declared Thaw appeared rational enough to him.

Mayer Cohen, a music publisher, also saw Thaw in the garden that night and he, too, thought him rational. Paul Brune and Warner Paxton, the foreman and engineer stationed in the garden, say the tragedy and testified that Thaw showed no signs of insanity.

District Attorney Jerome has decided not to call any medical experts in rebuttal. During the morning session he called a number of witnesses who testified they always thought Thaw normal mentally.

Abraham Snyder, clerk of Abe Hummel, who witnessed Evelyn Nesbit's signature to the affidavit alleging Thaw's cruelty, was not able to identify the photograph of the affidavit this morning.

The state rested in the Thaw case at 3 o'clock this afternoon. The defense will put in their rebuttal this afternoon and tomorrow morning and the jury should have the fate of Harry Thaw in their hands by early tomorrow afternoon. The summing up should begin at 10 tomorrow.

The defense rested at 3:15 this afternoon, introducing no evidence in rebuttal.

Many to Hear Taft.

Cleveland, O., Jan. 28.—It is expected that the presidential stock of Secretary Taft will be given another decided boom tomorrow night, when he will deliver an address on the political issues of the day before the Tippecanoe club. Republican political leaders from all over the Ohio will gather around the banquet board to cheer the utterances of Secretary Taft, and he will be given an enthusiastic greeting as "the next president of the United States."

Lightning Fires Oil Tanks.

San Luis Obispo, Cal., Jan. 28.—A flash of lightning ignited five oil tanks here late last night, causing a loss of \$150,000.

Blackleg Among Cattle.

Blackleg has again made its appearance among the cattle in northern Grant for the first time in several years. W. B. Jenks has lost 12 head; H. L. Herse, about eight head; the Johnson Bros., are out about 20 head, and it is said that Douglas Flynn, of Ritter, is out several head. All the stock that have died from the disease so far have been calves. The stockmen that have got the disease among their cattle are vaccinating the animals and it is hoped that the disease can soon be done away with.—Monument Enterprise.

Mrs. Mary Frances Reddy, who is said to have been wooed by and rejected Abraham Lincoln, died at her home in Sioux City Ia., aged 83.

MULHOLLAND CREDITORS.

Settlement of Affairs of Disciple of High Finance Who Hit the Wall.

St. Louis, Jan. 28.—Creditors of John Mulholland, the spectacular financier of the middle west, held their first meeting today to discuss plans for a settlement of affairs of the bankrupt broker. In his voluntary petition in bankruptcy Mulholland gave his assets as \$3,919,562.93 and his liabilities as \$1,804,863. One thousand or more creditors, scattered in eight states, are affected. In his list of assets Mulholland scheduled everything from railroads to private libraries and personal belongings. The creditors' meeting was held in East St. Louis.

Mulholland began his career of high finance a few years ago with a working capital of scarcely nothing. His first brokerage office was established in this city, and later branches were operated in New York, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Detroit, Buffalo and Kansas City. In each of these cities he opened elaborate offices, incorporating under the laws of the state, bonding his companies and signing the paper himself. It is believed that little can be realized on the \$3,000,000 scheduled as assets.

Peaceable Settlement Says Hayashi.

Tokio, Jan. 28.—Replying to an interpellation in parliament today, Foreign Minister Hayashi declared that the recall of Ambassador Aoki will have no effect on the negotiations with the United States in regard to the immigration treaty which he said would be settled in a manner satisfactory to the Japanese.

Death Penalty for Assault on Women

Jackson, Miss., Jan. 28.—As a cure for lynching, the house passed a bill yesterday making it the death penalty for the attempt to assault on women.

Schuebel Appointment Considered.

Washington, Jan. 28.—The subcommittee of the judiciary committee of which Senator Fulton is chairman, met tonight to consider the matter of the Schuebel appointment.

Reitman Cleared of Riot Charge.

Chicago, Jan. 28.—Ben Reitman, charged with inciting a riot last week when he led the unemployed in a parade was acquitted today. He says that he intends to go to California at once.

Archbishop of Paris Is Dead.

Paris, Jan. 28.—Cardinal Richard, archbishop of Paris, died today, a victim of congestion of the lungs. He was 59 years old.

Steal Revolvers at Bellingham.

Bellingham, Wash., Jan. 27.—Thieves entered the armory here Sunday and stole \$60 worth of revolvers.

THREE CITIES ARE VISITED BY FIRE

THREE CITIES VISITED DURING NIGHT BY FLAMES.

Standard Oil Tanks at Baltimore Still Burning and Beyond Control

—Portland, Me., Has Another \$800,000 Blaze Within Week From Recent Big Fire—Big Printing Establishment at Chicago Consumed With Loss of \$500,000—Flames Spread to Big Hotel.

Chicago, Jan. 27.—Three disastrous fires, causing a property loss of over a million and a half dollars, occurred in this country between midnight and morning today.

One is still beyond control. The Standard Oil tanks at Baltimore caught fire early this morning and, fanned by a gale, the blaze is still raging. One man has been reported dead.

At Portland, Me., the second big fire within a week occurred, a fire in the business section of the city causing a loss of almost \$800,000. By 3:45 a. m. it was under control and was confined to one block.

At Chicago one fireman was killed and three injured and property to the value of \$500,000 destroyed in fire in the printing establishment of W. P. Dunn & Co. The flames spread to the Florence hotel and drove the occupants into the street in scanty garments. The magnificent new corn exchange building was damaged. Twenty persons were injured.

At noon the fire was still raging, the flames leaping 600 feet in the air. It is estimated that 500,000 gallons of oil have been consumed so far.

Praise for Nes Perce and Camma Prairie.

A. A. Seldon, representing Morrow & Clisel, dairy supplies, of Portland, was among the passengers yesterday afternoon en route to La Grande, Ore. Mr. Sheldon has just returned from an extensive trip through the prairie country. He states that he has visited many of the best grain producing sections of the east and also in the west, but says that the Nes Perce and Camma prairies are far ahead of anything that he has seen. He also states that the prairie country is well adapted to the dairy business and predicts that this industry will be one of the principal sources of income to the farmers of that section within a few years.—Lewiston Tribune.

New York is soon to have the first Chinese Y. M. C. A. building in the United States.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRES IN EAST

Largest City in Maine Almost Wiped From the Map by a Big Blaze.

FIVE FIREMEN LOSE LIVES IN BALTIMORE.

Flames Eat Way Through Portland, Me., Driven by Howling Northwest Wind—Loss Will Reach Over Million—City Hall Burned But Records Saved—Baltimore Visited by Big Conflagration—Five Killed and 22 Injured by Falling Walls.

Portland, Me., Jan. 24.—The entire business district of this city is burning and the town may be entirely wiped out by the flames unless aid speedily arrives from Bath and Lewiston to which telegrams asking assistance have been sent.

The city hall has already been destroyed. A howling northeast wind is raging which is driving the flames from the center of the city down a steep incline towards the water front.

Portland is a town of 50,145 inhabitants by the last census, the largest city in Maine, and one of the oldest in New England. Its principal industries are shipbuilding and the manufacture of locomotives and iron work. Large warehouses on the water front care for the West Indian and European trade.

Although the fire was under control by 10 o'clock this morning the \$800,000 city hall was destroyed. All the records saved consisted of those of the treasurer and city clerk. It is estimated that the fire caused a loss of \$1,000,000. It is the worst that has visited this city since 1866.

No Lives Lost. That no one was killed is remarkable. One of the greatest losses is that of the complete destruction of the Greenleaf law library, valued at \$10,000.

Although the property loss is estimated at \$1,000,000, this does not cover the almost irreparable damage to property holders in the loss of deeds and documents.

In a hall nearby 700 people were dancing at a Knights of Pythias ball. All were taken out safely. Chief Engineer Melville Eldridge is among those seriously injured.

Firemen Lose Lives in Baltimore.

Baltimore, Md., Jan. 24.—Five firemen are dead and 22 others were injured and property to the value of \$500,000 destroyed this morning as the result of the most disastrous fire that has occurred here since the fire of 1904. The fire started in the brass works and spread with remarkable rapidity.

George Horton, chief of the fire department, is among those thought to be fatally injured. The identified dead are: Lieutenant Fred Harman and Fireman W. B. Pugh.

Starting shortly after midnight the fire spread so rapidly that a general alarm was sent in. A gale from the northwest spread the flames and cold weather made the work of the fire fighters difficult.

LATHAM WANTS TO LEAVE CITY.

Testimony of Ruff's Chauffeur Will Be Taken by Deposition.

San Francisco, Jan. 24.—District Attorney Langdon has filed notice with Ruff's attorneys that tomorrow he will ask Judge Lawlor to appoint a commission to take the deposition of Artie Latham, formerly Ruff's chauffeur, who is supposed to know the details of the passing of the bribe money in the United Railroads case from Tiry L. Ford to Ruff.

The motion is based on affidavits from Detective Burns and others, to the effect that Latham is very anxious to leave the city and that his testimony is of the utmost importance to the prosecution. The defense will resist this move as they allege that the prosecution has ulterior motives in having Latham's testimony taken at this time instead of directly at the time of the trial.

Will Wed Wealthy Woman.

San Francisco, Jan. 24.—District Attorney William H. Langdon, known throughout the land as the prosecutor of San Francisco's grafters, has fame, health and a good name. To these desirable possessions he will shortly add wealth and a wife, when he takes as his bride Mrs. Myrtle McHenry, a young widow of great riches and greater beauty. Mrs. McHenry is the widow of a Modesto banker and a graduate of Stanford university.

Mail Pouch Robbed.

A United States mail pouch was cut open and robbed of a number of valuable packages at North Powder on Wednesday night. The sack had been thrown off the train on the depot platform and a few moments later was found near the water tank, some distance away, cut open and rifled. There is no clue to the robbers.

Salt Lake Newspapers Combined.

Salt Lake City, Utah, Jan. 24.—Two important newspaper combinations were consummated today. The Salt Lake Herald was purchased from ex-Senator W. A. Clark by Samuel Newhouse and Col. E. A. Wall, and the Evening Telegram was taken over by the Salt Lake Tribune.