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For County news

BLACKLIST IS BASIS OF INDICTMENTS

Accused Retail Lumber Dealers
Had Names of 100 Concerns
on List.

Chicago—Those members of the alleged lumber trust indicted for restraint of trade and commerce will be tried here in November before United States Judge K. M. Landis. All of the men indicted will be permitted to surrender to the United States marshal in their home districts.

There are two counts in each indictment against the men accused. The first alleges a conspiracy of retailers to restrain interstate trade and commerce between manufacturers, wholesalers and consumers. The second charges a conspiracy to suppress and eliminate competition ordinarily existing between wholesalers, manufacturers and the retailers supplying the consumer.

Appended to the indictments of the lumber secretaries are the names of about 100 concerns appearing on their black list. These included the Well-Musser Company, Spokane, and the Stinson Mill Company, Ballard, Washington.

The proceeding against the lumber combine is unique in the history of Sherman law prosecutions. It is not denied that the government will proceed further against a number of the largest manufacturers for maintaining a combination in restraint of trade.

Seattle Judge Drops Libel Suits

Seattle—Judge Wilson R. Gray in the criminal department of the superior court announced that he would instruct the prosecuting attorney to dismiss the criminal libel prosecutions begun against the Seattle Post-Intelligencer at the instance of the Times, and against the Times at the instance of the Post-Intelligencer. The judge said he would not sanction waste of the county's money for the purpose of avenging private grievances.

NO MORE A HILL ROAD

Northern Pacific and Northwestern Believed in Alliance.

Portland—On the heels of an official edict, promulgated recently, that the Northern Pacific must not be referred to as a "Hill" road, comes news that thousands of its cars are being run into the shops at St. Paul and that the lettering "Chicago-Northwestern Pacific" is being placed on their sides. This move is taken as confirming the recent rumors that an alliance has been made between the Northern Pacific and the Chicago & Northwestern, and that James J. Hill will have no further hand in the direction of the Northern Pacific.

Conductor to Keep Trains "Dry."

Chicago—Beginning July 1, every railroad conductor on trains running in Illinois will assume the duties of sheriff or policeman. All of the railroads with tracks within the state are preparing placards promulgating the law just passed by the Illinois State Legislature, making it unlawful to drink intoxicating liquors or to be intoxicated in or upon railroad passenger cars. Railroad conductors will be called upon to act for the state in arresting all violators they may see.

MAINE WITHHOLDS SECRET

Cause of Wreck Never to Be Known, Says Byrbee.

Tampa, Fla.—"The secret of the destruction of the battleship Maine will never be known," said General Byrbee, chief of engineers in charge of the work of raising the Maine, on his arrival here.

"The destruction to the battleship Maine was such," said General Byrbee, "and the wreck has been so complete that it is impossible to tell whether the vessel was blown up from within or without."

General Byrbee said unless the fragment of a torpedo is found, there is no way of connecting some outside agency with the blowing up of the vessel.

FIRE CHIEF CAMPBELL DEAD

Head of Portland Fire Department Killed in Bad Blaze.

Portland—Chief David Campbell, the veteran firefighter, met his death Monday morning in one of the severest fires that ever visited Portland, when the plant of the Union Oil Company on the West Side was totally destroyed. Assistant Chief John E. Young was badly injured by the explosion which cost Campbell his life.

The fire started shortly before 8 o'clock, presumably from a burned out motor in the basement of the building, and for a time threatened destruction to the entire warehouse district. The loss was approximately \$100,000.

NEWS OF NOTED PERSONS

The will of Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy, founder of the Christian Science Church, was admitted to probate in Boston.

Reports are current that Mrs. Hetty Green, who owns between \$4,000,000 and \$5,000,000 worth of Chicago real estate, has placed all under option for sale.

Only 17 days will be spent in the United States by Admiral Togo of the Japanese navy, when he arrives in this country on his way home from the coronation festivities in England.

General Mosby and a force of more than 100 Americans, comprising the pick of the rebel army in Lower California, surrounded the Thirtieth Infantry of the United States Army, at the American boundary line.

Rumors that General Cipriano Castro is in a town close to the border of Venezuela, preparing for a revolutionary campaign have been confirmed by private advices to Dr. Ignacio Ambrado, former president of Venezuela, now in New York.

Captain David H. Jarvis, formerly of the revenue cutter service, who won fame and a gold medal from Congress for a heroic rescue of Arctic explorers, and who was for many years the active head of the Morgan-Guggenheim enterprises in Alaska, shot and killed himself in a room in the Seattle Athletic Club.

According to present plans President Taft will remain in Washington until the end of the week, when he will accompany his family to their summer home at Beverly, Mass. The president's stay at Beverly, however, will be very brief as he will almost immediately start for the Middle West where he has several engagements to speak.

SENATOR LORIMER

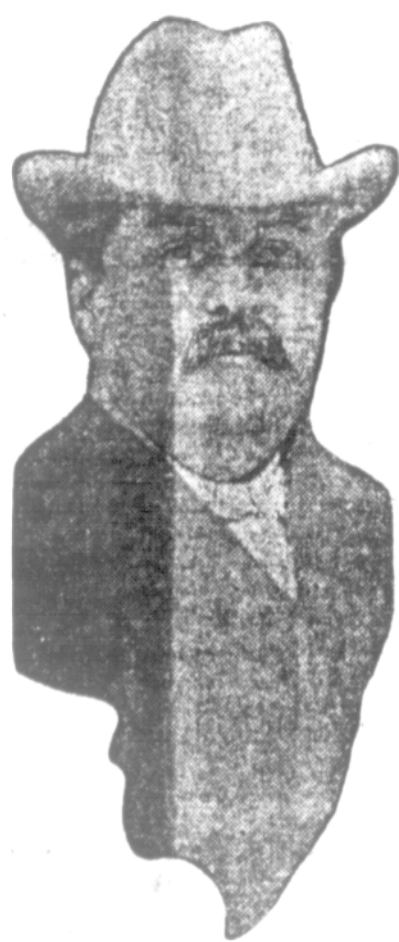


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Senator Lorimer, of Illinois, whose election for a second time is being investigated by the United States Senate.

BRIEF NEWS OF THE WEEK

Portland, Oregon, was chosen for the 1912 convention of the National Live Stock Exchange.

Domestic exports from the United States to foreign countries for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1911, will amount to more than \$2,000,000,000.

More than \$5,500,000 will go into new churches in New York City within the next six months. Roman Catholics have the largest number of projects on hand.

The head camp of the Modern Woodmen of America in executive session at Buffalo, acted favorably upon the recommendation of the law committee that a special session be held for consideration of changes in the rates.

After a tenure of office of a little more than three months and a half, the French cabinet of Premier Monis was defeated on a vote of confidence in the chamber of deputies and shortly afterwards the ministers tendered their resignations.

The 40 claimants of the Stracey coal land group in Alaska have been notified by the Juneau Land Office to show cause within thirty days why the claims should not be recommended to the commissioner of the General Land Office for cancellation.

"There is no legislation—I care not what it is—tariff, railroad, corporation or of a general political character, that at all equals in importance the putting of our banking system on the sound basis proposed in the national monetary commission plan," declared President Taft in a speech in New York.

ITEMS OF INTEREST THROUGHOUT OREGON

Chronicle of Important Events
of Interest to Our
Readers.

Experiment Station Soon Under Way.

Burns.—J. H. Weatherford, of Albany, president of the board of regents of the Oregon Agricultural College; E. E. Wilson, of Corvallis, secretary of the board; Senator C. L. Hawley, of Polk county, a member of the board, and Professor Scudder, soil expert and agronomist on the college staff, have been here a few days making selection of a site for the agricultural experiment station which was provided for in a bill passed by the Legislature last winter.

Miner Pounds Out \$1300.

Medford.—Southern Oregon is excited over a large number of mining strikes made in the past few days, which have sent many prospectors to the hills. The excitement culminated when Joe Perry deposited \$1300 in gold dust in a Medford bank, the result of three days' work in a mortar with ore taken from the Gold Hill mine, which was the most famous pocket mine ever found in this mining district.

TIDE ISLAND CASE DECIDED

Court Decides Ownership Remains
Despite Change in Position.

Astoria.—An important decision that it sustained by the higher court will have a direct bearing on the ownership of tide islands not alone in the Columbia River, but in the waters of every other stream in the state, was handed down by Judge Eakin, of the circuit court.

The decision was in favor of the plaintiffs in the case of the Van Dusen Investment Company, Reba Hobson, Edwin Hobson and Bertha Hakderman vs. the Western Fishing Company, D. H. Welch and Nancy M. Welch.

The action was brought to determine the title to the sands lying directly opposite the city. The plaintiffs based their claim to the sands on two deeds from the state conveying a tide island located in the Columbia River. Their contention was that these sands are the same as the ones now in existence, although they have shifted their position further down stream.

2300 Volts Fall to Kill.

Oregon City.—For 10 minutes Harry Henderson, employed in painting and steelwork on the suspension bridge across the Willamette River here, hung suspended 30 feet above the bridge roadway by a single power wire carrying 2300 volts of electricity. When the wire snapped Henderson fell. Though fearfully burned and suffering from bruises caused by his 30-foot drop, Henderson, the physician says, will live.

Fugitive Captured in Sleep.

Corvallis.—Lying quietly asleep under a tree, where he had fallen in utter exhaustion, Jess Hall, the escaped convict from the Oregon Penitentiary, was captured without the firing of a single shot, by a posse led by Governor West, in a clump of woods just off the road near the little village of Blodgett, a station on the Corvallis & Eastern Railroad, 20 miles from Corvallis.

KLAMATHS ARE WORRIED

Indians, Mating by Tribal Custom, Thrown in Jail.

Klamath Falls.—If Attorney John H. Stevenson, of Portland, wins his contention that no federal law prohibits Indians from mating without the formality of going through the white man's marriage ceremony, in a case before the federal court in Portland, a load will be lifted from the minds of many Indians on the Klamath reservation.

The case is that of John Cole and Ellen Persax, and Joseph Jackson and Lou Wilson, Klamath Indians, legally married according to tribal customs, who are now held in jail in Portland on a charge of living together unlawfully, made by the federal authorities. Attorney Stevenson, representing the Indians, declares there is no record of any law on the federal statutes compelling Indians to be married in the white man's way.

Price Put on Escaped Trustees.

Salem.—"Two hundred dollars dead or \$50 alive." That will be the standing reward that Governor West will offer for every convict whom he trusts on the outside and who violates his confidence, according to an announcement made by the chief executive.

NEWS PARAGRAPHS FROM OTHER CITIES IN OREGON

An unusual occurrence on the McKenzie River, famous for its trout fishing, is the appearance of salmon. The people of Linn county helped the residents of Lebanon to open its annual strawberry festival by turning out in large numbers.

The seventh annual summer session of the University of Oregon opened Monday and will last for six weeks, closing Friday, August 4.

It is estimated that over 1500 candidates for teachers' certificates took the state examinations. Examinations were held at every county seat.

The director of the Oregon Agricultural station at Corvallis has invited the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce to arrange for a farmers' institute in that city July 20.

Lane county came to the front last week with the largest and most important transaction in farm lands reported in the state—a 617-acre place selling for \$40,000.

A Helms, Jr., editor of the Mitchell Sentinel, was acquitted by a jury in circuit court at Fossil of alleged criminal libel of Dr. R. H. Jenkins, the mayor of Mitchell.

Pendleton may not get her new high school this year, as a result of legal obstacles raised by Chicago attorneys in connection with the disposal of the \$100,000 bond issue.

At a meeting of the State Board of Normal Regents at Salem, members of the faculty for the Oregon Normal School at Monmouth were chosen, salaries fixed and arrangements made for the opening of the school on September 18.

That the recall cannot be invoked against school officers because the legislative assembly has not provided necessary and proper laws therefor, is the substance of an opinion handed down by Attorney-General Crawford at the request of the Salem School Board.

Wandering over the Umatilla Indian reservation in a demented state and physically weakened, George Marshall, an Indian, attempted to crawl under a barbed wire fence, was caught by the barbs, and unable to release himself, died from exposure and starvation.

The Universal Instruction School filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of state. The capital stock is \$1,000,000 and headquarters are in Portland. The leaders declare they are to be competitors of the International Correspondence Schools of Scranton.

The eighth annual convention of the Oregon State Letter Carriers, in session at Salem, went on record favoring a retirement fund for superannuated carriers and as opposing restrictions thrown about carriers to prevent them from petitioning congressmen for their rights.

At the special city election the voters of Jacksonville adopted the new city charter by a six to one vote. This means that work on the new gravity water system, which will be one of the best in the state and which was held up pending the election, will be resumed at once.

That the secretary of the treasury is contemplating the abolishment of the office of appraiser of customs in Portland and turning the work over to civil service clerks in the interest of economy was made apparent in a letter addressed to Representative Lafferty by the secretary.

Professor R. H. Dearborn, of the electrical engineering department of the University of Oregon, has been appointed special appraising engineer for the summer months by the Oregon State Tax Commission. His duties will be to visit the commercial electrical plants of the state, examining and appraising them.

Over 5000 automobiles are owned in Oregon and to comply with the law the owners must have them registered by August 1. The secretary of state's office is numbering now in the 800's. The rush in this department has become so great that the clerks have been increased from one to four and these are working holidays and after hours.

After the state of Oregon had expended over \$200,000 in improvements on a tract of land adjoining the asylum, she still had no valid title to the land. This fact was discovered recently by Surveyor W. J. Culver, who was running out lines for the state. He found that no deed had been recorded for the site of the new receiving ward, which has been constructed at heavy expense, and to which wings costing \$75,000 will soon be added.

Instead of making some concrete gift to the university, as has been customary, the 1911 graduates of the University of Oregon decided to add to the student loan fund and thus place within the reach of needy students the benefits which they themselves have just enjoyed. Every 1911 senior is under pledge to deliver on or before June 1, 1912, \$10, which is to be turned over to the faculty committee on student loans and eventually voted out at 6 per cent interest.

WHEN I WAS YOUNG

By F. A. MITCHEL

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When I was young, having procured an outfit of several camels, whom I owned, and a score of blacks, whom I hired, I started southward from Tripoli to do a little exploring of the great desert of Sahara. I certainly couldn't explore much of it, for it is larger in area than the United States and only parts are ordinarily traversed. I chose to make an expedition straight south to the Sudan, along the route of caravan trading with that region. It is an ocean of sand, with billows of land except in spots where there are oases. On the route we fell in with an Arab wanderer named Mohammed. Not all wanderers are named Mohammed. But a large number are. He said he was a trader, but one of my men said that the way he traded was one-sided. He gave nothing—unless bullets—for something. In other words, he was a robber.

But, like most of these people, he was very smooth spoken. He pretended to take a great fancy to me; said that he had heard that America was the greatest country in the world, and he was quite sure I was the greatest American. To prove his admiration for and confidence in me, he invited me to his camp and introduced me to his wives. There was one young and quite pretty (for an Arab) woman among them who, it seemed to me, was especially cordial to me. I could only judge by the looks she gave me, for she did not know my language nor I hers. Salam, my chief man, remarked to me that he had noticed the woman's preference for me. But, having no desire to get myself murdered on account of an Arab's wife, I did not propose to encourage the lady.

Mohammed journeyed beside us for several days, camping when we camped and moving when we moved. Had it not been for Salam I would have considered that the man had conceived a great regard for me, so naturally did he feign it. Salam said that he was familiarizing himself with our strength, our arms and the value of the loot to be acquired in case of a successful attack. Salam also ventured the opinion that the wife who was so favorably disposed toward me was probably intending, by her husband's order, to lure me into some position by which I could be put out of the way. Then my belongings would easily fall into Mohammed's hands. This view of the case did not favor the conceit of a man of twenty-two, and I did not believe him.

One evening my Bedouin admirer came to my camp to announce the fact that the next morning at dawn he would separate from us, going off to the east toward Marzuk, my intention being to proceed on my way to Ghat. He invited me to sup with him. Being young—as I have said before—I had fancy to see once more the woman who had apparently conceived a regard for me. I desired to form an opinion as to whether Salam or I was right as to the genuineness of her demonstrations. I supped with her husband, but he kept his wives out of the way. This seemed to me to prove that there was nothing in Salam's theory. The trader feasted me royally and when I left embraced me with tears in his eyes.

"Whoever says," I remarked to Salam when I returned to my camp, "that an Arab is incapable of friendship doesn't know your race."

Salam made no reply, but did not seem especially impressed with my appreciation of the guileless nature of his brother Bedouin. Two days after this we encamped one evening on the desert. It was a lonely spot, there were no other spots on the Sahara. I was standing after dark admiring the bright stars above, contrasting with the monotonous scene below, when I heard the faintest hint of a sound within a few feet of me. It was like a spent bullet hitting soft earth. Turning, I saw an object a few feet from me. Going to it, I found an arrow sticking in the sand. Taking it up, I discovered a bit of wood tied to it. Taking it to see once more the woman who had apparently conceived a regard for me, I called Salam and asked him to interpret it. He read it to himself and looked up at me with fear in his face.

"What is it?" I asked.

"It says, 'Make the fonduk.'"

The fonduk is a caravanserai where caravans may get food, water and what is often more desirable, safety.

"From whom did it come?" I asked.

"There is no one near us."

"Mohammed is near. I suspect that he intends to fall upon us tonight. He will probably kill you, then give the rest of us bakshish to keep silent."

"But who could have sent this warning?"

"I think I have been wrong. The woman who saw you has really been captivated. It is she."

I told Salam to break camp, load the camels, and we would proceed on our journey.

While the preparations were being made I went out again to be alone with the sky and the desert. A new feeling had entered my breast. For the first time in my life I was conscious that a woman loved me. But I knew at the same time that our paths would be as wide apart as those of the great desert.

Before day dawned we made the fonduk.