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LOTAN AND SEID BACK

BOTH FOUND GUILTY

The Jury Agreed at Midnight. The ex-Collector Very Much Surprised. Defense Will Ask a New Trial Tuesday.

Ex-Collector James Lotan and Seid Beck, the Chinese merchant prince, who have been on trial in the U. S. court during the past week, for conspiracy to smuggle Chinese, were found guilty by the jury last night. The verdict was unexpected. The defense asked until Tuesday morning to file exceptions, and will doubtless move for a new trial. The court granted the request.

The jury reached a verdict about 11:30 and announced to the bailiff that they were ready to report. Judge Bellinger was immediately sent for at his home in Holladay's addition. Meanwhile the attorneys in the case had been roused from their hotels and slowly assembled. Mr. Lotan was among the earlier arrivals, and chatted for a while in the district attorney's office with some of the attorneys. He was visibly nervous, but appeared very confident of an acquittal, remarking that a verdict of guilty could hardly have been arrived at so promptly.

When Judge Bellinger arrived, and the jury filed into the courtroom, everybody necessary was present but Seid Beck. He was being sought for high and low, but he appeared to have gotten so far away that forty deputies could not unearth him.

At last the door opened. "There he is," said Attorney Fulton. The judge took his seat and the jury was polled. The court asked the jury if it had agreed upon a verdict. The foreman nodded and handed the typewritten verdict to the court, who glanced at it and handed it to the clerk, who read it aloud:

"We, the jury in the case, find the defendants, James Lotan and Seid Beck, guilty as charged in the indictment."

Lotan sat perfectly still during the reading of the verdict. Afterward he said to Attorney Fulton that it was the greatest surprise of his life. The convicted men have had three trials, the jury failing to agree in the first two.—Sunday Oregonian.

The Astoria Railroad.

Under this heading the Portland Evening Telegram says: W. J. Ingalls, one of Clatsop's large realty-holders, gives an inside version of the hitch occurring between Mr. Hammond and the subsidy committee at Astoria, which has resulted in a stoppage of negotiations on the building of the Astoria & Goble road, for the time being.

Mr. Hammond has insisted on abstracts of the subsidy deeds being made and submitted to him. The committee did not like this and held back until told by Mr. Hammond that unless the abstracts were made, not a sod would be turned on the road so far as he was concerned. As the Bonner people had withdrawn from the field and the Hammond proposition was their last chance, the subsidy men gave in and the abstracts were made. A meeting was arranged at which the committee was to meet Mr. Hammond and the deeds be presented. All went well at the meeting until some faint came up, which interested Mr. C. H. Page. An argument ensued ended by Mr. Page declaring himself as "not caring whether the road went through or not. He had gotten in on the former boom and was pretty comfortable."

To this Mr. Hammond replied: "Well, Mr. Page, if those are your sentiments, let me inform you that I have got in on several deals before now and am feeling pretty comfortable myself. Your road is a side issue anyhow," and taking his hat Mr. Hammond left the room, since when the committee have seen him no more.

The Astoria people, however, are still confident that Mr. Hammond will build the road.

Mayer & Kimbrough will pay you 50c. per pound in cash for your chickens, ducks and turkeys.

Wrongfully Appropriated.

It appears that several Umatilla county people will suffer loss by the peculations of the late Paul Schulze, says a Pendleton paper. Mr. Schulze was agent of the Northern Pacific Railway company in the land department, and to him Jesse Moore remitted a draft for nearly \$200 in payment for some railroad land he had purchased. The draft was regularly drawn sent, cashed and returned through the proper channels, and Mr. Moore supposed his payment was recorded and he had a corresponding credit on the books of the land department of the Northern Pacific.

It has been discovered that the money was appropriated to other uses and letters are passing between Mr. Moore and Thomas Cooper, the recent land agent. Mr. Cooper has sent a letter requesting that the original draft be sent for his personal examination.

Mr. Moore is but one of several residing in Umatilla county who transmitted money to the Northern Pacific when Paul Schulze was agent, and find now that they have no record of the matter at Tacoma. The probability is that thousands of dollars of shortage will yet be dug up and the total amount be augmented enormously.

Oregon Mills May Compete.

Representative Hermann has obtained valuable concessions from the navy department in favor of Pacific coast blanket manufacturers. Heretofore all contracts for blankets purchased for use on our naval vessels on the Pacific coast, and at the U. S. navy yards at Mare Island and those to be used on the new war vessel, the Oregon, all provided a first class delivery in New York, which practically gave a monopoly to Eastern woolen mills. Now Mr. Hermann makes protests in the name of the Oregon woolen mills against this distinction, and has insisted that contracts should be let on terms permitting delivery at San Francisco, which would favor the Pacific coast mills at least to the cost of transportation, which is quite an item. At the next letting the department will change the rule if Pacific coast mills desire to bid. The rule formerly required provisions and stores for Pacific naval uses to be delivered in New York, but this changed a few years ago.

Signal Triumphs Won.

Two signal triumphs have been achieved by Dr. Price's Cream Baking powder. First it received the highest award and diploma at the World's Columbian exposition of 1893. Next it secured the highest award and Gold medal at the California Midwinter fair of 1894. At both fairs it surpassed all competitors in every respect. The award, in each instance, was for the strongest leavening power, perfect purity and general excellence. It was sustained by the unanimous vote of the judges. The victory at Chicago establishes the supremacy of Dr. Price's as "the foremost Baking Powder in the world." The triumph at San Francisco confirms and emphasizes it.

A Tumble in Buttermilk.

The Corvallis express two miles south of North Yamhill Friday morning collided with a wagon, in which Mrs. Mary Shelton and a boy were returning from the creamery with a large can of buttermilk. The cow catcher picked up the wagon and threw the horses one way and the boy and woman another. The train was stopped within 100 yards and the woman and boy picked up, not seriously hurt. The horses ran away home to Carlton, and the train carried Mrs. Shelton there. The track and engine were deluged with buttermilk. Mrs. Shelton remarked woefully that her pigs would have no dinner, but there was no use crying over spilt milk.

A Serious Accident.

Last Friday as Mrs. S. M. Pennington and her daughter, Mrs. Richards, and the latter's little son were out riding in a buggy across the river near Thornton's lake, the boy, who was driving, was unable to manage the horse, and it ran off and embankment, overturning the buggy and throwing the occupants out. Mrs. Pennington had a severe gash cut across her forehead, also across her hand. The horse trampled on Mrs. Richards, but did not seriously injure her. The boy was unhurt. Mrs. Pennington, who is an elderly lady, was brought to this city and her wounds dressed by Dr. J. P. Wallace. Last evening she was resting easy, and it is hoped her injuries will not result seriously.—Mercur.

THE FIRST PRACTICAL STEP

TREATY OF MUTUAL BENEFIT

All Differences Between Them to Be Settled by Arbitration and the Interest of One That of All.

WASHINGTON, May 25.—New treaties of far reaching importance have recently been made between Nicaragua and Honduras, official copies of which have just been received at Washington. They are the first practical steps toward the formation of a Central American nation out of the several small republics of Nicaragua, Honduras, Guatemala, Salvador and Costa Rica. The first treaty forms a defensive alliance in case of a foreign alliance against common enemies. It obliterates commercial frontiers, so that foreign goods once admitted to one country are free to enter the others.

An express provision is made against the possibility of war between the countries by an article requiring differences to be adjusted by arbitration by some government on the American continent. Article No. 53, the one looking to union in a single nation, is as follows:

"The high contracting parties solemnly declare that they cannot and will not consider as foreign other Central American countries, that they will labor constantly to maintain family bonds, the greatest cordiality in their relations making a common cause with them in case of war or difficulties with foreign countries and mediating in international relations."

"To this end the present treaty will be submitted to their consideration, inviting them to subscribe to it as a common Central American treaty until the arrival of the day when they shall be incorporated in a single nation."

Ejecting Settlers.

PENDER, Neb., May 24.—Indian Agent Beck has positively commenced the ejection of settlers occupying the lands of the Flounroy Land company on the Winnebago reservation. Three settlers in the vicinity of Wakefield were removed yesterday by sixteen Indian police heavily armed. Captain Beck has served notice that other settlers must go, and will continue the evictions. It is thought there will be an attempt to put off the cattle on Kelly's ranch. If the attempt is made there will surely be bloodshed, for Kelly has threatened to shoot the first rebel that comes inside his pasture for that purpose. Those who have been ousted by the police were merely told to get off, and, when they refused, were not molested.

An Air Line.

TACOMA, May 25.—The project of building an air-line broad-gauge railroad between Tacoma and Seattle has been revived by Henry Bucey, who will start at once to secure the right-of-way and land subsidies. He expects then to float bonds. The line would be thirty miles long, a saving of twelve miles over the present route. The grade would be one per cent, and the cost of building and equipment \$600,000. The Tacoma & Seattle Air-Line railroad was incorporated five years ago to build the line. The depression caused a postponement of the project.

A Historic Spot.

PHILADELPHIA, May 26.—Work will be commenced next week on the monument at Doyleston which will mark the spot where General Washington crossed the Delaware river with his army to attack the British at Trenton on Christmas day of 1776. The monument is to be carved out of a solid block of stone weighing three tons.

Fishing Boats Capsize.

ASTORIA, May 25.—This morning at an early hour two more fishing boats capsized at Peacock spit. A gale was blowing all night and the boats were turned over breakers. One boat belonged to Kinney, the other to Elmore. The first crew was rescued by other fishermen near by before the life saving crew could reach the spot. The boat was rescued and returned to the men by the life crew, who also saved the other boat and men. The wind is still blowing fifty-mile per hour at the mouth of the river, but there is no wind here.

Harrison's Presidential Boom.

NEW YORK, May 26.—General Harrison's boom for the republican nomination for the presidency is moving along quietly. Thomas C. Platt is keeping his eyes fixed on the development of its proportions. Just at present he believes there is more in the Harrison boom than in any other. He is, however, "jolly" along all other booms of importance. He proposes to be on good terms with the winner this time if possible.

Surveyor Raymond Lost.

ASTORIA, May 25.—County Surveyor Raymond left here on the 11th to survey a road from Necanicum to the Tillamook line. His horse and saddle were found by parties near Necarney mountain. Raymond has not been heard from. His friends fear that he is lost or has been the victim of foul play.

Car and Wagon Collided.

CHICAGO, May 26.—A South Chicago electric car, drawing a trailer, ran into a wagon containing five persons at Seventy-ninth street and Yates avenue, tonight. The wagon was demolished. Francesca Ruzewicki, an aged widow, was killed, and another woman probably fatally injured.

Rain.

THE DALLES, Or., May 25.—Wasco county was blessed today with a bounteous rain. The showers began falling this morning and continued all day, thoroughly wetting the ground and proving of incalculable benefit to the growing grain.

Plenty of Rain.

JACKSONVILLE, Or., May 25.—A much needed rain commenced falling at 3 o'clock, and the indications are the precipitation will be sufficient for the crops, which gives promise of an unusually large yield.

Probate Record.

In estate of Fred Mespelt, petition to sell personal property granted.
 First report filed in the estate of N. G. McDonald.
 In adoption of Ella C. Simpson by George Frey and wife, petition filed.
 In the estate of Eugene Uim, personal property ordered sold.
 In estate of W. P. Smith, final hearing set for June 8, at 1:00 p. m., B. A. Stafford administrator.
 In estate of Emaline Alford, personal property was ordered sold.
 In estate of Isaac Witherie inventory filed; real property, \$600; personal \$1841.50.
 In estate of Harry Moss, account filed.
 In estate of Abbarilla Metzgar, final settlement set for June 17.

Was it the Lone Highwayman?

A guard of the Klamath Falls-Ayer stage line reports that, on one of the trips since the last robbery, he saw a man crouching behind the bushes and apparently in the act of stopping the stage. Suddenly the man turned on his heel and began making his escape. Three shots were fired by the guard after the flying robber, which only helped to increase his speed. It is thought that the reason another attempted hold-up was not made was on account of the large crowd of passengers.

For Sale or Lease.

At Waterloo, near the woolen mill, a two story building, 22x50, feet suitable for a restaurant. The up-stairs is divided into seven rooms and can be let to operatives of the mill. For particulars address, Mr. Carthew, at Waterloo, or A. E. Ansoerg, Lebanon, Oregon.

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