

BROWNE DEFENSE NOW UNDER WAY

Court Overrules Motion of Defense to Instruct Jury to Acquit—Court Refuses to Rule Out Evidence—

CHICAGO, June 21.—The defense in the trial of Lee O'Neil Browne, charged with bribery in connection with the election of William Lorimer to the United States senate, began today. The court overruled the motion of the defense to instruct the jury to acquit on the ground that the state's case was not proven. A motion to rule out most of the evidence relating to the distribution of a legislative "jackpot" in St. Louis was also overruled.

George Doyle and William Russell, the latter a "labor lobbyist," were witnesses during the morning. They testified that after Lorimer's election Representative White said he "had a good thing coming and would make the people come through."

The morning testimony was of little importance.

WAGE SCALE FIXED FOR PICKING YAKIMA FRUIT

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., June 21.—In anticipation of the fruit harvest, when hundreds of laborers will be brought into the valley, the Yakima Valley Labor bureau, recently formed to deal with the labor situation, held a meeting yesterday, of which 60 ranchers, representing all the districts of the county, were present to decide on a wage scale. For picking fruit the pay will range from \$1 to \$2.25, the lower wage applying to children. The working day will be ten hours. Packing peaches will bring 2 cents a box, apples and pears 3 cents and prunes 6 cents. The news of labor demands for the fruit harvest here have gone all over the country, and it is anticipated that the supply, including a great number of college boys and school teachers, will be equal to the demand.

CONDITION OF THE NEW YORK MARKET

Rae & Hatfield, under date of June 14, say: "There were 17 cars of California deciduous fruits sold here yesterday and today. Cherries on the whole, good quality and condition. Prices, on account of light offering, today advanced 10 to 25 cents per box. Apricots in good condition; market firm. Plums, Clynans, in heavy receipt, and prices and easier and lower. A few Climax, Abundance and Red June in sale yesterday sold up to \$3, a few crates Tragedys realizing as high as \$4. Peaches, good condition; market easy. Southern peaches are now arriving freely. Weather warm and muggy.

COAL PROPERTIES ARE REPORTED ON MARKET

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., June 21.—The holdings of the Western Fuel company of the Nanaimo Coal properties on Vancouver Island, are rumored to be on the market. The officials of the Western Fuel company were reported to have sold the lands to a British syndicate for \$3,000,000. This report was denied by the company's officials today.

The coal fields are near the Dunsuir property on Vancouver Island. They recently were reported to have been sold to the Canadian Northern railway.

Vice-President James B. Smith of the Western Fuel company, discussing the report, said:

"We have received propositions from several parties, but it would be impossible for me to give you the details of any sale because there has been none."

Increased Rations Asked.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 21.—The medical and subsistence officers of the army are discussing the advisability of increasing the commutation rations for the sick. The surgeons who are on duty at hospitals have been applying for an increase in the money allowance from 30 to 40 cents a day. If there is final approval of this request, it will be necessary to increase the estimate for next year's appropriation on this item.

More Troops for Korea.
VICTORIA, B. C., June 21.—Four new divisions of the Japanese army are to be raised by General Terrachi, War Minister, following his appointment as resident general in Korea, according to the advice received here today. It is estimated that the annual cost of maintenance of this force will be \$6,000,000, to be borne by Korea.

Haskins for Health.

SAILORS NEARLY DIE IN FLAMES

Descend in Hole of Steamer to Fight Flames and Are Rescued in Nick of Time—Hatches Battened Down to Suffocate Fire.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., June 21.—Six men, long shoremen and members of the crew of the freighter Alaskan at Santa Fe wharf were near death from asphyxiation today in an attempt to descend into the hold of the big liner, where hiding flames have been eating into tons of valuable merchandise for three days.

After heroic efforts on the part of the sailors and the city firemen, who risked their own lives, the six unconscious men, who had been overcome by poisonous gases, were brought up through the hatchway. On deck five were revived, but one was in a very serious condition and he was taken to the Hearn sanitarium, where his condition is said to be very dangerous.

When the hatches were opened today smoke began to pour from them in great volumes, although no fire could be seen.

The hatches were at once battened down again, and an effort will be made to fill the hole with chemicals through holes drilled through the sides of the ship.

Through these holes the firemen were visible and the heat was intense. Another effort will be made to open the hatches tomorrow.

This forenoon fifteen more tons merchandise was removed from the upper hold. Seventy-five tons have been removed in all, but in the hold where the fire is burning there are 2400 tons of cargo.

The cargo is worth \$2,000,000 and it is all imperilled. The ship is valued at \$700,000. The vessel is the property of the American-Hawaiian line, and much of the cargo is for San Francisco, Seattle and Honolulu. She was due to sail yesterday for the north.

To Renominate Gov. Eberhart.

ST. PAUL, Minn., June 21.—Nearly all of the 1,075 delegates to tomorrow's republican state convention are in the city. The convention will nominate a candidate for United States senator, four justices of the supreme court, and candidates for governor and all other state officers. Gov. A. O. Eberhart will be renominated by acclamation. No other name will be presented. Several contests are on for minor places on the state ticket. United States Senator Clapp, whose term expires next March, will be indorsed for re-election. The most interest centers in the construction of a platform. There is a strong demand for a resolution indorsing and favoring more active tariff revision. In regard to state issues there is a prospect for a spirited contest over a county option plank.

Divide a \$125,000 Prize.

BERLIN, June 21.—The grand prize of the Prussian State Lottery, \$125,000 has fallen this year, partly to a family of the laboring class in the obscure towns of Gumbinnen, and partly to Berlin; in the former case to the extent of eight-tenths, and in the latter to the extent of the remainder one-fifth. The one-fifth was again sub-divided between a highly placed official and an already well-to-do merchant.

State lotteries are held in Prussia and elsewhere twice a year, in spring and autumn.

Wealthy Man Is Missing.

NEW YORK, June 21.—The police have been asked to search for Henry T. Bona, described as a wealthy lumberman, 65 years old, of Tacoma, Wash., who has been missing from his home in that city since June 6. John G. Shepard, his son-in-law, reported the matter. The son-in-law says that shortly after Bona's departure his wife received a letter from him saying he was en route to New York because he was hungry and wanted a "square meal." Shepard says he fears the man's mind has become affected.

Detroit Industrial Exposition.

DETROIT, Mich., June 20.—An event of more than ordinary importance to the commercial interests of this vicinity is the opening tonight of Detroit's first industrial exposition. The exposition grounds are on the Detroit river, where a huge exposition building has been erected to be used in conjunction with the large Wayne pavilion. Both buildings are filled with displays illustrating the wide extent and wonderful variety of the manufacturing interests of Detroit and the suburban cities.

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CENTRAL POINT NEWSLETTER

Mrs. Fred Yokum, whose serious illness was reported last week in this column, is recovering.

Mrs. C. C. Gibson is visiting in Portland in company with her daughter, Mrs. I. C. Robnett.

At the tabernacle on Sunday evening a suggestion was made by the evangelist that a suitable room be secured as permanent headquarters for a men's religious and social club, the object of the club being to hold together those who had started out in the religious life during the recent revival. The suggestion was immediately taken up and a fund of about \$250 was raised on the spot to pay rent and furnish such a room. The room will be used for the purpose of holding men's religious meetings on the Sabbath and for various social affairs during the week, the organization being planned somewhat after the order of a Y. M. C. A.

W. A. Cowley's handsome new domicile will be ready for occupancy in the course of about three weeks. The porch surrounding two sides of the house is a particularly showy and well planned feature of the building, being so wide, roomy and substantial as to almost tempt a family to spend the summer months entirely on the porch, rather than inside the house.

Nearly \$700 was presented to Evangelist Robert E. Johnson upon

the conclusion of his work here. He set no price upon his work and the contribution was in the nature of a thank offering in recognition of the good that had been accomplished during the four weeks' meetings.

Edgar Whiteside and wife are now occupying the neat cottage recently built for them in the new Shields tract.

The Ladies' Civic Improvement club has suspended work for the summer, as is the custom of such clubs, and will resume its regular work about the second week in October.

Miss Grace Smith is assisting at the Central Point bakery for a short time, in place of Miss Pearl Pankey, who is enjoying a vacation.

Mrs. C. H. Donovan, a comparatively new resident, took her little 3-year-old daughter, Helen, to Grants Pass last Tuesday to have the child operated upon for strabismus (cross-eyes), the case being a very aggravated one. She reports that the operation appears to have been successful.

Miss Elizabeth Gibson will spend a portion of her summer vacation in Portland, where she has quite a number of relatives and friends.

On Wednesday afternoon the Presbyterian Ladies' Missionary society holds its June meeting in the grove, the same being of a semi-social nature.

outer cover of alloy called chromium, the surface of which is to be prepared as to resemble a mirror.

This is to be the pioneer of a fleet of such British airships. Influential men are considering the proposition of a company to promote the building of an aerial navy and the establishment of a passenger and mail service.

Baron Roenne has mapped out maps and charts, and he has drawn up time tables and routes for passenger and mail service.

Quadruplets Born in Boston.
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