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### BILL TO ABOLISH OFFICE OF COUNTY JUDGE PREPARED

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 20.—A bill changing the judicial system of the state and providing for eight additional circuit judges is being prepared by Senator W. Lair Thompson, president of the senate.

Among the chief features of the bill are the abolition of the office of county judge, transferring the probate work to the circuit courts; the creation of a circuit court of appeals, and the creation of eight new circuit judgeships.

It is argued that the saving by the abolition of the office of county judge will more than offset the added expense to result from the eight new circuit judgeships, and in addition the outlying counties will be better served by the circuit courts.

According to the bill the circuit judges will be apportioned as follows:

Baker, one judge; Clackamas, one judge; Clatsop and Columbia, one judge; Coos and Curry, one judge; Crook and Jefferson, one judge; Douglas, one judge; Grants and Harney, one judge; Malheur, one judge; Jackson, one judge; Josephine, one judge; Klamath, one judge; Lake, one judge; Lane and Benton, two judges; Linn and Marion, two judges; Gilliam and Sherman, one judge; Morrow and Wheeler, one judge; Umatilla, one judge; Union and Wallowa, one judge; Wasco and Hood River, one judge; Washington, one judge; Yamhill and Tillamook, one judge; Polk and Lincoln, one judge, and Multnomah, six judges.

The proposed circuit court of appeals would be given jurisdiction over all cases appealed from the circuit court in which amounts involved are not over \$500, and where titles to property, and a number of other points are not involved. The state would be divided into two districts. In each district the court would consist of three circuit judges to be named by the chief justice of the supreme court. In the first district the court would sit in Portland, and in the second district it would hold sessions in Pendleton.

### MAX FIGMAN IN "THE MAN ON THE BOX" AT THE STAR



### ARKANSAS STRIKE LEADERS PLEAD GUILTY TO PLOT

FORT SMITH, Ark., Jan. 20.—Seven defendants in the Prairie Creek coal mine conspiracy cases pleaded guilty when they appeared for trial in the federal court here today. Among those who entered the plea were Peter R. Stuart of McAlester, Okla., former president of the United Mine Workers of America, district No. 21, and Fred W. Holt of McAlester, former secretary of the district union.

The others who pleaded guilty were James B. McNamara, former member of the city council of Hartford, Ark.; James Slankard, a former constable of Hartford township, and Clint Barris, Sandy Robinson and John Manick, miners. All of the men were charged with conspiracy against the government. They will be sentenced this afternoon.

The government entered nolle prosequi in the case of W. W. Roberts, former manager of a telephone company at Mansfield, Ark., and eleven other defendants. The case of John Edwards, a merchant of Hartford, Ark., was left on the docket without action by the court.

The action of the seven defendants who entered pleas of guilty and that of the government came as a surprise. Three hundred witnesses had been summoned and it was expected the trial would last several weeks.

Today's action probably brings to an end the trouble in the Prairie Creek mining district.

McNamara this afternoon was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary and fined \$1000—the maximum sentence. Slankard and Holt were given six months in jail and fined \$1000 each. Barris, Robinson and Manick were sentenced to six months in jail and fined \$500 each. Stewart was fined \$1000, but was given no jail sentence.

### SOISSONS BATTLE SCARED SINCE ROMAN CONQUEST

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 20.—“Ever since the beginning of history in western Europe, Soissons, storm center of the most bitter fighting of recent weeks in the western war theater, has taken a prominently chronicled part,” says a statement issued by the National Geographic society today. “Before the Roman tide, directed by Julius Caesar, flowed over Gaul, Soissons, then a metropolis in a nation of twelve cities, was the capital of the warlike Sueviones, one of the most powerful peoples in Gaul. Divitiacus, one of their kings, had even managed to extend his authority beyond the sea, among the Britons.”

“Soissons is a small town picturesquely situated among well-forested hills, on the left bank of the Aisne. It lies 65 miles northeast of Paris, and constitutes one of the links in the chain of French second-line defenses. The region all about Soissons is agricultural, and the city's trade is mostly in grains, vegetables, livestock, leather and forest products. Manufactures of the place are not of great importance; they consist of leather, foundry products, flannel and cotton cloth and farm implements. There are extensive lumber yards in the city.”

**Importance Waning**

“The one-time importance of Soissons has long been waning. The siege, bombardment, sack and brand of war have been repeated often in the experiences of the city, and seem at last to have sapped its will for further growth. One of the oldest cities in France, there are very few cities in the republic which have seen more rugged battle service.

“It was known as Noviodunum to the conquering Romans. Under Roman rule, it became a strategic point in the Empire's northern defense. It was here that Clovis obtained, in 486, his famous victory over the Roman general, Syagrius, which expelled Rome from Gaul and brought in the Germans. Soissons became capital of the Frankish kingdom, but soon resumed its position as borderland between the Latinized German of the Frankish kingdom and the Germans of beyond the Rhine.

**Famous Old Abbeys**

“There are a number of monastic old abbeys in Soissons, and private buildings of centuries ago. The royal abbey of Notre Dame, now a barracks, was founded in 669; that of St. Medard, of which little now remains, was founded about 569 by Clotaire I. At one time this abbey was among the most powerful in France. Its abbots coined money, and were lords of more than 200 villages. One or two meager fragments are all that is left from its ancient splendor.

“Soissons has taken part in all the wars of France. It stood with the Gauls against the Romans, until King Galba submitted to Caesar, when the German onslaught south began, an onslaught which, for Soissons, has lasted, with more or less lengthy periods of respite, for nearly 2000 years.

### DARKEN GRAY HAIR, LOOK YOUNG, PRETTY

Grandma's recipe of Sage Tea and Sulphur darkens so naturally that nobody can tell.

Almost everyone knows that Sage Tea and Sulphur, properly compounded, brings back the natural color and lustre to the hair when faded, streaked or gray; also ends dandruff, itching scalp and stops falling hair. Years ago the only way to get this mixture was to make it at home, which is messy and troublesome. Nowadays, by asking at any drug store for “Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Hair Remedy,” you will get a large bottle of this famous old recipe for about 50 cents.

Don't stay gray! Try it! No one can possibly tell that you darkened your hair, as it does it so naturally and evenly. You dampen a sponge or soft brush with it and draw this through your hair, taking one small strand at a time; by morning the gray hair disappears, and after another application or two, your hair becomes beautifully dark, thick and glossy.

## PAGE Theatre STAR

WEDNESDAY  
**Child Thou Gavest Me**  
 One Part  
**The Deacon's Son**  
 One Part  
 EARL BONNER JACK BONNER  
**Saved by a Watch**  
 One Part  
 MISS FLORENCE CLARK, Violinist.  
**Mysterious Black Box**  
 One Part  
 MISS CAROLYN ANDREWS  
**Man From the Sea**  
 Two Parts  
 COUSIN MITTLBERGER  
**Athletic Family**  
 One Part  
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### BRITAIN ASKED TO EXPLAIN HOLD-UP

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—The state department has requested of the British embassy information of why the American steamer Greenbrier, from New York to Bremen with cotton under certificate of the British consul at New York, was stopped by a British cruiser, sent under the British flag to a British port and detained two days before allowed to complete her voyage to Bremen.

### COMMUNICATIONS

#### Favors Sugar Beets

To the Editor:  
 The leading members of the beet sugar committee have stated that I am opposing the establishment of a beet sugar factory and that I am exerting my influence to defeat their efforts in securing the required acreage necessary for the establishment of such a factory in this valley.

I desire to state in answer to this charge that I am not opposing and never have opposed the erection of a beet sugar factory. Neither have I used my influence with other landowners to prevent their signing up beet sugar acreage.

On the contrary, I am heartily in favor of the erection and operation of such a factory, providing sufficient acreage of the proper kind of soil for growing sugar beets can be obtained.

I consider that the intensive cultivation which would be necessary for the successful growing of sugar beets and the consequential rotation of crops would more than double the productive value of the land upon which the beets were grown, to say nothing of the sugar beet pulp for stock-feeding purposes.

I have not signed up any acreage. My reason for not doing so is a business reason purely, which I consider good and sufficient, and has no bearing whatever with my opinion as to the great value which the successful growing of sugar beets would be to the land owners of Rogue River valley.

But I wish to add that I am opposed and shall continue to oppose the establishment and operation of the district system of irrigation, and the consequential bonding of landowners in Rogue River valley. It is plainly evident that the laws governing the aid of land owners located in arid regions, and I consider the invoking of these laws for the establishment of the district system in the Rogue River valley as unjust in principle and impracticable at this time.

Yours very truly,  
**FRANK E. UPTON.**  
 Central Point, January 19, 1915.

### 400 SAVED OUT OF 2500 POPULATION

ROME, Jan. 20.—Next to Avezzano, one of the places to suffer most from the earthquake was Ortucchio, a few miles from Gioja de Marei, where less than 400 people were saved out of a population of 2500. In the church, which was a large edifice, there were between 300 and 400 people when the earthquake came. The priest and the entire congregation were imprisoned under the ruins, as the whole building suddenly collapsed. Only four women have since been taken alive.

Collarmele, 3000 feet up in the mountains, is another of those towns in this part of Italy from which many persons had emigrated to America. Here a thousand persons out of a population of 1500 were killed. The priest in this town perished while conducting services at the altar, and the worshippers, chiefly women and children, died with him. The church is in ruins, but two statues of saints are still standing undamaged.

### STRIKERS UNARMED WHEN SHOT DOWN

ROOSEVELT, N. J., Jan. 20.—The federal commission on industrial relations, now holding hearings in New York City, began today an inquiry into the shooting of striking laborers by deputy sheriffs guarding the Liebig plant. One of the wounded strikers died last night and several others are in a critical condition.

Mayor Hermann declared that he was going to force the settlement of the trouble between the strikers and their employes to an issue. He said he had been asked by a committee of strikers to intervene with their employers for an adjustment of their differences through arbitration.

“I had 150 of the strikers searched for arms directly after the shooting,” he declared, “and not a single weapon was found on any one of them.”

**A Good Resolution.**  
 To help build up Medford payrolls by smoking Governor Johnson or Mr. Pitt cigars.

### VAUDEVILLE ON STAR PROGRAM

Lovers of good vaudeville will have an opportunity to see some of our best local talent at the Star theatre Wednesday night as Mr. Bernard has arranged with several of our best known artists to appear.

Those who will appear are Miss Caroline Andrews, Miss Florence Clark, Earl Bonner, Jack Barry, Cousin Mittleberger and Charles Bartlett, the famous black face comedian.

Vaudeville will be prominent on the program at the Star every Wednesday night and only local talent will appear.

Everyone that can sing or dance and wishes an opportunity to show their friends just how good they are should take advantage of this opportunity and make arrangements to appear on the program.

A number of very interesting moving pictures will be shown and the show will last two hours.

### A STRANGE WOMAN

Madam Winteroth, noted clairvoyant, palmist and trance medium who created such a sensation in our city just before the holidays is back again. All who are interested in their past, present or future, don't fail to see this gifted woman. 144 corner South Central and Ninth streets. 145

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