

Extortion by Aldermen versus Robbery From the Person

The Herald has made some serious charges against men elected by the voters of Klamath Falls to carry on the business of the city. The Klamath County grand jury is now investigating these charges. At the same time the grand jury is investigating a complaint against one, Willis O'Brien, charged with having robbed a friend, a man with whom he had worked and who trusted him. The Herald knows nothing of the merits of the charge against O'Brien, except as informed by officers of the law. O'Brien is now in the county jail.

The Herald does know considerable about the charges against the three city councilmen. The facts have been repeatedly stated. Three men, heretofore well and favorably known in this community, before being elected members. They were the representatives and the friends of the people who had placed them in office. Did they betray their friends just as it is charged that O'Brien did? The Herald is willing to admit that there is but one notable difference in the cases: O'Brien is in jail, whereas Messrs. Savidge, Crisler and Goeller are still acting as members of the Klamath Falls city council.

The Herald has no way of knowing what the grand jury has ascertained after an examination of many witnesses. The Herald knows what several of these same witnesses have sworn to before. Briefly the facts as The Herald knows them are as follows:

The men who operated the Livermore hotel last spring became involved in financial difficulties. They incurred a number of obligations around the city which they were unable to meet. The hotel, with bar attached, was closed up, and, in the course of time, the bar was advertised for sale. James Wheeler was the successful bidder at the sheriff's sale, and took possession. He found himself with a lease, a well-equipped bar and a stock of liquor. There was but one thing lacking. It was a license to carry on business. It was found that it would be necessary to effect the transfer of the city permit from the Livermores to Wheeler. Mr. Wheeler made application to have this transfer made.

About this time a new city council assumed office. Among the new members was Herbert Savidge, a member of the firm of Savidge Bros. The first meeting of the new city council was to occur, and did occur on the night of June 3d. Before this memorable meeting, Messrs. Savidge, Crisler and Goeller, accompanied by Hunter Savidge, a brother of the alderman, and Marion Hanks, visited the Livermore bar in a body liquor license as asked for by Mr. Wheeler.

"Black Bart," the famous California stage robber, was in the habit of enforcing his demands at the point of a pistol. Mr. Wheeler was threatened with unfavorable action by the city council, and three members of that body were present when the threat was made. But Mr. Wheeler did not have the money. He told the newly elected councilmen the truth when he said that he did not know where he could get the money.

Subsequently Mr. Wheeler discovered where he could raise some money, and the word quickly reached the ears of the grafting councilmen. Another meeting was arranged for in the offices of a local attorney. It was then that a compromise was effected and Mr. Wheeler paid \$150 in cash and gave two notes, making the total of about \$800, or about half what the councilmen had originally demanded. This money and the notes were placed in an envelope and turned over to Councilman Goeller, with instructions that, in the event of the liquor license not being transferred as Mr. Wheeler requested the envelope and contents be returned to Mr. Wheeler. But if the transfer should be made, the envelope was to be retained, whether for division or not. The Herald does not know.

But the envelope never again came into Mr. Wheeler's hands, or the contents. At the very first meeting of the new city council, Councilman Savidge arose, and, as one of his first official acts, made a motion that the transfer be made. The motion carried. The money was earned, and, probably, divided in accordance with a prearranged plan.

This question has arisen: In the event of the failure of Mr. Wheeler to comply with the demands of the councilmen in the payment of money, how could the council have refused to have made the license transfer? This is really simple in solution. Some time before the city, by ordinance, fixed the number of saloon licenses to be given at six. Subsequently, however, the White Pelican hotel was completed and an exception to the law was winked at, although the law was never changed. When the Livermore bar was put out of business by foreclosure, it would have been a reasonable argument that the license had ceased and that there was then the legal number of saloons in business here, including the White Pelican bar, but excluding the Livermore bar.

Would it not have been reasonable for a councilman to have advanced the argument that he opposed the granting of a transfer of the Livermore bar license on the ground that by so doing there would be one license in excess of the number allowed by law?

But no one advanced that argument. Councilman Savidge, a member of the party that had threatened Wheeler, arose to his feet and made a motion that the license transfer be made. The records do not show that there was any argument on the proposition, but these same records do show that the vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.

And now for the O'Brien case, which, probably is being considered in the same thorough manner by the grand jury. O'Brien, according to the charges of the prosecutors, was employed in a logging camp. One of his fellow workers was a man named Garick. They both quit their jobs on the same day, and, with money in their pockets, started for this city. Garick was picked up by the police at the depot. He was unconscious, and there was reason to believe that he had been drugged and robbed. He declared that his fellow worker, O'Brien, was the guilty party.

Garick's charge against O'Brien is supported only by circumstantial evidence. The Herald's charges against Councilmen Savidge, Crisler and Goeller are backed up by the evidence of reputable citizens, who have lived here for years, and by the records of the city.

ALLEN PINCHED EN ROUTE SOUTH

YOUNG MAN WHO RAISES CHECK MUST RETURN TO CITY

Long Automobile Ride in the Direction of California Does Not Avail Man Who Is Charged With Having Raised a Check Originally Calling for \$2 to \$200—Barnes Will Bring Prisoner Back

Robert Allen, well known here as a prizefighter, was arrested in Blount last night on telegraphic advices from this city. He is charged with raising a check from \$2 to \$200, and securing the money on it. Allen was raised in this section. He is a descendant of some of the original Americans.

Robert Allen, charged with raising a check from \$2 to \$200, is being held in the city jail at Blount, Calif., awaiting the arrival of an officer from this county to take him in charge. He was arrested there last night, and this afternoon Sheriff Barnes, who has just returned to the city with L. B. Rich, will start south for the prisoner tonight.

It is charged that Allen, having received a check from D. P. Shook for \$2, raised it to read \$200, and then persuaded R. H. Butts to cash it. It is said that although Mr. Butts knew that he had been made a victim of a crooked deal, did not report the matter to the authorities until several hours later. In the meantime Allen secured an automobile at the White Pelican garage for a trip to Shovel Creek, near Klamath Hot Springs, and just across the California line. L. Smith, the driver of the car, was induced to take Allen on into California. The auto party arrived at Ager and left, north bound, about twenty minutes before word was received there from the sheriff's office. The auto party went to Hornbrook.

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COONS WATCH OVER THE BODY

MOTHER OF MRS. JACK JOHNSON IS GIVEN A SHOCK WHEN SHE SEES THE BODY OF LOVED ONE IN STRANGE COMPANY

CHICAGO, Sept. 13.—Prompted by her mother's love to claim the body of her daughter, Mrs. David Terry of Brooklyn arrived here this morning to arrange for the burial of Mrs. Jack Johnson.

The mother declared that she believed her daughter to have been insane. Jack Johnson met Mrs. Terry at the station, and took her to his home, where the body lay surrounded by negro watchers. Mrs. Terry would not say whether or not the body would be buried in the family plot in Brooklyn.

WILSON FAVORS THE COMMONER

MEETING IS ARRANGED BETWEEN DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE AND THE NEBRASKA LEADER

NEW YORK, Sept. 13.—The first meeting of the campaign between Bryan and Wilson will be in Lincoln in October. Wilson has announced that he and Bryan will address a big gathering of Nebraskans then. Wilson will go to Indianapolis, where he will address the conservative congress on the 3d. He may speak in Omaha and Des Moines. Wilson on his return to Sea Girt said that he was well satisfied with the result of his visit to Syracuse. He refused to make a statement on his refusal to have his picture taken with Murphy and Dix, but made it plain that he did not intend to permit them to claim that they had his endorsement.

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Caminiti Seeks Job United Press Service SACRAMENTO, Sept. 13.—Senator Caminiti announced today that he is a candidate for the chairmanship of the democratic state convention. It is believed that he is certain to be chosen.

Balloting Delayed United Press Service LOS ANGELES, Sept. 13.—The choice of a meeting place for the 1913 convention of the G. A. R. was not made today.

PROTEST MEET IS ARRANGED

IT IS EXPECTED THAT HAYWOOD WILL ADDRESS A HUGE PROTEST MEETING TO BE HELD IN UNION SQUARE TOMORROW

NEW YORK, Sept. 13.—Complete arrangements have been made for a general parade tomorrow of Industrial Workers of the World members to protest against the imprisonment of Ettor. A meeting will be held in Union Square, and it is planned to have Haywood address the meeting.

Nogi and Wife Take Lives to Pay Respect to Mikado

Famous Japanese General Shows His Devotion by Committing Hara Kiri. Wife Follows His Example. Students Are Hurt When Hall Collapses

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CUNNINGHAM IS DECLARED LOSER

BALLINGER-GUGGENHEIM EPISODE IS FINALLY ENDED

Group of Claims in Alaska Is Declared Forfeited by the Government, and \$50,000 Paid in by the Claimants Will Go to the People—Fraud Is the Reason Given by the Government for the Drastic Action.

JUNEAU, Alaska, Sept. 13.—The register of the land office here has received orders from the general land office in Washington that there has been placed on record in the capital the cancellation of thirty-two of the so-called Cunningham coal claims in Alaska. The reason for cancellation was fraud. According to the instructions received here, the lands are to become a part of the public domain, and the \$50,000 paid into the United States treasury by the Cunningham claimants is forfeited. This decision thus ends the Ballinger-Guggenheim affair.

Teddy Roasting United Press Service POCATELLO, Idaho, Sept. 13.—Colonel Roosevelt took it easy here today. He delivered addresses here and in Blackfoot to good crowds.

Will Hold Window Sale The Ladies' Aid Society of Grace M. E. church will hold a window sale tomorrow at the Monarch Grocery. At that time they will offer for the delectation of the general public a specially prepared, home cooked line of cake, pie and chicken. There will also be salads and home made candy.

ANOTHER SCRAP IS REPORTED

SANTA DOMINGO IS SAID TO BE THE SCENE OF AN INSURRECTION—STATE DEPARTMENT REFUSES TO DENY OR AFFIRM

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 13.—Reports have been received here that there has occurred an outbreak in Santo Domingo. The state department refuses to either deny or confirm the reports. It is reported that the cruiser Des Moines will be ordered to the scene.

SNOW DOES NOT BOTHER YOUNG

LOCAL AUTOMOBILE DRIVER TAKES PARTY TO CRATER LAKE IN SPITE OF FALL OF 'THE BEAUTIFUL'

George D. Hauptman, accompanied by Miss McDonald and Miss Simms of San Francisco, made a trip to Crater Lake Thursday and return in spite of the snow. They were in a car driven by Carl Young. "We had to push our way through about nine inches of snow up near the rim," said Mr. Young, in describing the trip, "but we got there."

W. O. SMITH IS BEFORE JURY

PUBLISHING COMPANY IS CALLED ON TO TESTIFY—PAUL JOHNSON IS ALSO CALLED

W. O. Smith, president of the Herald Publishing company, was summoned as a witness before the Klamath county grand jury this afternoon. Up to a late hour this afternoon Mr. Smith had not concluded his testimony. Immediately after the noon adjournment of the jury Bailiff Low appeared at The Herald office and served a subpoena on Mr. Smith, with instructions to be within call at 1:30.

The first witness to face the county inquirers this morning was F. R. Old, a local business man, who had been a creditor of the Livermores. He was a witness Thursday afternoon, but the grand jury wanted to hear more of his story, so he was recalled. This afternoon, in addition to Mr. Smith, the grand jury will hear the testimony of J. A. Maddox and W. Paul Johnson.

L. B. RICH IS NOW IN JAIL

SHERIFF BARNES MAKES A DEAL WITH HIS PRISONER

Expense to the County Is Saved by the Action of County Official in Using Diplomacy in Order to Bring Back to This City Man Charged With Having Too Many Wives. Hearing Has Been Delayed

L. B. Rich was escorted to a cell in the county jail this morning. Last night he was kept a prisoner under guard in the Hotel Hall, in accordance with a promise made by Sheriff Barnes. This morning Barnes instructed his deputies to lock the prisoner up, and from now on Mr. Rich will receive his mail in the county jail.

L. B. Rich, accused of having too many wives, was brought back to this city last night by Sheriff Barnes. His arrival had been predicted by The Herald last night, and there was a crowd at the depot to witness the return here of the former Klamath Falls business man. Deputy Sheriff Marion Barnes met the train with an auto, and hurried up town with his father and the prisoner. They stopped at Keller's cafe, where the sheriff and his prisoner ate at the lunch counter. A curious crowd gathered outside and blocked the sidewalk in an endeavor to get a glimpse of Rich. Last night Rich slept under guard in the Hall hotel, a promise made by Sheriff Barnes thus being fulfilled. When the sheriff arrived in Dunsmuir, where Rich was arrested, the accused had already made arrangements to fight extradition. An attorney had been engaged and habeas corpus papers were already drawn up. Sheriff Barnes held a consultation with Rich, and the attorney who had been engaged. Finally the sheriff convinced Rich that a legal battle

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