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John Pierpont Morgan Succumbs to Prolonged Strain; Passes Away Quietly at His Hotel in Rome

COMPLAINING WITNESS GONE; SUIT DROPPED

BENCH WARRANT ISSUED FOR STATE'S INFORMANT

After jury is empaneled for the trial of Jack Berry, Fort Klamath man, the suit is dismissed by Judge Benson, and efforts are now being made to locate missing Mexican, the complaining witness.

Where is Joe Montz, the complaining witness against Jack Berry, who was charged with gambling?

This is a question that has been in the minds of court attaches here since this morning, when Montz failed to appear at the trial of Berry. He is believed to have left the country, and a bench warrant has been issued, following the dismissal of the charge against Berry by Judge Benson this morning.

From information given by residents of Fort Klamath called here as witnesses, the disappearance of Montz was for fear of his own safety, as they declare that his accusation of the Fort Klamath saloon keeper is another case of the "pot and the kettle." Several of them declare that it was the intention of the defense to prove that Montz had hatched up a case against Berry, and that Montz is guilty of introducing liquor on the Klamath reservation, of gambling on the reservation, and of mutilating currency.

It is the declaration of Wood River men that Montz, after furnishing liquor to an Indian and getting him intoxicated on the reservation, won the Indian's chaparral, saddle and bridle, besides over \$100. The Indian gave Montz a check for the amount, it is alleged, and this was cashed at Fort Klamath, following which Montz became "ripping" drunk. He declared that this money was won from him in a poker game by Berry.

Sunday afternoon Montz met the Indian he had won from at poker, and asked him if he would testify in court.

Says Personal Work is Needed at Present

Frank Ira White Says Klamath Falls is Falsely Represented to Many, and Citizens Must Get Busy

The Klamath country is a region that is much misunderstood by Portland people, according to Frank Ira White, this city's most renowned booster, who returned Saturday evening from a visit of several months in the Rose City, Eugene and Vancouver. Mrs. White will return in a month. "The general impression prevails that local realty values are prohibitive, but generally speaking, this is not so," said Mr. White. "It is true here, as every place, that certain property is held at too high a price by the owner, and the sooner this is realized the better off the city will be. Klamath Falls has been greatly misunderstood by many home-seekers, and to correct this much personal work of education is necessary. There

MANY GOING TO DANCE AT KENO

ARRANGEMENTS ARE COMPLETED FOR A LAUNCH SERVICE ON FRIDAY EVENING—DANCE TO BE A GRAND AFFAIR

A dance that is attracting more than usual interest here is to be given Friday evening at Padgett's hall at Keno. A good orchestra has been engaged, and in addition to dancing a supper will be served. Arrangements have been made with Telford Brothers to operate a fleet of motorboats between this city and Keno Friday evening for those wishing to attend the hop.

BANK ON TRIAL IN LOCAL COURT

SELECTION OF JURY COMMENCED IN ACTION OF TRUSTEE AGAINST AMERICAN BANK AND TRUST COMPANY

Work of selection of a jury to test the merits of the action of Harold C. Merryman, trustee of the estate of O. M. Hector, bankrupt, against the American Bank and Trust company to avoid preference, was commenced late this afternoon, following the dismissal of the Berry case.

In his complaint Merryman alleges that the banking house collected in full a note for about \$1,050 from Hector within four months of the time he went into bankruptcy. Merryman asks that the money be returned to the estate, and the bank receive its pro rata with the other creditors.

William H. Shaw is attorney for Merryman. Charles F. Stone and Jasper J. Barrett appear for the bank.

Charles Snowgoose of Keno was among this morning's visitors in the county seat.

E. R. C. Williams, who is here as a juror, spent Sunday at the Williams ranch.

BULLETIN NEWS FLURRIES WALL ST. MARTS

MANY FRACTIONAL LOSSES REPORTED AND INTENSE EXCITEMENT PREVAILS—LONDON DISCREDITED THE REPORT

United Press Service NEW YORK, March 31.—Following the receipt of the news of Morgan's death, the stock market opened in a flurried condition, and intense excitement prevailed on the floor for some time. A number of fractional losses were reported. There is no indication of serious losses.

LONDON, March 31.—It was evident at the opening of the market this morning that the death of Morgan was discredited.

The Morgan issues opened slightly weaker. There were several fractional losses, but they were early recovered.

MILITIA SEIZES THE GOODS OF GREEDY GROCERS

ATTEMPT TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF SITUATION FAILS

Miserly Souls Would Advance Prices on All Food Stuffs, But Government Confiscates Entire Stock and Turns It Over to Relief Committees—The Grocers Will Be Paid a Legitimate Price Some Time in the Future

DAYTON, O., March 31.—On account of grocers raising the prices on all food stuffs to an exorbitant figure, the entire stock of groceries in the city was today confiscated by the military authorities and soldiers were placed on guard. The supplies will be turned over to the relief committees for distribution, and an accurate account will be kept of all goods so distributed.

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News of Financier's Death Held From News Agencies

SPRAGUE TAKES MANY FISH EGGS

OVER 150,000 RAINBOW EGGS HAVE BEEN GATHERED BY FISCIATORIAL EXPERT WORKING AT SPENCER CREEK

Over 150,000 rainbow trout eggs have been collected at Spencer Creek by L. Sprague, the fish expert, who is here to secure rainbow trout fry for distribution throughout the state. He is having remarkable success with his improvised method of securing the spaw.

Bona P. Alexander, who has been visiting Klamath Falls for a few days, left Sunday for the Malin district, where he is teaching school.

Financier is in Coma When Life Departs

Wife, Son-in-Law and Family Physician are at Bedside. Pujo Investigation too Great a Strain

CONCERT NUMBER WILL BE FEATURE

PIANO SELECTIONS AND VOCAL RENDITIONS WILL BE AMONG THE NUMBERS AT THE KINGSLAY ENTERTAINMENTS

Splendid concert programs are to be a part of the entertainments by Bruce Gordon Kingsley at the opera house Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Mr. Kingsley is a pianist of considerable note, and he will render difficult compositions each evening.

In addition, Mrs. Mottram will render vocal numbers. She possesses a rich dramatic soprano.

Besides the concert numbers, views of European centers of music and of the celebrated singers of the day as they appear in "Faust," "Parsifal" and other productions will be shown. These will be supplemented by Mr. Kingsley's conversational travelogues, which are highly interesting.

The larger cities of Southern California have been delighted with the Kingsley concerts, and a number of return engagements have been necessary, and he has been greeted with the same success in all of his stops northward.

Klamath Falls and Medford are the only towns between Sacramento and Portland to be favored with the appearance of Mr. Kingsley.

ROME, March 31.—John Pierpont Morgan died four minutes after midnight at the Grand hotel.

His death follows a week of critical illness. He had been practically unconscious since Wednesday.

The end of the financier's life was peaceful, as he died while unconscious. His wife, his son-in-law, Professor Basil Halli and Dr. Starr, his physician, and other members of the Morgan party were at his bedside to the last.

For several hours before death, Morgan was in a state of coma. Dr. Starr declared his collapse to be due to the strain incident to the financier's appearing before the Pujo money trust investigation committee.

Announcement of the death of Morgan was withheld from the reporters until private cables were sent to the Morgan homes in London and New York.

John Pierpont Morgan was born at Hartford, Conn., April 17, 1837. He was educated in the English high school of Boston and in the University of Göttingen, Germany. He began his business career in the banking house of Duncan, Sherman & Co., New York city. In 1860 he became the agent and attorney in the United States for George Peabody & Co., and later member of the firm of Drexel, Morgan & Co., of which his father was also a partner. By the death of the older members of the firm he became the head of the firm, and its name was changed to J. P. Morgan & Co. He also controlled the firm of Drexel & Co. of Philadelphia.

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Klamath Falls Praised by State Food Commissioner

W. B. Duncan Declares This City Has the Best Hotels and Markets Between Portland and San Francisco, and one of Best Creameries in State

"Klamath Falls has one of the best creameries in the state, and its hotels and markets are the best I have seen between Portland and San Francisco."

This is the declaration made this morning by W. B. Duncan of Salem, deputy dairy and food commissioner, just before his departure for Salem. Mr. Duncan has been here several days inspecting the hotels, slaughter houses, dairies and markets, weighing butter, etc., and getting acquainted with local conditions.

"I find that in this city you have one of the finest creameries in the state, and Messrs. Mills and Johnson have every reason to be proud of their establishment. The building is ideal for a sanitary creamery, and it is kept spotless, while the butter,

which is up to standard in every way, has made a market for itself on its merits in Portland. The dairymen and farmers who supply the creamery express themselves as highly pleased with the treatment accorded them.

"Generally speaking, this is one of the cleanest towns in the state, so far as the condition of dairies, markets, hotels, etc., are concerned. I was greatly surprised at the thoroughly sanitary arrangements at Straw's dairy when I visited it, and the other dairies I inspected were also in fine condition. I was informed that the dairymen have decided to raise the percentage of cream in the dairy milk supplied Klamath Falls people, which is already up to the state requirements.

"This trip was largely an educational journey, in order to acquaint

the new dairy and food commission with conditions throughout the state, and I must say that my visit to the Klamath county has been a revelation to me," continued Mr. Duncan. "You have an ideal dairy country here, and it is destined to become the foremost dairying center in the state.

"The farmers and dairymen of the county are to be commended on their determination to start right by using only the best strains of dairy cattle. An investment in inferior grades would only be a hindrance in the development of dairying, the coming industry of the Klamath country."

Mr. Duncan stated that the commission is ready to co-operate with Klamath people in any way possible. He expressed a belief that another inspector will visit here within a short time.

ANOTHER POTATO CAR IS LOADED

SECOND SHIPMENT OF KLAMATH TUBERS TO START SOON FOR FLOODED MIDDLE WESTERN DISTRICTS

Work of loading a second carload of potatoes for the relief of the food and tornado victims in the Middle West was carried on today by the students of the high school.

The potatoes were furnished by Elmer Applegate, who announced that he would donate 500 sacks to the cause.

Home From the Springs

Fred Melhase and Gus Melhase returned to Klamath Falls Saturday night from Tucson Springs, near Red Bluff, where the former has been undergoing treatment. Mrs. Fred Melhase went from Red Bluff to Oakland, where she will visit relatives. Mr. Melhase declares that the springs have great curative powers, and he will return there in a short time. Both brothers say that conditions in the Northern California towns are decidedly more quiet than in Klamath Falls, and, as usual, they pin their faith to the future of this city.

Palsma Leaves Hospital

Ed Palsma, who was shot through the leg some time ago, was discharged from the Blackburn hospital this morning. Palsma was practicing target shooting with a .22-calibre pistol in a Worden logging camp when the weapon accidentally exploded, injuring his leg.

MRS. SIMONDS CALLED BEYOND

WELL KNOWN LOCAL WOMAN SUCCEUMS TO PNEUMONIA. FUNERAL WILL BE HELD TOMORROW AFTERNOON

Mrs. J. J. Simonds, for nine years a resident of Klamath Falls, passed away Sunday afternoon at the Blackburn hospital, death being due to pneumonia. Mrs. Simonds was a native of Georgia, and was 57 years old. She is survived by her husband, who has local property interests.

The funeral services will be held from the chapel of the Whitlock undertaking parlors tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rev. J. B. Griffith will conduct the services.

Mangel-Wurzels Will be Raised at Malin

Root Crops to be Planted by Many Bohemian Farmers. Settlement is Busy Preparing Ground

Although the spring season has already started, residents of Malin, the Bohemian colony south of Merrill have already commenced the work of preparing the soil. On every farm the thrifty farmers are busy plowing, disking and harrowing, to be in readiness for early planting.

"The Malin farmers are perhaps earlier this year than any other section of the county, and they will be in readiness to plant at the earliest possible moment," says County Superintendent Fred Peterson, who visited that section last week. "Several informed me that they are going to

plant a great deal of root crops, such as beets and mangel wurzel."

The mangel wurzel is one of the most nutritious foods for cattle, and the planting of big acreages indicates that the Malinites are going to continue the work of purchasing shorthorn dairy cows for their farms. The mangel wurzel is also said to have a tendency to draw out any traces of alkali a soil may possess. Quite a number of Malin farmers have purchased good stock of dairy cattle this year, and others are contemplating early purchases. A number of new barns are being built for the new cattle.