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BECKER IS CHARGED WITH MURDER AND FIVE OF HIS TOOLS ARRESTED

LEADING SPORTING MEN OF THE CITY HAVE ALREADY FLED GRAND JURY STILL AT WORK

Three Gamblers Confess and on Their Statements Becker Was Arrested--Grand Jury and District Attorney Busy and Any Hour May Bring the Indictment of a Score of Police Officials and Citizens Alleged to Have Been Connected With Them in the Grafting Which Led to the Murder--New York Is Agape Over the Scandal.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE] New York, July 30.—Forced to action by the arrest of Police Lieutenant Charles Becker, as the alleged plotter of the murder of Herman Rosenthal, the culmination of the New York police-gambling-murder scandal, Mayor William J. Gaynor completely reversed himself today and signed a resolution that the board of aldermen probe the alleged grafting conditions which are said to eat like a cancer into the civic life of the city.

between the police, gamblers and other lawbreakers, and probably will unmesh a number of "higher ups." District Attorney Whitman today re-examined "Bald Jack" Ross, "Bridle" Webber and Harry Vallon, the three gamblers on whose confession Becker was arrested.

FOUNTAIN TO SPOUT ONE HOUR

HAS NOT BEEN OPERATED BECAUSE NOT FORMALLY ACCEPTED--THIS WILL BE DONE SOON AND FOUNTAIN OPERATED ONE HOUR EACH EVENING.

As an indication of the appreciation Salem people have for the electric fountain, we have but to call attention to the large crowds that gather in Willson park every evening, in anticipation of the beautiful display. Sunday night over 2000 people gathered, but the fountain was inactive.

A \$200,000 JUDGMENT RENDERED

JURY FIXES VALUE OF WATER-POWER OF SANTIAM OVER WHICH SUIT AROSE AT THIS SUM—DEPONDANTS WANTED \$979,200.

A verdict of \$200,000 was awarded the Hammond Lumber company by a jury last night in Judge Kelly's court in condemnation proceedings brought by the Willamette Power company to secure power and water rights on the Breitenbush and Santiam rivers.

Fight for Free Tolls.

Washington, July 30.—Five members of the house committee on interstate commerce who have led the fight for free passage through the Panama canal for American vessels, announced today that they would stick out for free tolls even if it takes all summer.

A MOVE TO BEAUTIFY THE CITY

ORDINANCE PASSED REQUIRING ELECTRIC LIGHT POLES TO BE MOVED TO ALLEYS--ORNAMENTAL POSTS FOR RAILWAY.

When the city council last night adopted a resolution whereby the Portland Railway, Light & Power company must remove its poles and wires in the business district from the main streets into the alleys, it took the second important step towards making Salem a "city beautiful."

THE JUDGE IS LISTENING TO THE LAWYERS

In Department No. 1 of the circuit court this morning the case of L. J. Adams against C. L. Dunn, being an action for money alleged due on a promissory note, the jury returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiff for \$228 and \$25 attorney's fee.

Discovers the Cause.

Boston, July 30.—After four years of investigation, Dr. Phillips Shepherd of the Harvard Medical school, is certain today that he has isolated the microscopic infectious virus that attacks the spinal cord and causes infantile paralysis.

FRANCHISE TO THIRD READING

Only Minor Changes Made in It --Mayor's Fight for Widening South Twelfth Street, Which He Wins, Causes the Change.

TO PAVE SOUTH TWELFTH

Committee Reports Remonstrance Against Paving South Twelfth Street is Insufficient and City Attorney is Ordered to Draw Up Contract for This Improvement--Division Street Will Also Be Improved--Cement Sidewalks Ordered.

After a long and tedious discussion in relation to the re-draft of the franchise of the Portland, Eugene & Eastern Railroad company last night the council finally passed it through its second reading, and it is now ready for final passage, and it is possible that a meeting may be called during the week to enact it into a law.

CHICAGO READY FOR CONVENTION DELEGATES ARE ALREADY ARRIVING

Beveridge for Governor.

Indianapolis, Ind., July 30.—Former United States Senator Albert J. Beveridge left for Oyster Bay today to submit to Colonel Roosevelt the speech he is to make at Chicago as temporary chairman of the Progressive national convention.

WILL TRY TO COMPEL PAYMENT

MONMOUTH NORMAL WILL BRING MANDAMUS PROCEEDINGS AGAINST SECRETARY OF STATE TO COMPEL PAYMENT OF APPROPRIATION.

Advices have been received here that the Monmouth Normal School board in the next few days will begin mandamus proceedings against Secretary of State Olcott to compel him to pay an appropriation of \$50,000 made for the school by the last legislature, but against which bill the referendum has been invoked.

PREACHER RESIGNS BECAUSE OF BILLIARDS

Pendleton, Ore., July 30.—Because he is a billiard expert and his congregation thought the "Bible ivory balls belonged to the devil" the Rev. Frank Milnes, a Presbyterian minister here, has resigned. The pastor told his flock if he could have his way there would be a billiard table in every American home.

DIVORCE MILL PUTS BIG GRIST THRU HOPPERS

For the purpose of hearing testimony in several divorce cases a special evening session of Department No. 2 of the circuit court was held last night. Those receiving decrees are the following: Frank G. Goebel from Irene H. Goebel, the charge being desertion; Della Kightlinger from E. M. Kightlinger. She was allowed to resume her former name of Huffman; Margaret L. Young from William R. Young she being awarded the custody of their three-year-old child and the father was ordered to contribute \$15 a month for its support; Nora E. Gore from Whitney E. Gore, she being allowed to resume her maiden name of Cuzzart; Ella M. LaFore from Robt. L. LaFore. She will resume her maiden name of Lemmon.

A NEW ORLEANS DEMOCRAT TO BE PERMANENT CHAIRMAN NEW YORK MAN TO NOMINATE

William A. Prendergast, of New York, Will Place Roosevelt in Nomination and Governor Johnson, of California; ex-Governor Garvil, of Rhode Island, and Judge Ben Lindsay Will Make the Seconding Speeches--Beveridge, of Indiana, to Be Temporary Chairman, and He Will Make the Keynote Speech.

Chicago, July 30.—Preparations for the National Progressive convention, which assembles at noon next Monday to nominate a national ticket, are complete. It was believed that an evening session would be held the first day to effect permanent organization.

Chicago as a possibility for the place. The Program Arranged. Oyster Bay, N. Y., July 30.—After a three hours' conference here today with Colonel Roosevelt, Senator Joseph M. Dixon, of Montana, who directed Roosevelt's campaign for the Republican presidential nomination, announced that John Parker, a New Orleans Democrat, had been selected for permanent chairman of the "Bull Moose" convention, which meets in Chicago at noon Monday.

OUR BEN IS GOVERNOR OF OREGON

ASSUMED THE REINS OF GOVERNMENT YESTERDAY AT NOON WHEN GOV. WEST CROSSED THE IDAHO LINE

Ben W. Olcott, secretary of state, became also governor of Oregon yesterday at noon, when Governor West crossed the Idaho line, and his first exercises of the prerogatives of the office occurred today, when he honored a requisition issued upon the governor of this state by the governor of New Jersey.

FIREMEN QUIT THEIR POSITIONS

BLAKE BECK, ENGINEER OF STEAMER, AND PETE GRABER, OF THE CHEMICAL, RESIGN--ROW WITH CHIEF THE CAUSE.

Two resignations from the fire department were accepted last night by the city council, and the significant feature about them is that it shows that the council intends to allow no insubordination in the department and that it intends to uphold the chief in his actions.

TWO DIVORCES GRANTED TODAY.

In Department No. 2 of the circuit court this morning Judge Galloway granted two divorces. Laura Fox was given a legal separation from Balaam Fox, on account of desertion.

Some Costly Ice Cream.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE] Sullivan, Ind., July 30.—Two men are dead here today and three others fatally injured as a result of a revolver fight at a church social, starting over the payment for a plate of ice cream. More than 100 shots were fired.

AMERICA'S POSITION TO BE DEFINED

Washington, July 30.—Consideration of the resolution defending America's exact attitude regarding the acquisition by foreign powers of naval bases on the Mexican coast will be made tomorrow by the senate foreign relations committee. It is expected that the resolution, which expressly forbids any foreign power establishing such a base, will be adopted.

Died of Lockjaw.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE] Colfax, Wash., July 30.—Mrs. Fred Schreiber, aged 24, today of lockjaw, caused from an injury received July 24 in an automobile accident, when the car in which she, her husband and baby were riding backed down an embankment.

Must Muzzle Dogs.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE] Portland, Ore., July 29.—The city council today passed an ordinance that all dogs allowed to run at large shall be muzzled. If signed by the mayor, the ordinance will not go into effect for 30 days, on account of falling to pass the emergency clause.