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## "DOOK" ROSSI IN TROUBLE

### His Countrymen Who Have Been Advancing Funds Call Him a Fraud.

It would appear from recent developments that "Dook" Rossi, the heir to untold wealth, in the mind of his press agent, had not yet connected with his credit book and was still chasing over the country at the expense of countrymen of his who have been led to believe that the fortune was real. It seems likely that he will either be declared insane or be ranked as one of the shrewdest swindlers that the country has ever seen. At any rate he has suddenly left Spokane en route for San Francisco and he left just in time to avoid arrest as a common swindler on a warrant sworn out by one of his victims who advanced money for the trips that Rossi has been making on the strength of having recently fallen heir to millions and a title to an Italian dukedom.

Concerning the latest developments of the "Dook" Rossi-Spokane-Review has the following:

"Italians in Spokane and Lewiston, Idaho, are asserting that Joseph Rossi—Duc di Rossi, nobleman, grandee and alleged heir to \$54,000,000—is a faker and owes sums varying from the conventional \$5 loan to a board bill. A warrant has been obtained from Justice Hinkle for the arrest of Rossi on the charge of obtaining money under false pretenses.

"Peter Jacoy, who owns a cigar, candy and news store at Sprague avenue and Washington street, said last night:

"This fellow owes me and my brother, St. Jacoy, \$22 for board, a bill that he has owed us for more than two years. Other Italians have told me that he has borrowed small amounts from them—from \$1 up. He also owes my brother for money advanced.

"I am satisfied that Rossi has lost his mind through telling this story of his vast wealth. There is a grave doubt in my mind that his real name is Rossi. One thing is sure; and that is that he followed the trade of a tailor in Lewiston. I believe that Rossi assumed the name of Rossi, which is a prominent name in Italy, and that he has told the story of his wealth so often that he believes that he is Rossi and is a rich man.

"One thing that seems strange to me is that if he went to Italy and was officially honored as the duke succeeding his father, that he did not raise enough money while there to pay the many little obligations he had contracted in this city.

"I have not yet found an Italian who knows of his own knowledge that Rossi is the rich man he claims to be. He is simply a shrewd talker. In my mind he has gone insane—or is a shrewd imposter.

"Italians from Lewiston, who arrived in the city Saturday claimed that Rossi had borrowed money from different members of the Italian colony in that city on the representation that he was about to come into the vast estate in the old country. Salvatore Marandy, one of the men from Lewiston, claimed to have advanced Rossi \$690 and that sum has not been returned, and it was Marandy who caused the warrant to issue for the arrest of Rossi. The police were looking for Rossi yesterday, but learned he was out of the city."

### A New Mining District.

The citizens of Orogrande held a meeting recently for the purpose of organizing a new mining district, says the Elk City Mining News, with the boundaries marked as follows:

From the mouth of Crooked river for the northeast corner; thence down the south fork of the Clearwater river to the mouth of Ten Mile creek; thence up Ten Mile creek to the east side of the Robbins mining district; thence southerly along the east side of the Robbins mining district two miles below Fish Lake, on Lake creek; thence easterly on an air line to the summit between Big creek and Crooked creek of Dixie; thence northerly to the Red river divide; thence northerly along the divide between Relief creek and the divide at the head of Deadwood creek to the mouth of Crooked river and place of beginning.

Orin Lamb was recommended for deputy mining recorder for the new Orogrande district, which was petitioned for and will no doubt be granted by the commissioners at their present session.

## ACTIVITY ON THE ELECTRIC LINE

### Col. Spofford Secures Right of Way Into Nezperce.

Nezperce, July 25.—Colonel Spofford, of the Lewiston & Southeastern electric line was in the city yesterday and closed the deal on some valuable pieces of property on the right of way into this place. Deeds were given him yesterday from the Fair association and from Jake Mowrey. This covers the immediate entrance into the city, and Colonel Spofford assured the people that the line would be built, and that the actual construction would begin in a month. He is in the country near here today closing with the farmers on deeds to the right of way along the proposed route for the Nezperce branch.

### Young Man in Trouble.

J. L. DeBaum, a citizen of Juliaetta, has sworn out a warrant for the arrest of Morris Cochran, a young man well known throughout this section, charging him with obtaining money under false pretenses. It appears that Mr. Cochran some time ago canvassed the country over for a land company in California and secured advance payment on the sales he made. It is said that he exhibited a number of photographs of the property showing it to be well watered and under a splendid irrigation system. It is contended by the alleged victims that no such improvements exist as were shown from the pictures and that the parties who were induced to buy have been swindled to the extent of the advance payments made.

Quite a number of people in Nezperce and Latah counties made purchases and between 15 and 20 thousand dollars it is claimed were secured by Mr. Cochran through these investments. Since it has become apparent that gross misrepresentations were made steps have been taken by the parties interested to have Mr. Cochran, who is now in California, brought to Idaho to answer to the above mentioned charges. The accused young man's parents reside at Juliaetta and are said to be highly respected citizens of that place.

## MONTANA LAND FRAUD CASES

### Uncle Sam Begins An Active Campaign on 53 Indictments.

Helena, July 25.—The case of the United States against R. M. Cobban and 52 others under indictment for perjury and subornation in connection with western Montana timber frauds, were called for trial today before Federal Judge Hunt. These cases in which the government alleges lands were procured under the stone and timber acts with the understanding that they were to be turned over to the agent of Senator William A. Clark, in whose possession they now are. The lands are valued at nearly \$1,000,000, and the indicted persons include men in every walk of life.

### Temple Theater Re-opening.

The Keith Stock company re-opened the Temple theater last night with "The Glass of Society," a society drama of artistic value, full of life and humor. Each act was received with numerous curtain calls by the appreciative audience that fairly filled the theater. It is also well to mention that the theater was comfortably cool and affords more conveniences in these warm evenings than any other amusement place in the city. "The Glass of Society" is a splendid play on the order of "Fleeta," "Senator's Daughter," and other society dramas played by the Keith Stock company. It is from the pen of Grundy and is elegantly staged by Mr. Layne, who plays Prince Rowarsky with emphatic strength. Mr. Morris as Macadam was very funny, as was Mr. Phillips as Prior Jenkins, the busy newspaper man. Mr. Wheeler as Colonel Trevanion was at his best and good work was done by Mr. Kenfield. Miss Walton as Mrs. Trevanion was excellent, her work being highly artistic in every way. Miss D'Avra and Miss Jordan were also contributors of excellent work. In all the entire production was the best that we have had in many a moon. "The Glass of Society" will be followed by "True Irish Hearts," an Irish drama made famous by Andrew Mack and Chauncy Olcott. It promises to be a production different from any seen here before.

On Saturday evening the company will inaugurate a novelty in the form of amateur night. On this night any one desiring to test their talents will be given the opportunity to do so by placing their names with Mr. Phillips. On Saturday afternoon a matinee will be given for the ladies and children and on Sunday evenings the company will lay off. The prices are the same as ever, 10, 20 and 30 cents. Thursday evening "True Irish Hearts."

## BRIDGE SITE SELECTED WILL RUSH CONSTRUCTION

### Plans Sent to Washington---Government Must Approve Bridging of Navigable Streams ---Preparing to Rush Work.

Engineer Kittering of the O. R. & N. lines, was in the city yesterday and it was learned from him that the site for the bridge crossing the Clearwater had been definitely determined. In fact, two sites have been selected and the maps and surveys and all other data have been forwarded to the war department for approval. The Clearwater is a navigable stream and the government must approve any bridge or other obstruction placed upon the river. For this reason two sites were selected giving the government a choice to avoid any delay if objection was offered. When these plans are approved a definite announcement will be made and the work of construction rushed as the building of the bridge will consume more time than the construction work of the road itself.

It is now definitely understood that construction will begin both at Lewiston and at Riparia as soon as camps can be established and men secured for the work. The contractors realize that it will be difficult at this time when the harvest demand for laborers is so great to get a full supply of men. In this event it is thought that work will be confined to the Riparia end of the line but when the harvest rush is over camps will be established at the Lewiston end and all work of construction rushed. Mr. Erickson, of

the firm of Erickson & Peterson, who have secured the contract, is to be in the city this week to look over the route and establish camps where he can place the construction equipment on the ground in order that there may be no delay when full crews of men can be secured.

Developments of the week concerning the plans of the Northern Pacific for the location of the branch from Lewiston to Grangeville point to the Culesac route rather than to the Waha route. That is judging from the movements of the several engineering parties. A line from Grangeville to Ilo via Cottonwood seems to have been definitely chosen and from thence to a point near Woodside from which point a connection either with a line to Culesac or one to Lewiston via Waha can be made. The Culesac grade is announced as being the heaviest, being 3 per cent at the maximum, while the route via Waha can be negotiated with a maximum of 2.2 per cent. As a choice it would seem that the Waha route would be the one taken even in addition to the better grade the territory opened up would be more productive of traffic, but the movement of engineers for the week shows more activity on the Culesac line.

### NOW IN FULL BLAST.

#### Headers and Combines May Be Seen in Operation Almost Any Place in Walla Walla County.

Harvesting on the Eureka flat and throughout the Walla Walla country generally is in full blast says the Union. Headers and threshers and combines can be seen in operation in every direction. The present season has been an exceptionally favorable one and the reports from the first fields in which threshing has been done more than confirm the predictions and anticipations of two weeks ago. It has been predicted that Oregon and Washington will together this year produce 56,000,000 bushels of wheat, but if the harvest in other sections exceeds the predictions to the extent that it has in Walla Walla county the fifty-six million mark will be far outstripped. The market in this city has not as yet properly opened, but it is practically certain to be stared at or near 70 cents per bushel. It is understood that the first sale of the season at Pendleton for No. 1 bluestem was made on Wednesday at 72 cents. While this sale was made to a mill, it is a pretty good criterion that the market will not go much under that figure for some time, and 70 cents may be considered as the opening price for No. 1 bluestem throughout this section of the Inland Empire.

### No Fear of An Ice Famine.

There was a temporary ice famine in Lewiston last Saturday and an ice famine with the thermometer at 103 is no joke. An accident at the plant of the Lewiston Fuel and Ice company caused loss of a tank of ammonia and temporarily put the plant out of business. The company sent at once for a carload of ice from Cocolala and had it ready for distribution Sunday morning and all the people who were not served Saturday were furnished ice Sunday. The plant is now running and full capacity, ten tons per day, and there is but little fear of a famine. "The local demand till the hot wave came on was about four tons per day but now is more than seven tons," said Mr. Latimer, "but we will be equal to any emergency and can fully supply the trade."

Dr. Boston has returned from his ranch in the Potlatch country and will shortly reopen his dental parlors in this city.

### Editors Ahead of Lawyers.

There is said to be one editor in heaven. How he got there is not positively known, but it is conjectured that he passed himself off as a minister and stepped in unexpectedly. When the dodge was discovered they searched the realms of felicity in all its length and breadth for a lawyer to draw up the necessary papers for his ejection but they could not find one, and it is supposed he is still holding the fort.

## THE BABY IS A LINGUIST

### Develops That 3-Year-Old Has Been Taught Finnish.

Monessen, Pa., July 22.—Little Marie Ashland, three years old, has been the cause of a great deal of worry to her mother, Mrs. Jules Ashland, and the mother has been the cause of much annoyance to little Marie.

For some time Marie has chattered all day long and got angry when no one answered her. But every sound she uttered was unintelligible, and Mrs. Ashland wondered if the baby was never going to talk like other children of her age.

During the three years of her life the child has been thrown almost entirely in the company of Mary, a Finnish nurse girl. Mrs. Ashland's alarm increased one day when the little one failed to talk. She summoned an expert on diseases of that part of the throat. The doctor came yesterday. It happened that he is able to understand the Finnish language. No sooner had little Marie been presented to the doctor than there followed a great tirade of Finnish from the baby mouth against the mother.

The child was mad as a hornet. She did not hesitate to tell the physician so in the only tongue that she knew—Finnish. Her mamma would not talk to her, and her little heart was almost broken.

She had been associating so long with the Finnish nurse girl that she learned that language and no other. The nurse girl is looking for a job.

### City Sheds and a Dwelling Destroyed.

Sunday afternoon the city sheds and residence of Nathan Branch, on F street, were consumed by fire. A number of small boys were boiling eggs on the premises and it is supposed the flames originated by sparks from the fire they had kindled. As soon as discovered a fire alarm was turned in and the fire company was soon on the scene and by hard work confined the flames to Mr. Branch's dwelling and the city sheds. A light breeze was blowing from the west which fanned the flames and for a time other residences in the immediate vicinity were in danger of being destroyed. The fire however was kept under control but was not extinguished till the city sheds and one dwelling were in ruins. The loss to the city will be considerable probably between five and six hundred dollars, as there was quite a large amount of equipment of the street and water departments stored in the sheds, most of which were lost. The city's loss is partly covered by insurance. Mr. Branch lost most of his household goods and carried no insurance. The building was owned by F. J. Henze, and was insured sufficiently to cover his damages. Mr. Branch's loss is estimated at \$400.

### American Women in London.

London, July 24.—The Society of American Women in London has devised a scheme whereby scholarships for women similar to those of Cecil Rhodes may become a reality. The plan provides that in each of the 46 states of America two women, making a total of 92, may be awarded scholarships in one or other of the English universities where they may absorb the learning and the culture England has to give. The society hopes to secure the cooperation of the General Federation of Women's clubs of America in carrying out the ambitious project.

W. S. Hullin returned this morning from a trip to his ranch near Colfax. He states spring grain in that section has been damaged to some extent by the hot weather, but that all fall sown crops are in excellent condition. He has several acres of oats which he says is slightly damaged, but thinks they will average 75 bushels. Before the hot weather he estimated the crop at 80 bushels per acre.

The Christian Endeavor societies are making arrangements for an ice cream social to be held in the basement of the Presbyterian church Thursday evening. An interesting program is being prepared and all who attend are assured of a good time.

Ed. L. Wiggins has opened his new cigar store at 276 Main street. The store is neatly fitted up with club room in the rear and will be called the Grand cigar store. Henry Payne and Walter Addison will conduct the business for Mr. Wiggins.

Mr. Crossman, of Culesac, is in the city on business today. Mr. Crossman recently sold his mill at Culesac and has just returned from a visit with relatives in New York state.

A daughter of J. Fortin, of this city, who arrived a few days ago for a visit with her parents, was a passenger on the steamer Spokane Monday on her way home.

The old saying that a man must die to beat a life insurance company certainly does not apply to the parties who drew those princely Equitable salaries.

## DAMAGE IS OVERESTIMATED

### Late Sown Grain Hard Hit, But Will Recover if Rain Should Come Soon.

There has been a week of terrific heat and the first reports from the grain country were that great damage had resulted especially to the late sown spring grain. But the heat wave has broken and the weather outlook is for showers and cooler weather. Farmers in the surrounding territory now say that the damage was over estimated and that showers and cooler weather would leave but little damage even to the late sown spring grain.

The damage has been confined wholly to the higher altitudes. For a radius of 20 miles about Lewiston there is no damage for the crop was fully matured and past the damaging stage. In the upper mountain and prairie countries the damage was at first estimated at half the late crop, but these figures are now modified as the special reports today from Nezperce, Ilo and Westlake justify.

### Cooler Weather at Ilo.

Ilo, July 25.—First reports of damage to the late spring grain now seem over estimated. The country needs a good rain and if that can come soon the damage to the late grain will be only nominal and the farmers will have a good harvest. Under the intense heat the grain looked bad but it revives easily and with a good rain and cooler weather would make almost a full crop. All the fall grain is beyond damage. Haying is in full swing and the crop is splendid. It is cooler and cloudy today and indications point to thunder showers.

### CROP DAMAGE OVER ESTIMATED

#### Nezperce Prairie Country Has Not Suffered to the Extent at First Reported.

Nezperce, July 25.—The hot wave seems to have been broken and the farmers now are in a position to estimate better the results. The crops that have suffered most are the late sown wheat and the flax. The latter is just in bloom and will be injured materially. Farmers who have late spring wheat say the crop is not damaged to the extent that was at first reported. After the intense heat has gone the crop looks better and a good rain followed by a week of cooler weather would so revive the crop that the damage would be but little. Farmers will wait a short time before condemning the crop and cutting it for hay. In some places this will be necessary but if rain comes most of the crop will be saved with but little damage.

This is the report for the Nezperce prairie section but on the mountain in the vicinity of Woodside and Westlake the damage is said to be more considerable and the crop there is cut badly and will have to be put in hay to be saved. The early spring and fall grain, the bulk of the crop of this section, is not damaged by the recent intense heat, being fully ripened and matured before the heat came.

### The Morphine Route.

An inmate of the red light district who went by the name of Jenny, died yesterday morning at about 11 o'clock. The cause of death is attributed to chronic morphine and cocaine poisoning. She claimed she began the use of the deadly narcotics last March since which time she had been a constant user of the drugs. The deceased it is understood, has relatives residing in Oregon who have been notified of her death. The funeral will be held at 2:30 this afternoon from the undertaking parlors of C. J. Vassar, and the remains interred in the cemetery on the hill.

### Open a New Reservation.

The great Untah reservation will be open for homestead entry August 26 although registration will commence at Grand Junction, Colorado; Price, Provo and Vernal, Utah, on August 1 and continue until August 12. The procedure necessary to secure lands in this greatest of government reservations is outlined in detail in a pamphlet just issued by the passenger department of the Denver & Rio Grande railroad.

G. W. Temple, of the Lewiston Mercantile company, returned this morning from a trip to his old home in New York.