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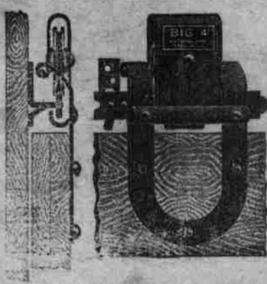
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DEARTH OF STEAM OUTFITS IN THIS WHEAT BELT.

In One Neighborhood There Will Be 2000 Acres in Stack and Not a Machine in Sight.

For some reason or other there is a dearth of threshing machines, both steam and horse power, in this section of the great wheat belt. Many theories for the cause of absence of the big harvesting outfits are being advanced by the farmers of this neighborhood, who are becoming anxious to see their grain in the sack and transported to the warehouse.

One theory is that grain in the Walla Walla valley ripened much later this season than customary and the machines over there are delayed in moving to the wheat fields of Umatilla county early as in former years. Should this be the case it is feared by some that machine men who are threshing Walla Walla grain, may cut out this territory and go to the Palouse, where the grain is now ripening. Another reason given is that outside machine-men have heard overdrain reports as to the number of combines in operation here, and will not come on that account.

"If weather conditions are favorable," said Thomas Defreese, "by Saturday night there will be 2000 acres of grain in the stack on the ranches about mine, and there is not a machine in sight."

OBJECTS TO ASSESSMENT.

Northern Pacific Making a Fight at North Yakima.

North Yakima, Wash., Aug. 4—Jay Sedgwick, tax adjuster of the Northern Pacific, appeared before the board of equalization today and entered a protest against the valuations placed on railway property in this county. The assessment was raised from \$816,940 to \$1,218,245, an increase of \$401,305. Mr. Sedgwick said the assessment was high—higher than in any county in the state except Adams and Lincoln counties.

The assessment of 1903 on right of way trackage was \$6600 per mile. Assessor Coonse has raised this to \$9240 per mile. Mr. Sedgwick said he would be satisfied with \$7920, the amount agreed upon by the assessors of several counties of the state.

M'GRATH IS HELD

UNDER \$2,000 BONDS

Charged By John Bannister With Attempting to Set Fire to a Grain Field and Buildings.

What is considered in Athena to be the aftermath of the Taylor divorce case, took place Saturday in Justice Chamberlain's court. Early in the morning, deputy sheriffs Joe Blakley and W. R. Taylor arrested Richard McGrath upon complaint made by John Bannister on a charge of attempting to burn a field of growing grain, a barn and dwelling house.

McGrath was taken before Justice Chamberlain and a large crowd of interested spectators for preliminary hearing. Judge Fee of Pendleton, in the absence of the district attorney, appeared for the State and private prosecutor, and Will M. Peterson was retained as attorney for McGrath. Monroe Palmer, John Palmer, R. J. Boddy, John Taylor and John Bannister were introduced as witnesses on the part of the State.

When the State rested its case, the defendant waived testimony on his part, and Attorney Peterson introduced an

ore tenus demurrer to the State evidence and strenuously contended that the evidence was not sufficient to sustain an indictment for the crime charged, and asked that the defendant be discharged. He cited many authorities in law to sustain his contention. Judge Fee in rebuttal to Peterson's argument, stoutly contended that the evidence was sufficient to warrant the justice in binding the defendant over to the circuit court.

After deliberation, Justice Chamberlain announced that it was his opinion that an attempt to commit the crime charged had been made, and that the judgment of the Court would be that the defendant be held to answer in the circuit court, and that bail would be fixed at \$2,000. Moses Taylor and George Taylor made the bail for defendant and he was allowed to go free on such recognizance until the convening of the circuit court in October. The case has occasioned considerable comment.

IT IS A BUSY SCENE

MANY MEN DIG AND BLAST ON THE BIG POWER PLANT.

The Solid Rock Bed For the Mammoth Barrel Flume Winds Along the Steep Mountain Side.

There are some surprises in store for the resident who has not been to the south fork of the Walla Walla river for some time, says the Saturday Record. A year ago the few residents of that section were seemingly out of the world, and only semi-occasionally saw a few visitors—mostly fishermen on Sundays. Today there are about 400 men camped along the stream from three miles above the forks to the Roberts place eight miles or more from the junction of the two rivers. The hillsides to the south of the stream going up are alive with men during the day, and the peck, peck of the drill and hammer relieved at times by the reports of blasts remind one of the change over a year ago. One is attracted on arriving at Louie Holsten's place—the jovial old hermit of the Walla Walla—by a large excavation on the hills opposite, about 200 feet above the river. It is here the mammoth reservoir is being constructed from which an immense body of water will drop 200 feet to give life to the great electric light system of Walla Walla, Pendleton, Waitsburg, Athena, Weston and Milton.

From the reservoir southeast along the hillside is seen, like a snake winding in and out along the rocky ledge, the bed for the huge barrel flume that soon will be in place, and men are busy placing the flume and blasting a bed for it. On the Roberts place the dam is well under way and will soon be ready for operation—all waiting on completion of the flume. The poles to Walla Walla and Milton are all placed.

The work of installing the new power will cost in the vicinity of \$250,000, but when it is completed the river will be harnessed, and the electric power for Walla Walla and nearby cities will be sufficient for all time to come for both domestic and manufacturing purposes.

A MOST PITIABLE WRECK

Long Years of Imprisonment Have De-ranked Her Mind.

A London dispatch says the American friends and relatives of Mrs. Florence Maybrick will be shocked to learn that while they are daily awaiting her arrival in the United States she is still in France and in a condition more pitiable than ever has been imagined.

Mrs. Maybrick is now with her mother, Baroness de Roques, in Rouen. It can be stated on absolute authority that her long imprisonment has now affected her mind. She is guarded from the public gaze with the utmost care, not even the servants of the house being allowed to see her. But it is known beyond a doubt that she is so mentally prostrated that her mother feels the greatest alarm concerning her. Indeed it is extremely doubtful if she will ever recover. The long strain of imprisonment, coupled with the nervous tension due to her knowledge that her friends were working in her behalf, proved in the end too much for her to bear, and when at last, after years of waiting and suffering, she learned she was again to become a free woman, she collapsed, both mentally and physically.

ARREST MEN IN BANK

Great Excitement in Sumpter Over Failure—Mayor and Cashier Arrested.

Great excitement prevailed in Sumpter over the arrest of Mayor McColloch and A. P. Gross on the charge of receiving money for deposit in the bank of Sumpter after they knew the bank was insolvent. The arrests were made on the complaint of Phillips, Geddes & Brown, through their representative, J. A. Steanuff, manager of the Sumpter meat market.

Steanuff deposited money in the bank Saturday, and it is claimed that McColloch and Gross knew that the bank was insolvent at the time. It is claimed that J. W. Scriber, president of the First National Bank, A. P. Gross and Mayor McColloch made an examination of the books of the bank of Sumpter Thursday or Friday of last week, and found it was insolvent. There was due to the First National Bank of Sumpter from this bank something over \$1000, which Mr. Scriber drew and turned over to the First National Bank. A. M. Boynton of Whitney claims to have deposited \$1000 on Thursday of last week.

100 DEAD IN A WRECK

Denver & Rio Grande Train Plunges Into a Deep Raging Torrent.

Pueblo, Col., Aug. 8.—The "World's Fair Flyer," the pride of the Rio Grande system, ran into a washout at Dry Creek, seven miles west of here last night, while going at a speed of 60 miles an hour, and fully 100 people were instantly killed or were drowned in the torrent. A cloudburst had occurred on the mountains and washed out the bridge over a dry gulch, the train dashing into 25 feet of water and debris.

The accident is the worst in the history of the Rio Grande railway. Dry creek, where the train went through the bridge, is not far from Butte, where washouts occurred two years ago, crippling the line. Two trains had preceded the "World's Fair Flyer" and had passed over the bridge safely. This train was proceeding at a high rate of speed and dashed right into the disaster.

The water in the creek was 25 feet deep and running like a mill race. When the baggage, smoker and chair car left the track and plunged into the stream, they were swept down four

miles before they ran ashore. In the first coach passengers were standing up in the aisle for lack of seats. It is estimated there were 100 in this car alone, mostly from Denver and Colorado Springs for Pueblo.

Two Pullmans and the diner, on the rear, remained on the track, through the quick action of Colored Porter Sales who, feeling the first shock of the engine strike the chasm, reached up and pulled the emergency cord. The car wheels locked and broke the coupler connecting the chair car and forward sleeper, which stopped with the trucks in the air suspended above the roaring waters.

To add to the horrors of the situation, ghouls robbed the bodies of the recovered dead. The Wells-Fargo safe was found in the wreckage empty and open. Twelve bodies were taken from the Arkansas river at noon, nine miles below Pueblo. About 40 bodies had been recovered at noon. For 20 miles along Fountain creek and the Arkansas river thousands of people are lined along the rivers searching for bodies.

Russia is Called to Time

Washington, Aug. 8.—In forceful but diplomatic language the United States government has declared to the world that it cannot assent to the general proposition made by Russia that coal is contraband of war.

This announcement is made in a circular note from Secretary Hay to American ambassadors in Europe dated June 10, but made public this morning. Hill's international code is quoted to show that during the West African con-

ference in 1884 Russia took occasion to dissent vigorously from the attempt to include coal among the articles named as contraband of war.

Hay further says that it is understood it is Russia's intention to declare cotton contraband. Such a policy, he asserts, would imply that every article of human use might be declared contraband, simply that it might ultimately become useful to belligerents for military purposes.

Jap Naval Guns Open Up

Rome, Aug. 8.—A Tien Tain dispatch says the Japanese, after a prolonged cannonade, have commenced with their naval batteries at Port Arthur and the speedy fall of the fort is inevitable.

Russians Suffer Heavy Loss. Berlin, Aug. 8.—The Tageblatt has received a dispatch from Lia Yung,

dated the 7th, which states that a heavy attack was made on the western wing of the Russian forces north of Hai Cheng.

Many of the Russians wounded were brought there. Alexicoff and Kuropatkin were in Lia Yung on Sunday. It is rumored that Mukden is now threatened by the Japanese.