

IN THE SEVERAL COURTS

FIREMEN'S CLAIMS COME UP FOR HEARING.

Safe-Cracker Long's Bad Record Prevents Him Receiving Mercy, Which the Jury Asked.

The claims against the City of Portland known as the "firemen's claims," came up before the Circuit Court yesterday for final trial. The proceedings were had before Judges Sears, Frazer and George. This is the first case tried under the new law, which was signed by the Governor on Monday, allowing the Circuit Judges of the fourth circuit to dispense with a jury upon the agreement of counsel, and have both the law and the fact tried by one or more of the Judges. The present series of cases being important both to the firemen and the city, it was deemed best to dispense of the whole matter before three Judges, with Judge Sears presiding.

The various claimants were represented by James Gleason, John F. Logan, O. P. Paxton and J. V. Beach. City Attorney J. M. Long appeared for the defense. Upon agreement, the periods of the different employments, the names of the firemen, the amounts of salary allowed by the charter of 1888, the sums actually paid to the men, and the balance due if the legal contentions of the plaintiff are found to be true, were stipulated, as shown in a carefully tabulated statement prepared by W. T. Branch. This was marked as the principal exhibit in the case. The claims amount to over \$20,000. A vital question in the case is whether the claims sued upon were presented to the proper authorities for approval or rejection.

A. L. Powell, who was secretary of the Board of Fire Commissioners under Mayor Frank, testified that W. T. Hume made such a demand, and he recalled Hume about making a demand for back pay. Mr. Powell did not remember all of the particulars, as it was so long ago.

M. M. Bloch testified that a demand was made to the Fire Commissioners and others at different times. At noon the case was adjourned until today, because of illness in Mr. Long's family. Additional evidence will be submitted.

The charter of 1888 provided specific salaries for the firemen, who for years were paid a reduced scale. Mr. Gleason, in his opening statement, asserted that the men whose claims are involved in this suit never signed any agreement to take less than the positive amount provided for by the charter. The city, in one instance, had to pay \$11,000 of these claims under a Supreme Court decision.

FIVE YEARS' SENTENCE.

Burglar Long Does Not Receive Extreme Mercy.

J. A. Long, convicted of cracking the safe of the Blue Mountain Ice Company, was yesterday sentenced to five years in the penitentiary by Judge George. When asked whether he had anything to say why the sentence of the court should not be pronounced upon him, Long arose and stated that if granted a new trial he could establish his innocence. With considerable hesitation, he admitted that he had previously been sentenced to five years in the Salem prison for larceny, and said that he had been pardoned after serving two years. He asserted that he had been on a spree with another man who asked him to keep his purse. When he recovered from the effects of the liquor, he found himself under arrest for larceny, and pleaded guilty. He was questioned whether he had ever been in San Quentin Penitentiary, and, after a considerable pause, answered in the negative. As the sentence was pronounced, Long declared: "That's five times what the jury wanted me to have."

Judge George explained that, while the jury had brought in a verdict of guilty, recommending the prisoner to the extreme

ALTSCHUL'S CASE ARGUED.

All the Points in the Columbia Southern Suit Involved.

The case of Charles Altschul vs. the Columbia Southern Railway et al, was argued before Judge Bellinger on an order to show cause why a receiver should not be appointed. The points at issue in the suit are the same as those in the numerous suits brought by Drake C. O'Reilly against the railroad and its officers. Altschul is a purchaser of 25 shares of stock from Drake C. O'Reilly, a resident of San Francisco, and president of the Willamette Valley and Cascade Mountains Military Wagon Road. The contention of the plaintiff is that the management is endeavoring to wreck the road and divert its resources, and to freeze out O'Reilly and his associates from the road by unjust and unlawful assessments on their stock. The defense holds that O'Reilly and his associates are endeavoring to injure the railroad and its management by bringing these suits against the assessments complained of have been paid by President Lytle and all the stockholders, except O'Reilly. Affidavits have been filed supporting the contentions of each side.

COURT NOTES.

Mrs. Anna Woods was appointed administratrix of the estate of her father, J. L. Smith, deceased, which consists of \$300 cash.

Thomazine P. Scott was appointed administratrix of the estate of her mother, Thomazine Endey, deceased, comprising \$115 cash, notes valued at \$225, and real estate appraised at \$200.

PIONEER OF 1841.

Death of Charles R. McKay, Indian War Veteran.

Charles R. McKay, who died Monday afternoon after a severe attack of pneumonia, was a pioneer of 1841 and a well-known Indian war veteran. He was born January 26, 1825, at Winnipeg, Manitoba. He came to Oregon from Winnipeg at the age of 12 years and resided in the state continuously. He served in the Cayuse Indian war of 1848 as Fourth Sergeant, under Captain Shaw, and on one occasion was the messenger for General Howard in carrying a message to Chief Joseph. He was naturalized at Oregon City in 1849. By trade he was a brick mason and in physique he was large and powerful, being over six feet tall. He was married to Mary Spence September 15, 1850, and later to Mary Cook, who survives him. He leaves three children, J. C. McKay, of Seattle; Mrs. W. White, of 831 1/2 Washington street, Portland, at whose residence he died. He will be buried at Harrison Cemetery. The funeral service will be held at Glencoe, Washington County, Or., Thursday at 11 A. M.

Mr. McKay came from a well-known and highly esteemed family of pioneers, his mother, the late Mrs. Letitia McKay, known as "Grandma" McKay, had been for many years one of the conspicuous figures and was universally beloved for her many kindly acts.

COMMISSION ORGANIZES

OREGON DELEGATES TO BUFFALO ELECT OFFICERS.

A. P. Tift, of Portland, President—Henry E. Dosch, General Superintendent of Exhibits.

The Oregon State Commission to the Pan-American Exposition, at Buffalo, was organized yesterday by an election of these officers, at room 709 Chamber of Commerce building: President, A. P. Tift, of Portland; treasurer, H. B. Thielsen, of Salem; secretary, John H. Burgard, of Portland. Executive committee—E. L. Smith, of Hood River; H. B. Thielsen, and A. P. Tift. Henry E. Dosch, well known as secretary to the State Board of Horticulture,



THE LATE DR. E. P. FRASER.

was appointed general superintendent by the commission to take charge of Oregon exhibits at Buffalo. He will start from Portland about April 1, and will be at Buffalo during the entire exposition, which opens May 1. It was decided to ask that all persons wishing to send exhibits to the Oregon building will communicate at once with General Superintendent Dosch, at his office, 26 Washington street, as the collection of exhibits will begin immediately. It is important that no time should be lost in getting Oregon's exhibit in order, as the journey, by freight, from this city to Buffalo, will take about 13 days. It was explained that the commissioners do not have personal charge of the exhibits at Buffalo, but that they have control of all expenditures incurred. Discussion ensued as to the prospects for exhibits, and General Superintendent Dosch stated that from the number of inquiries already made by intending exhibitors, he felt assured that the exhibit

JOIN NATIONAL VETERANS

OREGON'S SPANISH WAR MEN TAKE ACTION.

Legislature Censured for Not Making Appropriation for the Monument—Memorial Day Observance.

At the second annual meeting of the Spanish-American War Veterans, of Oregon, last night, it was decided to abandon the state organization and join the National Association of the same name. The meeting was held at the Armory, and was presided over by General O. Summers. Adjutant-General Gantenben acted as secretary. Six of the 15 camps of the Spanish-American War Veterans were represented, and about 50 ex-soldiers were present.

MATINEE TODAY.

"Uncle Tom's Cabin" Will Be Given at the Metropolitan.

Such has been the demand for seats for "Uncle Tom's Cabin" at the Metropolitan this week, that the management has de-

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WASHINGTON POSTAL ORDERS.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—A postoffice has been established at Ikonex, Spokane County, Washington, to be supplied by special service from Spokane Bridge. Willis J. Kesinger has been appointed postmaster.

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WANT A RAILROAD SWITCH.

Residents of Montavilla Working for a Spur From the O. R. & N.

The people of Montavilla, through the Sub-Board of Trade, are going to make a vigorous effort to build up that thriving suburb. This organization will resolve itself into an improvement association, as well as being a part of the Portland Board of Trade, and will work to secure material advantages. A number of committees appointed at the last meeting are now working on several matters, chief of which is to secure construction of a switch from the O. R. & N. railway, the main line of which passes a short distance north of Montavilla. This switch is not wanted to extend into the town, but its construction is wanted so freight of every kind may be delivered from the main line. Lumber, coal and wood yards are wanted very much, and if a spur from the main line of the O. R. & N. were built there would soon be established. Much building has already been done at Montavilla and much more is in progress, but

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15 pieces pure Pepsin gum ..... 5c  
3 packages Beeman's Pepsin gum ..... 10c  
Other Gums at Same Price  
Frog in Your Throat ..... 3 for 25c  
"Stop That Cough" Drop ..... 3 packages for 10c

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It is expensive to get lumber delivered so far out. A member of the committee having the switch proposition in hand said yesterday that besides these inducements at least 30 carloads of feed would be required at Montavilla alone, besides the large territory off to the south and east, and on the whole he is confident it can be shown that it will pay the company well to put in a spur north of Montavilla and also a small freight depot. The Sub-Board of Trade will hold a meeting Thursday, March 7, at Odd Fellows' Hall, when a full attendance of the citizens is desired. Besides the switch proposition some other matters of importance will come before the meeting.

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TAKE YOUR CHOICE—THEY ARE ALL THE SAME TO US NOW.

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\$200.00

Second Floor

Here will be displayed some very valuable instruments. A few slightly used Fischers, Ludwigs, a Kimball, Chickering Bros. and a number of brand-new instruments which sell in other warerooms for actually double this amount. They can be seen all together, and anyone can take their choice for just even \$200.00. We exclude Piano dealers from this sale, but all others will be allowed to select from the lot, one or more Pianos, and each instrument will be fully guaranteed.

\$250.00

Third Floor

Here are Pianos that will be a marvel of surprise to all those that see them. High-grade Pianos, some without a blemish, a few somewhat shop-worn, received back from our various agencies, and others taken back from delinquents after being partially paid for. Chickering Bros., Fischer, Steck, Ellington, Hardman, Sterling, Behr Bros., and many other celebrated makes. Just simply take your choice—we don't care now. We are selling out, and May 1st will open up music warerooms in San Francisco.

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Our warerooms will remain open night and day during this sale, and the early caller will get the advantage of first choice. The various floors, however, will be replenished from our wholesale department from time to time as the sale goes on until we have sold several hundred pianos. This is a sale of immense proportions and when it is terminated we hope every home in Portland and vicinity will be possessed of a fine piano. Easy terms given and no reference required.

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