

SHERIFF PULLS A GUN

STREET FIGHT BETWEEN MR. SEARS AND SENATOR MCGINN.

The Sheriff Provokes a Quarrel, and, When Struck, Attempts to Brain His Antagonist.

A personal encounter took place in front of the Worcester block, on Third street, yesterday afternoon at 5:15 o'clock, between Sheriff Sears and Senator McGinn.



The Sheriff Who Drew the Gun.

Third-street entrance. The two men met face to face, and Sears tauntingly said: "Well, you succeeded in sneaking that bill through on me."

Senator McGinn replied: "No, George, I did not sneak anything. The bill passed was one introduced by Senator Butler. It was amended by the committee on revision of laws, and the amendment is in the handwriting of R. H. Wilson, clerk of that committee. Senators Butler and Vandenberg had some changes made, and Representatives Thompson and Paxton can tell you all about the bill in the house."

This explanation in no way appeased the wrath of Sheriff Sears, and he replied: "It was sneaked through, and you are a sneak."

At this Senator McGinn let go his right hand, striking the sheriff in the face. Sears drew his revolver, and, using it as a club, struck McGinn on the head, just behind the left ear, inflicting a slight wound.

Patrolman Church of the police force, at this juncture arrived and separated the men. Sheriff Sears sought refuge in a pawn shop, McGinn in a barber's shop.

Mr. J. H. Hitchings, an attorney, who was walking down Third street with a friend, and saw part of the disturbance, gives the following version: "Mr. Walker and I were crossing over from the Alms-worth bank toward the Worcester block, and he said: 'McGinn must be in bad humor; look at his eyes.' Just then Sears made a step forward, wearing a vicious look, and McGinn struck him, knocking him off the sidewalk on the asphalt of the street. Sears drew his gun, striking McGinn on the head. Then McGinn struck another blow, and Sears raised his gun a second time, but, in trying to hit McGinn, overstepped, and the pistol fell out of his hand and went spinning on the street. I ran to get the weapon, but some one else grabbed it and went into the store. Officer Church took hold of Sears and said, 'Come with me,' and Detectives Holsapple and Griffin grabbed McGinn, pulling the men apart. They were viciously punching each other. Sears was trying to get something out of his pocket, but whether a club, knife or brass knuckles, I do not know. After they were separated, McGinn said to Sears: 'You coward, you!'

"You are the coward, and a second-dreel!" Sears then went into the pawn shop, and McGinn walked toward the street.

STIRRED UP A BIG BREEZE. The incident created intense excitement. It only lasted for a minute or two, but in that time a large crowd had assembled. Further from the scene of difficulty, the story of the encounter was clearly understood until one wild rumor had it that McGinn had been shot. There were a number of witnesses to the altercation, and their stories are substantially the same, although varying some in detail. One man, a friend of Sheriff Sears, states that when the two met McGinn extended his hand, which was refused by Sears. Both men then engaged in a wordy dispute over the bill cutting down the perquisites of the sheriff's office, until blows were exchanged.

WHY THE SHERIFF WAS MAD. Yesterday morning, when Sheriff Sears first learned of the legislative session of the legislature, he was in no evitable frame of mind. In common with nearly everybody else in the city, the first intimation of such a sweeping change in the matter of Sheriff's perquisites was found in yesterday morning's issue of The Oregonian.

FAT OFFICES NO MORE

PORTLAND JUSTICES AND CONSTABLES ON SALARIES.

After the Present Terms of Office Expire, Fees Will Not Go Into the Pockets of Officials.

Another reform measure, in the interests of the taxpayers of Multnomah county, passed on the last day of the recent legislative session, is a bill to amend the act relating to the salaries of justices of the peace and constables, in the city of Portland.

A ROWING CLUB LOOTED

Willamette Men Pillfer the Lockers and Secure Much Booty.

Some efforts have been made to suppress the story of the wrongdoing of E. J. Marshall and Ralph Robinson, youths of respectable parents, who are booked for robbing the Willamette Rowing Club.

For nearly 15 months the members of the club have been complaining that a crook had been about, but recently thefts had become so frequent as to cause general remark. Nearly every locker in the building has, at one time or another, been broken into and its contents removed. The matter was reported to the police, and Detective Simmons set to work on the case. He soon located some of the stolen goods and traced them back to Marshall, and it is said that he even caught both Marshall and Robinson with stolen clothing in their possession.

O. R. & N. CO. WILL CONTEST

The Portage Railway Law Does Not Receive Its Favor.

The Oregon Railway & Navigation Company, so far as has been learned, does not look with much favor on the portage railway bill passed by the legislature. The measure is for the purpose of regulating traffic between Cello and The Dalles. It fixes maximum freight rates, and requires the railroad company to connect its line with boat landings at both places, when any person shall construct the grade and lay ties for the road, the company to operate the line to the satisfaction of shippers.

SENT A DIRTY LETTER.

An Oregon City Man Under Arrest—A Valentine Story.

John Koch, of Oregon City, was arrested yesterday in this city by Deputy United States Marshal Humphrey, on a charge of having sent an indecent letter to Florian Ott, a son of Mr. Ott's, knowing that Koch was coming to this city, followed him to tell the officers where he could be found, and to take home his horse and cart. Mr. Ott, and his son as well, feel very sore on account of the very insulting and indecent letter sent by Koch, and are determined that he shall be punished.

PERSONAL MENTION.

State Senator Brownell, of Oregon City, is in the city. Mr. M. T. Goss, a mining man of Wolf Creek, is in town. Mr. A. H. Imie, an attorney of Kalama, is at the Esmond. Mr. M. R. Hendricks, a grain merchant of Amity, is in the city. Mr. Ralph H. Moore left on last night's train for San Francisco. Mr. T. P. Flak, a well-known attorney of Klamath Falls, is in the city. Mr. George W. Davis, of Salem, secretary of the state school land commission, is in the city. State Senator Maxwell, of Tillamook, is at the St. Charles, taking a rest after his legislative labors. Mr. George W. Hertzog, a banker of Hoquiam, Wash., was among visitors to Portland yesterday. Mr. George H. Croisan, of Salem, one of the leaders of the Marion county democracy, is at the Perkins. Mr. Charles Parrish, a well-known attorney of Canyon City, Grant county, Or., was in the city yesterday. Mr. George S. Nickerson, of Klamath Falls, assistant prosecuting attorney of the house in the legislative session of 1894, is in the city. Mr. O. F. Paxton has gone to Tacoma on business connected with the recent purchase of the electric car line in that city. Mr. Frank J. Streibig, the well-known druggist, will leave for Southern California on tonight's steamer, to be gone for six months. He is in search of health. Captain J. W. Hamaker, commander of troop A, O. N. G., at Klamath Falls, was in the city yesterday securing some equipment from Adjutant-General Mitchell. He left for home on the evening train. Mr. E. L. Smith, of Hood River, speaker of the house in the legislative session of 1894, is at the Perkins. Mr. Smith is one of the many Republicans of Wasco county who regret the defeat of Senator Dolph. He says "it will be some years before our county will send another Coon to the legislature." Mr. H. D. Sanborn returned yesterday from a month's visit to Southern California, via the Oregonian on his trip. S. G. Reed is engaged in laying out magnificent grounds and building a fine residence. Mr. John Green is at the Green house in Pasadena, and is enjoying himself. The weather is very fine, the temperature being 35 a few days since.

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The sunshine discovers shabbiness in the gown that on cloudy days seemed satisfactory.

You may come to select the new spring dress with the full expectation of getting better goods at lower prices than ever before.

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One of our new Spring Ties, special at 25c, will freshen up your winter suit.

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I use Uarda's Bath of Benzoin because it is fragrant and refreshing, because it adds color and softness to the complexion, because it is a Peerless Toilet requisite, and is prepared by the responsible Chemists,

Woodard, Clarke & Co. 50c BOX.

NEW SUITS

The handsomest tailored suits that ever came into our house

ARRIVED YESTERDAY. They include fancy Crepons, Covers and Serges, and show the newest cuts in skirts and sleeves. See them.

Our lines of SEPARATE SKIRTS AND WAISTS Will furnish some of the most stylish toilettes seen this season in Portland.

NEW CAPES—

Received yesterday. Purchase now and have its service for the entire season as well as the satisfaction of wearing the most stylish garment.

OUR SPECIAL SILKS From the manufacturer's auction sale are every one newest styles.

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JUSTICE GEISLER'S COURT

Two Sons Accused by Fathers Are Easily Acquitted.

Jacob Wark, accused by his father of the larceny of a watch, was acquitted in Justice Geisler's court yesterday. The defendant showed the satisfaction of the court that he brought the watch himself, and that his father, who is advanced in years, had a very defective memory and vivid imagination.

Patrick Riley was also in court as a witness against his son, James, whom he charged with stealing \$100. Mrs. Riley testified that her husband, who is a paralytic, gave the money to their son, who, in turn, gave it to her. Young Riley was discharged, there being no case against him.

Henry Boyer, charged with assault with a dangerous weapon on E. F. Clay, was discharged.

At the Y. M. C. A.

Mrs. R. L. Hawthorne, who donated the lot on which the Y. M. C. A. building stands, has also donated to the use of the association the vacant half-block on the north side of the building, and Secretary Johnson will have it inclosed at once. It will be used for tennis ground, croquet and for other outdoor amusements this summer. It will add vastly to the advantage of the association.

Secretary Johnson stated yesterday that the new cycle club, which will be permanently organized Friday evening, will include the West Side members. Secretary Myers, of the head association on the West Side, is greatly pleased with the idea of a bicycle club for the members of the association of the city, and will cooperate with Mr. Johnson in making it a success.

Beld for Seduction.

Harry Ward, a prominent young man of South Portland, was brought before Justice Bullock yesterday afternoon on a charge of the seduction of Kate Metzger, a young girl, 17 years of age. The crime is alleged to have been committed a year ago. The girl is now a ward of the state and is to appear before the grand jury in the sum of \$500, which he furnished.

Miscellaneous Notes.

Milton Sutherland is ill at his residence on East Ash and East Fourteenth streets. He has the mumps.

The society of lumber is interfering with the progress of the work of improving Grand avenue, and is causing considerable delay.

W. W. Brannin, of Pendleton, grand master of Oregon jurisdiction, A. O. U. W., will visit Fidelity lodge, No. 4, this evening, and address the members on the order.

Mr. Joseph Reising, who was recently appointed on the police force, has gone on duty on the south-end beat. He has a large and important territory. Mr. Reising's friends are quite confident he will make a capable police officer.

J. E. Bertel, who has been confined to his room at Turner, from serious injuries received three weeks ago by a fall from a bridge on the Southern Pacific, has recovered and returned to East Portland. He had a narrow escape from being killed.

Martha Washington chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, gave a social on last night at Smith's hall, on East Pine and Grand avenue, for the benefit of the deserving poor of the East Side. A large number of tickets were sold, and the attendance was in proportion.

The ladies of the Woodstock Methodist church are giving for the evening in the Taylor-street church, to raise funds to furnish the church with a new organ. Mrs. R. E. Stansbury, Miss Ina Wright, Miss M. A. Skelton, Misses Cora and Isolde Skelton, Miss Agnes Kelly, Mrs. R. E. Miller, Miss Erminie Switzer, Professor L. H. Creitz and the Aeolian Mandolin Club.

A DEMAND ON M'NEIL.

He is Asked for Copies of His Various Railroad Contracts.

So many petitions and other papers have been filed of late in connection with the O. R. & N. Company, Receiver McNeill and matters connected with the relations of that great enterprise, that the receiver is beginning to find it difficult to understand and keep the run of them. The latest is a notice filed in the United States circuit court yesterday, by James N. Davis, collector for the corporate officers of the O. R. & N. Company, and directed to Receiver McNeill and his counsel, demanding that the O. R. & N. Company be served, through its solicitor, Davis, with copies of all contracts now in force, or at any time existing between Receiver McNeill and connecting roads at and identical with the subject of such interchange of traffic, demand is made for copies of all contracts at any time made, and whether now in force or otherwise, between Receiver McNeill and the Great Northern Railway Company, for an exchange of passenger or freight traffic at Spokane; also for copies of all contracts, if any, existing between the O. R. & N. and the Washington & Idaho, the Oregon Railway Extension Company's lines, the Columbia River & Palouse, or the Walla Walla & Columbia River, and if no contracts have been or are being made in force touching the subject of such interchange of traffic, demand is made for a statement of all divisions which have been made by Receiver McNeill, apportioning the revenues between such lines on business exchanged. Demand is also made for copies of all tariff sheets, regulating the tariff for traffic carried over the O. R. & N. and each of these lines.

Another notice filed by Mr. Davis has been served on the Farmers' Loan & Trust Company and its solicitors, Dolph, Malloy, Simon & Strahan; on Receiver McNeill and his solicitors, Cox, Cotton, Teal & Miter; on the American Loan & Trust

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