

ARE AFTER ANSON

Former Manager of Light Company Sued.

SALEM CONCERN, COMPLAINANT

Charged With Converting Warrants to His Own Use—Accused Says Suit is All Boncombe.

SALEM, Oct. 17.—The Salem Light & Traction Company, which owns and operates the street railways, electric light and power plants of this city, today began an action in the Circuit Court against its former manager, F. R. Anson, to recover \$25,000, which is alleged to have been suffered by reason of defendant's conversion of money and warrants while he was acting as superintendent of the company.

That on and between said dates the said plaintiff, for services performed by it in the furnishing of lights to the city of Salem, to Marion County, and to the State of Oregon, received large payments by way of city, county and state warrants, which were converted by the defendant into cash.

That on and between said 1st day of June, 1898, and said 31st day of October, 1898, the said defendant, F. R. Anson, while so acting as the managing agent of this plaintiff, wrongfully and unlawfully, and with the purpose of depriving this plaintiff thereof, appropriated and converted to his own use of the moneys and choses in action of plaintiff, the sum of \$25,000.

That the wrongful and unlawful conversion of said moneys and choses in action of this plaintiff by said defendant was by means of fraudulent and fictitious entries in his books of accounts concealed from the knowledge of this plaintiff and its officers until on or about the 4th day of October, 1898.

That on the 12th day of October, 1900, this plaintiff demanded of the defendant that he account to and pay to this plaintiff the said sum of \$25,000, by him wrongfully converted to his own use, as aforesaid.

The complaint then alleges the conversion of a county and a city warrant, making the total alleged to have been converted \$25,000, and in part to be due to F. H. Page, of Portland, who is designated as managing agent of the company and who is understood to be the chief stockholder of the company.

F. R. Anson was formerly receiver of the Salem Consolidated Street Railway Company, and was manager of the Salem Light & Traction Company from the time the latter company was organized in 1898 until a year ago. The property of the Salem Light & Traction Company is covered by a mortgage for more than its value in favor of the First National Bank.

A suit to foreclose this mortgage was commenced last Summer, and Anson was made a party defendant on the question of the claim of interest in the property. In his answer Mr. Anson claimed to be the owner of considerable property which the company had been using, and for the use of which he claimed compensation.

Since Mr. Anson severed his connection with the Salem Light & Traction Company, he has secured a franchise for the operation of an electric-light and steam-heating plant in this city, and has begun putting in his plant.

Mr. Anson was seen this evening and asked for a statement regarding the alleged conversion of the moneys and choses in action of the company. He said that proper answer would be made in due time. Continuing, he said:

"It is an attempt to make a showing in the face of my own records of the London & San Francisco Bank's mortgage in the foreclosure suit, in which we have taken every trick in court up to date. The mortgage was in fact for the suit begun today. I am having paid the company funds on debts of the company, contrary to the wishes of the other fellows."

WILL SOW NO LESS WHEAT.

White Salem Farmers Take Up Dairy. Mrs. T. A. Walker, Oct. 17.—Although farmers in this vicinity are giving more of their attention to dairying and are steadily increasing their herds of milch cows, it appears that there will be no material decrease in the wheat acreage that accounts. Because of a partial failure of a wheat crop, the farmers have not lost confidence in this as a wheat-producing section, and they are materially changing their methods, with a view to securing returns from their fields every year. It has been the custom here in the Valley to sow wheat in the fall, once in two or three years. The land, therefore, lies idle half or a third of the time. In the future farmers will gradually adopt the rotation of crops plan for maintaining the productivity of the soil.

Manager George D. Goodhue, of the Salem Creamery company, says that many farmers contentedly raise their summer fowl land produce their feed for cows. That is, instead of leaving a field uncropped one season and plowing it twice to keep the soil in shape, they will sow it to clover or plant corn. This crop will be stored in a silo and will make a succulent food for milch cows at the season when butter brings the highest price. It is generally held that sowing a crop of clover or putting in a cultivated crop, such as corn, is as good as summer fallowing to keep up the productivity of the soil. By raising a crop of summer every second or third year the farmer will be enabled to raise good crops of wheat and also have plenty of feed for dairy cows.

Hops Selling Quite Freely. SALEM, Oct. 17.—Hops are selling quite freely this week, on the basis of 15 cents for choice hops. Sales at less than that price are for hops not up to the requirements of first-class goods. Some of the growers who have been holding for the best prices say they will let go next week. Well-informed persons predict that hops will command 30 cents before December 1, but that time there will be but a small part of the crop in the hands of growers.

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Farmers Waiting for Rain. MINNIVILLE, Or., Oct. 17.—Farmers in this section have about finished sowing their Summer fallow, and are waiting patiently for rain, to be enabled to start the plows in stubble ground.

Grass Good in Heppner Hills.

HEPPNER, Or., Oct. 17.—Grass in the Heppner hills is never better at this time of year than it is at present, and all kinds of stock will be in good condition to stand any kind of a winter.

SWINE PLAGUE IN UNION COUNTY.

Scientific Examination Proves Existence—Symptoms of Disease.

COVALLIS, Or., Oct. 17.—At the county bacteriological laboratories, feet of other fatality among hogs has been investigated, and, as in the cases from Southern Oregon, the malady is pronounced swine plague. The new cases are from Union County, and two hogs are said to be infected. The pathological specimens from which the examination was made were sent to the laboratory by Dr. McLean, state veterinarian. The inoculation, which is done in 24 hours. A fact of interest in connection with the matter is that it is claimed that the infection was taken to Union County in a herd of hogs shipped from the Willamette Valley.

LAUNCH FOR CUSTOM SERVICE.

Bids Will Soon Be Solicited by Collector at Astoria.

ASTORIA, Oct. 17.—Collector of Customs Fox received authority today to have specifications and proposals prepared for a steam launch, to be about 25 feet in length, 12 feet beam, and 4 feet depth of hold, and to have a speed of from 12 to 14 miles per hour. The launch is to be used for the custom service in this district, and \$5000 has been appropriated by Congress for the construction. As soon as the specifications are completed bids on building the boat will be asked for.

REGISTRATION OF VANCOUVER.

Slight Falling Off as Compared With Year of 1899.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Oct. 17.—The registration books of the city closed last night with 530 voters enrolled. This is a slight falling off as compared with the elections of 1898 and 1899, notwithstanding the fact that the registration was held on the 10th of October, and that the number of new men's names since the 1898 election. It is estimated that the registration is short of the actual number of voters in this city by 50. This may be attributed in part to the fact that about 100 persons entitled to register are temporarily absent in the Philippine Islands and Alaska.

FOREST GROVE SCHOOL MATTERS.

Pacific University Anniversary Celebrated—Director Elected.

FOREST GROVE, Or., Oct. 17.—Today was founders' day at Pacific University. An interesting programme was rendered. Fred Meyer, of Durham made an address appropriate to the occasion. The faculty and several of the students also made brief, interesting remarks.

Oregon Notes.

The Scio News says the flax mill recently destroyed by fire in that city will be rebuilt.

E. A. Holmes and John McDonald, of Wallawa, have shipped to Elgin this season 5000 head of hogs.

The total number of carloads of hops that have passed through Ashland over the Southern Pacific is estimated at 100.

The number of livestock in Wallawa County at present is as follows: Horses and mules, 8225; cattle, 12,812; sheep and goats, 14,520; swine, 887.

A Chinese peasant flew into the open door of J. Needham's shoe shop, on Commercial street, Salem, yesterday, and was captured by the proprietor. All Salem sportsmen are now believers in the "open-door" policy.

The assessment roll for 1900 shows the total assessed valuation of property within the corporate limits of Ashland to be \$622,888, and the net valuation \$617,388. The net taxable property in 1899 was \$438,903, an increase of nearly \$200,000.

E. Jennie completed a new county bridge, 75 feet long, over Phelan Creek, near Coquille, last week. He will rebuild the 90-foot approach to the South Umpqua bridge, near Canyonville, and the 100-foot approach to the Hood River bridge, near Canyonville.

A peculiar case of superstition is reported from Hood River. A widow lady named Maria Souer, who, with her five children, was living with her brother, Fred Meyer, near Hood River, died on the 5th, and her brother secured a metallic casket in which he placed the body and set it out in the yard. Coroner Butts was notified that the body had not been buried, and went to Hood River and made an investigation. He had the body brought to Hood River, the casket opened and a thorough examination made of the body before a jury. It was decided that the death had resulted from natural causes, and Mr. Butts had the body taken to an undertaking establishment for burial. But the brother stole the body away, and again deposited it in the yard near his house. Meyer imagined that his whole family had been bewitched, and that some witch or wizard had caused the death of his sister, therefore he will not consent to her being buried.

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For double what they paid, but best of a number of prospects have been supplied with money to push development work, and are much nearer being good mines now than when their stock was listed on the exchange. Among this class of stocks is the Umpqua, which was put on the market at 2 cents, and now the treasury stock cannot be purchased at less than 5 cents.

The Buffalo was started at about 2 cents and is now selling at 5 cents, with a ready market in the East at that figure. Copperopolis has had a good sale at 3 cents, and is now 5 cents, and the board of directors will sell but a little more at less than 5 cents.

Least Horse was started at 24 cents; they are now asking 5 cents for it. These are all Eastern Oregon properties. In the Bohemia district, Helena No. 2 has had a big sale, starting at 35 cents, now 70 cents is asked.

The Oregon-Colorado M. & D. Company is a steady favorite at around 5 cents, and is being developed entirely from sales made at the exchange. Helena and Musick have had big sales, and have increased in price. In Southern

GALLERY OF NEW MEMBERS OF OREGON LEGISLATURE



IRWIN S. GEER, JOINT REPRESENTATIVE FOR HARNEY AND MALHEUR COUNTIES.

BURNS, Or., Oct. 11.—Irwin S. Geer, Joint Representative from Harney and Malheur Counties, was born on a farm near Silverton, Marion County, Or., February 28, 1864. He first attended the common schools of that county and graduated later from the Portland Business College. He moved to Burns in 1880, and engaged in the hardware business, which he has since followed. He is also engaged in the sawmill business in this county, and has other business interests. He was elected County Treasurer of Harney County in 1892 and 1894, serving two terms. He has also served as City Treasurer of Burns for two terms. Mr. Geer received the nomination for Joint Representative from the Republicans, and in spite of the fact that there was an Independent Republican in the field and that Harney County was the stronghold of the Democrats, he carried the district and his own county by a handsome majority. He is the oldest son of Cal Geer, of Burns, an Oregon pioneer of 1847, and is a second cousin of Governor Geer. Mr. Geer and Belle Erb were married at Silverton in 1899. They have four children—two boys and two girls.

IN THE BLUE RIVER DISTRICT.

Shortage of Water for Mining Purposes—Rich Strike on Sunset Claim.

BLUE RIVER, Or., Oct. 17.—The present season has been one of the driest in the history of this camp, and work in the mines has been greatly retarded on that account. Much of the water for mining purposes has been used for domestic purposes. Ponnay Bros. and Dr. Condon's mills are ready to run, but cannot do so until they get more water. Both mills have made test runs and have been found to be satisfactory. Much is expected of the Ponnay mill, which is a new invention, and the one on Gold Hill is the first to be placed in operation. It has a capacity of five tons per day, and if it proves successful in all respects will be a valuable mill for miners with small capital. Its inventors are preparing to operate the mill all winter. Ore is now being sided to the mill.

THE DISTRICT IN GENERAL.

A claim of \$1000 has been filed by the First Bank of Sumpter against the owners of the Ibox mine for money advanced on drafts and other contracts recently brought to a standstill by Arthur Hill, the principal owner. This involves friction between the manager and the other owners, and is no doubt responsible for the cessation of operations.

Mr. Bresnahan, the mining expert, representing "Patsy" Clark, has been looking over the Dresden mine, in company with Frank Grimes, the superintendent. Mr. Clark has often expressed himself as desirous of getting a foothold in this section, and it is to be hoped that he will be successful. He and his associates are the most successful mining men of Washington.

Charles Bamforth, representing the English syndicate that purchased the Little Giant mine several months ago, is in the city paying off all claims against the company. While Mr. Bamforth is non-committal, it is understood that arrangements are being made to start up work at once. The Little Giant has a 10-stamp mill and a good showing of ore.

Stick Bunker, of Seattle, representing Henry Hewitt, Jr., the big lumber man of Puget Sound, has been in the district several days examining properties. He expressed himself as well pleased with the district and promised to return in the near future.

BEGINS ITS FIFTH MONTH.

Oregon Mining Stock Exchange Has Made a Good Record.

Yesterday's call finished the fourth month of active business at the Oregon Mining Stock Exchange in its spacious quarters at the Chamber of Commerce building, and tomorrow will start off for the fifth month of daily calls at 1930 A. M. Several million shares of stock have been sold, and many of the purchasers have been able to sell their stock

extending to Snake River, a distance of 60 or 70 miles, has reached a state of development where there is no longer a doubt that it will in time become the scene of great mining activity. In the vicinity of Tolocoma, upon Catherine Creek, Sparta Springs, Burnmont, Sanger, Sparta, East Eagle, Cornucopia and the Iron Dike mines are thousands of locations of mineral-bearing ores. A few of these have been developed into paying mines, for instance, the Union-Companion mine at Cornucopia employs about 100 men and is operating the property with profit. Others have reached the stage of bullion producers, but on the great majority of claims, only assessment work has been done.

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Wool Market and Election.

McKinley's Success Means Much to Oregon Shepherds.

HEPPNER, Oct. 17.—Hugh Fields, the pioneer woolgrower and owner of the Heppner woolen mill, here, and who expressed the opinion that immediately after McKinley's election wool will begin to move at an advance of 2 cents. In case of Bryan's election (not at all probable) he predicts dire calamity for the wool-grower.

Thousands of sheep pass through Heppner every day now on their return from the mountains. Most of them are now out of the timber, and on Fall ranges along the first tier of foothills.

William Penland today added to the 15000 sheep he already owned by buying 1200 head of lambs from Robert Spencer at \$2.10, and Arthur Union bought 500 lambs from John Ayers at the same price.

Idaho Notes.

The enrollment at Moscow schools numbered 790 pupils, a decrease of 100 from last year. The new school building at Moscow will be finished next month. It will cost \$4000. It is reported that preparations are under way for resumption of work on the Pauper mine.

The Presbyterian Synod of Washington and Northern Idaho will meet in Lewiston next October.

Welder will sell \$45,000 worth of bonds for construction of water works and an electric-light plant.

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CRUSHED BY A LOG.

Fatal Accident to Employee in Logging Camp Near Eugene.

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CHINESE INTERPRETER NAMED.

New York Man Will Temporarily Fill Position on Puget Sound.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.—The Secretary of the Treasury today appointed T. W. G. Wallace, of New York, as temporary Chinese interpreter for the Puget Sound immigration district, with headquarters at Tacoma.

HERMANN LEAVES FOR WASHINGTON.

ROSEBURG, Or., Oct. 17.—Hon. Ringer Hermann took his departure for Washington, D. C., this morning. He will visit the Surveyor-General's office at Cheyenne, Wyo., and will then go to Denver, where he will deliver an address on the campaign issues. He will also stop at Omaha and make a political speech. From there he will proceed direct to Washington.

PENDELTON, Or., Oct. 17.—The Pendleton delegation to the state convention of the Baptist church will strive to secure favorable action on the proposition to divide Oregon into two districts, placing Eastern Oregon in one, Western Oregon in the other. The argument will be advanced that at the present time the work of the denomination is carried on under difficulties, which would disappear were the districts set apart. Expense of traveling by missionaries, clergymen and delegates would be lessened, and a number of other advantages would accrue from the proposed arrangement.

NORTHWEST DEAD.

Mrs. Henrietta De Roboam, of Jacksonville.

JACKSONVILLE, Or., Oct. 17.—Mrs. Henrietta De Roboam, a native of Westphalia, Germany, died at the United States Hotel, in this place Monday night, after a lingering illness, aged 72 years. Deceased came to Jackson County in 1863, and had resided here ever since. She owned and conducted the United States Hotel, and was a woman of considerable means. A husband and two children, residents of this place survive her.

Mrs. William Caughron, of Corvallis. CORVALLIS, Or., Oct. 17.—Mrs. William Caughron died at her home, 39 miles north of Corvallis today. With her husband, she started to Philmont yesterday, but became sick on the way and returned home. Later she suffered a stroke of paralysis, which was the immediate cause of death. Deceased was born in Missouri in 1823, was married to William L. Caughron, in Missouri, in 1857, and crossed the plains to Oregon in 1860.

Mrs. Lucy Howard, of Junction City. JUNCTION CITY, Or., Oct. 17.—Mrs. Lucy Howard, wife of Isaac Howard, died at her home in this place this morning. Deceased was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Dennis, of this city. She was born at Corvallis, in 1851, and was raised in this vicinity. In 1882 she married Isaac Howard, who was a resident of Junction City, and with whom she has since resided. A husband and one son survive her.

IN MEMORY OF W. BYRON DANIELS.

Memorial Services Under Auspices of Vancouver Bar Association.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Oct. 17.—Appropriate memorial services for the late W. Byron Daniels, who died in this city last evening, were held at the Vancouver Bar Association, as a mark of respect to the late W. Byron Daniels. At the hour for convening court, Judge A. L. Miller announced that the regular session would be dispensed with for the day.

Resolutions expressing the highest esteem and appreciation of the life and character of the deceased member were read by Judge George H. Steward, the oldest practicing member of the Vancouver bar, who supplemented the reading with an address. Addresses were also made by Judge A. L. Miller, James A. Munday and others of the Vancouver bar.

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