Henry Meldrum Found Guilty as Charged.

PRISONER VERY NERVOUS

He Winces at Severe Arraignment by Attorney Hall.

GOES ON THE STAND HIMSELF

Attempts to Secure Acquittal by His Own Testimony, but During Cross-Examination Forced to Make Damaging Admissions.

After little more than 30 minutes' deliberation, the jury which heard the evidence against Henry Meldrum, ex-United States Surveyor, who was charged with forgery in the United States Court, returned a verdict of guilty as charged on all of the 21 counts.

The Meldrum trial began Thursday and the speed with which the trial was con-ducted and the verdict reached marked the first of the convictions in the land-fraud cases now pending before Judge Bellin-

All of Wednesday and the greater part of yesterday was taken up by the witnesses for the prosecution. The testi-mony given by the Government witnesses was most damaging, while, on the other hand, those who testified in Meldrum's behalf were few, and beyond testifying to the former good character of the pris-oner, they helped little to clear away the

Hall Clears Away the Fog.

Among the important witnesses for the Government to testify yesterday were Government Inspector Greene and United States District Attorney Hall, who took the stand to clear up the fog which J. W. Hamaker had cast about an interview the Government attorney had with Hamaker when Meidrum's case was before the Fed-eral grand jury. Mr. Hall, by his testi-mony, told of his meeting with Hamaker and swore that Hamaker, on that occa-sion, had told him that the signature at-tached to the jurat of the affidavits was not his own, and that he had not attached the seal to the papers, giving as his reason that he Hamaker, was in San Francisco at he time. It was Hamaker's the time is the witness should be the jurat and the seal had been affixed by him that Mr. Hall tore to pieces when he made his address to the jurat.

by him that Mr. Hall tore to pieces when he made his address to the jury. Inspector Greene's testimony was particularly damaging. He stated that he began the Meldrum investigation in 1802, and among the papers selzed in Meldrum's desk were a number of application blanks for surveys, partially filled out. In some there was no description of the lands, although the settler's name and the notary's certificate were attached. Impector Greene stated that he forward-inspector Greene stated that he forwardne stated that he forwardterior at Washington, all of which sub-

equently disappeared.
At that time Representative Hermann was Land Commissioner, and when the defective applications and Greene's re-port disappeared, so also disappeared telegrams and letters purported to have passed between Representative Hermann and Mr. Meldrum. Greene explained to the jury how he had called on Washington for the reports to use as evidence and that he had received a telegram from the Secretary of the Interior stating that they had disappeared. The telegrams which passed between Greene and Secre-tary Hitchcock were offered as evidence. Greene also described to considerable length the affidavits which he had un-earthed in Meldrum's desk.

Movement for Acquittal.

At the conclusion of the taking of Greene's testimony, Attorney George Brownell, for Meldrum, moved that the court instruct the jury to bring in a ver-dict of acquittal, which was promptly overruled by Judge Bellinger. Then Senater Brownell placed on the witness-stand several prominent Oregon City business men, whose testimony went to prove the honest and honorable character of Mel-

Meldrum next took the stand. He was handed the 18 forged applications for surveys and was asked by his attorney whether he knew by whom they were writ-ten. For several minutes Meldrum scanned the forged affidavits and while was doing so a tense silence fell over courtroom. For the first time the the courtroom. For the first time the accused showed signs of pervousness, and his hands trembled painfully as he turned over the 18 forged applications. Finally after a careful examination he said:

Denied the Handwriting.

No; some of the writing rese mine, but it is not mine. Some of the writing on the first affidavita, that is, the description given of the property, is so much like my handwriting that under other circumstances, I might think I wrote it, but I did not do so. I wrote none of these signatures."

hese signatures." Meldrum also denied having written the Meidrum also denied having written the signatures of J. W. Hamaker, and also of having attached the seal. He also explained the practice of making out applications for making surveys and admitted having often filled out such applications for settlers, but never for lands in Harney County. On cross-examination Mr. Hall forced some damaging testimony from Meidrum, especially where he admitted before the grand jury that he acknowledged his own handwriting in the body edged his own handwriting in the body of the first of the affidavits. He ex-plained that his admission at that time was made because he thought the affidavits referred to land in Lake County,

Hall Makes Strong Plea.

Mr. Hall saved all of his fireworks be-Mr. Hall saved all of his fireworks be-fore the jury for his closing address. He followed Attorney Brownell, who had made a strong plea from a pitifully weak case. After the last witness for the de-fense had been sworn, it was painfully evident that Meldrum's case was hop-lessly a weak one, and but for the bril-lant and smooth argument made by his attorney, the defense would have fallen flat. Mr. Hall, after he became warmed to his argument, tore Mr. Brownell's ar-

ment to pieces and the fragmentary dence which the defense had produced shreds. He roundly scored Notary J. Hamaker and hinted broadly that Ha-

Mr. Hall also hinted darkly at other Mr. Hall also hinted darkly at other exposures in Oregon land frauds, which he said, were sure to follow the conviction of the defendant. His arraignment of Meldrum at the close of his address was severe, and under the stinging words Meldrum winced and lyst his repose. He was extremely nervous while Judge Bellinger was making a most impartial charge to the jury, and he scanned the faces of the 13 men closely as they filed out of the courtroom. He did not wait for the verdict, but left the courtroom with Senator Browsell as soon as the with Senator Brownell as soon as the court adjourned.

DEFIES THE GUARD. Mrs. Montgomery, of Portland, Walks

on the Grass at St. Louis. ST. LOUIS, Mo., Nov. 17 .- (Special.)-

The Post-Dispatch this evening says: "Mrs. Mary Phelps Montgomery, me per of the board of lady managers from Oregon, demonstrated Thursday again that when a woman will she will, and when she won't, she won't. What Mrs. Montgomery did was to walk on World's Fair grass, and what she did not do was to get off when she was told to. Mrs. Montgomery was walking past the Holland building. It was dusty on the walk, and she took to the grass. F. W. Cheeber, a Jefferson guard, said:

"Madam, you must not walk on the

Mrs. Montgomery looked at the dust and determined she would continue to walk on the grass. The guard told her it was against the rules. Mrs. Montgomery said she meant to walk on the grass, and the only way he could stop her would be by arresting ber. Mrs. Montgomery is im pressive and determined. The guard decided that he would not go as far as to arrest her, and she continued to walk on the grass.

ASPHYXIATED IN GAS PLANT Four Employes Succumb as Result of Valve Breaking.

NEW YORK, Nov. II .- Four men were asphyxiated by gas at Dover, N. J., to-day at the plant of the Dover, Rockaway & Port Oram Gas Company. They constituted the entire working force of the plant and were discovered by George E. Bunnell, a former employe, who in visiting the plant found it apparently deserted, with engines running under a full head of steam and scarcely any water in the boll era. After shutting down the engines and attending to the boilers, Bunnell went through the works and found the four men beneath an open trap door in the meter room with the space under the floor filled with gas from a broken valve in the drip wice. in the drip pipe.

The men were William Bulmon, 17 years

of age, employed as a fireman; Elias S. Chamberiain, the engineer; Otto Eld-schum, a painter, and a man known only as Gustave, also a painter.

WILL NOT GO ON THE STAGE Mrs. Maybrick Emphatically Denies All Such Reports.

NEW YORK, Nov. 17.—The Associated Press has received the following commu-nication:

Brooklyn, N. Y., Nov. II .- To the Assoclated Press: Will you kindly do me the kind favor to most emphatically contra-dict any and all statements to the effect that I intend to make a public appearance either on the stage or the lecture plat-form? Permit me to add that in no instance has there been the slightest ground a report. Very truly yours, "FLORENCE E. MAYERICK."

To Build an Oriental City.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 17.—With a capital stock of \$25,000,000 a local comform the present district now known as Chinatown into a residence neigh-

Morning

Amador Relegates Army to Police Ranks.

HEURTAS IS INDIGNANT

Commander-in-Chief Can No Longer Harass President

WILL APPEAL TO ROOSEVELT

Excitement is Running So High That Minister Barrett Has Decided to Ask That an American Warship Remain on Scene.

SPENTAL CARLIE

PANAMA, Nov. 17 .- The discovery by Mr. Lee, the American Charge d'Affaires, of an army plot in which General Huertas, the commander-inchief, was alleged to have been implicated, today led to the relegation of the Panaman army to the police ranks. This was done in accordance with an order issued by President Amador after an open Cabinet meeting, at which this step was decided upon. The informat'on was conveyed to General Huertas by the President who immediately ordered the palace guards withdrawn. In his order to the General, President Amador says that in view of existing conditions, and the presence of American troops, military forces were no longer necessary for the carrying on of the Panaman government. The indignation of General Huertas and his staff is great, but no threats were made and the officers withdrew with dignity.

The General stated tonight that he would immediately inform President Roosevelt of his version of the occurrence, at the same time demanding a guarantee from the United States for the maintinance and its cost of the military establishment of which he considers himself the legitimate head. The General says he has been misrepreented in the dispatches sent by President Amader and other officials to stitutional right to dissolve the army without Congressional sanction. He asserts he is far more friendly to the United States than President Amador, or any member of the present Panaman Cabinet, and more sincere in his avowals of good will. Some trouble is feared in consequence of these happenings, but as outbreaks have occurred the streets became abandoned immediately after the true state of affairs had become known, and many merchants closed their places of business at an earlier hour than is their

Late tonight Governor-General Davis received a request from President Amador for protection for himself and the

The United States Minister called at the palace shortly afterward, and is pany has been incorporated for the purpose of building a model Oriental city and his advisers. It appears from relication the bay shore at South San Francisco and moving the Chinese quarter to that place; and further, to transfer the present district now known eral Huertas has been in a sullen mood

and was evidently no longer among the enthusiastic supporters of the government. That there has been rivalry be-tween the two men is well known, and Huertas would have been more than a match for Amador in the event of conflict. The reduction of the troops to police duty deprives Huertas of his only power, and in order to take up the contest he would be compelled to stigmatize himself by inciting redellion.

AMERICAN WARSHIP LEFT. Minister Barrett Will Be Prepared for

Trouble. PANAMA, Nov. 17 .- The rumored coup Setat by the military elements, it seem was more serious than it was at first thought to be. Minister Barrett, after consultation with the Panama govern ment and General Davis, commander of the Canal Zone, decided to ask Admiral Goodrich to leave one of the warships of the United States Pacific squadron here to prevent any possible disturbance. This morning 200 marines from Empire Camp

arrived here.
General Huertas, the Minister of War has announced his intention to resign, which will clear the political atmosphere. Though disturbances are not feared in the present circumstance, Panama is greatly

UNIVERSITY WILL NOT SUFFER Catholic Institution at Washington Will Secure Plenty of Funds.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—The board of trustees of the Catholic University, which has been meeting here for two days, ad-journed today until the second Wednesday

after Easter.
At the university tonight it was announced that, notwithstanding the Waggaman failure, by which the university will lose at least part of \$7%,600, the work of the institution would go on with even greater vigor than ever before. It was positively stated that no action was taken by the trustees regarding the Marquise de Monstier's letter. Neither that nor the Waggaman failure, it was said, would stop the plans for the upbuilding of the university, and it was intimated that of-fers of financial assistance from Catholics throughout the country had been male. For the present the finances of the insti-tute will be managed by the committee appointed last year. From an authorita-tive quarter it was said that the forth-coming statement will make no reference to the Marquise de Monstier's letter.

TO BRING POWERS CLOSER. French Deputy Proposes a Way to Gain Favor With Britain.

SPECIAL CABLE TO THE LONDON TIMES
AND PORTLAND OREGONIAN. PARIS, Nov. 18.—M. Francols Deioncle. Deputy for Cochin China, who has just successfully piloted the Anglo-French convention through the Chamber of Deputies, is in favor of still closer relations being established between England and France. In order to realize this, it will France. In order to realize this, it will be necessary for Great Britain to grant. France a free hand in Stam in return for recognition by France of Reisel-pilited predominance in Abyssima, Nulla and Muscat, in fact, throughout the whole of Arabba.

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Northern Pacific Officials on a Tour.

COME TO SEE THE FAIR

Exposition Grounds Will Be Visited Today.

A. M. CLELAND PLEDGES AID

General Passenger Agent Interested in Lewis and Clark Fair's Success, and Has Brought Assistants to Learn of Wonders.

A. M. CLELAND ON THE 1905 PAIR.

"I personally have much interest in Fair, and I want my Elastern reprehere, and, to judge from the early efforts what will be the perfected whole, in order that they may be the better prepared to tell the traveling people of

Portland is today the host of every dis trict and general passenger and immigra-tion agent employed by the Northern Patific east of St. Paul, each and every one of whom is anxious and eager to see the wondrous things to be shown in this part of the Nation; all of whom are enthusiastic over what they have seen and on the tiptoe of expectation waiting for the next surprise.

One week ago yesterday A. M. Cleland coneral passenger agent of the Northern Pacific, assembled his district agents from all of the Eastern districts and started on tour of exploration over the Northwest ines of the company in order that his em-loyes might be able to do better work by knowing from personal observation of the wonders of the land along the Western Coast and lying at the terminal of their

tion to take this pleasure journey and last night the party reached Portland at 5:30 pfion committee composed of senting the Lewis and Clark and the Portland Commercial Exposition and the Portiand Commercial Club, and the visitors were taken in a special car to the Portland Hotel, where quarters had been reserved for them.

The committee, upon which were I. N. Fleischner, Jefferson Myers and Oskar Huber, of the Lewis and Clark Corporation; W. H. Wyman, George W. Hazen, W. B. Glafke and W. A. Cleland, of the Commercial Club, escorted the railroad men from the hotel to the Commercial

Reception at Commercial Club. An informal reception was held in the arlors of the club from 8 o'clock until Mr. Cleland's party will meet at the the men representative of the business in-

number of short talks were given, is which were explained to the visitors the different advantages to be found in the Northwest in general and in Portland in northerns.

Oregonian.

Northwest in general and in Portland in particular.

Colonel James Jackson presided over the meeting. He first called I. N. Fleischner, who welcomed the party on behalf of the Lewis and Clark Fair Corporation. He outlined briefly what the Fair meant to Portland and the state, told what was expected by the managers and asked that when the passenger men returned to their districts they would help in any way convenient to them to make the 1906 Fair one of the notable Expositions of the country. Ellis G. Hughes spoke for a short time, taking the City of Portland as his themse. He told of the advantages of Portland from a business, commercial and shipping viewpoint, spoke of its harbor facilities in comparison with those of other cities of the Coast and explained the logical situation of Portland as the center of the com-

viewpoint, spoke of its harbor facilities in comparison with those of other cities of the Coast and explained the logical situation of Portland as the center of the commercial activity of the Northwest.

C. Lombardi treated of the scenic beauties of Portland and vicinity. He called the attention of the passenger agents to the grandeur of the Columbia, to the wealth of forest, expanse of plain and stretch of stream; noted the beauties of the coast and its rugged and picturesque views, the varied scenes of the interior and the sweep of the mountains. All of this he asked that the visitors note for fature use in teiling of the wonders of their trip and of the advantages of the country to future homeseekers.

Whitney L. Boise took for his text the broader range of the State of Oregon, which he designated as the grandest and most beautiful state in the greatest Nation on earth. Mr. Boise reviewed the stand-ing of the state in the manufactures, in agriculture, in mining, stockratising and commerce. From his figures he showed commerce. From his figures he showed that Oregon in proportion to her population was one of the most productive, if not the most productive, state in the Union. He wished all of the visitors to note his statements for use in the future when asked the standing of Oregon, what the state was, did, and would be in the future.

Jefferson Myers addressed the party briefly on the 1905 Fair. He stated it briefly on the 1905 Fair. He stated it as his opinion that Portland perhaps would not have so large a Fair as St. Louis, but a better one in every detail and part. It would have an Exposition showing the cream of all that had been exhibited at St. Louis and more besides, and a Fair which would not have a dollar of debt over it when the gates opened in June.

Mr. Cleland Pledges His Aid.

At the conclusion of the addresses and before the meeting was dismissed Mr. Cleland asked to be allowed to speak his thanks for the reception that had been accorded him and his party.

"I want to express my candid and sincere appreciation of the entertainment that has been shown us since our ar-rival here." he said. "I personally have much interest in the success of the Lewis and Clark Fair and I want my Eastern representatives to see what is being done here and to judge from the early efforts what will be the perfected whole in order that they may be the better prepared to tell the trav-eling people of the East of its beau-ties and its value.

Thave brought all of the passenger

"I have brought all of the passenger representatives from the territory of the Northern Pacific lying east of St. Paul and to the Atlantic Coast in order to teach them the wonders of the Wast. Fom two weeks already the territory of the company in the competitive districts of the East has been without a single Northern Pacific passenger man. This action was long debated and considered and it means much to the company now, but I think that it will mean much good not only for the company but for this country in the future.
"At no time since starting on the

"At no time since starting on the trip has a single man grown tired of the journey; on the other hand, each succeeding day has opened new wonders to all and chained their interest and Russo-Japanese War.

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Today's Programme. At 9:30 this morning the members

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WILL BE NEXT PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL

IRRIGATION CONGRESS

Irrigation Congress in '05 Captured.

BOISE IS ONLY COMPETITOR

Vote Is Two to One in Favor of Oregon Metropolis.

COMMITTEE SELECTS OFFICER

Governor Pardee, of California, in Nominated for President, and E. L. Smith, of Hood River, for Third Vice-President.

EL PASO, Tex., Nov. 17 .- (Special.)

EL PASO, Tex., Nov. 17 .- The third day of the National Irrigation Congress was marked by the reading of a number of interesting papers in the various sec meetings in the morning, a reception in the afternoon in the sister city of Juarez, Mexico, by Governor Enviqua Creel of Chihunhua, the witnessing of a bull fight in Juarez after the reception selection of the next meeting place, and the adoption of many important reso utions tonight.

Portland, Or., was selected as the next meeting place of the congress on the first callot, after two hours of speech-making. Boise, Idaho, was the only competitor The voting was two to one in favor Oregon city, and Portland was finally chosen unanimously on motion of the Boise delegation. Boise and Los Angeles both gave notice that they would ask for

During the day Senator Newlands, of Nevada, and William E. Smythe, of Callfornia, withdraw from the race for presi-dent in favor of Governor Pardee, of Cali-fornia, and his selection, it is said, will be unanimous Friday at the closing session of the congress.

The co tion tonight recommended that the fol-lowing officers be chosen for the ensuing year: President, Governor George C. Pardee, of California; first vice-president Judge L. M. Shurtliffe, of Utah; second vice-president, Congressman J. H. Stephenson; third vice-president, E. L. Smith,

of Oregon.

flood waters of the Rio Grande. Texas and Mexico advocated the construction of a dam at El Paso, and Government engineers approved the plan of New Mexico for a dam at Elephant Butte. The Ele phant Butte site was selected and work will probably be commenced soon. The acres of land in New Mexico, Texas and Mexico above and around El Paso.

At a reception in Mexico this afternoon addresses were delivered by Governor Creel and President Clark, of the National Irrigation Association.

AT TOMB OF WASHINGTON. Prince Fushima Plants a Tree on Estate of First President.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17 .- Prince Fushima today visited Mount Vernon, placed a wreath on the tomb of Washington and first President. The trip was made on the President's yacht. The Prince took luncheon on board on the return trip.

As he entered and left the navy-yard he was given the royal salute of 21 guns

and 200 bluejackets on the Hartford stood

in the rigging. The wreath placed on the tomb was of large size and made of chrysanthemums, the national flower of Japan. As four cr-deriles from the marine barracks placed the wreath between the tombe of George and Martha Washington, the Prince and his party remained outside with heads uncovered. The Prince did not enter the tomb. The planting of the tree was then begue, the Prince himself throwing several spadefuls of earth on the Japanese maple which will mark his visit.

The Prince was the guest tought at an elaborate dinner at the Arlington, given him by Mr. Hicka, the Charge d'Affairse of the Japanese Legation. The Prince and his party will leave here tomorrow for St. Louis, accompanied by Colonel Symponies and Third Assistant Secretary of State Peirce. large size and made of chrysanth

BRECKINRIDGE IS IMPROVING. Physicians State That the Noted Ken-

tuckian Can Recover.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Nov. II.—The physicians attending Colonel Breckinridge as tonight that their patient had continue to improve during the day, and that wi prudence and quiet he could be expect.

High Price Paid for Pony. NEW YORK, Nov. 17.—What is to be the highest price ever paid pony was 18000 paid at the New Horse Show today for Berkeley tam, the champion bay pony, own

GOVERNOR PARDER, OF CALIFORNIA.

HENRY MELDRUM, CONVICTED OF FORGERY ON 21 COUNTS

