

MITCHELL AND HERMANN BOTH APPEAR.

CONGRESSMEN NOT INFORMED OF TESTIMONY AGAINST THEM.

ALL WITNESSES NOT HEARD.

REPRESENTATIVE HERMANN WILL FINISH HIS HEARING TODAY.

LOOMIS GIVES BONDS.

SENATOR MITCHELL SHOWS THE STRAIN.

WASCO OFFICIALS SUED.

OTTO EASTLUND SAYS HIS ARREST WAS MALICIOUS.

FRANK MENEFEE, PROSECUTING ATTORNEY OF WASCO COUNTY, TOGETHER WITH THE SHERIFF OF THE SAME COUNTY AND A NUMBER OF OTHER RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY, WERE SUED BY OTTO EASTLUND FOR \$10,000 IN DAMAGES FOR MALICIOUS PROSECUTION.

MR. HERMANN APPEARS AGAIN TODAY.

INDICTED MEN GIVE BONDS.

MORE WITNESSES TO BE HEARD TODAY.

WILL NOT DISCUSS CASES.

SENATOR MITCHELL AND REPRESENTATIVE HERMANN BOTH UNDER OATH.

would say at this time would be misconstrued. I will observe my oath and have nothing to say at this time.

Mr. Hermann was like minded. "As far as I am concerned," he said, "I have not a solitary thing to say. I am under oath and do not wish to discuss the land cases now."

FOR WORLDLY PEACE.

Mass Meeting Called to Convene Sunday Afternoon.

A citizens' mass meeting is to be called to convene at the Marquam Theater Sunday afternoon at 2:30 P. M., for the purpose of agitating a movement to extend the arbitration treaties between the United States and other countries.

The object of this advocacy is to ultimately make war impossible. A worldly peace, it is hoped, may universally be arrived at by inducing the Senate to respond to the suggestions of peace advocates and continue the good work of Secretary of State John Hay.

Prominent Oregonians from every section of the state are expected to attend the mass meeting, as well as many persons from other states.

Those who have called the meeting are: Archbishop Christie, Bishop Morris, Rev. Stephen A. Wise, Rev. E. G. Hill, Rev. Thomas L. Eliot, Rev. W. G. Eliot, Rev. W. Montague, A. L. Mills, ex-Senator Simon, Dr. J. R. Wilson, F. H. Page and C. H. Prescott. Among the speakers will be: Rev. T. L. Eliot, Rev. E. F. Hill, Rev. S. S. Wise and C. E. S. Wood, who was formerly in the United States Army. It is hoped that Governor Chamberlain will preside.

Address taken at the recent International Parliamentary Union at the St. Louis Exposition, the Peace Congress at Boston and by President Roosevelt in addressing the powers to reconvene The Hague congress have lately given the remarkable impulse toward the strengthening of the world's peace; and the recent utterances of President Roosevelt, Secretary of State John Hay, Barons von Suttner, Rev. Charles Wagner of the "simple life" fame; Pastor Koenig, and others, along this line, have aroused the most thoughtful attention of thinking men and women.

At Sunday's proposed meeting speeches will be made calling for the spread of the Gospel of peace, and educating the people toward this end. Resolutions will be presented asking that the United States Senate pass arbitration treaties which will be brought up governing the relations of this country with Great Britain and France. It is probable that the Russo-Japanese war will be touched on by the speakers. It is hoped that all who attend this meeting, men and women, will do so.

OTTO EASTLUND SAYS HIS ARREST WAS MALICIOUS.

Frank Menefee, prosecuting attorney of Wasco County, together with the Sheriff of the same county and a number of other residents of the county, were sued by Otto Eastlund for \$10,000 in damages for malicious prosecution.

A number of witnesses were heard during the first day of the trial. Eastlund, in company with his brother, went to The Dalles a year ago last May with a timber cruiser and hired teams to take them to Silver Lake, which is said to be over 300 miles from The Dalles. The evidence heard yesterday brought out that they had covered this distance in five days and left the horses at the end of the journey, returning by other means, telegraphing to the stablemen in The Dalles that they had left the horses.

It was learned also by the stablemen that the horses were sick and when Eastlund and his friends returned to The Dalles they were arrested and fined \$75.

Eastlund claims that the fault was not his, that the horses were sick, and that the prosecution of him was malicious. He demands \$10,000 damages.

DREDGES STOP WORK.

Lack of Funds Prevents Carrying on Operations on Columbia River.

All but two of the river dredges operated by the United States engineers in the Columbia river referred to in the articles, are laid up for lack of funds with which to carry on operations. The W. E. Ladd, on the lower river, will probably continue in operation for a month yet and then will quit for the same reason. The dredge Willows, on the Snake, is also still in operation, but the Columbia dipper dredges, No. 1 and No. 2, have been laid up for lack of commission, as the engineers have not sufficient funds with which to operate.

KNEW NOT HER NAME.

On Her Wedding Day She Is Arabians Girl Hears Who Pretty.

ANNIE BISHARA, a pretty Arabian girl, 17 years old, did not know her own name until yesterday. With her father and Gus Reynolds, an admirer, she came to the County Clerk's office to obtain a license which would entitle her and Reynolds to become man and wife. The girl did the talking and when asked her name by Deputy Bamford, answered promptly, "Annie Joseph."

When she gave her age as 17 years, Mr. Bamford informed her that the consent of either of her parents or guardian was necessary before the marriage license could be issued. She brought her father, Leonard, and then, for the first time, she heard her surname is Bishara and not Joseph. The father said his name is Joseph Bishara.

"I thought your name was Joseph," said Annie, in surprised tones. "It is, my child," responded the father, Joseph Bishara.

The girl, who is intelligent in appearance as well as pretty, accepted the explanation without further comment. The father and child stated that they both speak the English language fairly well, but cannot either read or write it. They have been living at St. Helens.

SPARKS BURNED CORDWOOD.

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 28.—(Special.)—Suit for damages in the sum of \$371.00 was today brought by the Oregon Water Power & Railway Company by L. Brewster, of Halley's Landing. Brewster alleges that because of a fire that has its origin from the sparks emitted by a locomotive belonging to the defendant company, last July, he sustained the loss of 40 cords of wood and other wood of the value of \$301, besides having produced timber that was capable of producing 400 cords of wood, which is appraised at \$100.

A Certain Cure for Croup. When a child shows symptoms of croup there is no time to experiment with new remedies, no matter how highly they may be recommended. There is one preparation that can always be depended upon to secure a cure. It is Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Give it and a quick relief will follow. Mr. M. F. Compulsion writes: "I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in every case of croup with my children, and it has always given me a quick and prompt relief." For sale by all druggists.

SENATOR MITCHELL AND REPRESENTATIVE HERMANN APPEAR BEFORE FEDERAL GRAND JURY.



WANT CLEAR SKIES.

Fair Management Will Ask Smoke Legislation.

INCREASE TO DESERVING.

Best Salaries Will Go to the Best Teachers.

TO STOP THE FOREST FIRES.

Urged That Fall of Smoke Usual to Early Fall Months Would Prove Detrimental to the Lewis and Clark Fair.

NO FIRES DURING FALL MONTHS.

The timbermen wish some system of forest rangers to be introduced which will make it compulsory for settlers who wish to burn trees to secure a permit and impose a heavy fine on those who do not. They wish this law for their own protection and do not themselves care particularly whether the summer is smoky or not. But if their wishes on the subject are followed a working means for the prevention of "blazing" fires in this locality or any locality is at hand. The fair board wishes the Legislature to instruct the rangers of this particular part of the state not to permit any fires to be set during the dry seasons of August and September next year. This, it so happens, is a period in which the timbermen likewise wish to see no fires at all, unless there are some unusual summer rains. The two forces, working in a common cause, believe they can bring about the required legislation.

As much of the smoke which clouds the sky hereabouts in the summer is from the State of Washington, blowing over across the Columbia River, the fair board will ask the Legislature of Washington to pass a similar law to the one they wish in Oregon. They believe that the Washington Legislature will consider the cause common and will pass the law.

WILL DIVIDE RECEIPTS.

Baby Home to Benefit by the Ben Greet Production.

Each of the four performances of the "Star of Bethlehem," to be presented by the Ben Greet Company at the Marquam Grand Theater, will be a benefit for the Baby Home in some way, at least, as the tickets sold by members of the board are concerned. A handsome percentage of these receipts will go to the institution. There will be matinee and evening performances on both Friday and Saturday, and everyone intending to secure seats is urged to get them from members of the board, who are as follows: Mrs. Charles E. Sinton, 455 Yamhill street; Mrs. B. F. Hiley, 455 Morrison street; Mrs. Hannah Robertson, Fifth and Yamhill streets; Mrs. Norris R. Cox, Thirty-second and Thurman streets; Mrs. John Stewart, 240 Montgomery street; Mrs. David Daigleleh, 203 Twelfth street; O. M. Scott, 230 East Morrison street; Judge H. H. Northup, Washington building; F. S. Akin, Chamber of Commerce; Mrs. A. L. Keenan, Milwaukie and Powell streets.

HOLIDAY BEACH RATES.

For the holidays the O. R. & N. makes the very low rate of \$4.00 for round trip to beach points. Dates of sale, December 23 and 26. Final limit, January 2. Particulars of C. W. Stinger, City Ticket Agent, Third and Washington streets.

LEVY IS ESTIMATED.

Multnomah County Levy Will Almost Reach 39 Mills.

TAXES LOWER THAN IN 1904.

Judge Webster Says County and Road Tax Will Be Same as in 1904, and Remainder of County Indebtedness Will Be Paid.

Table with 2 columns: Item, Estimated Tax Levy for 1905. Items include State, County, Road, Special county (Library), City of Portland, School District, No. 1, and Total.

The total tax levy for 1905 will probably be 38.7 mills, but may reach 39 mills. The total levy in 1904 was 40 mills. It is safe to predict that taxes will be lower in 1905 than in 1904, notwithstanding the levy for school purposes in Portland is 7.2 mills, as compared with 6.5 mills in 1904. The state tax for 1904 was 7.5 mills, part of which was raised by the Lewis and Clark Exposition. It is calculated that Multnomah County's proportion of the state tax for 1904 can be raised by a levy of 5.5 mills. County Judge Webster says the county and road tax levies will not be lower than they were in 1904—5.4 and 2.1 mills, respectively. The levies have all been made except the county, road and state, and the last will be completed by the beginning of January. County Clerk Fields expects to have the tax extensions completed and the rolls ready for the Sheriff to begin collections January 15 to 20.

Judge Webster said yesterday that he intends to arrange, together with Commissioners Lightner and Barnes, to pay off the remainder of the county indebtedness next year, amounting to about \$75,000, represented by outstanding warrants. The county will then be entirely free from debt, which has not been the case since 1892. The indebtedness when the county was organized was nearly \$40,000. The county and road levy for 1905, with other receipts, will be sufficient to pay the running expenses and also lift the debt. The running expenses next year will not differ materially from 1904, except that the expenses of three elections held in 1904 will not have to be met next year, as there is no county election in 1905.

UNION PICKETS SWARM ABOUT SHOPS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—An effort has been made to open the factories controlled by the Capital Manufacturers' Association in this city, where about 1300 workers of both sexes are on strike against the open shop. Union pickets, including hundreds of women, swarmed about the shops and interviewed those who returned, and only about 200 remained at work through the day. At a meeting of the manufacturers it was decided to continue the fight for the open shop indefinitely.

TO CURE COLD IN ONE DAY.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c. Dr. J. C. Wells' signature is on each box.

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LAST MEETING OF YEAR—COMMITTEE FINISHES FISCAL YEAR'S WORK.

Hears protest of Star Brewery Company and others.

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FORGER A SMOOTH ONE.

Takes in Numerous People on the East Side.

Six forged checks for various sums, seemingly the work of one smooth and plausible swindler, have been presented for collection to the East Side Bank, corner of East and Grand streets, East Side, within the past few days. The last one came in yesterday, from a Morrison-street confectioner on the West Side. The remainder were passed on East Side business men. Just how many other checks were worked off has not yet been ascertained, but there is good reason to believe that many more were passed.

The man who passed the checks was finely dressed and of most prepossessing appearance, and to this is attributed the comparatively easy manner with which the smooth swindler worked. His audacity and courteous manner disarmed suspicion wherever he went, and none suspected he was a swindler until H. H. Newhall, of the East Side Bank, told the holders that the checks were all worthless. As far as learned, at only one place did he fail, and that was at Henry Meyer's liquor store, 113 Grand avenue.

GOT FOOLED ONCE.

"A fine-appearing man came in my store Saturday evening, and Mr. Gracie said there was to be a wedding at his house at 23 East Twelfth street, North, Monday evening, and he wanted some liquor sent up. I furnished him with a check for \$10.00, and he paid me for the liquor. I gave him a check in payment for the liquor, but I said nothing and took his order for claret, port wine and a bottle of whisky. Then he said, 'I am just out of town, and I have a check that will more than cover the bill,' at the same time pulling a check out of his pocket and placing it on the counter. I did not look at it, but he informed me that I did not take checks, but would deliver the liquor and collect at the house. He remarked, 'that will be all right, but be sure and get the liquor. I want the best you have in the house,' and then walked out. When he left I noticed 23 East Twelfth street North was in the grounds of the North Central School, and of course did not go out there."

The suave swindler then dropped into the milliner and dry goods store at 111 Grand avenue, in the same block with Henry Meyer's liquor store, and asked the clerk for 50 cents and laid down a check for \$30.00. He said he knew Mr. Stroubridge, across the street, and mentioned names of other well-known men, convincing the women of the store that the check was genuine, and receiving the amount of the check less the 50 cents, walked away.

EASY MONEY AT WOOD OFFICE.

Having got away with a pair of socks and the money, the gentleman in question concluded he needed a load of sawed cordwood, and walked up to Grand avenue, near East Sixth, where there is a wood and coal office. He was in most desperate haste, and before he had time to get a clerk that he was out of wood at his home at 111 East Taylor street, in Sunnyside. "Would you send out a load at once?" The wood dealer agreed to comply. The man fumbled in his pockets for the change, but discovered he had left his purse at home and was out of ready change. Would a check do to pay for the wood?

He was sorry he did not happen to have the change, so he threw down a check signed by a well-known business house in Portland, much larger than the cost of the load of wood, and he might as well have taken a check for \$100,000. The driver rushed out according to directions, and after hunting for two hours for the place, he returned with the report that there was no such place. It then dawned on the wood dealer that he had been "taken in."

INCIDENTALLY SOME CIGARS.

Having bought his wood, the elegant gentleman concluded to purchase some cigars to while away the hours after business for the day was closed. He now transferred his field of operations to the West Side, and stepped into a cigar store, where he ordered a box of cigars. Here he was again surprised to find that the check was again refused. He might as well have taken a check for \$100,000. The driver rushed out according to directions, and after hunting for two hours for the place, he returned with the report that there was no such place. It then dawned on the wood dealer that he had been "taken in."

The swindler also worked a considerable check at the bakery run by B. Muehlberg, 387 East First street, where he purchased some bread and cake. In every case the descriptions given of the swindler corresponded in every way, showing that the checks were all the work of one man, the same man. The checks were generally drawn for about \$9 and some cents, and signed by different parties, among whom were Marshall Street, the Western Sausage Company, George Long and S. Butler. Mr. Newhall, of the East Side Bank, said there were fraudulent checks other than those drawn on his bank, but the six were the only ones which were presented to him. It is estimated that he must have cleaned up about \$50 out of the six checks heard of. None of the checks was signed by the name of Carson, and he might as well have realized more cash out of the transaction.

PART OF GIRLS' EDUCATION.

Domestic Science in Schools Widely Favored.

The recommendation made by the Board of Education in its report to the taxpayers that domestic science be introduced into the public school for girls seems to be meeting with general favor and it does not seem improbable that a phase of practical work will be added to the manual training. Absolutely no plans have been formulated or even discussed by the Board of Education so far as to the manner in which this work should be introduced. The matter was proposed and no objections were made to its incorporation in the report as a recommendation. If the taxpayers feel inclined to accept it the matter will be taken up more definitely and all details planned.

Mrs. C. E. Sifton is a member of the board who is heartily in favor of the introduction of domestic science into the public schools and seems to feel that it is a necessary branch of a girl's education. "The only step which has been taken in the matter so far is its recommendation in the report read at the taxpayers' meeting last Tuesday evening," she said in speaking of the matter. "If they see fit to approve the recommendation there will be plenty of time to arrange for the details of the work."

"I am convinced that domestic science could be taught at a small expense and that it would do a great deal of good, but I can make no statements concerning the future actions of the board as nothing has been done or said further than I have stated. No one has spoken against the project, but a number have expressed themselves in favor of it. That is all I can say at present."

SEATTLE WOMAN WANTS DIVORCE.

A summons and complaint in a divorce case were filed in Seattle by Bertha Wells against Charles Deputy Sheriff Cordano.

The Denver & Rio Grande scenery is even more beautiful in winter than summer. Travel East via that line and spend a day in Salt Lake City.