TELLS THE JURY

Binger Hermann Ends His Testimony.

BROWNELL IS ALSO HEARD

United States Marshal Matthews Is Called.

HENRY MELDRUM TESTIFIES

Federal Grand Jury Will Be in Session Three Weeks More—Only Indictments of Lesser Importance This Week.

The Federal grand jury may be doing a great deal, but it is making but very little noise about it. Up to this time it has been possible, to a greater or a lesser extent, to judge, from the personnel of those who were summoned to give their testimony, something of the nature of what they would say to the jurors. This time has now passed, and no one outside of the grand-jury room can conjecture with any reasonable degree of certainty just what subjects are up for consideration.

Senator Mitchell has finished with what he had to say, and so has Mr. Hermann, and the witnesses now being summoned are those whose connection with the cases is not known from any former trial or public proceeding.

Mr. Hermann's Testimony Ends.

Binger Hermann finished his testimony yesterday morning at 11:30 and will not be recalled before the jury again. He resumed his conference in the morning when the jury convened for the session of the day, and was closeted with the investigating body the rest of the forenoon. When he left he bade each man farewell and seemed not to have been greatly disturbed by what had been said or done during his stay in the room.

Baldus Gildner, formerly a cigar manufacturer of Portland, but now a resident of Dallas, was the first witness called at the afternoon session of the jury. Mr. Gildner's connection with the land-fraud cases is a mystery, as he has not been mentioned up to this time. He was in the room for some time, and when he came out, left immediately after having received his discharge from further attendance from Mr. Heney.

George C. Brownell Appears.

State Senator George C. Brownell, of Oregon City, put in an appearance at the Courthouse at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, and went into seclusion in the bailiff's room, where he talked of the organization of the Legislature until called before the jury at 3 o'clock. The Senator remained in the room but a very few minutes, and when he emerged was as affable and unruffled as usual and left the building immediately for his home. There is some speculation as to what connection Mr. Brownell has with the case at this time, and the shortness of his stay was a surprise to those who were watching in the corridor.

Henry Meldrum, who has been before the public in connection with his conduct while holding the office of United States Surveyor-General, was the next witness following Senator Brownell. His stay was also short, and when he left the room United States Marshal Matthews was called as the next witness.

W. F. Matthews Called.

Mr. Matthews was the last witness of the day, remaining before the jury for over half an hour. It is stated that his testimony had nothing to do directly with the land-fraud cases, but had simply to do with some points desired to be cleared up before further advance was made in the deliberations of the jury.

After Mr. Matthews had left the room no other witnesses were called, but the remaining time was taken up by discussion in which Mr. Heney seemed to take the leading part. A short time after 4 o'clock the jury adjourned for the night and will again meet this morning at 10 o'clock.

George Sorensen, who is under indictment, has returned from his Eastern trip but has not as yet given the $4000 bond asked by the court. He appeared before the United States Marshal yesterday morning and promised to have secured his bond by today, and was therefore given until this morning to secure the amount asked for. Mr. Sorensen is deeply grieved that he has been brought into the land conspiracies, and states that all his deeds will be placed in a fair and favorable light in a short time, and that he has no fear of what may come.

S. B. Ormsby Gets Bonds.

S. B. Ormsby has secured signers to his bond among his neighbors at Salem, and will be down this morning to deposit his surety with the clerk of the court. He was allowed to have a day in which to return to his home, in order to secure his bail among his friends in his home town.

Dr. W. H. Davis, of Albany, will reach Portland this morning with his bond for $4000, having secured it among his friends and business associates in Albany.

Henry Young is supposed to be in California, but it is not thought that he will return to Portland for trial. As the crime for which he is indicted is not an extraditable one, it is very doubtful as to whether or not he will ever be brought to face the charge against him. There are others, besides, who are of more importance to the case of the Government at this time, and no especial effort will be wasted on the former football player from Astoria.

Sessions to Last Three Weeks.

The grand jury will in all probability be in session for three weeks more, judging from what seems to be the course of the Government. There are many witnesses to be brought before the body who have not as yet been brought to Portland, and some of them will need time in which to tell what they know about the situation. Mr. Heney has delayed his intended departure for Washington for another month and will not leave Portland until some time in February. After the land-fraud cases have been finished, there are other matters which will be brought up by District Attorney Hall.

It is not expected that indictments will be returned against Senator Mitchell and Mr. Hermann, if any are returned, until during the coming week. As far as is known but little evidence has been given relating to the charges which it is thought will be brought against the two Congressmen. It is probable, however, that some indictments of a lesser importance may be returned during the latter part of this week or the first of next.

Heir to Wealth Is Missing.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Heirs to the estate of Jacob Lawson, a manufacturer who died recently from accidental asphyxiation at his home in Brooklyn, are seeking to locate his son, Edward J., supposed to be somewhere in the West. Lawson, who was supposed to be only fairly well off, was found to have left an estate amounting to $1,500,000, to be divided among three sons and a daughter. The missing son, Edward, is said to have gone to California some years ago, after a disagreement with the father, but recently was heard from in St. Louis.

SEEN TO CLIMB THE MOUNTAIN

Franklin and Mrs. Bouton Were Often Seen Together.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Dec. 29.—Many new clews were received by the police today to strengthen and verify the information which they already had as to the time Milton Franklin, alias Bouton, was in this city in company with Mrs. Bessie Bouton, believed to be the victim of the Mount Cutler murder.

The last trace the police have of the couple dates back to October 30. Shortly prior to this they are known to have taken several drives in the direction of Cheyenne Canyon, and were seen by citizens who now remember the description of the couple. They were also seen climbing the sides of Cutler Mountain. The efforts of the police are now directed to ascertaining the time when Franklin left this city and whether alone or accompanied by Mrs. Bouton.

Movements of Mrs. Bouton.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Dec. 29.—Proceeding on the theory that the victim of the Cutler Mountain murder is none other than Mrs. Bessie Bouton, the Chief of Police is engaged in checking up the movements of Mrs. Bouton and Milton Franklin from the time they arrived in Denver. The results so far attained, in brief, are these:

"The couple arrived in Denver May 15, and left there on July 13. They arrived in Salt Lake City the following day, and left two days later for the Pacific Coast. They arrived in Santa Barbara about the middle of August, and left there the latter part of that month. They finally reached New Orleans, but from there the Chief has been unable to trace them. Nor has he been able to learn the time of their arrival in this city, or where they stopped while here. The conclusion has been reached that the woman was murdered on one of the last four days of November, and that the deed was committed by Franklin, who is probably in the safe seclusion of London, England, by this time."

MRS. CHADWICK MAY LEAVE JAIL

Bail Is Said to Be Ready When She Gives the Word.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 29.—The Plaindealer tomorrow will print the following:

It was reliably stated last night that Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick will be released on bail within a few days. At least, an effort will be made in that direction. Mrs. Chadwick herself has expressed her desire to terminate her residence in the county's bastile, and, according to her attorney, Jay P. Dawley, she alone has the deciding ballot on the question.

"Bail can be given in ample quantity," declared Dawley. "The minute she wants to she will be released on bail."

Mrs. Chadwick is reported to have said last night her original reasons for refusing bail no longer exist and she is now ready to avail herself of the proffered aid.

Alienist Visits Mrs. Chadwick.

CLEVELAND Dec. 29.—Dr. C. J. Aldrich, an alienist, called upon Mrs. Chadwick at the County Jail today and had a conference with her. Dr. Aldrich has been called as an expert in a number of criminal cases heretofore where the defense claimed insanity. The visit of Dr. Aldrich today is taken to indicate the line of defense that will be set up in Mrs. Chadwick's case.

Resigns as Warden.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—F. A. Dryden, warden of the state penitentiary, has directed a letter to the State Board of Control tendering his resignation as warden, to take effect immediately upon the inauguration of the new administration, or as soon thereafter as his successor can qualify. Chairman Grant Neal, of the board, declined to give out any reasons for the resignation, if any are mentioned by Mr. Dryden.

HEADACHES FROM COLDS.

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ELOPERS ARE TAKEN

Runaway Couple From Seattle Is Arrested.

GIRL IS SIXTEEN YEARS OLD

G. M. Landerking, Age 50, Meets His Love in Tacoma, and They Go to The Dalles to Be Married.

When detectives arrested G. M. Landerking, 50 years old, yesterday, on a charge of kidnaping, a story of the elopement of a pretty 16-year-old girl, a meeting in Tacoma, a flight to The Dalles, final marriage and return to Portland, was brought to light. The prisoner asserts his innocence, as does also the wife, but today he will be taken back to Seattle, where the girl's parents have preferred charges against him.

The father, M. A. Baskett, of Seattle, is the complainant. The arrest was made by Detectives Hartman and Vaughn, upon telegraphic instructions from Chief of Police Delaney, of Seattle.

Although able to prove the marriage and to show that the girl is his wife, he was held at the City Jail by order of Chief Hunt, and slept in a cell last night. His wife occupied quarters in the receiving home of the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society, as there is no fit place for an innocent woman in Portland's city prison.

Landerking and his wife, formerly Miss Helen Baskett, were willing to talk of the affair, and at police headquarters the prisoner related his side of the whole story. He is close to 50 years old, and seems deeply in love with his bride of 16. Frequently while narrating his experiences, he would turn to her and seek affirmation of his statements. He was never disappointed, for she would quickly corroborate him in every detail.

"Blackmailer," Says Landerking.

"This is simply a blackmailing scheme on the part of Helen's parents," said Landerking. "They have been opposed to our marriage ever since I refused to pay them $150 in cash and sign a receipt for several hundred dollars more which they took from Helen. I am willing to return and face them, for the truth will not hurt me. It will hurt them. This is a long story, but reflects no credit upon them, I tell you."

Here Landerking turned to his wife, who sat beside him. "That's right, isn't it?" he asked of her. She said it was, and told him to go ahead and tell all.

Owns Claims on Tanana.

"I am a marine engineer," continued Landerking, "and for some years have been navigating boats on the Yukon River. While in Alaska I made the best of the opportunity and staked some claims. I have one on the Tanana for which I was recently offered $20,000. I refused to sell for it is worth many times that. I also have property at Nome.

"I was at Seattle during last March, and it was then that Helen and I became engaged. I had spent considerable money in one way and another at the old folks' home, and they seemed to like me and had no objection, apparently, to the match. I had to return North, but before going, made Helen a present of a piano, but made it in the name of her parents. I remained in Alaska several months, during which I sent Helen sums of money. One time I sent her a check for $255. With this she was to purchase everything needed for the wedding. Well, when I returned, I found out her parents had made her give them all of the money I had sent. More than that, they had compelled her to turn from me and to say she would have nothing further to do with me.

"By investigation I learned that Helen's parents had used the money I sent her to purchase a team of horses and some furniture. Three weeks ago things came to a crisis. I had to leave Seattle, but Helen told me she would follow me everywhere I went. She kept her word. We met in Tacoma, where I had gone to secure work, and then arranged to be married at The Dalles, where she had friends. We became man and wife there on December 17."

C. M. LANDERKING AND HELEN BASKETT LANDERKING.

COST IS NOT HIGH

F. M. Butler Defends Bridge Company's Charges.

MAYOR ASKS FOR MORE FACTS

He Wants to Know Actual Amount of Money Paid by Pacific Construction Company for Steel Stringers.

The bridge committee of the Executive Board met in the Mayor's reception-room at the City Hall yesterday afternoon to take under consideration Expert Charles S. Bihler's report and the charges of George H. Howell relating to alleged mismanagement in the substitution of steel for wooden stringers on the Morrison-street bridge. Those present were Mayor Williams, City Engineer W. C. Elliott, Whitney L. Boise, Rodney L. Glisan, H. W. Goddard and H .C. Wortman, the committee, and F. M. Butler, representing the Pacific Construction Company.

His Honor opened the meeting by reading an explanatory communication from Mr. Butler to the effect that in bidding for the substitution of steel for wood stringers in the Morrison-street bridge, the Pacific Construction Company had used the same basis of figuring as in the original contract, and they were therefore justified in their bid of $37,170.

Regarding the findings of Expert Bihler the epistle explained that his figures were based upon the current prices of steel existing at that time, and as the Pacific Construction Company was under contract with the American Bridge Company to purchase all material for the Morrison-street bridge, they were necessarily forced to pay for the substituted steel stringers at the American Bridge Company's rate on previous purchases.

Relating to George H. Howell, the letter implied that he was attempting to discredit his fellow-members of the Executive Board and stated that Mr. Howell's charges were absolutely without foundation and an unjust attack.

After reading the letter, His Honor stated that he did not deem it sufficiently explicit and had requested Mr. Butler to prepare a more detailed statement acknowledging the money paid the American Bridge Company and other incidental expenses incurred by his company in the construction of the bridge.

"When can you give us that statement, Mr. Butler?" asked Whitney L. Boise.

"Well," replied Mr. Butler, "of course, you know, gentlemen, such a statement as that will necessitate considerable study and I must go over the entire matter carefully. We are not willing to withhold anything, but any figures I could now give offhand would be mere suppositions and not accurate. This substitution contract must be made to bear its proportion of the contingent expenses, which naturally arise in a proposition of this magnitude. We have expended, to say roughly, $60,000 for contingent expenses from the time we started work up to today—expenses that are purely contingent ones, and may not be charged to the raw material or to any part of the bridge.

"For instance, the other day we had to tow a schooner through the draw, one of the conditions settled upon us by the United States Government, as you know. As I was saying, we agreed to take this loaded schooner through the draw. For the purpose of accomplishing such things as this we have to maintain a tugboat at the bridge, which is another contingent expense. Our boat carried the schooner's bowline and an O. R. & N. boat was supposed to have had a stern line. Such was not the case, however. There was a heavy current on this particular day and a down-river wind. As the schooner was coming through the draw her towline broke and she crashed helplessly into the Sarah Dixon, and that she did not totally wreck this boat was little short of miraculous. Damage was done to the extent of $800. It is not fair to figure just the cost of labor and materials and a small percentage of profit. Such contingent expenses as I have just cited, the cost of getting the material here, getting it to and putting it in the bridge, are all included in our figures. We work under different conditions here than in the East. We shall give you a detailed account of all our expenditures as soon as we find it possible."

"Then, Mr. Butler," said Rodney L. Glisan, "according to you, that clause of 15 per cent and the cost of material and labor does not apply to the substitution of the stringers."

"If you had not anticipated that the change would not be termed 'extra,'" replied Mr. Butler, "you would not have stated specifically in your specifications, 'unless otherwise agreed.' We absolutely would not have taken a contract of such magnitude for 15 per cent and the cost of material."

"As the specifications provided for the change," interposed Mayor Williams, "in my opinion it seems ridiculous to call the steel stringers 'extras.'

"When the provision was made," continued His Honor, "it was not supposed that the substitution of the steel for wood would come under the head of extras. Mr. Bihler said 'that wood would answer,' but I beg to differ with him, regardless of his standing as an engineer. We made a correct decision when we concluded to make the change, finding, as we did, that we had sufficient funds at our disposal to make the substitution."

"I do not think," said Mr. Glisan, "that there is any question as to the steel being better than wood, and I feel that we are fortunate in getting an original bid for less than our appropriation."

Mr. Wortman said that some time ago vigorous protests were made to the effect that the Pacific Construction Company had used spurious materials in the Morrison-street bridge, and upon investigation it was found that the charges were wholly unbased, and, quite contrary to expectations, it was discovered that the materials were as good as the specifications required.

The bridge matter was finally tabled until Mr. Butler can prepare his second statement, when a special meeting will be called to take the letter under consideration.

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WILL NOT INCORPORATE.

Mount Tabor Votes to Continue as a Suburb.

A mass meeting of the citizens of Mount Tabor, held last night, in the Baptist Church, under the auspices of the Mount Tabor Improvement Association, to discuss the question of incorporation, voted that it was the sense of the meeting that it would be unwise to incorporate. This vote was about 3 to 1 against incorporation.

H. G. Platt presided, and at the opening George H. Andrews, chairman of the committee which prepared the charter, made a short talk explaining the provisions of the charter and showing the safeguards it threw around the property-owner. Following the statement by Mr. Andrews came a very heated discussion.

C. W. Gay, who has been a resident of Mount Tabor for 40 years, spoke against incorporation, and said he could not see any possible advantage to come out of it. It could not hasten the time when the people could get Bull Run water, and he said he had it from the members of the Portland Water Committee that water could not be supplied Mount Tabor until another pipe line should be laid to the head works. Mr. Gay remarked that Mount Tabor was really a part of Portland, and that its prosperity depended on the prosperity of Portland, and that if any change in present conditions were to be made it would be far better to be annexed to Portland than to organize an insignificant little city.

Secretary H. W. Hodges, of the Improvement Association, made a long and vigorous speech in favor of incorporation, and said, among other things, that it was in the direction of progress, and took Mr. Gay to task for calling Mount Tabor an insignificant place, intimating that Mr. Gay was not abreast of the times.

It was plain in the end that the meeting was strongly against incorporation. It was announced from the floor that remonstrances signed by about 300 voters were in circulation. Chairman Platt gave all opportunity to speak on the subject for or against incorporation, and then put the question, the result of which sounded the death knell of incorporation for the present.

Boy Admits He Robbed Store.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—Louis Marshall, the 17-year-old boy who was picked up by the Portland police, has been returned to Sheriff Urquhart charged with robbing Ratkowski's store at Napavine two weeks ago. The boy admits his guilt, and will plead guilty when brought to trial.

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DEBUTANTES AND FINE MUSIC

Alexander Farewell Concert One of Season's Notable Events

FAREWELL CONCERT.

Quartet from the song cycle, "In a Persian Garden," (Liza Lehmann), Mrs. Rose Bloch Bauer, Mrs Walter Reed, Arthur L. Alexander, and Dom J. Zan; song, "O, That We Two Were Maying," (Nevin), and "Gondolier's Song," (De Koven), Mrs. Anna Selkirk Norton; prologue from "Il Pagliacci" (Leoncavallo) Dom J. Zan; Aria from "Tannhauser," "Dich Theure Halle" (Wagner), Mrs. Rose Bloch Bauer; songs, "Frische Brise," (Max Strange), "Don Juan's Serenade," (Tschaikowsky), "A Toi," (Bomberg), A. L. Alexander; "Largo," (Handel-Damrosch), and "Absent," (Godard), Orpheus Male Chorus; "Pastorale in E minor," (Scarlatti), and "En Courant," (Godard), Mrs. William A. Knight; scene and rondo, (Che Faro Senza Euridice," (Gluck), Mrs. Norton; aria from "Joan of Arc," "Farewell, Ye Hills," (Tschaikowsky), Mrs. Fletcher Linn; duet and quartet from "In a Persian Garden," (Lehmann), Mrs Bauer, Mrs Reed, Mr. Alexander and Mr. Zan; song, "Le Chevalier Belle-Etoile," (Augusta Holmes), Mrs. Walter Reed; three songs, "Dream Song From 'Manon'" (Massenet), "Ich Grolle Nicht," (Schumann), "Amour, Amour," (Alexander), A. L. Alexander.

Shakespeare in his "Romeo and Juliet" says: "Good night, good night; parting is such sweet sorrow." And the farewell concert given last night at the White Temple before a large society audience, composed principally of musical people, was an eloquent "good-bye" to the guest of the occasion, Arthur L. Alexander, tenor and accompanist, who leaves this city early next month to make his home in Paris, France, where he will further perfect himself in his studies.

Alas, on many occasions when musicales are given, it is difficult to fill a hall with people when moderate prices are charged, and it is a remarkable tribute to the popularity of Mr. Alexander and those who appeared with him on the same platform that the church was filled last night with people who paid $1 apiece to be present. The concert is one of the most memorable of the season, from the excellence of the music and from the number of debutantes who made their first appearance before the public and pleased. Mr. Alexander, naturally, was the center of friendly attention, and this gifted young musician probably got the reception of his life. He was down on the programme for six songs, and each time he was vociferously encored. His voice is stronger than when he first sang at a private musicale at the Hobart-Curtis, September 13, and although it is sweet and tender in quality, it lacks resonant power. But this will all arrive with the coming years, as Mr. Alexander is still a youth. In his songs he showed mastery of both German and French, his encores being Clay's "I'll Sing Thee Songs of Araby," and Jan Gall's "Maidens With the Lips So Rosy." At least the Bemberg and Schumann numbers on the programme last night were also sung by him at his musicale last September, but they were none the worse for another hearing. It is a treat to listen to a singer who so artistically plays his own accompaniments and invests all his work with such deft, clever touches.

Mrs. Norton, contralto, in making her first public appearance here, met with a cordial reception, and her deep, mellow contralto voice was heard with pleasure in the ever-loved Nevin's "O That We Two Were Maying." Her tone is a good, even one, and no doubt many vocal students envied Mrs. Norton her calm, collected platform manner and her distinct enunciation. Her encore was a careful repetition of the Nevin number. Mrs. Fletcher Linn is not known as a concert singer here, and she showed marked progress in her art by the fine interpretation she showed in the "Joan of Arc" number. Her voice is a pleasant one and she throws a warmth into her singing that is commendable. Her encore was a number, like Tschaikowsky's selection, that is not well known here, Walthew's "May Day." Mrs. William A. Knight, pianiste, ought to play more in public, as she is a most welcome addition to Portland's piano soloists. Her touch is a dainty one, and her work full of pleasant light and shade, with skillful technique. Her encore was Nevin's "Shepherds All and Maidens Fair."

The Orpheus male chorus, Mr. Alexander, conductor, turned out 15 voices, and the singers can be congratulated on the fine impression they made. True, people expected more singers in the chorus, but the boys sang so well last night that the absent ones—whoever they are—were not missed. The chorus was best in unaccompanied work, and showed a beauty of expression and attention to piano and forte effect that was pleasing. The encore was "Marching," by Brahms. The Alexander quartet—Mrs. Bauer, Mrs. Reed, Mr. Alexander and Mr. Zan—covered itself with every mark of popular favor. The voices blended well in the Lehmann selections, and it is too bad that the quartet has met only to part. Mrs. Rose Bloch Bauer, in singing Wagner's "Dich Theure Halle," chose a most ambitious number, but in her most dramatic singing she invested the number with a fire and triumphant joy that Gadski did not venture to give. Mrs. Bauer caught the true Wagner spirit, and her top notes were admirable. Her encore was "The Years at the Spring" (Beach). Mrs. Reed excelled herself in the Massenet selection, and was in grand voice. She received a tempestuous double recall, and was forced to sing two songs—Mayhew's "Shoogy Shoo" and Nevin's "The Nightingale and the Rose"—before the audience would allow her to go. She never made a better appearance here. Dom J. Zan again sang the prologue from "Il Pagliacci" better than before, investing the work with fire and emphasis. His encore was Allitson's "King Duncan's Daughter." Edgar E. Coursen was the principal accompanist, and A. T. Baldwin played a piano accompaniment during the Handel-Damrosch number.

So the Alexander farewell concert has passed into history. Nearly every number was encored and the audience a most enthusiastic one.

SET FIRE TO HIS BED.

Nathan Hart Arrested for Attempted Arson of American House.

Apparently demented and caught in the act of an attempt to set fire to the American House, on Third street, between Davis and Everett streets, Nathan Hart was taken to the Police Station at 3 o'clock this morning.

Hart had secured a room in the hotel for the night and at a late hour retired. Shortly afterward three men, who happened to be in the hallway, detected an odor of smoke, and upon investigation found it to be in Hart's room. After gaining an entrance to the room they found that the kerosene lamp had been upset on the bed with the purpose evidently of setting the house on fire. The fire was put out immediately and luckily before any damage was done. Upon the call for police, Officer Jones responded and took Hart to the Central Station where he is held for hearing today.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Rev. Myron Cooley, formerly editor of the Pacific Baptist, of this city, is in Portland on his way to North Dakota, where he goes to accept the appointment of superintendent of missions of that state. He will be in charge of all Baptist churches in North Dakota, and the post is an important one. Mr. Cooley will preach at Immanuel Baptist Church Sunday morning. He has been engaged in ministerial work in San Pedro, Cal., during the eight months since leaving Portland.

Get Legacy From Michigan.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—News was received here today that an estate in Grand Rapids, Mich., valued at $60,000, has come into the possession of C. W. Parrish, of Burns; Hallie Parrish Hinges and Nina Parrish, of Salem; and Mrs. E. L. Cox, of Seattle. The property was willed to them several years ago, but was subject to a life interest held by a cousin, who recently died. The property consists of a hotel, which was sold today for $60,000.

Portage Road Contract Signed.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—The Portage Railway Commission today signed the contracts awarded last Monday for the construction and equipment of the portage road between The Dalles and Celilo. The contracts will be taken to Portland tomorrow morning to be signed by the contractors.

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