WAS HE BRIBED?

Chief Hunt Said to Have Accepted $300

FOR SLOT-MACHINE PERMIT

Accused Official Makes Emphatic Denial.

GRAND JURY INVESTIGATES

E. A. Magoon Writes Employers That Police Chief Had Been Paid $300, but Machines Could Not Be Run.

Did Chief of Police Hunt receive $300 from E. O. Magoon, a slot-machine agent, in October last, as a bribe to permit nickel-in-the-slot machines to be operated for money?

Magoon wrote a letter to his company in the East in which this statement is made. Chief Hunt denounces the assertion in most positive terms as false.

The grand jury was engaged in investigating this question yesterday. The story told around town, in connection with the affair, is that, on October 14, 1904, E. O. Magoon wrote a letter to his principals in the East in response to one he had received from them, informing them he had been grafted by Chief Hunt to the extent of $300, but still was unable to run the machines for money prizes. Magoon explained, further, that gambling was all closed in Portland, due to the action of the Sheriff.

Firm Takes Matter Up.

The firm in the East, in an effort to collect money due from agents in this part of the country, sent on a lot of correspondence received from these agents to Murdoch & Moser, local attorneys. This letter, speaking of the payment of the $300 to Chief Hunt, was among the number. Miller Murdoch, of the law firm in question, was a witness before the grand jury yesterday afternoon and, as he has shown this letter to several persons, he, no doubt, submitted it to the members of the grand jury for their inspection.

Inquire Into Police Affairs.

The investigation of Chief Hunt and his manner of conducting police department affairs took up considerable of the time of the grand jury session. Police officers, called as witnesses, were L. Hirsch, C. E. Foster, H. F. Gibson, J. A. Lee and Officer Goltz.

Other witnesses who appeared before the jury were: John Bain, Robert Livingstone and D. A. Pattulo, members of the Municipal Reform League, W. M. Killingsworth and Councilmen Flegel, Sigler and Whiting. It is reported that police regulations generally are still a subject of inquiry by the grand jury. The reason certain saloons persistently break the 1-o'clock closing ordinance and other things are being looked into particularly.

Chief's Denial Emphatic.

When Chief Hunt learned that a story was in circulation to the effect that the grand jury had been shown a letter, alleging he accepted money for his promise to let slot-machines run, he made an emphatic denial.

"A great many things have been said from time to time that I have given no heed because of the irresponsible sources from which they sprang," said the Chief. "This has been particularly true in the past few weeks, during which time absolute falsehoods have been published by persons who knew them to be false. But when a matter such as this comes up, and direct charges of grafting are made against me, I will not permit them to go unanswered.

"It is not true, and will be proved that it is not, but at this time I am not informed very well regarding the allegations, if any have been made, because the sessions of the grand jury, I supposed, are secret, and having no reliable information, I hardly know what, if anything, has been charged against me before the grand jury.

"I shall ask a full investigation, and will demand that those who may have charged things against me show their proof."

DRAKE FAMILY'S TROUBLES.

File Conflicting Documents in Divorce Case.

F. P. Drake, an employment agent, says he entered into an agreement with his wife, Mathilda Drake, on October 24, 1904, under the terms of which they were to divide what property they had at that date and "play quits." He says he further agreed to pay her $75, and she was thereupon to release him from all matrimonial vows and to sign away her right and title to all property belonging to him. Drake sets up this agreement as a defense to a suit recently filed by his wife for support in the State Circuit Court. He says that by this agreement she released him from all claims and demands for maintenance and from all matrimonial or marriage vows. Notwithstanding this contract, Drake recites that he is willing to provide a home for Mrs. Drake and provide for her support if she will return to him and live with him as his wife, which, he says, she has refused to do. He alleges that he will not do anything towards her support so long as she lives separate and apart from him. Mitchell & Tanner appear as his attorneys.

In her complaint, Mrs. Drake sets forth that her husband sent her to Minnesota, in June last, for the purpose of ridding himself of her. She returned and he told her he had a home for her, but would not tell her where it was, or provide for her wants.

WANTS NO OPPOSITION.

Restaurant Man Sues to Restrain New Enterprise.

Leo Leon Mandelay, who asserts that Russell & Blyth agreed to lease to him a store at 46½ North Sixth street to conduct a restaurant therein, yesterday filed suit against the firm in the State Circuit Court to restrain them from leasing or renting, on the same block, another place for a restaurant. Mandelay, in his complaint, alleges that he was to have a lease for one year at a monthly rental of $120, and that it was made a part of the contract that there should be no other restaurant in the block except one, which is already there.

Russell & Blyth, it is alleged, now threaten to lease another portion of the block to parties for restaurant purposes.

Wants Money for Assault.

Frank Gellert, a cook, asserts that an attempt to assault his little daughter Grace, 3 years old, was made on Christmas day by C. Kellogg, a restaurant-keeper, at 280 Stark street. Gellert, as the guardian of his child, has sued Kellogg in the State Circuit Court for $5000 damages. Soon after the alleged assault occurred Gellert caused a warrant to be issued in the Municipal Court for the arrest of Kellogg, but the latter could not be found when officers went in search of him. Gellert has applied to the State Circuit Court for the appointment of a receiver to take charge of the restaurant.

Do Not Like to Wait.

The attorneys of Portland have filed a petition in the State Circuit Court asking that the argument of motions, where only a brief time will be taken up, be given preference over motions where the arguments consume an hour or two. The object is to prevent attorneys from having to wait around the courtroom until long arguments have been completed before they can present short motions, as sometimes occurs. Judge George, who is the presiding judge, will, no doubt, arrange to make the desired change.

Suit in Foreclosure.

The United Artisans have sued the Sunset Land Company in the State Circuit Court to foreclose a mortgage for $7000 on 36 acres of land. Interest is due from November 12, 1903.

HISLOP PAYS $250 A LOT.

Compromise Reached in Union Avenue Fill Assessment.

The old question of the Union-avenue fill was the principal bone of contention at the street committee meeting yesterday afternoon in the City Hall. Messrs. Zimmerman, Merrill and Bentley were absent.

A report was received from Viewers Sharkey and Sherrett relating to the Union-avenue controversy. This was augmented by an affixed report of Engineer Greenleaf, who delved into the intricacies of trigonometry and demonstrated that the contractor's claim of removing 1258 yards of earth was erroneous, in so far, as a matter of fact, the excavation was but 874 yards.

The total assessment for the work of improving Union avenue where this fill has been made amounts to $13,780. Of this sum Thomas Hislop was assessed $2174, as follows: Block 88, lots 7 and 8, $832.49; block 89, lots 7 and 8, $843.57; block 94, lots 1 and 2, $548.72.

Mr. Hislop was present at the meeting, representing his own and others' interests, and stated that he was willing to pay an assessment of $100 the lot, in other words he would pay for the improvement at the rate of 50 cents on the dollar, offering the city as an alternative a law suit. He finally comprimised by paying $250 a lot. Mr. Hislop makes $674 by the transaction. He did not seem to like the committee's action and in addition to that figured in a verbal tussle with R. R. Duniway, who apparently felt that Mr. Hislop had presumed to make a settlement, regardless of the interests of other property-owners who will be affected by the action of the street committee.

Several residents of Overton street were present to protest against granting a franchise to the Oregon Traction Company to place the tracks and other equipment for its Hillsboro railway on that street. They suggested that as Northrup street was already tracked, a few rails more or less would not depreciate the value of property on that thoroughfare as much as by placing rails upon Overton street, which had never had a road.

Northrup street property-owners were also present and maintained that they were favored with an absolute sufficiency of rails, but compromised with the Overton-street people and suggested that the committee grant the franchise for any other street.

The matter was finally passed up to the Council for disposal.

George F. Ritter was present to protest against raising the grade on Benton street between Dupont and Shamrock. It developed that Ritter had erected his residence so close to the line of the sidewalk that if the grade were raised he would have to walk down to his front steps on a perpendicular ladder. For this reason he did not wish the grade raised.

FOR BETTER PUBLIC SERVICE

New York Man Gives Interesting Address on Subject.

"Volunteer service for the public good," was the central thought of an interesting address delivered last night in the Temple Beth Israel, by Alexander Johnston, general secretary of the National Conference of Charities and Correction, of New York. The lecture was all the more interesting because Mr. Johnston is the advance guard of those workers for civic and National reform who will hold their annual meeting in this city next July.

"I am only a door-keeper in the house of the Lord. In our Conference of Charities and Corrections, we have no priests but many prophets," began Mr. Johnston. "A historian, writing a century hence, of our day and generation may wonder at the existence of graft in our cities, and how men are only appointed to a position so that a political debt may be paid. I want to talk to you of a public service that cannot be had for money, about workers who work not for fame, but who have a positive passion for service. In those states where there are the most culture, refinement and enlightenment, you meet with this public service which comes from an emotion not yet popularized or put into words. For instance, this state is not a mere aggregation of people, but a living organism so built that no one part can suffer without the whole suffering, just as the fever of a wound of one member affects all the body. I hope the time is coming when you will have a Board of State Charities. When you do, get men for officers, not because they are Republicans, Democrats or Socialists, but because they are good men, good for their positions, who mean as well as do, men who see their duty. The business of the board will not be to administer, but to inspect, advise and report."

Mr. Johnston tomorrow evening, leaves for his home in Indiana, en route to New York.

FORGER IN THE TOILS

Samuel Waller Is Placed Under Arrest.

SAYS HE NEEDED MONEY

Slim and Talkative Young Man Falls Into Trap Laid by Detectives, Acknowledges Forging All the Checks.

STORY OF FORGERIES.

For many weeks checks ranging from $5 to $12, and having the names of prominent firms forged, have been passed upon unsuspecting merchants. The entire staff of detectives were working on the cases, and up to last night failed to run the forger to earth.

Detectives Hartman and Weiner laid in wait for many hours yesterday afternoon at the home of Samuel Waller, and when he came in, took him into custody.

Waller admits passing the forged checks, saying he was "hard pressed" for money. He is a veteran of the Philippine campaign, and is a son of ex-Policeman M. F. Waller. District Attorney Manning released him on his own recognizance at first, but later ordered him locked up. He will appear in court today.

Samuel Waller, son of ex-Policeman M. F. Waller, veteran of the Philippine campaign and well known in Portland and vicinity, was taken into custody at his home last night by Detectives Hartman and Weiner on charges of forgery. He fell into the trap laid for him and was compelled to accompany the officers to headquarters. He admitted his guilt to the police and an Oregonian reporter. He was at first released on his own recognizance by District Attorney Manning, upon his father's promise to produce him in court this morning, but was later rearrested and locked up.

For two months a well-dressed young man, described as "tall and good-looking, neat and talkative," defied the efforts of the detectives. Not until yesterday morning did Hartman and Weiner receive what proved to be correct information as to the forger's identity.

Hartman went to Waller's home, Hawthorne and Union avenues, where he remained during the afternoon. Mrs. Waller was there, but was kept from the telephone. After the long wait, during which time Weiner joined his partner in the case, the husband arrived. As he opened the door the detectives displayed their stars, informed him what they were there for, and made him accompany them to headquarters. There he was joined awhile later by his father, who scathingly lectured him for his misdeeds. While Chief Hunt and the detectives talked to the prisoner the father sought District Attorney Manning, and arrangements were made to release the young man, and he thus escaped occupying a cell temporarily.

"I started this business because I was in a hard pinch for money," said young Waller. "There was another fellow with me. We passed about 12 checks, realizing about $70 from them. We will pay up all we owe and settle the trouble."

Being the son of ex-Policeman Waller, the young man was well known to the officers. It was a hard and disagreeable task for Detectives Hartman and Weiner to arrest the prisoner, as both had known him since boyhood. To this was added the painful experience of the boy's father, who was deeply humiliated by his son's arrest. Furthermore, his mother lies critically ill at the family home.

"I guess I'll have to search you, old man," said Acting Jailer Endicott, as he entered the prison. "I hate to do it, but you understand. You got off wrong, my boy."

"Yes, I got off wrong," answered young Waller as he rose to be searched. Before the task was completed, however, word reached Chief Hunt to release him, and he was permitted to go home.

Sam Waller, Who Confesses to the Forgery of Thirty Checks.

The following list of checks was shown to Waller, who admitted passing them: East Side Bakery, $5; Grand Avenue Cigar Store, $6; G. Lindon, 342 Front, $10; Conrad Repp, 760 Union avenue, $12; A. Bingham, 51 Third, $9.50; A. P. Gran, 281 Benton, $12; Mr. Lohr, Clinton and Milwaukie, $5.85; Chindlan Sisters, 111 Grand avenue, $9.45; Metchlin, 387 East Pine, $6; L. Simons, 409 Williams avenue, $9; Frank Burkhardt, 349 First, $11; F. A. Root, Forty-eighth and Hawthorne, $9; A. Munroe, 420 Washington, $7; B. Dawfawish, 103 North Sixth, $11.50; Merges, Russell street, $7; another Russell-street cigar store, $5.50.

At each place Waller purchased small amounts of goods and received the balance in cash. He forged the names of Lang & Co., Marshal-Wells, Allen & Lewis and other firms, and signed various fictitious names to the checks. He used checks in a regular book. He says he got a book with 200 checks at Lipman & Wolfe's store, where they are kept for the convenience of customers.

RIVER IS SWOLLEN.

Heavy Rains and Warm Weather the Cause.

There is a fair-sized freshet coming down the Willamette, caused by the heavy rains and warm weather of the past few days. It is impossible to say what its extent will be, as that will depend on the weath.

"I cannot see the end yet," said District Forecaster E. A. Beals yesterday, "but when the crest of the flood reaches Eugene, I will be able to make a forecast. All I can see now is 14 feet, and that stage will be reached in two days. The water has been rising at the rate of six feet a day, but cannot keep up at that rate, as the increasing width of the river as it rises will tend to check the advance."

A 15-foot stage will put the water over some of the lower docks on the waterfront, and in consequence of the warning there was lively hustling at many of the wharves yesterday where freight had been stored on the lower floors.

Reports from points above indicate that the water will come up rapidly today and will continue to rise slowly Sunday. After that, unless heavy rains come, there will be a fall. The prospects now are for only occasional rains in this district today.

No fears need be felt of a damaging freshet at this time unless a hard rain storm comes before the flood has a chance to run off.

Current Does Damage.

No damage has been occasioned to water-front property here in the early stage of the freshet, but the current was responsible for one of the worst log jams seen in this harbor in recent years. Three booms of spruce logs, some of huge size, which were moored just above the Multnomah box factory, and were the property of that Company and the Standard Box Company, broke loose shortly after midnight yesterday morning and piled up in a tangled mass against the piers of the Madison-street bridge.

Morrison-Street Bridge Threatened.

One later worked its way through and brought up against the Morrison-street bridge piers. They blocked the way through the eastern draw channels and threatened to do some damage to the bridge structures. As soon as it was daylight steamboats were sent to the scene. The No Wonder secured the raft at Morrison street and soon had it made fast to the old Southern Pacific dock.

No damage was done to either of the bridges, but traffic was delayed at Madison street from 12:45 P. M. until 1:55 P. M. while the steamers were clearing away the debris in the draw channel.

DAILY CITY STATISTICS.

Marriage Licenses.

Arthur B. Chase, 21; Maud Godbey, 18.
Isaac Bloom, 24; Sabina Birger, 21.

Deaths.

December 26, John Wesley Bankson, aged 58 years, 11 months and 10 days, 320 Grand avenue; valvular heart disease. Interment Lone Fir Cemetery.

December 28, Harry G. Moorehead, aged 35 years, 4 months and 2 days, 690 East Burnside, abscess of the brain. Interment Seattle, Wash.

Births.

December 4, to the wife of F. P. McCarthy, 181 Page, a daughter.

December 7, to the wife of George Olsen, 131 Knott, a son.

December 6, to the wife of J. M. Evans, 790 Michigan avenue, a daughter.

December 14, to the wife of C. O. Jones, 901 East Tenth, a son.

December 20, to the wife of Walton B. Bender, Northern Hill, a daughter.

December 5, to the wife of J. C. Vennum, 89 Stanton, a son.

December 25, to the wife of William Carrigan, Benton and Hancock, a daughter.

Building Permits.

William McLean, Fourth, between Market and Clay, repairs, two-story dwelling; $1500.

Real Estate Transfers.

Sheriff to A. Olsen, lots 6, 21, block 12; lots 1, 2, 3, block 15, Good Morning Addition	$ 15
W. M. Ladd and wife to R. S. Farrell, block 2, E. 40 feet lots 1, 2, block 4, Garrison's Subdivision	1
Sheriff to A. Olsen, lots in Peninsular Addition No. 2	31
Theodore B. Wilcox and wife to R. S. Farrell, block 3, E. 40 feet lots 1, 2, block 4, Garrison's Subdivision	1600
U. W. Eames to N. D. Eames, 6-70 interest lots 9, 11, 13, 15, block 48, Irvington Park	1
Mrs. J. Eccles to H. Boyer, lot 8, block 8, Railroad Shops Addition	2175
William Irvin and wife to R. S. Farrell, undivided 8-10 interest block 3; E. 40 feet lots 1, 2, block 4, Garrison's Subdivision	1
J. B. Slemmons to E. House, lot 7, block 70, Carter's Addition to Portland	25
George W. Brown to J. J. Heldt, lots 9, 10, block 4, Evelyn	210
Same to P. H. A. Heldt, lot 13, block 4, Evelyn	125
Same to William H. Heldt, lot 12, block 4, Evelyn	110
Same to A. A. Heldt, lot 11, block 4, Evelyn	110
Frank A. Wills to M. G. Wills, lots 21 to 24 inclusive, block 9; lots 22, 23, block 13, Tremont Place	5
M. Grace Wills to F. A. Wills, same property	100
P. Minkler and wife to C. L. Minkler, lot 5, Taylor's Subdivision of section 2, T. 1 S., R. 2 E.	500
Everding & Farrell to F. O. Frymire, lot 2, block 2, Center Addition Annex	125
S. C. Gustafson and wife to A. C. Lerentsen, lot 7, block 21, Portsmouth	10
Alleves A. Clark and husband to C. Scherer, N. 25 feet lot 3, block 78, Stephens Addition	1000
J. Frank Watson and wife to E. J. Carlson, S. ½ lot 8, tract E, Overton Park	150
Ida M. Fullerton and husband to J. Reed, lot 2, block 20, Lincoln Park Annex	1
Oak Park Land Co. to C. Zeigler, lot 2, block 2, Oak Park Addition	1

HANDSOME DECORATIONS.

The fine trees that grace the Hotel Portland court and which contributed so largely to the decorative effect at Manager Bowers' Christmas reception last Tuesday, are the sweet bay (laurus nobilis). It is not generally known here, although a few specimens are growing in the open in private grounds. They came from Belgium, and were imported by J. B. Pilkington, a local nurseryman.

Will Address Congregation.

Ben Greet, the distinguished actor-manager of London, has accepted an urgent invitation by Dr. Stephen S. Wise to deliver an address at Temple Beth Israel next Thursday night, the exact time not having been decided upon. Mr. Greet is one of the foremost authorities on the English drama in the world and is a moving spirit in the Elizabethan Society of England, and has done more than any one man to preserve the early English drama. He is a scholar of international reputation and a lecturer of note. His address will be an important literary event.

MAY TAKE A REST

Federal Grand Jurors Probably Adjourn Today.

HENEY GOES TO CALIFORNIA

In the Absence of the Assistant District Attorney, Consideration of Land-Fraud Cases Will Be Postponed.

It is possible that the members of the Federal grand jury will be given a rest for a few days during the first of the coming week. F. J. Heney, who, as Deputy District Attorney, is conducting the examination of the witnesses before the jury, is compelled to go to San Francisco to argue an important case now on appeal in the Superior Court, and will have to be in San Francisco on January 3. When the jury convenes this morning the question of a recess will be discussed and in all probability the jurors will decide to take a brief respite from the work they have been doing for so long. In the event that they wish to continue their investigations, the consideration of the land fraud cases will be postponed until Mr. Heney can return from California, and in the meantime several matters which District Attorney Hall has to bring before the body will be taken up and put out of the way. It is probable, therefore, that the jury will adjourn this afternoon until Friday, January 6, at which time Mr. Heney will return to Portland.

Hermann Case May Be Up.

The examination of yesterday would lead to the belief that the case of Binger Hermann is directly before the jury. In the morning the first witness called was ex-Senator Charles Hilton, of Wheeler County, who was in the juryroom for some little time. No one outside of the Government and the jurors has any idea as to the nature of the testimony which was offered by Mr. Hilton, as he has not been connected with the case heretofore, so far as is known.

Following Mr. Hilton, District Attorney Hall was called into the room and remained there for a quarter of an hour. He was followed by W. J. Burns, the secret service man, who has been working on the cases for some time, and who is supposed to be in possession of a great deal of information which will be damaging to the two Congressmen.

Chris Muller, who was a messenger during the administration of Mr. Hermann, was the next witness called and he remained in conference with the jury for some time. He was followed by Elliott Hough, a clerk in the public lands division of the General Land Office, who was one of Mr. Hermann's private clerks during his administration. Mr. Hough was also in extended conference with the jury and when he was released S. A. D. Puter was the next witness and remained with the jury until the hour of adjournment.

Indictments May Be Delayed.

There are a great many witnesses yet to be called by the Government, and it is not thought that the work of the jury will be done inside of three weeks. If the adjournment for a week is taken, the time will stretch out longer than that. It is practically certain, at any rate, that no indictments will be returned, at least against Mr. Hermann and Senator Mitchell, until Mr. Heney returns from California. The cases against these men, so it is said, have hardly begun and a further consideration will have to be suspended pending the California trip of Mr. Heney, nothing will develop for some time yet to come.

Dr. W. H. Davis, of Albany, appeared before the court yesterday morning with his bond. The $4000 surety was signed by J. W. Cusick, a banker of Albany, and D. P. Mason, a merchant of that city. Dr. Davis asked for time in which to plead, and the court set January 9 as the date.

S. B. Ormsby also appeared with his bond of $4000, signed by J. H. Albert, the Salem banker, and George F. Rodgers, a bookbinder of Salem, and a son-in-law of Mr. Albert. Mr. Ormsby asked, and was given, five days in which to plead.

George Sorenson also came forward with his bond, which was indorsed by the United States Fidelity & Guarantee Company of this city.

WILL DELAY TAX ROLLS.

New State Law Is Encountered by County Clerk.

County Clerk Fields, who expected to have the tax-roll in 1905 ready for the Sheriff to begin collections January 15 to 20, has encountered an obstacle to his plan in a state law which goes into operation next month. The law in question provides that he shall submit to the Secretary of State on or before January 15 a statement of the county expenditures for each of the past five years.

On this statement, in connection with like statements from other counties, the state levy is fixed for each county.

The law provides, in particular, that in order to ascertain the proportion of state tax to be paid by the several counties, the Governor, Secretary of State and State Treasurer shall ascertain from the reports of expenditures of the several counties the average amount of expenditure of each county during a period of five years past, and each county shall pay such proportion of said state taxes as its average amount of expenditure for said period bears to the total amount of expenditures in all of the counties in the state.

The Secretary o State is to return the amount of the state levy for each county to the several County Clerks, but how soon after January 15 he will do so remains to be seen. The County Clerk cannot extend the tax-roll until this levy is received. It might be as late as February 1, which would delay tax collections one month from the time previously calculated upon. The statute allows 3 per cent rebate on all taxes paid on or before March 15 in full. The sooner the roll is opened the better. If the tax-collection force has two months to work in prior to March 15, a less number of clerks will be required than if there is only one month's time before January 15, and clerk hire will be saved. Interest on outstanding warrants will also be saved if tax moneys come in earlier, because many warrants can be called in sooner. Mr. Fields has written a letter to the Secretary of State in an effort to expedite the matter as much as possible.

This year Multnomah County paid a little over 31 per cent of the state tax, or a total of $382,567.50.

GROOM MUST STAND TRIAL.

Aged Eloper Held on a Kidnaping Charge.

In custody of Detective John Barck, G. M. Landerking was taken to Seattle yesterday afternoon to stand trial on the charge of kidnaping, preferred against him by the father of Helen Baskett, now the wife of Landerking.

Landerking was arrested by Detectives Hartman and Weiner Thursday afternoon, upon telegraphic instructions from the Seattle police. He was charged with kidnaping, although the girl in the case was married to him at The Dalles December 17, according to their statements. Landerking spent the night in the City Jail, while his wife was held at the receiving home of the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society.

HEARD IN THE TROUBLE SHOP

LOVE is like death—it is inevitable and it never comes but once! To Frank Kornce it has come with a sudden bump, and as suddenly has bumped away again. The romance of Kornce began without a moment's warning and ended in the Police Court, when Judge Hogue ordered the swain to keep away from his lady-love.

Kornce is a carpenter and wields a hammer with such good grace that he has advanced to that stage of financial standing where he believes himself capable of supporting a Mrs. Kornce in a proper manner. Some time ago Kornce, in a rapturous moment combined with a lucid interval, met pretty, 18-year-old Kitty Hollnege. Kitty looked so enticing to Kornce that he attached himself to her train and there determined to stay. Then he discovered that Kitty had a father. Also other relatives too numerous to mention.

"Went Kornce himself."

When Christmas time approached the heart of Kornce was opened, and thinking of the acts of good generals he planned a coup d'etat calculated to melt the heart of his lady-love and the sterner hearts of the relatives mentioned. Kornce bought presents.

Nor was he contented with a diamond ring or a gold watch or such trifles as other swains are wont to give their adored ones. Kornce bought household goods by the trunkful. There were presents for all the relatives also, and the lot found their way at the appropriate time to the Hollnege home on Sixteenth street. There, for a space of time, there was great rejoicing.

Following closely on the heels of the presents went Kornce himself, with love in his heart and hope in his mind. He received the thanks of the assembled family, paid his respects to the relatives and then called the crowd into executive session. Then the blow fell on the head of Papa Hollnege.

Rage and indignation possessed the soul of Kornce.

Kornce announced that the fair Kitty had captured his heart and that he desired to take unto himself the girl as a wife. Papa considered that he did not know Kornce very well and entered an emphatic denial. This started a hot debate, the Kornce taking the affirmative, the entire family the negative and Kitty remaining silent like the politician who is the balance of power and therefore valuable.

At the conclusion of the debate it became apparent to Kornce that his motion was lost. Moreover, so were the presents he had purchased to soften the stern hearts. He began to rave. Then he swore. Papa Hollnege attempted to quell the riot and the battle which followed left the room looking like a hair mattress after being struck by a Kansas twister. Rage and indignation possessed the soul of Kornce. He stated that he wanted "dem presents back."

"I want dat bran new cook-stove,
I want dat chair,—"

That was what Kornce sang. After the song he expostulated again. No use. Papa was firm! Papa stated that the presents had come without the asking, the family needed the goods and that the family was going to retain the goods or papa was going to know the reason why. He offered to show Kornce. The swain requested to be shown.

Papa showed him.

Papa showed him! By a large majority! When he had finished the police came and carried away the mangled remains. What was once Kornce appeared before judge Hogue yesterday morning.

"Were you drunk?" inquired the Judge.

"Drunk with love," pleaded Kornce.

His Honor considered, then he smiled. The smile of His Honor means things. When an old offender sees His Honor smile he turns to go back to jail and all he wants to know is the number of days. He knows the rest.

The Judge smiled; then he spake.

"You must remain away from the vicinity of Kitty," said His Honor. "We can have no more trouble of this kind." Kornce declared that he loved Kitty and would love no other. Hence he desired to go near the residency.

Judge Hogue was firm and Kornce walked from the courtroom a free man, but with the knowledge in his heart that he must stay away from the vicinity of Sixteenth street. Love may laugh at locksmiths, but not at Judge Hogue—that would be contempt.

A New Town Booming.

WALLULA, Wash., Dec. 30.—(Special.)—A new town is arising at Two Rivers, Wash., several Portland capitalists being interested in the venture. It will blossom with irrigated land, and is being built by Spokane capitalists, the water being supplied from the Snake River by a canal now under construction and nearly finished. A new hotel of 18 rooms is about completed, as also a livery barn and several dwelling houses, while a flouring mill with a capacity of 300 barrels is to be erected on the tracks of the Northern Pacific near the Columbia River. The town of Two Rivers is near Wallula, and its development and the belt of land that will be made productive are being watched with interest by people over a wide section. The lands are said to be well adapted to the growth of fruits and early vegetables requiring intense cultivation.

Scale Walls and Escape.

Tiring of confinement in the Home of the Good Shepherd, Laura Ames and Maud Gould, girls aged 16 years, last night made an escape from the institution by scaling the walls and running for their liberty.

Officials of the home telephoned to the police about the escape, giving the details of the case and description of the girls. Both of the girls climbed through the windows of their rooms, went down a ladder and then over the walls to the street.

Captain Moore detailed Detective Hawley, of the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society, to handle the case. Up to a late hour the escapes had not been located. It is thought two men assisted in the escape.

GOODBYE TO '04

Watch Parties Will Speed the Departing Year.

GREETINGS FOR NEW ONE

Thousands Will Wait Up Tonight in Churches, Clubs and Homes to See the New Year Ushered In.

Throughout the city tonight there will be watch parties.

Social gatherings on the one hand will vie with prayer meetings and watch parties at churches on the other. The clubs, the societies, the churches—each will have a hand in welcoming the New Year and wishing success and prosperity to 1905. The Old Year will be laid to rest with appropriate ceremony, and the youngster tenderly cared for by thousands in Portland, for the New Year brings much to the city and to the state.

At the Y. M. C. A. preparations have been made for a large watch party. The evening exercises will begin at 8 o'clock. There will be a gymnasium show and athletic events, basket-ball and baseball, and later in the evening a musical and literary programme, which is billed to contain many interesting and amusing features. A large bell will be at hand and will be rung promptly at midnight. Both ladies and gentlemen are invited and there will be no admission fee. The following programme will be given in the auditorium: Ballad, horn solo, F. E. Coulter; tenor solo, C. M. Godfry; reading, Miss Anna Welch; solo, Miss Grace Gilbert; violin solo, Miss Cornelia Barker; tenor solo, U. S. Ackles.

There will be a watch meeting at the Men's Resort, at the Seamen's Institute and at the various homes. The Vounteers of America at their rooms, in 267 Ankeny street, will serve coffee and cake free during the evening and will watch the old year out and the new year in with appropriate ceremonies.

Practically every church in the city will hold meetings. Several important social events are scheduled and will be turned into watch meetings. At the various clubs there will be midnight feasts. Bells throughout the city will toll, whistles will blow and a din will herald the coming of Exposition year to Portland.

Watch Service at White Temple.

At the White Temple there will be an exceedingly interesting meeting and a fitting farewell will be paid the old year and a welcome extended to the new. There will be special music and a special programme has been arranged for each hour, commencing at 8 o'clock and lasting until midnight. All Baptist churches in the city have been invited to join in the service. Arrangements have been made with the Consolidated Railway Company for cars to run until 1 o'clock Sunday morning to carry the visitors to their homes. The following services have been arranged:

8 P. M., prayer and praise service; 9 P. M., meeting of the Baptist Union, Dr. Wooddy presiding, the annual report will be made and several addresses delivered; 10 P. M., social hour and reception, refreshments being served; 11 P. M., preaching and consecration service. Dr. Brougher will preach on "The Trodden and Untrodden Path."