SWEEP THE DOCKET

Many Cases Dismissed in State Circuit Court.

OFFENDERS ESCAPE TRIAL

Petty Cases Are Brought From Lower Courts and Allowed to Accumulate in Numbers-List of the Charges and Offenders.

More than 100 criminal cases have been cleared from the dockets of the State Cir-cuit Court. During the past few days dis-missal in these cases have been entered missal in these cases have been entered by District Attorney John Manning and City Attorney L. H. McNary. The cases were brought into the court on appeals from lower courts and the result mani-fests a very effective way in which lawbreakers may evade just punishment. Several weeks ago the Judges of the State Circuit Court decided to have a docket made up of all criminal cases on hand in order to have some disposition made of them. It has long been the practice for attorneys to appeal from the Municipal Court to the State Circuit Court cases where asloomkeepers have been convicted of keeping open after hours or other viobit accepting open after fours or other vis-lations of the saloon ordinance; cases of disorderly women and other offenders able to pay attorneys' fees and file bonds. The cases on appeal have been allowed to drag, and as a rule not forced to trial, and in this manner persons convicted and fined in the Municipal Court have succeeded in avoiding punishment altogether. After the cases become old it is hard to secure the attendance of the witnesses, and convictions do not result even if trials in the upper court are had.

Other Business Has Accumulated. State cases, appealed also, have been allowed to accumulate in the same man-ner. Besides, criminals are arrested on a number of charges, tried perhaps on one and convicted and sentenced, and the

other cases are allowed to encumber the records instead of being tried out or dis-nulssed. Again, witnesses sometimes run away, and the evidence in other cases is found insufficient after full investigation

George Emmert, larceny: Charles Boggess, larceny; Joseph La Barge, burglary; Joseph La Barge, larceny; Harry Wilkins larceny; Claude Copeland, larceny; Simon Jones, assault and battery; Leo Brawn, assault and battery: Quon Sam gam-biling; Lin Mon. gambling; Harry Osgood, forgery: Martin Sorenson, embezzlement; Harry Thomas, larceny: Arthur Prafi, larceny: C. L. Schmidt, operating nickel slot machine; Leo Brown, larceny; Louis Lorno, indecent conduct; Charles Hough-ton, larceny, is in the penitentiary; A. Hickox, larceny; Louis Allers, larceny; R. C. Neison, receiving stolen property; Quar Sing, larceny; Charles Burton, lar-ceny; La Thompson, Bert Caple, robbery, no appeal bond; William Thompson, lar-ceny, no aspeal bond; Doc Yuen, gam-bung; Dai Lee, gambling; Joseph Holden, celling figuor without license, is serving centeries on two other like charges; H. R. Farr, assent and battery; C. H. Norelin, forgery: William Dean, burglary; F. I. Gannon, assent and battery; Eugene Blazier, gambling, convicted on one charge; Peter Grant, gambling; August Erlekson, gambling, convicted on one charge; Fred Reinhardt, larceny; Thomas O'Nell, assault and battery; A. F. Thomp-son, cruelty to animals; R. S. Hibbard, assault and battery: Joseph Battagher, lar-ceny; J. T. Thompson, embezzlement, never apprehended; C. Barnett, alias J. Barnhard, horsestealing, sentenced to six months in the County Jail on plea guilty, no beach warrant issued.

Numerous city cases were dismissed by ity Attorney McNary, appealed from the

City Attorney McNary, appealed from the Municipal Court and dating back for a long time, as follows:

H. E. Manshall, violating saloon ordinance; Jack Hill, Jack Fahle, Billy Dugan, fighting; Addle Clark, keeping disorderly house; A. Brickson, violating to clock ordinance; J. E. Hill, vagrancy; Loule King, disorderly conduct; John O'Comnor, assault and battery: A. O. Berg, disorderly conduct; G. A. Lane, violating saloon ordinance (three charges); R. J. Rohse, violating saloon ordinance; W. H. Wilson, violating saloon ordinance; Charles Peterson, violating saloon ordinance; Charles Peterson, disorderly conduct; Rudolph Breyman, disorderly conduct; Rudolph Breyman, disorderly conduct; A. de Martini, violating i o'clock ordinance; Ah Lin, disorderly conduct; Lai Wah, violating ordinance; Lai Wah, violating ordinance; Lai Wah, violating ordinance; Casper Kuppler, disorderly conduct; Bettires Lessie keep. ng saloon ordinance: Casper Kuppler, derly conduct; Beatrice Lewis, keepng disorderly house: Mabel Robbins, ceeping disorderly house; J. N. Stearns, lisorderly conduct: Victoria Smith, va-grancy: Corine Wright, having opium in possacesion; William Wilson, violating sa-loon ordinance; Bally White, keeping dis-orderly house; J. McDaniel, disorderly onduct; Beatrice Lewis, keeping disorderly bouse; Jennie Elliott, vagrancy; L. dagurousky, violating ordinance 814; D. Mangone, violating ordinance Sidi; D. Mangone, violating saloon ordinance; John Brabant, disorderly conduct; Elia Bush disorderly conduct; W. R. Brown, gambling: Ress Brown, vagrancy; Jed Hart, disorderly conduct; John Conrad, violating saloon ordinance; Elia Corbin, vagrancy; John Bingham, improving street without permit; Peter Both, disorderly conduct; P. N. Robbin, violating saloon ordinance; John Nicholas, disorderly conduct; Beatrice Lewis, vagrancy; Clara Babb, disorderly conduct; Gene Al. Clara Babb, disorderly conduct; Gene Allen, disorderly conduct.

COUNTY DEBTS ARE REDUCED Auditor's Report Discloses Very Grat-

ifying State of Finances. mi-annual report of County Aud-Hor C. A. Brandes, which he has just completed, shows that during the past two years the indebtedness of Multnomah County represented by outstanding war-rants has been lowered from \$319.05.62 to \$192,848.4), a net reduction of \$316,788.42. These figures were prepared by Mr. Brandes and his deputy. F. Otto Burckhardt, and the statement is made by the Auditor that when the next report is for the six months ending June lusive, it will show that the county entirely free from debt.

The expenses of operating the county explie during the six months was \$3501.22 This includes materials, supplies and salaries of the guards. The work of the prisoners paid for at the rate of \$2 per day would have cost the county three or four times that much money. The report shows that the total amount

The report shows that the total amount of warrants issued on the general fund war HS. 283.28, and upon the road fund, RG. 2013. Collections of the bicycle tax a noon today at the Men's Resort, ew. The total amount turned in by the Sheriff was only \$210, and the total amount spent by the county for the imprevements of the paths was only \$46.50. E. L. House, D. D., and Rev. F. B. Short, From this tax the county formerly re-

alized a sum sufficient to keep all the paths in good condition, but last year the wheelmen neglected to pay it, and so few improvements were made.

Judge Webster, when the fewy for taxes to be collected in 1900 was made, stated that the members of the County Court had decided to pay off all the indebtedness of the county hefers the year closed.

HE WOULD NOT PAY RENT

And Mrs. Ida Rhodes Is Tired of Her Husband.

Husband.

Ida Rhodes says her husband. Charles Rhodes, failed to pay the rent of the house in which they were living and they were compelled to vacate and she had to go home to her mother. She also avers that Rhodes failed to provide for her for over six months. For these and other reasons Mrs. Rhodes has filed suit against her husband for a divorce. The parties were married in Portland in September, 196, and have one child, a year old. Mrs. Rhodes alleges that after the child was born her husband promised to support them, but instead neglected them and spent his money with idle and dissolute women. He threatened to kill the child and said he would throw it in a sewer. Mrs. Rhodes avers, and she further charges Rhodes with saying that if the child grew up he would cause him to become an immoral person. Rhodes is also accused by his wife of threatening to become an immoral person. Rhodes is also accused by his wife of threatening to kill her. On December 10, 1904, abe had him arrested on that charge in the Mu-nicipal Court and bound over to keep the peace.

A ROAD TO CALIFORNIA.

Judge Webster Believes Legislature Will Provide for One. A road through the State of Oregon to

to attend the opening of the Legislature.
"In my opinion," he said. "the resolu-tion providing for the appointment of a commission to look after preliminary matters in commection with the building of a state road from Portland to the California state line, will be adopted by the Legislature. We will also get all the help the Good Roads people can give."

The contract for the employment of

onvict labor in the stove foundry exvict labor employed instead in building this road.

MORE TOBACCO VICTIMS.

Three Being Tried for Stealing Cigars From Freight Cars.

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F. E. Brown, charged with stealing known only to those interested cases have been dropped.

The order of the Judges providing that the ciefk in future keep a complete criminal docket of all cases resulted in many cid cases being dug out of the vaults where the papers had been locked up for a long time, and in order to clear the docket of the cases which cannot be tried, the following have been marked off on motion of the District Attorney and for other reasons:

The Discarded Cases. bought is worth of the stolen goods. Keith pleaded gulity and turned state's evidence. He was let off with a sentence of six months on the rock pile. Roberts has not yet been arrested. The trial of Brown will be concluded today.

The Jury in the suit of David Keil against Samuel Boise for \$5000 damages for slander decided that Kell's reputation suffered only to the extent of Se. A ver-dict in that sum was returned in Judge Cleland's court yesterday afternoon, signed by Ben Seiling, foreman. Keil complained that Boise called him a thief in the presence of others, accused him of stealing wood, poisoning a horse, stealing strawberry bushes and many other things. Boise dealed the accusations.

A Marriage Which Failed.

. Because of alleged descriton commencing over a year ago Eliza R. Hornig yesterday comenced suit in the State Circuit Court against A. C. Hornig for a divorce, They were married in Portland in 1894.

Burgiar Gets Five Years.

F. J. Kirke pleaded guilty yesterday to

EXAMINE MANY WITNESSES.

Ellis Case Against Lumber-Dealers Is Moving Slowly.

alleged combination for the sole reason that he had bought previous requirements from Vancouver mills and that they could not obtain it elsewhere has been offset by witnesses for the defense who asserted that they had no difficulty in securing what lumber they needed at all times. The case will be concluded today.

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During the foreneon sension of the court yesterday J. E. Barnett, of The Dalles, one of the jurors on this case, received a telegram from Salem advising him that he had been appointed a cierk in the Legbiature. Upon the consent of the attorneys for plaintiff and defendant, Judge Bellinger excused Barnett from further duty on the jury so that he might proceed to Salem and the case is now being tried before 11 jurors. before II jurors.

LIONS ELECT OFFICERS. Fraternal Order Holds Annual Meeting in Portland.

The Independent Order of Lions, meeting in supreme lodge yesterday at the of-fice of Alexander Sweek, in the Chamber of Commerce building, re-slected almost all the former officers. Committees appointed for special duties will report to the meeting this morning. Today there the meeting this morning. Today there will probably be introduced into the order a new form of tusurance policy. The polley now insued by the order provides for ley now issued by the order provides for sickness and accident, but in addition to this there will probably be issued hereafter a policy providing straight life insurance. The following officers were elected by the supreme lodge:

President, P. A. McPherson, of Portland: vice-president, Dr. J. L. Hill, of Albany; secretary, Alexander Sweek, of Portland:

Albany; secretary, Alexander Sweek, of Portland; assistant secretary, C. M. Moore, of Olympia; treasurer, J. H. Ack-erman, of Salem; legal advisor, J. M. Long, of Portland; auditor, Governor George E. Chamberlain; chapisin, Mrs. N. K. Belshaw, of Eugene; sergeant-at-arms, John T. Wilson, of Portland; door-keeper, Mrs. Cella D. McPherson, of Port-land; secritical John Billed of Portland

land; sentinel, John Blied, of Portland.

The Meier & Frank Store's Clearance Sale

Always the Most Important Bargain Event of the Business Year

Are you getting your share of the Clearence Sale bargains? If not, it's high time you were-The best opportunity of the year to supply seasonable and staple merchandise of every description at saving prices-This 1905 Clearance Sale is the broadest economic event of our existence and offers a choice from the largest stock of trustworthy and reliable merchandise in the Far West-Wearing apparel for women, men and children, everything in homefitting needs included-We call particular attention to the great "White Sales," Muslin Underwear, Linens, White Goods, Curtains, Infants' Wear

Every Article Is Reduced

Silks, Dress Goods. Laces, Embroideries. Ribbons, Gloves. Dress Trimmings.

Hosiery, Underwear. Women's Neckwear. Umbrellas, Etc., Etc. Every Article is Reduced | Every Article is Reduced | Every Article is Reduced | Every Article is Reduced

Carpets, Rugs, Linoleums. Curtains, Portiers. Couch and Table Covers. Blankets, Comforters. Muslin Underwear. Infants' Wear, Corsets, Art Goods, Pictures. Books, Stationery.

Waists, Petticoats. Men's Clothing. Boys' Clothing. Millinery. Men's and Boys' Hats. Men's Furnishings,

Cloaks, Suits, Raincoats,

Cameras, Photo Supplies.

Crockery, Kitchen Goods, Silverware, Cut Glass. Lamps, Sewing Machines. "Peninsular" Steel Ranges. Groceries, Etc., Etc. Linens, Cottons, Flannels.

Leather Goods. Jewelry, Veilings. Notions, Linings. Toys, Dolls, Games, Trunks and Bags. Sheet Music, Etc., Etc.

Great January "White Sale" for Men

Now comes the great January White Sale for men-Staple Furnishing Goods at Clearance Sale Prices-White Shirts, Handkerchiefs, White Neckwear, Night Shirts, Etc., the very best values obtainable for your money-in addition, our entire stock, a few contract goods alone excepted, of men's and boys' Furnishing Goods is being offered at extraordinary low Clearance Sale Prices-Near Morrison-Street Entrance

Men's White Golf Shirts, the best \$1 values, for, each .. 63¢ White Silk Barathea English Squares, handsome tie White Pique Vest Edgings, 25c values, 18c: 50c value. 35c Greatly reduced prices on all White Neckwear. Men's "Aretex" Linen Mesh Underwear in white, all sizes, Shirts and Drawers, heavy weight, \$2.65 each; \$2.50 light weight Men's white hemstitched Handkerchiefs-10c values, each 4¢ 15c values, each 9¢ Men's white hemstitched Linen Handkerchiefs, Men's 50e Linen initialed Handkerchiefs 39¢ Men's \$1.00 white Silk Mufflers, each..... Men's unlaundered White Shirts, linen bosom, reinforced and double front and back, 50c values, 40c; all 75e values for, each

Men's White Balbriggan Sox, the regular 25c values, for, pair Men's and Boys' plain white Night Shirts, the regular 50e values, each Men's and Boys' white Twill Night Shirts, the | Men's white heavy Pepperell Twill Night Shirts,

Boys' Clothing Low Priced

Boys' Clothing made as carefully as men's-Suits and Overcoats, very best styles and materials, the entire stock for your choosing at Clearance Sale Prices-Second Floor

Little Boys' Overcoats, blues, grays and fancy mixtures, ages 3 to 8 years-\$3.50 values \$2.59 \$ 4.00 values \$2.98 4.50 values. 3.40 5.00 values. 3.85 6.50 values. 4.95 6.00 values. 4.55 8.50 values. 6.15 10.00 values. 6.95 Boys' Reefers, in tan, blue and red, ages 3 to 8 yrs., \$5 values. \$3.45 Boys' All-Wool Suits in Cassimeres and

Cheviots, ages 8 to 16 years; regular \$4.50 the low price of\$3.45 and \$5.00 values, on sale at Boys' Cravenette Raincoats, dark gray and greats pecial value \$7.15

Boys' Percale Waists, attached collar, all ages, best \$1.00 values on Boys' Flannel Waists, reds, blues, grays, ages 6 to 12 years, regular

Young Men's Overcoats, 16 to 20 years, this season's very best styles and materials; price \$12.10

Young Men's Single-Breasted Suits, good, serviceable mixtures, ages 15 to 20 years; regular \$7.50 and \$10.00 Boys' Kilt Suits and Dresses at Clearance prices.

Groceries

Are sold here at rock-bottom prices-A big saving on every purchase-Phone Exchange 4

10017-110-110-110-110-110-110-110-110-11	
17 lbs, Western Dry Granu- lated Sugar for	.\$1.00
100-lb. sack Western Dry	
3-lb. package Soda Crackers	
löc Oranges for, dosen	
I lb. Schilling's Baking Powd	
1 can Ground Chocolate	
Olympic Pancake Flour	
I cans Alamo Tomatoes	
5 packages Seeded Raisins .	
Smith's Kippered Herring	
C. & B. Mait Vinegar, quart .	25
2 cans Duchess Peaches	
Edam Cheese	
7 bars Victor Soap	
Durkee Salad Dressing, bottl	e. 10c
Nabisco Wafers, box	25
Snider's Cocktail Catsup	
2 packages Jell-O	
16-oz jars,"Long's" Jams	
2 packages Grape-Nuts	
Victor Flour, best made	
M. & F. Mocha and Java Coffe	
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January Shoe Bargains Worth Buying DrugSundries

High-grade Footwear for women, men and boys economically priced-The very best values in Shoes of standard quality and desirable styles, shoes that we guarantee to give perfect satisfaction in every respect

for Women, broken lines in good styles; regular \$1.50 and \$4.00 values; best leathers; we \$2.18 may have your size; pr. \$2.18 Women's 15.00 and 18.00 fine Shoes, patent calf, patent kid, fine vici kid, French heels: very best styles and remarkable value at the low price of \$3.46 Women's patent colt and patent kid Shoes, welt soles, lace and Blu-cher styles, best \$2.50 values, in all sizes, value extraordinary at, pair ...\$2.48 Misses' vici kid and box calf Lace

Men's Fine Shoes

\$15.00 Willamette Sewing Machines \$12.95 | \$35.00 Willamette Cabinet Machines \$28.75

\$22.50 Willamette Sewing Machines \$19.25 \$ 5.00 Willamette Junior Machines \$ 3.75

French. Shriner & Urner's 15.00 Shoes, box calf. velour calf. pat-ent colt, vici kid, lace or Blucher, for, pair\$3.65 Men's \$4.00 Shoes, all leath-\$3.35 Men's \$3.50 Shoes, all leath-ers, best styles, pair ... \$2.85 Men's \$2.00 Shoes at, pair.....\$3.33 Mechanics' Shoes

Men's \$2.00 kangaroo and kip Creedmore Buckle Shoes, pair \$1.49 Men's \$3.50 Tan Rus.ia, \$2.85 9-inch Shoes \$2.85 \$5.00, \$5.50 Tan and Black Viscol sole Shoes, 12 and 14-Inch \$3.92 tops, great value, pr....\$3.92 \$4.00 Tan Grain, Seal and Kangaroo Shoes, great special \$2.42 values at pair \$2.50 Veal Calf, Kangaroo and Kip Creedmore Shoes, best \$2.07

\$10.00 Willamette Hand



Machines \$ 8.50

Lyon's Tooth Powder Cammelline . Wisdom's Robertine Cherry Tooth Paste
Oriental Cream
Pasteurine Tooth Paste
Holmes' Frostilla
Capillaris Herpicide Brilliantine Florida Water, large Sheffield's Dentifrice Woodbury's Cream Glovine Cleaning Fluid
Moth Balls, pound
Huyler's Cooos Butter
La Blache Face Powder
Pozzoni's Face Powder
Java Rice Powder
Williams Shaving Guan Williams Shaving Stick
Fairy Soap, dozen cakes
Kirk's Glycerine, box
Buttermilk Soap, box
Armour's assorted box
Kirk's Juvenile, cake
Woodbury's Facial, cake
Pear's Soap, cake
Cuticura, ide cake; three cakes
a customer.

January Clearance Sale of Carpets

\$20.00 Willamette Sewing Machines \$15.25

\$26.50 Willamette Sewing Machines \$22.75

Portland's greatest Carpet Store, greatest in size, greatest in assortment, greatest in value-giving-All the leading makes in the newest designs and colorings-Workroom facilities that enable us to execute all orders, no matter how large, with promptness and satisfaction-Third Floor



Melrose Ingrains, best patterns, 65c 2-ply All-Wool Filling, clearing square yard; \$1.60 Inlaid Linoleum, neat designs, \$1.35 square yard; \$1.75 Linoleum, \$1.58 square yard. 85c quality Smith's Hotel Brussels Carpets, yard77¢ \$1.00 quality Brussels, with or with

out borders, yard85¢

\$1.25 Windsor Brussels, will not fade -yard \$1.05 Prosaie Velvets, the best Wool Velvet on the market, yd. .\$1.35 \$1.75 Royal Axminsters, elegant assortment patterns, yd. \$1.44 Bigelow Axminsters, extra fine quality, \$2.10 value, yd. . \$1.89

Blankets and Comforters

10-4 White Wool Blankets with colored borders, great \$3.83
special value, pair \$3.83
Three great lots of full-size Comforters, laminated cotton filled, great values at \$1.07, \$1.28, \$1.76. T.06 extra large All-Wool White Blankets, colored bor-ders, grand values, pair. \$5.55 Full size fine California Blankets, mottled gray, great spe-cial value, pair. \$4.65 White and Gray Wool Blankets, ex-

GREAT ANNUAL CLEARANCE

Sale of Kitchen Goods

Second Floor, Near Elevator

Hundreds of housewives thronged the Basement yesterday, all anxious to take advantage of the scores of money-saving opportunities on kitchen and housekeeping helps of every kind-A few of the extra specials listed here:



White Enamel Sauce Pans and Ashestos Irons, set Asbestos Irons, set Iron Handles, each Warranted Wringers, each Galvanized Wash Tubs, each Washboards, each 106 feet Wire Clothes Line Clothes Pins, dozen Clothes Pins, dozen Covered Rossters, each Glass Lemon Extractors Soup Strainers, each Wire Erg Whips, each Dover Egg Beaters, each Lap Sink Brunnes, each Kettle Knobs, each Can Openers, each Kettles, Berlin shape

2-quart 40e 4-quart 52e
3-quart 68e 6-quart 66e
S-quart 80e
Deep White Enamel Sauce Pans3-quart 68e 4-quart 60e
6-quart 72e 8-quart 80e
Lipped Sauce Pans
1-quart 20e 1½ quart 24e
2-quart 20e 1½ quart 24e
All Woodenware, Tinware, Graniteware, Nickel ware, etc., at Clearance Sale prices.



Ruffled Swiss Curtains 98c

300 pairs of Ruffled Swiss Curtains, seven patterns, 40 inches wide, 3 yards long, coin spots, figures and striped centers, plain ruffles, extra well made, remarkable Clearance Sale value at the low price of. 98c 20-inch Oriental striped Pillow Covers, tassel on each corner, best 35c value, on Chenille Table Covers, 2 yards square, large variety of colors with floral designs, \$1.80 best \$2.25 value \$1.80

Three-Fold Screens 98c Each 250 oak, imitation mahogany and white Three-Fold Screens, filled with figured silkoline, regular \$1.75 values 98c 6-4 double-faced Tapestry Table Covers, 2-tone effects, regular \$1.85 value\$1.29 Art Loom Tapestry Table Covers, Oriental patterns, two yards square, great bargain ...\$2.40

Sheet Music 10c

"Your Dad Gave His Life for His Country."
"Love's Reverie."
"Flowers and Kisses."
"Man With the Ladder and the Hose."
"Under the American Eagle."
"Star of Destiny."

BATHROOM SPECIALTIES 20c

24-in, Nickel Towel Bars, regular \$1.90 value, for
18-inch Nickel Towel Bars.
Tollet-Paper Holders, 25c
values, for, each.
45c Nickel Toothbrush Holders,
reduced to
Nickel Toothbrush Holders,
Sic Nickel Towel Rings
Nickel Glass Holders
\$1.25 Nickel Bospdishes
Nickel Whishbroom Holders
\$45.00 Bathroom Shelf for
furniture Dusters, each