

NEW LINE WILL GIVE EASY GRADE

O. R. & N. Plans to Lay Tracks From St. Johns to Troutdale.

STOCKHOLDERS TO VOTE

Directors Call a Special Meeting for July 6, at Which Amendment Authorizing Construction Will Be Adopted.

The O. R. & N., at the last meeting of the board of directors, made provision for the amendment of the articles of incorporation by which it would be possible for the company to construct a line of track from the end of the St. Johns spur through that village, along the bank of the river around the Columbia Slough and up the big river to Troutdale.

This amendment will be considered at a called meeting of the stockholders of the company on July 6, at which time it is practically certain that the amendment will be adopted and the construction of the road authorized.

The present main line of the O. R. & N., running out of the city passes through Sullivan's Gulch and over a sharp grade which makes it difficult to haul the heavy freight trains either in or out of the city. The new line is to obviate this difficulty and to make provision for a water grade the entire distance.

WILL RECLAIM MANY ACRES

Payette and Boise Valleys Are Noted by Government.

A. A. Richards, State Senator in the Idaho Legislature, who has been largely instrumental in interesting the Government in the Payette-Boise Valley irrigation project, was in Portland yesterday on his way to Emmett, Idaho, from Seattle.

more, and we could hardly believe them. The question was asked as to where they could obtain the water to irrigate such an immense tract of land, as in the Summer months the Payette and Boise Rivers are very low and there is very little surplus water in either of the streams. They told us that they contemplated storing the water that rushes down the rivers in the Spring floods.

"The Payette Lakes are situated high in the mountains and very little of the water evaporates, which it would do if it were stored lower down. The water is released gradually and it flows down the river until it meets another enormous dam across the mouth of the stream. This dam raises the water so that it can be directed over the high plateau which makes the best farming land.

GIVES CAUSE OF CRIME

VANDRAN EXPLAINS WHY JOE YOUNG SHOT HIM.

Injured Man Tells Deputy District Attorney Haney Story of the Trouble.

An official statement, given to Deputy District Attorney H. R. Adams by K. Vandran at the Good Samaritan Hospital early yesterday morning, definitely fixes the reason for the attempted murder of Joseph Young as family trouble.

Vandran stated Young had heard of stories being circulated, to the effect that Vandran had told people Young was not taking proper care of his wife and children. Vandran admitted furnishing Mrs. Young with money on several occasions, as she had told him she was in destitute circumstances, and must have help; that her husband had refused to take care of her and something must be done.

Vandran stated that when Young called him out onto the sidewalk in front of the Washington Cafe shortly before 1 A. M. Tuesday, he asked if Vandran had been making derogatory statements concerning him. Vandran replied that he had stated Young should be ashamed of himself to refuse to provide for Mrs. Young and the children and he had assisted Mrs. Young by providing her money to purchase provisions.

County Clerk's Report.

County Clerk Fields filed a report in the County Court yesterday for the month of April, showing the receipts of his office to have been \$222.05 and the disbursements \$233.73, leaving a profit of \$11.68. The figures for the month of April for four years past, show the following results:

Alleges Cruel Treatment.

Minnie Brady has sued Claude Brady for a divorce on account of cruel treatment, and she also asks to be allowed to resume her maiden name, Sawtelle. She alleges that Brady spends his earnings for drink and does not support her. They were married in Puyallup July 16, 1902.

ARE HERE TO BUILD

Illinois Commissioners Will Act Without Delay.

REPLICA OF LINCOLN HOME

Secure Site for Historic Building to Be Used for Entertainment Purposes--Will Bring Lincoln Documents and Relics.

With plans and specifications for a reproduction of the famous Abraham Lincoln home, three members of the Illinois

resources of the State. As the commissioners say, the resources of the State of Illinois are already generally known. The State will just sit around and be hospitable, the furniture being selected solely for comfort. There will be some Illinois corn and other products, but these will appear mostly in the form of decorations.

TO INCREASE MEMBERSHIP

Jewish Publication Society Sends Representatives to Portland.

Mrs. K. H. Sherman, representing the Jewish Publication Society of America, is in Portland for a couple of weeks for the purpose of increasing the membership of the society. The society was organized



JOSEPH YOUNG, WHO SHOT VANDRAN.

State Commission reached Portland yesterday morning. They were taken at once to the Exposition grounds by George L. Hutchins, secretary of the Oregon-Illinois society, and within an hour had selected a building space. Just to show that they mean business and that Illinois people are not slow, the commissioners had their call for construction bids issued by 2 o'clock and before evening had completed all preliminary arrangements for the participation of their State in the Portland Fair.

The commissioners are Cyrus Thompson, president, Frank L. Ship and J. W. Stipes. The building they will construct will be a reproduction of the Lincoln home at Springfield. It was the only piece of property Lincoln ever owned and was his residence during the time he was practicing law in Springfield. The architecture is not very elaborate but considering its associations the structure will undoubtedly be one of the most interesting buildings at the Fair. It will be two stories high and the dimension will be 40 feet long by 40 feet wide. It will be ready for service before the Exposition is open, as the commissioners declare. No attempt will be made to exploit the

ized in Philadelphia 16 years ago, for purely educational and philanthropic purposes. It is the only organization of its kind in America. The main object of the society is to support and maintain a benevolent educational undertaking for the publication of literary, scientific and religious works, to perpetuate Israel's glorious heritage, and appeal to the Jews of all lands.

The society is supported by voluntary contributions, bequests and membership fees and has no capital stock. The society has published over 50 volumes of Jewish literature and history. The text of the Bible is now being translated into English, according to the latest Jewish scholarship, and will then form the most valuable work issued by the society. While the society is composed of Jews, the privileges of the organization are extended to all, irrespective of creed or denomination. The leading Jews of America are at the head of the organization, with Edwin Wolf, of Philadelphia, as president. Among the Portland people who have been with the society since its inception are Ben Seiling, David Solis Cohen, Dr. Stephen S. Wise, Philip Gevirtz, Mrs. Solomon Hirsch and Mrs. Abe Dryer.

ROBBERS ON TRIAL

Preliminary Hearing of Notorious Trio Commenced.

TAKE MATTERS COOLLY

Three Men Who Are Charged With Robbing Portland Hotel Rathskeller Act Unconcerned When Arraigned.

William Barrett, Fritz Dhein and Herman Delim, under the names of William Kane, J. Stafford and G. H. Harlow, were placed on preliminary hearing before Judge Hogue in the Municipal Court yesterday morning. They comprise one of the most notorious and dangerous trios operating in the United States, and have records of great length as bank robbers and diamond snafu thieves. The charge against them now is the larceny of \$125 from the Hotel Portland Rathskeller.

Three witnesses were examined for the prosecution, after which the case was continued until 9:30 A. M. Saturday. A clear case is being made against the defendants on circumstantial evidence, but there is no witness to the actual taking of the envelope containing the coin. Positive identification of the trio as being in the establishment on the morning of the robbery; remarkable coincidences relating to their actions and other things were related by Joseph Penney, the cashier, Will G. MacRae, sporting editor of The Oregonian, and Jacob Jones, a colored waiter in the rathskeller.

Through the hearings of several minor cases the trio of celebrated criminals was permitted to sit in the courtroom. Barrett, the man who successfully perpetrated the daring robbery of 60,000 francs from a messenger of the Bank of France, in Paris, five years ago last March, said he did not need an attorney to defend him in this case. He said it was not necessary. Dan R. Murphy appeared for Dhein and Delim. No one of the trio showed any great concern about the case.

Joseph Penney was the first witness called by the prosecution. He said that he readily recognized the trio facing him as men who were present in the barroom up to a few moments before he discovered the theft of the envelope containing the \$125.

"One of the men spoke my name freely and very familiarly at the bar," said Penney. "He asked me to have a drink, and with himself and another of the party I drank."

The two who drank with Penney were identified as Dhein and Delim. Barrett was identified as Dhein and Delim. Barrett was seated at a table. He told them it was nearly closing time, and they would have to move into the barroom. They asked him what time the saloon closed, what hours he worked and what kind of a man the cashier was. They also asked him the name of Mr. Penney. It was about 30 minutes afterwards that the robbery was committed and discovered.

Jones followed Barrett out of the Hotel Portland when Barrett left later in the forenoon, and kept track of him until, some way, Barrett escaped him. A little later Jones found Barrett walking on Third, near Oak street, one block west of police headquarters. Jones went to the station, got Detective Weiner, took him to the Alnworth Bank and Barrett was arrested.

ALFRED F. SMITH



Prominent among the candidates for the Republican nomination of Councilman is Alfred F. Smith, one of our young and enterprising citizens of the Sixth Ward. Mr. Smith was for many years identified with the Merchants National Bank of this city, which position he gave up three years ago to take his present position as manager of the Smith & Watson Iron Works, one of the largest and best known iron-working institutions in the Northwest.

Being a large property-owner and having a warm interest in the welfare and prosperity of the Sixth Ward, believing that in the near future real property, which has been lying dormant these many years for want of bridges and necessary improvements, will be eagerly sought after for residence property.

Mr. Smith is a thoroughly progressive, conservative business man and his candidacy is receiving the support of all the taxpayers and voters of the Sixth Ward, believing their interests served best through his election.

CHANGE IN THE SCHEDULE

Southern Pacific Shortens Time of San Francisco Run.

Beginning this morning the Southern Pacific will make a change in the schedule of Train 12, running between Portland and San Francisco. Heretofore the train has reached Portland at 8 o'clock in the evening, but from this time on the arriving time here will be 5:35 in the afternoon instead.

HIS CRIME IN MILWAUKEE

Barrett Committed Bold Robbery in Bank There.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., May 2.—(Special.)—Accompanied by two accomplices, William Barrett, in August, 1898, entered the First National Bank and bused himself about the customers' counter. One of his accomplices requested Martin Nesler to assist him in handling up an alleged injured hand. While Nesler was thus engaged Barrett picked up the cash deposit of about \$20, about to be made by Nesler, and ran away, the two accomplices form-

ing a flying wedge through the crowd on the street. Three two escaped, but Barrett was caught a few feet away from the bank. His case was continued several times, but when finally called in December it was found that he had left for parts unknown, forfeiting his \$1000 cash-bond which had been put up by James F. Delaney. A bench warrant was issued for his arrest, but though often heard from it was impossible to effect his arrest. On one occasion he had been caught by the police, but he had been released. A detective arrived in Chicago. Barrett had escaped, through a pull it was alleged. As Baltimore wants him on a charge of assault with intent to rob, the Milwaukee police will probably ask that he be turned over to the police of that city.

PERSPECTIVE MAP ILLUSTRATING ROUTE OF PROPOSED NEW O. R. & N. LINE FROM ST. JOHNS TO TROUTDALE

