

DRAG NETS CLOSE

Difficulty in Enforcing the Rule Excluding Women.

HARD-FOUGHT COURT CASE

Defense in Saloon Case Produces Witnesses That Prosecutor Declares Were Not Present as Observers.

Deputy City Attorney Fitzgerald yesterday eclipsed all his previous efforts in a denunciatory address delivered to Municipal Judge Cameron at the close of one of the most remarkable cases ever heard in the courtroom.

Alex Sweek, counsel for the defense, presented Mr. Fitzgerald's remarks regarding the character of his clients and their rooms, and said no evidence had been presented by the city to show that the law had been violated.

Acting Detectives Kay and Jones arrested W. H. Close and Fred Close, the former being proprietor of the Waldorf and the latter being in charge at the time as bartender, Pearl Berger, of the Dalles, and a woman who escaped during the riot.

Kay swore that he placed all three under arrest, and that they were the occupants of the saloon, and two of the defendants and four other witnesses took the stand and swore they were present.

Kay swore that when the women ran from the saloon, he pursued and captured Pearl Berger, but that her companion got away, as Detective Jones was absent at the time, and there was no one to assist.

Mr. Fitzgerald declared that it was the duty of Close to eject Pearl Berger the moment she jerked the card from his hand, saying that in the mind of any reasonable man such an act on the part of a woman he had never seen would stamp her as "immodest."

Tom Rosend, proprietor of the Peerless saloon, First street, near Alder, pleaded guilty to a charge of permitting an immodest woman named Pearl Berger to remain in his saloon, and he was fined \$5.

Vigorous prosecution was on when William Lewis, a friendless sailor from one of the ships in the harbor, was before Judge Cameron on a charge of peddling without a license.

Thinking they had unearthed a desperate criminal, who was guilty of untold crimes, the sleuths took Lewis to jail, refusing to investigate his story, to the effect that he had purchased the goods from a man on Third street, to whom he was willing to take them and have the statements verified.

Lewis admitted attempting to sell some of the goods and said he did not know any license was required; that he was tired of the sea and was starting to walk to San Francisco.

J. J. Barrel, arrested by Policeman E. Burke for jumping aboard a Southern Pacific train on Fourth street, admitted his guilt, when arraigned before Judge Cameron.

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It is the first time I have ever done this in one of these cases," said Judge Cameron to Barrel, "and you want to be careful."

EXPLOSION OF COAL GAS

S. P. Strang Severely Burned in Kenyon Hotel Basement.

A furnace explosion in the basement of the Hotel Kenyon, at Eighteenth and Washington streets, yesterday afternoon, due to coal gas, caused severe injuries to S. P. Strang, proprietor of the hotel.

Strang, who acts as his own engineer and fireman, was experimenting with coal fuel in a furnace intended to consume wood. A quantity of coal was thrown in the furnace by Strang on a wood fire.

Strang, who was standing near the furnace door when the explosion occurred, was struck by a sheet of flame and the force of the explosion knocked him to the floor.

CONDEMN TRACKEGE LOTS North Bank Railroad Needs More North Portland Realty.

The Portland & Seattle Railway Company, incorporated to construct and operate a line of railroad from Kennebec to Portland and other points, the Northern Pacific's new route down the Columbia, yesterday commenced suit against Mary W. Gillette individually and as executrix of the will of P. W. Gillette.

The chief must be asked, First. Captain of Police Bailey, commanding the day patrol, yesterday began the rigid enforcement of an order regarding the admission of visitors to the City Jail, including attorneys.

Lauren Pease Gets Bondsman. Lauren Pease, held to the grand jury on a charge of arson, by embezzlement, succeeded in securing bondsman yesterday afternoon, and will have his liberty pending the trial in the Circuit Court.

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LOCAL OPTION LAW

Initiative for Its Change to Be Offered.

MOVE OF THE LIQUOR MEN

They Would Make the Prohibition of the Sale of Intoxicants Strictly a Precinct Affair in Elections.

Liquor men are invoking the initiative for amendment of the local option law, along the lines of the famous Jayne bill, which failed to pass the Oregon Legislature last February by but one vote.

Contention of Liquor Forces. The liquor and anti-Prohibition forces contend that the present law is a "Prohibition act" in the guise of local option, and that it should be made a strict precinct option act.

How Precincts Are Affected. Again, a precinct or group of precincts going "dry" under the present law must remain so for two years before another election can be called.

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DEATH OF SAMUEL J. KERR

Pioneer of 1852 and Veteran of Indian Wars Deceased.

Samuel J. Kerr, an Oregon pioneer of 1852, and Indian War veteran, died at the home of his sister in Elgin, Mo., on November 7, after an illness of three weeks.

TRAFFIC OFFICIAL SILENT R. B. Miller Returns From East, but Tells Little.

R. B. Miller, general freight agent of the Harriman lines in this city, returned yesterday, after an extended visit to cities throughout the East and Middle West.

BOARD MAINTAINS STAND Retail Merchants Taxed on 65 Per Cent of Invoice.

The Equalization Board has about finished its work, and the County Clerk has a force of men at work copying the assessment rolls after which the taxes will be extended.

Recording the Views of a Portland Street-Sweeper, Whose Chief Anxieties Are a Sense of Humor and the Desire for Another Job.

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Talks With Lesser Lights

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THOMAS HALL, AGED 70, AND STILL A CHEERFUL WORKER. "Don't you find it a little hard to work at your age?" I asked him yesterday, as he brushed away at Third and Washington, with the infinite, if painful, care that marks the good workmen.

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WOULD FIX LICENSE

Merchants Want Railroad to Vacate Fourth Street.

FAVOR COUNCIL MEASURE

Demand That Southern Pacific Pay for Franchise or Abandon Line Occupied on Portland Street Receives Approval.

Merchants of Portland are desirous of having the Southern Pacific trains excluded from Fourth street, or at least of forcing the company to pay a license to the city for the use of the street.

Support of the draft for an ordinance presented to the Council, a petition is being circulated among the business men interested.

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boom in Tacoma real estate. The news that another transcontinental road is to be built into that city has created a big demand for property and sent prices soaring. "It is just like the old boom days," he said last night.

Children, Look Here! The Flying Machine, of course, the jolliest, liveliest, welcomest toy that ever charmed a child. No wonder the youngsters who have them look so well—they have to drink Ghirardelli's Cocoa to get the machine.

"Some Styles are particularly appropriate for stout men, other styles for slender men—we are equally interested in both." Not only have we created apt designs for stout and slender men, but we have made one along lines that will fit you—absolutely. You can't know the range of measurements our garments are made in until you ask your dealer for our mark.