

WATSON PERJURY TRIAL IS BEGUN

Defendant Accused of Swearing Falsely When Making His Final Proof.

EIGHT WITNESSES HEARD

Stephen Meter Testifies That His Cows Often Resided in Charles A. Watson's Cabin, but Homeowner Never.

- JURY IN WATSON CASE. Thurston Buxton, farmer, Forest Grove, Washington County. William Gunnin, farmer, McMinnville, Yamhill County. Philip A. Graves, farmer, Liberal, Clackamas County. A. Henry Knudsen, car conductor, Portland. Thomas Boyle, farmer, Marshland, Columbia County. Elmer Dixon, farmer, Oregon City. Brice Wilson, mechanic, Glenwood, Washington County. John Cunningham, merchant, Carleton, Yamhill County. Seth Riggs, farmer, Crowley, Polk County. Arthur G. Kyrk, pressman, Oregon City. M. E. Kandle, farmer, Highland, Clackamas County. J. E. Jack, merchant, Oregon City.

A jury was secured quickly yesterday morning in the land case wherein Charles A. Watson is being tried at the Federal Court on a charge of perjury in connection with final proof on his homestead entry. A preliminary hearing in the case had been completed, and three minutes later United States District Attorney Bristol began his opening address on behalf of the government.

Three peremptory challenges were exercised by the government, J. J. Hutton, a farmer residing near Oregon City; Bedford Laughlin, keeper of a hotel at Forest Grove; and George A. Hutton, of Hillsboro, being excused, while challenges were offered by the defense against Arthur R. Harris, bookkeeper for Nickell, and William Merchant, a Yamhill County farmer, who was not only a member of the Hoge-Nickell jury, but also foreman of the body that found Hendricks guilty. C. H. Biddle, who is an inspector in the local postoffice, was challenged for cause by the defendant and allowed.

Perjury is the Charge.

Charles A. Watson, the defendant in the case, was indicted by the Federal grand jury April 8, 1905, on a charge of having on June 23, 1904, committed perjury at the time he made final proof on his homestead entry before United States Commissioner Charles A. Sladen. Upon this occasion Watson swore that he built a comfortable house on the claim, in which he resided almost continuously during the year period. It was supposed to maintain a residence to meet the requirements of the homestead laws; also that there was a three-acre fence on the place, and that otherwise arranged conveniently for habitation.

MITCHELL BOYS ARRESTED

Brothers of George and Esther Aro Found With Drunken Party.

Fred and Perry Mitchell, brothers of George and Esther Mitchell, the leading couple in the late Hoge-Nickell murders at Seattle, were on Sunday night arrested for drunkenness and locked up in the police station over night. The Mitchell boys alleged under the assumed names of R. Russell and Charles Russell, respectively. With them were two friends, who also gave the assumed names of Jim Smith and Ben Russell. Perry Mitchell, or Charles Russell as the police supposed his name to be, was released yesterday morning without being held for arraignment. He was intoxicated, the charge against him being late hours. The other of the party were held under bail to appear before Judge Cameron. When court time came none of the party appeared, and their bail was declared forfeited. The identity of the Mitchell boys was only discovered by chance, a friend inquiring for them at the station. It has been stated that the boys were in a drunken row. This the Mitchell boys deny. The party, excepting Perry Mitchell, had been drinking, they declare, and they had their underwear on the best of terms when taken into custody by Officer Mallett.

CALL PRESS CONVENTION

Oregon Editors Will Meet at Newport September 22, 23 and 24.

The executive committee of the Oregon State Press Association met at the Hotel Oregon yesterday and decided to hold the annual press convention at Newport, Or., pursuant to an invitation extended to and accepted by the association at its adjourned annual meeting held in the Commercial Club parlors last January. The date set is for September 22, 23 and 24. Arrangements practically completed with the railway will permit leaving Portland on Friday, September 21, at 8:30 A. M., going direct to Newport on that day, returning the following Tuesday.

BUSINESS ITEMS

If Baby Is Cutting Teeth, Be sure and use that old and well-tried remedy, Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup, for children's teething. It soothes the inflamed gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic, and diarrhoea.

home until he recovered. In July of the same year, Putnam said he saw Watson again in Fossil, where he was working alternately for "Cant" Zachary and Co. D. Barnard.

Cow Slept in Watson's Cabin.

Stephen R. Metteer, a resident of the Fossil country since 1880, testified that from 1896 to 1901 he resided with his family, consisting of a wife and three children, on a homestead claim adjoining Watson on the west, and that during that period neither the defendant nor anybody else resided in the make-shift cabin that had been erected on the land under C. B. Zachary's direction. "Nobody ever lived in the cabin during the time," said Mr. Metteer. "I found one of my cows quartered in the only room comprising the structure, which was without floor, doors, windows, furniture or anything else. It was made out of rough boards, and was not more than 8x12 in dimensions. I only saw Watson once during the period I lived there, and met him one day in the creek and asked him if I could have some lumber with which to build a flume. He referred me to Zachary."

Mrs. Margaret Metteer, the wife of the preceding witness, together with their two sons, Edward and Elmer, both young men past their majority, corroborated Metteer in practically every essential particular. They united in the declaration that the small shack on the Watson claim was not a rendezvous for their cattle, and that none of them had ever seen any evidence of human habitation around the premises while they were in the neighborhood. Judge Bennett subjected each Government witness to a severe cross-examination without changing the nature of their testimony.

Wants Home Near Sea Or On Noble River

Must Have Mountains in Rear and Azure Sky Overhead, Writes Sentimental Homesick to Board of Trade.

J. F. STRAYER, of Johnston, Pa., has written to J. B. Labor, secretary of the Portland Board of Trade, that he is coming to Oregon to live, and requests Mr. Labor to keep his eye open for a location. From his letter, Mr. Strayer is supposed to be a sentimentalist. "I want a home near the sea or on the banks of a noble river with mountains in the rear and an azure sky overhead," he writes.

Year and a Month

Judge Hunt Pronounces Sentence on Charles Nickell.

FAILS TO IMPOSE A FINE

Stay of Sentence is Granted Until Bill of Exceptions is Filed and Appeal Taken to Higher Court.

Charles Nickell, of Medford, Or., publisher of the Southern Oregonian, a tri-weekly newspaper, and formerly a United States Commissioner there, who was found guilty July 27 by a jury in the United States District Court of having conspired with Henry W. Miller, Frank E. Kincart and Martin G. Hope to defraud the Government of portions of its lands, was yesterday afternoon sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment on McNeill's Island by Judge Hunt.

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Contract. The whole scheme was vitiated by fraud, and the aggravating feature of it was that your action carried with it an indifference to your official position. One word, one caution, one warning from you as United States Commissioner, and the whole conspiracy would have been interrupted, and you would have been spared this humiliation. You are now in the discharge of my duty, to impose such a severe sentence. The judgment of the court is that you be confined in the Government prison at McNeill's Island for the term of 12 months."

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St. Mary's Parish Will Erect \$10,000 Clubhouse.

Plans have just been completed by Velguth & Pierce for a handsome \$10,000 clubhouse for St. Mary's Church Parish, in Upper Albion, and the contract will shortly be let for erection of the building. It will stand on Morris street, between Williams and Rodney avenues, and will be two stories, with full basement. The basement will contain a bath, bowling alley and lavatory. On the first floor there will be reading, reception and billiard rooms. On the second there will be an auditorium for public gatherings of the parish of all kinds. A public building of the sort has been needed for some time, for use of the young people and for public functions. It will be an attractive appearing structure. Besides this clubhouse, the parish is having an addition to the parochial schoolhouse put up, which will largely increase the facilities of the school.

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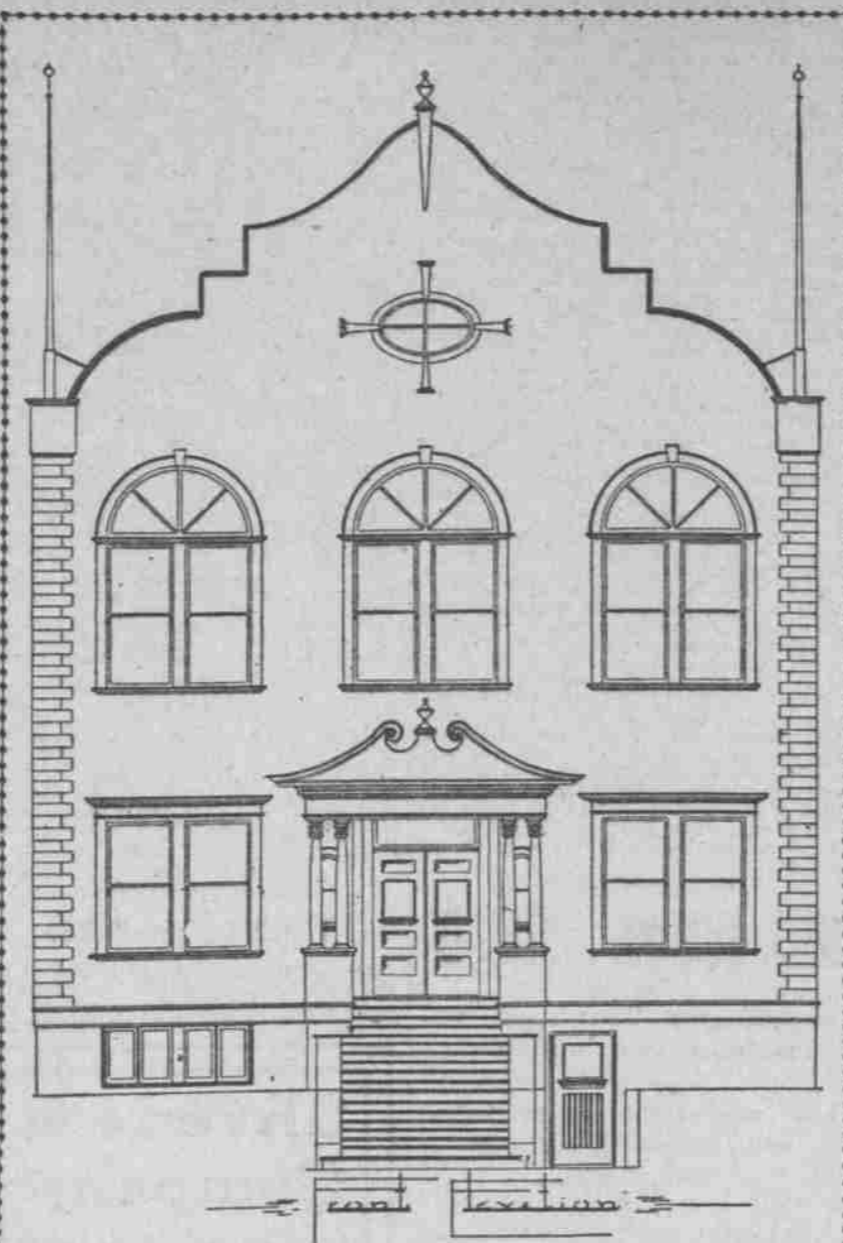
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REGIMENT CALLS NATIONAL GUARD

Eight Hundred Infantrymen to Depart Saturday for American Lake.

MANEUVERS BEGIN MONDAY

Troops Will Be Trained by Uncle Sam for Actual Hostilities—Sea Girt Rifle Team Chosen for National Shoot.

Squads of men were at the National Guard Armory yesterday, early and late, sorting tents, packing equipment of various kinds and attending to a thousand and one necessary little details. For there are just four more days until the infantrymen of the Guard will shoulder their rifles and blankets and depart for the scene of mimic hostilities at American Lake, Wash. Accordingly, these four days will be busy ones, since the placing of large forces of men in the field is no trifling matter.

Sea Girt Rifle Team Chosen.

The personnel of the rifle team, which has been selected to represent the Oregon National Guard at the National shooting tournament, at Sea Girt, N. J., was announced yesterday by General Inspector. This team is made up of those who made the highest records at the recent range shoots near Salem. The members are: Captain F. B. Hamlin, Co. D, First Infantry, La Grande; Lieutenant E. F. Denny, Co. F, Sergeant Howard, N. C. staff, Third Infantry; Lieutenant George E. Houck, ordnance department; Captain F. B. Hamlin, Co. D, First Infantry, La Grande; Sergeant C. S. Jackson, Private B. F. Shields, Sergeant A. L. Johnson, Co. D, Separate Battalion; Sergeant Ralph White, Co. M, Third Infantry, Astoria; Lieutenant E. F. Denny, Co. F, Sergeant Howard, N. C. staff, Private V. One, Co. K, Private Beard, Co. F, One.

Final Orders Issued.

I. The various subdivisions of the Oregon National Guard will leave Portland as follows: Murray, Wash., August 11, 1906, returning August 20, 1906. Trains will leave the Union Depot, Portland, at 9:30, 10:30 and 11:30 o'clock A. M. The organization stationed outside of Portland will leave their home stations as follows: Company A, Third Infantry, Baker City, August 10, 11:20 P. M., train No. 5. Company I, Third Infantry, La Grande, August 10, 7:55 P. M., train No. 5. Company D, Third Infantry, The Dalles, August 11, 4:40 A. M., train No. 3. Company B, First Sep. Battery, Ashland, August 10, 4:40 P. M., train No. 16. Company D, First Sep. Battery, Roseburg, August 10, 11:20 P. M., train No. 18. Headquarters, Companies A and C, First Sep. Battery, Eugene, August 11, 6 A. M., train No. 14. Company G, Third Infantry, Albany, August 11, 7:21 A. M., train No. 14. Company M, Third Infantry, Salem, August 11, 9:01 A. M., train No. 14. The travel enjoined is necessary for the public service.

GROCER TAKES BAD CHECK

H. G. Murphy, of Ockley Green, Swindled Out of \$20.

H. G. Murphy, a grocer at Ockley Green, yesterday gave up \$20 of his hard-earned coin just because he forgot the old, old business caution that it is best to refuse a check if one does not know the man who has given it. Murphy was swindled out of \$20 by a check given him by a man who gave him the check. The man said his name was Felix. Now, Murphy knew the name of the man who gave him the check, but he had never seen him. Murphy cashed the check on this assurance, without even taking time to examine the paper. Shortly afterward, when business was not so rushing, Murphy examined his check. It was made out on the Portland Trust Company, was indorsed in lead pencil, and was signed by Collins & Walker to A. A. Phoenix. The indorsement was palpably by the same hand as made out the check, and as might be expected, the Portland Trust Company a very few minutes afterward informed Murphy that they had no account with Collins & Walker.

MCDONALD FAMILY FIGHTS

Father and Son Mix Things and the Mother Causes Arrests.

The McDonald family, living at 594 Hood street, had an internal strife yesterday afternoon. Peter McDonald, the father, engaged in a fist fight with Will McDonald, the son, and things were going pretty hotly when the police got there. Mrs. McDonald took sides with the son and had her husband arrested on a charge of assault and battery. The head of the family apparently got the worst of the deal in every way, although the real cause of the riot are a matter of dispute. McDonald says he was unprovokedly abusive towards a son who was sick in bed. Therefore the father said they were not sufficiently tolerant of his little eccentricities. When taken to the station, McDonald senior looked up at his son and said, "I had a pile driver. The right side of his face had been pummeled out of shape. He was kept in jail all afternoon, despite his protests that he was due home at 4 o'clock to milk the cows. His case will be heard in Police Court today.

CLEAR \$10,000 ON DEAL

G. H. Rogers, of Salem, Sells Lot to W. D. Fenton for \$55,000.

George H. Rogers, of Salem, recently sold an inside lot, 50x100 feet, on Seventh street, between Ash and Ankeny, to William D. Fenton for \$55,000. It is understood that the rapid advance in values in Portland really figured largely as a reason for Mr. Fenton's purchase. Mr. Rogers bought the property only last Fall for \$25,000 and had thus cleared \$30,000 in less than a year on his investment. Some two years ago he purchased the lots and wooden buildings opposite the Hotel Fremont, on Washington street for \$35,000. So rapid has been the increase in values that Mr. Rogers could readily dispose of this property for \$100,000 were he minded to do so. Mr. Rogers was employed to do most of the bookkeeping for the state by Secretary McBride and Kinard, but his investments in Portland real estate have netted him more in two years than his work for the state would have amounted to in 20.

LOW RATES EAST.

On August 7, 8, 9 and on September 8 and 10, the Canadian Pacific will sell round-trip tickets to Eastern terminals at very low rates, good for stopovers and choice of routes returning. Daylight ride through Canadian Rockies. For rates and full particulars call on or address F. R. Johnson, P. & P. A., 142 Third street, Portland, Or.

Hood's Sarsaparilla brings back health and gives strength after serious illness.

WILL BE A BIG FAIR

Jamestown Exposition in 1907 to Have Wider Scope.

LARGE SUM APPROPRIATED

Over \$3,000,000 Already Set Aside by National Congress and State Legislatures, and Million More is Expected.

Numerous inquiries are received from day to day by the Oregon-Jamestown Exposition Commission regarding the fair to be held in the neighborhood of 500 or 600 people will attend from this state alone. Many of the people are particularly anxious to know about the international naval, marine and military celebration which is to be one of the features of the exposition. The following National and state appropriation list for the Jamestown exposition was received by the commission yesterday from Hon. C. Brooks Johnson, chairman of the board of governors.

Table with columns for item and amount. Items include Buildings for Alaska, Hawaii, Porto Rico and the Philippines; Building for the Exposition; Government Appropriations; Some State Appropriations.

OTHER MINDS CONTROL

Defense of Thomas Malone After Creating Disturbance at Cliff Inn.

Thomas Malone, who says he is under the control of a "professor" kicked in the front door of the Cliff Inn on St. Helens road at 6 o'clock yesterday morning, and then raised a general disturbance. Malone, who is six feet tall and weighs 180 pounds, could not be quieted by the guests, and five of them held him a prisoner until the arrival of Deputy Sheriff Beatty, who took the man to the County Jail. A buggy, when asked why he broke in the door, Malone told the officer: "That was not my mind that did that. It was two other minds that control my mind."

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