

BOOTH GIVES HIS VERSION OF CASE

Alleged Embezzler Asks to Be Booked and Discusses His Troubles.

VICTIM OF SPITE, HE SAYS

Former General Agent of Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Company Claims He is Creditor and Not Short in His Accounts.

That the Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Company officials are indebted to him in a sum aggregating approximately \$11,000, and that they have caused his arrest on a charge of felony embezzlement to get him into the penitentiary because of this and for other reasons, in the declaration of H. T. Booth, until recently general agent of the concern for Oregon. He surrendered himself to Captain Slover at police headquarters yesterday afternoon, after arranging for a bond that insured his release, pending an adjustment of the case in court.

Policeman James F. Anderson, who stated to Captain Slover that Booth was the man he was seeking, spent 24 hours looking for the latter, but failed to find him. While the officer was beating the air in his fruitless efforts to find Booth, the man he sought was going about his business on the streets and in public places, including the District Attorney's office, police headquarters, the law and the Municipal Court. While Anderson was "seeking" Booth from 2 o'clock to 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, Booth was within 25 feet of the office in an upstairs room, giving an interview to a representative of The Oregonian, in the presence of Lawyer A. King Wilson and Clerk of the Court Hennessy. Later in the day, Booth, having arranged bonds, walked down stairs and asked Captain Slover please to book him on a charge of embezzlement. The captain obliged him by so doing.

Charges Against Booth. W. H. Davis, of San Francisco, representing the Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Company, charges in a complaint filed Thursday that Booth, while general agent for Oregon, embezzled about \$5000, and states that the case will be prosecuted and civil suit entered.

Owing to the fact that Booth would not appear publicly Thursday afternoon or night because he had no bond arranged for his statement could not be obtained until yesterday. He then gave a complete review of his side of the matter. Booth is the son of a pioneer family, his father, H. H. Booth, being superintendent of the Chemawa Indian school 20 years ago. H. T. Booth has been engaged in the insurance business for 20 years, he says, his first experience being with the old State Insurance Company, of Salem. Later he was with the Massachusetts Mutual Life Company for five years in Eastern Oregon, and finally, seven years ago, entered the service of the Pacific Mutual as general agent for Eastern Oregon, his headquarters being at Baker City. He married recently, and is coming here to live, he was interested in the Baker City Herald, and still owns stock in that newspaper.

Arrest Result of Spite. Booth declares that his arrest is the outcome of antagonism that has sprung up as a result of several years of discussion between himself and certain high officials of the Pacific Mutual. He states that he fought hard to defeat an effort made some time ago to change the name of the Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Company to that of the Pacific Mutual and Conservative, or the Pacific Conservatory, and that he won the fight, thus saving the name for the good of its thousands of policyholders. Since then, he declares, bitterness has existed among some of the company's agents and him, and he says, as a final blow, he recently resigned his position to accept the general agency for Oregon of a new concern, the West Coast Life Insurance Company, of San Francisco.

He declared yesterday that the affairs of the Pacific Mutual Company were not in a condition satisfactory to him, and that he has many times threatened to go into the courts of California and force an examination of the books. Before the earthquake, he says, there was a deficiency of at least \$200,000, and he further says that an examination is scheduled for this fall, to be conducted by the State Insurance Examiner of the State of California. It having been postponed because of the chaotic state of affairs in the Bay City, the result of the great disaster.

Booth states that, granting he is short \$5000, just as charged against him, and the company now, they have his bond for an equal sum in the National Security Company, and cannot lose, he states. However, he declares that his resignation is due to the fact that he has been in the hands of hard work, aggregating \$11,000, which is owing him, he says.

At the Theaters

Two Performances Today

Eara Kendall Both Afternoon and Night at the Helbig.

There will be two performances at the Helbig theater, Fourteenth and Washington streets, today. The popular American comedian, Eara Kendall, will present the company of players, will present the decidedly funny comedy, "Swell Gigant Jones." A special feature will be given at 2:15 o'clock this afternoon; the last performance tonight at 8:15. This is without a doubt the best comedy Mr. Kendall has ever presented in Portland, and the crowded houses the past two evenings will attest. Seats are now selling at the box office at the theater for both performances.

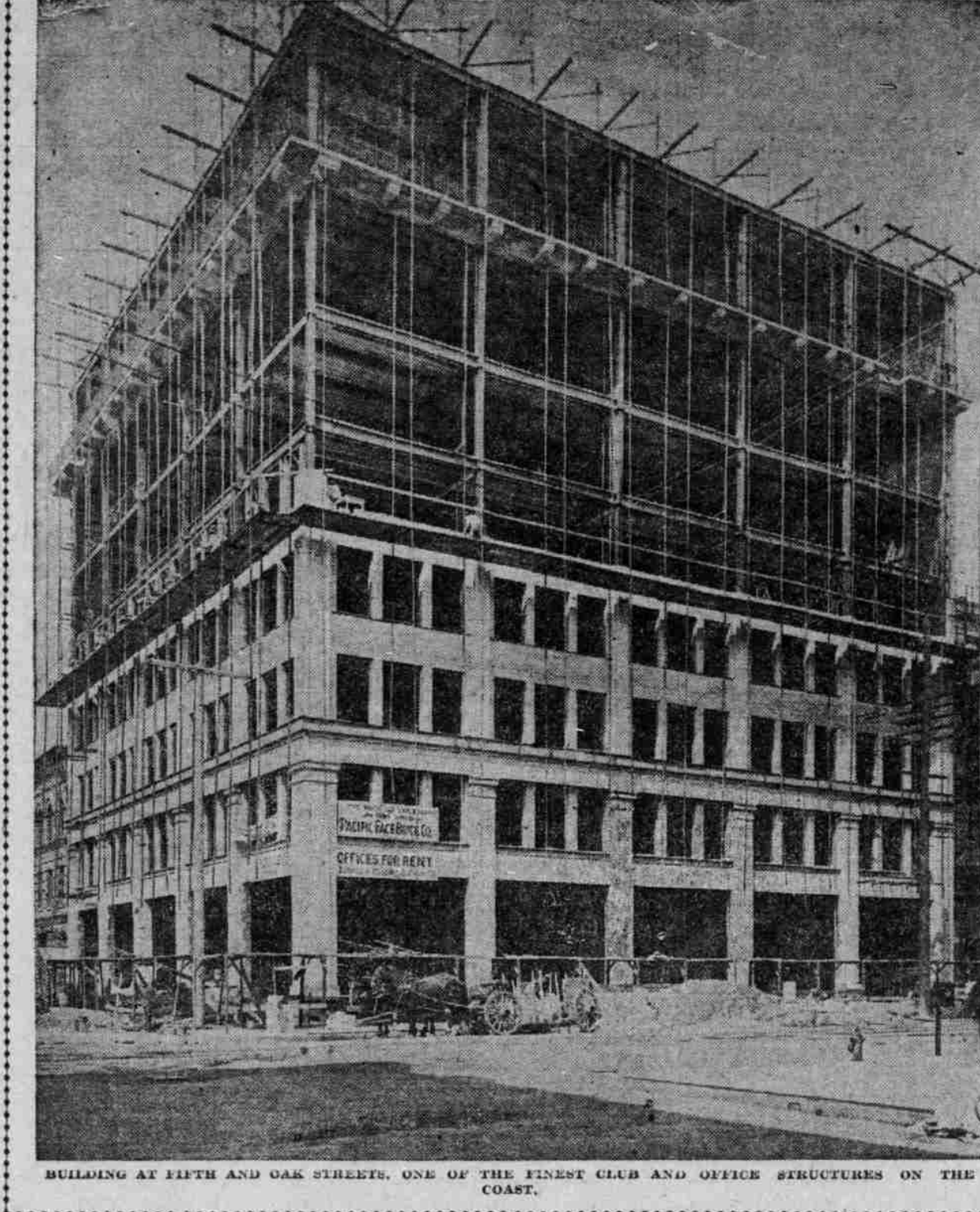
Matinee at the Marquam Today.

A special matinee of "The Second in Command," a splendid play, will be given at popular prices in the Marquam at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Dashing young officers in flashing uniforms, martial music, and pretty women in even prettier dresses, a delicate interwoven love story, all make for a matinee not often to be had. The play this week is one of the best that has been seen here this season. The last performance will be given tonight. It is one of the finest and powerful of army life in England, with India and South Africa in the background. "The Second in Command" has few equals.

Lyric Matinee Today.

It would be hard to imagine a more delightful face-comedy than "The Girl From

NEW HOME OF PORTLAND COMMERCIAL CLUB



BUILDING AT FIFTH AND OAK STREETS, ONE OF THE FINEST CLUB AND OFFICE STRUCTURES ON THE COAST.

HELP BUILD OWN ASYLUM

IDAHO INSANE PATIENTS DO MOST OF WORK. Medical Superintendent of Institution Visits Portland to Inspect Equipment for New Buildings.

Dr. John W. Gibbons, Medical Superintendent of the Northern Idaho Asylum for the Insane, located at Oro Fino, is in Portland investigating the equipment for the new asylum at that place, which is in process of erecting. Dr. Gibbons said yesterday, in speaking of the building operations at Oro Fino: "The buildings were commenced two years ago and when finished will care for the insane of the six northern Idaho counties. All of the insane of that section have been received at the new asylum for the past year. The present number is 75. Much of the construction work has been performed by inmates of the institution—the clearing of the grounds, laying water mains, making the brick used in the construction of the buildings and helping the masons to put up portions of the brick-work. The asylum patients and their attendants are at this time finishing up another brick kiln which will produce 300,000 bricks, which will be used this season in the erection of a ward and an administration building."

GETS HAYWARD ESTATE

COURT AWARDS MILLIONAIRE'S DAUGHTER \$500,000 IN MINING STOCK.

REDWOOD CITY, CAL., Aug. 23.—The petition of Mrs. Emma Rose, daughter of the late Alvin and Charles Hayward, to have personal property of that place, which is in process of erecting. Dr. Gibbons said yesterday, in speaking of the building operations at Oro Fino: "The buildings were commenced two years ago and when finished will care for the insane of the six northern Idaho counties. All of the insane of that section have been received at the new asylum for the past year. The present number is 75. Much of the construction work has been performed by inmates of the institution—the clearing of the grounds, laying water mains, making the brick used in the construction of the buildings and helping the masons to put up portions of the brick-work. The asylum patients and their attendants are at this time finishing up another brick kiln which will produce 300,000 bricks, which will be used this season in the erection of a ward and an administration building."

SHIPYARD FOR MARSHFIELD.

MARSHFIELD, OR., Aug. 23.—(Special).—A. W. Carlson, a ship builder of Port Blakely, Wash., is in Marshfield looking for a location for a ship yard with the intention of moving his business to this city. The high price of lumber at Port Blakely he gives as his reason for moving his plant.

PERSONAL MENTION.

C. C. Bradley has returned from a three weeks' visit to Seattle and British Columbia points. C. B. Merrick, secretary of the Portland Retail Grocers' Association, will leave today for Denver to attend the National Convention of Mutual Fire Insurance Companies. Bishop J. M. Thorn, formerly of India, returned yesterday to his home on the East Side, from Ocean Park, where he spent a week. He is greatly improved in health. He expects to return to Ocean Park.

Wheat Crop Brings \$51,000.

FREEWATER, OR., Aug. 23.—Mrs. A. C. Cockburn and Cockburn Bros. yesterday sold 75,000 bushels of wheat of the red chaff variety to the Pacific Coast Elevator Company, at 68 cents, netting \$51,000.

Koerner Sues for Divorce.

F. J. Koerner filed a suit for divorce from his wife Lillian in the Circuit Court yesterday. In his complaint he charges his wife with staying away from her home days at a time and with visiting low resorts and carousing. They were married in Portland in 1897. Two months ago Mrs. Koerner began suit for divorce, alleging cruelty and non-support.

Girl Climbs Big Chimney

FIFTEEN-YEAR-OLD ENGLISH MISS PERFORMS DARING FEAT.

LONDON, AUG. 17.—(Special).—A feat necessitating nerves of steel was performed at Leicester yesterday by Miss Lydia Akiers, the 15-year-old daughter of a local builder. She climbed 150 feet to the top of a chimney which is being built and then, to the horror of the crowd, which had gathered below, she calmly proceeded to walk round the edge of the scaffolding.

Tacoma Pioneer Stricken.

TACOMA, WASH., AUG. 23.—(Special).—Jacob C. Mann is seriously ill with paralysis at the Fanny Paddock Hospital. He sustained an attack a year ago, but had recovered sufficiently to be about, though for several months past he has been in feeble health. Mr. Mann is a pioneer of Tacoma and held the office of Mayor in the early days of the city.

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NORTH PORTLAND HALF BLOCK SOLD

Property on Glisan Street at End of the Steel Bridge Brings \$110,000.

LARGE PROFIT IN A YEAR

Entire Block Sold for \$150,000 in 1906—Purchasers, M. Barde & Sons, Dealers in Iron Pipe and Other Like Commodities.

Following a property sale Thursday, involving \$104,000, another transfer for \$110,000 was closed yesterday, showing the more than healthy condition of the Portland real estate market and heralding the heavy fall business. The property sold is the half block on the north side of Glisan street, between Third and Fourth. It is at the end of the new approach to the Steel bridge. It was owned by D. C. Felton and bought by M. Barde & Sons through the agency of the brokerage firm of C. K. Henry & Son.

The feature of this sale is the big advance in values that it shows having occurred in the past year. The entire block bounded by Third, Fourth, Glisan and Hoyt streets was sold one year ago for \$150,000. The half purchased by Mr. Felton at that time is the more valuable portion of the property, but the price paid yesterday gives a handsome profit to Mr. Felton for his outlay.

The entire block was formerly owned by the Willamette Iron & Steel Works and was sold by the plans that concern. When this firm bought and improved a much larger site on the north water front, the block was sold half of it to Mr. Felton and half to Joseph Simon. On the north half Mr. Simon is now erecting a five-story brick warehouse for the Hazelwood Cream Company.

Since the purchase made by Mr. Felton he has remodeled the frame building of the Willamette Iron & Steel Works. This has been put in condition and will be occupied by M. Barde & Sons, the present purchasers. This firm handles iron pipe and similar commodities and the property is especially suited for its purpose. Railroad facilities are at hand as there is a Southern Pacific track on Fourth street.

Mr. Felton was anxious to retain the property as a permanent investment and it was only after considerable negotiating that he agreed to sell. His firm, M. Barde & Sons, has been in the property for a term of years, but the firm wished to secure permanent quarters for its business and insisted on acquiring the title.

More large sales have been made this Summer than is usually the case at this season of the year. There has not been the slightest tendency to a lull in the busy Fall. Inquiry from both local and outside men is growing steadily.

C. K. Henry & Son also report the sale of 26 lots in Fulton by Rothchild Brothers to Joseph Weber. Mr. Weber is connected with a tannery in South Portland and on many of the lots residences will be built for the employes of the tannery.

DAILY METEOROLOGICAL REPORT.

PORTLAND, Aug. 23.—Maximum temperature, 84 degrees; minimum temperature, 61 degrees. River reading at 8 A. M., 8.5 feet; change in last 24 hours, 0.1 foot rise. Total rainfall 5 P. M. to 5 P. M., none; total rainfall since September 1, 1906, 48.95 inches; deficiency, 1.33 inches. Total sunshine August 22, 8 hours 12 minutes; possible sunshine August 22, 13 hours 40 minutes. Barometer (reduced to sea level) at 5 P. M., 29.92 inches.

PACIFIC COAST WEATHER.

Observations taken at 5 P. M., Pacific time, August 23.

Table with columns for STATIONS, Barometric Press., Wind, State of sky. Rows include Baker City, Burns, North Bend, etc.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

The pressure has fallen decidedly over this forecast district during the last 12 hours, and a disturbance of very moderate character overlies Oregon and Southern California.

LEAVING PORTLAND

Table listing train services: Rheata Express, California Express, San Francisco Express, etc.

ARRIVING PORTLAND

Table listing train services: Oregon Express, Eugene Passenger, Astoria Express, etc.

OREGON RAILROAD & NAVIGATION CO.

Table listing train services: Local Passenger, Eugene Passenger, Astoria Express, etc.

ASTORIA & COLUMBIA RIVER.

Table listing train services: Leaving Portland, Astoria & Seaside Express, etc.

Jefferson-Street Station

Table listing train services: Leaving Portland, Daily Passenger, etc.

BORN.

MURTON—To the wife of George T. Murton, a son, August 21.

DIED.

BALMER—In this city, Aug. 23, John C. Balmer, aged 71 years. Funeral announcement later.

VAN TINE—Caroline Van Tine, aged 69 years, at her home, 801 Hood street, August 23. Funeral notice later.

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FORECASTS. Portland and vicinity—Cloudy and cooler; southwest winds. Western Oregon—Cloudy, with possible showers south portion; cooler; southwest winds. Eastern Oregon, Eastern Washington and Idaho—Cloudy and cooler, with possible showers.

Grand Central Station Time Card. LEAVING PORTLAND. Rheata Express, California Express, San Francisco Express, etc.

ROSE CITY PARK. What character of a place would you prefer for a home of your own if you had the power of selection of any kind? Some people like the crowded city; some the suburbs; some a business street, and others the quiet of an exclusively residence street. But, take human nature as it is, 90 per cent of us all would rather build where there is more of Nature and less of noise, turmoil and dust of the busy city.