

BUSINESS MAN IN THE HISTORY OF COURT

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TERM OPENS WITH RUSH

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With 175 orders disposed of, three decisions rendered, 35 arraignments heard, two sentences passed, three jury trials gotten under way and 35 new cases set for hearing, the State Circuit Court for Multnomah County completed the busiest day of its existence yesterday.

Four judges had all they could attend to, for after the conference session of two months, there were many matters requiring immediate action. While three small jury trials were all that appeared on the calendar for the opening day, this made up a minute part of the day's work.

With the opening of court yesterday morning the upper floor of the courthouse presented a busy scene. Scores of attorneys were at hand, summoned for jury service. Busy lawyers flustered here and there, happy once more in the unstrained bustle of carrying a livelihood.

COURT WITHOUT JURISDICTION

Federal Judge May Only Adjust Damages on Water. Admiralty suits can only be maintained in the Federal Court when the damages sought to be recovered are sustained in the water, according to a point raised in the Federal Court yesterday by Attorney General S. E. Elbert.

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Shepherd Seeks in Complaint to Disbar Portland Attorney.

Charges against Attorney J. H. Hitchings which may lead to disbarment proceedings have been made to the grievance committee of the State Bar Association by George S. Shepherd, who is suing Hitchings for \$4000. The proposition to Captain Bruin which the Bar Association cannot tolerate.

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Ask Damages From Contractors.

Mrs. Anna Rains and D. F. Rains in their answer to the suit brought against them by F. E. Starbuck and J. W. Phenicle, demand judgment in the sum of \$301 because it is alleged that the plaintiffs, who were under contract to construct a two-story flat for Mrs. Rains failed to do the work as well as the specifications called for.

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LION CLOTHING CO. Gaskuhn Prop. 166-168 Third St.

PREFERS JAIL TO FREEDOM

WITH PARDON IN POCKET, PUTER RETURNS TO CELL. Will Depart From Sheriff's Hostelery Today, However, and Devote Time to New Book.

S. A. D. Puter received his pardon from the Government early yesterday afternoon. But he spent his first night of liberty in jail, nevertheless.

It was not from necessity, but choice, that Puter went to Sheriff Stevens' Hostelery last night and registered for the night. The place that had sheltered him for so long held something of a spell over him and while there was a lot of satisfaction in knowing he might come and go as he saw fit, yet Puter could not break away from the pleasant environment that has known him for 17 months last past.

He was given quarters at the jail for the night, but does not expect to stay there any longer. In his pocket he has his formal pardon, duly signed by the President, and the state charges he yet pending, his horizon cannot be said to be altogether clear, but he does not take that seriously.

Puter's chief interest now is his forthcoming exposure of the land-fraud ring. He has little to say on this subject, although he hints mysteriously at something in high life that will follow the publication of his work. Several men that are now enjoying high public favor and exalted positions within the gift of the people may not be so fortunate when the volume comes out, it is suggested.

Maggie Doyle, a notorious person with a penchant for getting drunk, was released yesterday at the same time as Puter. She had been in the place for 70 days.

Caddy enough, Maggie returned to the jail last night. No romance is attached to the incident, however, it being regarded purely in the light of a coincidence, although Puter and Miss Doyle had been friendly during their long incarceration.

COMPLAINT OF POOR GAS

Health Board Orders Investigation of Present Product.

At the meeting of the City Board of Health yesterday morning, complaint was made against the quality of gas furnished by the Portland Gas Company, and an investigation of the product now being sold was ordered.

FRUSTRATES AN ESCAPE

Hack Saw Taken From Trainrobber by Marshal in Charge.

BUTTE, Dec. 6.—A special from Helena states that an attempt to escape on the part of the two alleged Great Northern train robbers, who were up the Oriental Limited at Rondo, Mont., and secured \$40,000, was frustrated today by the vigilance of United States Marshal Merrifield, who in the shirt of Charles McDonald found a hack-saw.

A telegram handed to the officer while on route to Helena from Kalamape with the prisoners gave an inkling of the plot brewing, and may result in some sensational developments. It is reported on good authority that the two men have a cache of \$40,000 in the hills. McDonald's pal is George Frankhauser. Both will be arraigned in the Federal Court tomorrow.

DEPOSITORS AID REOPENING

Accept Time Certificates for Deposits in Merchants Bank.

Depositors in the closed Merchants National Bank are giving hearty support to the plan of reopening now being followed by the Board of Directors, and the acceptance of time certificates in lieu of their balances by depositors. It is said that over \$100,000 was signed off yesterday by creditors and it is believed no difficulty will be experienced in making this part of the reorganization a success.

Many large depositors are said to have subscribed to the 24-months certificates readily, thus making the plan of reorganization that much nearer realization. Bank Examiner Wilson and President Watson of the bank were kept busy yesterday explaining the scheme to many depositors who visited the bank. The latter are expected to be called upon hereafter to convert demand accounts into interest-bearing time certificates.

Hibernians Elect Officers.

Division No. 1, Ancient Order of Hibernians, met last night in the Woodmen of the World Hall and elected officers for the ensuing year. About 200 members were present and an address was made by Father J. M. O'Farrell. The ladies of the division served refreshments at the

Advertisement for Dresser's department store. Text: 'Today, Wednesday and Thursday at BOTH PHONES DRESSER'S'.

When we moved from the old store we had 20 people in our employ. Since opening the big new stand we have required more and more, till our salary sheet today carries seventy-odd names. Dresser's is every housekeeper's store. This list proves our claims for fair, reasonable prices and the superiority of our service and sanitary equipment is conceded by all.

- List of products and prices: Dresser's Special Flour; Dresser's Oregon Apple Butter; Dresser's Happy Kitchen Set; Dresser's Cream Mixed; Dresser's Japanese Tea Biscuits; Dresser's No. 1 Blend Tea, extra quality; Dresser's California Port and Sherry Wines; Dresser's No. 5 Blend Tea; Dresser's No. 1 Blend Tea, regular quality; Dresser's No. 1 Blend Tea, extra quality; Dresser's California Port and Sherry Wines; Dresser's No. 5 Blend Tea; Dresser's No. 1 Blend Tea, regular quality.

"Apollo" Toilet Paper (Square) Package of 3000 Sheets 25c

Advertisement for THE PORTLAND HOTEL OREGON. Text: 'EUROPEAN PLAN MODERN RESTAURANT. COST ONE MILLION DOLLARS. H. G. BOWEN, Manager.' Includes a small illustration of the hotel building.

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Advertisement for IMPERIAL HOTEL. Text: 'Seventh and Washington. Phil Mettschen & Sons, Props. Rates \$1.00-\$1.50-\$2.00. Centrally Located. Modern Improvements.'

Advertisement for HOTEL PERKINS. Text: 'Fifth and Washington Streets, PORTLAND, OREGON. EUROPEAN PLAN. Rooms, \$1.00 to \$1.50 Per Day. First-Class Check Restaurant Connected With Hotel.'

Advertisement for HOTEL LENOX. Text: 'Third and Main Sts. Portland's Newest and Most Modern Hotel. Up-to-date grill—Auto bus meets all trains—Rates: \$1 day and up—European plan—Long distance phone in all rooms—Private baths.'

Advertisement for St. Charles Hotel. Text: 'CO. (INCORPORATED). Front and Morrison Streets, PORTLAND, OR. EUROPEAN PLAN. ROOMS 50c to \$1.50. FIRST-CLASS RESTAURANT IN CONNECTION.'

DAILY METEOROLOGICAL REPORT. PORTLAND, Jan. 6.—Maximum temperature, 32 degrees; minimum, 35. River reach at 8 A. M., 6.9 feet; change in last 24 hours, -0.1 foot. Total rainfall, 5 P. M. to 3 P. M., .38 inch; normal, 20.78 inches; deficiency, 2.20 inches; 5 hours at minimum. Barometer (reduced to sea level), at 3 P. M., 30.28 inches.

Table with columns for STATIONS, Maximum Temp., Minimum Temp., Wind, and Remarks. Includes data for Baker City, Blinn, Boise, Burns, etc.

FORECASTS. Portland and vicinity—Tuesday occasional rain; southerly winds. Western Oregon and Western Washington—Occasional rain; southerly winds. Eastern Oregon, Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho—Increasing cloudiness, with possibly rain or snow. Southern Idaho—Probably fair.

CLASSIFIED AD. RATES. (FOR CASH ADVERTISING.) Following rates will be given only when advertising is ordered to run consecutive days, unless Sunday insertion is requested. Regional charges flat-rate rate each insertion for classified advertising that is not run on consecutive days. The first-time rate is charged for each insertion in The Weekly Oregonian.

MEETING NOTICES. A. & A. RITE, OREGON LODGE, NO. 1278, P. M. Regular meeting, Monday, Jan. 13, 1908, at 7:30 P. M. at the Hotel Oregon, Portland, Ore. All members of the lodge are invited to attend.

MEETING NOTICES. RIVERVIEW CEMETERY ASSOCIATION. The annual meeting of the members will be held at the 18th day of January, 1908, at 3:30 P. M. A general attendance is desired. The meeting will be held at the cemetery at members of the association and all persons interested in the same. WILLIAM R. MACKENZIE, Clerk.

MEETING NOTICES. IVANHOE LODGE, NO. 1, K. O. P.—Attention—Regular convention this (Tuesday) evening, January 7, 1908, at 7:30 P. M. at the Hotel Oregon, Portland, Ore. All members of the lodge are invited to attend.

MEETING NOTICES. CANTON PORTLAND, NO. 1, P. M.—Regular meeting this (Tuesday) evening, Jan. 7, at 7:30 o'clock, Oddfellows Temple, 2nd Street, S. E. SHANN, Secy.

MEETING NOTICES. THEODORE MORTON—January 6 at the family residence, 847 Harvard street, Portland, Ore. The funeral services will be held at the residence of the deceased, 847 Harvard street, at 2:30 P. M. on Wednesday, January 8, 1908. Friends invited. Interment Rose City Cemetery.

MEETING NOTICES. WOLFE—At the family residence, 517 Spring St., Montaville, Margaret A. Wolfe, aged 73 years 8 months and 4 days. The deceased was a member of Oddfellows Lodge, No. 17, M. E. Church, Portland, Ore. The funeral services will be held at the M. E. Church, Montaville, at 10 A. M. Wednesday, Jan. 7. Friends invited. Interment Rose City Cemetery.

MEETING NOTICES. BUCHTEL—In this city, Jan. 6, at her late residence, 425 E. 12th St., Mrs. Elizabeth Buechel, aged 29 years, beloved daughter of Mrs. E. W. Buechel. The funeral services will be held at the residence of the deceased, 425 E. 12th St., at 2 P. M. on Wednesday, Jan. 7. Friends invited. Interment Rose City Cemetery.

MEETING NOTICES. J. P. FINLEY & SON, Funeral Directors, 2125 Commercial, Phone Main 9. A. 1299. EDWARD HOLMAN Co., Funeral Directors, 322 1/2 St. A. Lady assistant. Phone M. 597. ZELLER-BYRNES Co., Funeral Directors, 273 Russell, East 1284, Lady assistant. F. S. DUNNING, Undertaker, 413 East Alder, Lady assistant. Phone East 52.