

10 PLOT FOUND TO HOUND FISHER

District Attorney Working on Details of Conspiracy Discovered.

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Coroner's Jury Returns Verdict in Four Minutes—Grand Jury Will Take Up Case First—Investigations Are Secret.

Pursuing a careful and strictly secret investigation into the alleged conspiracy to hound and threaten Ralph E. Fisher, who was shot to death Saturday afternoon by Attorney J. A. Fitzgerald, District Attorney Cameron has issued orders to detectives which may involve several persons other than the murderer.

Compares Notes and Letters.

With a number of other officials the District Attorney devoted nearly the whole of Saturday night, following the murder, in comparing the notes and letters found among Mr. Fisher's papers with letters and documents known to have been written by the suspected persons. It is said that positive marks of identification were discovered and yesterday Deputy District Attorney Fitzgerald issued instructions to the detectives who are on the case to hold certain persons under constant surveillance pending further investigation.

Coroner's Jury Verdict.

According to the verdict of a Coroner's jury yesterday, Attorney Ralph E. Fisher "died of a bullet wound in his office in the Mohawk building, Third and Morrison streets, Portland, as the result of a gunshot wound of the head inflicted by one J. A. Fitzgerald with murderous intent." During the progress of the inquisition Deputy District Attorney Fitzgerald took occasion to destroy any grounds for a plea of self-defense that may be entered by attorneys for the murderer. Testimony showed that the drawer in which Mr. Fisher kept a revolver was not opened. A witness whose statement is next in importance to that of Miss Verna Burkhardt, in connection with the crime, went voluntarily to the District Attorney's office yesterday and submitted an affidavit. He declared that he met Finch at the entrance of the Mohawk building Saturday afternoon and rode up in the elevator with him.

"Finch looked rational and talked rationally when I met him," said Mr. Humphreys. "In fact he looked nervous and more himself that day than for a long time. We got into the cage together and Finch alighted at the third floor. I went to the fourth floor, where I remained a few moments. Then, hearing the shots and commotion on the third floor, I rushed down the steps."

Many Witnesses Testify.

I saw Finch in the custody of a number of men, and when he had been removed to an office he said to me: "Humphreys, you are responsible for all this." He, of course, referred to the fact that I had entered the charges of drunkenness against him that Fisher had presented.

A number of witnesses testified at the Coroner's inquest. Coroner Norden conducted the inquisition, the state being represented by Deputy District Attorney J. J. Fitzgerald and the defense by Attorney C. F. Lord.

In the crowd of interested persons which gathered at Durkin's chapel, where the inquest was held, were Senator Thomas Kay, of Marion County, and Senator Coshow, of Roseburg, both relatives of the widow of the deceased. Dr. S. M. Gilbert was the first witness. He testified as to the nature of the wounds, stating that two bullets had entered the body of the dead attorney, the one causing death having entered the back of the head, remaining in the skull.

Finch Fires at Once.

"When the man I afterwards knew was Finch, burst in," he said. "He asked me if Mr. Fisher was in. I said he was, and noticed that the man had both hands in his pockets with his overcoat thrust back. He followed me to the inner door, and when I opened it he was there beside me, and before I could even think he had pulled a revolver out of his pocket and began firing. I screamed and ran."

Miss Burkhardt related the other details surrounding the tragedy, which have already been published. Attorney Chester V. Dolph told of hearing the shots and commotion and rushing from his office, finding Finch in the elevator. Mr. Dolph disarmed him and turned the weapon over to Dr. H. P. Leonard, who, in turn, gave it to A. S. Thompson, from whom Patrolman Thorpe received it. Elmer Christiansen, who operates the case in the Mohawk building, told of Finch's entrance into the elevator and of his asking for Mr. Fisher's office. The man left the car on the third floor, he said, and soon he heard shots and screams. He left the case and rushed down the hallway, where he saw Finch coming towards him with a revolver in his hand. He also

told of the detention and disarming of the murderer. Officer Thorpe, Mr. Thompson, Detective Tichenor, Attorney M. O. Wilkins and Dr. H. P. Leonard also testified. They related the details immediately following the crime that have already been published. The jury was out less than four minutes, long enough to write upon a piece of paper the result of their deliberations, before returning its verdict. According to Mr. Fitzgerald, and the case will be presented to the grand jury as soon as it convenes next Monday morning. It will be the first case to receive attention. "We will push the prosecution as rapidly and as vigorously as possible," said Mr. Fitzgerald.

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ALBANY, Or., Nov. 30.—(Special.)—James A. Finch, in the Multnomah County Jail, charged with the murder of Ralph E. Fisher, was scheduled to argue demurrer in the State Circuit Court here this afternoon in the application of S. P. Bach to register title to land. Prior to the killing of Fisher, Finch had been in the city, but the opposing counsel, to take up the demurrer this afternoon. His partner, C. H. Piggott, appeared in his place and argued the demurrer before Judge Galloway.

JUVENILE COURT IS BUSY

JUDGE GANTENBEIN RENDERS REPORT FOR NOVEMBER.

More Than 100 Cases Investigated and Seven Boys Sent to Reform School—47 on Probation.

Judge Gantenbein, of the Juvenile Court, has completed his report of the work done by the court during November. It shows that 112 cases came up for investigation, seven boys being sent to the Reform School. Of the total number, 55 were boys and 57 were girls. Forty-two were placed on probation, 11 were sent to the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society, and eight were committed to the care of individuals. In 19 cases the children were dismissed with warning. In 23 instances juveniles were brought in for violating city ordinances, and there were 43 charges of larceny. The report, in full, follows:

Boys. Girls. Number of children brought into court by citation 73 25. Bright into court for second and subsequent offenses 11 2. Totals 84 27. Delinquents 88 4. Dependents 17 19. Totals 105 27.

AGES OF CHILDREN. Ten years and under 20. Eleven to thirteen, inclusive 21. Fourteen and fifteen 21. Sixteen 19. Seventeen 8. Total 69 112.

CAUSES OF DELINQUENCY. Larceny 12. Immoral associates 25. Violating state law 4. Disorderly conduct 4. Destruction of property 12. Assault and battery 1. Smoking cigarettes 1. Malignant mischief 1. Incurable 1. Growing up in idleness and crime 1. Runaway 1. Vagrancy 1. Total 70.

CAUSES OF DEPENDENCY. Poverty 1. Neglect 1. Other causes 31. Total 33.

DISPOSITION OF CASES. Dismissed with warning 19. Dismissed for want of prosecution 1. Dismissed for want of evidence 1. Placed on probation 47. Committed to Boys' and Girls' Aid Society 11. Committed to House of Good Shepherd 1. Sentenced to House of Good Shepherd 4. Paroled from House of Good Shepherd 2. Committed to Fraser Detention Home 2. Committed to Oregon State Reform School, five being for second and third offenses 7. Committed to State Industrial Institute 2. Sentenced to State Industrial Institute 2. Committed to care of individuals 8. Letters of warning sent 8. Brought into court and warned, vagrants 7. Returned to their parents 2. Sent to the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society to get employment 5. Total 144.

TALKS ABOUT EVANGELISM

Rev. Francis Townsley Reads Paper Before Baptist Ministers.

Rev. Francis Townsley read a paper at the meeting of the Baptist Ministers' Association yesterday on "The Basis of True Evangelism," which dealt with certain phases of baptism. Rev. A. Schwelmer, secretary of the association, explaining that he was unable to devote the time to the position which it required. Rev. J. T. Hancock was elected to fill the vacancy.

Milwaukee Election Next Monday.

Mayor Shindler, independent candidate for re-election at the municipal election in Milwaukee next Monday, announced yesterday that he had called a public meeting of voters and taxpayers of the place in the City Hall for next Saturday night, at which time he will make a report of what has been done since he has been elected Mayor, and what he will undertake if elected Mayor. He said that owing to being absent at the last meeting of the Council he could not make a report. Mayor Shindler declined to say anything about the franchise the Southern Pacific is expected to apply for, although he may define his views on this matter. Evidently there will be a close run between him and Councilman Streib and the race for Mayor will probably be the only contest, unless some more independent candidates appear today, the last day for filing petitions.

PORTLAND GAINS OVER PAST YEAR

Statistics Show an Advance in Every Branch of City's Activities.

BEST NOVEMBER KNOWN

Building Permits and Real Estate Transfers Show Great Increase Over Same Month Last Year.

Bank Clearances Good.

With the end of the year approaching and the season at hand when business men stop and take stock of their enterprises to see how much ground they have gained during the past 12 months, Portland may well feel optimistic over the outlook for the future. November showed advances in all lines of industry and business over the corresponding month of 1907 and the prospects were never more glowing than now.

Statistics for every branch of the city's activities show a healthy growth over the same periods of the previous year. In fact, November, 1907, was memorable for the unsettled condition of business generally. Local financial institutions had been closed and at this time last year, unsavory investigations into the misconduct of the management of the closed banks were in progress. Each day brought more startling revelations of the juggling of funds and the betrayal of the trust depositors had in the failed institutions.

November, 1907, was a time of distrust and apprehension. People who had money did not feel like investing it but were holding on to see if the bottom of the financial chasm had been reached. Few people were optimistic over these circumstances and the outlook for a prosperous year to come was anything but rosy. Those who told of better times to come were only half-believed.

But now all this is changed. The city has just passed through the best November it ever knew. In regard to the volume of business transactions in all lines, confidence has been restored and every one is optimistic in regard to the coming year. Banks were never on so solid a basis. Business houses report a splendid trade. Realty men say Portland property is being sought by every one able to invest, while building is going on about the city at a rate never before equaled.

Figures on building permits issued during the month illustrate in a striking way the advance Portland has made in the past year. During November, 1907, building permits numbered only 182, and covered such a small and inconspicuous class of buildings that the combined total value was only \$199,210. But figures for building during the month closed yesterday show a vast increase. The combined value of the structures is almost \$1,000,000, being actually \$923,250. The number of permits during the past month was 286, all good structures, of which any city might be proud.

Building transfers during the past month show an excellent tone in the market. There were 1253 transfers during November, aggregating a total value of \$1,418,826. Baker contended that the tickets should be sold for 75 cents, while the management of the show insisted that their regular rate of \$1.00, at which they appeared here last season, be maintained.

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Olympic Beer. "It's the water." Brewer's own bottling. Phone, Main 671, A 247.

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But this isn't all. There is not a department of the activities of Portland that does not disclose better conditions and a more encouraging outlook for the coming year than was in evidence at this time last year. The dark prospects have given way to the best possible conditions, and everything is on such a prosperous basis that it seems nothing, outside of a downright calamity, can prevent Portland from achieving a very large measure of prosperity during the coming year.

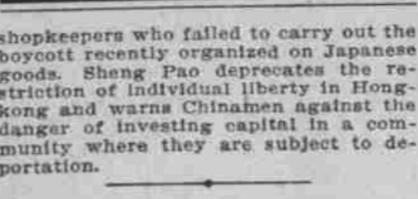
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Calendar for December 1908 showing days of the week and dates.

Santa Claus is climbing over the wall. Twenty days and he'll be upon us. Send for our memorandum book.

Our New York Buyer has selected for us the finest grade of fancy waistcoats, the most artistic assortment of neckwear and the most attractive patterns in hose, handkerchiefs—but we're not printing an Xmas list here—come in before the Holiday rush.



THE LION CLOTHIERS 166-170 Third Street.

shopkeepers who failed to carry out the boycott recently organized on Japanese goods. Sheng Pao deprecates the restriction of individual liberty in Hong Kong wars Chinamen against the danger of investing capital in a community where they are subject to deportation.

COMPROMISE IS EFFECTED

'Land of Nod' Company Will Play if Seats Sell at \$1.

Arrangements were completed yesterday in Seattle between George L. Baker and Advance Agent Riley, of the "Land of Nod" company, with John Cort as dictator, whereby the misunderstanding that has existed regarding the prices of this production at the Baker Theater has been amicably settled.

Attorneys for the contending interests will proceed to cause a dissolution of the injunction that was issued in the local courts to prevent Manager Baker from selling the highest-price tickets for less than \$1.00. Baker contended that the tickets should be sold for 75 cents, while the management of the show insisted that their regular rate of \$1.00, at which they appeared here last season, be maintained.

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ABUSED FRIENDS

The most abused piece of machinery as well as the most complicated is the watch—abused by the waster and often abused by the repairer. The ordinary watchmaker can repair any American watch and make it keep time, for if any part is broken it is easily replaced with a new piece from the factory. But the SWISS, ENGLISH and other European watches are often pretty badly tinkered up, as the parts when broken are not purchasable and have to be made by hand. There are often some of the finest of these watches 250 parts. So you can easily see the workman who repairs one of these must be a good mechanic. If not he will ruin such a watch as a timekeeper. There are several very fine European watches, repeaters, etc., that keep good time and are valuable as timekeepers, owned in Portland, and to the owners of most of them the face and name below are familiar.



LOTIS SIMPSON. Born in Schleswig, Holstein, Germany. Learned his trade there. Worked in Switzerland, Berlin and Hamburg. Came to the United States in 1868. Worked in large cities east until year 1885, when he came to Portland. Has worked in the best jewelry stores in this city ever since. Has been in the employ of Staples, the jeweler, for the last 3 1/2 years, where he handles and repairs none but the finest watches. Mr. Simpson is a part and parcel of the Staples jewelry store.

Mr. Simpson has a very efficient helper in one Ralph Tartaro, an Italian who learned the watchmaking trade in Naples, Italy, where he was taught to make any part of a watch by hand.

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Advertisement for Holly Trees, a medicinal product for kidney disorders, including symptoms and home treatment.

Advertisement for Portland Seed Co., featuring a variety of seeds and plants.

Great Sideboard Sale

Extraordinary Values—Extraordinary Terms. Two Carloads of \$68 Sideboards Sold for Only \$49. \$1. Down \$1 a Week.



GEVURTZ

1st and Yamhill 6-SONS 2d and Yamhill

I Sell Only Sample Shoes. They Are the Pick of the Shoe World.

POSITIVELY NO BRANCH SHOPS IN PORTLAND

Advertisement for Knight's Sample Shoe Shop, featuring men's and women's shoes for sale at \$2.50 and \$2.00 a pair.

Advertisement for Knight's Sample Shoe Shop, featuring a large illustration of a shoe.

Advertisement for Selz Guarantees His Shoes, featuring a large illustration of a shoe.

Every Selz shoe has such a guarantee, printed and signed, attached to the shoe. That's one reason we like to sell Selz shoes; if they don't make good, Selz does.

Selz Royal Blue shoes, \$3.50, \$4, \$5.

Advertisement for Rosenthal's Portland's Best Shoe Store, featuring a large illustration of a shoe.

Advertisement for Yin Kin Lum Chinese Restaurant, featuring a large illustration of a restaurant sign.

Advertisement for Carcarey, featuring a large illustration of a shoe.

Statement of Condition of Lumbermen's National Bank, including financial details and officer information.