

### GERMAIN OFFERED MANY PROMISES

Employment Agent Said to Have Obtained Many Dollars From Women and Girls.

### MOBBED AT UNION STATION

Hundred or More Girls and Women Follow Him From Offices—Pretty Young Wife Penitent While Husband Is in Jail.

Intercepted in his flight at the Union station by 100 or more women and girls, together with a number of men who said they were swayed by him, Benjamin Franklin Germain, once chief of ex-President Cleveland's presidential staff and manager of Germain's High-Class Employment Bureau Company, Benson building, Fifth and Morrison streets, eluded his pursuers yesterday afternoon and with his wife sought shelter at the Scott Hotel, where he registered as J. A. Wells and wife, of New York City.

Soon after he was arrested by Deputy Constable Kierman who, by a clever ruse, gained entrance to his room. In Justice Olson's court he was arraigned on a felony charge and held in the sum of \$500. It developed by his own confession, that Germain is an ex-convict from San Quentin, where he served a term of seven years for bigamy.

As a result of the sudden ending of his spectacular career in Portland, a pretty young wife is said to be almost penniless and without a cent in the Northwest Hotel, while hundreds of alleged victims, chiefly girls and women seeking positions as waitresses, stenographers and clerks throughout the entire Northwest, are waiting they have been defrauded of their scanty savings. The unfortunate wife is a pretty, black-haired girl, whom, he says, he met in Mexico.

### Distinguished Appearance.

Germain is distinguished in appearance, well-dressed, suave and polished in manners, and perhaps the cleverest "hot-air" artist ever arrested in Portland, even displacing Constable Wagner and Deputy Kierman.

In default of bonds Germain was confined in the County Jail last night. He will be given a hearing in Justice Olson's court Thursday. He was arrested on a warrant charging him with uttering a false and fraudulent instrument. C. J. Cook and wife were the complainants in this particular charge, though it is said that scores of alleged victims visited the District Attorney's office seeking warrants.

Germain, who occupied a suite of five rooms in the Benson building, has advertised extensively as providing employment for deserving applicants. "None but first-class employees registered and sent out," his announcements read. It is charged that he demanded from \$2 to \$5 cash payment from each applicant and the balance of the fee for securing a position was to be paid from the first month's salary of the applicant when he secured the position.

He also professed to guarantee railroad fares. It is charged, to and from the points to which he sent applicants in case they were unsuccessful in securing the position. Girls and women throughout Oregon, Washington, Idaho and the south as far as San Diego, are said to correspond with him. Many, it is charged, inclosed money, but few got positions.

### Alluring Propositions Offered.

He offered alluring propositions. To Mr. and Mrs. Cook he promised the position of manager and housekeeper of a hotel at Roseburg, the initial payment for securing such a position being \$500, which was paid. It was the payment of this, according to the complaint, that led to Germain's arrest, for upon investigation, it is charged by Cook, there is no hotel in Roseburg that wanted a housekeeper and manager at the agreed salary of \$100 per month at the present time. So Cook swore to a complaint.

Two days ago, however, creditors had caused the attachment of the Benson block establishment and a keeper had been placed in charge by the constable. Germain is said to have entered the place and his ex-partner declared to Constable Wagner yesterday Germain had removed a large number of incriminating documents.

Yesterday morning the fact that Germain's place had been attached became generally known among the local applicants for positions through his agency. Accordingly they began to congregate in the hallways and adjoining offices of the building, crowding into Germain's suite to demand the return of their money.

Crowd Chases Germain. Germain remained calm and unperturbed for a time, then politely excused himself. The crowd waited for a brief time, then thought maybe he wouldn't return. So 100 women and girls, with numbers of men, hurried to the District Attorney's office to cause the issuance of a complaint.

There it was learned that Germain was preparing to leave and the crowd rushed pell mell to the Union Station. Germain, with his wife, had caused his baggage to be checked and had bought tickets. He suddenly realized, though, that something might happen, for he ordered a carriage and together he and his wife hurried to the Scott Hotel. Deputy Constable Kierman, who knew him by sight, learned of his place of refuge and knocked upon the door.

The woman finally opened it and Kierman, announcing that he was an employee of the hotel, gained entrance. Germain failed to recognize the officer and was greatly disturbed when the warrant was produced. Mrs. Germain burst into tears.

Officers are said to have found the names of hundreds of women and men in Germain's office, who sent letters to Germain imploring him to secure the positions he had promised. The officers, however, believe that others interested in the company had no part in the alleged frauds.

Germain said he was a chef in the White House during the administration of the late President Cleveland. He lived in a luxurious fashion while in Portland.

### ANY TAXPAYER MAY VOTE

Limitation of \$100 for School Elections Removed Two Years Ago.

Answering the inquiry of a correspondent, The Oregonian of Monday last stated that any man or woman paying taxes on \$100 was qualified to vote at school elections in his or her district. This was the old law. The Legislature two years ago (Pages 53 and 54 of the session laws of 1907) changed the

### school law and prescribed the qualifications of voters as follows:

Any citizen of this state, male or female, who is 21 years of age and has resided in the district 30 days immediately preceding the meeting or election, and has properly assessed, and not assessed by the sheriff, on which he or she is liable or subject to pay a tax, shall be entitled to vote at any school meeting or election in said district, provided that for the purpose of this section, any man who has declared his intention to become a citizen of the United States, and has resided in the state for six months immediately preceding the meeting or election where he is proposed to vote, shall be considered a citizen of this state; provided further, that any person shall be deemed to have complied with the property qualification imposed by this section, if he has stock, shares or ownership in any corporation, firm or partnership which has property in the district, and not assessed by the sheriff, on which such corporation, firm or partnership pays a tax, even though his or her individual name does not appear upon the tax roll; provided further, that districts of the third class any head of a family who is otherwise a qualified elector, and having children of school age may vote at such election without property qualifications.

### OIL PROSPECTS PROMISING

Company Will Incorporate to Develop Yamhill Properties.

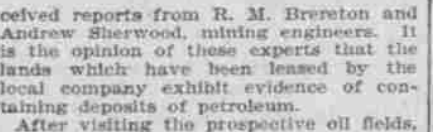
Plans are under way for the incorporation of the Portland Oil & Gas Company, which contemplates the development of promising oil lands located in Washington, Yamhill and Polk counties. The promoters of such a company have received reports from R. M. Brereton and Andrew Sherwood, mining engineers. It is the opinion of these experts that the lands which have been leased by the local company exhibit evidence of containing deposits of petroleum.

### TWO OFFICERS WHO ARRESTED BURKE AND HAYES, SUSPECTED TRAIN ROBBERS.

Archie Leonard, Deputy Sheriff, and John J. Fitzgerald, Special Agent O.R. & N. Co.



ARCHIE LEONARD, DEPUTY SHERIFF.



JOHN J. FITZGERALD, SPECIAL AGENT O.R. & N. CO.

Archie Leonard, deputy sheriff, and John J. Fitzgerald, special agent of the Oregon Railway & Navigation Company, were the officers who arrested the suspected train robbers, Burke and Hayes, at the station in Portland, Oregon, last night. Leonard and Fitzgerald were on duty at the station when they observed a man and a woman, who were identified as Burke and Hayes, entering the station. They followed the couple and arrested them in the baggage room. Leonard and Fitzgerald are both experienced law enforcement officers. Leonard has served in the Oregon State Police and the Portland Police Department. Fitzgerald has served in the Oregon Railway & Navigation Company's security force.

### WILL COME BY ISTHMUS

New Rector of St. David's Will Take Voyage on Sailing Vessel.

In a letter to Dr. George S. Whitesides, of this city, received yesterday, Rev. Henry Russell Talbot, dean of All Saints' Cathedral at Albany, N. Y., who has accepted the rectorship of St. David's Episcopal Church, says that he will leave for Portland January 5 by sailing vessel.



Henry Russell Talbot.

arriving in about six weeks. Dean Talbot writes Dr. Whitesides that he needs rest before entering on his active duties at St. David's church, and has selected a sailing vessel as a means of recreation. According to this arrangement, he will reach Portland about the middle of February. He will probably spend some time in crossing the Isthmus of Panama to take in the scenery and get the benefit of the climate there. Dr. Whitesides and Dean Talbot were classmates at Yale, the former being of the class of 1884 and Dean Talbot of the class of 1885, and they formed a friendship then that has been maintained ever since through correspondence. Hence Dr. Whitesides says of Rev. Mr. Talbot, "He is a capital fellow, and one of the ablest of ministers."

St. David's Church is looking forward with much pleasure to his coming, and the vestry and members are already laying plans for his reception and the renewal of the work in the parish.

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### BRIDGE PROPOSAL STARTS HOT FIGHT

Applause and Hisses Greet Suggestion of Joint Bascule for City and O. R. & N.

### VAUGHN IS ALSO JEERED

Council Chambers Crowded With Citizens Who Take Active Part in Spirited Discussion Before Special Committee.

When the special bridge committee of the City Council met yesterday afternoon, a proposition to build a joint bascule bridge for the use of the city and the O. R. & N. Company was made by C. F. Vaughn, city engineer.

The proposition was met with a storm of applause and hisses. The committee members were divided in their opinion. Some felt that the bridge would be a great improvement to the city, while others felt that it would be a waste of money. The discussion was very spirited and lasted for several hours.



C. F. VAUGHN, CITY ENGINEER.

Swigert, president of the Port of Portland Commission, expressed the belief that this latest project is by far the best solution of the problem of handling river traffic, and said that it has many features of the most attractive kind. The reduced cost of construction and the fact that it would not be put in at a place further down stream, where navigation would be more or less troubled by it, he said, are two highly important points in its favor. It would be about 1200 feet long and a 6 per cent grade would be laid at the approaches.

### Cites Favorable Features.

The meeting was held in the City Council chambers, and all available space was taken by citizens living in the northeast section of the city, all intensely interested in the bridge question. Many of them had something to say on the various projects, some favoring the Hancock-street location and a high bridge, and others favoring a bascule bridge at Broadway street. After these two locations had been discussed quite fully, Mr. Swigert brought his proposition out and laid it before the committee. He was armed with blue prints and explanatory data, calculated to show the advantages of the plan, and he set forth the excellent features of the scheme.

"Councilman Vaughn declared 'it looks good to me,' and said he believed it would be well to refer the matter to the City Engineer and City Attorney for reports and a full investigation. In reply to his remarks, there was a volley of hisses and 'yeas, and cries of 'No, no.' Others applauded and said, 'Good boy, you're right.'"

### Heated Words Fly.

"I have lived in this city a long time," shouted John W. Whaley, "and it is hard for me to think of Mr. Swigert as a member of the Port of Portland Commission. Now, I have always been taught to 'beware of Greeks bearing presents.' Mr. Swigert has been a streetcar manager all his life, and while he may have reformed, I doubt it."

Dr. L. M. Davis, representing those favoring the Hancock-street location, spoke at considerable length, and in heated terms. He and Councilman Menefee are arrayed against each other in the matter, and both are making a strong fight to win.

"I am bitterly opposed to the scheme originating from the O. R. & N. Company," said Councilman Menefee, after the meeting. "It is suggested by Mr. Swigert and contemplates the construction of partnership bridges with the O. R. & N. to be located some three or four blocks south of the present Steel bridge, in lieu of the projected bridge at Broadway and Larrabee streets. I am opposed to it, in that it would practically isolate Lower Albina, and instead of the people of the district having two bridges, they would have but one. The O. R. & N. is required, under its state charter, to build an upper deck and the double bridge is suggested as a means of getting rid of that feature, which is so objectionable to them. It seems to me, the city would have to bear the expense, which would otherwise have to be borne by the railroad company."

### Wants Two Bridges.

"Let the company build a double bridge, if its officials so choose, as they had probably contemplated such action, anyway; but let us have a bridge at Broadway. Within five years, you will find that the bridges will both be fully taxed to care for the heavy traffic tributary to them. I am in no way criticizing Mr. Swigert, as I believe him sincere in his actions, and think he is looking out for what he believes to be the best interests of the Port."

"I wonder if the people of Lower Albina will appreciate who is trying to best serve their interests, Dr. Davis or myself, when they learn how vigorously that gentleman applauded the suggestion of Mr. Swigert, which means that not only that they are to have no new bridge, but that the present Steel bridge



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### Largest Automobile Company Praises Hassam.

R. M. Beck, chief engineer of the Pope Manufacturing Company, says: My experience with this paving has been in the Pope Factory's yard, and surrounding in the roadways leading into the factory where, of course, the principal work coming upon the pavement was that of automobiles, consequently, much gasoline gets onto the pavements from the autos. This was one of the strong points that governed us in adopting the pavement as we felt sure it would be gasoline proof. Instead of the gasoline soaking in, there are enough frequent rains to wash it off.

There is no slipping of the tires even when the pavements are wet, as it is just like a piece of sand paper. Instead of the pavement wearing into holes, it simply wears down the top finish. We run five and 16-ton trucks over it and there is no indication where the pavement has run away from such surface; whereas with other pavements the heavy loads will grind the surface right out. We have passing over the same pavements and road, large trucks with iron tires carrying anywhere from six to eight tons of steel and heavy metals, turning around in the yards, backing up and see-sawing as is usual with such heavy teams under such duty. The pavement where this work occurs and where the heavy drafting is done, has practically shown no wear during the past two seasons it has been in service.

From the writer's knowledge of some asphalt pavements, holes will wear into it much more rapidly than into the Hassam. On personal inquiry of the drivers of the teams, they say they would rather get on to that pavement with their horses than any pavement they know, and that the horses seem to know when they get on to the Hassam pavement, consequently they get a grip on the pavement with the whole shoe instead of on the calks, to do their work; whereas on the ordinary street they are bound to use the calks more.

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is to be removed three or four blocks further away from them and toward the Burnside bridge. If the proposed bridge is built at the site of the steel bridge, it will be such a structure as will accommodate the trains of the O. R. & N. Company on a portion constructed alongside one section to be used by the city and the streetcar company when trains are passing over it, so as to permit all river craft to pass through without the continual opening and closing, which is so troublesome now. The draw to the higher span, used by the city for pedestrian and team traffic and by the streetcar company, would have to be opened up or down the stream.

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