# HAINS' DEFENSE SOON TO BE HEARD

Staggered by Evidence of Cabman.

DAMAGING REMARKS OF HAINS

McIntyre Accuses Witness of False Swearing.

ONE POINT FOR DEFENSE

State's Witness Brings Out Points Favorable to Hains-Revolver Expert Asked to Demonstrate in Court, Judge Forbids.

FLUSHING, N. Y., Dec. M.-With the exception of one or two witnesses who will be heard on minor points, the state's case against Thornton J. Hains is practically closed. The defense will outlin its case to the jury on Saturday after the prosecution rests. When the defendant returned to the Long Island jail tonight he knew all the vital evidence that the prosecution had obtained to prove its charge that he was one of the principals in the killing of W. E. Annis.

Before leaving the courtroon, Hains declared that he folt that his acquittal was with Christmas presents for him. only a matter of days.

Mr. Kincald was living alone

Darrin Surprises Defense.

District Attorney Durrin surprised Hains' counsel by calling Henry L. Jesperson, a former real estate agent, whom the defense had planned to call as one of their principal witnesses. Mr. Jesperson's testimony developed many points favorable to the defendant. He said he had several conferences with Hains over waterfront property at Douglaston, near Bayside, and that Hains had made an appointment with his partner, Mr. Bugg. about some property near the Baysid Yacht Club. Mr. Jesperson furthe stated that Hains had postponed the real estate negotiations because of the IIIness of his brother. The lawyers for Hains were delighted at Mr. Jesperson testimony. Mr. Darrin's purpose in calling him is not apparent.

An incident of interest in today's se sion was the demand of John F. Mc-Intyre for the arrest on a charge of perjury of Martin Skura, an 18-year-old cabman, who swore that he had made a false statement to Hains' lawyers, believwas excused after a grilling cross-examination, in which he admitted making several false declarations in the statement given to counsel for the defense. He was not arrested.

Skura was recalled, and was asked: "Did the defendant speak to you on August 15?"

Yes. He asked me if I had a public hack. He spoke to the other man, and they got in the cab. The yacht club stage left the depot while I was talking to the men. I drove on and passed the The man told me to pull down wtage. and let the stage go by. I did so."

'Did you hear the defendant say some thing when the stage went by?" "Yes, some one said, 'We've got him

"Did the defendant have any other

conversation with you while driving to the club?"

"The defendant asked me if I knew

Annis. I kept on behind the stage." Told to Drive Behind Stage.

The cabman said he saw Mrs. Annis alight from the stage at the club. The witness said the defendant and the other man left the cab at the club and the two men entered the clubhouse. Skura said that about 10 minutes after the two men entered the clubhouse they cam

"Did the defendant tell you how far you were to drive behind the stage?" The defendant said, 'Keep behind the stage about 100 feet.' Near the clubhouse grounds he told me to get as close to the stage as I could, which I did." Then came the cross-examination, in

out and went down to the dock.

which Skura admitted having made false statements to the lawyers, and the motion of arrest. Bernard Glasser, a real estate man. qualified as a revolver expert and demonstrated the mechanism of the revolver

with which Annis was killed. Mr. Glasser said the trigger had to be pulled for each shot, the recoil of each shot reloading the revolver. The quickest time the shots could be fired, according to a test made, was in 11-5 seconds On cross-examination Mr. McIntyre

asked the witness to load the revolver and go into the gallery and give the jury a demonstration. 'i won't allow it," said Justice Crane

The witness then took the unloaded revolver and snapped it as rapidly as he The defense hopes to conclude the esse

next week.

COSGROVE SENDS WORD

Governor-elect of Washington Remembers His State.

PASO ROBLES HOT SPRINGS, Cal., Dec. 24.-Governor-elect Cosgrove, of Washington, sent the following message "Christmas greetings to the people of the State of Washington. In body in California, in mind with the people I expect to serve. COSGROVE."

Tollows:

From Portland - G. Brown, at the Woodstack; S. Peacock, at the Hotel Astor; Miss R. B. Sutton, at the Grand. From Seattle—F. T. Graham, at the Hoteman.

# CHILD IS FATALLY BURNED AT TREE

DRESS TAKES FIRE AS SHE AD-MIRES PRETTY THINGS.

Herole Efforts by Eleven-Year-Old Brother to Save Her Life Prove Unavailing.

HOQUIAM, Wash., Dec. 24. - (Spectal.)-Little 8-year-old Laura Lyons daughter of prominent parents of this lies dead at the morgue, and in the home of her parents and brothers here is grief instead of Christmas cheer, as the result of a spark from the heating stove having ignited the little one's dress when she was admiring a Christmas tree, which her mother had been decorating, and burning her

The mother had stepped out tem porarily to get additional ornaments while the girl's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Spencer, of Centralia, were visiting at a neighbor's.

Suddenly the little girl uttered a piercing scream and her 11-year-old brother, Howard, looked around to see her wrapped in flames. He made heroic efforts to smother the fire, but was forced to drag Laura to the bathroom, where he finally extinguished the fire with water. Prompt medical attention was had, but the child passed away within a short time.

## GIFTS 'ARRIVE: MAN DEAD

Christmas Caller Finds Intended Recipient of Charity Lifeless.

COLFAX, Wash., Dec. 24.—(Special.) -James H. Kincaid, aged 82, a Whitnan County pioneer of 30 years and a veteran of the Oregon Rogue River Indian War, was found dead at his Colfax home today by Mrs. H. Haines, a neighbor, who had called at the home

Mr. Kincald was living alone and was last seen Tuesday morning. Indications are that he was building a fire and was stricken with heart trouble, probably on Tuesday. He leaves a daughter, Mrs. Mary Hirst, formerly of Seattle, now thought to be in Alameda, Cal., who had just sent him a Winter's stock of groceries, which were being unpacked at the time of his

## MADE BIG DIAMOND DEAL

Vagrants at Fresno Believed to Be Noted Oklahoma Crooks.

FRESNO, Cal., Dec. 24.-(Special.)-That George Rives and Fred Dawson, arrested here for vagrancy, are well-known crooks is the information which was received here today from the authorities at El Paso, Tex. Further proof of the character of the men comes by wire from

Oklahoma City. This communication states that Dawson ing that they were newspapermen. Skura | is none other than Sam Shrewder; with | what they were doing. Harold Boyd was two allases, Jackson and Snyder. The decided upon as the one to be cremeager information states that he is mated. wanted in Oklahoma for having engineered a big illegal diamond deal. Sherwanted in Oklahoma City, and that re- his senses he was quite badly burned, quisition papers will be at once secured for the man's removal.

## ALL NICKELODEONS BARRED

New Yorkers Can No Longer See Moving Pictures.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.-Moved by the protests of many ministers who complained to him that the great majority of the 550 moving-picture shows of Greater New York were exhibiting pictures detrimental to the morals of the youth of the city, Mayor McClellan today revoked the license of every picture show.

The Mayor also had a report from the Fire Department stating that the halls where such shows are given are only partially equipped with fire safeguards.

## PENDLETON'S TAXES HIGH

Property-Owners Will Have to Pay Approximately 25 Mills.

PENDLETON, Or., Dec. 24.-(Special.) -Property-owners within the city limits will pays a total tax of approximately 5 miles this year, according to present indications and estimates. The school indications and estimates. The school district has voted a tax of 6 mills, the city a levy of 11.2 mills, including the library tax, and it is estimated that a levy of 19.5 mills will be necessary for ounty and state purposes.
The city levy is greatly increased be-

cause of the aboliahment of the saloon licenses, while the state and county tax is also heavier this year than last.

## UNCONSCIOUS AND ROBBED

Peculiar Crime Interests Reno Authorities-Two Arrests.

RENO, Nev., Dec. 24.-While unconscious from smoke in a fire at her home, early last night, Mrs. C. Jacobs, wife of a well-known business man of Reno, was robbed of more than \$50 worth of dia-monds on her person and from a purse

monds on her person and from a purse suspended from a belt.

Today Jacobs awore to a complaint charging Mrs. "Doc" Meyers and Mrs. Alice Groff, her sister, of Loyaliton, with grand larceny. The accused, who deny the charge, gave \$500 ball each.

Northwestern People in New York. NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—(Special.)—People from the Pacific Northwest registered at New York hotels today as

# ACCUSE PACKERS OF FORMING TRUST

Morning &

Broad Scope of New Grand Jury's Work.

## RESULTS OF NONTH'S PROBING

Underbilling Which Gave Rebates Also Charged.

ROOSEVELT INCITES MOVE

National Packing Company Believed to Be Clearing-House for Trust. False Description of Shipments Saves \$30 Carload.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24 .- (Special.) -- That the sitimate scope of the present grand jury noulry into the business of the packers will not stop with an investigation into alleged railroad rebates and underbilling of packing-house goods, but will extend to an endeavor to prove the big stockyards concerns guilty of violating the anti-trust laws, is the information that came by indirection from an authorita;

tive source tonight. The Government has been working on the case for eight months, naving had a squad of Secret Service men in the field looking for evidence against the packers. These men had been working largely through railroad officials prior to the time of the grand jury's meeting to take up the subject. To start with, it is said, the investigation will resolve itself into an inquiry concerning the alleged underbilling of freight shipped by the packeds amounting in effect to rebates.

## TRY TO BURN COMPANION

Christmas Eve Drinking Bout Nearly Ends in Murder.

STOCKTON, Cal., Dec. 24.-Four boys, all under 15 years of age, today attempted a sacrifice of the fifth member of their crowd by placing rubbish about him and setting fire to it. The five had been on a drinking bout during the night at a roadside house just beyond the city and | Frenchman Ousted From Rawhide were so intoxicated they did not know

He was placed on a lot of leaves and twigs, and the quartet soon had a hot most of his clothing being destroyed. He was sent to the Ebergency Hospital. secure the names of those who sold the

THIS STOCKING TAKES

MANY SANTAS.

#### FACTS FOR HOMESEEKERS.

For all who are interested in Oregon and thinking of making this state their home, the forthcoming New Year's issue of The Oregonian will be a fruitful soruce of information. A review of what has been done in the numerous industries during the past year, with facts and figures presented in concise, readable form by specialists, will be found most useful. There will be articles on dairying, stockraising, farming, manufacturing, mining, irrigation and other subjects most important to the homeseeker. Fruitraising, for instance, will be dealt with at some length. The reader will be told just what can be done in the production of apples, pears, prunes, grapes, peaches, cherries and berries. An article on walnuts, by a scientist who has made a thorough study of conditions in this state, will be of especial interest.

The Annual will be issued one week from today, and will be sold for 5 cents a copy.

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Coroner's Jury Reports H. H. Cox Not a Suicide.

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., Dec. 24.-That H. H. Cox, wealthy and retired manufacturer of Portland, Me., had fallen head first from a third story window of a local hotel to his death instead of having jumped from the window, with suicidal ntent, as at first reported, was the verdict of a Coroner's jury today.

After accompanying Mrs. Cox to the dining-room of the hotel, Cox returned to his apartments on the third floor to complete, his tollet. A few moments later he was found dying on the sidewalk.

Cox, who was a sufferer from neurasthenia, came to this city a month ago with his wife to spend the Winter. His son is a prominent merchant of San Fran-

## ADD STRENGTH TO TAFT

Ellis Goes to His Aid-Harris Declares for Caucus.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 24 .- The coming o Columbus of Wade Ellis, ex-Attorney General of Ohio, now Assistant Attorney-General of the United States, who will exert his influence for Charles P. Taft, and the open declaration of Governor Harris that he favors a Senatorial caucus, added much strength to the Taft movement today.

Mr. Harris came out for the first time openly in favor of a caucus today.

## VIGILANTE LAW WRONG? Will Bring Suit.

RENO, Nev., Dec. 24.-Joe Rock, the Frenchman who was driven out of Rawhide yesterday by vigilantes for alleged iff Garrison says that Dawson is badly fire burning. By the time Boyd came to claim-jumping, arrived in Reno today and has employed attorneys to look after his interests at that camp. He insists he owns the claims he is supposed to have The authorities are making an effort to jumped, and will invoke the aid of the to possession.

# AT GOMPERS' GASE

Labor World Rallies to Give Him Aid.

## BRYAN SINGULARLY RETIGENT

Says He Thinks Gompers Did Right to Test Law.

FEDERATION WIL APPEAL

cores of Telegrams Pour in Ex-ACCIDENT CAUSE OF DEATH pressing Support, but No Move for Appeal Will Be Taken Until After the Holidays.

> WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 - President Compers' office in the headquarters here of the American Federation of Labor was deluged with telegrams and messages today from all sections of the country regarding his sentence for contempt of court. While most of the messages came from labor officials, a telegram from William Jennings Bryan

was notable among the lot. Mr. Bryan's message was remarkable particularly for the non-committal nanner in which it was worded, espeially after Mr. Bryan's campaign utterances on the subject of injunctions and kindred measures.

Mr. Bryan, in a telegram from Pittsurg, Pa., said: "Sorry to read decision. You did your duty in testing law. Glad you

#### are taking appeal." Special Meeting Called.

The entire subject relating to the sentencing for contempt of court of President Gompers, Vice-President Mitchell and Secretary Morrison, will be threshed the District of Columbia, will be threshed over at a meeting of the executive counall of the federation to be held in this city on January 11 next. This meeting, which is not a regularly scheduled one. will be notable undoubtedly because of the vital issues affecting the labor issue involved in the action of the court. Resolutions sustaining the attitude of the eaders of the big organization, with its 39,000 odd councils and 2,000,000 members, will be submitted for action, and scath ing arraignment of the decision will be

President Gompers was not in his office today, and no information was given out there as to where he could be found. Secretary Morrison was at the federation headquarters, however, busy with his routine duties. Active steps in the framing of the fight against the carrying out of the sentences are not likely until next week, and Secretary Morrison said today the plan, so far as the offistate police, if necessary, to restore him class of the Federation themselves goes, (Concluded on Page 2.)

## GIRL FIGHTERS IN TWELVE-ROUND GO

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CULTURED MASSACHUSETTS IS SCENE OF BATTLE.

Blood Drawn and Opponents Sent to Ropes Many Times Before Decision.

WORCESTER, Mass., Dec. 24.-(Spe. cial.)-Miss Alexina Caron and Miss Clara Frennier, pretty 1s-year-old girls, fought a rattling bont before the Winchendon Athletic Club in Winchendo last night. The news of the fight be sensation in the country thereabouts and there is talk of a police investigation The audience was composed chiefly of fistic fans. Emory H. Fountain wa

When the girls had fought four rounds Miss Caron was ready to quit, but at the taunt of her opponent, jumped in and agreed to a second fight of eight rounds o settle the supremacy.

Miss Caron was going strong at the finish of the eighth round, and the referee, fearing that Miss Frennier would b knocked out, called the bout and gav the decision to Miss Caron. The girl fighters were dressed in white sweater and white skirts to their knees. Blood was drawn, and the number of times that each was sent crashing into the ropes was about even up.

#### HEAVY GROWTH EXPECTED Hill Officials Look for Rapid Development in Northwest.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24 .- (Special.) -- Officials of the Hill lines look for a great ncrease in new construction in Northwest. Most of this probably will ome in the way of extensions to the present lines. They are confident of arge results from the road that has built in connection with their eystem down the north bank of the Coumbia River, which connects the two chief Hill lines and gives an easy grade into Portland. Another important piece of construction work that has been accomplished is the extension of the Burlington to a connection with the Great Northern.

It is predicted that there will be a great volume of traffic into the far forthwest during the coming year. Indications point to an increased flow of immigration, and the Alaska - Yukon Exposition is expected to attract a great deal of travel in that direction. In view of this increased travel, the Northern Pacific road has placed orders for \$1,500,000 worth of new passenger equipment, delivery of which is just about to begin.

## NOT SO EASY TO DESERT

Army Commanders to Announce Fact by Wire, Not Mail.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.-Deserters from the Army will have more difficulty Alaska and the insular possessions, to notify at once the Adjutant-Generals of the Army by telegraph in each case of desertion. Heretofore such notice has been given by mail at least ten days after the desertion occurred.

## GREAT WIND IN COLORADO

Smashes Windows in Denver and Severely Cuts Two Persons.

DENVER, Dec. 24 .- A wind of almos cyclonic velocity swept this section of Colorado today, resulting in the severe prestration of telegraphic communication and doing considerable other damage. In Denver two persons were severely cut when a big plate glass window in the Colorado & Northwestern down-town ticket office was blown in. A number of plate glass windows in the down-town shopping district were destroyed.

## USED HOSE AS BLACKJACK

Guards at Asylum Carried Heavy Tubing as "Protection."

PITTSBURG, Dec. 24.-Two pieces of heavy rubber hose, each 18 inches long, were introduced in evidence yesterday as weapons used by attendants upon insans patients at the Allegheny poor farm. They were offered at a hearing before the Allegheny County Civil Service Association, given John S. Tourmaine, formerly or-derly and nightwatchman recently dis-charged. It developed at the hearing that one insane patient was killed by another, that orderlies knocked down one patient and that the hose was carried by attend-ants for protection from maniacal pa-

## CHIEF WITNESS IS DEAD

New Trial for Multi-Murderer Would Handicap Prosecution.

HELENA, Mont., Dec. 24.-The Supreme Court today heard arguments in one of the most noted murder cases in the his-tory of Montana. Ole Nordahl was con-victed in Fergus County on the charge of killing a widow and several children and received a life sentence. An appeal was argued today. In the meantime the chief witness for the state met death in a runaway accident.

## LOS ANGELES MAYOR HURT

A. C. Harper Victim of Automobile Collision.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 26 .- Mayor A. C. Harper was severely injured in an auto-mobile accident tonight. The machine in which he was riding collided with another automobile as it rounded a corner, and the Mayor was thrown to the pave-ment. He walked unassisted to a nearby drugstore, however, and from there to his home, four blocks distant.

## GRAFTERS WELL PAID BY BANKERS

Pittsburg Councilmen Got \$176,000.

## MANY MORE ARRESTS COMING

Operations of Voters' League Stop for Christmas.

#### AMPLE FUNDS PROVIDED

Wealthy Pittsburgers Pledge Any Sum Up to \$500,000 for Municipal Housecleaning - Crooked Contracts Declared Void.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 24 .- That at east \$176,000 was paid Councilmen for the selection of certain banks as iepositories for the city's funds has been almost positively established through evidence submitted and statements furnished by the Voters' League and the Scranton, Pa., detectives employed by the league to give this city a municipal housecleaning. Whether all of the banks selected as depositories contributed to this fund has not peen established.

Officers of but one bank have so far been arrested, and they are charged with the payment of only \$17,500 of the alleged bribery fund. That other bankers are to be arrested is almost positively stated by those back of the

## Contracts With Banks Void.

Mayor Guthrie, who refused to make ontracts with the banks as authorixed by Councils on the ground that they were filegal, said tonight that the selection of the depositories is void because secured by bribery and fraud and that the Council's action can be set aside without the formality of court proceedings. The period for which the depositories were selected

expires early in February. That other arrests are to be made is practically admitted by all concerned in the cases, but the present intention is to let the matter rest until after Christmas. Detectives are still at work, however, and, if developments make it necessary, officers will close in upon the suspects before the time

#### now fixed by the lengue. Rich Men Aid Prosecution.

The Voters' Lengue has been as War Department having issued urgent sured of all the financial backing orders today requiring commanding of- needed, it was stated by Vice-Presificers at all military posts and stations dent English tonight. The league de-and of troops in the field, except in pends wholly upon voluntary contribupends wholly upon voluntary contributions, but Mr. English said any sum up to \$500,000 can be secured, if needed, proffers having been made by

wealthy men of the city.
Already plans are on foot to give the nine defendants a court trial as soon as possible. It is believed that District Attorney Blakeley, who has taken up the matter now, will present the cases to the grand jury early next month. In the later part of February it is expected the

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