VAN AUKER TELLS **EXCITING STORIES**

Tales of Adventure and Robbery at Point of Gun Part of His Life History.

CARELESS ABOUT MONEY

Cashler of Looted Rainier Bank Suing Surety Company Makes Good Witness for Himself, but Testimony Is Weak in Spots.

From testimony brought out by Judge Charles H. Carey on cross-exami of Charles S. Van Auker, cashier of the Rainfer Bank, which was held up and robbed of \$1600 September 10, 1906, who is uing the National Surety Company for \$25,000 damages, robberies, revolvers thrust into his face and wild romances played an important part in the ex-cashier's life. Van Auker spent a part of Monday and practically all of yester-day on the witness stand in the United States Circuit Court under a most search-ing cross-examination by Judge Carey. He made a splendid witness for himself. He was voluble, but at times his explana-tions seemed to have a decided tinge of incredulity about them.

The attorneys for the Surety Company went into a most exhaustive examination of the Rainier robbery and Van Auker's gambling. They brought out a romantic tale of a package of money amounting to \$7000 left in Van Auker's care while he was a station agent in Arkansas, and which, at the point of a revolver, he was forced to turn over to a strange man. Through this whole story the witness passed without much discredit to himself, giving practically unshahen testimony.

Former Testimony Refuted.

Judge Carey took the witness over the Rather bank robbery and the story was retold in its minutest detail. In several fusiances Van Auker fially refuted sevpeace. A woman had said the window pane in the room into which the robbers had taken Van Auker and bound him was broken. She gave the time as 4:20. Van Auker stated it must have been after 5 o'clock or later before the window pane was broken, for it was through this broken window that he was finally released. Attorneys for the surety company sought to prove by Van Auker should be competed to pay only the invoice value of the goods. The firm pays the costs of the suit.

Report

number of letters explaining the robbery wers written for the newspapers. Van Auker denied this, and explained writing them by saying that he feared the news of the robbery would excite the depositors of the bank. He also said he wrote them to keep the rival bank from getting his customers. He explained his trip and all-night stay at Kalama, Wash., on the right following the robbery by saying that he went there with friends hoping he might find the robbers. His reason for not locking up in the safe the rest of the bank's money after the robbery was one of many of his rather weak explanations.

Careless in Handling Money.

a cashier of a bank he was careless in bandling money. When the robbery took place it was given out that 1999 was taken. It was found when the expert for the surety company available. for the surety company examined the books that there had been a mistake of from This Van Auker accounted for by saying that when be came to Portiand in August to get money with which to miss the lumber company payrolls he had believed by in August to get money with which to inset the lumber company payrolls he had believed he asked for \$4000 from the defunct Oregon Trust & Savings Bank. He had, however, received only \$3000, which the charge slip of the bank showed, and which was produced as evidence. Van Auker said he did. which the charge slip of the bank showed, and which was produced as evidence. Van Auker said he did not count the money; "just looked at the stacks of gold on the counter and thought it represented \$600." When this oversight was discovered \$1000 was crossed off the bank's money was counted after the robank's money was counted to the bank's money was counted after the robank's money was counted after the robank was considered. bery it was found only \$1900 had been

Van Auker was 15 years old he was a telegraph operator at Jonesboro, Ark. One day a stranger came to him and One day a stranger came to him and left a package, saying he wanted to see the sights. The man never came back for the package, which Van Auker opened and found contained money. Later he went to work in a bank at Youngstown, O., and while there a stranger put a revolver to his head one day and demanded the money left with him in Jonesboro. He gave the stranger the money, but swore he had never counted it. He thought it amounted to \$7000.

Tells Tale of Adventure.

Tells Tale of Adventure.

"I never counted the money." said Van Auker, "for I got the idea of its contents when I read of a confession made to a preacher in Covington, Ky., by a man who said he had robbed the National Bank of Youngstown of a package containing this sum and was willing to give it back. The bank had never lost any money. I never told any one of my experience and nothing came of it."

Judge Carey sought to prove that at the time Van Auker was an operator a number of express robberies occurred in Arkansas. The witness denied having anything to do with these robberies. He said he had told only one man in Oregon of this experience, and he supposed this man had told the detectives, who used it, he said, "to try and blackmail me."

man had told the detectives, who used it, he said, "to try and blackmail me."
When the day's session ended Van Auker's attorneys were trying to prove that the Pinkertons, who had been em-ployed to run down the robbers of the Rainier bank, had reported to the surety company that Van Auker was in no way company that Van Auker was in no way connected with the robbery. Notice had been served on the Pinkertons to bring into court copies of these reports, but they could not be found. Several witnesses from the Pinkerton agency were put on the stand to prove that the sgency had been employed by the surety company. James McI. Wood, agent for the National Surety Company, was on the stand when court adjourned,

FRAUDULENT RIGHTS ALLEGED

Columbia River & Oregon Central

Files Answer to Suit. The answer of the Columbia River & Oregon Central Railroad Company to the \$759,000 damage suit of the Arling-ton & Pacific Coast Railroad Company was filed in the Circuit Court yesterday, it is alleged in the answer that the plaintiff, through J. E. Simmons, its president, fraudulently acquired rights of way in Gilliam County, not for the purpose of constructing a railroad it-self, but to sell to the defendant.

of way in Gilliam County, not for the purpose of constructing a railroad itself, but to sell to the defendant.

It is the allegation of the defendant that the plaintiff corporation failed to comply with a United States law passed March 2, 1875, providing that all railroad companies intending to construct lines must file their surveys within 12 months after they are made. It is also asserted by the defendant railroad that

the statute of limitations bars the pres

ant sult.

Attorney Arthur C. Spencer, representing the defendant, said last night that the plaintiff tried to sell its alleged rights of way to the defendant, and, falling to do so, brought suit. The case was brought in the Multnomah County Circuit Court during Judge Sears' time, and they tribugal granted a change of and that tribunal granted a change of venue to Gilliam County, where the case was non-suited. The new suit was begun here last Summar begun here last Summer.

ALLEGES GREAT HUMILIATION

and Others for \$10,000.

Charging Sheriff H. R. Pomeroy, of latsop County, Frank G. Kelley, R. W. Burns and the American Surety Company, of New York, with unlawfully, malicious-ly, wantonly and wickedly conspiring to it, wantoniy and wickedly conspiring to extort \$200 from him, L. A. Porter has filed suit in the Circuit Court to recover \$10,000 damages. He says that he obtained a money order from the United States Government on a contract. On September 8, he asserts, he was arrested and refused the right to consult with an and refused the right to consult with an and refused the right to consult with an attorney or to communicate with friends. The complaint also sets forth that Porter was forced to go with the defendants to Fort Stevens, Wash., and pay his own raffrond fare. He says he has been insulted and humiliated, and his credit injured, for the defendants were aware at the time that he had committed no crime, he asserts.

GOERRS' ESTATE 18 PROBATED

Father in Germany Only Heir of Lost Hunter.

The estate of Henry Gochrs, who was lost on a bunting expedition to Columbia County in 1995, was admitted to probate in the County Court yesterday, and George P. Kauffman appointed adminis-trator. He is required to give a bond of

October 1, 1806. Reaching the Columbia County town, he went to the home of Mrs. M. S. Dippold. On November 1 he left the house to hunt, intending to re-turn the same night. That night a heavy storm came up and Goehrs was never seen afterward. He left personal prop-erty in Multnomah County and \$5000 on deposit in the State Savings Bank of

The father of the lost man resides at Hamburg, Germany. He is the only heir named in the petition of Mr. Kauffman.

Firm Gets \$75 Damages. The suit of Lipman, Wolfe & Co. against Dr. Andrew C. Smith was settled out of court yesterday for \$75 when Judge

tate, have filed in the County Court their final account. It shows the appraised value of the estate in Multnoman County to have been \$4572.2t. and in Marion County \$16.00, making a total of \$18,952.2t. The total receipts have been \$801.12, disbursuspents \$590.50 and the balance \$16.08. This is in addition to the real estate, which remains intact.

Grundel Estate Is Probated.

The estate of John Grundel, who died ntestate November 17, 1968, was admitted to probate in the County Court yesterday. Charles H. Ehrlinger, a cousin of the de-ceased, was appointed administrator. Grundel left a \$600 interest in the Ploneer

Schlenk Estate Worth \$16,000.

at \$10,000 and his personal property at \$6000. He owned a half interest in the FARMERS PROPOSE TO BUILD

Awarded \$1250 for Accident.

by the County Court to accept \$1250 from the Multnomah Lumber and Box Com-pany in settlement of all damages for an cident to Randall McLaughlin, in the company's employ. While young According to the tale be told, when McLaughlin was at work last August his fingers were severed in a planer.

Will Sell Fisher Property.

The personal property of the late Ralph B. Fisher is to be sold at private sale. Judge Webster issued an order yesterday rizing the widow, Birtha K. Fisher, things for cash.

Notes of Circuit Court.

F. J. Brezee has brought suit in the Circuit Court against C. M. Harris, his partner in the taxidermy business, ask-

Court yesterday. The defendants de-mand \$82.5 damages, alleging that the work was poorly done, and that the house was unsafe when finished. Howard Match, who was held at the Multnomah County Jall to answer an

embezziement charge in the East, was taken to Duluth, Minn., by Deputy Sher-iff Price, of that place, yesterday morn-

UNPAID TAX IS \$27,699.06

Deputy Martin Issues Statement of Condition January 1.

Deputy Sheriff Martin has wintement of the condition of January 1, 1909, that shows personal tax amounted to \$7.6 time, and the unpaid tax on re \$7690.72. The report is as follows:	the tax roll the unpaid 29.06 at that cal property owe:
Regi estate	\$2,326,300.85 999,263.40
Tax roll Penalty Intercet Sheriff's Assessments	\$3,226,564,25 6,460,92 2,653,92 593,46
Total to be collected	\$3,236,274.16
Physics Physics of Washington	en por par 44

Sellwood Deal Before Council on Mayor's Veto.

L. A. Porter Sues Sheriff of Clatsop MEMBERS ARE UP IN ARMS

Declare That Lane Is Playing Politics in Controversy Over Proposed Purchase and Also in the Paving Fight.

There is every indication that the session of the City Council, scheduled for this morning, will be sufficiently lively to attract a large attendance, Mayor Lane will submit two vetoes that are sure to arouse the opposition of the Council, par-ticularly because the objections are written in sharp, terse sentences that are calculated to make the Council sit up and take notice. Some of the members have said that the Mayor wrote both communications "for political effect." He denies this, as he says he is going out

of office next July.
One veto is on the ordinance which nuthorizes the purchase of a tract of land in Sellwood, above the Ouks, for park purposes, at a price not to exceed \$4000 an acre. It is interesting to note in conan acre. It is interesting to note in connection with this matter that when the
Park Board recommended the purchase of
this ground Mayor Lane was absent.
Also it will be recalled that when he
first outlined to the board his policy
in regard to the acquisition of park,
boulevard and playground property he
wanted it all secured by condemnation.
While he hints at graft in the selection
of this site, he suggests condemnation of of this site, he suggests condemnation of the plot, and some say he still holds to his original idea that condemnation is

"It is enough to make a man mad," said one Councilman, discussing the veto. "I knew nothing about this Sellwood deal, and I asked Mayor Lane himself if the Park Board recommended the purchase, and if he thought it a wise thing to purchase the property. He said he thought so, and I voted to buy it. Now, wouldn't it make you hot to find that he has urned right around and vetoed the ordi-ance and has virtually charged graft in ouncetion with the purchase?"

The second veto relates to the payment of maintenance of 2½ cents a yard on hard-surface pavements for a period of 10 years. The Mayor says it is a shame to do this. He has evidently been gathering data on the subject since he went ering data on the subject since he went into office three years ago, and has apparently decided that it is unwise for the city to pay this money to the paving companies. What the Council has to do with this matter is a question being discussed among the members. They say it is up to the Executive Board, and that it is unfair for the Mayor to hurl it at the Council.

it at the Council. Appropriations for the various city de-partments for the year, as recommended by the committee on ways and means. will also be up for consideration, and it seems that some of the members will in-

WAREHOUSE HERE.

C. C. Newcastle has been authorized Delegation of Inland Empire Growers Visits Portland for Purpose of Inspecting Available Sites.

> Plans of wheat-raisers of the Inland Empire to erect warehouses or docks in Portland and market their own grain, doing away with the profits of middlemen, took definite shape yester-day, when a committee from the Pa-cific Farmers' Union, of Pullman, Wash, visited Portland and looked over sites for warehouses and docks. They spent the day here and left last night for Tacoma, Wash.

for Tacoms, Wash.

The delegation from the interior was made up of L. C. Crow, state president of the Pacific Farmers' Union; James Reid, chairman of the state executive committee; E. K. Finley, president of the local organization at Pullman, and A. Elmore, organized for the States of Washington and Maho. of Washington and Idaho. here yesterday morning, the committee from the interior met with Fred Muller, secretary of the Board of Trade, and with Edmond C. Giltner, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce. The visitors inquired into the facilities here for grain-shipping, and examined available sites for warehouses and docks in case the organization decided to build granaries of its own in this city. After looking over the conditions here, the committee will visit Vancouver, Ta-coma and Seattle, Wash., and Astoria, Or., to see what inducements are offered there for independent warehouses and docks where wheat may be stored and disposed of to the best advantage. Yesterday afternoon a conference was held with the traffic departments of the O. R. & N. and Hill lines, in re-

gard to rates from the wheat fields to Portland. "Our plan is to open up an independ "Our plan is to open up an independ-ent market," said State Organizer El-more yesterday. "The objects of our organization are to get our products as near as possible to the consumer with the least possible expense. We have a total of 140 local organizations, being represented in the following countles of Washington. Douglas Lincoln of Washington: Douglas, Lincoln, Franklin, Adams, Walla Walla, Colum-bia, Garfield, Whitman, Spokane, and various Idaho counties."

BUILD ON KING STREET

L. L. Weaver and J. P. Jaeger Will Erect \$16,000 Rooming-House.

Another good improvement is to be made in the block bounded by Washington, Wayne, King and St. Clair streets. Excavation is started for a

venient in its appointments as any similar building in the city. W. L. Morgan is the architect and his designs how an attractive exterior,

Mr. Jaeger bought the ground two years ago from John Hawes for \$8500 and recently refused an offer of \$15,and recently refused an offer of \$15,-000 for it. His partner in the present undertaking. L. L. Weaver, is his brother-in-law, who came to Portland not long ago from South Bend. Ind., and was so favorably impressed with, the prospects of the city that he invested considerably at once and now expects to close out his investments in the East and reinvest here.

Before the building had scarcely been started, it was leased for a term of

started, it was leased for a term of five years, rent to start June 1 whether five years, rent to start June 1 wather the building is ready for occupancy or not. Architect Morgan, however, expects to have it ready by that date. The new building is to be a basement and two stories, the front walls to be of faced brick and of ornamental style of architecture. It is to be steam-heated, the house as well as three others to get their supply from one plant located in the Hanover apartment facing King street. The new house is esti-The new house is esti-

MARTIN BECK, ORPHEUM MAN-AGER, IN CITY FOR DAY.

Has Risen From Obscure Actor in German Company to Head of Great Vaudeville Circuit.

Martin Beck, general manager of the Orpheum theatrical syndicate, and one of the most conspicuous figures in Amerfean vaudeville affairs, accompanied by M. A. Luescher, general press representative of the Orpheum circuit, and P. J. Casey, a leading New York booking agent, spent yesterday in the city. The visit of these distinguished theatrical men had no local significance further than that it happened in the course of Mr. Beck's annual tour of inspection of the many theaters under the Orpheum directorate. Mr. Luescher and Mr. Casey accompanied him for the purpose of getting acquainted personally with the various staffs of the theaters in which the Orpheum attractions appear.

Mr. Beck is greatly pleased with the Portland situation and expressed his satisfaction at the manner in which Manager James H. Errickson is directing the destinies of the local Orpheum Theater. There are 27 theaters under Mr. Beck's which includes general management, which includes everything in the so-called advance vaud-eville west of Cincinnati.

The present trip, commencing in Chi-cago, includes the following cities: Chi-cago, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Butte, Spoengo, St. Faul, Minneapolis, Butte, Spo-kane, Seattle, Portland, San Francisco, Oakland, Los Angeles, Salt Lake, Denver, Kansas City, Omaha, Sioux Falls, Des Moines, Milwauges, Memphis, New Or-leans, Louisville, Indianapolis and Cincin-nati. Mr. Beck makes the tour once each season and the rest of his time is devoted to booking acts from his general offices in New York, excepting three months each year, which he spends seeking European novelties. It is understood that he practically closed arrangements by which he is to have the management of a big concert hall in Berlin, which will give him the distinction of being the first American vaudeville manager to extend his activities to the old world.

seems that some of the members will insist on the various estimates being reduced. It is intimated that the Fire Department will be hardest bit, and that the Police Department will be next in line for a cut. Mayor Lane has announced that he can scrape off enough money from the department levies to build a crematory, if the matter is left to him, and because of this challenge the Council may make heavy cuts in the appropriations.

Aside from these matters there is an immense grist of routine, and the Council will probably be in session all day.

MAY MARKET OWN GRAN

CRAN

CRAN today. He has been identified with this circuit about 12 years and has accomplished wonders in a managerial way. complished wonders in a managerial way. He is a man of something like 40 years of age, an indefatigable worker and the keenest of observers. He books practically every one of the high-class acts that is seen on the Western vaudeville stage and it is a matter of tradition that he seldom makes a mistake of judgment. He spent a busy day yesterday with Manager Errickson and his associates and in company with his party left last night for San Francisco. for San Francisco.

ANXIOUS FOR NEW BRIDGE

East Side Clubs Want Madison Span Replaced Promptly.

Councilman Rushlight will endeavor to expedite the replacing of the old Madi-son-street bridge with the proposed new structure. He says that there may be structure. He says that there may be an indefinite delay in getting a new bridge unless something is done to expedite the matter.

"There will be a long delay," declared "There will be a long delay," declared Mr. Rushlight, "in getting an understanding with the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, by which the work can go forward under the company's franchise. The whole of the Seventh ward is interested in having this bridge built as soon as it can be done. The people have long been menaced by this structure, which may tumble at any time. Something must be done, and we have called a general meeting of all the push clubs for the night of Thursday, February 4 in the hall of the Brooklyn Republican and Improvement Club, on Milwaukie and Powell streets. I want to see the hall crowded with people. This disrupted car service on the carlines in

AFTER THE GRIPPE Vinol Restored This Man's Strength

"Several years ago I was attacked by severe case of grippe, which left me with a hacking cough, soreness in my chest, and bronchitis. I took nearly every kind of cough syrup sold on the market, besides medicine given me by physicians.

I received no permanent relief until my druggist asked me to try Vinol, and after taking three bottles I was entirely cured. I believe Vinol to be the greatest

it does what is claimed for it." R. E. R. Hicks, Maplesville, Ala. The reason Vinol cures chronic coughs, colds and pulmonary troubles is because it contains tonic iron and all the healing and body building ele

blessing ever offered to the public, as

ments of cod liver oil but no oil. Vinol is also unexcelled as a strength builder for old people, delicate children weak and run-down persons, and after

sickness Woodard, Clarke & Co., Druggists Portland,

COOLS INFLAMED LINING

Sore Stomach Soothed by Taking Soap Lake Salts

MUCOUS MEMBRANE MADE HEALTHY

All the tissues of the body and the blood itself are quickly influenced by Soap Lake Salts. The salts supply an element that is craved by the human system, but it is the SKIN that feels the effect most quickly. This applies to the INSIDE skin as well as to the OUTSIDE-to the mucous membrane that lines the body as well as the cuticle that covers it.

When the mucous membrane which lines the stomach becomes irritated from any cause, it is likely to become inflamed. This not only induces distress, but interferes with digestion, and thus hurts the general health. Every particle of food taken into the stomach stimulates that active organ to motion, which prolongs the inflammation.

NO DRUGS-NO STARVATION

If one could give the stomach a perfect rest-the starvation cure-the inflammation would leave and the mucous membrane would gradually assume health. To many people, starvation is impractical as well as disagreeable, but the stomach must have some aid to recovery under the difficult task of digesting three meals a day.

SOAP LAKE SALTS

There is no need to take a drug or any heavy medicine. In Soap Lake Salts Nature has provided a remedy which can be taken in unlimited quantities. Even a small dose will bring quick, soothing relief. It has brought relief to hundreds. We have yet to hear of one case of failure to relieve stomach inflammation, and we have heard of hundreds of cures. Its action on the skin is so wholesome-just like rain on thirsty ground—that it quickly responds to the pleasing sensation. It supplies an element that is craved by the human system. For stomach relief, try Soap Lake Salts, the wonderful natural remedy from the unique little lake in Douglas County, Washington.

SOAP LAKE SALTS REMEDY CO.

Portland, Oregon. Seattle, Wash. Address Portland Office, 270 Stark Street,

the South Bast Side shows the need of prompt action for a new bridge.

Meetings at Milwaukle. A series of addresses upon Biblical topics is being given at the Grange Hall, Milwaukie, by C. F. Folkenberg and F. A. Detamore. The subject last night was "The Longest Prophetic Period." Tonight 'lowing officers for the ensuing term: the subject will be "Court Weck in P. M. W., Nels Thompson; M. W., Rob-Heaven." Tomorrow night one of the ert Warwick; F., J. M. Pittenger; O., Spenkers will talk upon "The Investigative Judgment," and the subject Friday er, Gus Larson; Fin., J. Swanson; Rec., The Longest Prophetic Period." Tonight

night will be "Law and Gospel." The meetings begin at 7:30 P. M. and admission is free.

Crescent Lodge Installs. Tuesday, January 19, Crescent Lodge No. 10, A. O. U. W., installed the following officers for the ensuing term

A. Paulson. Past Master N. Evanson acted as installing officer. Under the new "level rate" plan, Crescent Lodge is meeting with great success.

ANNOUNCEMENTS. Dr. Horn, the optician, 2d floor Swet-land bldg., guarantees satisfaction or money refunded. No fancy prices. Thompson, sight expert, Corbett bldg.

BY CHAMBERLAIN'S COUGH REMEDY



It was a happy thought that prompted Miss Ethel Roche of 227 Florida Ave., lacksonville, Fla., to ask her druggist's opinion when looking for something to cure her cold. A druggist knows the value of a medicine by the popularity it enjoys and the repeated calls he has for it, and his prompt advice to her was to use Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

Sister Was Also Cured

Miss Roche had a neglected cold about three years ago and was so hoarse she could hardly speak. She says: "The druggist told me to try Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. I did so and in three days I was greatly relieved; within a week I was cured. Mother felt so pleased, she said she would never be without it and when sister caught cold soon afterwards, she at once gave her Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and it broke up the cold in

Never Neglect a Cold

A cold should never be treated lightly as it is always more or less serious. Many people make the mistake of neglecting a cold until it settles in some of the delicate pulmonary organs and chronic catarrh, bronchitis or serious lung trouble develops. If every cold received the attention it should have, all danger of this kind would be avoided. Every cold can be cured by the use of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. A bottle or two of this remedy taken when the cold is first contracted will promptly cure it, and not only save doctor's bills, but much suffering and annoyance later on.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is for sale everywhere at 25c per bottle, large size 50c.