

# COFFEY OUT FOR STATE SECRETARY

### Senator Says He Will Go Before Assembly for Its Indorsement.

## HE IS FIRST CANDIDATE

#### Multnomah County Solon Announces Himself in Favor of Party Leaders' Sanction—Benson May Run, Too.

John R. Coffey, State Senator from Multnomah County, yesterday announced that he will be a candidate before the Republican assembly for the nomination for Secretary of State. Mr. Coffey is the first aspirant for any public office to be filled at the general election next November, who has flatly declared he will go before the assembly for its indorsement. It had been rumored for some time that Mr. Coffey probably would be a candidate for that office, and when asked yesterday concerning his plans politically he confirmed the report.

"Yes, I shall be a candidate before the next state Republican assembly for nomination for the office of Secretary of State and shall abide by the decision of that body," said Mr. Coffey yesterday. "I feel that the Republicans who will be candidates in the next Republican primaries ought to be honest with the people and declare at this time whether they favor an assembly recommendation to the Republicans in the primaries or whether they are opposed to it, and not try to be all things to all men."

Mr. Coffey is a native of the state, having been born in Marion County. He has twice served the people of Multnomah County in the Oregon Legislature. He was elected Representative at the general election in June, 1904, and served in the lower house at the following legislative sessions of 1905. In the election of June, 1908, he was elected State Senator and has served at only one of the two sessions covered by his term of four years, having declined only three members of the Multnomah delegation were men who refused to sign Statement No. 1. Mr. Coffey was one of the three and the only State Senator to be elected who had not taken that pledge.

Some time ago Governor-Secretary of State Benson announced that he would be a candidate at the election next year to succeed himself as Secretary of State. Neither at that time nor subsequently has Mr. Benson made it known whether he will go before the assembly for the nomination.

## MAYOR HITS MEDICINE MEN

### Distribution of Poisonous Drugs About City Is Stopped.

Chief of Police Cox will now enforce the ordinance which prohibits the distribution of poisonous medicines, such as arsenic, frequently thrown on porches all over the city. Mayor Simon recently took up this subject and asked Councilman Watkins to prepare an ordinance, if there is any on the city's books.

Investigation has developed that there is a law covering it, and Mr. Watkins held a conference with the chief yesterday, in which he said he would at once begin a crusade against this business. He has already notified the distributing agencies to cease this practice.

Last Saturday afternoon a lot of poison patent stuff was thrown upon Mr. Watkins' porch, which forcibly called it to his attention.

## POOLROOM MAN FINED \$25

### Law Violator Allowed Minors in His Establishment.

Frank Ventress, proprietor of a pool parlor at East Thirty-fourth and Belmont streets, was found guilty yesterday of allowing minors in his resort. Ventress received a fine of \$25. He had been arrested at 8 o'clock Saturday afternoon by Patrolman Padrick, the officer finding Walter Mountain, 15 years old, and Jess Hammer, 12 years old, both living in the vicinity, engaged in playing pool. The boys were also taken into custody and were witnesses in court against the poolroom man. The boys admitted that they knew it was against the law for them to play pool, so Judge Bennett fined each \$10 and warned them to stay away from poolrooms in the future.

## FIRE FIEND MAKES ESCAPE

### Mann's Station Scene of Incendiary's Depredations.

Reports to the effect that some vandal is making strenuous efforts to destroy by fire the waiting-room at Mann's Station on the Waverly-Woodstock line has caused the police to institute an investigation with the hope of apprehending the firebug.

On three separate nights of last week the incendiary started a blaze which charred the walls but failed to destroy the structure. At 5 o'clock Wednesday morning, at 5 o'clock Friday morning and at 2 o'clock Sunday morning, fires were built inside the waiting-room but the fire fiend escaped before he was recognized.

## ROBBERY FOLLOWS DRINKS

### Man Says He Was Enticed Into Room, Pockets Rifled.

The police are investigating a robbery reported at the Dewey House at the corner of Third and Burnside streets, the victim, John Mack, a logger, saying \$40 had been taken out of his pockets by some one who inveigled him into a room, and, after plying him with liquor, rifled his pockets. Mack had been found on the sidewalk in front of this building in an intoxicated condition calling on passersby to help him find the thief.

## COMPLEX USES OF MONEY

### Correspondent Takes Issue With a Lecturer's Facts.

PORTLAND, Nov. 22.—(To the Editor.)—I wish to reply in part to Henry

Harrison Brown's lecture delivered last Sunday night in the Kelling-Hirsch Hall on the subject, "The Dollar Wants Me." While he advanced many ideas which were beautiful and instructive, he fell short on the one essential point, and especially so when he requested his audience to observe the "science" of "The Dollar Wants Me." He said that with the dollar he became an investor, so far so good, but lost on a \$25 investment in mining stock. This he considered his best investment, for it taught him never again to invest in mines—which is about as inconsistent as it would be to condemn all banks because one failed, or any like comparison.

The gold and silver coin we have in circulation over our country, and there are millions upon millions of it, came from the mines, but Mr. Brown should say he told where his "The Dollar Wants Me" came from. Certainly not from the mine. Copper, iron and steel, together with gold, silver and other metals, have made possible the great industrial progress of mankind.

When the mine, which is the backbone



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of all civilized nations, ceases to produce, a gradual backward movement would be the result, but we still have the mine and the progressive miner. Henry Harrison Brown should not be a "knocker."

L. B. BARTLETT.

## SNEAK THIEVES ACTIVE

### POLICE UNABLE TO COPE WITH CRIMINALS IN CITY.

#### Money and Clothing Disappear From Homes of Well-to-Do People—Complaints Many.

The activity of robbers and thieves in Portland is indicated by the number of reports of crime which are daily received at police headquarters.

Mrs. M. E. Bennett, 31 East Ninth street, complains that some one robbed her of a purse containing a small amount of money on Saturday night, at the corner of Third and Morrison streets, where she was waiting for a car. Two men and a woman loitered near her and she furnished a description of them to the police.

Mrs. Frank Mitchell, 388 Ivan street, was the victim of a sneak thief. The prowler stole \$5 in money out of her room and Mrs. M. Murphy, who lives in the same house, lost \$5.

A room thief visited the room of James O'Brien in the Eureka House, First and Market streets, and walked out with a new suit of clothes. The more fashionable districts are included on the list also, for H. E. Hadley and L. M. Hurd, living in apartment 38 in the Rox, at Seventeenth and Washington streets, found their rooms entered, two suits of clothes, several razors and a sterling silver match box stolen.

C. Taylor, 113 East Main street, who drives a wagon for the Wells-Fargo Express Company, was also made a victim of the day, a cravenette overcoat and a suit of clothes being stolen from his wagon at the Union Depot.

## SHUT SPANS TO BE TOPIC

### Engineers to Learn Opinion on Closed Bridges in Rush Hours.

Mayor Simon was officially notified yesterday morning of a conference to be held at 2 P. M. in the office of the United States Engineers, for the purpose of taking the views of the Mayor and those engaged in navigation and other lines of business, regarding the proposed closing of the Willamette River bridge during the "rush" hours, morning and evening.

The Mayor has made an official request for action of this kind, but the inconvenience of the traveling public may be minimized. He hopes to secure favorable action by the War Department.

## NEW DEPOTS WON

### S. P. Promises Grants Pass Delegation to Build.

## NEXT BUDGET TO PROVIDE

#### Commercial Club Representatives Visit General Manager O'Brien. Change in City Trackage Is Also Planned.

A delegation of Grants Pass business men obtained from J. P. O'Brien yesterday morning the promise of a new depot for their city. They were informed by the vice-president and general manager of the Southern Pacific lines in Oregon that an appropriation for this purpose would be included in the requisition for 1910-11, and that the old, worn-out wooden structure now in use will be replaced by a brand new building. The depot now in use was built 15 years ago.

Satisfactory arrangements relative to the trackage through Grants Pass are also reported to have been made by the delegation. Under the present management every train stopping at Grants Pass cuts off one-half the town from the other, delaying from 25 to 30 people, and many teams from five to ten minutes each time. The business men, who represented the Grants Pass Commercial Club, asked Mr. O'Brien to remedy this.

The delegation was composed of the following: R. L. Cox, of the Cox Company department store; H. L. Andrews, secretary of the Commercial Club; J. T. Tuff, Councilman and vice-president of the Grants Pass Banking & Trust Company; J. G. Riggs, Councilman and real estate dealer; H. L. Gilkie, cashier First National Bank of Grants Pass; A. E. Voorhies, proprietor of the Rogue River Courier; H. C. Kinney, Mayor and manager of a haberdashery; and O. S. Blanchard, attorney.

The visitors were the guests of William McMurray, general passenger agent of the Southern Pacific, at luncheon at the Portland Commercial Club yesterday. In the afternoon they visited various sections of the city in automobiles to view Portland's paved streets, and determine upon the best kind of hard-surface pavement to use in paving 23 blocks in Grants Pass, as soon as the weather moderates in the Spring.

The club has recently gained 74 members and now has a total of 24.

## Grants Pass, "Dry," Thrives.

Prohibition has benefited rather than hindered Grants Pass, according to the Commercial Club delegation. The town has increased its population between 500 and 600 in the last year, said Mr. Voorhies.

Another indication of prosperity and rapid growth is the fact that in the last 30 days \$200,000 of Grants Pass real estate has changed hands. The irrigating system is to be completed during the Winter, furnishing water to 15,000 acres of land.

Lumbering has been more extensive this year than for several years past, this being the result of better prices and a larger demand. The Spaulding Lumber Company of the Swede Basin Mills put a large traction engine on the hill between Love's Station and Grants Pass this season, hauling 40,000 feet each trip.

The Golden copper mine is said by the Grants Pass business men to be unusually active. The Waldo copper mine produced 16 carloads of copper mat in a 30-day run. In the Galice district the Oriole gold mine struck rich ore on the third level. The Sugar Pine, Alameda and Golden Rod mines are all in active operation, as well as the placer mines of the district.

## LIQUOR ORDINANCE WAITS

### License Committee of Council Postpones Action Two Weeks.

After discussing the proposed liquor ordinance, introduced into the Council by Councilman Cellars, the liquor license committee yesterday, at Mr. Cellars' motion, laid it over two weeks.

It is a reconfirmation of all the present ordinances governing the trade. It will prohibit "back door" restaurants, also, if it becomes a law. Its principal opponent, thus far, is Councilman Belding, but there are others who do not look upon it with favor.

## Right Given to Sue for Man's Death.

Katherine W. Pope, administratrix of the estate of John Joseph Lee, was authorized by County Judge Webster yesterday to bring suit in the Circuit Court against the Shaver Transportation Company to recover damages for Lee's death. He was killed in an accident on February 13, 1908.

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## NEW TRIAL DENIED

### Charles A. Straus to Receive Sentence Tomorrow.

## GUILTY OF NOT DEPOSITING

### Charge of Embezzling \$4015.76 of Postal Receipts Is Not Proved Against Former Cashier—Penalty Fine or Imprisonment.

Charles A. Straus, former cashier of the Portland Postoffice, was denied a new trial in the United States Court yesterday morning and was ordered to appear Wednesday morning for sentence.

This action practically closes the incident by which the United States lost \$4015.76 of the postal funds. Straus was for a number of years in charge of the receipts of the local office and in June of 1908 absented himself and was granted a leave of absence because of defective eyesight. Soon afterward a discrepancy in his account was discovered and an investigation was ordered by the inspectors' department.

Straus refused to give any information concerning the manner in which the money disappeared, asserting cash and books were balanced when he left the office. He was acquitted of a charge of embezzlement, but was found guilty of falling to deposit moneys received by him as cashier.

The penalty which may be imposed by the court is a fine of an amount equal to the sum not deposited and imprisonment from six months to ten years.

## FULTON TO DEFEND SCRIBER

### Motion to Dismiss Banker's Indictments Is Overruled.

A demurrer to the six indictments against J. W. Scriber, ex-cashier of the Farmers & Traders' National Bank, of La Grande, which institution he is accused of wrecking by means of reckless use of deposits, was overruled, and the case will go down for trial soon after December 30, when the United States hopes to dispose of the Matilla land-fraud investigation.

Senator Fulton represented the defendant, and announced that he would appear in the trial.

## QUEENIE PLEADS NOT GUILTY

### Woman Will Be Tried on Charge of Fraudulent Use of Mails.

Pleading not guilty to a charge of using the mails for fraudulent purposes, "Queenie" Fense was arraigned in the Federal Court yesterday, and her trial set for December 6.

The woman is accused of having advertised for a partner in a business deal and of securing \$1000 from John Fizzell under a false promise of marriage. She was arrested in Spokane and returned to Portland for trial.

## SEVERAL CASES DISMISSED

### Federal Attorney Finds Accused Man Has Disappeared.

District Attorney McCourt yesterday entered motions for the dismissal of a number of cases, among them being

## HERMANN TRIAL SET TODAY

### Case Failed to Come Up Yesterday in Federal Court.

A date for the trial oflinger Hermann, ex-Congressman from the First District, and now indicted in connection with land-fraud matters, will be fixed in the Federal Court this morning, the selection of the time depending upon replies to telegrams sent to the Department of Justice by Francis J. Heney, the prosecutor, and by J. M. Gearin, representing the defendant.

Mr. Gearin is to have the assistance of Attorney Worthington, said to be the most able criminal lawyer in the District of Columbia, and who is to appear before the Supreme Court on January 10, the date most favored by the prosecution. It is thought that Special Prosecutor Heney may insist upon beginning the trial of Hermann on January 10, allowing the Washington attorney to come in as soon as he can reach Portland.

## Oregon City Loses Pioneer.

OREGON CITY, Or., Nov. 22.—(Special.)—Fred Rabel, for many years a resident of this city, died at 6 o'clock this morning, following a stroke of apoplexy, which occurred about two months ago. He was born in Hanover, Germany, February 18, 1844, and came to the Uni-

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