

NEVELY CAUGHT
SERIOUS CASE

Charge of Counterfeiting
Against Marshfield
Carpenter.

LIBERTY PLEA PATHETIC

With New Wife and Stepdaughter,
Floyd Avery Declares He Never
Had Casket of Coins as Charged
by Stranded Actor Wilson.

Floyd W. Avery, a carpenter of the Coos Bay district, who has been in the Harbor City of the Pacific, was yesterday brought face to face with a jury in the United States Court, and pleaded for his liberty on a charge of passing counterfeit gold eagles upon a porter at the Blanco Hotel of Marshfield.

The latter, who went to the seaside town with a theatrical company, was a bailpayer for the Coos Bay Reds, and was afterwards brought to Portland as a witness for the Government before the grand jury. After the aggregation of theatrical stars stranded in Marshfield, star actor John F. Wilson, discovered the alleged counterfeiting operations of Floyd Avery, and was able to negotiate a return ticket to Portland.

Avery pleaded not guilty to the charge of passing counterfeit money when arrested yesterday, and the Government immediately played witness John F. Wilson on the stand.

The latter testified that after he was employed at the hotel as a porter he found himself in need of an alarm clock and he went to the home of Avery to borrow one. He said that he spoke of the necessity of making some money as speedily as possible and that Avery suggested the idea of passing counterfeit gold money.

They decided to unload a bundle of the coins on the farmers who were to assemble at Marshfield on the Fourth of July, 1909, according to the story of Wilson, and he testified that Avery took him to the basement of his residence where he opened a door under the stairway and produced a chest filled with the glittering stuff.

Wilson said that Avery gave him particular instructions that he should not attempt to pass the coins on the street at a time and that he should not carry more than one of the coins about his person so that if arrested he could say that he had received the money in the ordinary course of business.

Wilson failed to attempt to pass any of the coins but took them to the City Marshal and entered into an agreement whereby a trap was to be set for Avery in carrying out those plans. Wilson said he went back to see Avery a second time and secure more of the money, but was told by the latter that he was scarce because of his belief that he was being watched and had "ditched the balance of the counterfeits."

Avery, his wife and stepdaughter came to Portland on board the Breakwater, landing at the wharf in this city on Sunday July 12. Avery was at once arrested by Secret Service Agent Connel and City Detectives Maloney and Hillyer. Information had been furnished from the Marshfield Marshal and Wilson that Avery and his family were attempting to skip the country.

Your paper last Monday which did me injustice, allow me to give my side of the case. There was a judgment rendered against me in favor of Stumberg & Son, but the debt was owed by my wife. Instead of my wife's debt without paying and the firm obtained judgment against me. I do not own any property here, so they tried to come at my wife, but very naturally she wouldn't pay some one else's bills. The case was then dismissed.

My wife and I have been making preparations from the middle of November to go East and were ready to start that Sunday. While down town Saturday I was arrested and thrown into jail and was not allowed to phone my family until 10 P. M. When she came to the jail the authorities would let me only cash bail. Then they took me to the County Jail and kept me there until 1 o'clock Monday morning. At that time they took me to the Justice Court, and upon finding that no such law existed whereby a man can be thrown into jail for his own debts, much less for any one else's, the lawyers immediately moved for a dismissal. Now do you or anyone else blame me for suing Stumberg & Son as a partial reparation for damaging my reputation by the judgment against me. All I ask is justice, which I haven't received heretofore. J. W. HILL.

MAYOR ASKS FOR ADVICE

FIREMEN FIND FRIEND IN ONE-TIME VOLUNTEER.

Only From Mouths of Fire Laddies,
However, Does City Executive Wish to Hear Plaints.

Mayor Simon invites any fireman or all of the firemen in the department wishing to air any grievance or to ask for better conditions to call at his office in the City Hall and make known any requests they may have to make. Outside meddlers, however, are barred, as the Mayor is not willing to consider any of his valuable time on them, he states.

Being a fireman himself, and having the honor of being the father of the law which created the Portland Paid Fire Department, the Mayor feels that he can sympathize with the members.

"I am sick and tired of all this political agitation that is going on about the firemen," said the Mayor yesterday. "A lot of meddlers, wishing to gain favor with the firemen, are evidently working overtime to make trouble for someone. I do not believe the firemen themselves are making the fuss, as I think they are pretty generally satisfied with their positions, but if any fireman, or any committee of firemen, actually employed in the department, has any grievances, real or fancied, I am in my office at their service at any hour of the day they may set to call upon me, and we will hear what, if anything, they may have to say."

"I am a volunteer fireman myself, and prepared and introduced the bill in the Legislature creating the Portland Paid Fire Department. I take an interest in the firemen and sympathize with them, and if there is anything they wish to discuss they are invited to do so without any fear of dire consequences. But I have all maddens and chronic agitators for this invitation. I am busy, and have no time to waste on them."

All chronic agitators, having real estate for sale and having formed a realty company among the firemen, are said to be working up the present agitation to make for themselves sympathy among the men of the department. The Mayor favors granting 12 more hours a week to the firemen, if it can be arranged without additional expense to the city.

This is one of the requests that the firemen themselves have made, and it is being carefully considered by Chief Campbell and his assistants, but as yet it has been found impossible by them to figure out a schedule of this kind.

Much of the other "demands" said to be made by the firemen and declared in official circles to be formulated and circulated by a crowd of political agitators and other individuals who want to secure for themselves friendship among the men.

NEW TRAINS ARE LIKELY

Portland-Puget Sound Service to Be
Arranged for Today.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 14.—(Special.)—Final arrangements for inauguration of the Portland-Puget Sound service of the Harriman lines will be made at a conference to be held in Seattle tomorrow. It will be attended by J. D. Farrell, vice-president; R. B. Miller, traffic manager, and W. D. Skinner, general freight and passenger agent of the Oregon and Washington and Tacoma Cooper, general land commissioner, Vice-President H. C. Nutt and other officials of the Northern Pacific and Great Northern.

Mr. Miller and Mr. Skinner arrived in Tacoma tonight and will go over to Seattle tomorrow for the conference. Mr. Miller states that the present condition of the Northern Pacific double-track work presents a number of problems which will have to be solved at the conference tomorrow. He said:

"From other sources it is learned today that the Harriman lines will save three trains each way daily between Portland and Puget Sound. The schedules of the two reported routes already arranged, the Shasta Limited to leave Seattle at 11 A. M. and Tacoma at 12:30 P. M. for Portland, arriving there at 5:20 P. M. The evening train will leave Seattle at 11:45 P. M. and Tacoma at 1:15 A. M., reaching Portland at 6 A. M.

The schedule for the new train is one of the problems to be worked out tomorrow. It is understood that trains leaving Portland for Puget Sound will correspond in their schedules with those leaving the Sound.

WILSONVILLE CARS EARLIER

Oregon Electric Changes Schedule
After Long Complaint.

Oregon Electric Railway officials announce a change of schedule between Portland and Wilsonville, on the Salem-Portland division. Two new trains between Portland and Wilsonville will be put on tomorrow morning, to meet the demands of passenger traffic. The new trains will leave Wilsonville at 5:45 and 6:45 A. M. and arrive in Portland 55 minutes later.

YULETIDE TRADE
GROWING Apace

With Christmas Only Few Days
Away, Women Crowd
Stores.

KRIS KRINGLE DRAWS NEAR

Wide Variety of Stock From Which
to Choose for 1909 Encourages
Business Which Shows Better
Returns Than 1908.

With Christmas a brief fortnight of the wise shoppers of Portland are already in the midst of the annual turmoil of present buying. Stores throughout the city have taken on their most alluring Yuletide aspects and the throngs already are appearing early and remaining late.

The shopping of the thoughtful and prudent is now rapidly reaching its zenith and yesterday afternoon trading was noted in all classes and condition of stores where presents suitable for Christmas gifts were to be had. The trading was heavier than at the corresponding date last year but whether that fact is to be attributed to a growing discretion or a growing population, no one makes bold to say.

There has been a wide variety shown. And when it is considered that many of the stores will rearrange and supplement their holiday displays several times between now and the closing of the advent of Kris Kringle, the difficulty that confronts the shopper in making selections is readily understood.

To attempt a classification, such as a complete list, of the things suitable for gifts, as displayed thus early, is a task that should afford an amusement for a corps of trained encyclopedic compilers. In the most general way it may be said that there is a little of everything and a number of other things added for good measure.

Hence the prudent shopper to start early contending with the difficulties of selection. By the time of this week or the middle of next this class will have completed the arduous if pleasurable duty. There will be the added comfort of an easy conscience.

For it is a thing calculated to weigh on the sensitive conscience to feel guilty of part in that nerve wracking turmoil that attends the shopping of the eleventh-hour variety.

The unwise shopper, of course, is going serenely along about his daily routine. The masculine form is used in this instance partly because of the dictates of grammar and mainly because the bulk of the offenders are of that sex. It was noticeable that the shopping crowds yesterday were mostly women. Tradespeople say that the week-end turmoil, which causes the clerks to wish Christmas could never be, is invariably made up of men.

Those of humanitarian instincts are urging early trading this year and this cry, it is hoped, will bear fruits ere many days. It is pointed out by the dealers that there would be no objection if it were the belated ones who had to suffer the consequence of their negligence.

But the burden falls upon the sales forces. A month's work, or even several months has to be crowded into the home stretch leading up to Christmas eve. The man with 57 varieties who goes out 57 minutes before the stores close Christmas eve and attempts to visit 57 stores and purchase 57 varieties of presents is bound to make several mistakes besides himself supremely miserable in consequence of his ill-advised procrastination.

PORT WILL MEET SOON

ACTION ON BRIDGE TO BE
TAKEN IN FEW DAYS.

Executive Determined to Push
Broadway Crossing to Finish as
Quickly as Possible.

Mayor Simon received information yesterday afternoon that the Port of Portland will be able, within a few days, to hold a special meeting, at which definite action will be taken regarding the construction of the proposed high bridge at Broadway street across the Willamette River.

The Mayor is well satisfied with the situation, and remarked yesterday that "I am certain the big span will be built without any delay."

"I am doing no worrying about the Broadway bridge," said the Mayor. "My opinion is that the Port of Portland will meet within a few days and that it will approve the plans for a bridge, calling for a 250-foot draw. The public wants the bridge very much, and I think the city will be able to proceed without much delay, as far as the Port of Portland is concerned."

City Attorney Kavanaugh's opinion, holding that the Port of Portland has not the power effectually to construct the proposed bridge, was received with pleasure by every one favoring the bridge. However, it will be more gratifying to these people if the commissioners vote to approve the plans, as it will make any litigation to test the question unnecessary.

The Port of Portland has no authority to interfere in the construction of the Broadway bridge has caused much comment among the members of the commission. There seems to be an uncertainty as to just how to take it, and as one of the members expressed it, "if it is true, a weight has fallen off their shoulders."

C. F. Swigert, president, speaking on the suddenness with which this opinion had come, said:

"City Attorney Kavanaugh's opinion certainly raises an unexpected and very important question. The Port of Portland has expended over \$500,000 of the people's money for the improvement of the port and channel and naturally feels that its particular duty is to safeguard the navigation interests of the city, even if it means a variance with those of the city officials and a part of the people."

"If, however, it is true, as Mr. Kavanaugh says, that this matter is beyond their control, they feel that they have simply done their best. Some members, at least, would be glad to be relieved of the responsibility of making a choice between the upper and nether millstones of guarding the shipping interests of the city and the demands of the Broadway bridge."

"It would seem to me that if the City Attorney is correct it is for the United States engineers to wrestle with the problem and to let the blood be upon their heads."

Lord Gets Commission
on Real Estate

Customer Pays Even More Than
Brother Asked for Lot on Union
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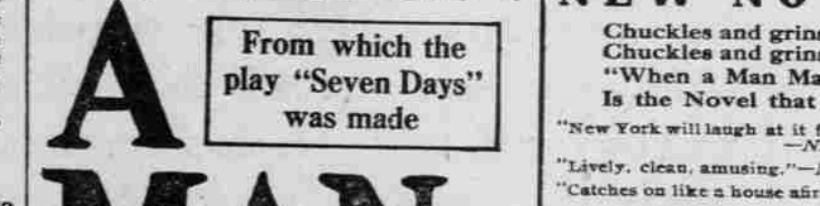
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