ORR ASKS AID OF BRITISH CONSUL

Electrician Charged With Being Convict Making Bitter Fight.

UNION PROBING CONDUCT

Wilson's Brother-in-Law Says Suspected Man Had Strange Influence Over Erring Relative, Who Was His Roommate.

"I will fight this charge against me to the last ditch. I am not the man notwithstanding the appearances create suspicion against me. They will not railroad me to the penitentiary without a fight, even if I have to involve the British government. I am a British subject and as such am entitled to some rights."

With this emphatic declaration, Frank W. Orr, the electrical contractor, and member of the firm of E. L. Knight & Co., who is being held in jail here charged with being F. W. Orr, an escaped convict, outlined his attitude yesterday in the case. An appeal was sent by him to James Laidlaw, the British Consul, yesterday and Orr's case is being looked into by Mr. Laidlaw.

Other developments in the case, which is promising to be a most interesting one, were that Attorney McDevitt was engaged to fight extradition proceedings; friends of the imprisoned man came to the front yesterday and offered to assist him in supplying bonds, and that the electrical workers' union in this city has taken a hand in the situation, in an effort to get the real truth of the charges against Orr, so that if innocent it might assest him and if guilty, repudlate him. Guards from the Washington Penitentiary at Walla Walla will probably arrive in this city this morning and extradition proceedings will be instituted with a bitter fight. A telegram announce ing their arrival was received by the police yesterday. Orr has already notified the police that he will not go without first exhausting all the legal processes the law affords him in defense of the

Orr Gaining Confidence.

While Orr evidently is gaining confidence that his innocence will be readily established, the police are equally confident that this is all a clever ruse on his part and that the outcome of the case will show that Orr has merely played a well-thought-out game in his endeavor to fight out and live down his past.

Some damaging testimony was elicited yesterday from George R. Snider, brother-in-law to Edgar Wilson, ex-convict, through whose arrest that of Orr came about. Mr. Snider was in the police station at the time Orr was brought in after his Bertillon measurements and record had been taken in the bureau of identi-

"I saw Orr when he first came to Portland," said he. "He was broke and Wilson helped him out with money. The men seemed to know each other well.

Wilson had been back from serving one Wilson had been back from serving one term in the penitentlary and was trying to lead an honest life. He had a position with a tin and sheet metal shop on the East Side.

I roomed with Wilson and I know that behaved himself up until that time. He had been working steadily for more than a year and was saving his wages and was contented. Just after Orr drifted into town, he began to get discontented.

Orr's Influence Spoken Of.

"Wilson never told me about Orr, but I believe that Orr must have had so strange influence over him. Now that Wilson has drifted back into wrong again and I have had time to think it over, it has impressed itself on me that these two must have met in the penitentiary at Walla Walla and the old spirit came back to them again after they met in Portland."

Orr admitted his acquaintance with Wilson, but denied having known him

prior to his coming to this city, "I met Wilson out soliciting," said he. "I was soliciting for the electrical busi-ness and he for the metal works. We met in an architect's office and he used

to drop into our shop after that once in a while to chat with me. I know nothing about his burglaries."

It is possible that a younger brother of Orr will be precipitated into this case. Orr says that he has a younger brother 6 years his junior who rebrother 6 years his junior who resembles him very much and who was tatooed on the right wrist with a star at the same time and place when his mark was made. This brother is a civil engineer and when last heard from was working out in the mountains. Orr says that he will make an effort to lo-cate him. He declares that he can prove a perfect alibit through his brother, as during the time he is sup-posed to have served a sentence of four years in Walia Walia for burglary he worked with his brother in several dif-

Union's Secretary Called.

Eugene B. Smith, secretary of the Electricians' Union, called on Orr yes-terday morning. He later called at the office of the city detectives. Captain of Detectives Moore, Detectives Cole-man and Snow and Clerk Hunter, who made the identification, assured him that Orr was the escaped convict. They left Smith in a very puzzled frame of mind. "If the boys were sure he was innocent they would go to the front and make a grand fight for him," said he,

make a grand fight for him," said he, "but if they thought he was guilty it is hard to tell what they would do. The police say it's a very strong case."

Attorney McDevett announced last night that he would bring habeas corpus proceedings at once to secure the liberation of his client.

"This will only delay matters—not disprove our claim," said Detective Coleman, who arrested Orr. Upon further investigation we went through his room at 386 Weidler street. We found a number of articles there which have aroused our suspicions and which lead us to beour suspicions and which lead us to be lieve that he has not been leading a per-fectly straight life since he has been working at the electrical business. We found a number of toilet articles en-graved with different initials, which evidently did not belong to him and the posof which he is unwilling to ex-

Coleman Calls Him Smooth.

"This fellow, in our opinion, is a very smooth gentleman, a sort of criminal Dr. Jekyl and Mr. Hyde. We are working on the theory that he has been doing webs' all the time in this city, and while

vince any reasonable person that he is the escaped convict, we are still going to keep working, under the belief that ething more positive and convincing

will turn up."

While the police have not admitted it, it was rumored about police headquarters yesterday that Edgar Wilson, the cracksman and self-confessed burglar, positively identified Orr as a convict in the Walla Wella Penitentiary at the same

Walla Walla Penitentiary at the same time he was confined there.

"It is an unusual case," said Captain Moore, "and should it be established beyond doubt that Orr is not the convict, it will be the most remarkable case on record of mistaken identity in criminal annais—not only of this country, but of the world. In the face of being found to have the same scars and marks on to have the same scars and marks on his body as the convict, hie denial is startling. He is either innocent or has re unadulterated nerve than any criminal with whom I have come into con tact in my experience in the police affairs

of this city. of this city."
Orr attempts to explain the scars on his forehead by saying that many electricians have scars on the forehead and face from work about electric forges and short circuits.

WILL USE N. P. TRACKS

UNITED RAILWAYS WILL DODGE FIVE-CENT FARE ORDER.

Right of Way on County Road Will Be Abandoned-President Greenough Denies Purchase by Hill.

Negotiations are pending between the United Railways and the Northern Pacific Rallway Company to allow the for-mer to move its track onto the right-ofway of the latter for a distance of about three and one-half mfles between Port-land and Linnton, the purpose being, as stated yesterday by T. L. Greenough, president of the United Railways, to off-set the action of the Linnton people who

are trying to force the company to accept a five-cent fare to this city.

Mr. Greenough, who recently returned to Portland after three months in Montana, denied yesterday that his company is affinated with the Hill interests. His denial is contrary, however, to per-sistent rumors from what is apparently

the best authority. "Of course, I am unable to say that the Hill interests do not have control of much of our stock in an indirect way," said Mr. Greenough, "but I can say this positively if that is the case, I know nothing about it. As far as I know, the Hill interests have no control of the

Inited Rallways." Concerning the extension of the line of the United Railways to Tillamook, Mr. Greenough declared that the work would be pushed as rapidly as circumstances would permit. While he was unable to say definitely when the extension would be completed, he thought it would be about a year from the coming Fall.

It is Mr. Greenough's opinion that the beople of Linnton have been unjust in their demand for a five-cent fare, inasmuch as the distance is eight miles, and he says the company cannot carry pas-sengers at that rate at a profit. "When we entered Limton we cut the former fare to Portland less than half

and we gave them hourly service where they had formerly had but two trains a

day to this city.

"We are going to take our tracks off the county road, and that will permit us to charge what we please to Linnton, and we can go by there without stopping half of our trains each day, if we want

half of our trains each day, if we want to," explained Mr. Greenough.
"Will that mean that the company will withdraw its appeal to the Supreme Court?" Mr. Greenough was asked.
"No," he replied, "it will take some time before we could change our tracks, and we will keep on with the legal side of the case. With the exception of about three and one-half miles, our road bethree and one-half miles, our road be-

ROCK ISLAND BUYS EQUIPMENT

Lines in Market for 2000 Cars and Many Locomotives.

CHICAGO, April 19.-With the ink hardly dry on previous contracts for equip-ment of the same character, the Rock Island lines are in the market again, this time for 2000 more freight cars and 59 locomotives. This time, as has been the case with other orders, all the cars are be built with steel frames throughout. The purchase will consist of 800 boxcars, 500 automobile-furniture cars and 500 stockcars, all of 30,000 pounds' capacity each, and 200 ballast-cars of 100,000 pounds'

capacity each.

Twenty-five passenger and 34 freight locomotives also are to be bought. When this order is delivered it will give the road a large amount of strictly new equipment.

OREGON'S CHANCE IS SEEN

Consul Miller Calls State to Exhibit at London Exposition.

Calling attention to the enormous smount of fruit imported by Great Britain each year and predicting that Oregon's English consumption will be greatly increased with the opening of the Panema Canal, H. B. Miller, American Consul at Belfast, Ireland, in a letter to H. C. Atwell, president of the Oregon State Horticultural Society, urges that an exhibit of Oregon fruit products be sent to the international horticultural exhi-bition to be held in London during May and June of 1912.

Great Britain imports of fresh apples each year more than \$10,000,000 worth; of pears, more than \$2,500,000; of plums, more than \$2,000,000. The total value of green and dried fruits imported into Great Britain amounts to over \$50,000,000 per annum. This country is the greatest foreign market in the world for American fruits, and as soon as the Panama canal is completed the opportunity for shipping Oregon fruits will be so materially increased that the markets of the state for fruit products will be unlimited. It will be of enormous value to Oregon to send to this exhibition all its finest displays in various departments of horticulture, and I have to suggest that it would be well worth while for you to endeavor to get the Legislature at its next sitting to make a special appropriation for a proper representation of Oregon horticultural products at this great Internstional Horticultural Exhibition. Speaking of the enormity of British

ARBITRARY RATE IS ASKED

Action of Open River Convention Indorsed by State Commission.

SALEM, Or., April 19.-(Special.)-The State Railroad Commission has made a formal demand upon the Southern Pacific for the restoration of the 10-cent arbitrary rate on shipments from the East to Willamette Valley points. This action is taken at the request of the Open River Convention held last the open raiver convention and last week at Albany and if the railroad de-clines to restore the arbitrary rate the Commission will take the question before the Interstate Commerce Commission.

London has 1116 registered social clubs. The Southern Facific Railway of Mexico has now extended its line to Acoponeta, 85 miles south of Magatlan.

Kribs, Through Tarpley, Attempts to Have Testimony Given in His Favor.

PROSECUTION LOSES POINT

Judge Bean Intimates It Is Improper for Government to Seek to Collect Damages After Selling Land at Stipulated Price.

Directly, but reluctantly, charging Fredrick A. Kribs with attempting, through Dan W. Tarpley, to tamper with witnesses for the Government, Mrs. Luella Ingersoll yesterday created a marked sensation in the trial of the three cases now being heard in the United States Court which involve cancellation of patents to 57 timber claims held by the Linn-Lane Lumber Company. The majority, if not all the stock, in that company is owned by C. A. Smith and Frederick W. Kribs, associated Minnesota millionaires.

Mrs. Ingersoll was the first witness for Government to be called to the stand, and the admission was secured at the aft-ernoon session, only after she had re-peatedly pleaded with the court to be

peatedly pleaded with the court to be excused from answering.

She stated that Tarpley went to her house on Campbell street and teld her that Kribs had sent her with a copy of the affidavit she had given the special agents of the Government at the time an investigation of the timber filings was first begun. When that affidavit was given in her Albany home. Mrs. Ingersoll given in her Albany home, Mrs. Ingersoll stated that she was accompanied by Kribs and McKinley, the latter dictating her replies, and that when the affidavit was later written out it contained many statements which were not true. Many of the questions written in the document were not asked of her at all.

Tarpley Appreciative of Favor.

As the witness left the courtroom, Tarpley rushed across and shook her hand, as if to indicate that he approved of her attempt to shield him.

District Attorney McCourt was unwill-ing to make any statement concerning the extent to which witnesses may have been approached, but last night averred that Tarpley would be the first witness for the prosecution to be called today. Among the witnesses who are absent at this time is Stephen 'A. D. Puter, who is said not to have been summoned while in the city on his last visit. Marshal Reed is said to have telephoned Puter and the latter promised to come in, but left the city without placing himself in the path of the process servers. Under an arrangement made yesterday the trial will be continued from time to time and the testimony of absentees taken through

Many of those witnesses who are no here are reported to have become reti-cent as to their connection with the al-leged conspiracy to defraud the Government. It is believed that knowledge of that situation caused the Government to inject the novel plea for permission to amend the complaints so as to recover the value of the lands, should the title be adjudged to be in the defendants.

Prosecution Is Jolted.

While not definitely declining to sus-tain the position of the Government, Judge Beean intimated that he thought it improper to allow the prosecution to come in with a claim for values after it had sold the lands for \$2.50 an acre, even though fraud in such sale becomes

even though fraud in such sale becomes apparent.

Continuing her testimony at the afternoon session, Mrs. Ingersoll repudiated the affidavit secured by Special Agent Stratford, of the General Land Office While well-the well-the secured series and the secured secured by Special Agent While well-the well-the secured se Stratford, of the General Land Office, whom the witness accused of being in the

nd and the payment therefor, said Mrs. Ingersoll.

Puter Conducted Negotiations.

"This affidavit makes that statemen but I want to say that I never talked with Tarpley about it, but with Puter. Tarpley never pald me any money; it was Puter, who said he was representing "Nelther do I know John A. Willd, to

land through Tarpiey. I never had any-thing to do with selling the land."
"When did you last see this affidavit or a copy of it?" asked the attorney for the United States. "About three weeks ago," replied the

witness.
"Where and under what circumstances

"Where and under what circumstances did you see it?"

"Must I answer that question? I don't want to. Will you allow me to refuse to answer that, Judge Bean? Oh, please don't force me to say anything about it," and the lady covered her face with her gloved hands in greatest agitation. Ten minutes were wasted by the attorneys and the court in attempting to wheedle Mrs. Ingersoll into replying, and the answer only came when a peremptory order was issued from the bench.

"Dan Tarpley brought it to my house," was the reluctant reply, "and he in structed me not to say anything about it. Tarpley wanted me to refresh my memory from reading a copy of the affi-davit and to testify here as I did at that

was made at Roseburg. It is witnessed by Jennie Moulton. It was later brough out in the testimony that on that day Jennie Moulton was on the train between Portland and Seattle. Jennie Moulton, now Mrs. C. E. Love-

Jennie Moulton, now Mrs. C. E. Lovejoy, and residing at Astoria, was the next
witness. She corroborated in every particular the testimony given by Mrs.
Ingersoll as to having been induced to
file on a timber claim and receiving \$100
from S. A. D. Puter. Mrs. Lovejoy asserted that she signed a number of
papers while making final proof on her
land, but did not then know what they
were nor did she inquire. The witness were, nor did she inquire. The witness stated that she was not in Oregon on the day that the deeds are supposed to have been made transferring her own and the land entered by Mrs. Ingersoll, May 19, 1900. She was in Portland on the previous day, but had gone to her home in Seattle without delay, and could not have signed

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into a declaration of the issues raised by the attempt of District Attorney McCourt to amend the bills of com-plaint against Smith and associates, in-volving the question of permitting the Government to collect pecuniary damages where barred from maintaining suits to set aside patents, or criminal prosecutions by the statute of limitations.

As soon as the attorneys had again settled into their chairs, the Government attempted to offer its first doc-umentary proof of the fact that 29 claims had been fraudulently acquired in Linn and Lane Counties, using the original records from the Department of the Interior. An objection was made by ex-Governor Lind. The defense urged that no testimony could be taken because the prosecution was barred by the statute of limitations, out Judge Bean immediately overruled the objection.

The Government began with the presentation of the original applica-tion, proof and other documents con-nected with the filing made by Douglas Atkinson, and followed it with the original report made upon an investigation of the claim by E. D. Stafford, special agent. The defense raised the point that reports of special agents could not be used as evidence, not being authorized by law. Upon the assurance of the Government that the statements contained in the reports would be substantlated by proof, they

would be substantiated by proof, they were admitted in the following cases:

Douglas Atkinson, Charles Barr, H.
C. Barr, Mrs. Luella Beeman, Henry Blakely, Hugh Blakely, Isaac R. Borum, Peter Buffington, Frank W. Burford, Charles Burleigh, James B. Cooley, Neal D. Dozier, Edward Findley, John L. Green John Harrison Flying Leaber L. Green, John Harrison, Elvira Jacobs, John J. Jaggy, Benjamin F. Kirk, Elam Miller, Mrs. Jennie Moulton, J. 8. Phil-lips, Sadie E. Puter, S. A. D. Puter, Henry Saltmarsh, Zebulon Smith, Jacob W. Stilwell, George L. Tonson, Thomas Wilson and Ira Pilkington.

The applications of Thomas W. Bur-ford and John J. Jaggy were among ford and John J. Jaggy were among those upon which land was not secured from the Government because of the opposition of the agents of the Northern Pacific Raliroad, who instituted contests and declared that they would cause the prosecution of the men engaged in the work. The men then backed out and relinquished back to the Government.

Conspiracy to Defraud Alleged.

With the groundwork laid for the promised exposure of a conspiracy to defraud the government, District At-torney McCourt called as his first wit-ness Mrs. Luella Ingersoll, of 1212 Campbell street, Portland. In 1900 Mrs. Ingersoil resided at Albany, Or., and was then the wife of a man named

Albany with my husband, Mr. Beeman, we met S. A. D. Puter, who proposed employ of Kribs and Puter.

"McKinley came to me and told me to say that Dan W. Tarpley had conducted all the negotiations with me for the entry of the land and the payment therefor."

we mel S. A. D. Puter, who proposed to us that he would pay us \$25 for each man and woman whom we could induce to file on timber. The scheme was for Puter and the persons he repwas for Puter and the persons he rep-resented to pay the person whom we could induce to file on the land \$100 for the work."

Continuing, the witness recounted the means by which the couple induced Peter Buffington and Mrs. Jennie Moulton, now Mrs. Lovejoy, to make filings for the benefit of Puter. The witness stated that she went to Roseburg in company with Horace McKinley and others, and that she went before a man whom this affidavit says that I sold the named Bridges at the Land Office and was furnished the description of a timber claim and the filing papers to sign Ninety days later, Mrs. Ingersoll said she went back to the Land Office, where she met Puter, who conducted her to a private room in the same building and had her sign two papers, which he said was a mortgage on the land.

Puter Pays \$100 for Services.

"Puter then handed me \$100," said the witness, "I wanted more, but Puter convinced me that he was doing more for me than for many of the others when he exhibited a long list of names of persons who were filing as I had, and to whom he was paying an average of \$75 each. There were only a few who received as much as \$100. The price paid each one was on the list opposite the

"Puter paid all the expenses of the trips to Roseburg. Puter was to furnish all the money under our arrangement and we were to turn over the land to him or his principals. I made this arrangement with Mrs. Moulton also, and I saw Puter give her \$100, less the amount of her car fare from Scattle to Portland. She had removed to Scattle after making the filing.
"The money was paid in the private

room on the same floor of the land office at Roseburg—right there and then. Puter supplied the proofs which Mrs. Moulton and I signed Money Supplied by Kribs.

"Kribs was at the hotel in Roseburg when he went there and Puter said to

me that Kribs supplied the money to pay for the land and to pay us for our time. Puter said a man named Smith was supplying part of the money. They also paid me the \$25 for procuring Mrs. Moulton to make a filing. "I never paid any money to the Rose-burg land office for the land I secured. It was paid by Puter and Kribs, I sup-

'I never signed but one set of papers and that was at the time Puter told me the documents were mortgage forms. If I ever deeded the land I don't know to whom, or when. There were two men there at the land office who were fur-nishing us the descriptions and taking our papers. They were Bridges and

"About one year afterward I first heard that a Government agent was in the dis-trict looking into the fillings and that we would all get into trouble. I was frightened about it. Soon afterward Horace Mckinley came to the house in Albany and told me that the special agent was At the opening of the morning ses-sion Judge Bean immediately plunged Kinley arranged to accompany the agent

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'In the afternoon Special Agent Stafford, McKinley and Kribs came to my house. I made the affidavit as McKinley had arranged. After they had all gone out Kribs came back to ask for a drink of water. I gave it to him and when he handed back the glass there was a \$10 gold piece in the glass.

Man Slain With Monkey Wrench.

SEATTLE, Wash., April 19 .- D. Reed, Lake Union, was instantly mont, on Lake Union, was instantly killed today by Chief Engineer W. J. Peiffer, who struck him with a monkey The men became involved in s fight in the engine-room of the mill.

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