

SCRIBER CASE TO BE OPENED TODAY

Government Reviewing Evidence Alleges 50 Separate Acts of Forgery.

INSANITY THEORY DENIED

Dr. Lane Says Prejudice Against Doctors Is No Evidence of Unsound Mind - Attorney and Witness Show Feeling.

Rebuttal evidence in the trial of Jefferson W. Scriber was closed yesterday afternoon and United States District Attorney McCort began his opening address. It is believed that the case will be submitted to the jury before the close of today.

At the opening of court this morning the Government will be required to elect upon which of the 37 counts it will ask a conviction of the man charged with wrecking the Farmers & Traders National Bank of La Grande through misappropriation of its funds.

The prosecuting attorney invited the attention of the jury to the charges made in the several indictments wherein 50 separate acts of forgery and falsification of the books of the failed bank were set out and without wasting time on generalities entered into a description of how, according to the contention of the Government, Scriber manipulated the forged notes so that the bank was made to appear to have much larger resources than actually existed.

It is being contended by the Government that the bank would have been closed years prior to its final retirement had Scriber not made false entries in the books for the deception of bank examiners.

Dr. Lane Is Expert Witness.

The final witness for the Government was Dr. Harry Lane, who testified as an expert in insanity. Dr. Lane said that he had acquired knowledge of paranoia through four years' study of patients at the State Insane Asylum, where he was superintendent, and that in later years he added much to his store of information on that subject by being Mayor of Portland.

Answering the hypothetical question as to the sanity of Scriber, the witness said that no physician could give an opinion upon such a basis.

"There must be a careful study of the patient charged with being a paranoiac, and a careful examination of his condition," said Dr. Lane.

In disputing the theory of the defense that Scriber had a delusion that his bank was being attacked and that he must save it, Dr. Lane said:

"If the facts really existed as to the opposition to the bank, and the man drew a logical conclusion from the facts, then he would be sane. Eliminating the delusion, he is sane, and there is no evidence to the contrary.

"Hardening of the arteries does not indicate insanity. If the brain tissue of arteries is hardened, then what is called second childhood comes on. The brain tissue does not change and in such a person a dissection of the brain has never exhibited insanity.

Tears Not Conclusive.

The evidence as to a man breaking down and crying when told that his financial troubles, means nothing by itself. He may be highly emotional.

"I would not consider the mother of Mr. Scriber to have been insane because she accused the doctors of first attempting to kill her son, and later saying that the physicians were trying to keep him alive in order to make him suffer. Mrs. Scriber was irrational because of grief, and the fact that she afterwards recovered her normal condition, although retaining a prejudice against doctors, would prove that statements made by her were not insane.

McMahon Shows Feeling.

An attempt by Attorney L. H. McMahon to impeach the credibility of Walter Pierce, of La Grande, as a witness for the Government, was brought to a close by the summary interference of Judge Bean. McMahon refused to permit McMahon to question the discharge of a mortgage while he was acting as Clerk and Recorder of Yamhill County.

It was the first time that ex-Senator Fulton has given way to his associate in examining witnesses, and it was immediately apparent that the feeling existed between McMahon and Pierce. McMahon is a relative of Scriber.

McMahon began by questioning the fact that Pierce appeared in the case as an unprejudiced witness, and accused Pierce of having made a business of talking to other witnesses during the hearing, in the hope of influencing them against Scriber.

The lawyer forced Pierce to admit that after the failure of a scene occurred in the directors' room of the Farmers & Traders National Bank, when Scriber accused Pierce of having made notorious entries in the books of the Grande Ronde Electric Company, which Pierce did not deny. The court allowed Pierce to explain that he had promised Judge Crawford to keep control of his temper and in accordance with that promise had left the bank when wrongfully accused by Scriber, as the witness averred.

Men Meet in Corridor.

At the noon hour, McMahon stationed himself near the door of the courtroom and as Pierce passed, the lawyer called him a "dirty pup," and offered to prove his charges. Pierce walked on down the stairs with friends but was heard to say that he would "get McMahon."

PIPE MONOPOLY IS WON

After considerable discussion on the part of members of the Council, the Driscoll ordinance, creating a monopoly for the Oregon & Washington Company's products for sewers, was carried by a vote of 9 to 6. If it is not vetoed by Mayor Simon and his veto subsequently sustained, J. H. Nolte and other members of North Albina Push Clubs authorized the statement that the referendum will be invoked, as they regard it as a piece of vicious legislation and will not tolerate it.

COUNCIL PASSES ORDINANCE FAVORING 'TRUST' PRODUCT.

North Albina Citizens Threaten Referendum—Terra Cotta Prices May Be Reduced.

Those who voted to create a monopoly for the terra cotta pipe "trust" were "Councilmen Baker, Condon, Driscoll, Dunning, Kubli, Lombard, Menefee, Ruahlight and Watkins; those opposed were Councilmen Ammann, Beiding, Cellars, Devlin, Ellis and Wallace. Those votes for the Driscoll ordinance based their action upon the allegation that cement sewer pipe is not good for the purpose, being porous; those voting against the monopoly measure held that the cement pipe is as good as terra cotta and much cheaper.

TACOMA PROUD OF STADIUM

Army Tournament to Be Given Before 30,000 People.

John A. Rea, a prominent business man of Tacoma, passed through Portland yesterday on his way to his home, after a business trip to Idaho. Mr. Rea is enthusiastic as to the benefits which Tacoma will derive from the new \$100,000 stadium which has been selected by the War Department of the United States as the site of the annual Army tournament to be held July 24 to 30, and in which 1500 picked men from the ranks will participate.

GOLD AROUSES SUSPICION

Police Want to Know if May Smith Came Honestly by \$921.

May Smith, arrested Tuesday morning while hanging about the South End Grill, was held in jail yesterday until after the banks opened, in order that she might be prevailed upon to deposit the \$921 in her hand, which she had when arrested. The charge against her comes up this morning in Municipal Court, and in the meantime the police have been making an investigation to determine whether the woman acquired the money honestly. She says the money is her savings, which she explained that she did not believe in banks.

Judge Rector Sells His Farm.

BURNS, Or., May 25.—(Special).—W. H. Robins, of Wallowa County, has bought the 240-acre farm of Judge J. P. Rector, known as Crow Camp, 27 miles east of Burns, for \$31,000. Judge Rector is a bachelor and wishes to retire. He has nearly 500 head of cattle which will sell.

RAILWAY SERVICE PROSPECT

Starting of Spokane Flyer on O. R. & N. Thought to Be Initial Step.

TIME IS CUT 90 MINUTES

North Bank Expected to Meet Competition With New Timecard. Extension of Contest to Seattle Route Is Probable.

The local railroad world has a sensation. It has not enjoyed since the old days when rates were raised by one cent on the Columbia River. Indications are that the O. R. & N. and the North Bank railroads will start a war of speed, equipment and punctuality.

RAILROAD PERSONALS

George Eighmy, traveling passenger agent of the Great Northern Railway, at Buffalo, was in Portland yesterday with L. D. Kitchin, district passenger agent at Pittsburg of the same road. City Ticket Agent Dickson escorted the visitors over the Willamette Valley electric roads.

R. A. BERNSTEIN, BACK, SAYS TACOMA IS FOR ROSES.

"Festival Should Be Boosted by Every City in Northwest," Says "Former 'Art Man.'"

"Like the return of the prodigal son in that the fatted calf was slain in honor, the R. A. Bernstein, known in Portland for 29 years as "The Art Man," was here yesterday for the first time in a year. He is now less than 40 years of age, but his return is similar to that of the Biblical character.

ADAMS EVADES QUESTIONS

"Do you intend to cut your time?" Mr. Adams was asked. "I don't know what we'll do and I would not say if I did," replied Mr. Adams.

ON TIME, IS WATCHWORD

"As the train pulled out, Mr. McMurray called out, "Good luck. That's the schedule that train will never break. Out on time, on time, on time."

JENKINS LEAVES NORTH BANK

Resignation Confirmed—Appointment A. L. Ruff Announced.

To the surprise of the whole local railroad world, R. H. Jenkins' resignation is confirmed. Mr. Jenkins is assistant general freight and passenger agent of the North Bank and Astoria & Columbia River railroads and was with the Columbia River road when it was purchased by the Hill interests.

COYNTON HEADS CLAIM AGENTS

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B. F. Boynton, claim agent of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, was appointed president for the second year in succession of the Pacific Coast Claim Agents' Association at a special meeting of which was held last week at San Francisco.

MILK MAIZE ALL DISTRIBUTED

Railroad Plans Distribution on Larger Scale Next Year.

Owing to the publicity given by The Oregonian to the distribution by the O. R. & N. of free samples of milk maize for experimental purposes, all the seed available has been sent out to the farmers who applied for it.

RAILROAD ISSUES FISHING BOOKLET

"Fishing on the Snohomish" is the title of an attractive fishing work published by the Great Northern Railway. To the devotees of the fishing trout, especially the booklet will appeal. It tells of all the famous "holes" on the Great Northern system.

PORTLAND WINS AGAIN

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FINNISH BROTHERHOOD ORGANIZES

ASTORIA, Or., May 25.—(Special).—Articles of incorporation were filed with the County Clerk this morning of the grand lodge of the United Finnish Brotherhood of the world.

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Articles of incorporation were filed with the County Clerk this morning of the grand lodge of the United Finnish Brotherhood of the world. The trustees named are Samuel Peterson, Nels Bergman, E. Gustafson and the treasurer is Albert Paldanius. While the purpose of the organization is general, its special object is to secure and maintain a home for aged and indigent natives of Finland.

Summer Excursion Tickets East Will Be on Sale July 2, 17 and 24 July 5 and 22, August 3, September 8 via Northern Pacific Ry.

Table with routes and fares: To CHICAGO, ILL. AND RETURN \$72.50; To BALTIMORE, MD. AND RETURN 107.50; To BOSTON, MASS. AND RETURN 110.00; To BUFFALO, N. Y. AND RETURN 91.50; To DETROIT, MICH. AND RETURN 82.50; To DULUTH, MINN. AND RETURN 60.00; To KANSAS CITY OR ST. JOSEPH AND RETURN 60.00; To MILWAUKEE AND RETURN 72.50; To NEW YORK CITY AND RETURN 108.50; To OMAHA OR COUNCIL BLUFFS AND RETURN 60.00; To PHILADELPHIA AND RETURN 108.50; To PITTSBURG AND RETURN 91.50; To ST. LOUIS, MO. AND RETURN 67.50; To ST. PAUL OR MINNEAPOLIS AND RETURN 60.00

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