

GRAY IN JAIL; WIFE OUT ON BAIL

Alleged Commission - House Faker Fails to Give Bond for \$4000.

EXPLAINS BRADEN MATTER

Federal Prisoner Denies His Name Is Braden or That He Ever "Worked" Anyone in East. Used Wife's Former Name.

Fred B. Gray, charged with being the man who used the United States mail to defraud farmers in Oregon and Southwestern Washington through the operation of a fake commission house in East Portland, was yesterday held to the County Jail in default of a \$4000 bond. Mrs. Gray is the man who escaped from Deputy United States Marshal Tom Hammersly within a few minutes after his arrest at Seaside, and in whose recapture the officer expended a large sum from his private purse.

Gray is charged with having operated a fake commission house on Union avenue, and having offered through the mails a large increase over the market value of produce. Soon after having secured a line of credit, Gray is accused of having caused a failure of his business, and decamped to Seaside.

Gray Can't Explain Escape.

When the officer of the Government went to arrest Gray, the latter sprang from a window in his room, and was at liberty for a few hours. Hammersly followed him and effected his capture. "I cannot explain the impulse which prompted me to jump from that window and escape," said Gray through the bars of the County Jail last night.

"After Hammersly had arrested me, I went home with him and began changing my clothes behind the kitchen door, while Mrs. Gray got breakfast. All at once it came over me to run away, and I jumped from the window. I then went along the road to Tillamook, and on arriving there was ready to surrender to the Sheriff or anybody else.

"I can only say that the Government officials are wrong about this matter. I have been in Portland two years, and have never at any time been in St. Paul, Indianapolis, New Jersey, or Pennsylvania as the Government charges. I have submitted to having my picture taken today and it will be sent back there. If any of those people can identify me as the man who is said to have defrauded them, I am willing to return and face the charges.

Gray Explains Braden Case.

"I understand that a man named Braden is supposed to have bunked them. My understanding is that Braden probably arises out of my having married Mrs. W. B. Braden, divorced wife of Dr. W. B. Braden, who is now in Los Angeles. The little boy mentioned as being with the Braden woman at St. Paul checks up with the little boy who has been with Gray and who is the son of Dr. Braden.

"There are only four people who suffered from my operations, and they are from a number of Portland business firms. They are Allen Bros., of Dixonville, and Howell Bros., of Brownsville, and two others whose names I do not remember.

"I had arranged to rent a store in Alberta in the name of my wife, Mrs. Braden, and Mrs. Gray was the one who contacted the officers of the Government to connect me with the man who defrauded the people in the East.

"Mrs. Gray is the divorced wife of Dr. W. B. Braden, now practicing his profession at Los Angeles. Her father is T. H. Hopkins, an old resident of East Portland. Mrs. Gray was at the county jail all day offering consolation to the prisoner.

Mrs. Gray Met Husband Here.

"I met Mr. Gray in Portland last October," said Mrs. Gray. "After my experience I thought I was securing a good man, and when he went into business I was glad to allow the use of the name I formerly bore. I never never with him in St. Paul or at any of the places that the postoffice inspectors charge. Those things happened prior to the time that I met Mr. Gray, and from the fact that he accounts for his time for a period of two years I am sure that the inspectors are mistaken. I formerly conducted a rooming-house at the corner of Fourteenth and Washington streets."

Both Mr. and Mrs. Gray waived a preliminary examination and Mr. Gray will be compelled to remain in jail until October unless he is able to secure bail.

Deputy Marshal Hammersly relates the humorous side of his pursuit of Gray. While the officer was waiting in the sitting-room of the Seaside cottage for Gray to secure his breakfast, Gray jumped from a small pantry window, falling upon his head and shoulders. Neighbors reported to Mrs. Gray that they had seen a burglar escape from the premises.

Officer Has Strenuous Trip.

After capturing Gray the officer and the prisoner made use of one horse on the return trip from Seaside to Seaside, Ore. They would alternate in riding and walking.

Hammersly was obliged to go into the Pacific Ocean in his pursuit of the escaping Gray. At Hug Point, where the wagon road from Seaside to Nehalem travels the sand at low tide, Hammersly could not persuade his guide to cross the sands.

"I waited until the swell retired, and then I made a sprint for the other side," said Hammersly yesterday. "I made the 100 yards all right, and saved a trip around the head of fully 2 miles. I had to walk six miles with my shoes full of salt water, but I got Gray."

Miss Viva Walker, of Corvallis, is at the Oregon.
Mrs. H. C. Smith and Mrs. P. A. Stokes, of Astoria, are at the Imperial.
Miss Rosemond Wright, niece of Gilbert Hunt, banker, of Walla Walla, is at the Portland.
Mrs. William Watson, wife of the proprietor of the Victoria Hotel, Spokane, is at the Oregon.
J. H. Dunlap, of Cascade Locks, president of the Oregon Lumbermen's Association, is at the Oregon.
Eben P. Wells, former receiver of the Independent Telephone Company, of Tacoma, is at the Seward.
Dr. C. C. Griffith, of Burns, is at the Imperial, on his way home after a visit with his parents and relatives in the Willamette Valley.
F. H. Hopkins and family, formerly

OVERWORK CAUSES DEATH OF PROMINENT PORTLAND CATERER.



Charles Barensteecher, one of Portland's well-known caterers, died Sunday at his home, 768 Marshall street, after an illness brought about by too close attention to business. Mr. Barensteecher for 12 years had been a restaurateur in this city. He came here from San Francisco in 1891 and entered into a partnership with Fritz Strobel, with whom he had been associated ever since. Mr. Barensteecher was a native of Baltimore, Md., and was 62 years of age. His first business in this city was in the management of the Louvre. He was the first to introduce modern ideas in the catering business in this city. Mr. Barensteecher later became a partner with Mr. Strobel, after a year of illness, in the establishment of the Bellevue Hotel. This venture, after gaining great prestige, was succeeded by the Hofbrau, with which Mr. Barensteecher was connected at the time of his death. He refused to retire from active business relations, though his family had urged him to do so.

Mr. Barensteecher leaves a widow and two children—Herbert, aged 17, and Viola, aged 15. The latter recently graduated from St. Mary's Academy. Funeral arrangements have not yet been completed.

Residents of Portland, are at the Portland Hotel and propose again to make this city their home. Mr. Hopkins is now engaged in stockraising in Southern Oregon.

Leon Hirsch, of the Meier & Frank Company, has returned after an extended business trip to the markets of New York, Chicago, Cleveland, Rochester, Philadelphia and Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. John T. Porter and Mr. and Mrs. Oswald Scollis, of Fresno, Cal., arrived in Portland yesterday afternoon by automobile. They report a pleasant trip and will return overland. The party is staying at the Imperial.

John S. Owen, of Eau Claire, Wis., father of Frank Owen, who is to marry Miss Lela Shelby, and his son, John G. Owen, of Owen, Wis., arrived in the city yesterday to attend the wedding. They are staying at the Portland.

M. J. Buckley, general superintendent of the Harriman lines in the Northwest, will leave today for a two-weeks' visit to his old home in Minnesota, where he will attend his family reunion. This will be only the second time in 25 years that Mr. Buckley has been back to see his childhood home.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 27.—(Special).—Portland arrivals at the Palace Hotel, San Francisco: S. A. Connell, J. A. Hoyt, J. E. Dixon, W. L. Bilger, Vincent Cook and wife, Mrs. E. J. White, C. D. Ford, P. V. Lickie, Max Meyer, G. C. Parkhurst, George L. Baker, Miss M. A. Baker, T. E. Follett, Charles Gould.

CHICAGO, June 27.—(Special).—Oregon people registered at Chicago hotels today as follows:
From Portland—Mrs. W. Evans, Patience Evans, Edwin Evans, William Wilson, W. C. Harbour, at the Brevoort; J. N. Teal, Ruth Teal, at the LaSalle; Jonathan Bourne, A. W. Prescott, Mrs. A. W. Prescott, at the Congress.

MOTHER'S PLEA SAVES BOY
Confessed Forger Kept From Prison by Aged Parent's Act.

Aided by the pleadings of an aged mother and a young wife, Lew Huthman, escaped, in Municipal Court yesterday, the penalty for passing two bad checks. It was the mother who pleaded in mitigation of his meager savings to setting the misdeedings of her son. One of the complainants was present and received \$60 from Mrs. Huthman in satisfaction of his claim. Another check for \$85 had previously been redeemed by the woman. With the approval of the prosecuting witness and the District Attorney, Judge Bennett continued sentence against Huthman.

The prisoner said that he had entered into a number of contracting deals which did not turn out as well as he expected, and that he had raised money by the false checks to tide him over his difficulty, intending to take them up before

BIG SESSION ENDS

Y. M. C. A. Student Conference Attended by 146.

24 COLLEGES REPRESENTED

Record Delegations, Notable Speakers and Enthusiastic Meetings. Make Columbia Beach Gatherings Best Ever Held.

After concluding the largest student conference of the Young Men's Christian Association ever held in the Pacific Northwest, more than 100 students, teachers and speakers returned to Portland yesterday from Columbia Beach, and most of them departed for their homes last night. According to those who attended, the conference was not only the largest but the most enthusiastic yet held. The work was earnestly carried out, and in the spare time interesting athletic events were held.

The total attendance at the gathering was 146. This included 113 students, besides faculty members and city Y. M. C. A. workers. Twenty-four colleges were represented, the delegates attending from Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana. This conference was one of 12 similar gatherings held throughout the United States and covering the entire country.

Eleven Denominations Represented.

Interesting data on the conference were collected by R. R. Perkins, religious work director of the Portland Association. Among the denominations represented the Methodist Episcopal church, the Presbyterian with second with 31, and the Baptist third with 16. Eight other denominational affiliations were included among the delegates. Many of the young men came from sectarian colleges, but the state institutions of the four states also sent large representations.

One of the important objects of this conference, as well as of other such gatherings, was to aid young men to choose vocations. The experienced leaders of the conference made it a point to talk to the young men regarding their life work. As a result, when the sessions ended, there were only 17 delegates who had not made a decision. The callings chiefly selected by those present were as follows: Ministry, 14; mechanical, civil and electrical engineering, 14; law, 10; Y. M. C. A. secretaryships, 10; foreign field, 10; agriculture, 10.

Faculty Workers Prominent.

Prominent among the faculty of the conference were the following: H. W. Stone, general secretary of the Portland Y. M. C. A.; R. R. Perkins, religious work director of the Portland Y. M. C. A.; L. B. Rhodes, Oregon-Idaho secretary of the Y. M. C. A.; A. S. Allen, general secretary of the Seattle Y. M. C. A.; Frank Nevins, general secretary of the Tacoma Y. M. C. A.; Fletcher Homan, president of Willamette University; W. W. Peter, of Rush Medical College, who is now on his way to engage in Y. M. C. A. work in China, and M. A. Kees, secretary of the Portland Y. M. C. A.

A large number of addresses were delivered during the conference by well known men. One of the most interesting speakers present was C. Michigan of Victoria, B. C., who was the first student Y. M. C. A. secretary in the United States. Mr. Michigan has retired from active Y. M. C. A. work. He is chairman of a committee in Victoria now securing money for a \$100,000 Y. M. C. A. building.

Dr. Walter B. Hanson, of the White Temple, Dr. Lyman B. Sperry, a noted lecturer, and Bishop Scadding also appeared several times on the conference program.

The first few days of the conference were marred by rain. After that, however, the weather was almost perfect. Baseball, track athletics, swimming and tennis were some of the popular sports, all of which were under the direction of A. M. Griley, physical director of the Portland Association.

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TRACKS ARE PROTESTED

CITIZENS OBJECT TO GRANTING FRANCHISE ON SEVENTH.

Remonstrance Signed by Property Owners Is Filed With Auditor. Signers Are Prominent.

A strong remonstrance, signed by wealthy and prominent citizens for laying streetcar tracks on Seventh and Taylor streets, was filed with City Auditor Barbur yesterday morning. There is no public demand for the tracks and the Remonstrance Association, organized for the purpose of protesting against the tracks, has secured the signatures of prominent citizens. The remonstrance is signed by Henrietta E. Palling, estate of H. W. Corbett, by Henry L. Corbett, C. C. Dolph, A. B. Steinbach, College Endowment Association, by A. H. Mangle, A. T. Tegner, Portland Hotel Company, by Edward Louise Hoyt, Cook, by Ralph W. Hoyt, Louise Hoyt, Cook, by Ralph W. Hoyt, agent; Theodore B. Wilcox, Louise E. Hamilton, Frazier & McLean, J. Risley estate, by Patricia, Watkins & Company, agents; First Unitarian Society, board of trustees, by W. F. Woodward, moderator; W. B. Eschbacher, Oregon Company, Young Men's Christian Association, by James Steel and L. A. Lewis, trustees.

The remonstrance states: "The undersigned property-owners to be affected thereby respectfully remonstrate and earnestly protest against the passage of an ordinance granting a franchise to the United Railways Company, a franchise to lay streetcar tracks on Seventh and Taylor streets, and the construction and operation of a standard-gauge railroad upon said street and Seventh street, to the great injury of the property abutting thereon.

"We respectfully call your attention to the fact that Front, First and Fourth streets are already appropriated to purposes like those sought to be promoted by the franchise now asked for and we invite your attention to the effect of such appropriation of the streets named. It is worthy of note that the corporation asking for the appropriation of Taylor and Seventh streets is now operating upon Front street, to the great injury of the property abutting thereon.

"The United Railways Company formerly held a franchise on the streets named, but no work was done in the way of laying tracks and the fulfillment of the terms of the grant. Upon a resolution introduced by Councilman Drumming, the City Council recently revoked the rights and privileges therein contained. Since then the company has applied for a new franchise.

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DANISH AUTHORITY TO SPEND THREE DAYS HERE.

Change of Plans Enables Professor Boegglid to Lecture in Willamette Valley Towns.

Bernard Boegglid, of the Royal Danish Agricultural College of Copenhagen, who has become known throughout the civilized world for his work in the development of the dairy industry, has accepted an invitation to spend three days in Portland and some of the large towns of the Willamette Valley. He will be here July 18, 19 and 20, while here is expected to deliver one or more lectures.

Professor Boegglid is making a tour of the United States, under the auspices of the Danish-American Association, and at first it was announced that he would be unable to visit Portland as he had agreed to lecture at Spokane and Tacoma, and thus every hour of his available time would be taken.

Much local attention was called to Professor Boegglid through an announcement published in The Oregonian several months ago of his proposed trip to the United States. Soon after this, Philip S. Bates, publisher of the Pacific Northwest, wrote to the committee having charge of Professor Boegglid's itinerary, asking that Portland be included in it. This was followed by the announcement that the list of dates had already been arranged as to make his visit here impossible.

Following this was much correspondence, in which the attention of the committee was called to the apparent discrimination against Oregon by arranging for two lectures in Washington and none in this state. This had much to do with the change in the programme, which left Tacoma out of his itinerary and included Portland instead. The final announcement of the change was received yesterday by Mr. Bates, who is arranging to take Professor Boegglid

Portland for a two days' trip up the Willamette Valley, including visits to Salem, Albany and Corvallis.

Professor Boegglid is credited with causing the wonderful development in the dairy industry in his country within recent years, and for his services in this way, he has been knighted by the Danish government and has received several decorations from other countries. He will be accompanied here by Mrs. Boegglid.

Room Made for Children.

Chief Probation Officer Tauscher, of the Juvenile Court, received word yesterday from H. E. Bickers, superintendent of the Home for the Feeble Minded at Salem, that the home will be open for feeble minded children. He says the 30 grown people have been transferred. Although the Home for Feeble Minded was established primarily for children of this class, 30 epileptics from the Insane Asylum were transferred to it soon after it was established, filling it to capacity. No order of court, it is said, was secured for their transfer.

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PERSONAL MENTION.

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O. B. Haynes, of Shanko, is at the Perkins.
Roy Scatcherd, of Seattle, is at the Ramapo.
C. W. Kneal, of Newberg, is registered at the Lenox.
J. M. Roeder, of Shanko, is registered at the Cornelius.
R. S. Hughes, of Corvallis, is registered at the Perkins.
D. A. Doty, a business man of McMinnville, is at the Lenox.
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Holmes, of Marshfield, are at the Cornelius.
E. M. McGettigan, a business man of San Francisco, is at the Ramapo.
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