

# GUILTY, HIS PLEA

### Merrill Acts to Protect Girl From Testifying.

### LIQUOR SELLING CHARGE

#### Evidence Would Acquit Him, Says Merrill, but an Innocent Woman Would Be Dragged Into Case. Plans to Sell Roadhouse.

Rather than have all the facts relative to the sale of liquor at the Twelve-Mile House stated in court, Fred T. Merrill pleaded guilty before Circuit Judge Gantenbein yesterday to selling liquor without a license and asked that the charge, so far as it concerned his two bartenders, George Stewart and Fred Horn, be dismissed. Merrill will receive sentence at 2 P. M. Thursday.

### WORKMAN FOR BUILDING SUES

#### Defect in Donkey Engine Brake Alleged as Cause of Fall.

Declaring that he was injured by a falling elevator when he was at work upon a building at Powell and Milwaukee streets, Charles F. Hughes brought suit in the Circuit Court yesterday, demanding that the Portland Sheet Metal Works and the United Engineering & Construction Company pay him \$500 and \$125 special damages.

### HUSBAND FOUND UNBEARABLE

#### Spouse Drunk Week After Wedding, Says Wife, Asking Divorce.

Unable to endure longer the alleged drunken conduct of F. T. Hoffman, her husband, Mrs. Anna T. Hoffman filed a divorce suit in the Circuit Court yesterday. She says she was married to him at Los Angeles, May 1, 1908, and that on the 10th of the next month he remained away all night and until 7 o'clock on the night of the following day. He had been drinking since.

### \$500 Paid for Broken Wrist.

Missie K. Walling was authorized by County Judge Cleiton yesterday to accept from the Ladd Estate Company and F. G. Collette the high-speed play of all claims on account of the death of George Walling. A short time before he died Walling's wrist was broken while he was doing the high-speed play of the elevator in the Concord building, at Second and Stark streets. The Ladd Estate Company disclaims liability for the accident, but says it desires to assist in paying the expenses incident to Walling's last illness.

### Administrator Deed Authorized.

Edmund C. Giltner, administrator of J. Couch Flanders' estate, was authorized by County Judge Cleiton yesterday to give C. E. S. Wood a deed to lot 15, Abernethy Heights, and to a fractional part of block 152, Caruthers' Addition, represented in the court that on November 25, 1907, Wood gave Flanders a deed to this property to secure Flanders and S. R. Lathrop against loss on account of obligations due them. He says the deed was, in reality, only a mortgage. The last of these obligations, a note for \$1500, has been paid. It is said by Wood, hence the order to reconvey the property.

### Fleckenstein Estate \$71,440.

The estate of Henry Fleckenstein is worth \$71,440, according to the report of the appraisers, filed in the County Court yesterday. Of this amount \$6000 is represented by 45 shares of stock in the Henry Fleckenstein Company, Inc. The appraisers are H. Stimpelmer, H. E. Coleman and W. A. Goddard.

### Court Notes.

A. T. Simmons, arrested by Special Agent Little recently for impersonating an officer, was released from the County Jail yesterday after his case had been presented to the grand jury, the request that he be freed having been made by Deputy District Attorney Fitzgerald. Gus Klank, held as a witness in another case, was also released.

### HOTEL MEN ARE ON GUARD

#### Efforts Will Be Made to Defeat Obnoxious Law.

The Oregon Hotel Association will keep close watch on the next session of the Legislature and all succeeding sessions, according to plans outlined at a meeting of the association in the convention room of the Imperial Hotel yesterday. The hotel men allege that within the past few years there has been a tendency to saddle drastic legislation upon the hotel interests and it will be the object of the Oregon Association to protect its members against bad laws in the future.

### DEAD BODY FOUND ON ROAD

#### Ernest Hilsberg Succumbs to Heart Trouble—Relatives Unknown.

While walking along the Slavin road, about three miles outside the city limit, yesterday afternoon, James M. Cully, 188 Meade street, came upon the dead body of Ernest Hilsberg, a German, 50 years old.

Cully immediately notified the Coroner's office, and on investigation it was found that the deceased had come to his death from heart trouble and had probably died some time during the night. Papers found on the body showed that the deceased had taken out his citizenship papers in Portland in 1909, and at that time resided at the Rialto Hotel.

So far as known the deceased had no relatives, and the Coroner's office was unable to learn of his recent place of residence. The body was conveyed to the morgue. No inquest will be held.

### CLOTHES SOLD FOR BOARD

#### Telephone Promoter Fails to Pay Landlady Amount Due.

KLAMATH FALLS, Sept. 12.—(Special.)—Sale of the personal effects of George L. Price, former telephone promoter, last night marked the end of his possessions in this city. While they consisted of his suit case, wearing apparel, etc., they brought \$18, which will in part compensate his former landlady for the board and lodging which she provided for the smooth-talking man.

### STORY BRANDED AS FALSE

#### William D. Fenton Denies That Conference Led to Assembly Choice.

PORTLAND, Sept. 12.—(To the Editor.)—It has been publicly charged that a secret conference of the non-political assembly of friends of Judge Cleiton was held on the evening of July 6 in the office of Senator Fulton, W. M. Thomas, J. R. Kramer, R. W. Wilbur, R. E. Covert, George W. Stapleton, A. L. Vesale, Wallace McCann, J. M. Smith, W. A. Cleland, A. T. Lewis, B. E. Seabrook, J. K. Kollack and myself. Some others were advised, but were unable to come, owing to other engagements. Among those who were present were W. M. Thomas, Maloney, both of whom expressed themselves as being in full accord with the purpose of the meeting.

### FIRE SUFFERERS AIDED

#### Portland Chamber Sends \$750 More to Needs in Clark County.

An additional contribution of \$750 will be sent this morning by the Chamber of Commerce for the benefit of the fire sufferers in the vicinity of Vancouver, Clark County, Washington. The total of money thus far contributed by the chamber is \$1500. The remainder in the treasury is \$71. The fund is still open to contributions, and it is believed that a much larger sum will be received before the necessities of the fire sufferers are cared for.

### PORTLAND WOMAN IS DEAD

#### Miss Daisy L. Gaylord Passes Away After Long Illness.

Miss Daisy L. Gaylord, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Gaylord, died at 723 Schuyler street yesterday afternoon, after an illness of more than a year.

### VANCOUVER SCHOOLS FILL

#### Attendance on First Day Shows a Great Increase of Pupils.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Sept. 12.—(Special.)—The school year in Vancouver opened this morning and during the first 1285 pupils were enrolled, which is much greater for the first day than ever before in the history of the city. Many who are now away, will return and swell the enrollment.

### Wife Called Extravagant.

ROSEBURG, Or., Sept. 12.—(Special.)—Alleging that his wife spent money lavishly and that she checked out his entire bank account of nearly \$1000 in his temporary absence from Roseburg, Thomas Thomas, a Southern Pacific engineer with headquarters at Junction City, today filed suit for divorce. Thomas alleges that his wife has a mania for spending money, and according to his charges her yearly expenditures run well into the thousands of dollars.

### Harris Trunk Co. for Trunks and Bags.

### HILL EXAMINES SITES

#### SPECIAL AGENT STUDYING NEW POSTOFFICE QUESTION.

Postmaster Openly Favors Building Near Depot, Retaining Present Office for Public.

Dr. J. W. Hill, recently appointed special agent for the United States Government for the selection of a site for the new postoffice, has been investigating the merits of the various sites offered. A number of the property owners who have put in bids have called on Dr. Hill in the last day or so and conferred with him. The new special agent has been entirely non-committal. He has been giving all the sites equal attention, but aside from asking questions of the owners, has not said anything which would tend to divulge any ideas he may have already formulated.

### TODAY IS LAST DAY FOR REGISTRATION

Today is the last registration day. Voters who do not sign the books before 5 o'clock tonight cannot vote at the primary election September 24 unless they go through the tedious process of having their votes sworn in. There are now more than 35,000 names on the registration books, yesterday's registration being the heaviest of any day since the books were opened. The books now contain the names of 26,745 registered as Republicans, 5079 as Democrats and 3751 miscellaneous; making a total of 35,575.

Yesterday's registration was as follows: Republicans, 834; Democrats, 168; miscellaneous, 43; total, 1045.

### HOWE WELL KNOWN HERE

#### HIS DEATH RECALLS HIS WORK AS THEATER MANAGER.

Marquam Building Stands as Monument to His Endeavors for Substantial Theater.

### ONE YEAR GIVEN TO BEGIN

#### Government Must Start West Umatilla Project, or Lose Claim.

SALEM, Or., Sept. 12.—(Special.)—If the Government fails to start actual construction work on the West Umatilla project of 60,000 acres by September 12, 1911, it will lose its priority claim to water rights, granted today, and the claim of Dr. Andrew C. Smith, of Portland, will take precedence, according to a statement by State Engineer John H. Lewis.

### Booth-Kelly Mill Resumes.

#### SPRINGFIELD, Or., Sept. 12.—(Special.)—The Booth-Kelly sawmill, which had been closed since August 1 because of a shortage of logs, resumed operations this morning, 175 men finding employment.

# Entirely Exhausted

The entire huge edition of the first Mid-Month Number of THE LADIES' HOME JOURNAL is exhausted. We have not a copy left—three days after publication.

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### NEW COMPLAINT ORDERED

#### Astoria Southern Road-Grading Case Delayed—Injunction Denied.

ASTORIA, Or., Sept. 12.—A motion to dissolve the temporary injunction in the case of S. A. Cobb, of Portland, vs. Wilson, Rector & Daley, of Vancouver, was argued before Judge Campbell, of the Circuit Court, today, and denied, temporarily, at least. The suit was brought to restrain the defendants from interfering with the plaintiff in assuming charge of the grading work for the Astoria Southern

### Marquam Building Stands as Monument to His Endeavors for Substantial Theater.

J. P. Howe, whose death occurred at Eugene on Monday evening, was closely identified during his early career with the theatrical history of the Northwest, and more particularly of Portland. It is generally known that through Mr. Howe's instrumentality the Marquam Theater was built, although he did not manage its affairs after it became an actuality.



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