

INVESTOR WANTS TO BUILD SKYSCRAPER

James A. Murray Is Anxious to Invest \$2,000,000 in Big Portland Structure.

REPRESENTATIVES IN CITY

John W. Conditine, Theatrical Manager and J. P. Gleason, Seattle Banker, Here Endeavoring to Find Suitable Location.

"We have between \$1,500,000 and \$2,000,000 available for the construction of a skyscraper in Portland," said John W. Conditine, of Sullivan & Conditine, the Northwest theatrical managers, here this morning to close a deal for a building site. Mr. Conditine represents James A. Murray, a multi-millionaire of Montana, who is said to have decided definitely to invest a large part of his wealth in Portland, believing this city to be in the lead of all the Pacific Coast cities.

Mr. Conditine announced that an entire block would be secured, probably on Washington street, as his associates have planned to erect the largest building of the kind in Portland. A building such as is proposed by these interests is to be used for several different purposes. The ground floor will contain a large theater house, the upper stories being devoted to office space and a hotel office. The upper floors will be used for offices and hotel purposes.

RATE CASE HARD FOUGHT

Railway Commission Abandons Trip to Eastern Washington.

TACOMA, Wash., May 3.—(Special.)—Unless unforeseen circumstances arise, the State Railway Commission will hold all its sessions in the Tacoma-Seattle-Spokane distributive rate case in this city. The Commission originally intended to sit in Spokane for several days, but it was announced today that the hearing will be completed here. It will continue into next week.

D. O. Calderhead, state legislator for the Commission, testified that the Spokane rates westbound overlap the Seattle-Tacoma rates eastbound for a distance of 50 miles. Spokane is able to ship for a distance of 50 miles west of the midway point in the state for the same rate as Seattle and Tacoma must pay for shipping to the midway point. The greater part of today was devoted to the analysis of statistics in regard to Washington freight rates.

Cross-examination of Calderhead by the railroad attorneys indicates that the decision of Federal Judge Sanborn, in the Minnesota case, will figure in the defense of the companies. Sanborn held that a state commission could not fix rates within the state that would discriminate against shippers outside the state.

PORTLAND BOY IN RACE

Martin Hawkins Candidate for Head of Oregon Student Body.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Or., May 3.—(Special.)—Nominations for the student elections which will be held next Wednesday were made in the assembly hall of the student body at the University of Oregon this morning, and the campaign is already beginning to grow exciting. The sharpest contest will be for the presidency of the student body.

Four men are in the race: Martin Hawkins, of Portland; Chester Moore, of Salem; James Johns, of Pendleton, and Leon Ray, of Eugene. All four candidates are popular leaders in student affairs.

GUNFIGHTERS RUN RIOT

(Continued from First Page.) The offices of D. H. Burnham & Co. between the warring factions of plumbers and steamfitters, but it adjourned without definite results. The greatest stumbling blocks in the way of peace were said to be the steamfitters who have been imported into the city by the United Association to take the place of the International Association men.

leaders were shifted from this city to the strike zone at Pitcairn. The precedent established at Pitcairn of the Municipal Council swearing in strikers as deputies to guard railroad property is being followed at available points. The deputies so appointed are Americans. Following last night's outbreaks at the Twenty-eighth-street yards word of caution was sent by broadcast today to refrain from violence and no further disorders have been reported.

GOMPERS ADMITS FAILURE

Visit to Chicago Does Not Clear Labor Strife Situation.

CHICAGO, May 3.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, who came to Chicago to try to restore peace between factions of the building trades union, today admitted his visit seems to have been in vain.

FINE EDIFICE S PLANNED

OREGON CITY EPISCOPALIANS TO BUILD BEFORE 1912.

Big Banquet Tendered to Prominent Business and Professional Men Brings Forth Results.

OREGON CITY, Or., May 3.—(Special.)—Enthusiasm ran high here tonight at a banquet tendered to 50 men prominent in business and professional lines by the pastor and vestry of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, the object being to form an organization having for its purpose the construction of the first stone church in Oregon City.

Ever since the arrival of Rev. C. W. Robinson, the present pastor, from Philadelphia, only four months ago, the church has grown to such proportions that a new edifice is a necessity, as the present building, erected in 1850, is entirely inadequate to handle the rapidly increasing membership. Following a banquet and an enthusiastic meeting tonight, every man present will set to work to secure funds for a structure that it is planned to have completed before next January.

CHURCH IS DENOUNCED

PREACHER ADMITS IMPROPER RELATIONS WITH WOMAN.

Young Married Minister Says He and Girl Confessed to "Test Christianity."

TACOMA, Wash., May 3.—(Special.)—Astonishing developments came at a meeting held tonight in the Methodist Church at Midland, a Tacoma suburb, to inquire into the conduct of Rev. A. A. Metcalf, a young minister who from the pulpit last Sunday denounced the Methodist church and announced his resignation.

WOMAN DIES AT HOSPITAL

Mrs. Lee Ellis' Fall Down Stairway Proves Fatal.

Suffering from injuries received in a fall down a stairway at 245 1/2 First street yesterday, Mrs. Lee Ellis died at St. Vincent's Hospital. The woman had been taken to the hospital early in the morning after Patrolman Manning had discovered her lying in the hallway.

MAN KILLS 3 CHILDREN

He Turns on Gas, Goes Out and Calmly Tells of Death.

BOSTON, May 3.—Thomas Hagerty, of the street cleaning, related that he had turned on the gas last night in the room occupied by his three daughters. When the police entered the Hagerty home they found in the gas-filled room the three children, cuddled together in bed as if asleep. Except for the odor of gas there was nothing to indicate the tragedy.

TESTIMONY GIVEN AGAINST MC NULTY

Lieutenants Say Naval Reserve Commander Was Openly Threatening.

COURT INQUIRY CONCLUDED

Seaman Placed on Stand in Effort to Show That Discipline Was Interfered With—Early Decision Is Now Expected.

Testimony given by Lieutenants Blomberg and Humphrey, of the Oregon Naval Reserve, at the concluding session of the Court of Inquiry at the Armory last night was against Commander John McNulty. Both men used the expression, "To hell with Oregon," and had declared that unless the bill favored by himself and Captain Shepherd went through the Legislature, Oregon would not get a ship or naval equipment from the Federal Government, and that there would be no naval militia in Oregon.

Elective Plan Chanced.

"They said that McNulty was under the impression that first that only the captain was to be elected by the other officers and that he approved the plan, changing, however, to an opposite view when he was told that McNulty proposed to make the office of commander, that occupied by himself, also elective. Humphrey declared the reason for drafting the bill in such a manner as to make only the offices of captain and commander elective was the idea general in the public mind that Shepherd and McNulty, or McNulty and Shepherd, were in the organization for political purposes.

Speler's Fitness Urged.

Blomberg, said Stone, intimated that McNulty and Shepherd were unfit to hold office and should be gotten rid of for the good of the organization. He said that McNulty, a married man, was the man most fitted in every way to hold the position. Blah, he said, had never attempted to prejudice him against Shepherd.

Court's Action Indicated.

When Captain Shepherd was striving to obtain from Staron citations of his experience as to the right of an enlisted man to arrest or eject a commissioned officer of the command of the commanding officer, Colonel White, president of the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club and the Rose Festival Association, the court will consider with relation to Captain Shepherd's shame in the Armory affair of April 1 by remarking: "But that doesn't show what may happen to a commanding officer who gives such orders."

Seaman in Quandary.

E. A. Bilfeldt, a seaman in the organization, testified that McNulty had told him that Lieutenant Blomberg would be recommended for a sealed verdict in order to appear for drill to the enlisted men in which it was said that those who failed to do so would be dropped for desertion. Bilfeldt said that he was left in a quandary as to what officers had the right to issue orders. Blomberg had received the order to muster the men for drill from Adjutant-General Finzer, and the object of placing Bilfeldt on the stand was to show that McNulty had not hesitated to interfere with the discipline of the organization. Blomberg, by reason of his naval experience, is drill instructor of the Oregon Naval Reserve.

New Postmasters Appointed.

WASHINGTON, May 3.—Mrs. Hattie E. Buchanan has been appointed postmistress at the new office of Buchanan, Harney County; Andrew Ault, postmaster at Albert, Clatsop County.



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