

JONES, BACK, TELLS WHY HE STOLE COIN

Defaulting Cashier of Hotel Oregon Returns, Influenced by His Wife.

MERCY IS NOT PROMISED

Embezzler Says Part of Illegotten Fund Went to Church—Contrite Prisoner to Help ex-Employers Straighten Books.

Emaciated, seedy and looking 10 years older, Charles W. Jones, defaulting cashier of the Oregon Hotel, is with his wife and son at their home at 545 East Twenty-seventh street, ready and willing to submit to any action that may be taken against him by his recent employers.

He returned voluntarily and says he will assist as far as he is in his power to straighten the affairs of the hotel company. He acknowledged having stolen \$2000 and he is charged with having misappropriated \$5000 or \$6000 in his own use.

Jones declares the stolen money was used in personal legitimate channels and that while he stole from his employers, he was not dishonest for the purpose of enriching himself.

On the day he disappeared in September the books showed a loss of \$2000. Jones says that sum was not taken that day but represented former thefts at different times that he had concealed in his accounts.

The return of Jones was the result of efforts of his wife who had promised Mr. Dickinson and Mr. Wright, proprietors of the Oregon Hotel, that she would inform them if she should hear from her husband. Recently she received a letter from him in Minneapolis, where he said he was engaged in a restaurant, washing dishes at \$1 a week.

After notifying Mr. Dickinson she wrote asking if he would come back. He telegraphed "Yes" if a ticket were forwarded. The ticket was sent to him with instructions to meet George W. Joseph, attorney for the hotel, at Spokane.

What action will be taken against him has not been finally decided and will not be until later, as Jones is willing to accept any course that may be taken. He will devote a few days to straightening the books of the hotel company, pointing out where his pecuniations are and showing the way he concealed them.

Running is Recounted. Jones says his departure from Portland was not premeditated and was principally accidental. He knew that he had reached the point where his defaultations would be discovered and had decided to make a clean breast of it to Mr. Dickinson and take the consequences. It was his vacation time and on going to the hotel he found Mr. Dickinson had gone to Puget Sound. He then decided to go into the country to fish and think the situation over. He boarded the wrong car with only a few dollars in his pocket and landed in Vancouver. While sitting there a soldier offered to sell him a ticket to Tacoma for \$1.50, which he bought with the thought that he would meet Mr. Dickinson there and confess. At Seattle he found that Mr. Dickinson was at Bellingham. Then he became excited and first thought of running away. Feeling his eyes were sore for he reached British Columbia and from that time on he had a hard time exciting. He served as a farmhand in Canada and did odd jobs along the line of the Canadian Pacific, generally riding between different points in boxes and often going a couple of days without eating.

Finally he reached Michigan, his native state, and for a time worked as a farm laborer near Hastings, using several aliases. He reached Minneapolis about October 1, where he made his headquarters until summoned to come back by his wife. In no way does Jones implicate anyone in his pecuniations nor does he intimate that anyone had knowledge of them. However, as the amounts known to have been largely in excess of the sums he confesses taking, some other explanation will have to be made to make the books balance, says Mr. Dickinson.

75 AT CLUB LUNCHEON

Vancouver Commercial Organization to Have One Weekly.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—A mid-day weekly luncheon, held by members of the Vancouver Commercial Club at Hotel St. Elmo, Wednesday, was attended by 75 and the event marks the beginning of a custom to be continued. James J. Sayer, of the Portland Commercial Club, told the meeting of what is being accomplished by similar organizations in Portland, and gave much encouragement to the movement started here today.

ELKS PROTECT MERCHANTS

Programme Sold With Proviso That It Contains No Portland "Ads."

On condition that Portland business men will not be solicited for advertisements, the Elks' grand lodge convention committee has sold the privilege of issuing the official programme for next July's convention to Portland publishers, who will issue 125,000 copies.

It is also agreed that the Elks will give \$5,000 copies for free distribution to visiting members. This number, it is figured, will supply one copy to each visiting Elk, as the estimated attendance of lodgesmen will be 50,000. The remainder will be sold at nominal prices.

AT THE THEATERS

"SEVEN DAYS"

Being a Combination of Curious Circumstances Related by Mary Roberts Rinehart and Avery Hopwood. Presented at the Helbig Theater.

CAST: James Wilson, Aubrey Beattie, Dallas Travis, Chas. M. Moore, Tom Harbison, Edward Farrell, Officer Finnegan, Gordon Burby, Tubby McGurk, burglar, Fred Cousins, Hobbs, a footman, Bert Main, Belle, a waitress, Madeline, a girl, Anne Brown, Jean Patrinquin, Kit McNair, Grace Valentine, Annet Selma, Florence Robinson.

BY LEONE CAES BARR. THAT funniest of comedies, "Seven Days" which kept Portland laughing uproariously last season for seven whole performances, has, like all good things worth preservation, chased all over the country, making other folk happy as well as their own.

Comparisons are most odious when they concern things theatrical, but it takes no stretch of imagination to notice that the present company is better than the all-round cast of ex-cellecences who were responsible for the brilliant performance last year.

Three of the principals, James Wilson or "Bubbles" as his friends familiarly dub him, Belle, his ex-wife, and the delicious character Aunt Selma, are all enacted by the trio of capablers who first gave them to us as types when "Seven Days" was here before. Everybody else is new—some of them have never played in Portland before.

Grace Valentine, a gorgeously lovely creature with patrician features and a form divine that seemed moulded into the most wonderful raiment is Kit, the beguiss wife of Bubbles. Miss Valentine has a great deal to do, and in order, however, for she is a dissembler of actual worth. She's a natural-born Kit, and plays the role quite as if it were her own. Her own talents and abilities and wanted it portrayed accordingly.

Her comedy is dainty always, and her moments of fury and attack are delightful. She never overdoes an action, and throughout she plays with taste.

In the role of Bubbles, Aubrey Beattie is displaying the same finesse and general charm that marked his interpretation of the role last season. He has grown on the audience, and it, for he brings a spontaneity and camaraderie to the part that cannot be assumed or mistaken. And he isn't quite as plump as he was, although his lines in the play—his figure would indicate that he's a walking advertisement for "before taking" obesity cures.

Chauncey Monroe, a slender, lastly-moving individual, who draws tantalizingly, makes capital out of the role of Dallas Brown, whose sole reason for existing in the play, is to serve as a foil for the least to say "peculiar" actions of Mrs. Brown, who dabbles in the occult. This role is in splendid keeping. Jean Patrinquin having given it so much attention in detail that her portrayal becomes a comedy gem. She is positively the pitiful laugh of the play at times, particularly when she "demonstrates" or "moves things." And when she "sees things" she is a medley of mirth. Her almost publication of the most real acting bit and in no sense over-drawn, a part she could easily have distorted.

Florence Robinson as Aunt Selma, the strong-minded, keeps close to the discriminated line of perfection and its seven particular kinds of howls in her scenes on the roof garden.

Gordon Burby slides up and down the woodliff alarmingly and most comically as the perfectly nice policeman in search of a possible thief, and Fred Cousins as that thief, Tubby McGurk, the gleeful burglar, is richly funny. To Edward Farrell falls the dignified role of Tom Harbison, the respected suitor of Kit, and whose enforced stay at the quarantined house, of which he believes her to be mistress, is all the more pathetic because the audience being "in on it" wishes it could set him right. Madeline Winthrop as Belle, a part she makes catchy and comic, with Bert Main as the footman, complete the dandy fine cast.

"Seven Days" is chock full and running over with "doings," all of the sort that are too funny to be embalmed in cold type.

It is one of the few productions that has lived and will continue to live up to its reputation made for it by its long and pronounced success in New York and about which no press agent need bother to invent tales.

"I have your letter of November 27, tendering your resignation as a member of the Public Service Commission, and I hereby accept the same, to become effective on January 1, 1912. Very respectfully yours, M. E. HAY, Governor."

ALASKA IS GARDEN

Wickersham Says Territory Could Support Millions.

TANANA LIKE SCANDINAVIA

"Come Up and Help Us Fight Gurgenhelms" Is Delegate's Invitation at Land Show—Idaho Wins Prize for Potatoes.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 22.—This was Washington and Alaska day at the Northwestern Land Products Show, representative of those regions occupying the center of the exhibition and lecture stage.

The feature of the programme tonight was an address by James Wickersham, Delegate to Congress from Alaska, who told of the resources of the territory and their comprehensive undevelopment.

Mr. Wickersham said that the Tanana Valley alone was capable of supporting 10,000,000 people, but the population at present was not more than a "drop in the bucket." He compared this district to Norway and Sweden, saying that Alaska was just as rich in an agricultural and stock raising way as those countries, to say nothing of the wonderful mineral resources. Mr. Wickersham made a plea for more settlers.

"Come up and help us fight the Gurgenhelms," were his parting words. It was announced tonight that Idaho had taken the greenback prize for the best bushel of potatoes. The name of the exhibitor was not given.

Tomorrow will be Montana day at the land show.

FEDERAL CONTROL IS URGED

James Wickersham Says It Will Be Salvation of Alaska.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 21.—"Federal control," said James Wickersham, delegate to Congress from Alaska, here today, "is the only salvation of Alaska." Mr. Wickersham, who is on his way to Washington, spoke before the Current Topics Club.

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MACE DONIA MADE PREY

CHRISTIANS, FAILING TO OBTAIN REDRESS, ORGANIZE.

Murder and Pillage Are Rife, and State of Anarchy Is Reported. Bulgarian Assembly Acts.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—A dispatch from Saloniki, European Turkey, to a London news agency reports a condition of anarchy throughout Macedonia. Murder, pillage and brigandage are rife.

Twenty-seven assassinations have taken place within the past month within two hours' journey of Saloniki, the victims being Greek and Christian, finding it impossible to obtain redress, are organizing bands with the object of killing the Turks.

SOPIA, Bulgaria, Dec. 21.—In the national assembly here today an interpellation was submitted regarding the anti-Christian outrages in Macedonia. Premier Gueshoff announced that several arrests have been made in connection with the outrages, and that the persons charged with the crime will be tried by a court-martial.

The outrages referred to by the Premier took place on December 9, when a bomb was thrown in a mosque, 12 persons being killed and 20 injured.

40 TOTS MAY MISS SANTA

Boys and Girls at Frazer Detention Home Face Sorry Holiday.

While everyone is absorbed just now with thoughts of how they may best bring Yuletide cheer to friends and loved ones with bestowal of gifts and otherwise, and generous hearts are searching out in every section of the city poor whom they may help to partake of the season's gladness by giving them a gift, there is every danger that 40 boys and girls at the Frazer Detention Home will be doomed to disappointment when Christmas eve comes.

In common with other little boys and girls, the inmates of the Frazer home have been counting the hours to Christmas eve, in expectation of the good things that mystic time should have in store for them, but thus far they seem to have been forgotten.

Superintendent Baker, of the home, last night appealed to the Oregonian to let the public know of the boys and girls at the Detention Home and of their Christmas needs. A knife, a pair of shoes or any small present to let the recipient know that Santa has not overlooked him or her would be acceptable, says Mr. Baker. Only two donations for Christmas have thus far been received at the home. One was a packet containing stockings and little articles of dress and the other was a packet containing a large number of Christian Science publications and some scraps of quilt pieces.

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After Motorcycle Patrolman Maddux had questioned Steins for several minutes and received the information that he was out of work and owed money, Steins refused to talk further and would not explain to other officers who were hastily summoned to the hotel on the report of the alleged hold-up.

ROUTE IS ABANDONED

SEVENTH - STREET FRANCHISE NOT TO BE SOUGHT.

Street Railway Will Withdraw Application for Line From Jefferson to Broadway Bridge.

Representatives of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company will go before the street committee of the City Council at its next meeting and withdraw the company's application for a franchise on Seventh street from the Broadway Bridge to Jefferson street. This announcement was made officially last night by J. E. Werlein, representing the street railway company, in an address before the civic council of the Commercial Club.

"Seventh street property owners have declared that unless the company applied for a franchise from the bridge to Jefferson street, they would oppose the entire franchise," said Mr. Werlein. "The company, after consulting transportation experts, found that it would not be practicable to route its cars across the proposed Broadway Bridge up Seventh to Jefferson before making a loop and returning through the business district and give its patrons in the section of the city served a satisfactory service."

"For this reason it has been decided by the company to abandon its plan for the present so far as Seventh street is concerned and request the enactment by the Council of an ordinance giving us the privilege of extending our system on Sandy Boulevard, East Harrison and Eastmoreland. The people of those sections of the city are entitled to the same service that we are asking and the company is going to furnish it just as soon as the franchise can be granted and the extension can be made."

Discussing the franchise that has been applied for, Mr. Werlein went into the measure extensively. He stated that the franchise covered only such streets as were necessary for the proposed extensions in the company's system and give to the people of the city the service they are demanding. He called attention to the fact that the proposed franchise was not in any sense a blanket franchise from the fact that it terminated at the same time other franchises now held by the company expire.

"The railway company has absolutely nothing to conceal in this matter," explained Mr. Werlein. "The only interest the company has and its purpose is to co-operate with the people of this city and give them the very best service that is possible. Its idea in seeking franchises for additional extensions is to keep pace with the remarkable growth of Portland and in every possible way contribute to making a bigger, better and more progressive city."

Telegraph Lines Seized. LONDON, Dec. 21.—A Teheran dispatch to the Times says Russians have seized the telegraph lines at Mehrand.

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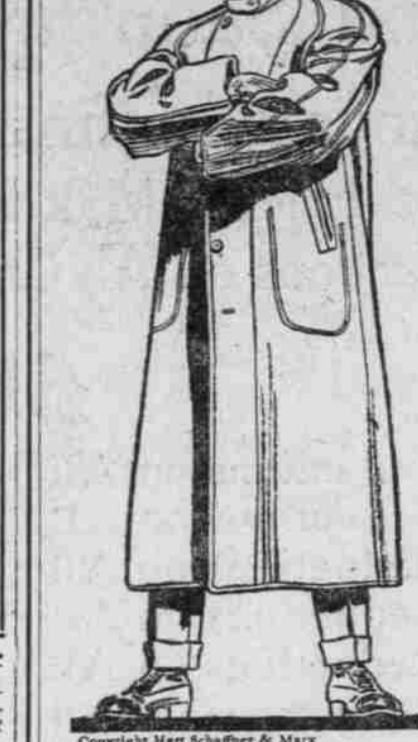
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