HONOR POST KEPT

J. L. Hartman Named 23d Time Clearing-House Head.

OVERDRAFTS UNDER BAN

Association at Annual Meeting Decides to Forbid All Withdrawals Exceeding Deposits — Officers Are Elected.

Adoption of a resolution prohibiting overdrafts and the election of J. H. Hartman for the 23d consecutive time as manager characterized the annual meeting of the Portland Clearing-House Association yesterday.

The other officers elected are: A. L. Mills, of the First National Bank, president; R. L. Durham, of the Merchants National Bank, vice-president; Emery Olmstead, of the Portland Trust Company, secretary, and an executive committee composed of Mr. Mills, ex-officio; Edward Cookingham, of the Ladd & Tilton Bank; R. Lee Barnes, of the United States National Bank; Lansing Stout, of the Hibernia Savings Bank, and E. A. Wylde, of the Security Savings & Trust Company.

J. L. Hartman, Elected Manager of Portland Clearing House for Twenty-Third Consecutive Time

Mr. Hartman at Head Long.

Mr. Hartman has had charge of the Clearing-House ever since it was organized and has witnessed its phenomenal growth with the rapid development of the city.

The organization began business July 15, 1889. From that date until the end of the year the clearings were $42,613,427. In 1890, the first full year that the Clearing-House was in business, the clearings totaled $92,439,224.75. The rise since then has been gradual with the exception of the period following the financial depression of 1893.

Last year was the best year, the total clearings amounting to $557,464,848.17. The greatest amount handled in any single day was on April 19, 1911, when $3,289,484.18 passed through the Clearing-House.

1912 Outlook Bright.

The present year has started full of hope and encouragement for a record that will break that of the previous year. The business done in the first few weeks indicates that 1912 will exceed the high mark set by its predecessor.

Although the practice of carrying overdrafts never has been indulged in by Portland banks, in a few instances small items under this head have crept on to the ledgers to remain for brief periods. By resolution the Clearing-House banks have served notice on their patrons and the smaller banks that overdrafts in any amount and for any length of time will be forbidden.

Y. M. C. A. CARDS EXHIBITED

Nearly Every State in Union Represented in Association Display.

All sections of the United States and several foreign countries are represented in an exhibit that was installed in the lobby of the Portland Young Men's Christian Association yesterday. The exhibit consists of membership cards that have been presented to the local Y. M. C. A. by young men coming from other cities.

The large territory covered by these cards shows that young men are coming to Portland from practically every state in the country, and the cards in the exhibit are simply samples of the cards that are being presented constantly to the Portland association. Among the states represented in the display are Minnesota, Texas, Pennsylvania, New York, Nebraska, Iowa, Kentucky, Illinois, North and South Dakota, Maryland, Utah, Colorado, and the Pacific Coast states. There are also cards from Canada and Honolulu.

The Y. M. C. A. maintains a system whereby membership cards in one association are good all over the world. A person coming to Portland enjoys full membership privileges by presenting his card, or a member leaving this city is at once made at home in the Y. M. C. A. to which he goes.

ABSENT JUROR PROVES AID

Suit Adjusted Without Trial When Man Fails to Appear.

Growing tired of waiting for a juror to put in his appearance yesterday afternoon and allow the trial to continue, Judge Gantenbein suggested settlement to the attorneys in the case of Roy W. Haston against the Lewis-Wiley Hydraulic Company and succeeded in having the defendant company's attorneys agree to an instructed verdict for $2500. This amount had been offered, it is understood, before the case went to trial, but the plaintiff had insisted on $4500.

While working for the company last Summer, Haston was precipitated 30 feet to the ground, sustaining serious injuries, when a flume, through which a hill in the northwestern part of the city was being sluiced into Guild's Lake, gave way. His injuries are not believed to be permanent, however.

This is the second case which Judge Gantenbein has succeeded in having settled this week.

Buy the records for your Victor, Victrola or talking machine from Sherman, Clay & Co., Morrison at Sixth. Victor records are the best, and can be used on all disk machines. **

Last Day 2d Annual Oregon Cat Show, 5th Fl., Main Bldg.—Free Performance Trained Cats 10:30 A. M., 2 & 4 P. M.
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STATE'S WITNESS SEIZED

DUCK CASE TAKES ODD TURN IN JUSTICE COURT.

Dealer Clearing Accused by Admitting Sale, Hotel Steward Is Freed. Finley Blames Blunder.

The trial of E. E. Larrimore, steward of the Oregon Hotel Grill, charged with having ducks out of season, came to an abrupt ending before Justice of the Peace Bell yesterday afternoon, when Deputy District Attorney Frank D. Hennessy moved that the case be dismissed and the jury discharged, and J. K. Manning, the witness for the state, was arrested immediately after on a charge of selling ducks out of season.

Manning, who, as one of the managers of the Alder-street Market, sold the ducks, had been subpenaed by the defense to prove that State Game Warden Finley had given him authority to dispose of them after the closed season, and had also been subpenaed by the state to prove that he had sold the ducks.

He was the first witness called by the prosecution, and immediately began to give testimony exonerating Larrimore. He admitted having sold the ducks December 6, the first day after the selling season had closed, but said he had had a conference with Warden Finley and Chief Deputy Craig relative to disposing of a supply of ducks that he would have on hand after the closed season. Mr. Finley told him, he said, it would be all right to sell the ducks he had on hand to hotels and other places. Larrimore, he said, had refused to purchase them until assured of this circumstance.

Mr. Finley denied that he had given his sanction to any such transaction. On the ground that the state could not impeach its own witness Attorney George Joseph for the defense objected. Then Mr. Hennessy asked that the case be dismissed. Before the startled jurymen had time to realize what had happened Mr. Hennessy and Mr. Finley had hurried out of the room. As the state's own witness had shown Larrimore to be an innocent purchaser, Larrimore could not have been convicted.

Mr. Finley accuses Hennessy of blundering in calling the wrong witness. Hennessy says he called the witness to prove the sale of the ducks. As the cases against Charles Wright, president, and M. C. Dickinson, manager of the Oregon Hotel, who were charged jointly with Larrimore with the same offense, were dismissed at the outset at the request of the District Attorney, the State Game Warden is left entirely without recourse.

WOMAN ACCUSES LAWYER

Landlady Seeks Indictment of C. H. Libby Over Purchase.

In an effort to obtain the indictment of C. H. Libby, an attorney whom she accuses of converting money belonging to her to his own use, Mrs. M. E. Camelle went before the grand jury yesterday morning, accompanied by John F. Sedgwick, her attorney.

Mrs. Camelle declares that with Libby as her legal representative she purchased a lodging-house for $8000, paying $1950 cash and giving a note for $1500 as first payment. He collected the revenue for three months, she asserts, and failed to pay the rent, and she was finally ejected. She declares that he refuses an accounting. Mrs. Camella insists that she lost nearly $1000 on the transaction.

NEW SCHOOLS MAY RISE

FAILING AND AINSWORTH LIKELY TO BE REBUILT.

Board to Discuss Improvements Tomorrow—Gardening by Pupils Also Considered.

The Board of Education's plan to rebuild the Failing school, in South Portland, probably will come before the board at its meeting tomorrow afternoon. As soon as ground is acquired a 20-room building probably will be erected, at a cost of from $160,000 to $180,000. This will be of fireproof construction. Rebuilding of the Ainsworth school is also under consideration, as well as additions to a number of other schools. The board intends to spend $450,000 this year for new buildings and additions.

"I think the Ainsworth school will be rebuilt," said I. N. Fleischner, one of the board members, last night, "as all the members of the board look upon it with favor."

The board now is advertising for bids for the improvement of the playgrounds of the Holladay, Sellwood and Creston schools.

Another subject to come before the board is the proposal to foster gardening by the pupils. Mr. Fleischner and R. L. Sabin, members of the board, have already been interviewed by State Superintendent of Instruction Alderman, H. W. Stone, general secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association; O. M. Plummer, of the Union Stockyards; Charles C. Chapman, of the Commercial Club, and William F. Woodward. Mr. Sabin said yesterday that he and Mr. Fleischner will recommend to the board that principals of the Portland schools be instructed to explain the gardening plan to the children, but that gardening be not made a part of the school curriculum, that no gardening be done during school hours, and that no tools be purchased at the expense of the district.

The plan fostered by Superintendent Alderman, the Progressive Business Men's Club, Oregon Development League and other organizations is to have the children plant gardens on the vacant lots of the city, each child to be assigned a plat 15 feet square. Superintendent Alderman is offering 56 agricultural prizes for school children's work, which will be awarded at the Oregon State Fair. The children who enter school agricultural clubs will compete the same as children living in the country.

The work of revising the rules for the government of city schools, which was undertaken last year, is nearly finished. This is the first revision of the rules since 1895.

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Vancouver Homes Quarantined.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—Several new cases of scarlet fever have been reported in the city during the past few days, and the homes have been quarantined. One was a child that had been attending school. Quarantine on the State School for the Deaf was raised today, but it is likely that it will be quarantined again tomorrow, as every possible precaution is being taken.

There are 26 great glaciers in Switzerland.

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