

POLICE SLOVER AND CITY OF SHARPERS

War on Confidence Men Begun and Two Operators Are Sent to Rockpile.

DETECTIVES WILL WATCH

Chief of Police Slover Details Two More Plainclothes Men to Aid Four Already Acting in Finding Bunco Men.

Two professional confidence men were sent to the rockpile yesterday and Chief of Police Slover detailed two additional officers to detective department, making six in all who are to deal with an expected influx of members of the fraternity from all over the West.

While the city has been full of surething men, and though more than a dozen of them have been convicted or driven out in the past few weeks, only one coup has reached the ears of the police, in which a farmer was robbed of \$2000 and later recovered \$1200.

The swindle was arranged on the way from San Francisco to this city. The victim was a farmer who had been touring the West. He fell in with a plausible stranger, who accompanied him here, and at Spokane his companion dropped off the train, sending him a telegram to proceed to a certain place in Chicago, where his desiring companion would arrive by the next train.

Police Are Informed. The victim was disposed to make trouble, but was soothed by the swindler, who proposed to take him to Chicago and return his money when they arrived there. He consented, and at Spokane his companion dropped off the train, sending him a telegram to proceed to a certain place in Chicago, where his desiring companion would arrive by the next train.

These men were not going to stay here, said Chief Slover yesterday, "and furthermore, instead of being given 'floaters' as in the usual custom, they are going to be kept under high guard and taken before the court. Judge Tazwell has shown that he will cooperate, and Portland will have the rare spectacle of soft-handed confidence men breaking rock, if the gang persists in coming."

George Reardon, alleged to be a bunco man, was arrested yesterday at the Sellwood Hospital after an illness of several months. He was born in Macopin County, Ill., October 15, 1843, and in 1862 he enlisted in Company I, one Hundred and Twenty-second Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and as a member of the Army of Tennessee he took part in several important battles, including the battle of Fort Blakely, in 1863, when he was wounded.

SELLWOOD FOUNDER DIES

Joseph D. Chapman, Native of Illinois, Is Stricken.

Joseph D. Chapman, veteran of the Civil War and one of the founders of the town of Sellwood, died Sunday at the Sellwood Hospital after an illness of several months. He was born in Macopin County, Ill., October 15, 1843, and in 1862 he enlisted in Company I, one Hundred and Twenty-second Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and as a member of the Army of Tennessee he took part in several important battles, including the battle of Fort Blakely, in 1863, when he was wounded.

PUPILS OFFERED PRIZES

Industrial Work Idea Indorsed by Business Men.

SCIO, Or., March 18.—(Special).—The school children industrial work, originating with the Oregon Agricultural College, State Superintendent Alderman and others, in connection with the various county fairs, promises to be a lasting attraction in Lin County.

PERSONAL MENTION.

M. W. Smith, of Spokane, is at the Carlton. A. L. See, a lumberman of Seattle, is at the Imperial. Earl Parsons, a merchant of Eugene, is at the Oregon. C. C. Clark, a stockman of Arlington, is at the Imperial. Mr. and Mrs. George W. Warren, of

Warrenton, were registered yesterday at the Portland. J. L. LaPointe, a merchant of Roy, is registered at the Oregon. Judge A. S. Hammond, of Coquille, is registered at the Imperial. Mr. and Mrs. John Glendinning, of London, are at the Carlton. A. D. Dunn, a stockman, is at the Perkins from North Yakima. A. A. Jayne, a lawyer of Hood River, was at the Imperial yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Condon, of Kallispel, Mont., are at the Portland. W. D. Ferguson, of Albany, was registered at the Cornelius yesterday. G. W. Chandler, a prominent Eastern Oregon stockman, is at the Imperial. Thomas McCormick, a merchant of Madras, was at the Perkins yesterday. C. Harting, a merchant of Dilley, was registered at the Perkins yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Thompson, of Cascade Locks, are at the Multnomah. W. S. Chandler, a capitalist of Marshfield, is registered at the Imperial. R. N. Stanfield, a stockman of Stanfield, was registered yesterday at the Imperial. J. H. Chambers, a merchant of Cottage Grove, registered at the Oregon yesterday. Horace Lilly, a real estate dealer of McMinnville, registered at the Perkins yesterday. W. C. Belford, a lumberman of Aberdeen, registered yesterday at the Perkins. Thomas Olson, a merchant of Bay Center, was registered yesterday at the Perkins. Mrs. May Arkwright Hutton, a suffragist leader of Spokane, is at the Multnomah. Mr. and Mrs. John S. Schenk, of The Dalles, were registered yesterday at the Portland. H. A. Hamlin, a contractor of North Yakima, was registered at the Oregon yesterday. N. B. Anderson, a business man of San Francisco, was registered at the Carlton yesterday. Leslie Butler, banker of Hood River, is at the Perkins, en route home from a trip to Honolulu. A. C. Lyons, a lumberman, and W. S. Lyons, Mayor, both of Kelso, Wash., were at the Perkins yesterday. Ray A. Langley and John D. Maynard were among the Lewiston boosters registered at the Cornelius yesterday. F. N. Finch, president Camas Prairie Railroad; C. W. Mount, district freight and passenger agent O.-W. R. & N.; W. J. Jordan, general agent Northern Pacific; R. C. Beach and W. R. Struble, president and publicity agent of the Idaho - Washington Development League, among the prominent Lewiston visitors registered at the Multnomah yesterday.

CHICAGO, March 18.—(Special).—Portland people registered at Chicago hotels today as follows: At the Congress, E. L. Vandresar; at the Hotel Sherman, H. L. Marvin.

GUN CARRIERS UPHELD

TAZWELL FREES NON-UNION O.-W. R. & N. MACHINIST.

Judge Says Testimony Shows That Defendant Was Justified in Arming Himself

That men employed in the Albina shops, where a strike is in progress, are justified in carrying arms if their lives are in danger was the ruling, most, but not quite, made by Judge Tazwell in Municipal Court yesterday. O. W. R. & N. Co., was on trial for carrying concealed weapons. A jury of three men heard the evidence.

The testimony of the officer indicates that Blank was justified in bearing arms, said the court, in granting a motion to take the case away from the jury and dismiss it. "The court ruled that arms may be carried in such cases," asked one of the attorneys. "No," replied the court. "I am merely telling you that in this case the court has taken that attitude in the past and that the court should be guided, to some extent, by the fact."

The dismissal of the concealed weapon charges was granted because the city had failed to prove that Blank was not a peace officer, a necessary element of the offense.

Blank also was accused of assaulting P. A. Nordstrom, a picket. He admitted the assault, but said Nordstrom had accused him of committing perjury.

There have been a marked man ever since 1887," said the defendant, "because I have been during all that time a nonunion man. I believe my life is in danger from San Francisco to Seattle. Everywhere I go, they know it beforehand and are looking for me."

Blank said the strikers had singled him out for attack because he had been abused until he could stand it no longer. When Nordstrom made the charge against him that he had testified falsely in a former case, he became angry and struck. The jury brought in a verdict of guilty, coupled with a recommendation of mercy, and the court suspended sentence.

Patrolman Stanton, called by the prosecution, admitted on cross-examination that a man working within the stockade was in constant danger of assault. He said he had taken a hand in many assault cases where men were severely beaten. He thought that few, if any of the pickets, were implicated, "but they get it somehow." Blank said that on one occasion pickets followed him all the way from the shops to his home at Vancouver.

Early Hearing Asked. "Respecting this matter, however, I will say that I have prepared an application to the Supreme Court of the United States and Oregon to have an early hearing, and do not believe the company will resist the application."

"If we can secure an early hearing and decision in this case it will determine a number of points that are of vital interest to the city, namely, the question of whether or not this is a perpetual franchise, and if the court holds that it is not a perpetual franchise, but a license, and the Council has a right to revoke it, then, of course, it will become necessary for the company to apply for a new franchise under the present provisions of the city charter, and that will settle the whole matter."

"I would also suggest that this proposed ordinance be held in abeyance, to be taken up with the application for a franchise now pending before the committee, and that the whole matter be considered together."

Mr. Grant also filed yesterday an opinion saying the Council has power to declare common-users on all railroad lines within the corporate limits, under the police power.

DOORMAKERS ORGANIZE

Oregon and Washington Manufacturers Form Selling Agency.

CHEHALIS, Wash., March 18.—(Special).—Leading door manufacturers of Washington and Oregon have organized a selling agency for doors and factory products along the lines of the various lumber selling agencies. Eight of the 22 plants were represented at the meeting in Tacoma last week, including the Ideal Door Company, Hoquiam; Hoquiam Sash & Door Company, Hoquiam; Robinson Manufacturing Company, Everett; Tacoma Fir Door Company, Tacoma; Nicolai Door Company, Portland; North Bend Manufacturing Company, North Bend, Or.; Chehalis Fir Door Company, Chehalis; Columbia River Door Company, Rainier, Or.; Clatsop Mill Company, Astoria, Or.

STREET ATTACKED

City Attorney Holds Council May Repeal Franchise of Southern Pacific.

LINE DECLARED NUISANCE

Official in Opinion Says Existing Conditions Should Be Abated at Once as Thoroughfare Is Very Busy One.

City Attorney Grant yesterday filed with the City Auditor an opinion which, briefly put, says that the City Council has full power under the law to repeal the franchise of the Southern Pacific Company on Fourth street. The opinion is given in response to a request of the Council on Councilman Daly's proposed ordinance, recently introduced, ousting the company from operating on Fourth street. There is pending before the Council an application for a franchise for the company, which is granted, would enable the laying of double tracks on that street, for the purpose of electrification.

Ouster Case in Court. The company is operating now under provisions of a stay judgment by the Oregon Supreme Court under ordinance No. 599, passed by the Council many years ago, a case to oust it being now before the United States Supreme Court.

Concluding his opinion Mr. Grant says: "For the purpose of this case it is immaterial whether we call ordinance No. 599 a license or a contract, because, whatever it is, it contained stipulations to which the company agreed and the company has violated these stipulations, namely, it has refused and neglected to comply with the provisions and requirements of an ordinance passed in pursuance of said ordinance No. 599, and has commenced litigation against the city and still maintaining said litigation, and still refuses to obey the provisions of ordinance No. 16,491. This refusal is willful on the part of the company."

The Council once that at the time ordinance No. 599 was enacted by the then Council of the City of Portland, in January, 1889, Fourth street was an unimproved back street with scattering dwellings along it and no business houses of any kind. At that time railroad equipment was not as it is today; there were only two trains a day; the engines were small and light; the population of Portland at that time was about 7000; no streetcars crossed the street, and so how time has changed things.

Street Traffic Center Now. The street is now one of the main thoroughfares of the City of Portland, on it is located the Chamber of Commerce building, the Board of Trade building, the Lewis building, the new Courthouse, where five courts are in daily session, and when it is finally completed will be the largest building in the city.

The City Hall faces on this street, and the Council will not have to stretch its memory very far to remember how inconvenient it is to have these trains go by this building many times a day.

The street is crossed in a great many places by streetcar lines, the equipment of which is heavy, and the city has large water mains passing along under the surface of the street, which are constantly being injured by reason of the vibrations caused by these heavy trains, and it must have been apparent to the Council in 1889 that conditions would change, hence they made said ordinance a license, and should be abated. The company itself has contended in the courts that it must make a change, and there is now pending before your honorable body an application for a franchise on this very street, whereby the city is to change the motive power from steam to electricity. Said franchise has not been referred to me by the Council, hence I am not in a position at this time to pass upon it.

Officers chosen were C. D. Fratt, of the Robinson Manufacturing Company, of Everett, Wash., president; John Snyder, of the Tacoma Fir Door Company, vice-president; George J. Osgood, of the Chehalis Fir Door Company, Chehalis, general manager.

RAILROAD MASCOT IS DOG

Chehalis Depot Men Entertain Canine and Cat, Considered Lucky.

CHEHALIS, Wash., March 18.—(Special).—The employees of the Chehalis depot had as a guest the last week the railroad mascot, Jim, a mongrel dog, which left yesterday for a visit to Seattle. Jim had not been here for some time, and as a result he was royally entertained. This particular howlow does not boast of pedigreed blood, but he is a favorite with the railroad employees, being shipped from time to time to the various stations. He is 11 years old, and for some time has been the canine mascot. The feline mascot is now the guest of the local depot force. This cat is rated as a granddaughter of Dog Show office 221 Abington Bldg.

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Capital. Amount of capital deposited... 600,000.00

Income. Premiums received during the year... 2,921,338.38

Disbursements. Losses paid during the year... 1,224,024.05

Assets. Value of real estate owned... 3,035,421.96

Liabilities. Gross claims for losses unpaid... 728,952.46

Total assets admitted in Oregon... 5,847,418.96

Business in Oregon for the Year. Total risks written during the year... 4,913,093.00

Profits returned during the year... 12,961.27

Total amount of risks standing in Oregon December 31, 1911... 5,847,418.96

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