# SEMBRICH DENIES WALL STREET 'DIP'

## "No, I Did Not Lose Million by Speculating," Says Gracious Opera Queen.

## ASPIRANTS TORMENT DIVA

**Artiste of World Fame Beseeched by Would-Be Singers to Hear Their Voices—Americans Too Impatient, She Declares.**

BY JOSEPH M. QUENTIN.

Madame Marcella Sembrich, the opera queen and famous colorature soprano, was peevish. In fact, she nearly uttered brimstone language, but restrained herself just in time. Maybe she remembered the advice of the American humorist who once said that women don't enjoy swearing in English, as the language has its drawbacks in that line—for women.

Sembrich was settling herself in an easy chair at her hotel, yesterday afternoon, for a cozy chat. There were present her manager, Ralph Edmunds, and another.

"No," said madame sweetly, in those dulcet tones for the delivery of which she is paid so many thousands of dollars per, "no, I did not lose $1,000,000 speculating in Wall street two years ago, and I am not making another concert tour to make another million dollars to throw away in Wall street——"

"If you please, madame," said a maid, suddenly appearing in the doorway, "there's another of them."

**Expressive Expression Sought.**

"Another phone call asking that you will kindly hear another young lady sing and give your opinion of her singing," said the maid.

"Can't I get a moment's peace?" asked Sembrich appealingly to me. "There have been two other phone calls this afternoon, to the same effect. I am tired out with my journey, tomorrow I sing, and I never talk or see people on the day I sing. I am annoyed. Now, if I were a man——. Young man, what do you say when you are very angry?"

Ought I to tell her? I recalled the word beginning with a big, big d——, so well known in Gilbert & Sullivan's opera, "Pinafore," but I remembered the home folks in time and lied.

"When men get angry," I began, cautiously, "they say 'Great Scott' and 'sugar' and 'tea.' When very angry I have known men to say, 'O, pshaw'——"

**Truth Is Told Regardless.**

Sembrich looked at me with grave suspicion or doubt. "Never mind that word," said she, gravely. "What I mean is this: I am troubled often by too many young people who insist that I give them my opinion of their singing. It is often very embarrassing and I dislike to hurt their feelings. Sometimes these young folks have no voices at all—I mean singing voices."

"Some big singers have been known to praise all the vocal students who beseiged them, in orded that the sale of tickets at the concerts might not be injured," I hinted.

"I always tell the truth to those singers I must hear," flashed back Sembrich. "At Los Angeles I or my manager—I forget which—heard more than one dozen of these vocal aspirants——"

"I heard them," said Mr. Edmunds. "In another city one teacher insisted that I should hear her pupil sing," went on Sembrich, "I did so and told the young lady that she ought to study. She had a poor voice, don't you know? Imagine my surprise on opening up a newspaper the next morning to see the picture of the young lady in it, with the announcement that I, Sembrich, had predicted great things for her in Europe. Do not laugh——"

I turned the conversation to another and safer channel by asking Sembrich how long an American vocal student ought to study before appearing in public as an artiste.

**Americans Too Impatient.**

"Several years," said the prima donna. "But you Americans usually expect to do the whole business in three months. You people expect to study by electricity. You have no patience. You are too nervous."

Sembrich owned up that she owned two homes, one called Le Verger, on the shores of Lake Geneva, Switzerland, where her neighbors are the members of the Flonzaley quartet, Paderewski, Hoffman, Rudolph Ganz, Harold Bauer and others, and another home, a Winter one, at Nice, Italy.

It is to be hoped that during her visit to this city Sembrich's personal maid, who combines the duties of private secretary, will obtain rest from ambitious mothers and teachers who wish the real prima donna to hear would-be prima donnas sing.

"It was awful one night at Los Angeles," said Sembrich's maid to a lady friend who called at the hotel last night. "They bade me answer the phone to the vocal aspirants asking for appointments with madame. I answered six phone calls. Thinking that there weren't to be any more phone calls, I took a bath. My dear, there were three other phone calls! You know I was taking a bath——."

## ALBERT T. SMITH IS DEAD

**Pioneer Lumberman Succumbs to La Grippe in California.**

Albert T. Smith, aged 73, died in Santa Monica, Cal., Sunday after a few days' illness from grip. He was a pioneer lumber manufacturer having engaged in business with his brothers, Joseph, deceased, and W. K. Smith, 43 years ago. Mr. Smith was a native of Ohio and lived in several states before settling in Oregon. He was a sergeant in the Confederate army and a Sheriff in Texas. He retired from active business ten years ago and had disposed of his lumber interests to his brother, W. K. Smith, in 1893.

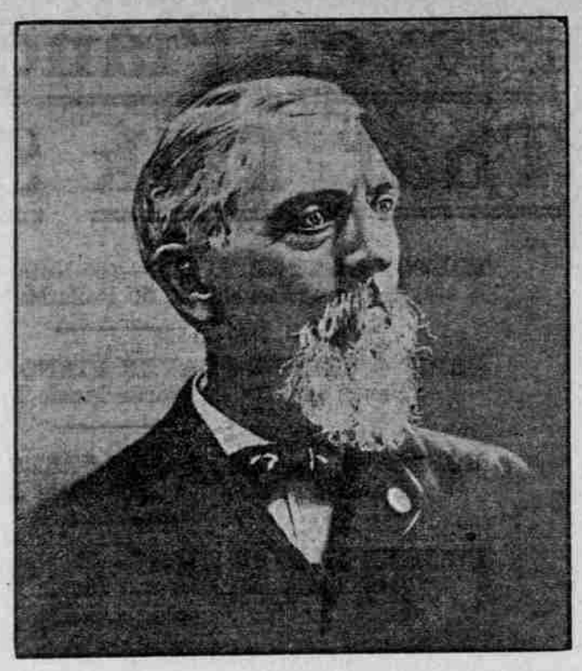
Two months ago he went south with his wife to spend the Winter. When his serious condition was learned his daughter Lucy and son, Lloyd hurried to his bedside, but arrived a day too late. His widow, three daughters, Mrs. Elliott R. Corbett, and the Misses Lucy and Lesley Smith, his son and brother, all of Portland, survive him. The funeral announcement will be made later.

Mr. Smith about 30 years ago acquired a large part of the Carter homestead, the present site of Portland Heights, and built his home at Twentieth street and Carter Lane. This was the first modern residence erected in the district.

**Butcher Shoots Himself.**

Anton Meyer, a butcher, killed himself with a rifle at his home on the Milwaukie road yesterday morning. The body was taken in charge by the Clackamas County Coroner.

VETERAN EMPLOYE OF O.-W. R. & N. COMPANY WHO HAS RETIRED ON ACCOUNT OF AGE LIMIT.



A. A. MORSE.

After nearly 35 years of continuous service A. A. Morse, special traffic agent for the O.-W. R. & N. Company, has retired from active duty on account of the age limit of 70 years, and hereafter will be subject to the benefits of the company's pension system.

Although Mr. Morse, chronologically, has reached the retiring age, his capabilities for work, his appearance and his alert and active manner brand him as a man about 20 years younger. For the last decade he has rendered valuable service to the company in his agricultural research work and in his assistance on traffic affairs. He will be continued the privileges of his office and desk in the Wells-Fargo building and so long as he desires he will occupy his accustomed place in the pursuit of whatever private occupation he undertakes.

# ROSARIANS TO HELP

## Fund of $100,000 to Be Raised for 1913 Festival.

## SOCIAL FEATURES PLANNED

**Following Recent Tour to South Reports Come That Californians Will Send Hundreds of Delegates by Special Trains.**

Royal Rosarians of Portland will assist in the campaign to raise $100,000 to make the 1913 Rose Festival the greatest and most brilliant in the history of the city. The decision to begin this work immediately was made at the meeting of the organization called by Crown Prince W. C. Bristol at the Portland Commercial Club yesterday.

Messages received from cities of Southern California indicate that the recent trip of the Rosarians has aroused unprecedented interest in the Rose Festival, and pledges from many cities were read at the meeting yesterday, announcing that they will send official delegations to attend the Festival. The Order of Panama will come from San Diego with 150 by special train, and C. C. Craig received a letter from Oakland announcing that business men of that city had pledged themselves to arrange for a special train and a party of at least 100 to visit Portland during the festival. Sacramento and Los Angeles will also send representatives.

**Floats Are Promised.**

Following the visit of the Royal Rosarians to Pasadena's Tournament of Roses, an organization was formed there along similar lines with the name "The Order of the Rose." Under the auspices of this organization a representation of 125 will come to Portland, headed by the King and Queen of the Tournament of Roses, and will enter floats in the parades of the Rose Festival.

Not only will the Royal Rosarians assist the Rose Festival Association in securing funds for the coming Festival, but they will also act as hosts for the visiting delegations not only from California, but from northern cities, for Seattle, Vancouver and Tacoma are also to send large delegations. The social events that will attend the visits of representatives from neighboring cities are expected to add considerable brilliancy to the entertainment of the Festival week that has not been featured in the big Festival in past years so strongly as the public pageants and other general events of a public nature.

**New Board Elected.**

It is the plan to have an escort of Rosarians meet all formal delegations of visitors from other cities and arrangements will be made for their special entertainment at the coronation ceremonies, the opening of the annual Rose Show and other important events of the Festival.

Eleven directors were elected at the meeting yesterday. The board will meet within a few days to outline a plan for co-operation with the Festival association in preparing for the Festival. Members of the new board are: Hy Ellers, George Hutchin, W. J. Hofmann, J. Fred Larson, F. C. Riggs, C. C. Craig, W. E. Coman, C. C. Chapman, G. M. Hyland, S. D. Vincent and W. C. Bristol.

Speakers at the meeting were: Crown Prince W. C. Bristol, R. G. Morrow, C. C. Chapman, Hy Ellers, A. A. Schell, H. Beckwith, Frank McCrillis and George L. Hutchin.

## JUDGE TAZWELL LENIENT

**Speeders Escape With Light Sentence, Despite Threats.**

Given his first opportunity to make good his threat to enforce rigidly the terms of the new and generous speed regulations, Municipal Judge Tazwell averaged a little below the penalties which were in force previously, when he tried half a dozen speeders yesterday morning. One aggravated case drew a fine of $35, while the other offenders, though all found guilty, ranged from $20 down to nothing. Before the passage of the new ordinance the court had established a flat minimum fine of $25.

Recently, when Chief Slover announced that he intended to hold automobile drivers rigidly to the increased limits which they had induced the City Council to enact, Judge Tazwell announced that speeders would receive no leniency in his court if they transgressed the generous limit allowed them.

Since that time, principally on account of the inclement weather, there have been few arrests for speeding. Sunday was a good day, and the police took their first steps toward enforcing the ordinance in any notable degree.

C. R. Lindner, a lumberman, traveling at the rate of 35 miles an hour, was fined $35 yesterday. O. W. Roberts paid $20, W. L. Graham $20, while E. P. Jones received a suspended sentence, and the case of H. O. Wetherall, a boy on a motorcycle, was continued indefinitely. W. H. Abel, whose machine skidded and was partially wrecked at Union avenue and Russell street, and who, Patrolman Weber said, was "traveling like a streak," received a suspended sentence because of the damage to his car.

## SENATE BILL 197 WATCHED

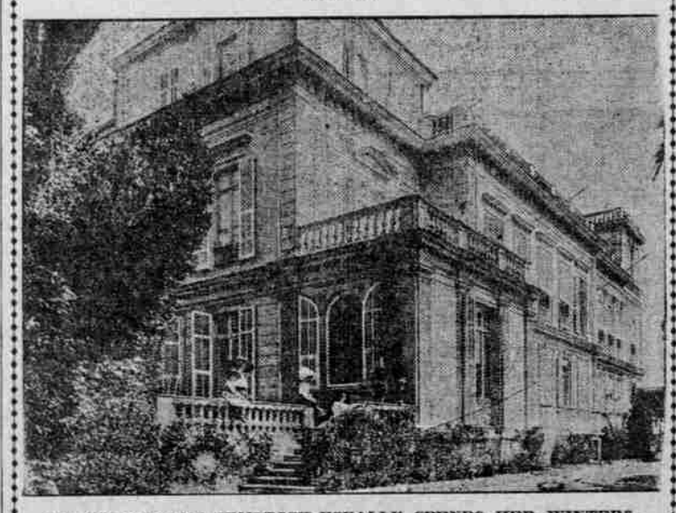
**In Case of Change Several Seek County Commissionership.**

Much interest is being focused at the Courthouse on Senate bill 197 which is expected to be up for a vote at Salem this week and which names a new County Commissioner. The proposed law would relieve Judge Cleeton from service on the County Board and elevate him to the circuit bench and it would be left to the Multnomah delegation to select the third commissioner.

J. K. Flynn, a contractor and builder, is said to have the inside track with five of the Senators from Multnomah interested in his behalf, although other aspirants are active for the proposed appointment, the list including Harvey Moreland and John E. Baker. The appointment would give the successful aspirant a tenure of office until the next county election, two years hence.



ARTISTIC HOME OF GREAT COLORATURA SOPRANO AT NICE, ITALY.



WHERE MADAME SEMBRICH USUALLY SPENDS HER WINTERS.

# PASTORS REACH OUT

## Federation for Public Work Is Formed, Cabinet Named.

## BETTER LAWS IS ONE AIM

**Delegation Goes to Salem Today in Interest of Moral Uplift Legislation—Big City Church Preachers Hear of Weaknesses.**

The Portland Ministers' Association, which met in the Young Men's Christian Association auditorium yesterday morning, formed a Ministers' Federation, which has a cabinet of 16 members. The body will meet on Thursday afternoons preceding the first Mondays in the month. The following were appointed in the cabinet:

Municipal affairs, Rev. Delmar H. Trimble; comity and sympathy, Rev. W. F. Reagor; courts and jails, Rev. Luther Dyott; education, C. B. Eliot; immigration, W. G. McLaren; divorce, Rev. W. J. McDougall; Sunday observance, Rev. E. Nelson Allen; press, Rev. F. A. Agar; amusements, Rev. W. A. Spaulding; labor, Rev. Levi Johnson; legislation, H. L. Sheldon; missions, Rev. H. N. Mount; parks and playgrounds, Rev. J. R. Knodell; benevolences, Rev. J. Krat; public health and morals, Rev. S. R. Hawkins; membership, Rev. D. M. McPhail.

A report of the committee composed of the Revs. Dyott, Trimble and Reagor, who went to Salem to confer with legislators on the amendment of the home rule bill and other bills affecting community morals, showed that unless the ministers sent an indorsed delegation to Salem they would lose much of their prestige and influence. The committee will go to Salem again today, their expenses being paid by the federation.

**Small City Church Lauded.**

Rev. D. M. McPhail, pastor of the Arleta Baptist Church, presented an address on "The Problem of the Small City Church," in which, at one part, he told the pastors of the large churches that they might stuff cotton in their ears if they didn't wish to listen.

He said: "The large churches owe their large crowds to their organs and singers. Men of ability and influence go to prominent churches to meet others of the same sort. Stylish women go where they will find stylish women. The preacher in a small church has a chance to come in touch with the members of his congregation and to know their children.

"A pastor of a small church meets the poor and oppressed and uneducated classes who are afraid to go into the large churches. People in the large churches should live so that they would bear acquaintance.

**Efficiency Is Compared.**

"The bad men in a community hate to face the good men in a community who have a reputation for integrity and honesty. The small city churches do greater work than the great tabernacles, and, though taking a smaller place in the press, require a larger page in the book of God's records. A man who has a battery of 75 cannon and uses them all is better than an average man who has a battery of 1000 cannon and uses only 200 of them."

A letter from the Congress of Mothers asking the co-operation of the Federation in their campaign to raise funds for the Child's Welfare Association, commencing February 17 and lasting through the week, was read and received the indorsement asked.

## PASTOR IS ON GRAND JURY

**Rev. George C. Carl Will Be Foreman at February Session.**

Rev. George C. Carl, pastor of the Church of the Brethren (Dunkards) refused to avail himself of his right of exemption when called in Circuit Court for jury duty yesterday. He was drawn on the grand jury and appointed foreman of the February inquisitorial body, the most important duty of which will be investigation of the affairs of the American Bank & Trust Company, which suspended in December, 1911.

Others composing the jury are: J. T. Adams, teamster, 196 East Seventy-sixth street North; J. M. Manning, contractor, 597 Gantenbein avenue; John Schnell, saddlemaker, 395 Morris street; W. J. Ward, teamster, 183 Montgomery street; R. Mannagh, grocer, 153 East Seventieth street; J. J. Waltz, laborer, 351 East Thirty-seventh street. Mr. Carl lives at 1125 Albina avenue.

District Attorney Evans said that the jurors will be called upon to commence their duties within a few days.

## POLICE FACE ACCUSATION

**Charge Is Japanese Restaurants Pay Tribute for Immunity.**

That 11 Japanese restaurants are paying tribute to the police department for immunity from arrest for violating the city liquor ordinances, is charged in a letter received yesterday by Auditor Barbur and which he will refer to the liquor license committee of the City Council. The letter is signed by O. N. Kuyaboyi and M. G. Fujii, and gives the names of the establishments alleged to be under protection. The letter claims that dissolute women are employed in some of the restaurants, that many of them have curtained booths where drinks are sold to men and women, and that in all of them large quantities of liquor, both Japanese and American, are sold without the possession of a license.

## GIRL SHOT BY BROTHER

**Victim, Aberdeen Girl, at Play With Rifle With Lad.**

ABERDEEN, Wash., Feb. 3.—(Special.)—Shot in the lower part of the back with a 22-caliber rifle, the bullet passing through a kidney and yet unlocated on account of the condition of the patient, Bertha Wilson, a 14-year-old girl, lies at the Hoquiam General Hospital with small hopes of recovery, though she was reported as somewhat improved today.

The victim of the accident lives with her parents at Westport and was shot by her 9-year-old brother accidentally on Saturday while he was handling carelessly a 22-caliber rifle. The children were at play at the time. The girl was brought to Hoquiam on a tug.

## CITY HALL SPACE DIVIDED

**With Evacuation by County General Scramble for Room Results.**

There will be a general shuffling of quarters at the City Hall during the next few days, as a result of a special meeting held yesterday by the parks and public library committee of the City Council. The moving of some of the county officials to the new county Courthouse provided additional room, all of which was at once demanded by the various departments of the city government. Mayor Rushlight was the only one who said he could get along with less space than he is using at present, and his offer to take the suite now occupied by the Civil Service Commission was accepted.

Under the new arrangement all of the fourth floor, with the exception of the space now occupied by the Port of Portland, the park department and the City Chemist, is given to the City Engineer. The chemist is given additional room, made necessary by the increasing work of the office. The Civil Service Commission is given the rooms just vacated by the County Treasurer. The water department gets additional room on the ground floor, vacated by the City Engineer. The City Auditor, on the second floor, gets additional room. The health and plumbing department remains where it is on the third floor, and so does the building department, with the addition of a large office now occupied by George McCord, secretary to the Mayor.

The changes made did not fully satisfy the demand for space. The building department wanted to be on the same floor as the treasury department, but failing in this a request was made that a cash carrier be installed between the two departments.

The Late Mrs. Clara L. Hurlburt.

## MRS. HURLBURT IS DEAD

**CITY ENGINEER'S WIFE EXPIRES UNDERGOING OPERATION.**

**End Comes After Six Months' Illness to Native of Portland, Active Eastern Star Member.**

Funeral services of Mrs. Clara L. Hurlburt, wife of Thomas M. Hurlburt, City Engineer, who died Saturday at her home, 180 East Fourteenth street, will be conducted at 1:30 P. M. today at the residence. Interment will be in Columbia Masonic Cemetery, under the auspices of Martha Washington Chapter of the Eastern Star.

Mrs. Hurlburt had been in failing health for the past six months, and her condition became serious for the past few weeks, when an operation was decided on as the only possible relief, but in her feeble condition she could not stand the shock and died before it was completed.

She was born in the outskirts of Portland 49 years ago, her parents being Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Files, both pioneers of Oregon, and was educated in Portland. Mrs. Hurlburt was actively associated with Martha Washington Chapter of the Eastern Star, and held the post of grand marshal of the Grand Chapter of Oregon. She is survived by her husband and three sons, Raymond, Ralph and Rodney.

## HERMANN LOSES DECISION

**For Third Time Claimant of Coos County Property Is Ruled Out.**

Christian Hermann, with a decision against him yesterday, has lost three cases in the United States District Court within as many months, all being brought to recover timber lands in Coos and Curry counties that he claimed through his widow. The widow and her former husband came to Oregon over 30 years ago and settled in Coos County. As they accumulated money they invested it in timber lands which at that time were worth little.

In 1890 the husband died and as she had a longing to go back to Germany she sold part of her holdings, leaving the remainder of her property in charge of John F. Hall.

Upon reaching Germany she met and married Christian Hermann. From time to time she sold off her timber holdings and one piece, from which she demanded $4000, Mr. Hall formed a company to purchase for $4400.

After her death the husband learned that the property had greatly advanced in value and filed suits for its recovery. The first two were lost before a jury and the third, in equity, charging Mr. Hall with fraud in the sale of a part of the land.

## BUILDING CODE TO CHANGE

**Mayor's Appointment of Revision Committees Announced.**

Complete committee appointments made by Mayor Rushlight for the new building code revision committee were announced yesterday by Secretary McCord. There are 11 members, five of whom are to constitute a working subcommittee, and six an advisory committee. The committee was chosen with the idea of having all who are interested in the revision of the building codes represented. The following are the men chosen, with the organizations or interests they represent: Ion Lewis, Board of Appeal; H. A. Whitney, American Institute of Architects; F. A. Naramore, Oregon Society of Engineers; A. J. Bingham, Builders' Exchange; H. E. Plummer, City Building Department; J. Fred Larson, Realty Board; James McCune, Board of Underwriters; B. W. Sleeman, Building Trades Council; Rev. E. V. O'Hara, Consumers' League; H. D. Boardman, Fire Marshal; George Dowell, Fire Department.

The first five named constitute the working sub-committee, and the remaining six the advisory sub-committee. The working committee will go over the codes, and do the actual work of revision, submitting their work for the approval of the advisory committee.

**Fees Sent In Each Month.**

County Clerk Coffey has determined to remit monthly to State Treasurer Kay receipts from the sale of hunting and fishing licenses. The law states that remittances must be made at least quarterly, and this was the system in vogue under Frank S. Fields, Mr. Coffey's predecessor. Mr. Coffey is profiting by Mr. Field's experience. When the American Bank & Trust Company closed Mr. Fields had about $2000 of state money in it and he is out all but 45 per cent of this amount, his attorney having advised him that there was no chance of the courts holding that he was not personally responsible for the money. The bank paid a dividend of 45 per cent.

## SHERIFF IS ALLOWED HELP

**Speed Guardian Put on Flat Salary When Auto Club Complains.**

An order was made by the County Court yesterday allowing Sheriff Word two extra deputies at a salary of $100 a month each for 80 days. Mr. Word is reticent as to just what employment will be given the additional men, but it is pretty well understood that they will be used in moral cleanup work.

The salary of Harry Bulger, who assists Judge Cleeton in the enforcement of the non-support law, was increased from $100 to $115 a month. An increase of $10 a month, from $40 to $50, was given Mrs. D. D. Jackson, matron of the poor farm and wife of the superintendent of the farm.

Leo H. Truesdale was employed as motorcycle policeman to catch speeders on the county roads at a salary of $75 a month. Truesdale has been with the county in this capacity for more than a year, but a few months ago the County Court stopped his salary, but kept him on with the agreement that he would receive half the fines he succeeded in having imposed on speeders. A protest from the Portland Automobile Club led to the switch back to the old arrangement.