

OFFICERS MAY LAUNCH ROYAL RING GANG

Raid on Charlie Looey's Home in Seattle Reveals Valuable Correspondence.

WORKINGS FAR SPREADING

Customs Officers Say There Will Be No More Arrests in Seattle and That Septuagenarian and Stenographer Only Carriers.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 7.—Customs officers today found in the home of Charlie Looey, a Seattle Chinese merchant, under arrest in Portland charged with opium smuggling, correspondence which they think will enable them to arrest members of a widespread opium ring in San Francisco, Portland and Vancouver, B. C.

With Looey when he was arrested in Portland last Wednesday were J. A. Ralston, a septuagenarian who had lately visited Looey frequently and also traveled much between Seattle and Portland, and a 30-year-old married woman of Seattle, who gave the false name of Marian Bergman. Ralston gave his name in Portland as "Rogers," but said it was a false appellation.

Customs officers say that there will be no more arrests in Seattle, and that Ralston and Mrs. "Bergman" were only carriers of opium between Seattle and Portland. They are only valuable as witnesses against Looey, who is said to be the Seattle manager of the syndicate.

The strength of the syndicate, which is believed to have landed most of the great quantity of opium imported into the United States, lay in its fine organization, with a main office in Hongkong and each branch in charge of a single man. Thus in Seattle, detectives say, only Looey was in direct touch with the business and he dealt only with "Rogers" in the north and Portland and the south. Looey had been watched in vain for two years.

The many petty smugglers, caught on trains and boats, were from Vancouver to Seattle by their opium from Chinese merchants in Vancouver and sold it to other Chinese in Seattle and Portland. They operate in a timid way and are soon arrested by Chinese themselves often betraying the smugglers to the customs officials.

Traffic Probably Large. The customs officers refuse to give information of the extent of the traffic in opium, but the amount of opium seized from the seizure of \$7500 worth of it in one of Ralston's regular trips. Ralston formerly lived in Butte.

When Charlie Looey, Rogers and Mrs. "Bergman" set out for Portland Wednesday night, Customs Inspector Roy Sicho, who had been shadowing them, was unprepared for their departure. He took a streetcar to the station, Sicho had no money but a \$10 gold piece, which the conductor could not change. The conductor retained the coin and Sicho, who was obliged to rush away, was penniless when he reached the train. The conductor passed him free to Portland.

Looey, the customs officers believe, is the head of the syndicate's branch in Seattle and the only one here who is in close touch with the main office. The letters found in his office are said to be extremely valuable in showing the ramifications of the ring.

It is not probable that Samuel Hausman, arrested in Honolulu with \$6000 worth of opium, was working for the same syndicate as Looey, yet never communicating with him, as each had his separate file. Hausman made frequent trips to Honolulu.

Rogers Probably Hausman. It is suspected that Rogers alias Ralston, is none other than Samuel Hausman, who was arrested in Honolulu last month. Hausman, it is asserted, was released on bail and returned to Seattle and then went to Portland. The customs officers are endeavoring to confirm the statement that "Rogers" is Hausman, but it is considered significant that the man arrested in Honolulu and the one here are both septuagenarians and that each maintained an office as a "blind" in the same building in Seattle.

The millinery store suspected of being used by the gang as a storehouse for opium was visited today and absolved of any connection with the opium conspiracy. The place was inspected because Rogers had visited there frequently, but it was found that Rogers called only because of friendly interest in a girl employed in the establishment.

The capture of Rogers has resulted in orders being issued to take extra precautions in examining trans-Pacific liners on their way to the Pacific coast ports. It is asserted that large quantities of opium have been smuggled into the United States and Canada in false coal bunkers. The Canadian officials have been requested to co-operate in stopping this source of supply. It is said the ring is active not only in Pacific coast ports but in New York, Chicago and other Eastern cities.

"CHARLIE LOOEY" RELEASED

Chinaman Let Out on Bonds of \$25,000 After Hearing.

"Charlie Looey," third member of the party which was arrested Wednesday night, when \$7500 worth of opium was seized at the Union Depot, was yesterday released on bonds of \$2500, after a hearing before United States Commissioner Cannon. The bond was filed by three Chinese merchants of Portland, J. A. Ralston, the 70-year-old race-horse man, who was arrested under the name of J. W. Rogers, and whose name previous to yesterday was kept secret by the officers working the case, is still in the County Jail and no effort has been made to get bail for him.

The position of the Chinaman in the transportation of the drug is defined by the officers as being that of an agent, rather than of an official of the opium ring which handled the smuggling. He is said by them to have been the agent who received the drug at the Seattle end of the chain, handed it to Ralston and oversaw the transportation to Portland. Because the name of the drug was an object of theft in case Ralston should wish to make himself rich at the expense of the ring, "Looey" was a sort of traveling guard to see that the opium was taken to Portland. When it arrived "Looey" is said to have received it from Ralston and secured its introduction into Chinese town. The Chinese is said by the officers to be a prominent merchant in the Puget Sound city and to be wealthy.

Hay Barn Is Burned.

BUENA VISTA, Or., March 7.—(Special.)—Fire, incendiary in origin, totally destroyed the hay barn with 175 tons of hay belonging to G. A.

Wells, north of this city, yesterday. The loss is \$2000. There is no insurance.

MADRAS MAN IS STRICKEN

John B. Reichen, Willamette University Graduate, Dies.

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, Seattle, Wash., March 7.—(Special.)—John B. Reichen, graduate student at the University of Washington, whose home is at Madras, Or., died today at the West Seattle sanitarium of typhoid fever. Mr. Reichen had been ill only a few days. He was a graduate of the Willamette University in 1908 and the University of Washington in 1911. He is survived by a mother at Madras, Or., and a brother, C. A. Reichen, of Portland.

The death of Reichen is one of two today. Leonard F. Sauer, of Leavenworth, Wash., dying after a brief illness of spinal meningitis.

CO-OPERATIVE FIRM BEGINS

Mercantile Association Files Incorporation Papers at Albany.

ASTORIA, Or., March 7.—(Special.)—Articles of incorporation of the Oregon Co-operative Mercantile Association, have been filed. The incorporators are:

OREGON'S NEW SUPREME COURT JURISTS RECIPIENTS OF CONGRATULATIONS NOW.

SALEM, Or., March 7.—(Special.)—Congratulations from all sections of the state are flowing in on Judge William M. Ramsey, of McMinnville, and Charles L. McNary, of this city, appointed yesterday to the Supreme Court Bench of Oregon by Governor West.

The company is authorized to engage in the general merchandising business on purely a co-operative basis, but smooth sailing is the motto used to one person. The association is also authorized to operate flouring mills, creameries and other industries.

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President Wilson's Donkey Is More Than Lively

Bucking of Beast With "Official" on Back Cuts "Inauguration" Short in Oregon City Clubrooms.

OREGON CITY, Or., March 7.—(Special.)—If the action of the donkey used in connection with the "Inauguration Exercises" at the smoker of the Commercial Club here Tuesday night is prophetic, President Wilson and his Democratic aides will have a very busy time during the next four years.

The "Inauguration" feature was scheduled as the climax of the programme and the donkey was hitched in the rear of the building. Hardly had the festivities started before the animal broke its halter and made its escape. Several men went in hot pursuit and finally captured the runaway and it was decided that owing to the unruly nature of the beast it would be best to have the "inaugural" at once. The animal was forced into the vestibule of the building, but refused to enter the elevator.

Finally, James Petty, a local capitalist, who has had much experience in handling animals, came to the rescue and getting a firm hold on the donkey pushed it into the car. The donkey kicked at "Dad" Curtis, who had charge of the elevator, several times on the way up, and, arriving at the fourth floor, as soon as the door was opened, it made a bolt for the parlor. Mr. Petty and others again captured the animal before it had done much damage.

J. P. Lovett, who impersonated Mr. Wilson, climbed upon the beast's back, and, as the animal was being led to the hold of the halter, leading it into the room, where more than 300 men were assembled. E. T. McBain, president of the club, introduced "President" Wilson and "Mr. Taft," the donkey during the entire performance rearing and plunging. Because of the wildness of the mount, the act was cut short, but it caused more merriment than anything else connected with the entertainment.

WITH APPLE CIDER WASHINGTON SOLONS "DRINK TO NEW BRIDGE"

OLYMPIA, Wash., March 7.—(Special.)—The Washington Legislature drank rich apple cider today on the strength of passage of the Vancouver-Portland bridge appropriation bill.

When a legislator successfully guides an important bill through both houses here he is obliged, according to custom, to "set up" the two houses in celebration. Senator French, who championed the bridge bill, ushered in a big keg of cider in the morning and the Legislature drank to the health of the proposed new bridge.

SALARY QUESTION PUZZLE

Ashland Recorder Objects to Having Compensation Reduced.

ASHLAND, Or., March 7.—(Special.)—The City Council is wrestling with the Recorder's salary question, having cut down the compensation of the present incumbent of the office to \$100 a month, instead of \$125, which the former official received. Recorder Gillette, elected last December, resents the present cut and has threatened to sue for the amount of the act, which cannot be cut down during his term of office, and demands the full pay, with the Council disposed to ignore his request.

The city charter does not provide for payment of officials. The former salary of \$125 a month was made during the era when an extra number of municipal improvements were under way.

Monmouth School Gets Seeds. MONMOUTH, Or., March 7.—(Special.)—The Monmouth High School today received a mail sack full of garden seeds from Representative Hawley.

The seeds were intended for a county game commission comprising three sportsmen to serve without pay. They shall appoint a county game warden who shall work with the state warden. The county warden will be paid from the game fund of each county, provided

GRASSY BILL HIS UNFAIR PRACTICE

Washington Senate Passes Measure Aimed to Rescue Small Competitor.

PURCHASER MAY RECOVER

If Law Goes on Books Proceedings in Equity Will Aid Public—Nichols Makes Attack on Big Manufacturing Interests.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 7.—(Special.)—A drastic "unfair competition bill," aimed to bring to an end the

practice of the big business interests cutting rates or prices in certain districts or communities for the purpose of driving out smaller competitors was passed by the Senate of the Washington Legislature today. The measure, fathered by Senator Nichols, of King County, was passed by those who opposed it "as they were not in the majority before the Legislature at this time, and by those who favored it "as the most important measure of the session."

It provides that no company, either within or without the State of Washington shall sell any commodity with the same time have anything but smooth sailing is the motto used to one person. The association is also authorized to operate flouring mills, creameries and other industries.

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NEW SCHOOL DEDICATED

COST OF VANCOUVER STRUCTURE IS \$100,000.

Old Building Used by Grammar Grades and Filled Already as Space Is at Premium.

VANCOUVER, Wash., March 7.—(Special.)—The new Vancouver High School building, just completed at a cost of \$100,000, on five-acre tract in the city, was formally dedicated tonight, fully 1000 people being in attendance to hear the programme and inspect the structure.

The Vancouver High School chorus sang a selection and Rev. J. M. Cane, of the First Methodist Church, offered prayer. W. J. Kinney, of the School Board, presided. James Stevens, architect of the building, delivered an address, "The Architect of the School."

Mr. F. Whelan, representing the Woman's Club, presented a number of pictures.

Donald McMaster, a member of the School Board, and Henry Cross, president of the Vancouver Commercial Club, made addresses. Several musical selections were rendered by Carl Zilly and the Vancouver High School band. There are about 325 high school students.

The building is located at Twenty-fourth and Main streets. There is a large basement which is used for the storage of books, and a balcony, department, sewing-room and storerooms. The auditorium will accommodate about 700. This occupies the second floor, above the balcony, and will seat 300. It has a small stage.

The old building is being used by the grammar grades and there are enough pupils to fill it. The school building having been crowded so that auxiliary buildings had been erected on the school grounds.

VANCOUVER GIRLS TO HIKE

Club Formed to Take Country Walks and Membership Grows.

VANCOUVER, Wash., March 7.—(Special.)—Girls of the city have organized a Girls' Pedestrian Club for country walks. Today a trip was made to Burnt Bridge Creek and return.

When the destination was reached, roll call was answered by a verse from the Bible and pictures were taken. Seven new members were added to the rolls. The club members now are Misses Helen Leathers, Tillie Beatty, Ruth Claassen, Marie Crosby, Esther Peterson, Edna Stacey, Dorothy Poole, Mildred Sheppard, Beryl Rossiter, Harriet Guerin, Joan Harvey, Mary McCall, Mildred McCarty, Mildred McCafferty, Helen Kien, Klen, Martha Schooner, Bessie Walsh, Grace Vance, Helen Wineberg, Anna Foley, Agatha Foley, Dorothy Wyatt and Nellie Johnson.

HENRY SAYS "NOT GUILTY"

Trial of Indicted Man Set for Wednesday at Albany.

ALBANY, Or., March 7.—(Special.)—Ralph Henry, who was indicted by the Linn County grand jury yesterday on a charge of murder in the first degree for the shooting of George Dodd on the Willamette River opposite Corvallis on October 21, pleaded not guilty before Judge Kelly in the State Circuit Court here today.



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vision being made for state and county hunting and fishing licenses.

The county license for hunting and fishing is fixed at \$1 a year and the state license is fixed at \$2. The license for non-residents is made \$10 for hunting and fishing and \$2 for fishing.

The House passed a bill appropriating \$20,000 for defraying the cost of surveys in connection with a possible transfer of state lands now included in National forest or forest reserves for lands belonging to the Federal Government within the state, but outside of the reserves. There are 750,000 acres of state land within the forests of the symposium, under tract No. 24,000.

The Legislature made haste today to pass the \$2,000,000 road appropriation budget so that Governor Lister, if he vetoes part of it, will be obliged to return it to the House before adjournment next Thursday. The Governor may kill any bill passed after today by simply withholding the veto message until after the Legislature adjourns.

House Refuses to Call for Resignation of Superintendent Humphries, After Probers Exonerate Him in Report.

BOISE, Idaho, March 7.—(Special.)—The Ryan public utilities commission bill, a measure that caused bitter criticism of Superintendent Humphries of Custer County, passed the Senate today under suspension of the rules. It will be given its final hearing in the House of Representatives tomorrow and will go to the Governor for his signature. The bill as amended by the Senate still retains many of its most important features giving a commission full power to exercise its authority. The Attorney-General has ruled that the boilers are part of the machinery and as such are under the jurisdiction of Commissioner Hoff.

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WOMEN SIT IN MURDER CASE

Pierce County Fair Folk to Settle Fate of Fred Breham.

TACOMA, March 7.—(Special.)—The first murder trial in Pierce County, in which women are sitting on a jury, which will carry life or death, is now under way in the Superior Court.

Frederick Breham is being tried for the murder of Frederick Horst in a feud a few months ago in which some ten men were involved. There are four women on the jury, each one of whom, when questioned by the attorneys in selecting a jury, announced she had no scruples against the death penalty.

The women are Emma McNeill, Estella Elkins, Lena Larson and Minnie Smith. Several women were rejected during the task of picking a jury as they declared against capital punishment.

BOILERS TO BE INSPECTED

Ruling of Attorney-General Gives Labor Commissioner Power.

SALEM, Or., March 7.—(Special.)—With the failure of the Legislature to pass the bill providing for a state boiler inspector, Labor Commissioner Hoff has set about devising a substitute which will give adequate protection to workers around steam engines in Western Columbia City. It was decided that the maintenance of the partially completed Columbia southern irrigation project should be turned over to the association of the settlers already formed.

ALBANY FOLK ARE JOYFUL

Big Timber Deal May Mean Growth of Linn County Seat.

ALBANY, Or., March 7.—(Special.)—News of the purchase of the Linn County timber holdings of the Oregon & Western Lumber Company, by Porter Bros., was received here joyfully. The immediate construction of a railroad from this city up the South Santiam Valley, which will result from this purchase, and the converting of this large amount of valuable timber into lumber means a great deal to this city and also for Lebanon, situated at the outlet of the Santiam Valley.

RESCUE STIRS ALICE LLOYD

"Rose Maid" Players Congratulate Walla Walla Firemen.

New Telephone Directory FOR PORTLAND WILL CLOSE MARCH 15th ANY changes or additions to listings or advertising matter for this issue must be arranged for on or before this date

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