

### 2 MERCHANTS ARE ACCQUITTED BY JURY

#### W. W. Robinson and E. K. Oppenheimer Exonerated on Charges of Conspiracy.

### VERDICT REACHED QUICKLY

#### Defunct Firm Members Had Been Accused of Concealing \$19,000 From Creditors—Mr. Robinson Says He Will Open Business.

W. W. Robinson and E. K. Oppenheimer, of the defunct firm of Robinson & Co., men's furnishes and hatters of this city, yesterday were acquitted on a charge of conspiring to conceal assets before going into bankruptcy. The jury was out about half an hour. The case was on trial in the Federal Court three days.

The Government had charged Messrs. Robinson and Oppenheimer with concealing between \$18,000 and \$19,000 from the creditors of the firm. Mr. Robinson testified that he had paid more than \$8000 in settling with his creditors and \$1000 had gone to his attorneys, Messrs. Fulton and Bowerman. He admitted this money had come out of the daily cash withdrawals, which he was charged with concealing from the creditors.

The only witnesses examined yesterday were L. M. Golden, a San Francisco attorney, and George C. Guggenheim, credit man for Stern, Bloch & Co., in rebuttal for the Government. The remainder of the day was taken up in arguments to the jury.

"I have been acquitted after a tedious trial, during which all of my transactions and those of my firm were disclosed, and naturally I am happy at the result," said Mr. Robinson last night. "The trial has been a severe strain on me and for the present I will rest a little and propose to go to business here in Portland again. In a small way I expect to start again, in a small way at first, and increase my business as demands grow."

"Starting in business again after my experience is hard, but the verdict yesterday exonerates me of any wrongdoing and in especially gratifying to me because it re-establishes me in the eyes of Portland citizens who have known me and for the moment may have thought the charges were unjust. I believe now, however, that in a few years I can establish another business and the unfortunate circumstances of the last year will be forgotten."

### COTTAGE GROVE CASE UP

#### Lighting Company Says It Is Doing Its Best With Poor Equipment.

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., May 27.—(Special.)—Declaration that it was doing the best it could with inadequate equipment to give the people of Cottage Grove a perfect electric light service was made by the Cottage Grove Electric Company yesterday in the case of the City of Cottage Grove against the lighting company.

Alderman Walker, a member of the light committee of the Council, testified that he had heard many complaints from residents of the city to the effect that they considered the lighting service imperfect and the rates for service too high and unfair.

W. T. Neff, connected in an official capacity with the commission, testified that the current was exceedingly uneven.

### ASSISTANT, TOO, RESIGNS

#### Leroy St. John Quits Church and Eugene Bible University.

EUGENE, Or., May 27.—(Special.)—Directly following the resignation of Rev. J. S. McCallum as pastor of the First Christian Church, which took his congregation by entire surprise Sunday, came the resignation today of Leroy St. John, assistant pastor, and head of the music department of the Eugene Bible University.

His resignation from both positions came today as a surprise to both congregation and board. He gives no reason for his resignation other than that it is for the good of the church, and that he told his friends several months ago that when Rev. Mr. McCallum's resignation came his would follow.

### LANE REPUBLICANS MEET

#### County Central Committee Re-elects Old Chairman, F. M. Wilkins.

EUGENE, Or., May 27.—(Special.)—F. M. Wilkins was today re-elected chairman of the Lane County Republican central committee, which took its organization meeting today. Samuel Roome was elected secretary, to succeed V. D. Hensell. H. S. MacLardy was elected member of the Republican State central committee and L. E. Bean was chosen as the Lane County member of the Congressional committee.

The party principles will be drawn up by a committee consisting of L. E. Bean, John C. Mullen, E. J. Adams, L. O. Beckwith and N. Svarcerud.

### FOUNDLING'S NAME KNOWN

#### Centralia Woman Will Adopt Babe Sent to Seattle Orphanage.

CENTRALIA, Wash., May 27.—(Special.)—Mrs. J. H. Stout, at whose home a day-old baby was left a week ago and who Monday took the infant to a home for children in Seattle, announced today that she has discovered who the parents of the child are. She has received a letter from Judge Rice, of the Lewis County Superior Court, asking the superintendent of the home to deliver the infant to her and has announced her intention of adopting it. Mrs. Stout refuses to reveal the identity of the parents.

### EXPENSE LISTS ARE FILED

#### Candidates Show Amount Spent in Pre-election Campaigns.

SALEM, Or., May 27.—(Special.)—Frederick Hollister expended \$25,717 in his successful campaign for the Democratic nomination for Congress in the

First District, according to a statement filed with Secretary of State O'Connell today. E. F. Jones, defeated for the Republican nomination in the same district, spent \$870.25; O. P. Hoff, for Labor Commissioner, \$144.47; Thomas B. Kay, who had no opposition for the Republican nomination for State Treasurer, \$268.34; John Manning, defeated for the Democratic nomination for Governor, \$715.15.

Other aspirants for party nominations and the amounts expended by them during the campaign were: E. L. Van Dresser, aspirant for the Democratic nomination for Congress, Third District, \$689.87; Syver Backey, in behalf of Frederick Hollister, \$190.45; H. M. Esterly, aspirant for Democratic National committee, \$85; Oregon Federation of Labor in behalf of the candidates of Everett Loggins, Samuel J. Wilson, E. E. Southard, for Representative in the Legislature, \$197.30, and E. B. Barber, in behalf of L. H. McManan, aspirant for the Progressive nomination for Governor, \$80.

### 7 WOMENTRY FOR BAR

#### OF CLASS OF 91 MANY ARE FROM PORTLAND LAW SCHOOL.

Supreme Court Library Fund Is Enriched \$1820 by Fees Paid by Examination Applicants.

SALEM, Or., May 27.—(Special.)—Among the 91 applicants for admission to the bar at the examination being conducted in the Supreme Court building by the state examining board are seven young women. The class is an unusually large one.

A large number are graduates of the Willamette University Law School, of this city, and the Oregon Law School, of Portland. The Supreme Court Library fund, to which the \$20 fee money goes, has been enriched \$1820.

Those trying the examination are: W. A. Ackerman, Henry Bauer, Edna May Bayless, Vincent Borjeski, Elizabeth Braun, Adon Bristow, Karl S. Brown, Alfred T. Brown, Elmer Buchanan, Edward A. Burr, Samuel J. Buzzell, Robert G. Closterman, Robert M. Davis, Magie G. Downes, Kathryn D. Fenn, James B. Finnegan, Harry B. Fogarty, James H. Ganoe, Emmett J. Gillespie, Charles L. Graden, Beryle A. Green, Henry L. Hess, J. Harvey Hobart, C. E. Holbrook, Oliver E. Huston, Ina Adams, McKinley, Egan, W. B. Kauffman, Paul F. Kleeman, George S. Koehn, Benjamin Harrison Lerner, Frank E. Manning, Frank E. McClure, E. Clark McDougal, J. Allison, George H. Mellen, Raymond M. Munley, W. C. Nicholas, Delbert A. Norton, John W. Oberender, John W. Peters, Burns Powell, Patrick J. Pryor, Clyde Hixon Reade, Merrill A. Reed, William J. Richmond, Bernard F. Smith, Seth Leroy Smith, Spencer E. Carleton, Calvin L. Sweet, Joseph Van Hoornissen, Daniel T. VanTine, J. E. Werlein, John Haywood White, Charles C. Zwergert, James Renahall, William W. Herman, Robert W. Haggood, L. Leonard Krause, of Portland; V. Ernest Baker, Floyd A. Boyington, Mabel G. Boyington, Ray W. Farr, John E. Hart, S. S. Lampert, Ralph D. Moore, W. Nesmith, E. M. Page, Edward G. Patterson, George E. Richards, E. W. Ryley, Edward J. Tolman, W. Turner, Benjamin S. Via, William H. Waterbury, Murray Crawford Wheat, Raymond H. Rowland, Russell H. Stevens, of Salem; State G. Biggs, Greenville; Bert C. Boylan, Madras; Grover C. Birch, Dallas; Laura E. Cavers, Greenc; Leland J. Knox, Corvallis; Henry P. Pinckston, Oregon City; L. Leon Ray, Eugene; Joel H. Richardson, LaGrande; Ben H. Williams, Eugene; William Smith, Jr., Baker City.

### EUGENE IN POWER FIGHT

#### CITY OPPOSES "BUSINESS METHODS" OF PRIVATE COMPETITOR.

Oregon Company Charged With Giving Concessions to Take Away Municipal Customers.

EUGENE, Or., May 27.—(Special.)—The City of Eugene, at a hearing before the State Railroad Commission today, sought to force the Oregon Power Company to discontinue the practice of bonus-giving and rebating, which it charges that company with employing in getting municipal power plant customers to use its power. Thirty-nine witnesses were examined in four hours and the case was then taken under advisement by the Commission, without argument.

Many witnesses testified that the company had induced them to discontinue the city service by presents of fixtures, by money to be applied in wiring houses and by rebates on a previous year's contract at the time of signing another.

The Oregon Power Company, it was also brought out, has been laying gas pipes, free of charge, to the houses where its power is used, while, if that power is not used, the gas installation cost is from \$16 to \$18.

Attorney Richard S. Smith made the statement at the hearing that, if the company was not permitted to resort to what he termed "business-getting methods," its property in Eugene would virtually be destroyed. The power company offered to produce evidence of similar unfair methods employed by the city to obtain business.

### ROSEBURG GETS EXPERTS

#### Farmers' Institute to Receive Aid From College Faculty.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, May 27.—(Special.)—Six members of the Oregon Agricultural College faculty will take part in the Farmers' Institute to be held at Roseburg on Thursday and Friday. A. G. Bonnet, professor of vegetable gardening; Mrs. Henrietta Calvin, professor of home economics; A. G. Lunn, assistant professor of poultry husbandry; W. S. Brown, professor of horticulture; E. B. Flitts, professor of dairying; and Dr. M. M. McCool, professor of agronomy, will be sent.

A Farmers' Institute will be held at Roseburg will be held at the same time at Talent.

### Vancouver Man Seeks Office.

VANCOUVER, Wash., May 27.—(Special.)—Christian Engleman, Republican Councilman-at-Large in this city for the past two years, has announced that he will be a candidate for County Commissioner from District No. 2, which is the City of Vancouver. W. S. Lindsey, chairman of the present Board, is up for re-election to succeed himself. Mr. Engleman at the recent city election had the largest vote of any candidate on either ticket.

### Athena Suicide Reported Found.

PENDELTON, Or., May 27.—(Special.)—An unconfirmed report from Gibbons tonight says the body of Louie Labrash, the Athena farmer who disappeared Sunday, has been found in the mountains several miles away. He had previously threatened to commit suicide.

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