

COIN WRUNG FROM MIEI, IS TESTIMONY

Suit Intimates Consolidated Contract Company Made Huge Profit on Road.

BILL FOR FOOD IN COURT

Responsibility Put on Gang Fore- men as Sub-Contractors and Money Made on Every Laborer Charge Made by Witnesses.

That enormous profits were made by the Consolidated Contract Company, not only in building the Columbia Highway through Columbia County, but from the laborers who did the work, is revealed by testimony heard in Circuit Judge McGinn's court yesterday in the suit of H. McKiel, a Clatskanie merchant, to recover \$2175.93 from the contractors for provisions said to have been furnished at the road camp.

The defense is conducted on the contention that the goods were purchased by sub-contractors, and that the Consolidated Contract Company, therefore, is not liable for the provision bills. The suit was brought in the name of Columbia County for H. McKiel, under a state law which provides expressly for such suits. Attorneys Malarkey, Seabrook, Dibble and Carter for the plaintiff are attempting to show that the affairs of the company were so conducted that the sub-contractors were merely agents or employees of the company, the heads of which are E. G. Titus and J. H. Johnson.

Contracts Are Submitted.
Long contracts were drawn up and submitted to gang foremen to sign, according to the evidence. Every man's contract made every foreman a sub-contractor, and required him to do a stipulated piece of work for a certain sum. The evidence showed that some of these contracts were for a sum at least 20 per cent less than Titus and Johnson received for the same work.

Hospital Profits Alleged.
One witness for the defense on cross-examination said orders had been given for \$1 to be taken out of every man's pay every month for hospital expenses. Then, in case the man was injured, he could be cared for in a hospital free of charge. This hospital service cost the company about 80 cents for every man, and the company made a profit of 20 cents a month on every laborer from this source, it is alleged.

ESTATE APPRAISERS NAMED
About \$100,000 in Real Estate Left
by Wemme for "White Shield."

Appraisers for the estate of the late E. Henry Wemme whose will was filed in County Clerk Coffey's office last week, were appointed yesterday by County Judge McGinn. They are Jacob Beck, Max S. Hirsch and George R. Funk.

ESSIE WATKINS IN COURT
Woman Must Decide by Monday to
Drop Disorderly House.

PERSONAL MENTION.
J. E. Hale, of Salem, is at the Carlton. Henry Serr, of Dallas, is at the Oregon.

registered at the Multnomah from Spokane.
Dr. and Mrs. H. C. Epley, of Salem, are at the Seward.
Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Stuart, of Maupin, are at the Perkins.
Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Bishop, of Salem, are at the Imperial.
W. A. Robbins, of Albany, is registered at the Seward.
Mrs. F. E. Irwin, of Salem, is registered at the Cornelius.
Mr. and Mrs. H. Holmes, of McMinnville, are at the Seward.
Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Stiles, of Oregon City, are at the Nortonia.
Mr. and Mrs. L. C. McShane, of Hubbard, are at the Nortonia.
R. E. Emmons, of Ontario, registered at the Cornelius yesterday.
Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Anderson, of The Dalles, are at the Imperial.
L. M. Foss, of Lewiston, is registered at the Multnomah with his family.
George W. Bailey, of Paisley, is registered at the Imperial with Mrs. Bailey.
M. D. Swift and J. O. Hayden are registered at the Oregon from Walla Walla.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—(Special).—From Umattila registered at the Morrison today was P. F. Fallon. From Portland, at the Grand Pacific, was S. Adam.

HOME BOYS TO APPEAR

"THE MUSICAL KIDS" BOOKED FOR MIDNIGHT MATINEE.

Harry Parsons, Violinist, and Kenneth Hollister, Tenor, Who Were Praised
by Alice Lloyd, to Entertain.

In the midnight matinee Thursday, two Portland lads, who were "tried out" at the Orpheum by Alice Lloyd,



Harry Parsons and Kenneth Hollister, "Musical Kids," Who Will Appear at the Midnight Matinee New Year's Eve.

will make their first bid for popular favor. They are Harry Parsons, violinist, and Kenneth Hollister, tenor, who are known as "The Musical Kids." The young men asked yesterday to appear as a special added attraction and were accepted by the managers of the witching-hour soiree.

NEW TRIAL IS REFUSED
Harry Redford to Be Sentenced Today for Giving Liquor to Indians.

A motion for a new trial through his attorney, John Manning, having been denied yesterday by Judge Wolverson, of the United States District Court, Harry Redford will receive sentence today for having introduced liquor to the Umattila Indian reservation, of which he was recently convicted. Mrs. Cecil Swaim, Redford's sister-in-law, who was tried on the same charge was acquitted.

KIDNEY YIELDS TO KNIFE
Beamer S. Pague on Road to Recovery With Right Organ Removed.

Removal of the entire right kidney is the delicate operation that was performed upon Beamer S. Pague at St. Vincent's Hospital by Dr. R. C. Coffey yesterday morning. The operation apparently was a complete success. Mr. Pague's complete recovery is believed to be only a matter of time.

WATER OFFICES TO OPEN
Sub-Stations With American Express Company to Be Discontinued.

ASHES SENT TO JAPAN BY PARCEL POST
BOSTON, Dec. 28.—The parcel post was called on today to convey the ashes of Teihiro Hasegawa, a Japanese artist, to his former home near Tokio, Japan. The package started on its way with \$1.10 in stamps attached.

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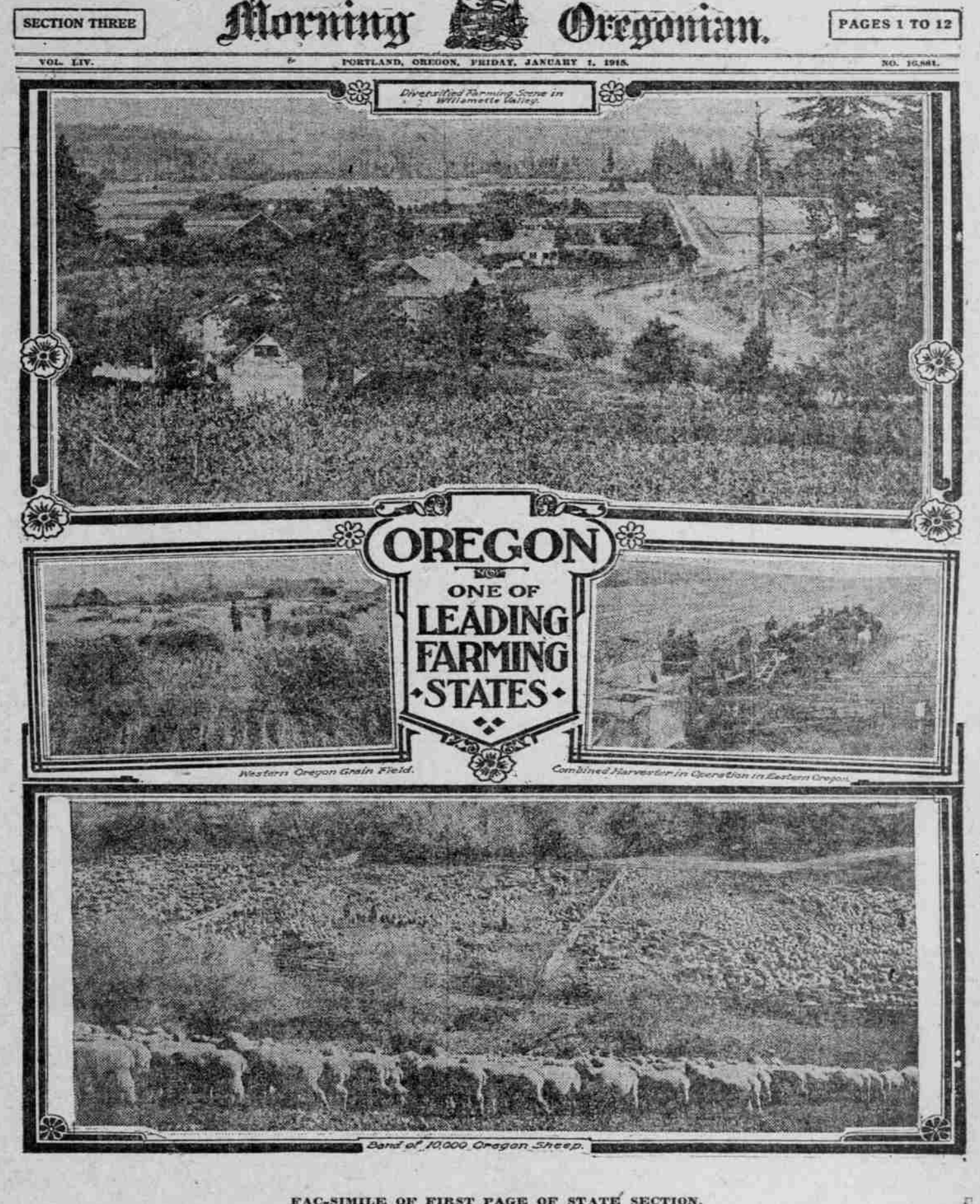
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In addition to the state section there will be a 12-page section devoted to shipping activity, in which the Panama Canal is featured, a 16-page section covering Portland's progress and a 12-page pictorial section showing Portland's chief business corners as they look today and how they looked before the modern structures were built.

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FAC-SIMILE OF FIRST PAGE OF STATE SECTION.

OPERA IS PANTAGES HIT

IMPERIAL ALL-STAR COMPANY GIVES BITS OF SONG GEMS.

Elaborate Musical Act Is Presented
With Artistic Finish—Playlet,
Acrobats and Others Winners.

An excellent grand opera offering heads the bill at Pantages Theater this week. It is, in fact, the whole show. True, there are lively motion pictures and four other acts in which fun, frolic, music and acrobatic skill as well as dramatic interest are found, but these, bright and sparkling though they be, are overshadowed by the work of the Imperial All-Star Company, an aggregation of artists who present scenes and selections from three well-known operas, all well staged and elaborately and gorgeously costumed.

315 BARRELS FLOUR GIVEN
Contributions to Belgian Relief Yesterday Valued at \$1375.

Flour valued at \$1375, 315 barrels, was contributed for the Belgian relief yesterday by various Portland firms and individuals. Besides, there were substantial cash receipts by Chairman Samuel Hill. The meeting scheduled for yesterday by the committee was not held. The members will meet probably tomorrow.

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The Exposition Line 1915.

At present, it is said, the board is kept busy with examinations because there are so many different classes of employees. It is contended by the board that each of the five city departments can consolidate the service so that five

TABERNACLE PLANS LAID

Ministers and Laymen to Build Structure Wednesday.

Ministers and laymen bearing hammers and saws will start to work Wednesday morning early, rain or shine, to build the tabernacle at East Eleventh and Belmont streets for the revival services to be presided over

by Rev. E. J. Bulgis beginning next Sunday. Eleven churches of the East Side will co-operate in the enterprise.

Rev. Mr. Bulgis has called a meeting of all interested at the Third Presbyterian Church Wednesday night. The grounds for the tabernacle are graded and by Wednesday night it is expected that considerable progress will have been made on the building.

Salem Masonic Lodges Install.
SALEM, Or., Dec. 28.—(Special).—Masonic lodges of this city have installed the following officers: Salem Lodge No. 4—Worshipful master, J. T.

Welsh; senior warden, Charles McCarter; treasurer, S. S. East; secretary, S. Z. Culver; senior deacon, A. F. Marcus; junior deacon, J. U. Kins; senior steward, W. C. Winstow; junior steward, H. F. Kuck; Tyler, N. P. Rasmussen. Pacific Lodge No. 59—Worshipful master, Glenn C. Niles; senior warden, Hal V. Bolam; junior warden, W. H. Dancy; treasurer, Lot L. Pearce; secretary, Ernest H. Chaste; senior deacon, Ray F. Richardson; junior deacon, James McGilchrist; senior steward, Elmer T. Ludden; junior steward, Dennis A. Saunders; Tyler, Henry Schomaker.

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of the American Express Company, whose water users have paid their water bills in the past, will be discontinued. The contract for the service with the company expires Thursday.

After that time the Albina office and the East Side office will be re-established and two new stations will be opened on the East Side, one at 684 Lombard street and the other at Union and Killingsworth avenues. The Albina and the East Side offices were discontinued recently and will be re-established January 1. The two other East Side offices will be established about February 1.

FEWER EXAMINATIONS AIM
Civil Service Board Asks Revision of
Classification of Employees.

A resolution adopted by the Municipal Civil Service Board at a meeting yesterday, asks members of the City Commission to revise their classifications of city employees in such a way that the number of civil service examinations now required may be reduced.