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Suit Intimates Consolidated Contract Company Made Huge Profit on Road.

BILL FOR FOOD IN COURT

Responsibility Put on Gang Foremen 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 th through Columbia County, but from the laborers who did the work, is revealed by testimony heard in Circuit Judge McGlnn'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 camps.

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

is not liable for the provision bills. The suit was brought in the name of Co-lumbia County for H. McKiel, under a state law which provides expressly for such suits. Attorneys Malarkey, Sea-brook, Dibble and Carter for the plain-tiff are attempting to show that the affairs of the company were so con-ducted that the sub-contractors were merely agents or employes of the com-pany, the heads of which are E. G. pany, the heads of war Titus and J. H. Johnson, Contracts Are Submitted.

Long contracts were drawn up and submitted to gang foremen to sign, ac-cording to the evidence. These con-tracts made every foreman a sub-contractor, and required him to do a stipu-lated 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.

The result, it is said, was that some

of the sub-contractors were forced to break their contracts and received nothing for the work they had already done. The Consolidated Contract Com-

pany then finished the work.

Provisions and supplies purchased from McKiel for the laborers were sold to the laborers at an advanced price. The supplies were deducted from the time checks of the laborers, and the charge is made that by the time the goods reached the workers they cost more than McKiel sold them for at re-

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.

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.

There were about 20 sub-contractors and nearly 2000 men working in the 37-mile stretch for which Titus and Johnson had the contract from Columbia County, Most of the sub-contractors were Greeks.

in Judge McGinn's court.

### ESTATE APPRAISERS NAMED About \$100,000 in Real Estate Left

by Wemme for "White Shield."

The amount of Mr. Wemme's property is said to be nearly \$1,000,000. Of this nearly \$400,000 in valuable real estate was left to found "The White Shield," a maternity home for wayward girls. Most of the residue of the estate was left to relatives in Germany. The amount of Mr. Wemme's property

### ESSIE WATKINS IN COURT NEW TRIAL IS REFUSED

Woman Must Decide by Monday to Drop Disorderly House,

Mrs. John Conrad, alias Essie Wat-Mrs. John Conrad, alias Essie Wat-kins, was given until next Monday by Municipal Judge Stevenson yesterday afternoon to decide as to the future character of the rooming-house she conducts at 87½ Sixth street. Her ar-rest followed the investigation of Po-lice Lieutenant Harms and Detectives Martin and Wise. Lieutenant Harms and the detectives testified yesterday that Mrs. Conrad kept a disorderly house.

Conrad is proprietor of a saloon under the rooming-house in question. Attorneys Fitzgerald, Johnson and Hanan represented Mrs. Conrad. The decision of the court was deferred until Monday.

## PERSONAL MENTION.

J. E. Hale, of Salem, is at the Carlton. Henry Serr, of Dallas, is at the Ore-

H. C. Hodges, of La Grande, is at the A. Bailey, of Marshfield, is at the C. W. Shurte, of Heppner, is at the

Perkins

F. B. Waite, of Sutherlin, is at the M. F. Barham, of Seattle, is at the David Warfield is registered at the

S. L. Bulliet, of Walla Walla, is at

Dr. Clara L. Ferris, of Walla Walla, is at the Perkins. Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Hutton, of Burns, is at the Carlton.

Mrs. Buryl Smith, of Aberdeen, Wash., is at the Perkins.

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. Mrs. F. E. Irwin, of Salem, is regis-ered at the Cornelius.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Holmes, of McMinn-ville, are at the Seward. Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Stiles, of Oregon City, are at the Nortonia. Mr. and Mrs. L. C. McShane, of Hub-bard, are at the Nortonia.

R. B. 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 Walls.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—(Special.)—From Umatilla registered at the Morrison to-day was P. F. Fallen. From Portland, at the Grand Pacific, was S. Adam.

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



Hollister, "Musical Kids," Who Will Appear at the Midnight Matince New Year's Eve.

Although the McKiel suit is for provisions furnished to only four of the sub-contractors, the same method of handling supplies and charging them against the time checks of laborers is alleged to have been used in all the other camps.

Objection was interposed by the defense to this line of testimony, but it was admitted by Judge McGinn as tend-

ing to show the actual relationship be-tween the contractors and the sub-con-recent visit to Portland, she invited tractors.

The case has been on trial since last rehearsal. The English comedienne gave warmest encouragement to the

The first day of the seat sale for the midnight matinees, which are to be held at the same time at the Orpheum, Pantages and Empress theaters, found the tickets for the T. M. A, benefit in great demand at the Huntley Drug Store, at Fourth and Washington streets. Indications are that all three \* 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 Cleeton. They are Jacob
Beck, Max S. Hirsch and George R.
Funk.

The amount of Mr. Wemme's property

streets, Indications are that all three houses will be first 22 rows of the Orpheum were sold out before noon and the demand for seats in the other houses followed closely.

"It is my opinion that the New Year's ever throngs will be by far the largest ever gethered in the downtown streets of Portland at such an hour."

for everybody."

Harry Redford to Be Sentenced Today for Giving Liquor to Indians.

Wallace G. Benson, of Eugene, is at the Nortonia.

Mrs. E. J. Abbey, of Newport, is at the Cornellus.

W. B. Heath, of Hood River, is at the Multinomah.

Before the operation was performed a test of the other kidney was made, which showed it to be in good condition. The diseased kidney was being destroyed by an abscess and had troubled Mr. Pague greatly for the past eight years. light years.

It is expected that the patient can soon be removed to his home, 789 Pet-

tygrove street.

\shes Sent to Japan by Parcel Post-BOSTON, Dec. 28.—The parcel post was called on today to convey the askes of Teilire Hasegawa, a Japanese artist, to his former home near Tokio. W. F. Durant and Floyd Hull are way with \$1.10 in stamps attached.

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## OPERA IS PANTAGES HIT

IMPERIAL ALL-STAR COMPANY GIVES BITS OF SONG GEMS.

Elaborate Musical Act Is Presented 584 Lombard street and the other at Union and Killingsworth avenues. The Albina and the East Side offices were

eads the bill at Pantages Theater this week. It is, in fact, the whole show True, there are lively motion pictures A motion for a new trial through his attorney, John Manning, having been denied yesterday by Judge Wolverton, of the United States District Court, Harry Redford will receive sentence today for having introduced flquor to the Umanageregation of artists who present tills Indian reservation of which he tilla Indian reservation, of which he was recently convicted. Mrs. Celia Swaim, Redford's sister-in-law, who was tried on the same charge was acquitted.

aggregation of artists who present till and present till and present till and present till and series and selections from three well-was recently convicted. Indian reservation, of which he known operas, all well staged and elaborately and gorgeously costumed. "Cavalleria Rusticana" is the first quitted. Attorney Manning asked that Redford be allowed to serve sentence in the
County Jail at Pendleton, but Judge
Wolverton said that it was the policy
of the court to refuse such requests.
No contract exists for the detention of
Government prisoners in Oragon are
with the famous sextet as the grown.

a black, woolly dog.

Haley and Haley are a man and a maid with many changes of costume, and a monkey as an assistant. Laddel and Hughes are funny fellows who introduce surprises and a line of non
Classification of Employes.

### WATER OFFICES TO OPEN Sub-Staions With American Express

Company to Be Discontinued.

where water users have paid their water bills in the past, will be dis-continued. The contract for the service with the company expires Thurs-

day.

After that time the Albina office and the East Side office will be reestablished and two new stations will be opened on the East Side, one at the content of the cont Acrobats and Others Winners.

discontinued recently and will be restablished January 1. The two other East Side offices will be established An excellent grand opera offering about February 1.

Wednesday morning early, rain or shine, to build the tabernacle at East Masonic lodges of this city have in-filled the following officers: Salem revival services to be presided over Lodge No. 4—Worshipful master, J. T.

### 315 BARRELS FLOUR GIVEN Contributions to Belgian Relief Yes-

terday Valued at \$1575. Flour valued at \$1575, 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 com-mittee was not held. The members will meet probably tomorrow.

A 19-year-old worker for relief funds was enlisted yesterday in little Bertina Goossens, who volunteered and was for taking liquor on the reservation.

The kind 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 a test of the other kidney which showed it to be only a matter of time.

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A resolution adopted by the Mu-nicipal Civil Service Board at a meet-ing yesterday, asks members of the City Commission to revise their classi-fications of city employes in such a way that the number of civil service examinations now required may be re-duced.

Under the new quarterly billing system, which has been worked out by City Commissioner Daly in accordance with provisions of an ordinance passed by the voters at the recent recall election, the 92 sub-stations

TABERNACLE PLANS LAID Ministers and Laymen to Build Structure Wednesday.

Ministers and laymen bearing ham-ners and saws will start to work

Sunday. Eleven churches of the Base Side will co-operate in the enterprise. Rev. Mr. Bulgin has called a meet-

Salem Masonic Lodges Install. SALEM, Or., Dec. 28. - (Special.) -

Sunday. Eleven churches of the East Side will co-operate in the enterprise. Rev. Mr. Bulgin has called a meeting of all interested at the Third Pressetward, W. C. Winslow; junior steward, W. C. Winslow; junior stewards and wing stewards and wind stewar byterian Church Wednesday night.

The grounds for the tabernacle are graded and by Wednesday night it is expected that considerable progress.

Steward, W. C. Winslow, Junior steward, and H. E. Kuck; tyler, N. P. Rasmus, and H. E. Kuck; tyler, N. P. Rasmus, and H. E. Winslow, Junior steward, W. C. Winslow, Jun Dancy; treasurer, Lot L. Pearce; secwill have been made on the building. retary, Ernest H. Choate; senior dea-con, Ray F. Richardson; junior deacon, James McGlichrist; senior steward, Elmer T. Ludden; Junior steward, Dennis A. Saunders; tyler, Henry Schomaker,

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