FIST FIGHT STAGED WHILE COURT SITS

Spectators in Judge McGinn's Room Climb on Seats to Command Good View.

FRED L. WIDELL IS VICTIM

When Little Daughter, at Her Own Request, Is Given to Father, Mrs. Widell and Two Friends Make Bodily Assault.

were in the courtroom with her.

Widell had intimated that Chris Johannesen was living in the same house with Mrs. Widell in Yamhill County.

He wanted custody of both children.

"Let the children themselves decide that point Let's sak them who they that point Let's sak them who they that point. Let's ask them who they want to live with," said Judge McGinn. He beckened to Charlotte, the older of the two girls.

Girl Wants Father. "Do you want to live with your mother or with your father?" he asked. "With my father," said the girl. "And who do you want to live with, Louise?" asked the court.

"Well, why don't you hit them in the nose!" flashed back Judge McGinn as he vainly hammered for order.

F. A. McMenamin, clerk, and Deputy District Attorney Ryan rushed to the railing and grabbed the belligerents. In an instant they were separated.

In an instant they were separated. Balliffs Shafer and Noonan took charge of them and placed the Johannesens in Judge McGinn's chambers for safe

The judge severely reprimanded the father and son for starting the fight. He did not remand them to the County Jall, he said, because he realized that they had struck Widell in the heat of passion. He warned them, however, to observe proper decorum in a courtroom in the future.

—Miss Jean McLeod, executive stenographic forms appeared to the last two years under Commissioner of Public Lands (Clark V. Savidge, was married Tuesday in Tacoma to Earl Holloway, formerly an employe of the industrial insurance department.

Miss McLeod was, with one exception,

PHOSPHORUS STARTS FIRE

Employes of Blumauer-Frank Driven From Store by Fumes.

Nearly 100 employes of the Blumauer Frank Drug Company, at Park and Ev erett streets, were chased into the street yesterday by the smoke from a barrel of phosphorus which took fire in the acid room from spontaneous com-

The fire was discovered about 1 P. M., when heavy smoke began to roll from the acid room. Believing that the acids had caught fire, the management ordered all employes from the building and called the fire department.

The firemen were unable to face the fumes until Lieutenant W. H. Ring, of

truck No. 1, procured a smoke helmet. He sprinkled water on the phosphorus and stopped the fumes. The fire was caused by the breaking

of the staves of the barrel, which per-mitted the water to leak off and exposed the phosphorus to the air. damage was about \$200, chiefly due to the breaking of the glass sidewalk over the acid room by the firemen.

\$100,000 DAMAGES ASKED

L. M. Johnson Charges Alienation of Wife's Affections.

Johnson declares in his complaint that his health, feelings and finances were damaged to the extent of \$50,000

MEMBERS OF HIGH SCHOOL FIRE DEPARTMENT WHO FOUGHT FLAMES IN JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL.



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ward at an alarming rate and he soon

Is Most Stellar Feature.

Dustin Farnum is one actor whos

Marguerite Clark Is Star of Great

Film, "The Crucible."

oice of the Keystone output.

Make Bodily Assault.

Deliberately taking off his coat. Chris Johannesen walked across the courtroom and struck Fred L Widell in the face just after Circuit Judge McGinn had awarded Widell custody of ene of his own children yesterday afternoon. A general melse, in which Theodore Johannesen, the other man's father, and Mrs. Widell, also took a hand in belaboring the former husband, for a time disrupted the proceedings of the court.

Widell's face and nose were cut badly. The two Johannesens werg severely reprimanded by Judge McGinn and later were turned loose.

The case on trial was the modification of a divorce decree issued some time ago. Fred L Widell declared through his attorney, Raiph Citron, that Mrs. Martha Widell was not a proper person to have charge of the two children, Charlotte, aged 9, and Louise, aged 6. The Johannesens, who said they were relatives of Mrs. Widell, were in the courtroom with her.

Widell had intimated that Chris Jo-

TAMPERING WITH FIGURES AFTER SUBMISSION IS SUGGESTED.

Commissioner Dieck Recommends Mon olithic Construction for Willow Street Extension of Drain.

An irregularity in the bid submitted and turned the school fire hose on the The 6-year-old girl hesitated, looked an irregularity in the bid submitted and to at the judge, at her father and at her by Gieblsch & Joplin, contractors, for blaze. the construction of the Willow-street "I want to live with both," she piped extension of the East Stark street

"That doesn't appear possible," said Judge McGinn after a pause, "so I'll let your mother have charge of you."

At this moment the courtroom was crowded. Besides a large number of spectators who usually throng Judge McGinn's court, a new panel of jurors—about 50 of them—had just come in and taken seats in the rear of the courtroom.

Just as the judge made this announcement, Chris Johannesen rose from his seat in the front row, pulled off his coat, walked across the courtroom where Widell was standing against the railing, and struck him in the face, cutting a large gash in his nose.

Lawyer Advised to Mix In.

Widell struck back and the two fought. The spectators promptly stood on their seats to get a better view of the affair. The court rapped for order, but to no avail. The elder Johannesen pulled off his coat and went to the assistance of his son, and Widell was down on the floor in an instant with the two man as for the court of the court of the commended that the contract be awarded for monolithic instead of cement. Prop-

but to no avail. The elder Johannesen pulled off his coat and went to the assistance of his son, and Widell was down on the floor in an instant with the two men on top.

"Hit him! He deserves it!" cried Mrs. Widell, and she, too, rushed into the fray.

Lawyer Citron rushed to the bench.

"Your honor, they hit my client in the nose," he declared excitedly.

"Well, why don't you hit them in the "Trank of the lowest for monolithic was \$173,082.60.

MISS JEAN M'LEOD WEDS Stenographer for Washington Gov-

ernors Married to Earl Holloway.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 30.—(Special.)
-Miss Jean McLeod, executive stenog-

the highest salaried woman employed by the state. She had the distinction of handling the correspondence of six acting Governors in all, for she was also the stenographer during the short

THE OREGONIAN ANNUAL IN GREEN WRAPPERS.

The Oregonian Annual will be on sale tomorrow morning, January 1. Copies desired for mailing will be rolled in neat green wrappers, with necessary post-age. Supplies of The Annual will be available at various prominent street corners, as well as at The Oregonian office, where addresses may be left. Copies all ready for mailing will be sent anywhere in the United States and its possessions, Canada and Mexico for 10 cents. The price for single copies unstamped is 5 cents each. sure to send copies of The Annual, Oregon's greatest advertising medium, to your friends in other states. Look for the

Suit for \$100,000 damages for alienation of his wife's affections was fi'ed in County Clerk Coffey's office yesterday by L. M. Johnson against Christopher T. and Rosabel Croddy.

Johnson declares in his complaint the complaint of the Governor.

green wrappers.

FRANCE MUST RETURN TO PRISON

Parole of Man Who Swindled . Insurance Companies Is Revoked by Governor.

MYSTERY NOT CLEARED UP

Despite Plea for Clemency in Consideration of Wife's Illness and Family's Poverty, Prisoner's Lips Are Scaled.

His parole revoked by Governor West esterday, J. C. La France, who 'faked" his own death to defraud insurance companies, is in the Multnomah County Jail and will be taken back to the State Penitentiary today by Deputy Warden Snodgrase.

On learning yesterday morning through The Oregonian that his rearrest was probable, La France immediately telephoned to Warden Lawson at Salem that he was in Portland with his family. On word from District Attorney Evans that there was still much mystery in connection with the La France case, Governor West already had revoked the parole.

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Yesterday La France voluntarily went to the District Attorney's office and met Deputy Warden Snodgrass, who had the revocation in his pocket. "If they want me back, they can have me," he said. "I have been punished as much as any man can be the students at Jefferson High School, were instrumental, to a large extent, in sav
"After a long term of imprisonment," Instrumental, to a large extent, in saving the building when it caught fire last Tuesday night.

Myrie Brown, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Brown, 146 Summer street, was the first to learn of the blaze. He ran to the nearest box and turned in the alarm to the fire department. The other two boys were at their homes when the fire apparatus passed them, They hastened to the school, where Patrolman Kellog was entering the building. With the officer, the boys hastened to the scene of the flames and turned the school fire hose on the

"My wife is in the last stages of tuberculosis. I have four children. They are practically dependent on charity now. If I was out of prison I might take care of them, but what am I to do? I thought the other day I could take care of them all right, My wife gets \$2) a month from the state, but that's not enough to take care of herself and the children."

La France was paroled December 23 and passed Christmas with his family in Portland.

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After a long conference between District Attorney Evans and Deputy Warden Snodgrass, La France was called to the office in the hope that he might tell where he got the body which was substituted for his own.

Paroied only a few days and with the prison again staring him in the face, the destitute, condition of his family fresh in his mind, La France still steadfastly refused to give the information.

"No, I've said enough. I won't tell that."

Charles Chaplin, in a 30-minute farce entitled, "His Prehistoric Past." is the feature at the Sunset Theater. The Keystone comedies, as produced under "I don't think I'll ever forget you." the direction of Mack Sennett, are the direction of Mack Sennett, are leatured the world over, and in Portsion of the case—the same discussion and the Sunset Theater has first they had gone over many times while "His Prehistoric Past" starts with a scene showing the incomparable Chaplin, in his usual garb. Overcome by fatigue he picks out a soft spot on a convenient park bench and falls asleep. In his dreams time files backward at an alarming tate and he soon

finds himself a wanderer in the stone age. His adventures there are too ridiculous to be described. Suffice to say, that, in the entire 30 minutes, there is not a moment without a laugh.

Other films shown are a melodrams. "A lot of publicity was given my case," said La France. "It was even printed across the water. I saw something about it in an English news-Other films shown are a melodrama. two-reel newspaper, featuring Irene Hunt, the popular Reliance film star, The other films are of the usual high standard of the Sunset Theater's selections.

GREAT FAVORITE IS AT STAR Parole of J. C. La France Made by Governor on Advice of Board. Dustin Farnum in "Cameo Kirby"

SALEM, Or., Dec. 30 .- (Special.) --pon the request of District Attorney Evans, Governor West today revoked the parole of J. C. LaFrance, who was convicted in Multnomah County of depopularity never wanes. Now that he has turned from the legitimate to the frauding insurance companies by premotion picture stage, he is more popu-lar even than when he created the original stage roles of "The Squaw-man," "The Virginian," and Booth tending that he was dead and providing a dead body. Deputy Warden Snod-grass, of the State Penitentiary, went to Portland tonight to return the man Tarkington's famous romantic drams, "Cameo Kirby."

So great has been the success of the

prison.
The Governor said the parole was recommended in the usual way by the Parole Board, and that he did not know when he freed the man that the District Attorney wished to try him on another charge. La France, who is working for his brother-in-law near Lents, called the superintendent by telephone early this morning and asked what he had better do approprint that he had So great has been the success of the Farnum picture version of "Cafneo Kirby," at the Star Theater since last Sunday, with Dustin Farnum in the feature role, that its engagement has been extended for the rest of this week. It will continue at the Star today, Friday and Saturday.

"Cameo Kirby" is one of the most fascinating picture drawns ever not fascinating picture drawns ever not fascinating picture drawns ever not had better do, announcing that he had been informed Mr. Evans wished to prosecute him on another charge. Colonel Lawson advised him to see the fascinating picture dramas ever pre-sented in Portland. And to see Dustin Farnum in his original role of Kirby is an artistic treat. The first moving picture ever taken of the new Columbia River Highway, the greatest scenic highway in the world, and its wonderful waterfalls,

"As I understand the case," said Colonel Lawson, "the Multnomah authorities are not satisfied with the length of time La France served. They would be willing to drop the other case, I think, if we kept him here five years, are also shown. One of the remarkable scenes is that of Multnomah Falls in its Winter garb of ice. His sentence was from one to five

PEOPLES HAS GIRL DRAMA "The presiding judge made no recom mendation regarding the parole, simply informing the Board that it should use its own discretion. That also was the attitude of Sheriff Word, so inasmuch as La France was eligible for the parole,

that his health, feelings and finances were damaged to the actent of \$50,000 and asks \$50,000 more as "exemplary and punitive damages." Mrs. Croddy is a sister of Johnson's wife, who was formerly Miss Della Davis. They were married at Joseph. Or., in August, 1911, and Johnson says his wife left him on September 1, 1914.

BURNS. Or., Dec. 30.—(Special.)—Frank Davey, Representative-elect of Malheur and Harney Counties, accompanied by his wife, left yesterday for Salem.

Albert Pike Memorial Banquets Are Held by Masons.

By a curious coincidence, two banquets of Masons of high degree were held in Portland Tuesday night at each of which is were present. The events celebrated the annual memorial day of Albert Pike. noted Masonic writer. It is observed annually throughout Masonic circles on December 29.

Thirty-third degree Masons held the Hotel of the properties of the Cartago of the Cartago of the Cartago of the Cartago of Salem. The plantiff, while working in the defendant's mill, lost an eye.

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only requirement the foremen insisted
on was the possession of a hammer or
saw and the ability to hit a nail on
the head occasionally. More than 55
volunteers presented themselves for
work at 8:30 A. M. These were mem
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Columbia County Taxpayers' League Asks a Few Questions for Major H. L. Bowlby, State Highway Engineer, to Answer.

To Major H. L. Bowlby, State Highway Engineer:

In The Oregonian of December 30 you make the statement that the charge made against you of extravagance in the expenditure of the funds of this county are untrue. Inasmuch as such charges have been made, not only of extravagance, but also of incompetency, will you, through the columns of The Oregonian or other Portland papers, answer the following

(1) Is it true that after making a survey of the road from Clatsop County to Tide Creek, in Columbia County, you estimated 32.4 acres of heavy clearing along the right of way and that up to December 1 the contractors had cleared 127.7 acres and that the contract price of same was \$125 an acre?

(2) If these figures are correct, do you consider that such estimates, made by a State Highway Engineer, show incompetency or extravagance?

(3) Is it not a fact that on what is called the Marshland section of that road you estimated, after your survey, that it would require 765 square rods of grubbing to cost, under the contract, \$956.25, and that up to September 1 there had been grubbed on this 9-mile section 3626 square rods at a cost of \$4532.50?

(4) If these figures are correct, do you consider that they show incompetency, extravagance or deception?

(5) Is it true and do your records show that on this same 9-mile Marshland section you estimated 4300 cubic yards of hardpan at a cost of \$1720 and that up to September 1 there had been removed 18,711 cubic yards at a cost of \$7484.40?

(6) If these figures are correct, do you consider an engineer competent and careful who could not estimate within 14,000 cubic yards of hardpan on a 9-mile stretch?

(7) If the figures contained in any of the above questions are not correct, will you explain why those same figures are all approved for payment over your signature in the office of the County Clerk of Columbia County?

(8) If the figures in the above questions are correct and those estimates were made by you in your capacity as State Highway Engineer, do you still say that the charges of extravagance and incompetency are untrue and that the petitions of the taxpayers of Columbia County, asking for your removal, "are just an aftermath of the recall election"? Your full answer to these questions will be appreciated.

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