

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.

Deliberately taking off his coat, Fred L. Widell walked across the courtroom and struck Fred L. Widell in the face just after Circuit Judge McGinn had awarded Widell custody of one of his own children yesterday afternoon.

Widell's face and nose were cut badly. The two Johnanssens were 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, Ralph Citron, that Mrs. Martha Widell was not a proper person to have charge of the two children, Charlotte, aged 9, and Louise, aged 6.

"Do you want to live with your mother or with your father?" he asked. "With my father," said the girl.

Lawyer Citron rushed to the bench. "Your honor, they hit my client in the nose," he declared excitedly.

PHOSPHORUS STARTS FIRE Employees of Blumauer-Frank Driven From Store by Fumes.

Nearly 100 employees of the Blumauer, Frank Drug Company, at Park street, were chased into the street yesterday by the smoke from a barrel of phosphorus which took fire in the acid room from spontaneous combustion.

\$100,000 DAMAGES ASKED L. M. Johnson Charges Alienation of Wife's Affections.

Suit for \$100,000 damages for alienation of his wife's affections was filed in County Clerk Coffey's office yesterday by L. M. Johnson against Christopher T. and Rosemary E. Bradley.

13 AT EACH OF 2 FETES Albert Pike Memorial Banquets Are Held by Masons.

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



Portland, P. S. Malcolm, inspector-general for Oregon and head of the Masonic Rite order in this state, presiding. Others present were General Thomas M. Anderson, Louis G. Clarke, Judge John B. Cleland, Judge M. C. George, W. E. Grace, Wallace McCannant, Donald Mackay, B. H. Nichol, Joseph Simon, D. W. Taylor, T. G. Taylor, Portland, and Judge George H. Burnett, Salem.

SEWER BIDS REJECTED

Commissioner Dieck Recommends Monolithic Construction for Willow Street Extension of Drain.

An irregularity in the bid submitted by Giesbach & Joplin, contractors for the construction of the Willow street extension of the East Stark street trunk sewer, one of the largest sewer projects undertaken by the city in several years, caused the rejection by the City Council yesterday of all bids. This is the second time bids have been discarded because of irregularities.

MISS JEAN M'LEOD WEDS

Stenographer for Washington Governors Married to Earl Holloway.

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 postage.

REPRESENTATIVE ON TOUR

Burns Man Investigating Needs of Malheur County.

Man to Get \$850 for an Eye.

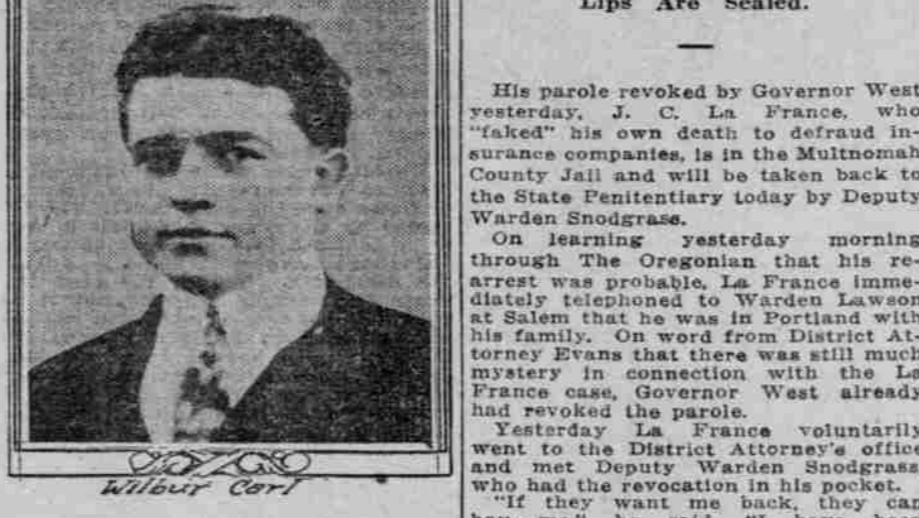
ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 30.—(Special).—The case of John Martinous against the Clatsop Mill Company was settled today by the filing of a stipulation that the plaintiff secure a judgment for \$850. The plaintiff, while working in the defendant's mill, lost an eye.

LA FRANCE MUST REVOKE PAROLE

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 Sealed.



His parole revoked by Governor West yesterday, 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 Snodgrass.

NEW FILMS PREVAIL

Noted Chaplin at Sunset in 30 Minutes of Laughs.

STAR HAS DUSTIN FARNUM

Famous Actor Great Favorite in Southern Classic, 'Cameo Kirby.'

Charles Chaplin, in a 30-minute farce entitled, "His Prehistoric Past," is the feature at the Sunset Theater. The Keystone comedies, as produced under the direction of Mack Sennett, are featured the world over and in Portland the Sunset Theater has first choice of the Keystone output.

GREAT FAVORITE IS AT STAR

Dustin Farnum in "Cameo Kirby" Is Most Stellar Feature.

PEOPLES HAS GIRL DRAMA

Marguerite Clark Is Star of Great Film, "The Crucible."

Marguerite Clark, fascinating little star of "Wildflower," is at the Peoples Theater in "The Crucible." The feature will prevail for the rest of the week.

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In the forthcoming New Year's Edition there will be a complete review of progress and a comprehensive exploitation of the resources and industries of the state.

Among exclusive features will be the Panama Canal and shipping section, comprising special articles covering subjects of compelling interest to the manufacturer, wholesaler, exporter, farmer and merchant; a double-page drawing of the canal; a drawing showing Portland's relative position with the world's ports; scenes of port and harbor activity in shipping and development work.

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NEW TEMPLE RISING

Many Volunteer to Erect Structure for Revivals.

Workers Toil All Day Despite Rain and Great Headway is Made on East Side Tabernacle—Hot Luncheon Served by Women.

DENOMINATIONAL LINES GO

Denominational lines were smashed to pieces and creeds were thrown to the winds yesterday morning, when the volunteers assembled to put up the tabernacle at East Eleventh and East Morrison streets for the union meetings which start Sunday night.

ANOTHER CHARGE IS PENDING

Parole of J. C. La France Made by Governor on Advice of Board.

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 questions?

COLUMBIA COUNTY TAXPAYERS' LEAGUE. By J. G. Watts, Pres. T. M. Caples, Sec. (Paid Advertisement.)