## \$620,000 INVOLVED IN TIMBER SUITS

E. H. Dodge Accuses Fred A. Kribs and Willard N. Jones of Defrauding Him.

SEVERAL DEALS RECITED

Plaintiff Asserts His Ignorance of Business Was Taken Advantage Of by Associates, Causing Him Heavy Losses.

Alleged timber frauds involving approximately \$520,000 are the basis of complaint filed in County Clerk Coffey's office yeaterday against Fred A. Kribs and Willard N. Jones, well known Portland timber men, and the J. K. Lumber Company, of which they are principal owners. The suit is brought on behalf of the bankrupt E. H. Dodge interests in Skamania County, Washington. Attorney Thomas Mannix filed the

Attorney Thomas Mannix filed the suit for Parker Stennick, trustee in bankruptcy of E. H. Dodge, the Hamilton Creek Timber Company, the E. H. Dodge Lumber Company and the Rainier Lumber & Shingle Company. Mr. Dodge and his three corporations filed petitions in bankruptcy a year ago.

Misrepresented cruises of timber, forfeiture clauses in contracts, and the deliberate intent to defraud him out of his property are charged by Mr. Dodge. He says in his complaint that he came to Portland from California in 1912 with saize money but with no knowledge of the lumber business. He alleges that Mr. Kribs and Mr. Jones took advantage of his ignorance and stripped him of all he had.

For \$155,000 Mr. Dodge says he purchased a tract of timber land in Skamania County, containing approximately \$3,000,000 feet. This land, he says, is now worth \$250,000.

Misrepresentation is Alleged.

Kribs and Jones, says the complaint, then represented to him that they had 658,895,000 feet of timber near his, and that it was worth \$1,385,679,50. They made a contract with him whereby he was to turn over his timber land, build a logging railroad and log off the entire tract of land. Kribbs and Jones were to float a \$200,000 hond issue, pay Dodge \$215,000 to build the railroad, and give him a quarter interest in the J. K. Lumber Company, which was to be organized in carrying the scheme through to completion.

Dodge alleges that Kribs and Jones exaggerated the amount of timber on Misrepresentation Is Alleged.

Dodge alleges that Kribs and Jones exaggerated the amount of timber on their land by 20 to 50 per cent, and that his contract contained a clause which made it impossible for him to comply in view of the amount of timber. The money to build the railroad was to have been paid over to him in April, 1913. Dodge says he had to advance the money to build the road himself and that it cost about \$370,000. Additional cost was due to the delay of Kribs and Jones in getting the money for him.

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The seven miles of railroad was completed early in 1814, and then, says Dodge, Kribs and Jones notified him that his contract had been violated and that they would immediately take poscession of the railroad and retain the timber land he had turned over to them. At this time, says Dodge in his complaint, he was almost bankrupt and the three concerns of which he was head were hovering on the edge of insolvency. In order to put the logging road through he had borrowed money from his own companies. But in spite of this, he says, he was still firm in his belief that the other two men would live up to their part of the contract.

Insolvency Once Averted.

Insolvency Once Averted. Kribs and Jones indorsed his note for \$50,000, he declares, to keep him from going bankrupt. They did this because they were at that time trying to float the bond issue, and to have Dodge bed the bond issue, and that time would come insolvent at that time would make it impossible for them to sell their bonds. Early in 1914 Dodge went bankrupt.

of his contracts with Jones and Kribs he rescinded, that the defendants be required to pay him \$370,000 for builting the logging railroad, and either return him his original timber land or pay him \$250,000 for it.

Y. M. C. A. ELECTION LIVELY Boys Work for Candidates in Race pay him \$250,000 for it.

## PERSONAL MENTION.

T. G. Bligh, of Salem, is at the Cor-O. P. Johnson, of Boise, is at the

E. A. Thornhill, of Boise, is at the Seward. H. A. Bell, of Bridal Veil, is at the Seward.

P. W. Mallett, of Seattle, is at the C. Poorman, of Woodburn, is at

W. H. Slipper, of Newport, is at the Perkins. F. E. Newlin, of Pendleton, is at

Edward C. Kilbourne, of Seattle, is John Eakin, a merchant of Boise, is

at the Carlton Dr. A. E. Mallory, of Newberg, is at the Ferkins.

George W. Kummer, of Damascus, is at the Cornellus. H. J. Foster, an Astoria merchant, is at the Cariton. Zoe Hauser, a steckman of Eche is at the Imperial.

W. Lusk, a timberman of Silver-is at the Carlton. S. J. Verney, a merchant of North Bind, is at the Oregon.

J. S. Reid, a business man of The Dalles, is at the Carlton.

B. A. Eldred, a contractor of Clats-kanie, is at the Perkins. S. P. Bartlett, a lumber dealer of Bandon, is at the Imperial.

R. C. Ransom, a business man of Rainler, is at the Nortonia. K. C. Eldridge a creamery man of Independence, is at the Seward. John H. Ryder and C. Frank Smith, of New York, are at the Nortonia.

S. A. Benson, of this city, was a Exposition.

E. A. Kruger and his bride of 24 hours are registered at the Perkins from Camby.

J. H. Batcher, of San Francisco, who laid the Mount Hood pipe line, is at the Multnomah. Professor F. G. G. Schmidt, of the University of Oregon, is registered from Eugene at the Cornelius. Mme. Jomelli, the famous opera-diva, left the Benson Hotel for Sac-

diva, left the Benson Hotel for Sacramento yesterday affernoon.

A. B. Thompson, president of the Oregon Irrigation Congress, is registered from Echo at the Imperial.

A. D. Plughoff and W. J. Pedier, of San Francisco, and A. O. Reed, of Toledo, representatives of the Overland Automobile Company, are at the Multicompt.

Portland people enjoying the delights of Arrowhead Hot Springs, Southern California, are Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Lomi and O. B. Ballom

W. T. Histop, W. H. Englebigh, George W. Woodman, Ella W. Woodman and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Cox, all of this city. are among the guests registering at the Arlington Hotel, Santa Barbara, during the past week.

Among the many arrivals at Hotel Clark, Los Angeles, from Oregon are: Samuel D. Plummer, William H. Metz-ger and Mrs. Metzger, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Goodrich, of Eugene, and A. G. Magers, of Salem.

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A. R. McKinley, of San Francisco, has arrived in Portland to become manager of the Portland office of the Brunswick-Balke-Collender Company, succeeding R. T. Byers, who goes to take charge of the Seattle branch.

CHICAGO, Jan. 22.—(Special.)—Oreigon people are registered at Chicago
hotels as follows: Portland—Congress,
George W. Simons: Morrison, C. S.
Hampton and Dr. C. E. Hennerberger;
La Salle, James Strain, Mrs. I. Peterson, Will Lipman and Miss E. Schwitzer: Heppner—Grand Pacific, M. H.
Kapple.

will give the general public the first chance for close scrutiny. The King, the second to be announced, arrived

the second to be announced, arrived yesterday.

The Cadillac, the first of the eights, is already known in Portland.

Another interesting feature will be the starcopticon views and motion pictures to be shown every day in the accessory-room. Samuel C. Lancaster, the consulting engineer of the Columbia River Highway, will be there each night to lecture and show the beautiful collection of views which he has made collection of views which he has made collection of views which he has made on the "Wonder Road of America."

Operator, Attacked, Thieves, Thinking Him Dead, Flee.

Early in 1914 Dodge went bankrupt.

His creditors held a meeting and agreed not to press him if Jones and Kribs would let his contract for the logging road and cutting the timber go through. He declares the two men agreed to this and work again proceeded.

On May 14, 1914, Dodge alleges Kribs and Jones ousted him from the road on grounds that he had violated his contract. The forfeiture clauses gave them the railroad, into which he had sunk a great deal of his money, and they were already in possession of his timber land.

Dodge avers that his liabilities are \$415,000, and that his total assets are in a lumber mill at Rainier, and this, he says, is "of doubtful value." The affairs of Dodge and his three corporations are all being administered together.

Tacoma 122—John Trimble, agreed to the disclosures in the red according to the disclosures in the red ballots and counted them for Mr. Word, the ballots and counted them for Mr. Word, according to the disclosures in the red according to the disclosures in the red ballots and counted them for Mr. Word, according to the disclosures in the red according to the disclosures. The four the Northern pacific Railroad, at Wapato telegraph operated to a fight with two armed men who robbed him at the were noticed a call was sent for the Northern pacific Railroad, at t

Boys at the Y. M. C. A. are experiencing all of the thrills of an election campaign and a number of candidates have appeared in each division to fill the vacancies on the Boys' Council, the legislative body of the department.

The polls will be closed at 1 o'clock today. Only one candidate will be chosen from each division, but the following are in the race: High school. Paul Stone and Howard Werschul; intermediates, Earl DuBois, Clinton Rapp, Hadden Rockey and Edgar Wertheimer; business boys "R." Earl Clark and Wilbur Hood; business boys "A." Oliver Bacon, Chauncey Wightman, Dean Van Zandt and Robert Vial, and juniors, Chester Froude, Van Moorehead and Emilio Piluso.

## ASHLAND TO SELL BONDS Local Men Form Syndicate to Buy

Securities to Improve Springs.

ASHLAND, Or., Jan. 22.—(Special.)—
Forty-eight local men have formed a syndicate to take over Ashland's auxiliary water bonds on January 26 at par and accrued interest to date of delivery, if no acceptable outside bid is received. The bonds run 45 years, bear 5 per cent interest and aggregate \$175,000. The proceeds will be used to develop a number of mineral springs and improve the park with a view of developing a watering resort along the lines of Carlsbad and Kissengen, Austria.

A new \$150,000 tourist hotel is assured. Work will be begun at once on the project, and be completed by July 1.

Major Fred R. Reed Resigns.

John H. Ryder and C. Frank Smith.
of New York, are at the Nortonia.
F. E. Veness, of Winlock, a wellknown lumberman, is at the Oregon.
F. M. Burnside, an insurance adjustor of Scattle, is at the Multnomah.
Jay A. Czizek, of Warrens, Idaho County, to hold office curing the life of the

# guest for a few days last week at Hotel Virginia, Long Beach. F. L. Fiske, a radiator manufacturer. is registered at the Multnomah from

Shrievalty Vote Case Grows, but Mr. Evans Declines to Make Statement.

HURLBURT YET GAINING

Alleged Erasures Fail to Affec Count, Which Increases to Sheriff's Benefit Even Over Official Mark of 2693 Votes.

One witness was examined by Dis-trict Attorney Evans yesterday in con-nection with the irregularities discov-ered in 123 ballots cast for Sheriff at the November election in Precinct 37.
Mr. Evans would not say who this witness was, nor would he make a statement with regard to investigations into the evidences of fraud discovered during the resount of the abstractive verse.

ing the recount of the shrievalty vote.

The 123 ballots, out of 330 cast in the precinct, contained erasures in front of T. M. Huriburt's name and a new cross in front of Tom M. Word's name.

Mr. Word was defeated by 171 votes, Mr. Word was defeated by 171 votes, and according to the official count, and brought contest proceedings, alleging erroneous counting in each one of the 226 precincts in the county. The recount under this contest is now proceeding under the supervision of Circuit Judge Kavanaugh, and it was during the counting of Precinct 37 that the erasures were discovered.

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"The take sor possibly three," he said, "but positively no more than that. I don't remember that Mr. Clark particularly assigned me to the task of changing land. If

member that Mr. Clark particularly assigned me to the task of changing ballots."

That the ballots in the polling place were left in charge of a special Deputy Sheriff, named Linde, while the judges and clerks were at lunch on November 4, is a statement that is being persistently made. Linde, it is said, was a Word watcher at the polls and remained at Precinct 37 until the count was finished.

Word "Watcher" Caller.

The day board of judges consisted of the city but of cities where they have been tried."

Mr. Larson also referred to fake jitney busses, which, he said, were in the habit of driving around to fill up with siris.

Mr. Word said," testified Donnelly.

The published statement, attributed to Mr. Word's attorney, Paul Farrens, that if changes in the ballots were made, it was by Hurlburt men who wanted to discredit the precinct, was subjected to ridicule yesterday, Mr. Farrens denied having made the statement.

"I said it was just as probable that "I said it was just as probable that the changes were made by Huriburt men as by Word men," he explained. Affidavits from 124 voters in Pre-cinct 37, who swear that they cast a vote for Mr. Huriburt, are in the pos-session of Attorney Dan Malarkey, and

the adoption of a non-partiash primary election of both state and county officers. We are opposed to the holding of any special election on the liquor question. We are opposed to the raising of any salaried office in the state, especially County School Superintendent."

FOOL'S GOLD ACT EXCUSED

Man With Sand Blames Jeweler for

Bolstering Opinion of Value.

Saying that his opinion of the value of the yellow sand that he had brought to Portland from Eastern Oregon had been bolstered up by the assertions of a jeweler and chemist of this city, before he thought of disposing of it for \$97 an ounce, as purest gold, Ragnar Lunell, who was detained for a short time. Wednesday, by the police while

time Wednesday by the police while his sanity was looked into, made a statement yesterday in regard to his

Mr. Lunell stated that he had only

placed the gand in the Bank of Cali-fornia for deposit, and had made no attempt to sell it other than to inquire whether or not the Portland banks would purchase gold in that form.

**ALUMNI MEET WEDNESDAY** 

Washington Association to Hold In

formal Dance, Too.

The regular business meeting of the

Washington High School Alumni will be held Wednesday night, January 27

at 8:30 o'clock at the clubhouse at "The

Steps." An informal dance will fol-

low the meeting.

low the meeting.

Hereafter all meetings of the Alumni will be held at "The Steps."

Girls have been requested to bring sandwiches, pickles or cake.

To reach "The Steps," take the Fulton car, get off at "The Steps," walk two blocks up the steps and turn to the right. As plans are being made for a large dance, the president has issued an urgent request that all members be present.

## UNION MEAT COMPANY TO SPEND \$500,000 ON PLANT ON PENINSULA.

Plans are in the process of formation for extensive enlargements to be made to the plant of the Union Meat Company in North Portland, which, when completed, will entail an expenditure of about \$500,000. C. C. Colt, president and treasurer of the company, said yesterday that between \$100,000 and \$150,000 would be spent before next Fall in making additions to the present plant.

The changes are to be made because of the increase in the company's business, last year's showing being the record of history, despite the European war, which cut off all export trade. Part of the building programme is the erection of a large hog house. Work already is under way for enlargements to be made to some of the present buildings.

The announcement of the Improvements was made informally by Mr. Colt yesterday noon soon after he had finished addressing the Portland Realty Board on the subject of "Optimism and Confidence," in which he exhorted the "real estaters" to think and say "business is good,"

# It is probable that an attempt will be made to present these as evidence. The official count in this precinct was: Word 260, Huriburt 55. Precincts ad-joining on every side gave Huriburt big majorities.

Hurlburt Still Gains.

The counting of disputed ballots under the personal supervision of Circuit Judge Kavanaugh was resumed yesterday, and further gains for Hurlburt were disclosed. No date was set for hearing arguments on Precinct 37, but this event is looked forward to with interest.

The completed recount in 26 precincts Council Hears Autoists Pick Proposed Law to Pieces.

MANY CHANGES ARE MADE

Interest.

The completed recount in 26 precincts gives Mr. Hurlburt a gain of 22 votes over the official count and shows a net loss to Mr. Word of 1 vote. The first 25 and the 28th Precincts complete give Hurlburt 2715, Word 2445. The official count was: Hurlburt 2693, Word 2446.

More disputed ballots may be heard by Judge Kavanaugh this afternoon if other court business does not interfere. Parking of Machines and Reduction of Speed Limits Are Argued-No Protest, However, Made to Provision for Pedestrians. **REALTY MEN OPPOSE BUS** 

Automobile dealers and drivers picked to pieces Commissioner Brewster's pro-posed new traffic ordinance yesterday at a public hearing before the Council. In some of their contentions DISCUSSION OF JITNEYS FOLLOWED

Board Almost Unanimous in Opinion

That New Passenger Service is

"Parasite" on Community.

"I believe the unfavorable conditions we are just emerging from were caused directly by the muckrakers who a few years ago passed their time and who couldn't bear to see good business get any better or big business fer any bigger," declared C. C. Colt. president of the Union Meat Commissiones and who couldn't bear to see good business get any better or big business fer any better or big business fer a

AUTO SHOW TO OPEN

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