

TAFT FORGOTTEN GUILTY

Broker Charged With Forgery
Expected an Acquittal.

WILL TAKE AN APPEAL

Jury Brings in Verdict After Deliberation of but 15 Minutes—Defendant Overwhelmed by Blow of Conviction.

It took a Circuit Court jury just about 15 minutes to find W. H. Taft guilty of forgery yesterday forenoon. Taft, former real estate man and note broker, made a stiff fight against conviction after settling up his affairs and paying his creditors. He had expressed confidence of being acquitted and had laid his plans for the future.

Arguments were completed in the case and the jury went out at 11 o'clock. Taft remained in the courtroom. He seemed unprepared for the early return of the jury, which filed back into the courtroom in 15 minutes. The prisoner arose and, hearing the jury's verdict, wherein he was convicted of being a felon. When the verdict was read Taft dropped into his chair, sat motionless for a moment and then covered his face with his hands.

The charge against Taft was that he forged notes and disposed of them. The complaining witness, Dr. G. D. Peters, bought a large quantity of these notes, but has since been repaid the face value, with interest at about 10 per cent. Taft's defense was that former business associates were conspiring to send him to the penitentiary in order to strip him of his remaining interests.

Taft's troubles grew in bulk during the forenoon, when District Attorney Manning filed a second information charging a similar offense. Date of sentence will not be fixed until the usual five days allowed for appeal have elapsed. The penalty prescribed by law is imprisonment in the State Penitentiary for a period of from two to twenty years.

Taft was removed to his cell in the County Jail, being unable to produce bonds. It is understood he will fight the case on appeal.

PASSES WORTHLESS CHECKS

Sam Mason's Bogus Bankbook Gets Him Into Trouble.

Had the Canadian prison authorities taken Sam Mason's bogus bankbook away from him upon releasing him from a nine months' term in the jail at New Westminster, they might have saved considerable trouble for a number of people, including Mason. The book was a big Canadian power company's and Mason's favorite swindle was to sign himself as manager of the concern.

A few weeks after his release from the jail across the border, over a year ago, Mason went to Washington and passed a check from the book that had been returned to him by the bank authorities. The check was for \$30 and was cashed on a Cape Horn saloonkeeper. The same day Mason went to Vancouver, Wash., and stole a horse and buggy from Sheriff Sappington, of that place, an offense for which he was arrested ten days ago on Washington street, by Deputy Sheriff Leonard.

The officer has since been looking up the fellow's record and finds that it is an extensive one, from a criminal standpoint. Mason now will have to stand trial in Washington for passing a worthless check as well as for horsestealing.

BARTENDER IS AWARDED \$399

Jury Holds He Was Whipped in a Fight With Employer.

August Erickson gets the credit for being the best rough-house and stark fight \$399. That was the amount decided on by a Circuit Court jury, which has been trying the case for several days. The fight was between Erickson and a man named Wurm, who had been beating Erickson for some time. Erickson was awarded \$399 damages for personal injuries sustained in a little fist fight encounter. After several weary hours of discussion on the respective fighting abilities of the two men, the jury decided that the bartender got the worse of the encounter by fully \$399.

Whether the amount represents a gouge in the eye, a left hook to the ear, or a rap over the head with a beer bottle, the jury's verdict fails to set out.

The fight between the two men arose over the proprietor's handling of the cash register. Both men required the services of doctors after the fight, and each claims to have been permanently injured. Wurm said Erickson beat him with a beer bottle, and Erickson contended that Wurm knocked him down and kicked him.

NEW FURNITURE STORE

All Lines of Business Are Flourishing in Portland.

The Home Furniture Company is opening a large store at 104 First street, between Washington and Stark streets. The average person might suppose that there are enough establishments of this kind in the city to supply the demand. Probably this would be true if the new firm traveled along beaten paths, but they propose to command a large share of the Portland trade by pursuing a liberal policy to their customers. Complete house furnishings, they will carry all kinds of goods, which, it is claimed, will be sold at exceptionally moderate prices. The store, which is located in the Rice & Phelan building, has been remodeled and made strictly modern. If the firm lives up to the promises made, Portland people will extend a hearty response. The firm is composed of M. M. Sugarman, formerly of the firm of Sugarman Bros. and A. Kallisher, who will act as manager.

Slides Are Cleared Away.

Two slides on the O. R. & N. near milepost 58 were cleared away yesterday afternoon at 1 o'clock and traffic on the line was resumed. The second slide came down just as the first one was cleared away. A work train was sent to the scene of the trouble and the slides were successfully cleared away yesterday. Slight changes in the main line have been made, which brings the track nearer the river, and further from the mountainside. This, it is thought, will prevent trouble with similar slides next winter.

After typhoid fever, pneumonia and other prostrating diseases, take Hood's Sarsaparilla.

OUR NEW YORK BUYER CAPTURES ANOTHER GREAT STOCK 80000 WOMEN'S WAISTS AT LESS THAN HALF PRICE



A sale of such mammoth proportions as to bring a stampede of buyers. Thousands of the best and finest Waists you've ever seen. Waists worth double and more, all sacrificed in this mammoth, monster sale

At Less Than Cost of Bare Materials Alone

Over 100 feet of selling space devoted to this gigantic event. That gives you some idea of the vast proportions of this sale—the greatest, biggest, most sensational waist event ever held in Portland. Thousands upon thousands of the finest and most elegant of this season's garments, in the vast display. Made of sheer white lawns, mulls and lingerie, in over 50 of the handsomest styles ever shown. Every one extravagantly trimmed, and many literally covered with laces and embroideries; others fancy tucked and finished with pleats; long and short sleeves; open front and back. All Waists made for the finest trade. Waists made to sell at \$2, \$3, and even \$4. All sizes and plenty of them. At 9 tomorrow morning the sale begins, and ten extra salespeople will be here to wait on the crowds. Two great lots, two big bargains. No matter what they are worth, no matter if other stores DO sell these same identical Waists at two to three times these prices, all go in two great lots at \$2 and \$2.50 Waists, 98c, and all \$3, \$3.50 and \$4.00 ones at \$1.79 for the best.

98c
AND
\$1.79

A MONDAY CLEAN-UP OF ODD LINES
Men's Best \$1 and \$1.25
LAUNDERED SHIRTS
All odd dozens and broken lots of the best known trademark brands; the assortment includes over 5000 shirts.
MONARCH, SILVER and INTER STATE
Brands, negligee styles, coat effects; all patterns and most all sizes. Every shirt in the lot worth \$1 to \$1.50. Choice... **59c Ea**

PORTLAND'S NEW DEPARTMENT STORE
GOLDEN EAGLE
ENTIRE BLOCK ON YAMHILL, FROM 2ND TO 3RD.
MAIL ORDER PATRONS FORWARD YOUR NAME AND
WE'LL SEND YOU SAMPLES
OF SOME OF OUR THOUSANDS OF SPECIAL BARGAINS

CLEAN SWEEP SALE OF ODD LOTS
Women's \$1.00 Soiled MUSLIN UNDERSKIRTS
A heaping counter full of hundreds of pieces to go, every one at less than cost of the bare materials alone; all odd lots.
FINEST OF MUSLIN and LATEST STYLES
Slightly mused and soiled and some few damaged by water; trimmed with 3-inch lace; all regular \$1 Skirts. While they last **48c Ea**

A MONDAY SALE OF SOUVENIR POSTCARDS
Another lot of the famous Lewis and Clark Exposition Souvenir Postals, all ready for mailing. 15 different views. Regular price 2 for 5c. Tomorrow you get a complete assortment of the entire 12 POSTALS **5c**

GREAT BARGAIN SALE
10c a Set, Worth 25c
Gold Plated
Dozens of fancy styles like cut and others, set with brilliant, pearls and other semi-precious jewels. 5000 of these Beauty Pins to go, and sold everywhere at 25c per set... **10c**

Monday Morning Specials
FROM 8 TO 10—TWO HOURS ONLY
Large 5c bar Laundry Soap... **2c**
Children's 3c Fancy Handkerchiefs... **1c**
8c Torchon lace, 3 and 4 in. wide, yd... **2c**
Reg. 15c deck Playing Cards... **6c**
Large 10c cake Tar Soap... **5c**
25c box Writing Paper & Envelopes... **11c**
Mill ends 15c to 25c Dress Linings, yd... **5c**
Mill ends 50c all-wool Batiste, yard... **25c**
Best 12 1/2c white India Linon, yard... **7c**
8 1-3c Shelf Oil-cloth—2 hrs., yd... **4 1/2c**
5000 reg. 12c fringed Towels, each... **5c**
Full size \$1.50 Lace Curtains, pr... **98c**

AN EXTRAORDINARY GLOVE SALE
50c for Women's Best 75c
Silk Gloves
One of the best makes with double finger-tips; 2 clasps; in black and white only; all sizes; every pair a 75c glove and not over two pairs to a customer; special... **50c**

ANOTHER BIG SALE OF ALLOVER LACES
A 50-piece sample lot at 60c yard. Handsome net and Oriental effects, rich, elegant designs, all perfect, and grades made to sell at 80c, \$1 and up to \$1.25—all in one big lot choice... **69c Yd**

GREAT AUCTION PURCHASE OF WOMEN'S FANCY SLIPPERS
Worth Up to \$1.29
An 800-pair purchase, and it's one of the best buys we've ever made—the finest and handsomest women's house and fancy slippers at \$1.29, and you pick from values up to \$3 a pair.
ALL SIZES—ALL WIDTHS
The newest and latest style; made of patent kid and also of 1, 2, 3 and 4-strap styles; low Cuban and military or French heels; light or heavy soles. None worth less than \$2. Most all \$2.50-\$3 val., choice... **\$1.29**
ODDS AND SHOE SALE
Still On—Values up to \$3.00

Another of Our Sensational, Store-Crowding Ribbon Sales
5000 Yards Finest 25c All-Silk
5-In. Taffeta Ribbon 12 1/2c Yd.
A stupendous bargain event, and one that proves again that the biggest bargains are always to be found here. The finest of pure silk Taffeta Ribbons at 12 1/2c a yard—and you know as well as we do that these same grades sell all over at 18c to 25c and even 35c a yard. All wide widths—Nos. 40, 60 and 80, in black, white and all the colors of the rainbow; soft, crushable finish—just the thing for bows, the neck, belts, trimmings, fancy work, etc. The very ribbons the whole town is clamoring for—and grades that sell all over at 18c and up to 25c. It's a sale where you get 2 to 3 yards for the usual price of 1, and Portland's shrewdest buyers will be here in full force, laying in a season's supply; buy all you want tomorrow, for there's no telling when you'll have such a bargain again. Choice, yard... **12 1/2c**

Maker's Entire Stock of 100 Dozen WOMEN'S LAWN KIMONOS
All 75c and \$1 Values, Choice 48c
The best and finest Kimonos ever sold at such a ridiculous price—1200 of them to go—all fancy styles and every one at less than cost of the bare materials alone.
All New Spring Styles
Made of sheer and fine fancy figured lawn; full Kimono sleeves; all sizes; 20 fancy dried Peaches, lb... **15c**
25c dry Mustard, lb... **25c**
25c can ground Chocolate... **25c**
Another great bargain! 20 chests of finest 40c Tea at 34c lb. The genuine Gunpowder and it's extra fine; a Tea that sells all over at 60c. One day only, while it lasts, lb... **34c**
Large 2-lb brick Codfish, reg... **15c**
30c pint jar Pure Honey... **21c**
17c Dried Apples, lb... **12c**
25c Dried Apricots, lb... **20c**
3c Prunes, 5 lbs, for... **25c**
35c M. & J. Coffee, our famous superior blend; once you try it you'll buy no other; lb... **23c**
40c large juicy Oranges, dozen... **28c**
15c bottle Catsup... **8c**
5c Pink Beans, lb... **4c**
10c Lima Beans, lb... **7c**
40c bottle Salad Oil... **15c**
Regular 10c Peas, 2 cans for... **15c**
Beef bulk Black Pepper, always 40c lb... **25c**
15c Spaghetti, package... **8c**
15c Noodles for... **8c**

BANKRUPT SALE 75c AND \$1 EMBROIDERIES 39c YARD
39c Yd.
From the A. Wurtzenburger Bankrupt New York Stock—6000 Yards in All to Go
The widest, finest and best of 75c and \$1 Embroideries at 39c. It means 2 to 3 yards for the price of 1, and it's a bargain so great that every yard should be gone by noon tomorrow. The finest of Allover and Corset Cover Embroideries, in beautiful open-work and shadow effect designs; wide 18 to 24-inch widths; every yard perfect and this season's newest goods. Not a single, solitary yard worth less than 75c; most all \$1 values, and not mill ends either, such as you ought to expect at this ridiculous price, but all full pieces. At 8 tomorrow morning the most sensational of all Embroidery sales begins, and it will be snapped up in no time when people see what a really great bargain it is. All in one lot and all 75c and \$1 values. Choice, 39c yard.

DRAPERIES
5000 Yards Mill Ends
Yard Wide Silkline 4c
Worth 10c Yard.
Lace Door Panels, all fancy styles, full size; our regular 50c grade, and most stores ask 80c... **35c**
34-inch fancy Drapery Crepes, all colors; mill ends; finest 18c grade, yard... **12 1/2c**
Best 12 1/2c Brass Sash Curtain Rods; the latest patent; easy to put up; no screws needed, sp... **8 1/2c**

WE ARE BREAKING ALL RECORDS FOR THE SELLING OF SILKS AND DRESS GOODS
Each week sales double and treble, for it seems as if all Portland is aware that this is the one place to buy the best Silks and Dress Goods cheapest. Tomorrow's great specials prove and prove again the under-selling supremacy of this great store. No matter what you wish in this line, it's here, and at a saving. Make it a point to always get our prices before spending a dollar for Silks or Dress Goods. The Great Corner Store leads them all. The proof:

39c CHINA SILKS
5000 yards in all to go; all colors, reds, blues, pinks, white, etc.; full width, all perfect. The same grade every store in town sells at 39c. Here at... **21c Yd.**

\$1 FANCY SILKS
50 pieces only, from the New York auction—slightly fire damaged and smoked on edges. Fancy striped novelties and also plain lousines; all colors and all 75c and \$1 grades; choice... **29c Yd.**

\$1.50 NOVELTY SILKS
Odd lots left from last Monday's sensational sale. Checks, stripes and fancies of all kinds; not a yard worth less than \$1 and up to as high as \$1.50. While they last... **49c Yd.**

65c BLACK SATIN DUCHESS 39c YARD
Ten pieces only, all black, and 39c a yard for black Satin Duchess is a bargain that happens but once a year, for every one knows that it is seldom indeed that staple black silk is sold at such a price. All full 19 inches wide—beautiful black, with high, lustrous finish—a silk that's a actually worth 52 1/2c whole—39c Yard sale; retails all over at 65c and 75c—all day tomorrow, if the 10 pieces last that long... **39c Yard**

25c WHITE Danish Cloth
Full 24 ins. wide, yard... **19c**

49c
100 pieces of new Spring Dress Goods in plain colors, mixtures, checks and plaids; all full yard wide and the newest of the season's styles; dozens of kinds to pick from, and up to 75c values; all in one lot, yard... **49c**

SAVE ON YOUR GROCERIES
5c sack Table Salt... **3c**
Best 25c Lemon, dozen... **12c**
Regular 20c sack Graham Flour, coarser or fine... **24c**
10-lb sack Buckwheat Flour... **32c**
20c fancy Dried Peaches, lb... **15c**
10c black or white Figs, lb... **6c**
10c Sago, lb... **7c**
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DISCUSS WATER QUESTION
Members of Improvement Club Also Hear Talk by H. D. Wagon.

A meeting of the Northeastern Improvement Association was held Friday night, George P. Frank presiding. The time was devoted to a discussion of the various water amendments to the charter. H. D. Wagon, of the Free Water Association, was present and addressed the club at length. In the course of his talk he scored the water department severely. Mr. Wagon explained at length the objects and purposes of the Free Water Association, which he declared was for fair deal for every man and favors to none. He denounced the installation of meters as "vicious and iniquitous," calling it a measure of oppression to the poor people of Portland. He told of one instance where a meter was installed at the home of a widow who worked for her living by washing.

with the result that water is costing her from \$5 to \$8 per month. Mr. Wagon scored Whitney L. Boise, who had been invited to address the Northeastern Club, but had been prevented from attending. Wagon declared that Mr. Boise had attended the meeting, "would have tried to cram down your throats the purposes and demands of the houses and the wealthy classes, who seek to oppress the poor by their schemes to collect money." There was some surprise expressed that Mr. Boise should have attended. Among those present were Mrs. Elizabeth Kent, also a pioneer of '47, and sister of the late Mrs. R. V. Short, and Captain George Pease, a lifelong friend of Mr. Short, and one of the pioneer steamboat men of Portland. Despite his years and long and active life in subduing the native wilds of Oregon, Mr. Short enjoyed his birthday dinner as much as any of his guests, and spent the day talking over early times, with a clear and accurate memory of many interesting events of early days. Mr. Short once owned the

NATAL DAY OF A PIONEER
R. V. Short Once Owned Lot at Third and Washington.
R. V. Short, an Oregon pioneer of '47, celebrated his 84th birthday last Sunday, March 31, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. F. H. Shaw, at 1220 East Salmon street. His guests included children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Among those present were Mrs. Elizabeth Kent, also a pioneer of '47, and sister of the late Mrs. R. V. Short, and Captain George Pease, a lifelong friend of Mr. Short, and one of the pioneer steamboat men of Portland. Despite his years and long and active life in subduing the native wilds of Oregon, Mr. Short enjoyed his birthday dinner as much as any of his guests, and spent the day talking over early times, with a clear and accurate memory of many interesting events of early days. Mr. Short once owned the

lot where now stands the store of Lipman, Wolfe & Co., on Third and Washington, buying it in 1850 for \$150. He built a board house on the grounds, selling the whole place in 1857 for \$100. This house was the birthplace of Mr. Short's oldest living child, now Mrs. Alvina S. Merrithew, who was one of those who spent the day with him last Sunday. Mr. Short still takes pleasure in visiting with friends of early days, although unable to leave his home without assistance.

Mother of Incubator Baby.
TOPEKA, Kas., April 6.—The State Supreme Court decided today that Mrs. Charlotte E. Biesley of Lawrence, Kas., is entitled to the "incubator baby" exhibited at the St. Louis World's Fair. This reverses the Douglas County District Court and upholds the decision of the Circuit Court of Illinois, which held that Mrs. Biesley is the mother of the child.

Painful cracking, chapping, tender skin healed healthily by Satin skin cream. 25c.

INCREASE 49.8 PER CENT
Portland Bank Clearings Continue to Indicate City's Prosperity.
Bank clearings, shown by the Portland Clearing-House Association, continue to show a large increase over last year. The figures for the past week are no exception to this rule, and are highly encouraging. During the six business days ending Thursday night, Portland banks had a total of cash transactions of \$6,868,814.99. During the same week of 1906, this figure was \$4,581,473.63. This is a gain of 49.8 per cent.

Portland's steady and substantial growth is responsible for the splendid showing the city is making. There is no one thing that is the direct cause of the increase, but all lines of business are equally responsible for the showing. For months the increase in the Portland figures has been attracting

attention, and the indications are that the present pace will be maintained.

Saved in Downward Plunge.
CHICAGO, April 6.—John Nagel, a constructing engineer, fell from the top of a 200-foot chimney at the Standard Steel Car Works in Hammond yesterday, but in his fall he struck a projecting scaffold on the outside about 25 feet from the top, which enabled him to grasp a plank, thus saving his life.

Nagel was in charge of the building of the giant smokestack and in order to see the progress he ascended to the top of the structure in a drop bucket. When the bucket neared the top the man in charge of the hoisting engine below failed to perceive Nagel's signal to stop and the engineer was thrown over the edge of the narrow aperture above.

His fall was viewed with horror by the hundreds of workmen on nearby buildings. He escaped practically unhurt, but the other men on the smokestack were so unnerved that they could not work for some time afterwards.

MONDAY'S SUIT SALE.

At Le Palais Royal will positively be of interest to you if you wish to save money. This will be a wonderful money-saving opportunity. 35 Washington st.