

NEW WARRANT OUT FOR S. R. D. PUTER

State of Oregon Has Bone to Pick With Land-Fraud Operator.

INVOLVES PERJURY CASE

Eminent Authority on Looting of Public Domain Not Worried—Confidently Awaits Pardon Granted Him by the Government.

S. A. D. Puter, the eminent land-fraud operator, who has been in the volume on thefts of public domain, hopes to reveal in the air of freedom within the next few days. But he is not quite sure that pardon from the Federal Government, which F. J. Heney wired as on its way, is due to arrive either today or Monday. It would not have surprised Mr. Puter had it arrived last night. But the mails are heavy at this season and some little delay has to be provided for. But that pardon does not settle the matter.

There is a brand new warrant out for Puter, and it is now in the hands of Sheriff Stevens, having been placed with him yesterday forenoon by Circuit Judge Cleland. The warrant is new only in the sense that it has never been served before. It traces its origin back to the proud days of land-fraud in Salem in April, 1905. The document is in the shape of a bench warrant issued at Salem by the County Clerk on an order from the Circuit Court of the County. It was issued following Puter's indictment, April 23, 1906, on a charge of subornation of perjury. Initiative in that instance was taken by the state and the charge now against Puter has nothing to do with the United States Government.

Uncle Sam is satisfied at letting the noted specialist go free. The Government got much valuable information from Puter for use in prosecuting the land-fraud cases. Likewise the Government has had the amount of bond in the case. Puter said he could furnish \$1000, the amount that is said to be proportionate to the seriousness of the new charge against him.

Ridicules Salem Charge.

As to the charge from Salem, Puter says it amounts to nothing. Yet he was manifestly uneasy yesterday for, as he said, the warrant might cause him some inconvenience, he was sure it could do nothing more than that. So far it has not been served for he is yet serving time on a Federal charge and until his pardon is executed no other charges can be forced against him.

On the occasion of his arrest, when the pardon arrived, Puter does not intend being content with further imprisonment. It is known that he will immediately seek release on bail. In fact Circuit Judge Cleland was asked yesterday afternoon to fix the amount of bond in the case. Puter said he could furnish \$1000, the amount that is said to be proportionate to the seriousness of the new charge against him.

Judge Cleland was not able to settle the matter, however. He said he could not arrange a bond until arrest had been made on the amount of bond in the case. The matter rests until the arrival of the pardon.

In the meantime Puter is counting the hours until his release. He says his business interests have suffered during his stay in jail and he has many affairs to settle. During the 17 months that he has been shut out from the outside world he has been able to attend to little except the writing of his forthcoming book. This is due from the press before long, proofs already having been submitted to the writer for correction and approval.

Praises County Jail.

Puter's most enthusiastic pastime just now, however, is that of lauding the officials of the County Jail. During his long imprisonment he has been a close observer of the manner of conducting matters around the jail and he has the highest praise for Sheriff Stevens.

"I have not cared to say anything before, as it might sound like a bid for favor," he said yesterday. "But I feel free to say now that if there is a jail in the country where a prisoner gets a square deal it is in this one. Sheriff Stevens doesn't have to be decent to his prisoners. They don't have to vote and they count for nothing. But he is continually looking out for them. He has installed a system of perfect sanitation and made countless improvements since he has been here. It isn't the same jail since he came here. Every corner is kept clean as a cracker and every prisoner knows that any just grievance will be righted by the Sheriff."

That every prisoner in the jail is going to be baked in a fire one of these nights is Puter's ardent belief, and he says he will not breathe really free until he is out of the place. Up to the present time the County Court has resisted the efforts of the Sheriff's office to secure two jailers. At present one man must do service 24 hours a day. Naturally he must sleep part of the night. In the event of a fire in the big county rookery, it would be impossible for the jailer to get up and unlock the complicated sets of locks that hold 80 prisoners in their cells.

Predicts a Holocaust.

"Some of these nights every one of the prisoners will be baked by fire. With the hundreds of electric light wires that form a network in the ceilings and floors a fire is possible at any time. The county building would burn in a few hours," said Puter, "and no man could escape."

"I have always felt uneasy in the place because there was but the one jailer. The Sheriff should be allowed two men by all means, so that one could be on duty day and night. If there is a fire 80 men will be burned and their blood will be on the hands of the County Court."

I say these things as a man who has been living in this place long enough to know."

Puter says he has formulated no plans for the future, other than to attend to his business affairs, complete the placing of his book on the market, and live as a useful and law abiding citizen. He looks at least five years older than when he was locked up, but is much fresher, having gained over 15 pounds.

COURTS TO OPEN TOMORROW

Circuit Judges Will Resume Work After Enforced Holidays.

After more than two months of enforced idleness, the State Circuit Court will take up its regular routine tomorrow morning. The four judges will begin the hearing of cases at once. However, not until well along in the Spring can it be hoped to have the cases already on hand disposed of. In the resuming of cases preference has been given to those passed during the banking holidays. New cases will be set according to the date of filing. The

January calendar is now filled and there are few blank places on the February calendar. About 146 new cases remain to be set.

This work will be taken up at once by Presiding Judge Cleland. Two civil suits and a damage case are down for tomorrow's sessions of court. Assignments of these cases will not be made until the hour for convening court. Arraignments under 35 indictments will also be held if time is found.

Jurors are ordered to report at the Courthouse at 9 A. M. for service. As a majority of the cases on the January and February calendars call for jury trials, there will be a big demand for takersmen hereafter.

RULING IN VAN AUKER CASE

Federal Judge Will Decide Damage Suit Monday.

Monday morning at 10 o'clock, Judge Wolverton will hand down a decision in the suit of C. S. Van Auker, against the American Surety Company. The decision will be upon a demurrer filed by Van Auker's attorneys over a year ago, and once more brings before the public the famous daylight robbery in the State Bank of Rainier, at Rainier, Or.

Van Auker was the cashier of the bank on the day of the robbery. Two men are alleged to have entered the bank while Van Auker was there alone, bound and gagged the cashier and robbed for the sum of \$100,000. Pinkerton detectives, employed by the Surety Company, worked on the case, and because there was some conflict in the various statements Van Auker made, he was arrested. He was placed in jail, but after a preliminary hearing was dismissed.

Later Van Auker brought suit against the Surety Company for \$25,000 damages, alleging malicious arrest and false imprisonment.

DEMAND SHARE OF DIVIDEND

Lyons Brothers File Suit Against East Side Bank.

The difficulties of the East Side Bank got into court yesterday forenoon. W. J. Lyons and J. A. Lyons, secretary and assistant secretary respectively, launched a suit in the Circuit Court for the recovery of \$25,000 alleged to be due on a dividend of 1 1/2% per cent.

The trouble originated in a difference of opinion among directors and President Newhall as to the advisability of declaring a dividend at this time. Mr. Newhall thought no such action should be taken. The directors declared a dividend of \$25,000, after having set aside \$62,710 out of the profits and the surplus account.

According to the complaint, the Lyons own 5000 shares of stock apiece, the total number of shares being 25,000. This would give them a dividend of \$375 each. Although they had demanded payment of the amount, they said it had been refused, and consequently they want judgment for the sum named in the suit, with interest at 8 per cent to the date of payment. Gammans & Malarkey appear as attorneys for the plaintiffs.

Must Report to Chief.

H. H. Hawley will be compelled to continue police work under the direction of Chief Ostromacher hereafter, efforts of Judge Gantenbein to secure his assignment to the Juvenile Court having failed. The city authorities insisted that Mr. Hawley should take up his duties in connection with the police department. Hawley had been attached to the Juvenile Court for a number of years and is familiar with the work of that court. An arrangement will be made whereby he will be able to devote part of his time to the old work.

Six Children Share Estate.

Equal division of the estate among six children is provided by the will of Charles Mayer, filed in the County Court yesterday. The estate is valued at \$13,200. The heirs are Charles Mayer, George Mayer, Jessie G. Maginnis, Minnie Hagan, Margaret J. McAvoy and Nellie Hagan. At the time the will was drawn up in November, George Mayer was away, his whereabouts being unknown. The will provided that his share be held for him for five years.

Ordered to Give Accounting.

Paul W. Custer is charged with having concealed evidence of property to defeat a judgment of \$544 held against him. The charge is made by M. Dolph, who had asked the Circuit Court to make an order citing Custer to appear in court and give an accounting. The order was issued by Judge Cleland, and is returnable next Thursday.

Loving Cup Presented to Congressman Ransdell.

The loving cup shown above, was presented to Congressman J. E. Ransdell, of Louisiana, by delegates of the Rivers and Harbors Congress, at its last meeting in Washington. D. C. Congressman Ransdell is president of the Congress and has taken a deep interest in the improvement of the waterways of the country, particularly of the Columbia River. It was a matter of great satisfaction to the commercial organizations of the state that the delegates from Oregon participated in this expression of the appreciation of the Congress of the interest taken by Mr. Ransdell in the improvement of the waterways of the country.

OUR GREAT CLEARANCE SALE IS GAINING PRESTIGE EVERY DAY

There is absolutely no comparison with this sale and similar events elsewhere. Tremendous reductions have been made on every item in our store—no halfway measures go here, absolutely everything reduced. Coats, Suits, Waists, Skirts, Petticoats, Underwear, Neckwear, Millinery, Furs, etc.

NOTE THE FOLLOWING SPECIALS FOR MONDAY

SUITS

Tailored Suits in Broadcloth, Velvet and Fancy Mixtures, values up to \$60.00; Monday,

\$25.75

Tailored Suits, Jumper Suits, Misses' Suits; a score to select from; values up to \$30.00,

\$15.00

A Final Clearance on All Remaining Millinery

The time for drastic, decisive action has arrived; all Millinery must go at once. Monday you can choose from a large variety of Trimmed Hats, values up to \$3.50, at

\$1.00

Untrimmed Shapes and Ready-to-Wear Hats 25c

500 of this season's best styles of Untrimmed Shapes and Ready-to-wear Hats, values up to \$3.00.....

25c

Elastic Belts

50c to 75c value,

29c

Long Flannelette Kimonos

Values up to \$4.50,

\$1.95

Extra Special WAISTS

Black and White Mohair

Values up to \$2.25, Monday,

95 cents



Extra Special COATS

Caracul Crushed Velvet

Regular \$25.00 value, Monday,

\$8.25

COATS

Broadcloth Coats, full satin lined, in plain colors; values up to \$27.50,

\$12.75

Children's Coats in great assortment of styles and materials, all sizes; values up to \$10.00; choice,

\$2.75

FUR WILL FLY

Hundreds of Fur Garments from our stock will be closed during the next few days.

Extra Specials

Ties, Boas and Muffs. We have selected about 100 Neckpieces and Muffs, sold for \$18.50. Monday

\$7.75

French Ermine Sets, regular \$12.50 sets. Monday only

\$4.50

Knit Underwear

65c values,

25c

Gloves

Silk-lined Cashmerette Gloves, 75c value,

29c

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL

J. M. ACHESON CO.

FIFTH AND ALDER STS.

TRENDS ON ALLY'S TOES

JAPAN TAKING AWAY BRITAIN'S ORIENTAL TRADE.

Captures India's Market for Umbrellas and Matches—Forges Labels, Palms Off Cheap Whisky.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—(Special.)—The inroads which Japan is making on British trade are very unpalatable to John Bull. The manager of an important city firm having Eastern connections said this week that Japan within the past two or three years had completely outstripped

her rivals in the umbrella and match-making trades in the Far East. "In India, who has almost entirely captured our trade in those articles. Japan is also, to the detriment of British manufacturers, exporting carpets, tobacco, lamps, straw hats and cotton and silk goods into China, Manchuria and Korea in ever-increasing quantities. One of the reasons that the Japanese are so successful is that they are content to work long hours for next to no wages. They will in time, no doubt, effect some alterations. It is evident that they are determined to build up a great export trade."

The representative of a foremost Anglo-American firm of tobacco manufacturers stated that since the cultivation and manufacture of tobacco in Japan was in 1904 made a government monopoly her people had made strenuous efforts to displace English and American importers from neighboring countries. "So far," he added, "they have not been very successful. In order to meet their competition we have established a factory at Shanghai."

Much indignation has been aroused among British whisky distillers by the action of a Japanese firm in Osaka in passing off a Japanese distilled spirits and cheap imported whisky as the best British brands by placing forged labels on the bottles. This matter is now the subject of negotiation between the two governments.

INSTALLS NEW OFFICERS

Evening Star Grange Maintains Its Lead in State.

At the regular meeting of Evening Star Grange, No. 37, Patrons of Husbandry, at the hall, on the Section Line Road, near Mount Tabor, yesterday, officers for the coming year were installed. The following are the officers: Master, J. J. Johnson; overseer, Miss Wilda Buckman; lecturer, Mrs. H. L. Vall; steward, E. J. Spooner; assistant steward, Carl Emery; chaplain, C. H. Welch; treasurer, Mrs. Emma Spooner; secretary, Mrs. M. M. Eaton; lady assistant steward, Mrs. L. Beckner; gatekeeper, George Brookman; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Emma Buckman; Pomona, Miss Alice Johnson; Flora, Miss Leila Johnson; two members of the executive committee, L. B. Elliott and S. H. Covell; matron of the Juvenile Grange, Miss Julia Spooner; assistant matron Juvenile Grange, Miss Minnie Butler; assistant pianist, Mrs. Rose Windle.

The membership of Evening Star is now 200, including some candidates yet to be initiated. It still maintains its lead as the largest grange in the state. J. J. Johnson enters on his sixth term as master. Mrs. H. L. Vall, an able and prominent woman in the order, comes back into the important office of lecturer. The attendance yesterday was the largest of the year.

City Taxes in Yamhill.

YAMHILL, Or., Jan. 4.—(Special.)—The incorporated cities and towns of this county, with the exception of Lafayette, have filed with the County Clerk their tax levy for the current year, based on their contemplated municipal improvements and expenditures for the year. The total amount of taxable property and the tax levied for each municipality is as follows: Amity, \$7,267-5 mills; Carlton, \$18,553-5 mills; Dayton, \$33,300-10 mills; Dundee, \$30,196-3 mills; McMinnville, \$1,272,698-8 mills; Newberg, \$48,954-6 mills; North Yamhill, \$118,551-2 mills; Sheridan, \$23,000-10 mills; Willamina, \$33,306-7 mills.

KISER CALENDARS 10c UP.
Half-price while last, 248 Alder.
Attend Rosenthal's great clearance sale for shoe bargains.

BABIES ARE CHRISTENED AT CEREMONY CONDUCTED BY ORDER OF EASTERN STAR



SON OF MR. AND MRS. FRED A. BALLIN

MARY ALICE BALL AGE 2 1/2 YEARS DAUGHTER OF MR. AND MRS. C. A. BALL

SON OF MR. AND MRS. LERA EDWINA WADLEY DAUGHTER OF MR. AND MRS. P. L. WADLEY

At a ceremony conducted under the auspices of Rose City Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, in the Masonic Temple on Friday night, Fredrick A. Ballin, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Ballin; Mary Alice Ball, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Ball; Lera Edwina Wadley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Wadley, and Dorothy Ruby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hutchinson, were christened by Rev. E. Nelson Allen, pastor of the Hawthorne-Avenue Presbyterian Church. The services were under the direction of Mrs. M. A. Ogden, matron of the chapter.

Vocal solos were rendered by Mrs. J. E. Werlein and Harry Letto. At the conclusion of the services gifts were presented to the children.

"Honor" for Auto Sped-Cranks.

Pittsburg Leader.

Instead of adopting the Glen Echo method on automobilists, Middleboro, Mass., is trying first the plan of kindness. Automobile traps, constables on motor bicycles and the other devices are unknown there. Instead, the automobilists entering Middleboro are met by a

man waving a red flag. When they halt their machines to see what is the matter, the man hands them a card, which reads: "The Selectmen of Middleboro are going to stop fast driving through this town. Before resorting to several permanent traps they have kindly given permission to the Middleboro Automobile Club to try

to regulate this traffic. Won't you personally help us by going through the town running not faster than 12 miles an hour? You can go through the town at 12 miles an hour in five minutes; if you go fast you can go in less than 2 1/2 minutes. Will you not do your part in helping to make traps unnecessary in Middleboro? This putting automobilists in their honor and appealing to their good sense is having immensely good results.

Paris Is Losing Its Verdure.

Paris is being sadly transformed, thanks to the famous tax on properties not built on. The beautiful park which extended from the Rue St. Dominique to the Rue De Grenelle and to the Boulevard des Italiens, and which formed one of the most beautiful sites of the capital, has just been sold and cut up into lots. There will come a time when Paris will have no more verdure, except in its public squares, and then foreigners will find, as the French do, that this will not truthfully suffice to sustain the reputation of Paris for incomparable beauty.

Fine shoes at factory cost at Rosenthal's house cleaning sale.

Spectacles \$1.00 at Metzger's.