

MUST STAND TRIAL

Bar Association Will Prosecute Portland Lawyers.

FOUR TO BE ARRAIGNED

Grievance Committee Reports on the Charges Filed Against H. C. King, J. A. Finch, J. H. Hitchings, and M. J. McMahon.

Disbarment proceedings will be instituted at once in the State Supreme Court against H. C. King, J. A. Finch, J. H. Hitchings and M. J. McMahon, members of the Portland bar. This announcement followed an important session of the grievance committee of the State Bar Association, yesterday forenoon. Charges against a number of local attorneys were gone into and the evidence was regarded as sufficient to hold the four already named. Fraudulent dealing and drunkenness are the charges.

McMahon, who is a candidate for the Legislature, is charged with shady dealing, as is also J. H. Hitchings, more commonly known as "Big" King. Finch and Hitchings are charged with appearing before the State District Court, in this city, while drunk.

The specific charge against McMahon is that he presented a bogus, or altered contract in a case on trial before the late Judge Sears. The contract afterwards was proved to have been altered, with McMahon's knowledge. The charge against Hitchings is a repellent one. It is alleged that he sought to effect a breach of contract of the Metropolitan Hotel. That place had been leased for a term of years with the understanding that it should not be used for immoral purposes. Hitchings went to the police station, it is said, and made a proposition to Patrick Bruin, then Captain of Detectives, to have a raid made at a time when the contract in that respect was being broken. Hitchings is alleged to have said he had a woman for the principal role and wanted some one secured for leading man in the drama. Bruin balked at the dangerous type and this matter is a specialty of following people about at night. His proclivities in that respect have earned him several sound thrashings.

Richard M. McMan, recently accused of having withheld money belonging to a convict, was fully exonerated by the committee. The opinion was expressed that the charge was malicious and unjustified and should not have been brought.

Charges against E. W. Bartlett & La Grand, Chausseman and lawyer, were also dropped. Bartlett was convicted some time ago of extortion. Appeal was taken to the Supreme Court and the decision reversed, order for a new trial being issued. At the second trial Bartlett was exonerated, hence the dismissal of the disbarment proceedings.

M. C. Hoge, one of those who fell in the land-fraud investigations, was on hand with a petition for readmission to practice. He resigned under fire at the time of his conviction in the fraud trial. His application for reinstatement is signed by many prominent Jacksonville people. The committee reported unfavorably to Hoge's reinstatement.

Richard M. Biggs, too, wanted the disbarment charges against him dismissed. Although he served time for complicity in land-frauds, he contends that the reversal of the Supreme Court in the Williamson case affects his case also and that he has a right to return to the practice of law. The committee declined to grant Lawyer Biggs' request.

The committee is made up of A. E. Plagel, chairman; Frank E. Grant, secretary; L. A. Murray, M. E. Bogus and J. V. Beach. All were present yesterday excepting Mr. Beach.

FEARS DECLINING VALUES

Single Tax Project From Viewpoint of Non-Resident Owner.

VANCOUVER, Wash., March 20.—(To the Editor.)—Although a non-resident taxpayer of Oregon, I wish to discuss the single tax proposition, in reference to a communication in last Sunday's Oregonian in defense of the single tax, in which the writer contended that the main point in the single tax proposition is: "Levy a tax on land nearly equal to the advance in value due to the community." Then follows: "A heavy tax levied upon land would reduce the price of the land, and if continually increased, the land would become valueless, unless used. The farmer is paying more tax than he should. The whole law (single tax) exempts the farmer, manufacturer and consumer from heavy indirect taxes."

Now, what causes that aggregation of people called a community? Take Portland, for instance. What induces men to go into business there? Why not go somewhere else? Why is The Oregonian not published at Ashland, The Dalles or Baker City, and why do so many laborers locate there? There is but one answer. Because this aggregation of business industries offers better facilities and greater opportunities for wealth and comforts of life.

The man referred to in the communication invested in land there for the same reason. Is it justice to tax him and not the others? We are also told: "Use the land in order to be able to meet the tax." Even so. Let all the taxes be imposed on land, and the owner of city realty will be forced to raise rents. The renter, if a merchant, will add the increased rents to his goods; the manufacturer to cost of production; the boarding-house keeper to the price of meals; and the consumer will indirectly pay the tax. The laboring man who rents a room or small cottage will pay the tax in increased rent, contrary to the statement that the proposed law would relieve laboring men. Realty holders of the city would flourish under the single tax, even as they do now.

But what of the farmer. He cannot raise the price of his produce as will, for he must compete with the markets of the whole world—and how would it affect his taxes? In 1906, the personal property of Oregon paid about 45 per cent, and the realty about 55 per cent. Exempt the personal property valuation and the 45 per cent would have to be carried by the real estate. Hence the farmer who now pays \$100 on real estate, which is 55 per cent of the required revenue, would have the other 45 per cent to pay, and 55 to 100 as 45 is to 81.81—so he would have \$151.81 to pay, or \$51.81 to pay for every dollar of realty tax he now pays.

If the farm values decrease under this system, which it is asserted they will, the tax rate would have to be raised continually to raise the required revenue. But single tax advocates have not explained what they will use for a base on which to raise revenue, after the land becomes valueless under this system. Neither have they explained what inducements they have to extend to homeseekers to locate on lands with continually declining values, enforced by law.

W. A. CATES.

The writer of this letter has correct ideas in the main, but some of his reasoning is open to criticism. It is not at all likely that the single tax would raise rents either in the city or country. It would without question diminish the price of land, and since the value of land is its capitalized rental, it follows that rents also would fall. This is also indicated by the fact that the single tax would bring a great deal of land into the market which is now held for the unearned increment. The valid and conclusive argument against the single tax is that all property is equally protected by the law and should therefore pay its proportionate share of the cost of protection; all property partakes of the unearned increment from social development and if it is right to take the whole of that increment in one case it is right in every case.

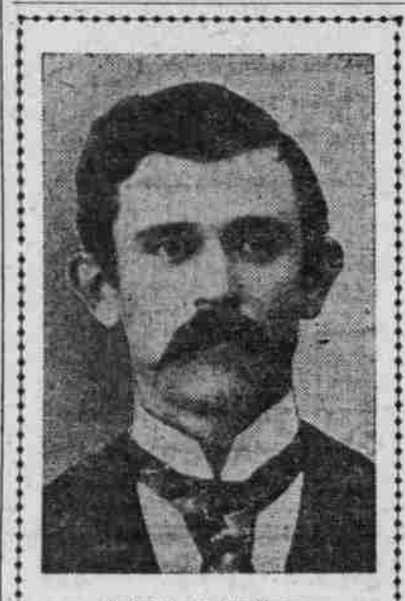
No community feels much toleration for the non-resident land owner who holds back the development of the country for his private advantage. In some states there are laws which extinguish him and most writers agree that such laws are just. It would also be entirely fair to penalize his selfishness by a tax higher than residents pay. Absentee landlordism is an unqualified evil. In opposing the single tax The Oregonian must not be understood to favor the ownership of land in Oregon by outsiders who have no interest in the welfare of the state, nor does it care to publish their sophistries without pointing out their weakness.

In passing we may add that under free competition the rent of agricultural land does not fix the price of groceries. The effect flows in the opposite direction. It is the value of commodities which determines rent. Thus, although society has been rapidly developing for the last century, the rent of agricultural land has fallen the world over, because the supply of food has outstripped the demand.

MAYOR NAMES SULLIVAN

Appointed to Succeed McPherson on Executive Board.

Patrick E. Sullivan, a Democrat, and publisher and manager of the Catholic Sentinel, and a widely-known citizen of Portland, was yesterday appointed by Mayor Lane to succeed W. G. McPherson as a member of the City Executive Board.



Patrick E. Sullivan.

For many years the appointee has been prominently identified with the Roman Catholic Church in Portland, and he has taken much interest also in the growth of the city commercially.

Mr. McPherson resigned as a member of the Board because of friction with Mayor Lane. The two officials failed to agree on policy, and at the last meeting of the Board attended by Mr. McPherson, the latter scored the Mayor and the other members for their policy in regard to a bridge contract. He stood alone on the matter and was unable, therefore, to secure recognition sufficient, as he thought, to avail anything. It was shortly thereafter that he tendered his resignation.

RECOGNIZED AT LAST

How a Little Measly Dog Does Feel Honored by a Kick.

Elgin Recorder. At last the small dog in the Recorder office has by his "barking" attracted the attention of the big mastiff—Harvey Scott—in The Oregonian office at Portland. The measly little editor of the Recorder smiled all over himself when he read an editorial in The Sunday Oregonian, in which Mr. Scott saw fit to answer one of our last week's editorials regarding the flip-flop that journal has made regarding the primary law and Statement No. 1.

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In which is included seventeen of the best styles from our line of Art Metal Beds—all full-size patterns—in the most popular colors and color combinations—cream and gold, green and gold, bronze green, also several styles in the rich

Vernis Martin finish. In this three-days' sale this assortment will be greatly underpriced, with a view of disposing of same in order to make room for a line of new designs now awaiting display space on our floors. You will find here an exceptionally wide range of styles and values for selection. See our Morrison-street window display. Mail orders will receive our prompt and careful attention

- Pattern No. 579—In cream and gold; regular price \$8.50, special \$ 5.35
- Pattern No. 559—In the Vernis Martin finish; regular price \$9.75, special \$ 6.50
- Pattern No. 635—In the Vernis Martin finish; regular price \$10.25, special \$ 6.90
- Pattern No. 859—In moss green and gold; regular price, \$13.00, special \$ 8.75
- Pattern No. 586—In moss green and gold; regular price \$13.50, special \$ 9.25

- Pattern No. 578—In moss green; regular price \$13.75, special \$ 9.50
- Pattern No. 591—In the Vernis Martin finish; regular price \$14.00, special \$ 9.75
- Pattern No. 578—In moss green and gold; regular price \$15.00, special \$ 9.90
- Pattern No. 588—In light green; regular price \$15.50, special \$10.00
- Pattern No. 578½—In light green, with brass trimmings; regular price \$16.00, special \$10.75

- Pattern No. 588—In cream and burnt old gold; regular price \$16.00, special \$10.75
- Pattern No. 815—In cream and burnt old gold; regular price \$21.00, special \$14.00
- Pattern No. 919—In cream and burnt old gold; regular price \$23.00, special \$15.00
- Pattern No. 1904½—In cream, with brass trimmings; regular price \$37.50, special \$24.75



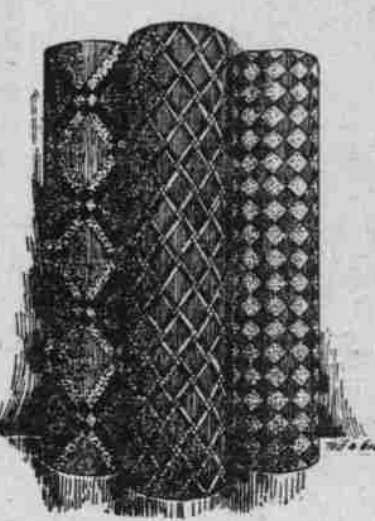
Pattern No. 980½—Another popular style in the rich Vernis Martin finish; regular price, \$31.00; special at \$20.00

ROLL-END SALE OF ALL WOOL INGRAINS, LINOLEUM, HODGES' FIBER

In a two-days' sale, commencing tomorrow, the Carpet Department includes all the roll-ends of discontinued patterns, in all-wool Ingrains, Terries, Kaba Carpets, Hodges' best grade Fiber Carpets and Inlaid Linoleums. The quantities of carpets range in length from 5½ yards to 39½, and the linoleum from 2½ yards to 300 yards. An unusual opportunity offered in this sale to purchase high-grade floor coverings at a remarkable saving.

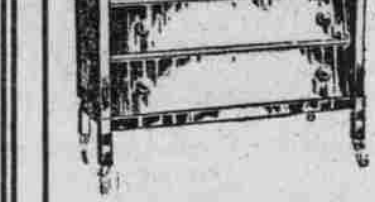
- HODGES' BEST GRADE FIBER CARPET**
- 13 yards, regular 80c per yard; special \$ 50c
 - 28½ yards, regular 80c per yard; special \$ 50c
 - 38¾ yards, regular 80c per yard; special \$ 50c
 - 39½ yards, regular 80c per yard; special \$ 50c
- LINOLEUM—INLAID PATTERNS**
- 6 ft. by 8 ft., regular \$1.80 square yard, for \$ 5.00
 - 6 ft. by 19 ft., regular \$1.60 square yard, for \$10.00
 - 6 ft. by 12 ft., regular \$1.80 square yard, for \$11.00
 - 6 ft. by 17 ft., regular \$2.00 square yard, for \$13.50
 - 300 yards Wild's Inlaid Linoleum, in two patterns; regular \$2.00 square yard; special, per yard \$1.45

- EXTRA SUPER ALL-WOOL INGRAIN**
- 5½ yards, regular \$1.00 per yard, for \$ 3.35
 - 6¼ yards, regular \$1.00 per yard, for \$ 3.75
 - 21 yards, regular \$1.00 per yard, for \$13.75
 - 22 yards, regular \$1.00 per yard, for \$14.50
 - 23½ yards, regular \$1.00 per yard, for \$15.75
 - 17 yards Flemish Tapestry Carpet, regular \$1.25 per yard, for \$12.00
- WOOL TERRY**
- 6½ yards, regular \$1.10 per yard, for \$3.75
 - 9 1-3 yards, regular \$1.10 per yard, for \$5.75
 - 13½ yards, regular \$1.10 per yard, for \$8.50
- KABA (WOOL AND FIBER) CARPET**
- 12 yards, regular 85c per yard, for \$ 6.00
 - 17 yards, regular 95c per yard, for \$10.00



A NUMBER OF HIGH-GRADE ODD BEDROOM PIECES IN THE CIRCASSIAN WALNUT GREATLY REDUCED

Furniture of this character is rarely offered at reduced prices, except where odd pieces accumulate to such an extent as to demand closing out. From our line of bedroom furniture in the Circassian walnut we have selected and included in this three-days' sale all such pieces, in which an unusual opportunity is presented for the choosing of stylish bedroom pieces in this beautifully-figured wood.



- Walnut Toilet Table, in Colonial design, with glass knobs; regular price \$50.00; special \$33.25
- Walnut Chiffonier, with old brass trimmings; reg. price \$52; special \$34.50
- Walnut Chiffonier with old brass trimmings; reg. price \$65, special \$42.50
- Walnut Dresser with old brass trimmings; regular price \$65; special \$42.50
- Walnut Bed, full size; regular price \$67.00; special \$43.00
- Walnut Dresser with old brass trimmings; regular price \$68; special \$43.50
- Walnut Chiffonier, with old brass trimmings; reg. price \$71, special \$47.00
- Walnut Chiffonier in Colonial design, with glass knobs; regular price \$80, special \$53.50
- Walnut Dresser with old brass trimmings; Reg. price \$84; special \$56.00
- Walnut Chiffonier with glass knobs; regular price \$85.00; special \$56.50

GARDEN AND LAWN TOOLS—TWO DAY SPECIALS

The Basement Department offers timely specials in implements most essential in the proper care of garden and lawn. Take advantage of the following and prepare for the Spring and Summer season.

- Transplanting Trowels, special at, each, 5¢ and 10¢
- 7-inch and 8-inch Hoes, special, each, 25¢
- 12-tooth Malleable Rakes, special, each, 25¢
- 14-tooth Malleable Rakes, special, each, 30¢
- 14-tooth Lawn Rakes, special, each, 40¢
- 13-tooth Bow Rakes, special, each, 60¢

IN THE DRAPERY DEPT.—MONDAY TUESDAY CURTAIN MATERIAL—SPEC'LS

- 65c Arabian Net, heavy imported quality, 72 inches wide; special, per yard \$35¢
- Filet pattern and heavy Fish Net Curtainings, in Arabian, white and ivory tints, 50 inches and 54 inches wide, sell regularly for \$1.25; special, per yard \$75¢
- Imported Madras in floral and other patterns, light and heavy colorings; pink, blue and green; regular \$1.50 yard quality; 45 inches and 48 inches wide; special, per yard \$85¢

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