

KIERSTAND FREELY ADMITS HIS GUILT

Embezzler Is Caught in Portland After Search of Four Months.

TAKEN BACK TO SEATTLE

Assistant Manager of Northern Insurance Company Is' Physical Wreck From Remorse and Prolonged Debauch.

After evading the police of many cities for four months, being wanted on a charge of embezzlement by the Northern Life Insurance Company of Seattle, G. H. Kierstand, formerly general manager of that corporation, was placed under arrest at Fourth and Washington streets at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon by Detective Sergeant Jones and Detective Tichenor. Broken in health and spirits, and as weak as a child when taken into custody, Kierstand made a full confession of his crime and begged to be sent back to stand trial.

When interviewed in a cell of the City Jail, Kierstand admitted the truth of the charges that have been preferred against him, and declared to be the most miserable man in the world. Ever since he fled from Seattle, he said, he has been tormented day and night. In a vain effort to forget his crime, he took to drink, and is now in a pitiable condition. Sleep forsook him, and wherever he went, ever trying to evade the authorities and to leave his wife and his unfortunate child, he could think of nothing else.

After fleeing from Seattle, Kierstand said, he went direct to Chicago, where he drank heavily. Wanting to make amends, he wrote to his company headquarters in Seattle to General Manager T. M. Morgan, asking an opportunity to return and "make good." No reply came, and he spent a long time, wandering about in the small towns near the metropolis, trying ever to avoid arrest. Two weeks ago he determined to come to the Coast, and he reached Portland last Thursday. He hoped that he might find friends here, who would assist him in arranging for an adjustment of his affairs with the Seattle firm, but he found none, and went wandering about, undetermined what to do. The police of all Coast cities having been notified, however, the detectives picked him up yesterday afternoon on the street and took him to police headquarters, where he was locked up.

"This is the first relief I have experienced since I left Seattle, four months ago," said Kierstand, when seen in his cell. "For months I have been the most miserable creature on earth; I could not sleep, neither could I eat. I tried whiskey as a means to forget what I had done, but it proved worse than useless; my crime was always in mind. I am guilty of the crime charged. I expected, in mining stocks on the exchange and lost. It's the old story. After losing what I had saved of my own, I used money belonging to the company, to which I had access. I took the money and made the disgrace of the thing. I don't care for myself so much, but there is one from whom I wished so much to keep this awful thing. But it's of no use now. I am anxious to return to Seattle and let matters take their course."

REFUSES TO PUBLISH LIST

Major Kennedy Will Not Disclose Names of Campaign Subscribers.

If subscribers to the campaign fund of either of the two political parties in this state want to find out how their hard-earned dollars are expended they will be obliged to get the information personally from the men who handle the money. At any rate, a list of the contributors, together with the amounts subscribed and a statement of the disbursements, will not be published. All this because Major J. P. Kennedy, chairman of the Multnomah County Republican central committee, has declined to entertain an agreement proposed by George H. Thomas, chairman of the Democratic organization in this county.

A week ago Chairman Thomas addressed a letter to Chairman Kennedy in which he suggested that the two chairmen agree to publish before election day a sworn statement of disbursements, together with the name of each subscriber contributing a sum exceeding \$20. The Democratic chairman further stipulated that the agreement should include an understanding that no contributions should be received from corporations. He mailed the letter and patiently awaited an answer. At the time Major Kennedy was at the coast, but upon returning yesterday the Republican warhorse dictated a reply in which he refused to entertain the proposal made from the enemy's camp.

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At 13th and Washington, a branch of 110 Madison ave., New York. Those who desire something out of the ordinary, something different from the reproduction—which any Tom, Dick and Harry can have—would better avail themselves of the opportunity which Miss Traver is now offering.

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WIFE PICTURED AS VIXEN

F. C. Billups Files Comprehensive Complaint for Divorce.

F. C. Billups has one of the meanest wives in the city if half the things he says about her are true. He makes his accusations in a divorce complaint, filed with the State Circuit Court yesterday afternoon.

In the first place, Mrs. Billups has a temper that is simply vile, he says. Then she is not at all choice in the use of "swear words" when angry. She goes to dances and sometimes comes back the next day, is not infrequently seen in saloons, has a great fondness for other men and without much discrimination as to their characters, and has been known to pass herself off as an unmarried woman, he adds. In view of these little eccentricities, added to the fact that she has been totally and entirely missing for something like a year, Billups suggests that he ought to be allowed a divorce. They were married in 1887 at Ellsworth, Iowa, and have been in Portland three years.

TRADES COUNCIL DISBANDED

New Labor Organization Will Take Its Place October 2.

On Friday, October 2, the Federated Trades Council, as it is organized, will cease to exist. It will be succeeded by the Central Labor Council, the new central body of organized labor in this city. A constitution and by-laws for the new Council have been adopted and the various unions of the city are now selecting three delegates each as members of the new organization which will be the governing body for all matters pertaining to the interests of labor in Portland.

PAYETTE, IDAHO, PASTOR ACCEPTS PORTLAND CALL.



Rev. Harry Leeds, of Payette, Idaho, has accepted a call to become pastor of Misaph Presbyterian Church, at Powell and East Thirteenth streets, and will arrive during the coming week to enter on his work next Sunday. Rev. Leeds occupied the pulpit of this church for two Sundays this summer and made a favorable impression, so that a unanimous call was extended to him. He graduated from Princeton Seminary in 1901, and took a charge in Anselm Valley, N. J., but entered the mission field in 1902, beginning in October in a mission church in the Nez Perce Prairie, where he continued until called to the Payette Presbyterian Church in 1905. He is a graduate of Midland University of Chicago, Ill., and also a graduate of the class of 1901, Princeton Theological Seminary. Both Rev. and Mrs. Leeds are excellent musicians.

WILL GREET BAR

Portland Plans Reception to National Delegates.

LOCAL LAWYERS CONVENE

Visitors En Route Home From Seattle Will Eat Luncheon at Commercial Club and Take Auto Ride Throughout City.

Lawyers from all over the United States, who have been attending the annual convention of the American Bar Association at Seattle, will be entertained in Portland tomorrow. Practically all the delegates are to stop over here and it was decided at a meeting of the Multnomah Bar Association yesterday forenoon to make them feel their welcome and have cause to remember Portland and Oregon for many a day to come.

Full plans for entertainment were drawn up at the meeting which was held in Judge Gantenbein's courtroom. The main features of the entertainment will be a luncheon at the Commercial Club at 1:30 P. M. and a visit to points of interest in automobiles. Lawyers and business men will turn out in a body to receive the visitors and every visitor will be made to feel welcome and glad he came from the happy moment of arrival until the sad hour of departure.

On motion of Robert T. Platt, Judge Gantenbein, who presided at the meeting, named the chairman of the committees. Mr. Platt was named to head the committee on luncheon, R. W. Montague chairman of committee on reception, and G. W. Stapleton was named to head the committee on automobiles. These heads of committees afterwards selected a staff of co-workers, as follows:

Reception—Arthur Langguth, T. G. Greene, C. U. Gantenbein and J. K. Kolkoff.

Luncheon—L. E. Crough, R. B. Fisher, J. F. Booth and A. E. Clark.

Automobiles—Joseph Simon, A. C. Emmons, Thad Vreeland and Russell Sewall.

The following notice was drafted last night by the luncheon committee: All members of the local bar desiring to attend the complimentary luncheon given to the visiting delegates at the Commercial Club at the Commercial Club on Monday noon, who have not already signified their intention of attending, must hand in their names to the chairman of the committee, Robert Treat, at the corner of Third and Main streets, before 10 o'clock Monday morning.

KNOWS WHERE M. DREY IS

Witness Against Martin Will Come When Wanted, Says Manning.

John Manning, former District Attorney, gave out a statement yesterday, in which he said that he knows the address of Max Drey, said to be an important witness against E. H. Martin, charged with the murder of Nathan Wolff. Mr. Manning says that Drey went to Chicago, and that he is now engaged in business in that city, and that he will come to Portland whenever wanted.

CHARGED WITH SWINDLING

C. A. Benbow Arrested on Complaint of Mamie Ready, Nurse.

On a charge of swindling Mamie Ready, a nurse, out of \$300, C. A. Benbow, president of the Commercial Abstract Company, with offices at 322 1/2 Washington street, was arrested yesterday afternoon by Constable Wagner and Chief Deputy Constable Kierman. Bail was fixed at \$700 cash, and being unable to raise that amount at that time of day, he was taken to the County Jail and locked up. He denies the charge.

Benbow's company deals in all kinds of business enterprises, investments and realty, and in that capacity he received from Mrs. Ready, who lives at 744 Hoyt street, the sum of \$300 for investment, according to her allegations. She alleges that the money was to be placed where it would return interest of 10 a month.



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she had received nothing in return, as promised. Benbow would not comply with her request, and his arrest is the result.

Travels 20 Miles Day, Gets Nowhere

Elevator Operator, If He Holds Job Three Years and Half, Will Have Gone Distance Equal to Earth's Circumference.

An elevator boy with a statistical mind began to make figures yesterday, and the results surprised him not a little. He found that he travels about 20 miles a day, but gets nowhere after all. If he holds his job three years and a half, he will travel far enough to go around the world.

Thompson



"E. A. Thompson, an American Optician, astonished the medical world last evening with an important discovery for sight-testing. In a practical demonstration before professors of the faculty they unanimously declared it a great aid to science."

From Le Figero, the leading daily of Paris, June 16, 1908.

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to enumerate the people carried each day in the three cases that run up and down the wells in the center of the building from the ground to the 12th floor. It was found that between 2500 and 2600 people enter the building every day, and that

about 1200 passengers are carried between floors.

Goes to Jail for Stealing Suitcase.

ALBANY, Or., Aug. 29.—(Special.)

Within ten hours after he was caught stealing a suitcase at the Southern Pacific depot in this city last night, Harlan H. Combs, a property man with a circus, was in the Linn County jail serving a sentence of 30 days.

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