REDS IS PROPOSED

McCourt Will Have Nothing More to Do With Indian Witnesses.

THEY REFUSE TO CONVICT

Recommendations Will Be Prepared for Oregon Congressional Delegation in Effort to Establish New Judicial Scheme,

After repeated failure to secure convic-After repeated failure to secure convic-tions of Indians or whites where reliance is had solely on the testimony of Indian witnesses, the officers of the Federal Court eare considering specific recommendations which will be presented to the Oregon members in Congress, which, if adopted, will rearrange the entire system of ad-ministering justice among the Indian tribes.

The plan will incorporate a number of unique features, chief of which will be the organization of an Indian court, to be presided over by an Indian judge, who shall be able to understand the witnesses usually deliver their testimony

through an interpreter.

"It has been years since any Indian has been convicted of a crime upon the testimony of members of his or her tribe," said District Attorney John Mc-

Indian Witnesses Failures.

"White men and Indians have been convicted in cases where white men were witnesses in the cases. An Indian usually has no regard for his eath, where the life or liberty of one of his red brothers is concerned. After a crime has been committed they will appear before the Indian agent or the United States Commissioner. agent or the United States Commissioner and are free with their evidence against the person who has been accused. The agent and the Commissioner invariably agent and the Commissioner invariably believe that they have a strong case and urge this office to prosecute. The witnesses usually come before the grand jury with the evidence, but if the Indian is bound over for trial, Indian witnesses can be relied upon to change over to the defense when the case comes up.

This office hereafter will not prosecute cases against Indians unless there are white witnesses for the Government."

Evans Proposes Indian Court.

Deputy District Attorney Evans was and Representatives from this state. The Indians now have a police system, of-ficered by members of the tribes, as well as a police court for the hearing of minor charges. It is said to have proven ef-fectual and it is urged that the system all crimes committed on the Indian reser

all crimes committed on the Indian reservations.

The whole situation arises as the aftermath of the trial of Frank Johnson, the Unmillia gallant, who recently eloped with Celia Alien, the wife of a cousin of Johnson, and the action of old Te-Te-Mi-Ot, mother of the gay Lothario of the reservation, who, after having her son arrested, rofused to testify against him. Te-Te-Mi-Ot objected to the plan of accurring a daughter-in-law, as well as the popularity of the young squaw, who is known as the belle of the Unmillias. Te-Te-Mi-Ot went to Pendleton and induced Commissioner Haley to issue a warrant for the arrest of her son, charging him with stealing the horses and buggy which were used by the red lovers in escaping from the reservation.

At the trial of Johnson the old mother exonerated him and said that the horses had been given to the priosner. Celia Allen, and her humband, Bronson, were also witnesses for the defendant.

WHY HE IS AGAINST THE BROADWAY BRIDGE.

Complains of Ridicule and Says He Was Falsely Accused by Judge Munly.

PORTLAND, Dec. 18.—(To the Editor.)
—In The Oregonian today there is a
published report of the so-called mass
meeting held in Albina in which the
statement made in a sublead is that
"Muniy Flays Henry." There are some
people so intensely selfish that they cannot accord to another an houest and disinterested mority. I have inslated that it was best for the

City of Portland not to encroach and lessen our harbor facilities by building any more bridges north of the Steel bridge. I am a heavy taxpayer in the City of Portland, and have full charge of millions of dollars of property for friends and clients, and believe that I have a right to give full expression to my views as to what may be for the best for the City of Portland, to the up-building of which I believe a fair regard for modesty will permit me to say that I have accomplished something to that

I regret that The Oregonian has seen fit to take the method of holding up honest men, who are really trying for what they really think is for the best what they really think is for the best interests of the city, by public ridicale, and cartooning and erroneous reports. It is due to this impeoning that honest-thinking business men decline to hold positions, as they and their wives and friends do not like public ridicule when they are doing the best that they can, with a due regard for their eaths. The gentlemen comprising the Port of Portland Commission are honest, re-The gentlemen comprising the Port of Portland Commission are honest, respected citizens who are acting for the best interests of the state for the control of the Williamette River. They are then of good business judgment, and they should not be subjected to coarse redicule and uncalled-for cartoning when they are honestly trying to arrive at this best solution for the good of the whole city.

whole city.

As to "Judge Munly's Flaying Henry,"
I am not thin-skinned: I have been before the public a good deal, but it is
not fair and right for Judge Munly and friends to go to my business associates and supposed clients and demand of them that they have me desist from op-posing their. Broadway bridge scheme. I am reliably informed that Judge Munly

In his so-called mass meeting in flaying me last night stated that I had taken the benefit of the "bankruptcy act to avoid payment of honest debts."

I have lived here steadily in this community for the past 20 years, and with many other men have undergone the trials and hardships here. I had been advised during that panic to take advantage of the bankruptcy act, but 1 Club wave paid my debts, and have paid debts uary 4.

for others that I went security for, and did not take the bankruptcy act. The records are open to the inspection of Judge Munly or any one else.

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Judge Munly, in making this unwarranted statement against my character, would be made, by many men, to repair at the end of a damage suit, but this is not a time for orimination or recrimination. We want to build a city here; we ought to plan it right, and when a man is doing the best he can asking for a fair hearing, a reasonable fair and honest audience ought to be given without unjust and whital misrepresentation.

CHARLES K. HENRY.

The Oregonian thinks it has treated Mr. Henry with due consideration in the Broadway bridge discussion. He is cer-tainly alone in his discovery that he has been held up to public ridicule or has been cartooned, or has been made the victim of erroneous reports. What erroneous reports? Is it possible that Mr. Henry refers to his own erroneous statement that Bridge Engineer Modjeski bad said that a tunnel or tube under the river might be built for \$1,250,000, when in fact, the unanimous testimony of all except Mr. Henry is that his lowest estimate was \$2,800,000 for a streetcar tube or tunnel? Or to that other erroneous statement made by Mr. Henry that President Josselyn, of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, had said that the rallway company would not use the Broadway bridge if built-a statement explicitly repudiated by Mr. Josse-

Mr. Henry is an adept at getting things wrong. He has not heretofore been held up to any kind of ridicule. The Oregonian's newspaper account of the "flaying" of Mr. Henry by Judge Muniy was exceedingly mild. Mr. Henry himself brings out in his letter much more serious statements by Judge Munly than were reported. His purpose is no doubt to refute them, but why not have let them sione, since they were nowhere pub-

Mr. Henry is practically alone in his opposition to the Broadway bridge, or at least he is supported by a very small number of persons. If Mr. Henry feels keenly his position and complains of lack of public appreciation or support, how can he hold others than himself responsible? He ought to accept a necessary situation with better grace.

Of course, Mr. Henry, the same as the rest of us, wishes a city built here, and wishes to assist it. But, unless we greatly mistake, he stands in opposition to the large majority of our people in his antagonism to the Broadway bridge.

RARE OPERATION PERFORMED ON JAPANESE LABORER.

Five Pieces of Vertebrae Removed to Relieve Paralysis of Lower Limbs.

His back literally broken when a loaded handcar passed over his body, Y. Twatani, a Japanese laborer, may yet live as the result of one of the rarest operations in modern surgery performed yesterday morning at the Good Samaritan Hospital by Dr. A. E. Rockey and Dr. Buck. Be-fore the operation the whole of the Jap's body, from the hips down, was completely paralyzed.

Five portions of the vertebrae were removed at the base and by this means the pressure on the spinal cord was removed. insuring that in case of recovery there will be no paralysis. While the result of the operation will not be definitely known until Tuesday, the physicians are hopeful that Twatani will make a complete re-

overy. Twatani is a laborer about 25 years old, working for the North Bank road, under contract to the Oriental Trading Comcontract contract to the Orental Training Com-pany. Friday afternoon he was approach-ing Vancouver with the rest of his gang on a handcar. Twatani was among those working the lever. When the brakes falled, the car on a steep grade ran away. Twatani endeavored to grab the lever, caught it, and was promptly huried to the track ahead of the car. He fell across one of the rails and both wheels passed over his back in the lumbar region.

Paralysis of the lower limbs at once set in. The car was hurried on to Vancouver, where Twatani was put on a North Bank train for Portland and sent to the hospital.

Professor Charles A. Cole, dean of the horticultural department of the Oregon Agricultural College, last night lectured to the hospital. to the hospital.

Surgical examination disclosed a fracture of the vertebrae in the lumbar re-gion and a dislocation of the spine, which, by pressing on the spinal cord, produced paralysis. It is believed in a few hours this would have been permanent. There are but a few cases on record where this operation has resulted successfully. Late last night Twatani had

recovered from the anaesthetic.

HOSPITALS ARE CROWDED

Precedent Set at Naught by Demands on Room in Holidays.

Signs of the approaching season are being manifested at both the Good Sa-maritan and St. Vincent hospitals. Ex-cept in emergencies, operations are be-coming fewer for all who can invariably postpone surgical attention until after Christmas.

Only three operations were sched-uled at both hospitals yesterday. With a few exceptions, the typhoid patients have gone home. Both institutions con-tinue full, contrary to all precedent, nevertheless.

At no one time, it is said, have there

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PRUNING TIPS GIVEN

Professor Cole Talks to Portland Apple-Growers.

Proper Training of Young Trees Means Healthier Orchards and Less Work After Bearing Be-

o the Portland Apple Growers' Association in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium, and was greeted with an audience which com. pletely filled the room. Professor Cole began with the statement that a success-

ful orchardist must have some knowledge of the anatomy of a tree.
"It is necessary that the grower should know something of the methods which the tree adopts in reaching height and

diameter, as well as in producing fruit," said the speaker.

There are two buds. One produces wood and the other produces fruit. On an apple tree the fruit buds appear on always at the end of a fruit spur, which appear after the tree is 2 years old. The spurs are small and very crooked, and many pruners take them off under the belief that their existence spoils the all limbs over an inch in diagmeter, but looks of the tree.
"Pear trees have all the characteristics

of the apple tree and the fruit spurs set in a similar manner. To interfere with these spurs is suicidal. The buds are to be found on the fruit spurs, but may be recognized by being round and soft.

"The wood buds are small and flat with sharp points and are placed by na-ture along the bark of the trees.

Pruning Adds Life to Tree.

Pronting is the most essential thing in the life and usefulness of the fruit tree. Do away with the axe in your tool kit and provide a pruning knife, a pair of 10-inch shears, a pair of thres-foot pruning shears, a pair of 10-foot

At no one time, it is said, have there been so many surgical cases the result of bob-sloading, automobile collisions and railroad and streetear accidents, and whereas it is usual for hospitals to be nearly vacated at the joyful season, this year it appears as if there would not be a bed to spare. Last night every bed and cot in both institutions was occupied.

Both are perplexed regarding the aftermath of Christmas, for the following week usually sees an avalanche of surgical cases.

ATTORNEY CONNER HURT

O. R. & N. Attorney Dislocates Ankle as He Alights From Train.

Henry F Conner, attorney for the O. R. & N., is a patient at the Good Samaritan Hospital, suffering from a dislocated ankle, the result of a fall at the Union Depot on alighting from a train two days ago. His injuries are not serious.

Mr. Conner recently returned from Callfornia, where he spent several months at Paso Robles for his health, after leaving St. Vincent's Hospital.

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sap starts and the wounds begin to heat, and the tree puts on its wood growth. In Winter cut out the cross-growing branches, the water aprouts, broken limbs, and head back the upright growing limbs so as to keep the tree flat. In cutting off a branch use a saw. Make the first cut about four inches from the body of the tree, and on the under side of the limb. Next made a cut on the top of the limb and one inch nearer the tree. The limb will fall and not split the bark. Then cut off the stub of the limb as close to the tree as the saw will work, and at once paint the wound. Where the stubs are left they gather bacteris, become diseased and rot out, seriously

SPARE FRUIT BUDS ADVICE

become diseased and rot out, seriously damaging the tree, if it shall not be ultimately rulned.

"Tree singery is a branch of successful pruning which can hardly be covered in pruning which can hardly be covered in a short lecture, but the paint is the first sid to the injured. As the wounds heal, they must be watched and if for any rea-son the flow of sap is shut off, the grower must use his prunting knife to open a seem around the place through seem around the place through which the fluid may find a way to do its work. If the grower prunes his frees conscientously during the first years he will have little trouble with his orchard.

"Orchards, young or old, must be cultivated. Plow; disk and roll so that a mulch may be created under which the moisture will be held. In the Willametre woisture will be held. In the Willamette Valley there is no necessity ever to irrigate an orcinard if that method is followed. The land must have nitrogen and potash. A cover crop of vetch and rye, plowed under, will supply the nitrogen, and a few rows of California turnips, turned under for decay, will replenish the potash.

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Clark Physicians Elect.

retary-treasurer. The membership is di- cial.) The Clark County Medical Associavided into sections, with centers in the tion has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Dr. R. D. Wiswall; vice-president, Dr. J. D. Scanlon; secretary-treasurer, Dr. H., S. Goddard; member of board of censors. Dr. VANCOUVER. Wash., Dec. 18.—(Spe-bers have recently been received into the

SEATTLE GETS ANOTHER FINE LARGE PIPE ORGAN

First Methodist Episcopal Church Awards Eilers Piano House Contract for Costly Instrument.

the Largest Pipe Organs on the Coast was awarded to Ellers Piano House by the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Seattle several days ago. The organ will cost \$15,000 and will contain forty-seven stops with an echo organ placed in the dome of the church about 200 feet from the main instru-

HAS IMMENSE PIPES.

At the conclusion of the address, Professor Cole was bombarded with questions, which he answered fully. Interest in the subject matter of the lectures being given every Saturday night is increasing rapidly, as is demonstrated by the attendance.

Home and School Draw Closer.

EUGENE Or., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—The Patron-Teacher Association, a new educational institution, has for its object the promotion of a better understanding between home and school. The organization was completed last night by the election of Dr. H. D. Sheldon, president, and Mrs. C. W. Southworth, sections and the organ, thereby making it possible for the organist to direct the choir.

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