

OFFICIALS READY FOR MORRIS CASE

Cashier Will Be Next of Oregon Trust Directors to Go Before Jury.

EMBEZZLEMENT IS CHARGE

District Attorney and Other Lawyers Are to Confer Tomorrow to Select Dates for His Trial and Moore's Second One.

W. Cooper Morris, cashier of the Oregon Trust & Savings Bank upon its suspension, will in all probability be the next one of its directors to be tried under a criminal charge. A charge of this effect in the plans of District Attorney Cameron was announced yesterday.

W. H. Moore will be tried upon a similar issue to the one of which he was acquitted last Friday, but before his case is heard the fate of Mr. Morris will be put in issue.

In the theory of Deputy District Attorney Fitzgerald, who will have charge of the prosecution of Mr. Morris, admissions gained from Mr. Moore during his own trial, together with the general trend of the testimony in the case, will aid greatly in strengthening the case of the prosecution. Mr. Morris will be tried for embezzlement.

Note Juggle Alleged.

One of the several indictments charging this crime will be selected in all likelihood that embracing the transactions of December 15, 1909, when notes of both the president and cashier were written off the books and fictitious entries made covering the withdrawal of more than \$100 in loans and discounts. For these was substituted some of the bonus telephone stock which was already the property of the bank. Mr. Morris will be prosecuted on the theory that this juggle was in reality embezzlement and that he was responsible for it.

"Many people, I am told," said Mr. Fitzgerald yesterday, "have been laboring under the impression that Morris should have been the first man tried. We did not take this view of it. In our opinion the proper person to try first was the president of the bank. He in our eyes is the most culpable for he is the man in whom people reposed confidence and upon the strength of whose connection with the bank the depositors put into their hard-earned money."

"We believed that this officer, who in reality the head and soul representative of the bank, should be considered as more culpable than some other man who might be equally guilty, but not so much under obligation to the public in general and to the depositors."

Prosecution Not Discouraged.

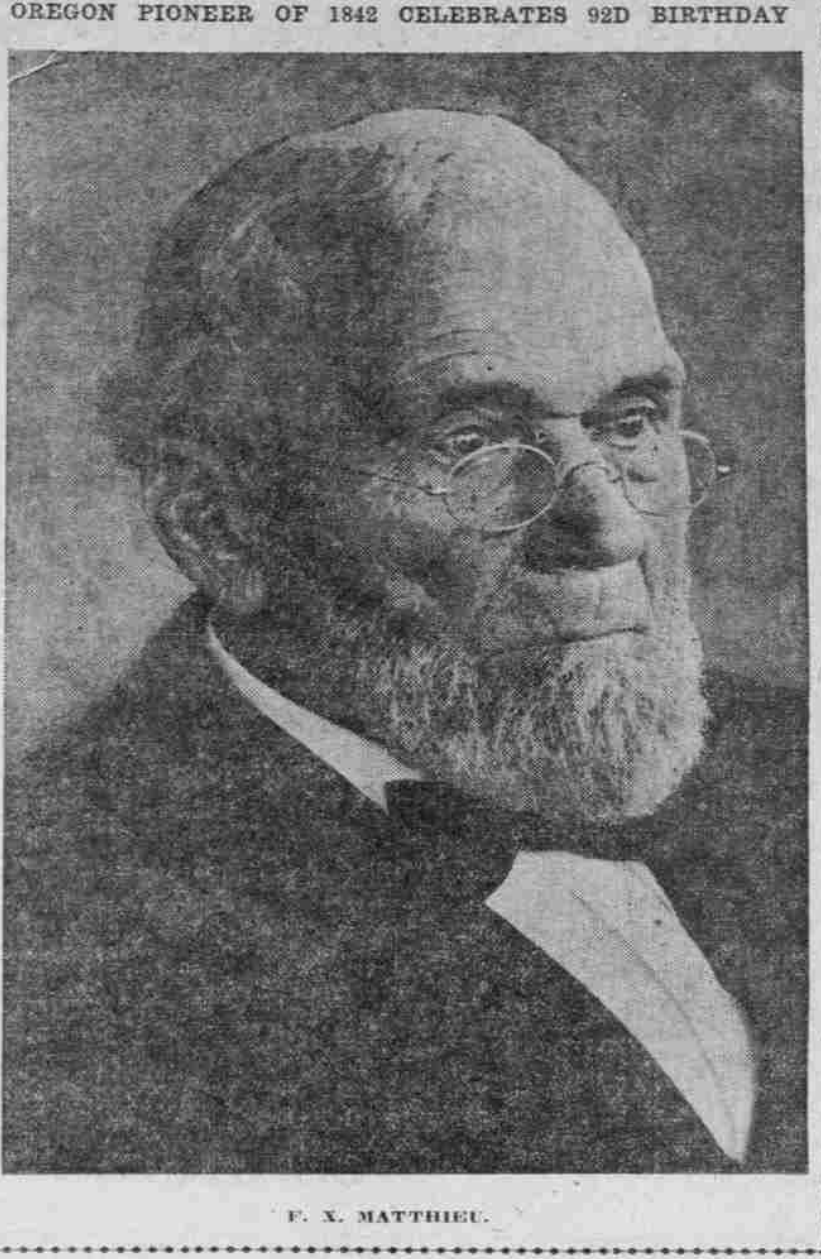
"The fact that Moore escaped with a brand on him does not discourage us in the least about eventually getting a conviction. It is the same old story that is brought to mind by a quotation from King Lear, which goes something like this: 'This sin with good and the strong lance of justice buriesh; fall'st arm'd in rain and a bloody straw will pierce it.'"

"With Morris' case we are going to test out a new phase of the law and let the people decide by jury whether officers of a bank without the authority of the board of directors, who are the ones really responsible for the conduct of the institution, can dissipate the funds of the depositors as they please. The history of this bank shows that Moore and Morris considered themselves the whole institution, utterly ignoring the board of directors, so that, as a matter of fact, the board of directors was not carrying on the business of the corporation at all."

"This case will, then, be for the purpose of testing whether in Oregon officers of a bank so inclined may, without instructions from the board of directors, withdraw securities and squander funds to their own satisfaction and be answerable to no one."

It is not thought that the case against Mr. Morris will be set before the first week in May. Mr. Cameron made a visit to the Courthouse yesterday morning for the purpose of consulting with the presiding judge and having the case set for the earliest possible date.

OREGON PIONEER OF 1842 CELEBRATES 92D BIRTHDAY



F. X. MATTHIEU.

PIONEER IS GREETED

Friends Gather on 92d Birthday of F. X. Matthieu.

OCCASION IS HAPPY ONE

Many of Guests Have Known Noted Citizen for Three-Score Years and More—Elks Lodge of Salem Sends Greetings to Member.

The celebration of the 92d birthday of F. X. Matthieu, at the residence of his son, S. A. Matthieu, 288 Eugene street, yesterday afternoon, was a happy and interesting occasion. There was no set programme, but Mrs. S. A. Matthieu, the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Bergevin and Mrs. Sam Howard, a daughter and granddaughter of Mr. Matthieu, had the happy faculty of revealing the guests who called to pay their respects to the aged pioneer who came to Oregon in 1842, in so cordial a manner as to at once put all at ease.

Since most of the persons who called were pioneers, who had been acquainted with Mr. Matthieu for 40 to 65 years, the atmosphere of the occasion soon became that of a large family reunion, enlivened with good-natured jokes and smart repartee, intermingled with the narration of early-day experiences both grave and gay. In all of which Mr. Matthieu had a leading part.

The hostess served refreshments to those then remaining, at the close of which the health of Mr. Matthieu was drunk, wishing him many years of life and enjoyment.

One of the guests, Peter B. Morrison,

a pioneer of 1849, has had a remarkable career. He was born on the Atlantic Ocean March 11, 1818, while his parents were on their way from Scotland to the United States. He served two years in the Mexican War and four years in the Civil War. His health was also drunk. His present residence is in Wyoming, where women vote, a fact upon which he was wartyly congratulated by Mrs. Abigail Scott Dintway.

The Lodge of Elks in Salem, to which Mr. Matthieu belongs, sent him the following telegram:

"Dear Brother: At the last meeting of Salem Lodge No. 238, B. P. O. E., I was directed to express to you the sincere felicitations of all your Brother Elks on the occasion of your 92d anniversary. It is our earnest hope that you may be spared to enjoy among us years of health and peaceful contentment which your character and distinguished services to your country and your state so richly deserve."

Aside from those already mentioned, the following were present: Mrs. Frances M. Harvey, Mrs. June McMullen Ordway, Mrs. Philemon Geer, Charles W. Bryant, Captain George A. Pease, Joseph Buchtel, ex-Governor T. T. Geer, George O'Brien, George H. Himes, Master Matthieu and Master Howard.

One of the features of the reception of Mr. Matthieu was the presentation by him of a life-size bust portrait, painted in oil by Mr. O'Brien, to the Oregon Historical Society.

Professor Carroll to Lecture.

Professor Mitchell Carroll, of the George Washington University, Washington, D. C., and general secretary of the Archaeological Institute of America, will lecture in Portland at the Art Museum Monday evening, April 4. His visit is in behalf of the local branch, which has recently been established. He will give an illustrated lecture on "Activities and Excavation of the Archaeological Institute and the Schools." Among the next lectures to be given by the Portland Society of the Archaeological Institute of America will be one by Professor Frederick Stanley Dunn, of the University of Oregon, who will speak on Old Rome.

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SHRINERS KIDNAP POPULAR NOBLES

Four Are Carried on Board Special Before It Leaves for New Orleans.

FIFTH TAKEN, BUT ESCAPES

Potentate Galvani, Henry W. Fries, A. L. Tetu and Walter Gadsby Forced to Join Friends on Trip to Imperial Council.

With 25 Nobles of the Mystic Shrine in the party, including four who were kidnaped at the last minute and forced to remain on the Shriner's special train, the pilgrimage of 1910, to the Oasis of New Orleans, was begun last night. Potentate W. H. Galvani, Henry W. Fries, A. L. Tetu, Walter Gadsby and John R. Rogers were carried bodily aboard the train a bare moment before it departed from the Union Depot.

Although all the entrances were guarded, Mr. Rogers managed to escape the "kidnapers" and leaped from the train before it had gathered momentum. The others were not so clever in eluding the party, and were detained on the train. They will not be allowed to leave the train until Spokane is reached, when they will be given permission to return home if they so desire.

Oregon Party Numbers 10.

It was a joyous crowd that gathered at the Spokane, Portland & Seattle depot last night, waiting for the start for the 30th annual Imperial Council session. Altogether 40 persons, including members of the Shrine and their families, left Portland in the party, all of them being from Oregon. Fully 100 more gathered at the station to watch the departure, only a few near the entrances to the train realized a genuine, old-fashioned "kidnaping" was taking place.

By skillful maneuvering a number of those in the plot grouped Mr. Galvani and the four other victims in front of the steps leading to the dining car just a moment before the conductor gave the signal to start. Like lambs being led to the slaughter, Messrs. Rogers, Galvani, Fries, Tetu and Gadsby came together at the call of the conspirators. They were serenely unconscious of anything out of the ordinary. Their faces were lighted in anticipation of the vestibule. Mr. Galvani, for whose special benefit the plot was concocted, was next in order. Three strong Shriner's, trained through long practice with neophytes who would walk the burning sands, hustled the Potentate up the steps so quickly that he had little or no time for protest.

Mr. Tetu Also Taken.

Mr. Tetu, who was also "badly wanted" by the schemers, was then "assisted" to the train by many willing hands. He resisted, but his efforts availed not. Last on the list was Mr. Gadsby, who, while his fellow unfortunates were being taken aboard and held in defiance, hadn't been allowed to depart from the scene. He put up a feeble and fruitless struggle, his kit being the same as those who had preceded him.

Harvey Beckwith, president of the Commercial Club, was also in danger of his liberty for a short time, although he was aware of the plot to kidnap the others. He was caught on the train a few minutes before it left, and had he not been for his earnest pleadings, he would have made an involuntary trip to Spokane.

Just how Mr. Rogers escaped the attention of his captors long enough to break away is considerable of a mystery. As it was, he did not escape until the train had begun to roll away from the station.

Plot Is Worked Out.

Originating at the Commercial Club yesterday afternoon, the scheme of the

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GUARD MANEUVERS SET

OREGON REGIMENTS TO TAKE FIELD ON AUGUST 8.

Officers Expect 1500 of Total Strength of 1800 to Assemble at American Lake.

Dates for the participation of Oregon National Guard organizations in the biennial joint maneuvers with regular Army troops at American Lake were announced yesterday at National Guard headquarters. The two regiments of Oregon Infantry will take the field August 8 and remain until August 19. The Coast Artillery will participate in Coast defense maneuvers about the Columbia River fortifications from September 1 to September 10.

Plans for participation in the maneuvers already have been worked out by the officers of the Oregon troops, and it is intended to take into the field the largest number of men possible. There are in the Oregon militia approximately 1800 men, and it is intended that no fewer than 1500 shall be taken to American Lake. Requisitions have been sent in by company commanders to Adjutant-General Finzee's office for necessary quartermaster stores.

General Marlon P. Maus, U. S. A., who, as commanding general of the Department of the Columbia, will be in charge at the American Lake camps, is busily engaged in working out the plans and details for the whole three months that troops will be in the field. He already has made it known that the maneuvers will be strictly business and that the programme will be ample and interesting. There will be the usual large problems in advance and rearguard movements.

Five states will participate, troops going into the field from Washington, Montana, Idaho and North Dakota, as well as from Oregon. Among the organizations of the Regular Army that will participate are the First Infantry, two troops of the First Cavalry, two batteries of the Second Artillery and the Twenty-Fifth Infantry.

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For extinguishing fires the London brigade last year used 11,375,000 gallons of water.

DELEGATES OF AL KADER TEMPLE TO MYSTIC SHRINE CONVENTION, WITH FRIENDS, ASSEMBLED AT SPECIAL TRAIN, READY TO START FOR NEW ORLEANS.



FOUR IN FRONT ROW, CENTER OF PICTURE, ARE (LEFT TO RIGHT)—WILLIAM H. GALVANI, ILLUSTRIOUS POTENTATE; J. E. WERLEIN, H. L. PITTOCK, WILLIAM C. BRISTOL, HOLDING MASCOT, EDWARD GIBSON LOCKE.