

NORMANS HOPING 35 SHARES ENOUGH

Spokane and Tacoma Brothers Rely on Pioneers' Holdings to Get Hotel.

MISSION TO LONDON IS OUT

Attorney Sent Over to England to Call on "Leave-It-to-Me" Freeman and Secure Transfer of Stock Held by Him.

OLD SUBSCRIPTIONS TO STOCKS IN THE HOTEL PORTLAND.	
Name	Shares
C. L. Bennett	1
J. W. Bushman	1
L. W. Baird	5
Ben Freeman	19
Charles McCord	1
Chas. Smith	1
Chas. Schwabman	1
W. M. Wisdon	1
W. T. Wallace	2
A. J. Woodworth	3
J. R. Watson	1

In the 35 shares of stock represented by the foregoing table is concealed the hope of the Normans Brothers, of Spokane and Tacoma, for the control of the Portland Hotel Company. All of the shares are represented on the books of the company as members of the pioneer who lent their aid in the establishment of the famous hotel property which served an important part in the development of the chief city of the Willamette.

It is believed that the mission of Attorney H. M. Calkins, calling him to England during the past summer, was to secure control of the interest represented by Ben Freeman, and since the meeting of the board of directors held last Wednesday, it has been learned that a demand was made for the issuance of the stock. If that demand had been recognized the Day Brothers would have stepped out of the Hotel Portland management and the Normans would have been again in control.

It has been definitely learned that the mission of Attorney Calkins was successful as to securing an assignment of the stock, but it is asserted by the Day interests that such a move was discontinued in the year by the cancellation of all stock except one share which was fully paid up but which had never been issued by the hotel company.

Property in Adjudication.

At this time control of the property is in adjudication through a suit in the State Circuit Court wherein the Fiecken estate asserts a claim to the two shares of the hotel company stock, which have been voted by Attorney Joseph and which has maintained the Day Brothers in power.

With the advent of Day control of the Hotel Portland, a number of employees of the Normans Brothers were ousted, among them James Sargent, former auditor for the company.

Sargent had been a warm partisan of the Normans and having charge of the books of the concern, ascertained that in the organization of the original company numerous contracts for the purchase of stock had been made, but final payments had not been made. In some of the contracts the Normans had been entered, but in others the record of the contract stood.

The Normans Brothers are said to have borrowed a large portion of the money used in purchasing the Hotel Portland and Day Brothers are said to have accommodated them. Day Brothers made their money from the mines of Idaho, and are said to have been cowboys in their earlier years. As the story goes Sargent's hotel is owned by the Fiecken estate, and the control of the property hung in the balance, it is said that an effort was made by the Normans to secure assignments of the unissued stock, as represented by contracts. H. M. Calkins is said to have been successful in his mission to England, and he has demanded the stock when he returned. The claim was presented last Wednesday at the directors' meeting of the hotel company, and the subject was assigned to the hands of the Day Brothers. It is probable that a law-suit will be begun in the Circuit Court to determine the validity of the stock contracts.

"Leave-It-to-Me" Freeman was one of the best-known characters in the Pacific Coast, his sobriquet being acquired while he operated a restaurant at First and Oak streets. Freeman came to Portland in the early eighties, and had conducted a hotel at Yokohama. Prior to that time he had been engaged as a professional guide in Constantinople, and was a thorough cosmopolitan. He spoke 10 languages, but the thing that appealed to the caterer was to have a stranger drop in at his Oak street restaurant, which was the best in the city in those days, and ask what he could serve.

"Leave it to me," Freeman would respond. Nobody ever had occasion to complain of the quality of food served. Freeman left Portland after the crash of 1893 and never paid more than the first installment on his Portland Hotel stock. He is now running the Hotel Oregon in London, and to that the Attorney Calkins is said to have wended his way.

Freeman assigned his stock in the Hotel Portland, or such claim to stock as he may have, and the Normans Brothers are demanding that the full amount of stock be issued to his assignees. Other stock contractors have also assigned their shares, and it is proposed to assert the claim that the order of cancellation of the stock contracts was made without authority and under a misapprehension of the facts. The Day Brothers will claim that notice of cancellation was duly given, and that the holders of stock contracts have been legitimated out of the management.

City Defends Macadam Pavement.

Through its attorneys, the City of Portland filed its answer to the suit of the South Portland Improvement

Association in the Circuit Court yesterday in which objections had been made to the paving of Macadam street from section 15-1-1 to Dakota street, involving an expenditure of \$14,415. The city's legal representatives maintained that the proceedings in connection with letting the work to the Oregon Hazzam Paving Company were regular in every particular. Attention was called to the manner of advertising for bids, to the prevailing price of \$1.75 per yard and to the right of the Executive Board of the city to let contracts and pass upon them. The answer carries with it a request for the dismissal of the suit.

OREGON-BORN ACTOR DIES

Mark Ellsworth, Native of Eugene, Passes Away in New York.

Mark Ellsworth, who died in New York City recently, was a native son of Oregon and had achieved fame in the theatrical world. He was born in Eugene, Or., and was the son of Attorney Stukely Ellsworth. His wife, a brother, John W. Ellsworth, an Oregon newspaper man, and two sisters survive him. The sisters are Mrs. Mattie E. McDonald of La Grande, Or., and Mrs. Louise Wood of Tecumseh, Mich. He was a nephew of Clay Ellsworth, Jap H. Stevens and Mrs. N. R. Kelley of La Grande.

After attending the Hill Military Academy Mark Ellsworth began his career as an actor in Portland. Later he went to San Francisco and New York. In New York he was stage manager and support for popular stars, including Frederick Warde, James O'Neill, Louis Jantze, Katherine Kidder and Henrietta Crasman. For many

CHILD OF FOUR YEARS DIES, VICTIM OF DIPHTHERIA.



Edith Audrey Nelson, who died of diphtheria December 13 and was buried December 14, was four years four months and 21 days old at the time of death. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Nelson. The child died at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Webb, 723 Commercial street. Mr. and Mrs. Webb were early pioneers of Oregon, and formerly resided at Medford.

He appeared in large American and Canadian cities in Shakespearean productions.

Leaving the stage, Mr. Ellsworth became secretary of the National Actors' Society of America, with headquarters in New York City, and at the time of his death was a member of a firm which handled practically all the leading theatrical European attractions.

He was a Knight Templar, a Mason and a member of the Brotherhood of Elks and of the Knights of Pythias. For seven years he was a vestryman in St. Paul's Episcopal Church, New York City, where the funeral services were held. The Mason and Elks conducted the final rites in the Masonic Temple. The floral tributes were many and elaborate.

CABINET HOLDS MEETING

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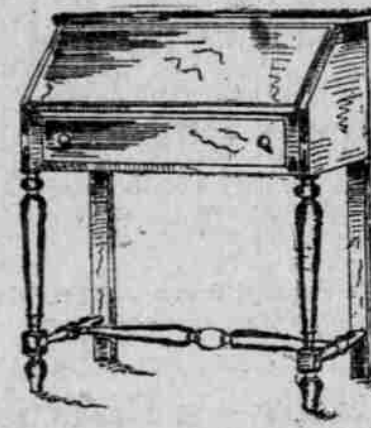
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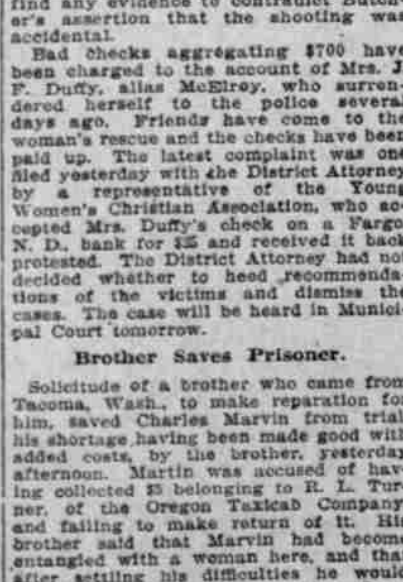
E. Butcher, Alleged Passer of Bad Check, Thrown in Cell Though Suffering From Accidental Hurt—Woman May Go Free.

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and first settled in Yamhill County near McMinnville. She was also a pioneer of Seattle, having moved there in 1868.

Mrs. Hall came to Tacoma 29 years ago being among the pioneers of this city. She is survived by two sisters, Mrs. J. M. Bowley, of Republic, Wash., and Mrs. Charles Ellis, of Dixie, Wash., and eight children. The children are Clarence Hall, of Australia; Edward, of New York; Otis, of Hoquiam, Wash.; Mrs. D. P. Ketchum and Mrs. L. A. Schanno, of The Dalles; Mrs. Richard T. Comer, of Washington, D. C., and Misses May and Elizabeth Hall, of Tacoma.

CHILDREN SELL STAMPS

Red Cross Seal Campaign Lively in Public Schools.

Interest in the Red Cross Seal campaign among the children of the public schools is greater this year than last. There is a rivalry among the children to have their schools lead the list in the sale of stamps. In addition to swelling the tubercular fund of the Visiting Nurse Association, the sale of the Red Cross stamps in the schools has been of much educational benefit. The principals of the schools have explained the cause for which the funds are to be used, and instructed the children in regard to rules to follow in order to keep the disease from spreading. The Ainsworth, Montavilla, Irvington and Holladay schools have ordered three supplies of seals, while the Buckleman School has disposed of five orders. An Edison moving picture film has been made, entitled "Red Cross Seal."



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Jacob Hepp Long Engaged in Industry in Oregon.

By the death of Jacob Hepp, Portland has lost one of its pioneer mill men. Mr. Hepp having been engaged in the planing mill and general mill work here more than 30 years.

He was a native of New York, born November 11, 1824. He came West in 1851, remaining in San Francisco until 1855. He then went to Chicago and engaged in mill work there until 1888. Returning to California, he spent four years at Los Angeles and in 1892 came to Portland, where he had lived since. He leaves a widow, a brother, Valentine Hepp, and seven children. They are: Daniel Hepp, of Chicago; Mrs. Robert Holman, of Trout-Graham; Mrs. Charles Wilson, of Trout-Graham; Mrs. Arthur Coombs, of Berkeley, Cal.; Mrs. Frank Cullin, of Oakland, Cal.; Walter W. Hepp, of British Columbia; Mrs. Harry Holbrook, of San Francisco, Cal.

He died Saturday, December 10, at his home, 1403 Division street. The funeral was held last Wednesday.

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