Committee Pledged to Ward Off Tong if It Believes Prisoners Are Guilty.

ONE CAPTIVE "SWEATED"

Delegation From Six Companes to Determine Today Whether to Fight for Accused Three or Give Them Up.

At a meeting of the Chinese Six Companies, to be held today, decision will be made whether the clansmen of Lew Sous, Wong Si Sam and Oi Sen, held to answer for the murder of Seid

Lew Sous, Wong Si Sam and Or Sen, held to answer for the murder of Seid Bing, shall surrender them up to justice, or shall make a legal fight in their interest, with factional bitterness and a possibility of a clan war. The meeting will receive the report of President Chin Wing and a delegation from the Six Companies, which spent most of yesterday afterneon question-ing the alleged murderers. With the consent of the police, the prosecution and the members of the Seid family, it was arranged that a disinterested committee of Chinese should hear the story of Ol Sen and determine from it whether there was reason to believe that Wong Si Sam and Lew Soon committed the murder. If they were convinced, it was agreed, they would join hands to prevent action of the Hop Sing Tong in the interest of the defendants. Woman Tells About Crime.

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Headed by the president of the Six Companies, the delegation was closeted Companies, the delegation was closeted with the woman for two hours yes-terdar, and obtained from her the most complete account of the murder yet given. Then they proceeded to Lew Soon, who was "sweated" in a striking-ly Chinese way. It was literally a sweating, for beads of perspiration stood on the face of the accused and he wore a hunted and terror-stricken look as he faced his inquisitors. He made a complete denial, but is said to

look as he faced his inquisitors. He made a complete denial, but is said to have tripped at many points. At one stage of the questioning Sold Gain, acting for the family of the murdered man, lost his poise and kroke forth in English, "You kill him; we kill you" Chin Wing maintained a judicial attitude and made copious notes of the proceedings.

we kill you" Chin Wing maintained a judicial stitude and made copious notes of the proceedings. Police Watch Careful. Tong murders which were committed we started by Chinese convention in Sam Francisco. Recently he remarried here under American law. This woman and of Sen had quarreled over a triv-iality, he said. "Oi Sen is putting up a job on me." here under American law. This woman and of Sen had quarreled over a triv-iality, he said. "Oi Sen is putting up a job on me." here under American law. This woman and of Sen had quarreled over a triv-iality, he said. "Oi Sen is putting up a job on me." here under American law. This woman and of Sen had quarreled over a triv-iality, he said. "Oi Sen is putting up a job on me." here under American law. This woman and of Sen had quarreled over a triv-iality, he said. "Oi Sen is putting up a job on me." here under American law. This woman and of Sen had quarreled over a triv-iality, he said. "In Starfas, the expressman who hauled the body to the railread sta-tion, looked at Law Soon yesterday and who asked have employed American watchmen to patrol the district. Feeling appears to be keen. Ever since the arrival of Oi Sen, Friday morning, there has been a Set, Friday morning, there has been a nation. varying crewd about the jall, and every arrival and departure in con-nection with the case has caused it FIFTH LECTURE DELIVERED

Victim's Brother Aids Woman.

Precautiens against Ol Sen being sisoned have been taken, by means of secrecy covering the ordering of her food. A strange feature of the case is that the woman is being supplied with anything, and as much as she

been abandoned, the leading Chinese having become convinced that the gem was her own. This still leaves Seld Eng's ring to be accounted for. The Soon, president of the Hop Sing fong in San Francisco, according to bit own statement, and charged by outside the murder of Seld Hing, was questioned yesterday morning, but lit-ing in the murder of Seld Hing, was questioned yesterday morning, but lit-de fixed, was the day of the murder, be soon says he saw her the day when the Chinese revolutionists held a parade, January 18. Before that, he weeks, which would place the preced-ing interview on the day Seld Blag her for 10 months and had done no work. He had a wife, Wah Chei, whom Russell

****************** VETERAN OF THREE WARS RESIDENT OF SALEM.

William Harrison Brown

William Harrison Brown. SALEM, Or., Feb. 3.—(Special) —Salem has one of the faw re-maining survivors of the Mexican war in the person of William Harrison Brown, who also servad in the Second Missouri Volunteers from 1882 to 1865. He enlisted for the Mexican war as a boy of 18, joining a company that marched from Palmyra to Fort Leavenworth in 1846. He was dis-charged at Chinuahua, Mexico, in 1848, and came across the plains to Oregon in 1867. On returning from Mexico his company was or-

to Oregon in 1867. On returning from Mexico his company was or-dered to Albuquerque to quell an Indian uprising, and they were present at the final treaty with the Navajo Indians. Mr. Brown was born in Warren County, Vir-

he married by Chinese convention in San Francisco. Recently he remarried

ginia, November 9, 1818.

Statistics of 21 Remedial Companies Forwarded-Establishment of Office Here Now to Be Taken Up With Vim.

Sends Litature to Aid Fight

on Loan-Sharks.

LENDERS RUN TO COVER

Sage Foundation

By the receipt from the Russell Sage Foundation of literature throwing light upon accepted methods of dealing with the loan shark problem, the work of Portland men interested in combatting the evil has been greatly facilitated, and the next few weeks are expected to be productive of an active organiza-tion, equipped to take care of the worthy berrowers and at the same time scourge the "Shylocks" out of exist-ence.

The outcome is being discounted by the loan sharks, who, according to re-ports reaching the investigators, are making any settlement possible of their outstanding exorbitant claims. Weeks and cases previously field and called up since the campaign against them com-menced, have been shelved or dismissed one man who had paid twice over the amount of his loan, went to the lender a few days ago and repudated the debt, defying collection. Then, to show good faith, he made an offer to pay the face of the note, without further interest, in installments at his con-venience, and the offer was snapped up at once. The outcome is being discounted by up at once.

Foundation Sends Reply.

Foundation Sends Repir. A reply was received yesterday by Attorney Hurst to a request made to the Russell Sage Foundation for in-formation, and the showing made is encouraging. Director Arthur H. Ham forwaded documents showing the opera-tion of 21 companies working in con-cert with the Division of Remedial Loans of the Foundation. These com-panies have an aggregate capital of \$10,000,000. They have outstanding about \$20,000,000 in loans and the year-ly loss reaches a total of less than \$10,000. \$10,000

Other data show that throughout the Other data show that throughout the country, in industrial citics, there is one usurer to every 5000 of popula-tion, and one victim in every 20 of population. The operations of one loan company, operating a number of offices, showed that it was carrying 45,000 loams at an average interest of 228 per cent.

Evil Here Not Great.

Typical cases cited from numerous cities where the 21 companies operats, indicate that Portland, for all the show-ing of extortion that has been made, has been comparatively free from the worst forms of the evil. Authenticated reports show that the story of a loan-eback victim in the current number of

reports show that the story of a loan-shark victim in the current number of a well-known magazine, is well within the facts, although to one uninformed is must appear as a lurid exaggera-tion. Many men, according to the re-ports, starting with a small loan from dire necessity, have become entangled with as high as six companies at a time, carrying the accumulation of charges without receiving an addi-tional cent of cash, and always haunted by an appeal to their employers in case of a default. It is shown that the remedial loan

case of a default. It is shown that the remedial loan companies are operated profitably as business ventures and pay good divi-dends, while lending money at rates far below those charged by the usurers. Mr. Ham recommends for local applica-tion a rate of 2 per cent a month, which he believes will cover expenses



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to the policeman making the arrest. He may go either to the City Attorney or the District Attorney and swear to a complaint, and the court will at ac-cordingly. If a state complaint is is-sued the prisoner will be committed to the custody of the Sheriff: if a city charge is laid he will go to the Linnton reckpile. As the police are strongly in favor of invoking the more drastic statute rather than the ordinance, the prospect is that the Sheriff will get a majority of the prisoners and the Cour-

Claude Casimir Perier, a special en- | dents of France.

voy of the French Government, will arrive in Portland tomorrow and will remain on a short visit. Harvey Beck-with and C. W. Hodson yesterday received a message from San Francisco announcing Mr. Perier's coming. These men will escort the visitor about the city and supply him with important in-formation relative to Portland's industrial and shipping conditions. Mr. Per-ier is a son of one of the former Presi-

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Bong, brother of the murdered man. "Give her anything and as many meals a day as she wants; I will pay," said Seid Bong yesterday.

torneys Logan and Stevenson were brought into the case yesterday and will take a leading part in the prose-

will take a leading part in the prose-nution. Although four Chinese identified as the property of Seid Bing a diamond ring pawned by Oi Sen to William Holl, a money-lender, this clew has

s giving in the Young Men's Christian Association auditorium every Saturday on "Great Ideas in Religion," Dr. John on "Great Ideas in Religion, Dr. John H. Boyd chose as his theme yesterday, "A Study of "Prophotism" as Revealed in the Lives and Teachings of Isaiah and Other Revelators."

Dr. J. H. Boyd Discusses "Prophet-

ism" at Y. M. C. A.

For the fifth lecture in the series he

In every way the woman is being put at her ease, as upon her depends the conviction of the murderer and perhaps also the prevention of bitter-ness between the tongs. Employed by the Seid family, At-torners Lorgen and Staveners and Tenenings of Isainh in the Lives and Tenenings of Isainh in the Lives and Tenenings of Isainh and Other Revelators." The speaker said that the prophet is not strictly one who predicts, that he is more than a seer or foreteller, but rather one who speaks for or in place of: that he is one who has been in the presence of God and has discovered the essence of the divine mind and the di-

which he believes will cover expenses and pay a profit to the financiers. He thinks a capital of \$35,000 will suffice to take care of the situation. Equipped with this information, the inquisitors, starting with Ben Selling's offer of \$10,000, hope in a short time te make up the fund and place it in operation. In the meantime, unrelent-ing warfare in court and through pub-licity methods will be made upon those licity methods will be made upon those who are termed "buyers of wages."

EMPRESS GETS ORIGINAL SOCIETY "TEXAS TOMMY" DANCERS FOR LIMITED ENGAGEMENT OF ONE WEEK.

"COPS" NOW SOLE JUDGE

Policemen to Decide What Law Vagrants Will Be Tried Under.

Solution, at least temporary, of the ontroversy over the assigning of convicted vagrants to the County or City Jaff, has been hit upon by the Municipal Court. The whole question is put up

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TWO OF THE QUARTET OF FAMOUS "SOCIETY TEXAS TOMMY" DANCERS AT THE EMPRESS.

DAACER'S AT THE ENFRESS. Society women who have described as "awfully fascinating" the far-famed "Texas Tommy" and its accompanying "Frisco Rag" and other equally as novel dances will have an opportunity to catalogue the movements into their proper class at first hand next week. The reason is that an added feature to the Empress Theater bill opening tomorrow afternoon is the original society "Texas Tommy" dancers, for a limited engagement of one week. So remarkable is this quartet that it captured in San Francisco, the haunt of these unique terpsicherean effects, the first prize in a free-for-all context.

for-all contest.

The dancers have created a furore everywhere they have performed, and in New York the extraordinary nature of their act drew crowded bousce for many weeks, while in Paris, where they first introduced "Le trot du turkey," they were able to inject more than a spark of interest into the blase palates of jaded Parisians and Parisiennes.

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