TACOMA SEES LAST OF THIEVES JAILED

Wine, Woman and Automobiles Prove Undoing of City's Trusted Employes.

DOWNFALL TALE PATHETIC

Harry Bringolf, Though Confessed Embezzler and Ready for Prison, Finds Little Wife Sticks by Him—Was "Good Sport."

TACOMA, Wash., June 15.—(Special.)—With the arrest Tuesday of Harry A. Bringolf, a teller in the offices of Commissioner of Finance Freeland, Tacoma officials are hoping they have cleaned out the last of a nest of thieving city employes whose total thefts will range close around $20,000.

The first downfall came a little over a year ago, when Bert Campbell, a deputy city clerk, was "caught with the goods." The next came only within the last few weeks, when Fred Uhrich fled the city after forging numerous city warrants stolen from the City Controller's office, where he was employed. Even the salary loan sharks were caught by Unrich in his final cleanup and not even his friends were spared. The third and most sensational case was that of young Bringolf, who had succeeded in stealing $14,879.43 from the City Treasurer, according to his own account.

The son of a family of excellent repute, with a loving wife and baby, Bringolf had been for about seven years employed by Commissioner Freeland and was regarded by him as one of the most trusted employes in an office where millions of dollars are handled yearly. Warned by the City Controller months ago that Bringolf was traveling a fast pace, warned by the chief of detectives, Commissioner Freeland scouted the idea that Bringolf was crooked, and only this week, when an accident brought the stealing to light and Bringolf boldly confessed, would the Commissioner believe in his guilt.

Wine, Women and Autos Cause.

Bringolf's money — or, rather, the money of the City of Tacoma—went for wine, women, cards and automobiles. The young man was what is known about town as "a good sport." Automobile rides at $50 per ride, beer at $1 a pint, splendid jewelery for denizens of the underworld, such as Lou Evans and Doris Brown, from whom the police have recovered a portion of the ill-gotten wealth Bringolf lavished on them, such were the ways the money went. From the Brown girl alone the police obtained $100 and jewelry worth $750 which Bringolf had given her.

At home the innocent wife night after night wondered why her young husband had to work so late, sometimes not getting home until morning, but never a suspicion of the real truth entered her mind. When she learned that her husband was a thief she turned back to the City Treasurer $743 her husband had recently given her for "an emergency."

"Bringolf was always a pleasant boy," said a man of the underworld. "He never hinted of any financial trouble. He was cordial with new acquaintances and cordial with old. When you met him he'd say, 'Come and have dinner,' perhaps, and he would always insist on paying for everything. And what dinners that boy did buy! We never wondered at his having so much money. I know he gave some of his friends to understand that he had rich relatives somewhere, but he was so pleasant and free in spending that you didn't notice.

Bringolf Played No Favorites.

"He shook dice whenever and wherever he could. He played no favorites and he sure lost a lot of money. He dropped $58 at pool one night that I know of. It was the women who took the most of his money, though. Harry was a good sport. The coin simply flowed for automobiles. First there were posies with the machines for his women companions and then there were expensive wines. He was certainly a pleasant fellow, and no piker. Even a dollar a pint for beer on one auto ride one time, just to show me he had the price, caused no great talk among those who knew him."

Uhrich, of the Controller's office, and Bringolf, of the Treasurer's office, were good "pals" and often on a lark together. The nightly carousals cost Uhrich his wife. She refused to live with him because he passed so much time and spent so much money away from home at nights. The little Bringolf girl stuck by her husband, kept the lonely night vigils with her baby, prepared suppers that grew cold and were thrown away, while she waited for the husband who was pouring the city's money into the maws of the women of the underworld, the poolrooms, the gamblers and their ilk—and she sticks by him yet, visits him in his cell at the jail, where he is awaiting sentence to state's prison, and may be faithful to him to the last.

When he saw the "jig" was up last Tuesday and discovery but a matter of hours, Bringolf went home and there calmly awaited the arrival of the police. They came, and on the spot he frankly admitted his thieving and made ready to go to a cell.

Problem Confronts City.

The problem confronting the city authorities now is investigation of what City Controller Meads asserts are loose methods of bookkeeping in the Treasurer's office which permitted stealing of such magnitude, strung over a period of years, without discovery.

Yet the Treasurer's books and accounts had been checked by expert auditors hired by the Commission and by the State Bureau of Inspection of Public Offices. None of them had detected the long string of juggled accounts. Also, who is to make good the shortage in the taxpayers' money? Bringolf himself was under but $5000 surety bonds. Commissioner of Finance Freeland is under a bond of $250,000 and he is the man the City Attorney says is responsible for the city's cash and the one who must make good the shortage. If Freeland is unable to settle with the city, his bondsmen must do so, intimates the attorney.

The City Commission Thursday decided that in future the detective department shall keep tab on all city employes and make report on any who are found traveling a fast pace.

Husum Bachelor Lunches Women.

HUSUM, Wash., June 15.—(Special.)—It is very seldom that an eligible bachelor entertains a bevy of women at his own home, but the exception happened when Frank Fox invited the members of the Ladies' Aid Society, of this town, to partake of his hospitality at his residence, Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Fox served a dainty luncheon to the club women, who presented him with two fancy quilts they had made during their afternoon's visit.

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CHILD TO BE TOPIC

Mothers' Congress and Parent Teachers to Meet.

EDUCATORS WILL SPEAK

Convention Will Be Held July 2 and 3 at University of Oregon in Connection With Summer School Programme.

Encouraged by the success of their child welfare exhibit in the Armory at Portland last November and the rapid growth of their organizations over the state, the Oregon Congress of Mothers and Parent-Teachers' Association will hold a congress at the University of Oregon at Eugene July 2 and 3, in connection with the Summer school programme.

The congress will be divided into seven sessions, at which Mrs. Robert H. Tate, acting president of the state organization, will preside, and before which nationally recognized authorities will speak.

The 36 circles affiliated with the state organization, 18 of which are in Portland, and the 14 recently organized societies which are expected to join the state organization either at the congress to be held at the University of Oregon or at the time of the state convention in Portland next Fall, all will take part in the meetings at Eugene.

Professor Schafer, the director of the Summer school, has just completed the programme of the congress.

"The Problem of Sex Education" and "School Ventilation and Open-Air Schools" will be the topics for discussion at the first two sessions of the congress, both of which will be held on the afternoon of Tuesday, July 2. In the evening of the same day Dr. Calvin S. White, chairman of the State Board of Health, will occupy the third session with an address upon "Medical Inspection of School Children." The address will be followed by an open discussion.

At the Wednesday morning session "Play and Playgrounds and the Regulation of Commercialized Amusement Places, Such as Dance Halls, and Moving Picture Theaters," will be discussed. Rev. Adolph A. Berle, professor of applied Christianity at Tuft's College, Massachusetts, who during the last 15 years has made a specialty of the study of child training, will address the congress upon the subject of "Intensive Training of Children."

The sixth session of the congress, which comes Wednesday afternoon, will consist of a joint meeting with the State Librarians' Association, which will be in session at the university at this time. The two organizations will discuss "Books for Children." Miss Cornelia Marvin, secretary of the State Library Commission, will be one of the principal speakers on this subject.

The topics that will be discussed at the last two sessions of the congress are "The School as a Social Center" and "The Reorganization of the Common School Work." L. R. Alderman will be one of the principal speakers at the meeting that takes up the discussion of this important movement. A. I. O'Reilly, until lately principal of the Spring Valley School, will be another speaker at this session. Others who will speak at the congress are Dr. George Rebec, of the University of Michigan; Dr. James E. Taylor, of Eugene; Mrs. G. R. Stevenson, representative of the State Grange; Dr. E. S. Conklin, of the University of Oregon, and probably Professor Arthur Evan Wood, of Reed College; L. H. Weir, field secretary of the American Playground Association; J. A. Churchill, superintendent of the Baker schools, and J. J. Raab, superintendent of the schools at North Bend.

The meetings of the Congress of Mothers and Parent Teachers' Association will be open to the public, and will be one of the numerous Chautauqua features of the approaching session of the University of Oregon Summer school session. Professor Schafer, who has charge of the University of Oregon Summer School, is now arranging programmes for several other conferences, among which are that of the school supervisors, which will continue four weeks, and a unique church conference under the leadership of Rev. John Boyd, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Portland. The general subject of this conference will be "Ministerial Efficiency." The leaders in the convention of school supervisors will be L. R. Alderman, T. J. Gary, T. K. Wellses and Percy Wells.

UNITED BRETHREN MEET

Oregon Branch Convention of Endeavor Convenes Today.

Oregon branch convention of the Young People's Christian Endeavor of the United Brethren Church, will open today at First Church, East Fifteenth and Morrison streets, with a sermon at 11 A. M., by Rev. Russell S. Showers, and by Rev. G. E. McDonald at 8 P. M. The business sessions will open Monday morning at 10 A. M., with an address by the president, Rev. Morris Goodrich, followed by roll call of delegates and appointment of committees.

Following is the general programme: Report of junior superintendent, Miss Minnie Mason; address, "Temperance Reform," Rev. Charles Williams, pastor of The Dalles Church; report of corresponding secretary, Rev. R. E. Showers, Portland; discussion, "Local Society Problems"; address, "Christian Stewardship," Rev. J. B. Parsons, Hood River Church; reports of committees; unfinished business; consecration sermon, by Bishop William M. Bells, consecrating Rev. Morris Goodrich for mission work in West Africa at 8 o'clock P. M.

The Oregon Branch Women's Missionary Association, will hold its annual convention in the Alberta United Brethren Church, Alberta near East Twenty-ninth street, Tuesday, June 18, and will be in session there one day.

Wednesday, June 19, the Oregon conference of the United Brethren Church will convene in the First Church, East Morrison and East Fifteenth streets, to continue during the week. Bishop Bell will preach the conference sermon June 23, at 11 o'clock A. M.

PORTLAND'S FAME GROWS

Henry Eilers Sees Benefits of Rose Festival on Extensive Trip.

Portland's Rose Festival is attracting more interest each year in California and other Western states, according to Hy Eilers, of Eilers Music House, who has just returned from an extensive visit to various cities of California and other states.

"I noticed on my trip," said Mr. Eilers, "that the newspapers gave more publicity to the Festival this year than formerly and more California people than usual were here to take part in the 'doings.' Portland is getting some fine publicity out of the big rose show.

"Never was time more opportune for making Portland better known as the Nation's finest Summer resort and this work should not be left altogether to the various commercial and publicity bodies, but every individual who has the welfare of Oregon at heart should never fail in letters to friends outside of the state to mention the beauties of Oregon scenery and climate. It is this more than anything else that has built up Southern California as a Winter resort.

"A great tide of travel from the South, not to mention anything from the East, can be readily created that would amount to tens of thousands of people every month and it is the splendid publicity that Portland receives through such undertakings as the Rose Festival that will tend to bring here in ever-increasing numbers the right kind of people, who can fully appreciate Portland's great natural attractions."

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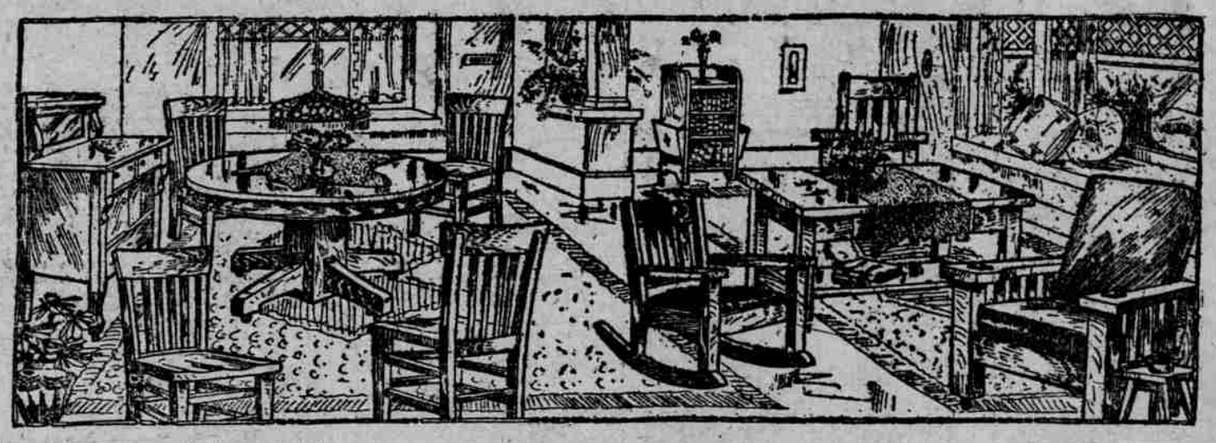

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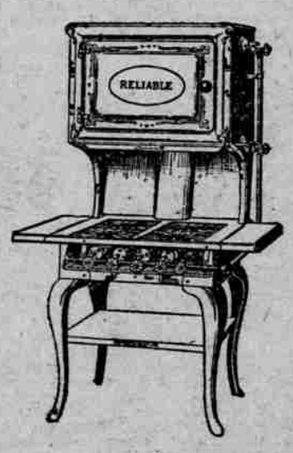

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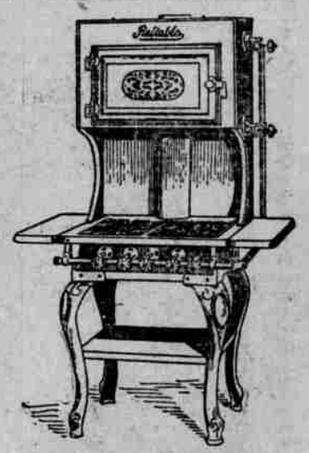

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ROSE FESTIVAL CHORUS WILL SING AT THE OAKS.

Gigantic Musicale Planned for Wednesday Afternoon and Night; 650 Children to Sing en Masse.

In a concert participated in by every member of the Rose Festival Chorus, when Walter H. Evans and C. C. Chapman will speak, a final effort will be made next Wednesday afternoon and evening in a gigantic free concert at the Oaks to lift the burden of indebtedness, which amounts ot $2000.

A collection will be taken toward the encumbrance and it is expected that this will be more than sufficient to clear the load.

During the evening the Oaks Park Band will accompany both the adults' chorus and the children's chorus in National airs, while between the vocal items of the chorus the regular band concert will be interpolated. There will be 650 voices in the children's chorus and 250 in the men and women's chorus.

Mr. Evans plans to speak at 4 o'clock and will then make a plea for funds for the chorus, telling why he believes the people of Portland should come to its support. At 9 o'clock Mr. Chapman will take possession of the bandstand and promises to extort everything from dimes to dollars from the pockets of the crowd.

Arrangements for the concerts were made between Rev. Albert Ehrgott and T. S. Alexander, special days' agent at the Oaks, and through the courtesy of Manager Cordray it was possible to hold the great musical festival at the amusement park.

The Portland Railway, Light & Power Company has promised a special service of cars and it is expected they will have to handle what may well be the crowd of the season.

Following is the programme that will be offered, with the exceptions of the interpolated numbers by the Oaks Park Band:

Wednesday Afternoon.

Children's chorus—"Creation Hymn" (Beethoven), "My Old Kentucky Home" (Stephen Foster), "America" (Henry Carey), "To Thee, O Country" (Julius Eichenberg), "Star Spangled Banner" (Keyes), and other selections.

Wednesday Evening.

Adults' chorus—"How Lovely Are Thy Messengers" (St. Paul), (Mendelssohn); "On to the Battle, On!" from Joan d'Arc (Alfred Gaul); "My Love Dwelt in a Northern Land" (Edward Elgar), "March of the Toreadors" (Carmen), "The Heavens Are Telling," from "Creation" (Haydn); "Dixie Land" (Dan D. Emmett).

Frederick Elmer Chapman will direct both choruses and William Lowell Patton will be the accompanist. Philip Pels will direct the Oaks Park Band.

GOOD YEAR PREDICTED

WEYERHAEUSER MAN SAYS TIMBER TRADE BETTERING.

"Activities of Business Interests Held Back by Approaching Campaign," Says Mike Dooher.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., June 16.—(Special.)—"I anticipate the greatest activity throughout this part of Oregon by timbermen this Summer ever witnessed in the annals of the country," said Mike Dooher, one of the leading timber cruisers of this county.

Mr. Dooher was for many years with the Weyerhaeuser Timber Company, operating in many parts of the United States where Frederick Weyerhaeuser has holdings. Since that he has been in Oregon and kept in close touch with the woods and timber interests of the world.

"Activities of the big timber men are held back just at this time by the approaching Presidential campaign," said Mr. Dooher. "Just as soon as the conventions have been held and the men selected to represent the two parties in the coming campaign, the timber men of the United States will draw their conclusions as to who will fill the Presidential chair for the next four years. Their actions in so far as they go toward developing the timber interests of the country and preparing for a campaign of activity in the timber. Every move of the timbermen of the entire country goes to show that this contention is true.

"Timber men of note from all parts of the country have been turning their attention toward Klamath for the past year more than ever before. During the past few months representatives of the big interests have been hovering about Klamath County and the large timber belts of this section awaiting word from those behind them to grab every acre of timber that can be found on the market in this country. Just as soon as the Presidential candidates are selected these timber men will have sized up the possibilities of the election and will then become active in this country along these lines. Every foot of timber land will be purchased that can be had and new mills and new lumbering industries will spring up all over the Klamath country, is my honest opinion from observation of the activities of the timber men of the world."

Barberton Greets Vancouver Club.

VANCOUVER, Wash., June 15.—(Special.)—The Vancouver Commercial Club was entertained at Barberton tonight by the members of the Home Sweet Home Club, in their hall. E. J. O'Connell, president of the club, acted as toastmaster, and called on the different members of the club to speak, and the members of the Vancouver Club.