

ASTORIA TIMBERMEN ACCUSED OF PLOT

R. S. Shaw Sues to Recover Shares Worth \$100,000.

FATHER DECLARED DUPED

Hammond Lumber Company, A. B. Hammond and George B. McLeod Are Principal Defendants.

ASTORIA, Or., April 10.—In a suit filed in the circuit court today by Robert S. Shaw, formerly manager of the Hammond mill in this city, against the Hammond Lumber company, A. B. Hammond, George B. McLeod and J. K. Weatherford, the first three defendants were charged with conspiracy and fraud and were practically accused of libel. The action was brought to recover possession of 221 shares of preferred and 151 shares common stock in the Hammond Lumber company, a total of 372 shares valued at \$100,000.

The complaint averred that the plaintiff, who is the owner of these shares, transferred them to his father, John A. Shaw of Albany, Or., in trust, but without authority to dispose of them in any way. This was done on March 3 of this year.

Shaw Threat Reported. "Thereafter," continued the complaint, "the defendants, Hammond Lumber company, A. B. Hammond and G. B. McLeod, learned that the father of the plaintiff had this stock in trust and conspired to procure possession of the certificates without consideration. In pursuit of this conspiracy, they represented to John A. Shaw that the Hammond Lumber company had some undisputed claims against the plaintiff and that court actions would be started against him unless this stock was delivered to persons named by the lumber company.

The plaintiff also averred the defendants informed John A. Shaw that if he did not assign this stock to their representatives they would prosecute J. K. Weatherford, a brother of the plaintiff, both civilly and criminally, on claims which the lumber company was alleged to hold against him.

John A. Shaw 70 Years Old. The complaint further said that John A. Shaw is more than 70 years of age, subject to the infirmities of age and not physically well, all of which are well known to the defendants; that he is deeply attached to his two sons; that the defendants, aware of these facts, induced John A. Shaw to sign from his home in Albany to San Francisco ostensibly for the purpose of examining the claims against his son, and while there made threats and representations to him, compelling and forcing him to transfer the plaintiff's stock to G. B. McLeod and J. K. Weatherford in trust. As a consideration for this transfer, the Hammond Lumber company was alleged to have given John A. Shaw a written agreement not to begin any legal proceedings against Robert S. Shaw.

Debt to Company Denied. The alleged statement of the defendants that the plaintiff owed the Hammond Lumber company any sum whatever was denied by the complaint, which added that all the charges on which the defendants based their threats of civil and criminal prosecution were false and the defendants knew the falsity of them. The plaintiff asked for an injunction restraining the defendants from disposing of this stock until the final adjudication of this suit; also that the plaintiff be adjudged the sole owner of the property in question and that the pretended transfer of the stock of John A. Shaw to G. B. McLeod and J. K. Weatherford be set aside on account of fraud and undue influence in its procurement.

All in Suit Prominent. The parties to the action are all prominently identified with the lumber industry of the northwest. John A. Shaw was manager of the Hammond Lumber company's plant in this city for several years immediately after the mill was purchased by Hammond from the late George Hume. G. B. McLeod succeeded Shaw as manager of the local plant and he in turn was succeeded by Robert S. Shaw, who managed the plant for about eight years, resigning last January. Mr. Shaw is president of the West Coast Timbermen's association and one of the best known sawmill and timbermen in the northwest. The entire Shaw family has been identified with the lumber industry during the past 30 years. The father was the original owner of the Mill City plant, which he sold to Hammond.

Opposition Causes Feeling. J. R. Shaw was, until a short time ago, manager of that plant, but resigned and it was rumored that the trouble between the parties arose over the fact that the two younger Shaws had extensive sawmill and timber holdings, which the defendants desired to acquire. A. B. Hammond is president of the Hammond Lumber company, which has mills at Astoria, Mill City and Eureka, as well as extensive yards in San Pedro. G. B. McLeod is the Oregon manager of the Hammond interests. In the complaint no charges of fraud or conspiracy were made against J. K. Weatherford, whose home is in Albany, and who is the lumber company's attorney in the Willamette valley. He is only a nominal party defendant, because he is one of the trustees.

tral Baptist association will be held in the First Baptist church of Albany next Wednesday. Delegates will be present from all of the Baptist churches in Linn county and parts of Marion and Lane counties. Rev. G. E. Holt of Salem will be the moderator of the convention and among the speakers will be L. W. Riley, president of McMinnville college; Dr. George H. Young, former pastor of the First Baptist church of Albany, who is now director of religious educational work for the Baptist church in the Pacific northwest; Rev. J. C. Thain of Portland, assistant director of the promotion department; Rev. J. C. Tibbatts of Salem, Professor Hewitt of Salem, H. F. Merrill of Albany, Rev. W. B. Stewart of McMinnville, L. C. Elwell of

EIGHT MORE DAYS TO REGISTER! A normal registration in Multnomah county this year would be about 160,000. To reach this total it is necessary for more than 1200 persons to register daily before the closing of the books, April 20. Suburban registration offices will close next Monday. All persons must register who have not voted in one of the past three elections or who have changed their address since last registration. The main registration office is at the first floor of the courthouse, Fifth and Salmon streets. It is open every week day from 8 A. M. to 6 P. M.

Totals Announced Yesterday. Male, Female, Total. Republicans 38,300 24,264 62,564 Democrats 12,300 12,577 24,877 Others 2,584 1,867 4,451 Grand total 53,184 38,708 Inc. over preceding day 903

LEAGUE FAVORS MILLAGE

EDUCATIONAL TAX RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.

President Campbell Declares Measure Conservative as Compared With California, Washington.

Support of the educational tax measure to be voted on at the forthcoming election was pledged yesterday by the Oregon Civic league, through its executive committee, at a resolution at its regular weekly luncheon at the Benson hotel. The adoption of the resolution followed a thorough discussion. President P. L. Campbell of the state university, President W. J. Kerr of the Oregon Agricultural college and President J. H. Ackerman of the Oregon normal school were present and were called upon for addresses. The programme outlined by the measure and for which the additional funds are asked is conservative as compared with what other states are doing, declared President Campbell. The measure contemplates an expenditure of only two-thirds as much per student as California is already spending, he said, and is half a mill less than Washington has already provided for the coming year. It will take at least five years under the proposed financial arrangement of the state university to catch up with its building programme, he said. Plans are already being prepared for the state university to construct construction will begin at once so that the institutions will be able to care for additional students in the fall.

Woman Dies Picking Flowers.

SALEM, Or., April 10.—(Special.)—Mrs. M. A. Tripple, while picking flowers in the yard of her daughter here today, died suddenly of heart trouble. Mrs. Tripple last Wednesday celebrated her eighty-second birthday. Besides her daughter, Mrs. S. A. Manning, she survives by the son, P. C. Tripple of Delmar, Ia. She was a member of the Eastern Star lodge and Presbyterian church.

Club Buys Nine Calves.

EUGENE, Or., April 10.—(Special.)—Nine pure-bred Jersey calves have just arrived here from Gray, Linn county, where they were purchased from Paul Bros., extensive breeders of that place, for members of the Willakenzie calf club, made up of young boys and girls of that community. The calves were shown on the streets yesterday and attracted a great deal of attention.

School Board Opposes Recruiting.

YAKIMA, Wash., April 10.—(Special.)—The Yakima school board has adopted a resolution refusing to permit recruiting about the high school building or grounds. Requests had been received for such permission from a number of recruiting agents of both branches of the service.

Read The Oregonian classified ads.

Victor Records advertisement featuring a large image of a gramophone and a list of records including 'DANCE RECORDS', 'POPULAR SONG HITS', and 'NEW RED SEAL RECORDS'. The ad is titled 'New Victor Records' and 'First With the New APRIL Victor Records'.

CHARGES ARE DISMISSED. INTERNAL REVENUE COLLECTOR AT TACOMA EXONERATED. Commissioner Writes Letter Declaring Foundation Discovered for Complaints.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU. Washington, April 10.—David J. Williams, collector of internal revenue, with headquarters at Tacoma, Wash., was exonerated today by the commissioner of internal revenue of serious charges which have been under inquiry for some time. The decision is understood to upset the findings of special agents for the treasury department, which involved alleged inefficiency, neglect of duty and immorality. The charges concerned several employees of the Tacoma office, as well as Collector Williams. Mr. Williams has been here two weeks making a fight for vindication both for himself and his office, and today was given the following letter from William M. Williams, recently appointed commissioner of internal revenue: "Referring to the complaints filed in this bureau against you and certain employees in your office, I desire to state that the department has given very careful consideration to this entire matter, and it affords me pleasure to inform you that the evidence does not prove either inefficiency, neglect or duty or immoral conduct on the

part of yourself or any of your employees. "My predecessor has informed me that your office has been considered to be one of the most efficient in the service. It is very unfortunate that unfavorable rumors and criticisms have arisen, but I believe that I safely can place such confidence in you as to feel assured that you are the employees under your direction will use every effort to overcome these unfavorable rumors and criticisms and exert every effort for the good of the service."

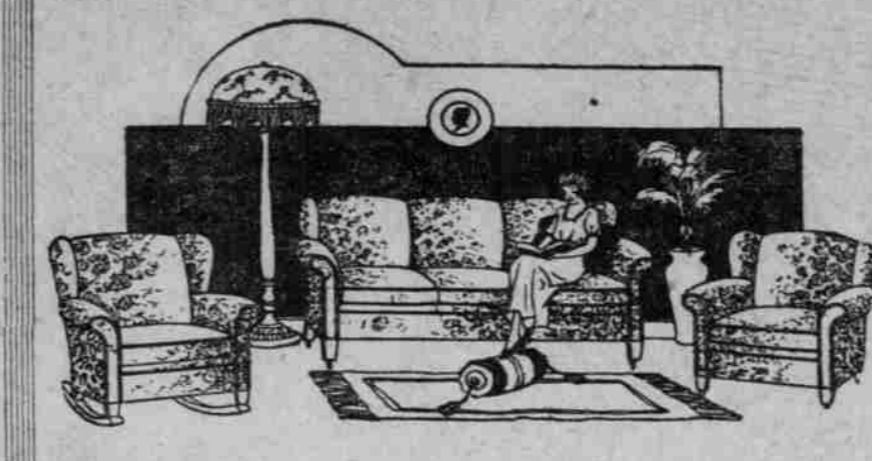
Sheridan School Gives \$242. SHERIDAN, Or., April 10.—(Special.)—The high school here has raised \$240 for the relief of suffering Armenia. This is half of the quota assigned to Sheridan and means about \$2 contributed for each pupil. This is considered a very good showing for a small high school.

When Men Buy DIAMONDS they want reputable assurance that they will receive equal value for their money. A well-bought diamond is a safe and a permanent investment, and one which every man may properly make. This house has bought and sold Diamonds for a half century. Could we give greater assurance than this that your Diamond purchases here will be satisfactory purchases? 1870—1920 Friedlander's 310-312 Washington Street, Bet. Fifth and Sixth

JENNING'S Washington at Fifth

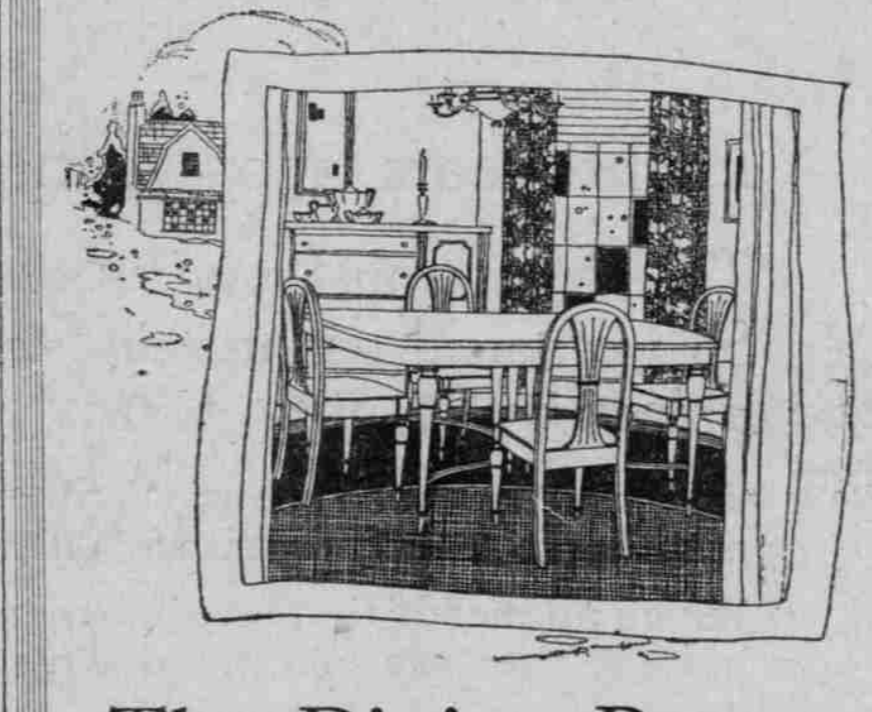
A Steady Incoming of NEW FURNITURE Keeps This Store Filled to Overflowing

IMMENSE shipments of furniture have been arriving continually—furniture for dining rooms, bedrooms, living rooms, breakfast rooms—in assortments so very wide and varied that you might choose all the furniture for a whole new house at Jennings this week at prices the most attractive. You will find the service of this store during these days of opportunity, as always, exceptionally sympathetic and satisfying.



Stately Pieces for the Living Room

Nothing adds so much to the appearance of the living room as the presence of a number of great overstuffed pieces. They are so inviting and so comfortable that one hates to leave their cozy depths. We have any number of fine pieces, in attractive velours and tapestries, at reasonable pricings. The Period and mahogany-and-cane combinations also are fully represented on our floors.



The Dining Room

The assembly room of every home—the room where family and friends meet—where cordiality, comradeship and good cheer intensify the pleasures of home life!

It is right and proper, then, that the furnishings of the dining room should prove a harmonious combination of things beautiful as well as things substantial. We are sure that the dining suites and pieces shown here will meet with all requirements and will prove up to every claim we make. We show the Period as well as Early American types.

Some Attractive Rugs Priced Lower!

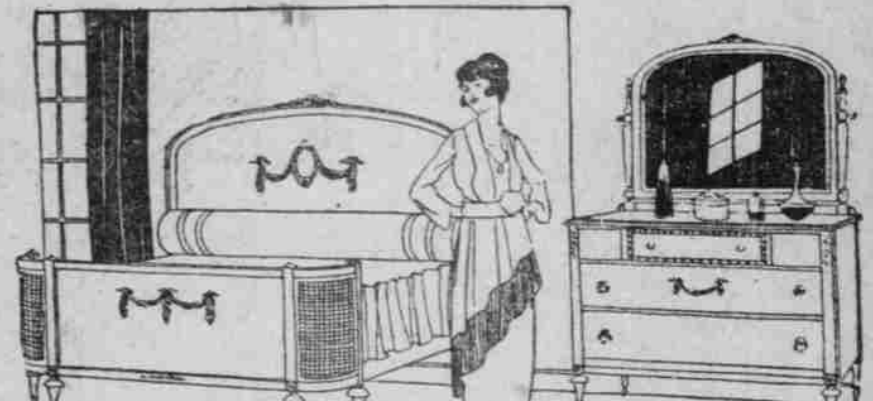
These are offerings for this week's selling. All shown on the second floor. \$25 Seamless Tapestry Brussels Rugs, 6x9 size \$18.25 \$12 Seamless Tapestry Brussels Rugs, 4-6x7-6. \$ 8.75 \$22.50 Seamless Wilton Velvet Rugs, 4-6x6-6. \$16.25 \$15 Wool Fiber Rugs, 9x12 size. \$10.50 \$13.25 Wool Fiber Rugs, 9x10-6 size. \$ 9.75 SPECIAL—Pabco Floor Covering, the yard. 72c

Basement Special! Pure Aluminum 3-Quart Lipped Stew Pans With Handle 95c

An Attractive Showing New Point Lace Curtains and Panelings \$10.50 and Upwards the Pair!

Furniture of Reed

We have recently received heavy shipments of Reed Furniture, including living room tables, chaise longues, chairs, rockers, etc., all of which are offered at moderate prices. Reed is an all-year-round furniture which adds light and cheer to any room in which it is placed. See our very attractive showing on the third floor.



The Period-Furnished Bed Room

creates an air of refinement that can be expressed in no other way. Such periods as those of Queen Anne, Chippendale, Louis XVI, Adam, etc., are splendidly reproduced in the recently arrived suites now on our floors. They are in the best woods, and in the finishes most in demand. They are moderately priced.

Martin Melody "C" Saxophones advertisement. They are here, ready for delivery. Those who have waited so long for Saxophones need wait no longer. The Genuine Martin is the finest Saxophone on the market today. Made in a modern factory—easy to play—easy to learn to play. Martin Band Instruments are of superior quality. Their popularity grows from year to year. We are wholesale and retail distributors for Oregon and Washington. Dealers are requested to write us for local agencies. G. F. JOHNSON PIANO CO. 147-149 6th Street, Portland

ALBANY, Or., April 10.—(Special.)—The annual convention of the Cen-

Annual Convention called at Albany for Wednesday.