

PROMOTER FRASER GETS TWO YEARS

Violator of Blue Sky Law Goes to Penitentiary.

WORKERS ARE FLEECD

Court Decees Operations Small to High Heaven After Plea Is Made for Leniency.

Two years in the penitentiary was the sentence given to Marshall Fraser, smooth-tongued promoter of shady schemes, by Circuit Judge Gatens yesterday. Fraser had been found guilty of violating the blue sky law by selling corporate certificates without a license, but the real offense was the fleeing of workmen who trusted their money to him in return for "jobs" which lasted a month.

The fact that while on bail for this offense Fraser took an active part in organizing another concern having ephemeral assets, for which he and three associates have been held to answer to the grand jury, did not tend to make the judge lenient.

Big Interests Are Accused.

B. F. Mulkey, who appeared with John C. McCue as attorney for Fraser, represented Fraser as an unfortunate man whose efforts to help his fellowmen had been visionary and had incurred the enmity of powerful capitalist forces. McCue had contended that the real prosecuting force behind the charge against Fraser in connection with the organization of the Your Transportation Lines, Inc., was the Portland Railway, Light & Power company, fearing competition.

Mulkey insisted that the reason Fraser's second scheme—the Transportation Marketing Company, Inc., which intended to open a chain of groceries—appeared to have "gone wrong" lay in the big combination of dealers in foodstuffs who were bent on breaking any man who dared try to cut prices of staple articles as to content with a profit of a few cents on each.

Capitalistic Influence Denied.

Joseph L. Hammerly, deputy district attorney, indignantly denied that unscrupulous capitalist forces were behind the prosecution of Fraser, saying that the sole object of his office had been to protect the laborers who were falling victims to the smooth words and insidious promises of Fraser.

In the first concern organized, Fraser, or someone, robbed working men of \$14,000. Though under way only a few weeks when nipped, the new outfit had bilked laborers of \$7000 before stopped, said Hammerly, who said he could fill the courtroom with victims of Fraser.

Mulkey declared that Fraser was willing to make good and that the men who had lost in the Your Transportation Lines, Inc., by payments of \$50 a month, saying that Fraser "is a money-maker when he has the opportunity."

Operations Small to Heaven.

Judge Gatens declared that the activities of Fraser seemed to rob men and still stay within the law, and that the court could see no alternative but the penitentiary for the culprit.

The judge postponed sentence two weeks ago that he might give more time to the case and determine the best disposition of Fraser. He hoped something could be done so that the victims might be reimbursed, but said the offer made in court for the first time yesterday did not sound sincere.

CARP SWARM BACKWASH

SLOUGHS, PONDS AND LAKES CROWDED WITH FISH.

Thousands of Tons Available for Food, but None but Chinese Will Utilize Supply.

Thousands of tons of carp, available for food, crowd the many sloughs, ponds and lakes of the Columbia and Willamette rivers. The fish were brought here first in 1894 by Federal fisheries employes, in tank cars, and have made themselves at home and thriven. So far as can be ascertained none but Chinese eat the fish here. Few restaurants serve them, or if they do, carp are masquerading on the menu.

Right now the carp are enjoying their spring grazing season, as the rising waters of the Columbia have enabled them to invade the low meadows, that are lush with young grass. Immense schools of them can be seen any day sporting in the warm, shallow water in the fields that have been inundated and if there was any demand for them they could be caught easily, for they are very tame.

When the government planted the young fry in this section it was with the idea of providing a Chinaman's shelter. However, in Oregon, where there is such a wealth of excellent fish, the carp never has been looked upon as anything but a nuisance, for the supposition is that they eat the young of the bass and much food for game fish, as well as food from the duck lakes.

More Chinese food than is served by all the Chinese restaurants together is drawn annually from the Illinois river in the shape of its carp, according to the state division of natural history survey, written by Professors Forbes and Robinson of the University of Illinois.

This fish, commonly called the "European carp," is not European, but is a direct descendant of Chinese ancestors. Its history from the time it left China until it became in 1899 the most popular fish in Illinois, is contained in the new publication on "The Fishes of Illinois."

"The carp," says the book, "which is native in China, was introduced into Europe as early as 1277 and was first brought to England at the beginning of the 16th century. The first successful introduction of carp into the United States was made in 1877, when R. Hessel for the United States fish commission brought 245 carp to this country."

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Fine, almost like new, Steinway upright beautiful walnut case to be sacrificed for only \$400; also magnificent toned smaller size, abandoned Steinway, costing over \$600, will take \$380 cash or \$400 terms. \$20 month. See Piano Dept., Elmer Music Bldg., 2d floor, or write Oregon Elmer Music Home for description, illustration and free trial proposition. Store open till 8 P. M. Monday.

DELUSER, ABANDONED BY RUSSIANS, NOW SHELTERS WIDOW AND TWO CHILDREN.

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Oregon communities, under the direction of Mr. Handsaker, are making collections of clothing and toys which will be sent to the near east on a relief ship scheduled to leave the Pacific coast early in June. Bundles for this purpose are being received daily at the near east relief bundle station here.

"Bundle day" for Portland has been designated for Wednesday, May 25, when clothing and toys will be received at any church bearing the sign "Near East Relief Bundle Station," or Eastern Oregon Automobile club, who are driving General Secretary Tracy of the Roosevelt highway from Bendition to The Dalles. Messrs. Shearer and Brandenburg will officially greet Mr. Tracy on behalf of the Oregon State Motor association and will drive him on to Portland over the Columbia river highway. Mr. Tracy is making a tour of the highways of the west for the purpose of acquiring first-hand information on highway construction and incidentally boosting for the Roosevelt road.

Memorial Day Plans Made.

CHEHALIS, Wash., May 21.—(Special.)—Memorial day will be properly observed in Chehalis with the American Legion post taking an active part in the arrangements in conjunction with the Grand Army of the Republic and Women's Relief corps. During the coming week Flanders Field poppies will be sold on the Chehalis streets. The proceeds will be used in decoration of graves in France.

One British Military Cemetery in France, Just outside Boulogne, contains nearly 12,000 Graves.

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Deschutes Baptists in Session.

PRINEVILLE, Or., May 21.—(Special.)—The 16th annual conference of the Deschutes Baptist association is being held in this city today, and will last over Sunday.

CLOTHING NEEDED BADLY

CONDITIONS IN NEAR EAST RELATED IN LETTER.

Worker Tells of Being Mobbed by Half-Frozen People, Fighting for Some Protection.

A vivid description of relief needs in the near east was contained in a letter received by J. J. Handsaker, state director of the relief work, from W. E. Rambo of Baker, who, with Mrs. Rambo, recently returned to America after two years in the near east and is now in Philadelphia, expecting to return to Oregon in a short time.

Mr. Rambo, who had charge of the distribution of clothing in a needy Russian district, told of being mobbed by half-frozen people, scrambling and fighting for protection from the cold. "The refugees live in all sorts of possible and impossible places," said

HEAT IS SUBTERRANEAN

Snow in Lost Lake Forest Found Completely Melted in Spots.

HOOD RIVER, Or., May 21.—(Special.)—Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Carrine, who are just back from a trip to Lost Lake report that in places on the forest floor of the higher elevation the snow has completely melted, indicating some subterranean heat.

The open places are surrounded by a firmly packed blanket six feet deep. The snow has melted from around the bases of some species of trees, while around others it is closely packed.

PHONE CENTER OPPOSED

PROPOSED SERVICE BUILDING PROTESTED BY RESIDENTS.

Property owners in the district bounded by Sandy boulevard and East Sixty-second and East Sixty-third streets are aroused over the proposed erection of the telephone service building in this district and have filed notice with the city council that they will fight the proposal to the end.

A communication signed by a committee composed of Thomas Pumphrey, E. Earl Felke, John M. White and C. A. Hall states that the property owners understand the Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph company purposes to erect a large building on lots 8 and 9, block 9, Belle Crest addition. The petition states that the application has not yet been made

FOSTER ROAD TROUBLE UP

CITY SEEKS AGREEMENT WITH STREET RAILWAY.

Commissioner Barbur Threatens to Construct Sidewalk and Charge Cost to Company.

Arrangements have been made by City Commissioner Barbur for a conference tomorrow with officials of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company on the proposed improvement of Foster road.

The traction company owns a private right-of-way on this roadway. The city wants the company to move its tracks to the center of the roadway, relinquishing its hold on the private strip in exchange for the right-of-way in the center of the road.

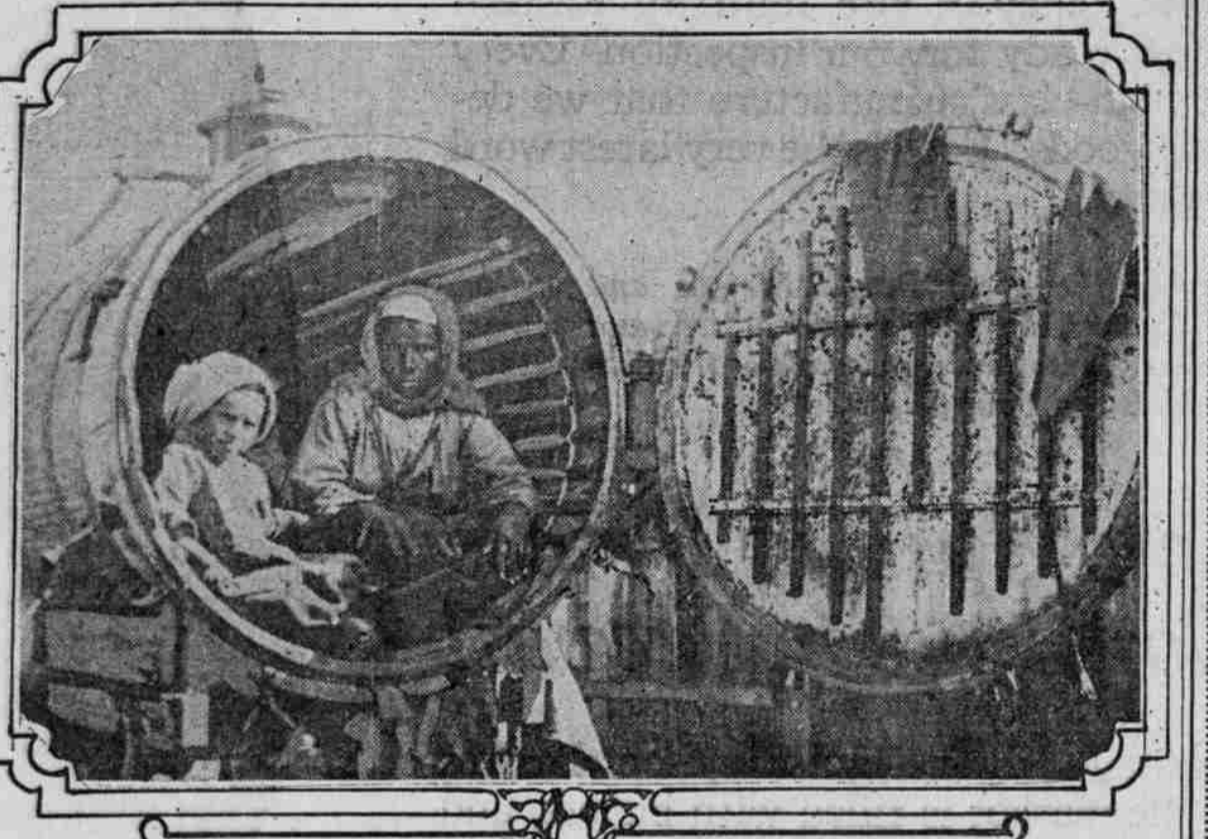
The officials of the traction company have opposed this plan heretofore. Mr. Barbur said that if the street railway refuses to move its tracks the city will construct a cement side-

STATE HOSPITAL PLANNED

Idaho Will Have Modern Addition to Asylum at Orofino.

BOISE, Idaho, May 21.—(Special.)—The state of Idaho will build a modern hospital at the north Idaho asylum, at Orofino. This was the announcement of P. L. Neil, head of the state department of public welfare, who is advertising for bids for the construction of the building, which will cost \$70,000. The last legislature authorized an appropriation for that amount.

The improvement will give the Orofino institution one of the most modern hospitals in the northwest.



EXAMPLE OF EXTREME POVERTY WHICH IS BEING FOUGHT BY NEAR EAST RELIEF ORGANIZATION.

river alone reaches 6,000,000 to 8,000,000 pounds a year, valued at more than \$200,000.

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May Sale of Wall Paper and Paints at Smith's

Seems like everyone's painting and papering these days from the quantity of these goods we are selling. A few dollars spent here bring big returns in satisfaction.

Just Note These Prices—

- 15¢ for double roll Wall Paper, 16 yards.
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- 60¢ for bolt 30-inch Oat Meal.
- 65¢ for double roll Varnish Tile Paper.
- Pretty Bedrooms 25¢, 30¢, 35¢ double roll.
- Rich Tapestry Patterns 35¢, 50¢, 65¢ single.
- Embossed Tapestry 75¢, \$1, \$1.25 single.

Sale of Paints \$2.50 Gallon

Oregon-made House Paints in white and all colors at this special price.

Varnishes, Varnish Stains, Flat Wall Paint, Enamels.

Buy This Week

Sta-White Paints

If you want the whitest bathroom or kitchen you ever saw, get a can of this Sta-White Flat and Enamel. It gives a beautiful white gloss that lasts. Costs no more than ordinary kind.

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A Sale of Floor Rugs!

For rugs, come to Jennings, where the assortments are largest and the prices are the lowest! An entire floor devoted to rugs only! All weaves, all sizes!

- \$65 Seamless Axminster Rugs High Quality, 9x12 size \$42.75
- We offer a number of patterns and colors this week at this attractive price, which is a reduction from prices already lowered to conform to new manufacturing costs! Tremendous savings!
- \$85 Seamless Wilton Velvet Rugs Linen Fringe; closing \$62.50
- There are six patterns in these fine rugs, which we propose to close out this week at a big reduction from lowered prices. Take advantage!
- Inlaid Linoleum Regularly \$1.75 Only \$1.15 the Yard!
- This offer includes many new patterns just received!
- Short lengths of Inlaid and Printed Linoleums at big reductions. Bring your measure and see if we cannot supply you at a bargain price!
- Fine Filet Nets ONE-THIRD OFF
- A large assortment. Widths run from 36 to 50 inches. Regular prices from 45¢ to \$3.50 the yard. All one-third less!
- Thousands of Yards New Cretonnes

Genuine Solid Mahogany and Cane Pieces for the Living Room Now Reduced in Price!

See these displayed this week in one of the Washington street windows:

- \$625 Suite \$425.75
- Three pieces in solid mahogany and cane, upholstered in rose silk damask. All perfectly matched. A wonderful bargain!
- Every piece of our Mahogany and Cane Furniture is first quality—we buy no imperfect pieces. Our showing is by far the largest in the city. Scores of suites from which to select are displayed for convenient inspection.
- \$225 Overstuffed Davenport \$167.50
- A fine Davenport with webbing bottom, full spring seat, arms and back; patent spring cushions. Upholstered in broadened velour.

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OUR EXCHANGE DEPARTMENT OFFERS SPECIAL BARGAINS THIS WEEK

Prospects are for high water, which will enter our basement. In order to avoid moving exchange pieces to the upper floors we will make special concessions this week on all exchange furniture located on the basement floor. All our upper floors are filled with new furniture. Select quickly and we will deliver promptly. Prices Lower Than Ever!

The Eclipse Gas Range

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We challenge anyone to show as good a range at the price! Cabinet style, with 16x18 oven and spring door! Porcelain back, pan and splashier! Four gas burners! 40 1/2 inches wide! A wonderful range at a very low cost!

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