

REBUILD FACTORY

R. S. Barker Has Arranged to Put in New Machinery and to Begin Making Brooms.

PROVIDES NEW BUILDING

He Has Purchased Kinney Depot Building in Which to Install Plant—Start Soon.

It will be gratifying to the citizens of Roseburg and Douglas county to learn that Mr. R. S. Barker, who recently sustained the total loss of his modernly equipped broom factory in this city by fire, has decided to re-establish the factory and put it into operation at once. With this object in view Mr. Barker has purchased the commodious building in the Kinney addition to Roseburg known as the "Kinney Headquarters or Depot building," in which will be installed a fine little broom manufacturing plant, which Mr. Barker expects to have in operation early in March. He has purchased a carload of fine Oklahoma broom corn, which with a large consignment of supplies purchased in St. Louis, will arrive here in a few days.

The local merchants of Roseburg and Douglas county, as well as those of the nearby towns in the adjoining counties should receive their orders for brooms for the Roseburg broom factory, at least since Mr. Barker offers the positive guarantee that his brand and various grades of brooms will be found superior and one grade higher in workmanship and material than the corresponding grade in the custom made broom, and he further states that he is in a position to enter in direct competition with the coast jobbers in prices.

The enterprise pluck and perseverance in overcoming discouraging obstacles manifested by Mr. Barker is indeed refreshing and his speedy rally from the heavy loss sustained in his recent disastrous fire, demonstrates his energy and resourcefulness and justly entitles him to the encouragement of every business man in Roseburg and Douglas county. His is a worthy and important enterprise, which will soon afford employment for a number of men and will be one among the few industrial institutions of Roseburg which brings a revenue to this city and distributes it in salaries and otherwise through the various channels of trade. Mr. Barker will be ready to fill orders and deliver his product early in March. Those who have not yet paid the amount subscribed on the former cash basis to the broom factory should do so at once and thereby greatly assist Mr. Barker in re-establishing his broom factory in this city.

Thought Curry Went Dry

There is said to have been an unlawful leak of intoxicants at Fort Orford a few days ago, and some of the minor boys got under the leak and got full.—Fort Orford Tribune.

Cook county has bought a rock-crusher and will improve some roads.



THE MODERN DAN CUPID.

MUCH TALK OF PEACE

Strong Pressure Being Brought to End Struggle Between Russia and Japan in Far East.

London, Feb. 10.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Chronicle sends an interview with a Russian who is in confidence of M. Witte, president of the Russian council of ministers, in the course of which the Russian asserts that M. Witte recently said that peace in the Far East must be obtained at any cost.

This Russian, according to the correspondent, says Russia is willing to evacuate Manchuria and allow China to grant Japan a 90-year lease of Manchuria and Liaoning peninsula, Russia would retain Saghallen, Vladivostok and the Urradi district. She would pay no indemnity.

Drain Normal School.

Salem, Feb. 10.—The house and senate both voted down bills today to abolish the Draig normal school, which was considered the weakest and most vulnerable of all the four institutions for the training of teachers. The schools are now all assured of support, and if the bill passes to put them under one board of regents will become better institutions than ever for the purpose intended.

The bill for uniform course of study and one board of nine regents, and cutting out of the course of study all but professional work was recommended by the governor in his message, and has the approval of the state superintendent of schools.

Francis Smith has been appointed postmaster at Walker, four miles north of Cottage Grove on the railroad, vice G. O. Walker, resigned.

BIGAMIST HOCH IN TOILS

He is Taken to Chicago and Is Identified by Five Wives—One of Them Calls Him an Old Hog.

Chicago, Feb. 9.—Johan Hoch, who is indicted for bigamy, suspected of murder and the man of many aliases, arrived in Chicago tonight and for several hours after reaching here was interrogated by the police with little result. When the train bearing Hoch and Officer Loftus, who has him in custody, arrived, a large crowd gathered but none of the wives were among the number.

Hoch evidently expected a number of his wives to meet him at the station and was plainly disappointed that they did not come. "Where are those 14 wives you talk about so much?" asked Hoch. "I guess you were joking me about part of this business; otherwise there could not be 14, for I never had that many. It seems there are a lot of women who seem to think I am the only man in the world who could marry them and get away with some of their money." When Hoch and Loftus alighted from the train a detail of six policemen, who were sent to the station to meet them, were able to control the crowd only with great difficulty.

A number of people jeered and booed him. The police hurried Hoch through the station and into a patrol wagon and they were driven to the East Chicago avenue police station. The interrogation of Hoch commenced a few minutes after 7:30 o'clock and was still in operation at midnight. Hoch at the outset admitted that he was married to Mrs. Marie Goerk Hoch and the marriage was illegal. He would admit nothing else. During the evening five women who claimed to be the wives of Hoch, called at the police station. Mrs. Emilie Fischer Hoch saw the prisoner for a minute and saluted him with the exclamation: "You old hog; you got my \$750 didn't you?" Later five women were, one at a time, admitted into the office of the inspector and all of them identified Hoch as the man whom they had married. Mrs. Ellen Hoppe was somewhat in doubt and Inspector Shippey asked: "Hoch, did you marry this woman?" "No," replied Hoch, "but maybe I will if you don't bustle her out of here pretty quick."

Jokes With the Doctor
The physician who attended Mrs. Walcker Hoch, the last wife of Hoch, identified him as the husband of Mrs. Walcker and showed him a bill for \$100 attendance on the woman. "Oh yes," said Hoch, "I remember something about that. Bring it around in the morning. I shall still be here," and he laughed heartily at the joke.

Admits His Guilt
The questioning concluded after midnight and just before the close he confessed he had married ten women. Hoch admitted that he intended to commit suicide, and the white powder in the fountain pen taken from his room in New York was arsenic.

Nearly Married Hoch
Chicago, Feb. 10.—Before being taken to the criminal court this morning Johann Hoch admitted he had three more wives in addition to the nine he had previously confessed to. The names of the additional wives are as follows: Mrs. Lena Hoch, Milwaukee; Mrs. Bartels Hoch, Cincinnati; Mrs. T. O'Connor Hoch, Milwaukee.

"It's all foolishness about this poison business at Cincinnati," declared Hoch. "Mrs. Bartels Hoch died of kidney trouble. Of course the neighbors talked about the way the funeral was conducted, they did not have anything else to do."

At the inquest undertaker Frayne testified he had used no arsenic in embalming the body of Marie Walcker Hoch. The dead woman's sister, Mrs. Emily Hoch, identified Hoch as the man who married them both. Mrs. Fischer testified that her sister complained of intermittent pains in the abdomen, also of having "queer feelings in her fingers, which felt like an itching, crawling sensation." An afternoon paper prints a report that Hoch has confessed to the police that he gave arsenic to his wives. The authorities do not consider the report true.

83 VALENTINE OF MY YOUTH
By ARTHUR J. BURDICK
With heartfelt apologies to Henry W. Longfellow and "The Arrow and the Song"
I FIRED a valentine through the mail—
A sort of a sickly, lovelorn wail
Intended affection to declare
For a certain maiden, dainty, fair.



WOODED a maid and she soon was mine—
Not the one who got the valentine
That maid and missive passed from my mind
Like other episodes left behind.
LONG, long afterward, 'one fatal day,
My wife called on a neighbor o'er the way,
And the "val" from beginning to end,
She found in the keeping of her friend.

PLEADS GUILTY TO PERJURY

Judge Tanner Confesses that He Committed Perjury in His Desire to Shield His Law Partner, Senator John H. Mitchell.

Portland, Feb. 12.—The fidelity of Senator Mitchell's close friends has been tried in many cases, but the public was not ready to learn that a man of Judge Tanner's prominence and standing would commit perjury even to save his business partner. After once swearing to a statement calculated to clear Senator Mitchell, the public expected that Judge Tanner would maintain his position. But it appears that the government secret service force, under Mr. Burns, and the district attorney, wove the web of guilt with such irresistible strength that the business partner concluded it was folly to hold out longer and jeopardize himself and his son to exculpate one who had voluntarily committed a crime.

Tanner's Plea
"If the court please, I am ready at this time to enter a plea of guilty."
So said Judge A. H. Tanner, yesterday afternoon when Justice C. B. Bellinger took his seat on the bench of the United States district court.

Judge Tanner pleaded guilty to the charge of perjury, for which the government had indicted him. He confessed that the partnership agreement between him and Senator Mitchell was written in December last year to protect Senator Mitchell from prosecution by the government.

It was 2:30 o'clock when District Attorney Heney said: "If I please the court, Judge Tanner is ready to plead to the indictment for perjury."
Judge Tanner rose before the bar where he has appeared so many times as an attorney, and said: "I will waive reading of the indictment. I wish to plead guilty, your honor. I do not understand that Mr. Heney claims that I am guilty of perjury, except as to that agreement between Senator Mitchell and myself."
Judge Bellinger replied to the plea: "Very well, sentence is suspended."
District Attorney Heney said that he desired to take some testimony from Judge Tanner at that time, and the latter was asked to go on the witness stand and be sworn, which he did.



DAN CUPID OF THE OLDEN TIME.

DRAWN BY LEGISLATORS

Sums That Members Have Received for Railroad Fare, Then Ride on Passes.

Salem, Feb. 10.—While passing out monetary bouquets from the state treasury with the abandon incident to the knowledge that the public has grown accustomed to being mulcted, the members of the twenty-third legislative assembly have not forgotten themselves. Kindly consideration has been shown absentees.

The report of the committee on per diem and mileage, signed by Chairman Sichel, was filed in the senate this morning. Senator Mays was excused on the third day of the session and has not been in attendance since then, but he figures in the report the same as if he had been present every day.

The distribution of state funds made to respective members of the senate in the report, which was duly adopted, is as follows:
Avery, \$133 50; Booth, \$120; Bowerman, \$238 50; Brownell, \$131 10; Carter, \$206 70; Coe, \$135 90; Cole, \$193 50; Coehow, \$217 50; Croisan, \$120 30; Farrar, \$120 30; Haines, \$145 20; Hobson, \$125 40; Hodson, \$135 90; Holman, \$135 90; Howe, \$150; Laycock, \$270; Loughbary, \$168 30; Malarkey, \$135 90; Mays, \$135 90; McDonald, \$229 80; Miller, \$132; Nottingham, \$151 80; Pierce, \$204 90; Rand, \$242 70; Sichel, \$151 80; Smith, \$248 40; Tuttle, \$219 90; Wheatdon, \$120 90; Wright, \$150 90; Kaykendall, \$221.

That Senator Sichel draws \$15 90 more than his fellow members from Multnomah is due to his having served on the committee which "investigated" the Lewis and Clark fair. This necessitated two round trips.

As a matter of fact, there is not a member of the legislative assembly, so far as known, with the exception of Representative Smith, of Josephine, who does not ride on a railroad pass. Traveling costs them nothing and the most of them leave the capital regularly Friday afternoon and return Sunday night or Monday morning. They draw mileage just the same, however, with a few exceptions. Senator Booth is among the honorable exceptions. He had the committee apportion to him his per diem and cut out the mileage.

Transport Coming to Portland.

Washington, Feb. 10.—Senator Fulton was advised by Quartermaster-General Humphrey today that the transport Sheridan sailed from Manila January 25 with the fourteenth infantry on board and will come direct to Portland, and from there the men go to Vancouver barracks to take station. It has not yet been decided whether the nineteenth infantry will be sent direct from Vancouver to the Philippines.

Four men cast over 3,000 ballots in Denver.

people of Oregon and the entire country. In talking about his partner's confession, Senator Mitchell showed no bad spirit, gave no evidence of ill temper or excitement; but when he was asked if, in the light of this confession and corroborative testimony he would resign his seat in the Senate, he displayed considerable spirit.

THE COST TO THE STATE

Expenditures Made by the Legislature Will Reach the Sum of Two Millions and a Half.

It is estimated that the price of this legislature will foot up about \$2,500,000. It would seem that it is about time to call a halt on this excessive abuse. The present legislature is the worst for the taxpayer in the history of the state.

There has been made no definite statement as to the large items of the appropriation bill, though it is believed that the committee has about made up its mind as to what the amount will be, approximately. It is estimated that the penitentiary will receive at least \$100,000 for maintenance, the asylum \$400,000 for the same purpose, and \$57,350 for betterment. It is more than probable that \$2,500 will be allowed for transportation of insane and \$15,000 for the transportation of convicts. For the maintenance of the reform school the committee is said to be in favor of donating \$53,000 with an additional \$8,500 for new buildings, etc.

The school for the blind will probably receive \$15,000 for maintenance and an additional \$1500 for betterments.

Autos Numerous at Grants Pass.

Two more automobiles arrived here this week, being for Dr. W. H. Flanagan and E. C. Dixon. The machines have not been tried yet but will be soon. The freight on these machines from the East to Portland or San Francisco is something awful and then it doubles from either of these points to this city. T. W. Williams also has a machine ordered, which will be here soon. There are already three machines here, those of J. H. Williams, B. O. McCulloch and Carl Gentner.—Observer.

INDICT WILLIAMSON

Congressman From First Oregon District Another Victim of Federal Grand Jury.

IN THE LAND FRAUD NET

Together With His Business Associates—Charged With Subornation of Perjury.

Portland, Feb. 12.—The third member of the Oregon delegation in Congress was brought under the shadow yesterday afternoon when the Federal grand jury returned an indictment against J. N. Williamson, his partner in the sheep business, Dr. VanGemmer, and Marion R. Biggs, for several years United States Commissioner at Prineville. The crime alleged by the document is subornation of perjury in having induced some 45 fellow-townsmen to take claims in township 15 south, range 19 east, under the agreement that the land should in time revert to the firm of Williamson & Gemmer. In order to take these claims, it was necessary for the claimants to make false affidavits, which it is alleged they did before United States Commissioner Biggs.

It is also alleged that these claims were taken up under contract to revert in title to Williamson and Gemmer at a future date and the money for the filing and other fees was furnished the claimants by Dr. Gemmer.

Perils of the Seafarer.

Portland, Feb. 10.—The big steamship Nicomedia, which has just arrived in port after a passage of 18 days from Japan, reports a rough trip and the sufferings of the sailors were intensely aroused. When in midocean a cold wave was experienced, the thermometer fell to 28 degrees below zero, and thick crusts of ice formed near the water line. The spray which covered the deck became frozen, making walking difficult. A rough voyage is expected on the return trip, because tokens of ill-luck were sighted off the Aleutian islands. Punched upon each of the four masts was a monster owl, which sat there a full day and night. When darkness rose over the sea, they looked down on the crew with curious gase, and efforts to drive them away resulted in failure. This is held by the sailors to be an omen of evil.

In the same waters on the outward trip from Portland four sea eagles took refuge on the masts. The searipper caught one, which screamed and clawed but it was subdued and put in a crate on the deck. One was shot by Captain Wagner, and fell through a ventilator. The others were wounded and were made prisoners. Three days later all of them died.

Stock were left on eastern Oregon ranges without feeding till last week.

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