



J. T. ROSS IS GUILTY

Marion County Jury Convicts Him

IMPARTIAL SUMMING UP

Judge Burnett Consumed Only Twenty-Five Minutes in His Talk to the Jury

WENT INTO SALIENT DETAILS

Wallace McCamant Resumed His Argument for Mr. Ross on the Resumption of the Trial in the Afternoon and Finished Shortly After 2

SALEM, April 23.—J. Thorburn Ross, the former president of the defunct Title, Guarantee & Trust Co., of Portland, was this afternoon convicted of larceny in having converted to his own use \$288,000 of state school funds of the State of Oregon which had been placed in his custody, as the president of the bank by State Treasurer Steel. The jury was out an hour and thirty-five minutes. Sentence will be imposed Monday.

The State law provides as a penalty for this crime, imprisonment in the penitentiary from one to 15 years, together with a fine equal in the amount to twice which the offender is proved to have stolen. Immediately after the bank closed its doors, Ross and the other officers of the bank were arrested and later indicted for the larceny of state funds.

Although numerous demurrers were interposed by the defendants, all objections one after another were swept aside except the one which charged that a general bias existed in Multnomah county and on their urging that a fair trial could not be secured in that county, the court sent the cases to Marion county on a change of venue to be tried before the state circuit court in this city. The Ross case which was first assigned to trial came to a hearing on Monday last.

The case is of added interest because Ross has been a prominent member of the First Presbyterian Church of Portland and was because before coming to that city from Ohio, but 20 years ago, was a Presbyterian clergyman. Failing eyesight compelled Ross to abandon the ministry.

Judge Burnett in his instructions to the jury gave what was considered an impartial summing up of the evidence, but the effect was taken as an intimation that the jurymen should disregard the technical pleas that had been raised by lawyers for the defense. Judge Burnett consumed only 25 minutes in his talk, which opened at 2:40 and ended at 3:05, but during that time he went into all the salient details of the evidence. Judge Pipes spoke briefly in conclusion for the state.

CONDITION OF BANK.

When it Went Under Last Fall.

PORTLAND, April 23.—There was on deposit in the Title, Guarantee & Trust Co., something over two and a half millions when the bank went under last fall. In this total was almost \$400,000 of the state money belonging to various funds of which \$288,000 was money derived from the

sale of state school land. None of this, nor in fact was any other deposit lost by reason of the bank's failure. Various bondsmen and bonding companies made good the state's losses.

William M. Ladd, head of the banking firm of Ladd & Tilton, of this city assumed the remaining liabilities of the bank.

Ladd's action was inspired by the reason of his having previously been president of the Title Bank and was a stockholder in the institution at the time of its failure. There was further reason that the bank was still using Ladd's name on its stationery.

Immediately after the failure of the bank, the president, J. Thorburn Ross and the other officers of the institution were arrested and charged with larceny by the conversion of the state funds.

The next of the cases to be tried will be that against T. T. Burkhardt, the treasurer of the defunct institution, which is set for May 4.

ELECTIVE COURSES.

CHICAGO, April 23.—Higher education in commercial knowledge is offered for the first time in Chicago in the new department of the Western University. The first announcement of the new school was made yesterday.

Elective courses in language, science, and mathematics, with special attention to their relation to business enterprise, will be offered. The course will lead to a diploma.

ORGANIZED CHARITY

Denounced as a Mere Bid for Notoriety

BY ARCHBISHOP OF ST. LOUIS

The Prelate's Arraignment Was Made in a Lecture Under the Auspices of House of Good Shepherd Before an Audience of 2500 Persons

CHICAGO, April 23.—Organized charity was denounced as a mere bid for notoriety and the average philanthropist was described as a modern Pharisee last night by the Most Rev. John G. Glennon, archbishop of St. Louis.

The prelate's arraignment was made in a lecture under the auspices of the House of the Good Shepherd and before an audience of 2500 persons.

"It is a recognized fact that we fast are reaching a social crisis," said Archbishop Glennon, "with our millionaires on one hand and the pauper on the other. When that day comes the philanthropist, sitting in his upholstered chair will not arise to the occasion. He will be told that it is not a lecture that is wanted, but that it is bread. There are today philanthropists—so-called, who believe that by giving the people libraries, that they might study our present day philosophy they are accomplishing great good. And there are others who spend their time in social settlement work or lecturing on the child problem, constantly they seek notoriety. Let them go on giving away their libraries and establishing their social settlements but I want you to understand that philanthropy divorced from Christ is not charity, and I say, my friends, that the philosophy taught in your schools and universities today is just as brutal as it is repugnant. This philosophy of evolution, emanating from the brain of Darwin and Spencer, makes for brutality and retards progress. What is the use of struggling if there is nothing to be attained? Where is there an appearance of charity in this system? The strong succeed and the weak perish."

COMPETING ATHLETES

For Championships of the Pacific Coast

FIVE CLUBS—FORTY MEN

Portland, Seattle, Spokane, San Francisco and Oakland Are Entered for Events

ONLY TWO EVENTS ON TONIGHT

Wrestling and Boxing Matches Will Constitute the Principal Events—Ritter in the 105-Pound Class Injured His Hand, and is Out of it.

PORTLAND, April 23.—Wrestling and boxing bouts for the amateur championships of the Pacific Coast opened here tonight under the auspices of the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club. Forty athletes representing the athletic clubs of Portland, Seattle, Spokane, San Francisco and Oakland are entered for the various events. Only two championships, the 105 pound boxing and the 158 pound wrestling, were on for tonight's card, the other events being preliminaries. Wrestling results—115 pound class, Edward Wells, Y. M. C. A., defeated Fred B. Hussey of the Seattle Athletic Club.

135 pound class, V. Venable of the Seattle Athletic Club, secured a fall over Otto Ott, of the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club, one minute and fourteen seconds, and F. A. Brownell of the Reliance Athletic Club of Oakland was given the decision over E. D. Smith of Multnomah.

The 158 pound championship was won by J. Johnson of the Seattle Athletic Club over G. J. Anloff of Reliance, after two six minute and one three minute bouts.

Boxing—The Pacific Coast championship for 105 pounds was won by Heine Ritter of the Spokane Athletic Club over Richard Hewett, unattached, the referee stopping the bout in the second round. In this bout Ritter injured his hand and will not be able to compete further during the tournament.

Olmur Dranga of Multnomah was awarded the decision over L. Granfield of the Olympic Club, San Francisco, after four rounds of great fighting. William Speck, of Seattle, was given the decision over H. Niecken of Multnomah. The police stopped the bout just before the bell in the third round, Niecken being badly beaten.

C. C. Ralph, unattached, defeated Tom Corbett, unattached, in the 145 pound class.

Fred Sax, unattached, of Portland, won over Larry Stokes of the Reliance Athletic Club in three rounds. Stokes fought out of his class, being a 145 pound man.

E. C. Johnson of Multnomah was given the decision over L. M. Madden, Multnomah, in heavyweight division.

INVESTIGATION WANTED.

WASHINGTON, April 23.—Representative Carlin is preparing to introduce a resolution in the house calling upon the secretary of war to make an investigation into the removal of the name of Jefferson Davis from "Cabin John Bridge."

Mr. Carlin's resolution is the forerunner of a second resolution he will issue directing the name to be restored to its former place on the bridge.

TO BE RELIEVED.

May 9 is Time Set to Relieve Admiral Evans—Thomas Gets Orders.

WASHINGTON, April 23.—Orders have been issued at the Navy Department late yesterday detaching Rear Admiral Charles M. Thomas from duty as commander of the second squadron on board the battleship Minnesota, to duty in command of the U. S. Atlantic fleet on board the Connecticut. This change is to take effect on May 9, when Rear Admiral Evans is to be relieved.

Rear Admiral W. H. Emory is discharged from duty in command of second division, first squadron will command the fourth division first. Rear Admiral C. S. Sperry is relieved of the fourth second squadron and will command the second squadron. Captain Seaton Schroeder is detached from command of the battleship Virginia to command the second division, first squadron, Capt. Alexander Sharp is relieved from duty at the Washington navy yard and will take command of the battleship Virginia.

BASEBALL SCORES.

At Spokane—Spokane 4, Aberdeen 5.
At Seattle and Tacoma—No games; rain.
At Los Angeles—Los Angeles 4, San Francisco 2.
At San Francisco—Portland 5, Oakland 6.

TATOOING GROWING

Never Been Greater Than It Is at Present

NOT CONFINED TO SAILORS

Marked Increase Among Those Who Travel and Even Among Those Who Live at a Distance From the Influences of the Sea.

WASHINGTON, April 23.—Tattooing in the navy, as shown by the records of the receiving ship Independence, is the top of an interesting contribution to the current issue of the United States Navy Medical Bulletin, contributed by Surgeon Ammen Farenholt. It says that while tattooing originated as an adornment of uncivilized peoples, it is far less common among them to day than it was formerly, partly through the influence of missionaries, of public sentiment and government interference, as is at present in the case of Japan. On the other hand the total extent of this habit, Dr. Farenholt says, has probably never been greater than it is at the present. It may be there is a slight decrease in the percentage of a tattooed person adopting the sea as a means of livelihood, there is certainly a marked increase among those who travel and even among those who live at a distance from the influence of the sea. There is hardly any large city, but has one or more professional tattooers. Dr. Farenholt examined the enlistment records of 3572 men, being the enlistment on the Independence for eight and a half years.

It shows that the percentages found tattooed on examination for second and subsequent enlistments was 53.61 and the percentage found tattooed on examination for first enlistment was 23.01. The opinion expressed that about 60 per cent of persons who have served over ten years in the navy are tattooed.

REPLEVINED HIS WIFE.

COLUMBIA, Tenn., April 23.—W. G. Riggins, a white man, replevined his wife, formerly Ada Templeton, from her parents yesterday. Esquire Farris required a bond of twice the value of the property in question, and Riggins placed the value of \$10 on his wife, giving bond in the sum of \$20.

ILLINOIS DEMOCRACY

Hot Fight in Resolutions Committee

ADOPTED THE UNIT RULE

Instead of Naming the Usual Four Delegates and Alternates, Eight Chosen

GREATEST PERSONAL LIBERTY

Resolution Endorsing Bryan Was Adopted With Hearty Enthusiasm and a Flattering Demonstration Followed the Action.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., April 23.—The Illinois Democracy today adopted the unit rule and instructed the delegates to the Denver convention to vote for Bryan and use "All honorable means" to secure his nomination. After a hot fight in the resolutions committee which was carried into the convention the party adopted a plank in the platform declaring in favor of the "Greatest personal liberty to individuals, provided such liberty did not infringe upon the rights of other people. Instead of naming the usual four delegates and alternates at large to the national convention, it was decided to send eight, allowing each man half a vote. The electors at large were also chosen. A resolution endorsing Bryan was adopted with hearty enthusiasm and a flattering demonstration followed the action. For all that however, it was not worded entirely to the satisfaction of Bryan's most enthusiastic supporters, and in the last few moments of the convention Judge Owen P. Thompson, of Jacksonville, declaring that Bryan had "Been sold out" demanded that a stronger resolution be passed. He desired to have the instructions so worded that Illinois would be bound to support Bryan as long as his name was before the convention. His efforts met the usual fate of new business sprung upon weary and hungry delegates and anxious to catch the trains for home. It was quickly and overwhelmingly defeated. The fight over the personal liberty or liquor plank was warm and long. Nineteen members of the committee report urging that it be stricken entirely from the platform. The convention sustained the majority report by a vote of 849 to 686 of which 535 votes came from Cook county.

NAVY BILL.

Senator Piles Proposes an Amendment Increasing Battleships.

WASHINGTON, April 23.—As the Senate was to conclude its consideration of the naval appropriation bill today, Senator Piles of Washington proposed an amendment increasing from two to four the number of new battleships to be authorized. As several Senators desired to speak on the amendment, the further consideration of the bill was postponed until tomorrow. An amendment to the naval bill was adopted appropriating \$7,000,000 to begin construction on the two ships authorized by the bill as it passed the house. A spirited debate occurred on the amendment for a restriction of the purchase of materials for the construction of battleships and submarines to those of domestic manufacture. The amendments to remove the restriction from the bill were defeated, Hale stating that since the investigation of the steel trust

some years ago the price of steel armor had been reduced \$16 per ton.

Beveridge declared that the United States pays less for its armor plate than any other nation excepting Japan.

Senator Raynor spoke today on the constitutional rights of the state and executive encroachment. He insisted that the commerce act of constitution had been interpreted as applying to the industrial life of the county to a greater degree than was contemplated by the framers of the constitution and regretted the tendency of the Democrats to look upon the President as their guide and declared that the President could not be accepted as his "Messiah."

QUIT THE HOSPITAL.

NEW YORK, April 23.—Because, they allege, they have been fed on too monotonous a diet of tough roast beef and butter of more than ordinary strength, six young internes of the Long Island College hospital have quit that institution, leaving the hospital with but two physicians to look after its numerous patients. Last night following the delivery of an ultimatum the six physicians took their suit cases in hand and left the building. During the night the two remaining physicians were kept exceedingly busy in the different wards and the ambulance was left without a surgeon, Assistant Superintendent Talmadge, having to climb upon the back of the vehicle answering the calls until midnight.

PERISH IN FLAMES

Only One Survivor of Family of Five

FIERCE PRAIRIE FIRE'S RAVAGE

Brave Struggle of the Girl to Save the Mother and Children After Her Father Had Lost His Life Fighting the Fire.

VANCOUVER, B. C., April 23.—A dispatch from Battleford, Saskatchewan says that Anna Mathews is the only survivor of a family of five as the result of the prairie fires in the Tramping lake district. Her father went to fight the flames which were creeping on the little home and perished in the attempt. The house took fire and Anna carried her five younger brothers and sisters to a place of safety. Then she returned to get her mother but was too late. When she returned to where she had left the children she found they had wandered into the fire and perished.

TO FILE SUITS.

Attorney-General Authorized to File Suits in Land Grant Cases.

WASHINGTON, April 23.—By an overwhelming vote of 245 to 8 the House today after several hours of discussion adopted without an amendment the Senate joint resolution authorizing the attorney-general to file suits against the O. & C. Railroad for the forfeiture of the whole or part of the land grants in the western part of Oregon. The sentiment in the house was practically unanimous that the suits would work no hardship on the bona fide purchasers of homesteads from the company. The resolution was introduced into the Senate by Tillman and has passed that body.

ENDORSES CULBERTSON BILL.

BUTTE, April 23.—The Montana Stockgrowers' Convention at Miles City has adopted resolutions endorsing the Culbertson bill and urging its passage; that Congress be memorialized to exact a law which shall prohibit any railroad company advancing rates or fares except upon the approval of the Interstate Commerce Commission; endorsing the work of the department of agriculture.