CONFUSION FOUND IN TAX LAWS

GOVERNOR CHAMBERLAIN AND SPECIAL SESSION OF LEGISLATURE APPEALED TO MAKE THEM HARMONIZE—MEMORIAL TO THE GOVERNOR SELF EXPLANATORY.

Discrepancies, confusion and conflict have been found in the tax laws of the state to an extent that action is now demanded by leading citizens that the coming special session of the legislature take action to bring order and harmony out of the chaos. Governor Chamberlain has been memorialized to this effect in the following letter, which is self-explanatory:

"Portland, Dec. 15.—Hon. George E. Chamberlain, Governor of Oregon, Salem—Dear Sir: We beg to call your attention to some of the inconsistencies in the tax laws of the state, which perhaps you have noticed.

"According to the Bellinger & Cotton Code (General Laws, pp. 223-224) each school district, incorporated town and city, and each public corporation authorized to levy a tax, is required to notify in writing the clerk of the county court in which the same is situated of the rate per cent of the tax levy on or before the first day of February in each year. Then comes the act approved January 12, 1903, page 22, of the acts of the last legislature, providing that this notice must be given on or before the first day of January in each year. And then comes the act, commonly known as the Phelps act, which provides that this notice is to be given on or before the first day of September in each year.

"Our opinion is that the so-called Phelps act ought to be repealed, and the act as it stands in the Bellinger & Cotton Code adopted, and that the act of the last session, referred to as on page 22 of the acts of the legislature, ought also to be repealed; or if not repealed, should be amended so as to provide that the notice to the county clerk should be given at some time in the month of January, say not later than the 20th of that month. If the Phelps act, and the act found on page 22 of the acts of the legislature, are wiped out of existence and the law as it stands in the Bellinger & Cotton Code is re-established, there will then be harmony between the tax laws of the state and the charters of the cities, but if not, and if the act on page 22 of the acts of the last legislative assembly is not amended as suggested, there will be confusion and disorder.

"Our reason for asking for the repeal or amendment of said act on page 22, as aforesaid, is that the fiscal year of all the municipal corporations of the state ends December 31, and that a full knowledge of the requirements of the city and the necessary revenue to be derived from taxation for an ensuing year cannot be obtained until after an accurate statement of the finances of the city is made at the close of a current fiscal year; and therefore a levy of taxes made prior to January 1 would not be based upon any official accuracy. Moreover, all the city charters, we believe, have been drafted with the purpose of making a levy after January 1, and certainly this is so of the Portland city charter. (See sections 285 and 114.)

"We should be pleased if you would call the attention of the legislative assembly to be convened on the 21st to these discrepancies, and suggest that the laws be so changed as to avoid those questions that would necessarily arise out of these discrepancies if they were not remedied; and if you do not think proper to refer to the matters herein contained in your message, we trust that you will use your good influences with the legislature to so change the tax laws of the state as to make them harmonious with the existing city charters.

"Yours respectfully,
"T. C. DEVLIN,
"RODNEY GLISAN,
"L. A. MCNARY,
"G. H. WILLIAMS,
"Mayor."

U. S. COURT DROPS JURORS TILL MARCH

The jury session of the December term of the United States district court came to a close yesterday afternoon with the acquittal of Frank Winnishet, charged with murder. Judge Bellinger discharged the jurors from further attendance, and unless some matter requiring special hearing comes up, no more jury cases will be heard until the March term.

It was intended to try T. A. and Hosea Wood, charged with making fraudulent pension claims, but a demurrer in the case, which was argued last week, is still under advisement and Judge Bellinger refused to hold the jury.

PREPARED FOR OUTWARD VOYAGES

The steamship Stanley Dollar cleared for Nagasaki and other Japanese ports this morning with 90,000 bushels of wheat and 5,000 barrels of flour, having a total value of $90,700. The cargo is being dispatched by G. W. McNear & Co.

The French bark Admiral Halgan left down this morning bound for the United Kingdom with a grain cargo. The shipper is the Northwestern Warehouse company.

This afternoon the British ship Port Patrick will finish her lumber cargo for Sydney, Australia. The crew was signed yesterday afternoon, the sailor boarding-house men getting only $20 as advance money.

JAPANESE BUILDING AT ST. LOUIS.

(Journal Special Service.)

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 16.—Under the direction of S. Mural, a Japanese government architect, a force of carpenters from the land of the Mikado today commenced actual work in the construction of the Japanese national pavilion at the world's fair. Seven large buildings, as well as a number of pagodas, are to be erected on the Japanese reservation south of the Machinery building. These buildings include the commissioner's office, the Bellevue pavilion, a bazaar pavilion, a Kinkaku tea pavilion, a Formosa tea pavilion, a tea articles show building, an ornate entrance and the main pavilion. The main pavilion is to be a reproduction of the "Shishinden," the palace at Tokio in which the Mikado grants audiences to his ministers of state. A large part of the material to be used in the Japanese buildings, including titles, elaborate carvings, etc., have been brought from Japan. The buildings are to be constructed entirely by Japanese workmen.

FATAL TRAIN WRECK.

(Journal Special Service.)

Fort Scott, Kas., Dec. 16.—In a wreck on the St. Louis & San Francisco railroad near here this morning, two persons are reported killed and a number injured, two probably fatally.

HALL CLOSETED WITH A JUDGE

EMISSARY FROM ATTORNEY-GENERAL KNOX AND WASHINGTON, D. C., IN CLOSE CONFERENCE WITH DISTRICT ATTORNEY—HENEY'S APPOINTMENT.

"Mr. Hall stands very high with the department at Washington, and I never have heard so much as a word in criticism of his work," said Judge M. C. Burch, of Washington, D. C., an assistant to Attorney-General Knox, in referring to the United States district attorney, John H. Hall of Oregon, today. "I do not wish to be misunderstood in the matter, and give it merely as my own opinion, but I believe that if Mr. Hall is retained in office the action will be entirely satisfactory to the attorney-general; that is, provided the Oregon delegation does not raise an objection."

Judge Burch, when asked if his visit to Portland was on business connected with the department of justice, replied: "Well, perhaps in a way. I had never met Mr. Hall and had never been in Portland except in passing through the city, and I desired to meet him. I was in Pocatello, Ida., on business and resolved to pay Mr. Hall a visit on my way home. I will go on to Seattle for the purpose of seeing District Attorney Frye.

"My visit here has nothing to do with any cases pending. Of course, we discussed some of the matters in a general way, but we generally have enough business of our own requiring attention, without going out of our way to look for more," he added.

Judge Burch's duties have to do with the arrangement of special counsel and assistants in cases where the attorneys require additional help. Of the appointment of Francis J. Heney as assistant to Mr. Hall in the prosecution of the McKinley-Ware-Puter timber land fraud cases the assistant attorney-general said that Heney was named by the attorney-general and that he knew nothing of the appointment until after the matter was settled. "No reflection was intended on the bar of Oregon," he said, "by the employment of outside counsel, and I am sure Mr. Knox named Heney without any thought but that it would meet with approval. I feel sure an Oregon man would have secured the place had the department been given notice a little earlier."

Judge Burch denied that his visit to Portland was in any way connected with the investigation of alleged irregularities in the postoffice. "In all the years of my experience," he said, "I have never yet been called upon in a postoffice case."

For over an hour this morning Mr. Hall and the assistant attorney-general were closeted together in the former's office, and it is rumored that the visit to Portland is more than a mere friendly call.

CONTRACT LET FOR TRINITY CHURCH

The contract for the stone, brick and concrete work of the Trinity Episcopal church of this city was let several days ago and the contract was finally signed today, the last member affixing his signature at noon. David C. Lewis is the architect and James Barrett the contractor.

The design of the church is pure Gothic and the plan is unique and well arranged. The stone to be used in construction is from the Kelly-Butte quarry and is known for its natural beauty and lasting qualities.

The interior of the edifice will be finished with Roman pressed brick. There will be a square tower in a prominent position upon which a spire may be built at any time. The interior dimensions will be 62 by 178 feet. There will be two transepts, one for the choir and clergy rooms and the other a small chapel for morning and Lenten services.

The seating capacity is 900 and the seats will be arranged to conform with the general plan of Episcopal churches.

The total cost will exceed $65,000, and the church will be one of the prettiest and best-arranged on the coast.

The plan is entirely different from any other in the West, and the trustees gave it their hearty approval. The contract for plumbing, carpenter work, lighting and stained glass work will be signed in a few days.

MIEN WAITING TO BE DEPORTED

F. W. Mien, one of the pair of aristocrats arrested in Seattle last week for robbing Jaul J. Vial of his watch and jewelry, is still a prisoner in the city jail, while his accomplice, Alien Bishop, is on his way to sea on the French ship Berangere. Mien has not yet been shipped, but he will be taken aboard the British ship Port Patrick as soon as the vessel is ready to leave. This is one of the strangest sentences on record, but as it was evident the theft was committed in a spirit of revenge, Judge Hogue thought it was better to send the young men out of the country for a time at least.

MACEDONIAN LEADER TO VISIT AMERICA

(Journal Special Service.)

London, Dec. 16.—Boris Saraff, the Macedonian leader, arrived here today to consult with local Macedonians and try to raise funds with which to reopen the struggle against Turkey in the spring. He will then go to America for a similar purpose.

PUBLIC APOLOGY DEMANDED FROM TURK

(Journal Special Service.)

Washington, Dec. 16.—The secretary of state this afternoon announced that the insult to Consul Davis must be officially atoned for in a most public manner. Minister Leishmann cables that the officials responsible will make an apology and express their regret. Mr. Davis will be taken on board either the San Francisco or Brooklyn and carried from Beirut to Alexandretta, where the apologies as promised will be made aboard ship.

COL. J. T. GRAYSON ILL.

Col. John T. Grayson, 265 Sixth street, is confined to his bed by a severe attack of bronchitis.

STOICAL RED MAN MERELY SHOOK HANDS

An Indian's ability to contain himself under trying circumstances, was demonstrated in the United States court yesterday afternoon after Frank Winnishet, charged with the murder of Indian Policeman Pelatt, was acquitted. Winnishet's aged father and half a dozen other Warm Springs braves were sitting out in the corridor when the freed man and his attorney, F. P. Mays, came out of the court room.

"You can have your boy now, Jim. Take him home and don't let him get into any more trouble," said Mr. Mays, addressing the elder Winnishet.

The young man and his father clasped hands. They eyed each other for an instant but said nothing. The acquitted Indian passed on and in turn shook hands with the rest of his tribesmen. But no sound was uttered and having fulfilled his obligation to his friends, Frank Winnishet turned his back on them and walked away with his father.

HALF A MILLION FOR THE SCHOOLS

ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURES FOR NEXT YEAR $44,000 IN EXCESS OF EXPENSES FOR LAST YEAR—TAX LEVY 6½ MILLS, AS AGAINST 4½ MILLS.

A statement given out by Clerk Allen of the school board gives the estimate of expenditures for next year at $572,000, which is $44,000 in excess of this year. This includes $187,000 for new buildings and additions, and the question will probably soon come up before the people of voting to bond the district for either $500,000 or $1,000,000. The statement is as follows:

	Expenditures 1903.	Estimate for 1904.
Teachers	$258,000	$290,000
Janitors	24,000	25,000
Repairs	18,000	20,000
New buildings	106,000	187,000
Grounds	11,200	.....
Miscellaneous	110,800	50,000
Totals	$528,000	$572,000

Without the bond issue a levy of 6½ mills will be needed to pay expenses and provide improvements against 4½ mills last year. Unless the money for new buildings is raised by the sale of bonds an extra assessment of 3½ mills will be required.

LICENSE FOR EVERY BAR

CITY COUNCIL DEBATING A PROPOSAL TO CHARGE $400 FOR EVERY ADDITIONAL SET OF FIXTURES IN A SALOON — MANY LICENSES ARE REFUSED.

The principal feature of the city council session this afternoon is a general debate on the proposal to charge an annual license of $400 for each bar, in any saloon. Several of the larger saloons now operate under one license and have from two to three bars. The license committee recommended the measure.

Some councilmen favor more extreme measures such as charging extra licenses for side entrances, concert halls or orchestra music and the granting of all-night privileges.

Another point to this contention arose when Mr. Blumauer, of Blumauer & Hoch, appeared before the committee and protested against the assessment of a double license for his retail and wholesale business house at Fourth and Washington.

"I object to paying two licenses," he said. "I now have one license, and merely use the bar for the convenience of my wholesale customers."

The committee also took up the proposition of shutting out the saloons in the Paris House block in the north end. Seven saloons were included in the list, with the one operated in the house on the second floor. A license was refused the second floor bar without hesitation, but there was a division on cutting out every saloon and this, also, the council will thresh out.

Because he was preparing to open a concert hall attached to his saloon at Sixth street, near Morrison, the license of T. G. Blythe was refused. Chief of Police Hunt and Mayor Williams both approved that action.

The following licenses were refused: G. Niermann, 146 East Twentieth street (in residence district); Dire & Mirtello, 79 North First (bad reputation); R. W. Patterson, 40 North Fourth (bad reputation); James J. Marshall, 1061 Corbett street (protest); Louis Weinhard, 205 Stanton (undesirable location), and E. Blazier, 262 Davis street (bad reputation). A dozen or more others are held in abeyance.

GRAHAM CHOOSES TO GO FAR AWAY

Charles Graham was this forenoon given the option by Judge Hogue of leaving the city until after the Lewis and Clark fair or to serve a term in the county prison for carrying concealed weapons.

Graham, according to the evidence, had been courting Mrs. L. Wilkeson, of 430 Washington street. She became tired of his attentions and told him he need not come around any more. Graham called her up over a telephone and imparted the information that unless she changed her mind he would call at the house and the undertaker would receive an order for two burials.

The woman called on the police for protection and Officer Endicott went to the scene of prospective bloodshed, and when Graham appeared placed him under arrest. When searched he had on his person a large revolver.

Graham stated that rather than serve time in Portland he would go to Seattle.

MORE MONEY NEEDED FOR SOLDIERS' HOME

(Journal Special Service.)

Roseburg, Or., Dec. 16.—Governor Chamberlain is here making his quarterly visit to the Soldiers' home. The last legislature appropriated $7,600 for the completion of the new barracks, hospital and water pipe, whereas $10,000 is needed. The governor is not likely to recommend that additional funds be given at the special session, as it is for the repeal of the tax law only.

MURDERER QUITS LIFE.

(Journal Special Service.)

Tekamah, Neb., Dec. 16.—Solomon Paddock, who killed his own son, William, on Thanksgiving, while drunk, hanged himself in the jail last night by making a noose of his coat sleeve.

ANTI-STRIKE BARGAIN STILL HANGS FIRE

FULL ATTENDANCE OF LABOR MEN AT MEETING LAST NIGHT TO DISCUSS YEARLY AGREEMENT, BUT COMMITTEES REPORT FAILURE TO REACH QUORUM OF MASTERS.

A well-attended meeting of the labor commitees appointed to take up the yearly agreement plan with the masters' associations engaged in building was held last night in Engineers' hall. Further than reporting progress little business was transacted. None of the associations have yet been conferred with. A committee visited the master builders last night, but there was not a quorum present. Several of the individual members were interviewed, however, and expressed themselves in favor of the project.

Another meeting will be held by the labor representatives next Tuesday evening at the same place. In the meantime a special effort will be made to visit as many of the associations as possible. The great difficulty in the way of bringing the matter to a speedy conclusion is that the meetings of the associations these days are slimly attended. Until a quorum is secured no action can be taken. For this reason the work of securing an understanding with the employers may be considerably delayed.

ASKS VACATION AFTER TEN YEARS

NO DEMAND IN A DECADE FOR LOTS IN EAST IRVINGTON ANNEX ADDITION — STREET IMPROVEMENTS AND SEWERS PETITIONED FOR ON EAST SIDE.

The owner of the East Irvington annex addition, Richard Martin, Jr., desires the vacation of certain streets in that addition. In a petition filed at the city hall yesterday he sets forth that the addition was laid out in 1893 as a residence district, but that the section has not improved to the point it is considered advisable to retain it on the market. For some reason homeseekers have not bought lots with the avidity which was expected, and now, after more than 10 years, the owners desire their holdings back in the original form. It is pointed out that there is no use for the streets proposed.

A petition is on file requesting the improvement of East Twenty-second street from Dunn's addition to East Burnside street, by graveling the roadway.

Mrs. E. D. W. Cramer protests against the improvement of Washington street from Third to Sixteenth streets, as unnecessary and a needless expense.

New sidewalks are desired on Oregon street from East Twenty-eighth to East Twenty-ninth, by a number of petitioners.

The residents in the immediate neighborhood ask for a sewer in Garfield avenue from Alberta to Beech streets.

A petition will be considered asking for the improvement of Butchel avenue from East Stark to Mayor Gates' addition, by graveling the roadway.

A number of petitioners ask for a sever in Kirby street from Prescott to Mason streets.

NEW AGENCIES BY THE PINKERTONS

The Pinkerton national detective agency, with northwest headquarters in Portland, has established branches at Spokane and Los Angeles, which will be opened for business the first of the year.

M. F. Donahae, for a number of years connected with the local agency, has gone to Spokane to take charge of that branch.

Capt. James Nevins has been appointed general superintendent for all of the Northwest agencies, but will continue to make this city the point from which to direct operations.

The Pinkerton agency is one of the most complete detective systems in the world. They have offices in 15 of the largest cities in the United States and connections in all parts of the world. They are the agents for the American Bankers association, the Jewelers' Protective association and the Railway Ticket Protective bureau.

EXPECTS TO START FOR FORGER TONIGHT

The requisition papers for the return of Thurlow W. Parker, who is badly wanted in this city for forgery, are expected to arrive from Salem tonight.

When they come it is expected that Detective "Joe" Day will start for Helena where Parker is now in custody, to bring him back to face his numerous accusers.

Parker decamped from Portland about a month ago, after defrauding a number of merchants out of over $300 by means of bogus checks. He has since been operating in Montana. The Montana officers who made the arrest were under the impression that a reward was out for Parker's capture, but this was a mistake. Should they refuse to turn him over to the Portland officer he will first be tried in Montana and after his case is disposed of he will be brought to this city to face the music.

JEFF WILLING TO MEET MUNROE.

(Journal Special Service.)

New York, Dec. 16.—James J. Jeffries, champion heavyweight of the world, today agreed to the arrangements of a match between himself and Jack Munroe, the Butte miner. Munroe's recent showing against Limerick is the direct cause of Jeffries' change of front toward the Montanan.

PORCH-CLIMBERS BAFFLE SLEUTHS

TWO MEN BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN CONCERNED IN THE FRANK DIAMOND ROBBERY — METHODS OF THE "GENTLEMEN THIEVES" WHO ARE OPERATING HERE.

For the recovery of $3,000 worth of jewelry stolen from his residence at 312 Twelfth street, Monday evening, Sigmund Frank, of the firm of Meier & Frank, has offered a reward of $500.

All the larger cities of the country have been visited lately by porch-climbers, and aside from two suspects taken into custody in Pittsburg, no arrests have been made.

That there were two men concerned in the robbery at the Frank residence there seems no doubt. Criminals of this class rarely work alone. The detectives believe that while one of the two, probably the more daring and clever, ransacked the two bedrooms in the Frank residence, the other kept watch in the front of the house. Should danger approach the "stall" or watch would give a signal to warn the active thief.

Aside from the solitary foot prints in the lawn made by the thief when he leaped from the porch, there are no clues. No intelligent criminal would attempt to pawn the booty in the town where it was stolen. Men of this class have regular "fences," where they dispose of their plunder. The Frank jewelry may be on its way to a "fence" in New York, Chicago or perhaps San Francisco. The police have no idea, but will send broadcast circulars describing the jewelry, in the hope that it may be recovered.

The porch-climber is a well-groomed man. He is no ordinary crook who associates with the lower classes. He is well dressed and not uncommonly wears diamonds.

In Pittsburg last week Morris Opar and Abraham Ahler were arrested with a large quantity of diamonds and jewelry in their possession, and are supposed to be either porch-climbers or "fences" who dispose of stolen goods. They are said to be accused of thefts in New York City, Orange, N. J., and Minneapolis. They are suspected of having stolen $11,000 worth of diamonds, of which $3,000 worth was taken from one residence in Minneapolis last month. The list of the stolen diamonds has been sent to Pittsburg and the matter is being investigated.

POLICE RAID DEN OF HIGHBINDERS

(Journal Special Service.)

San Francisco, Dec. 16.—Chinese Highbinders have been giving a lot of trouble lately. Last night a big squad of police charged the "Secret Lair" of fighting men of the Hop Sing Tong. They chopped their way through doors and walls and entered the room where seven of the murderous gang were feigning sleep. Three were identified as men who took part in the murder at the Chinese theatre last Sunday night, when the cymbal player was shot down in cold blood. Four others are wanted for various crimes.

Under a trap door in the room was found a number of revolvers, cartridges, slungshots and a loaded rifle. The prisoners were taken to the city prison, where they were recognized as a bad gang by other Chinese who were called in to identify them. While the raid was being made on the den a Chinese lookout on a house opposite was giving signals of warning. A lively chase over roofs ensued, but the police could not catch the man.

SHILLOCK TURNS OVER HIS OFFICE TO LEE

Max M. Shillock this afternoon left his position as secretary of the board of trade, and J. D. Lee, recently made assistant secretary at a salary of $75 a month, took active charge. Mr. Shillock has occupied the position of secretary for over a year at a monthly salary of $150, and agreed to resign upon condition that back wages to the amount of $400 be forthcoming. Satisfactory arrangements were made with him. Hereafter the assistant secretary will handle the work, the secretaryship being an honorary office with no compensation.

His resignation was brought about because members of the board of trade wished to reduce his salary to $100 a month. About three months ago Mr. Shillock signified his intention of resigning because his salary was in arrears. Mr. Shillock will remain a member of the board.

THREATENS CHARGES AGAINST HARTMAN

Several friends of ex-Deputy Sheriff Al Salmon, the claimant of the reward of $300 for the capture of the robbers who attempted to hold up the O. R. & N. train, said this morning that he intends to prefer charges against Detective L. C. Hartman, who made an affidavit in which he said substantially that Salmon was asleep when the men were arrested. The charge, so it is said, will be made to the police board of the executive committee. Mr. Salmon declined to discuss the matter excepting to say that Hartman had misstated the facts in the case.

REMOVAL OF TROOPS FROM GUARDING MINES

(Journal Special Service.)

Victor, Colo., Dec. 16.—Colonel Verdeckburg, after a long consultation with Attorney Crump, made the following statement this morning:

"All troops are to be moved from guarding the mines. This will be begun at once. We all feel there is no further danger from interference with the working of the properties. There is no necessity to keep men on guard, now that full protection to the mines is assured.

The trades assembly has indorsed resolutions presented by Senator Patterson, providing for an investigation of the strike situation.

SECRETARY GOES WRONG.

(Journal Special Service.)

Berkeley, Cal., Dec. 16.—W. A. McKeown, secretary of the board of regents of the University of California, has confessed to a series of thefts amounting to $20,000. He has been arrested. The police traced his stealing through a check given him by Mrs. Hearst, which McKeown turned over to Bookmaker Davis. Most of the money he lost on races and women.

FATHER TRIES TO REGAIN CHILDREN

ST. LOUIS NEWSPAPERMAN CLAIMS THE CHILDREN WERE ADOPTED BY MR. AND MRS. BERGER WITHOUT HIS KNOWLEDGE, WHILE HE THOUGHT THEY WERE VISITING.

Edward S. Ackerman, a newspaper man of St. Louis, Mo., yesterday filed a petition in the state circuit court for the possession of his two children—Helen Adeline, aged 9, and Jean A., aged 6—who were adopted a year ago by their uncle and aunt, Robert and Minnie Berger.

Ackerman alleges that the children were unlawfully taken from him by the Bergers and that, in company with an elder sister, Blanche Ackerman, they were brought to Portland, and upon the petition of Blanche, the younger children were committed to the care of the Boys' and Gids' Aid society. In November, 1902, the children were taken from the society and adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Berger.

Ackerman asserts that he thought the children had come here simply for a visit, and that he had no information of the adoption proceedings until lately. The first quarter of 1903, he says, he sent the Bergers $70 for the support of the children, and in August last they offered to return the children to him, but detained them on various excuses. He charges the Bergers with conspiracy and asks that the order of adoption be canceled and the children returned to him.

The papers filed in the adoption proceedings show that Blanche Ackerman had presented an affidavit in November, 1902, asking that her sister and brother be committed to the care of the society on the ground that their mother was dead and that their father had abandoned them and had neglected to support them. Ackerman did not appear in court and the petition was allowed. Later Mr. and Mrs. Berger filed a similar petition for the adoption of the children. Ackerman was served with a summons to appear, but failed to obey it, and the children were granted to the petitioners and their names changed to Berger.

Berger is a brother of Ackerman's late wife. He is a traveling man and is well known in Portland. When Ackerman filed his petition for the possession of the children, the Bergers were hard to find at home, and it was only yesterday that Deputy Sheriff Daniels located them. A return on the summons was made this morning and the petition will be called for hearing in a few days.

WARRANTS FOR SALOONKEEPERS

LIST MADE OUT IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT FOR OPERATING GAMBLING DEVICES, BUT PARLEY AND DELAY ARISES WHEN IT COMES TO SIGNING THEM.

Whether District Attorney Manning or City Attorney McNary shall issue the warrants for the arrest of certain persons accused of keeping gambling devices in the shape of slot machines is a question which delayed the signing of sundry warrants in the municipal court today.

Early this morning Chief of Police Hunt sent the following list to the municipal court clerk, with instructions to issue warrants for persons named there:

John Lankin, 205 First street; A. DeMartini, First and Main streets; Otto Nelson, 153 Front street; Peterson & Kettering, 201 Morrison street; Gus Backstrom, First and Morrison; William Wright, 212 Alder street; ——— Wallman, 284 Alder street; Buck & Emig, Fourth and Alder streets; Wellington saloon, Sixth and Alder streets; Big Four saloon, Fourth and Taylor streets; Bedford Cafe, 276 Taylor street; State saloon, Fourth and Taylor; ——— Hamilton, Sixth and Stark streets; ——— Keys, 76 Sixth street; J. Hahn, Sixth and Washington streets; William Cody, Sixth and Stark streets; J. Shapiro, Maze Cafe, 185 Third street; John Blazier, First and Madison streets; Phil Streib, First and Alder streets; S. A. Arata, 104 Third street; Thomas Reed, 143 Third street; Black Diamond, Second and Yamhill streets; Grotto saloon, Third and Yamhill streets.

The warrants were filled out and then arose the question: Who should sign them?

City District Attorney Manning was the proper person, thought one. He was called upon, but after a visit to the chief of police said that he believed it was the duty of the city attorney to issue the warrants. City Attorney McNary had been notified, but declared it to be the duty of the district attorney to cause the arrest of the persons accused.

Part of the question is whether the prosecutions shall be under city ordinance or state law. The city ordinance makes it an offense to operate gambling devices. The difficulty of proving the case under that form is argued against resort to that ordinance. It is hard to prove the gambling. The state law is much more direct. It makes it an offense to have slot machines in one's possession.

Assistant City Attorney Fitzgerald said that he would sign the warrants if nobody else wanted to by tomorrow.

DISCOVERY HULL FOUND.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 16.—A dispatch from Juneau today states that the hull of the steamer Discovery has been found by Indians near Cross landing. The United States revenue cutter Rush has gone to investigate.

HANGED FOR INFAMY.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Mail advices this morning to the war department give the details of the hanging of Rios, commonly called "Pope of Tayabas," at Antimonan November 27. The outlaw gained infamy by his repeated and atrocious murders.

Chicago Grain-Car Lots.

Chicago, Dec. 16.—The grain cars for today were:

	Cars.	Grade.	Est.
Wheat	91	..	35
Corn	77	..	75
Oats	58	..	55

The wheat cars today were: Duluth, 53; Minneapolis, 484.

Primary Receipts and Shipments.

Chicago, Dec. 16.—The primary receipts show:

	Bushels. Today.	Bushels. Year ago.
Wheat	965,300	562,000
Corn	422,800	798,1000

The shipments were—

Wheat	224,600	220,000
Corn	125,700	265,000

Utah Consolidated Dividend.

New York, Dec. 16.—The directors of the Utah Consolidated Mining company, at their meeting held in New York, declared the regular semi-annual dividend of $1.50 per share, payable January 15.

A MESSAGE TO SUFFERING MEN

DR. W. NORTON DAVIS

QUICK AND CERTAIN CURES

It is to the discredit of the medical profession that so few physicians recognize the need of better ways of doing things. Too often disease is treated according to some ancient rule of practice entirely obsolete among those more advanced in the science of medicine. Every method we employ is based upon accurate and scientific truth in regard to the ailment treated, and is a method original with ourselves. In every instance painful and dangerous procedures are entirely eliminated. Best of all, our cures are thorough and permanent, and accomplished quickly and without fail.

"Weakness"

Functional derangement, such as loss of power, etc., is neither a weakness nor a disease. It is a symptom of prostatic disorder. To stimulate activity by the use of powerful tonics is an easy matter, but such results are merely temporary drug effects. Most doctors treat "weakness" in this manner because they do not know how to cure the real cause of the derangement. We are the only physicians employing scientific and successful methods. We use no tonics at all. Our treatment is principally a local one, and corrects every abnormal condition of the vital center, the prostate gland. Our cures are real cures, and are permanent.

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A thorough cure without pain or cutting. Every case of varicocele we treat proves the superiority of our mild and harmless method, and the folly of resorting to surgery. It is not necessary to detain the patient a single day from his business. The treatment we employ is distinctively our own, and can be had at our office only. Do not submit to the knife and hospital expense, when a complete and permanent cure can be had without the loss of time, and without pain or cutting.

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