

MOTHER FINDS HER CHILDREN

AFTER A TWO-YEAR'S SEARCH MRS. DECKER SEIZES POSSESSION OF HER DAUGHTERS—SHE SAYS HER DIVORCED HUSBAND STOLE THE CHILDREN FROM HER.

The happiest woman in Portland today is Mrs. Rose Decker, who, after a search of more than two years, has her two little girls restored to her.

This happy consummation was brought about by a diligent search made by Mrs. Decker to locate her missing daughters.

The girls, one 9 the other 6 years old, were found with their father near Kent, Sherman county, and with the aid of the courts the mother was awarded the custody of the pair.

Edward Decker and his wife have been divorced for some time. Mrs. Decker has the decree and also the order of a Michigan court giving her the custody of the children.

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SENATOR MITCHELL CONSENTS TO SERVE

Senator Mitchell has consented to act as chairman for the legislative committee of the American Mining congress at Washington, D. C. Following is a copy of his telegram sent yesterday to Col. J. T. Grayson, vice-president of the congress:

"LEWIS DAY" AUGUST 12 AT THE 1905 FAIR

Director-General Goode of the Lewis and Clark exposition has appointed August 12, 1905, for Lewis day. This day is the 100th anniversary of the crossing of the divide by Explorer Captain Lewis. Captain Lewis on that day accompanied by two hunters formed the advance guard of the expedition.

CHINESE GAMBLERS PAY THEIR TRIBUTE

The Chinese gamblers in the municipal court this morning turned into the city treasury \$850 in bail forfeited by keepers of fan tan, twenty-one and poker games. The names of those who paid \$50 each are: Dai Lee, Wing Hing, Yee Chong, Yen Gwong, Ching Hing, Tai Lee, Jue Lee, Lee Lee, Yi Ching, Pong Yuen, Tai Hing, Yee Yuen, Yee Lee and Kee Chong. Dai Lee's fine was \$100 because he is keeping a larger gambling house than the others.

BOARD OF TRADE BANQUET TABLES

The banquet of the board of trade tonight promises to be a great success. There will be between 100 and 200 guests present, for names are still coming in. The guests will be received in the parlors of the Hotel Portland from 8:15 to 8:30. After the reception they will adjourn to the festive board, where all the delicacies of the season will be displayed in their most tempting forms. The tables

HARRY RESIGNS AS ORGANIZER

TENDERS RESIGNATION TO COMPEERS AND IT IS ACCEPTED AN IMPROVEMENT CAME AS SUITABLE TO HIS FRIENDS—LONG IDENTIFIED WITH LABOR MOVEMENT.

The American Federation of Labor no longer has a general organizer in the state of Oregon. G. Y. Harry, who held the position for the past 18 months, has tendered his resignation, which has been accepted. The fact leaked out today and caused considerable surprise, even among his most intimate friends.

Who his successor will be is wholly a matter of conjecture. Some are inclined to believe that an eastern man will be appointed, while others are of the opinion that the position will remain vacant for some time. The labor leaders state that Portland and Oregon, so far as the labor movement is concerned, are too backward to remain long without a general organizer, and will probably take the matter up at once with Samuel Gompers and other members of the national executive board.

Mr. Harry has been identified with local organized labor for almost four years. He is a member of the sheet metal workers' union. One year ago last May he organized the State Federation of Labor, and was its first president. At the expiration of his term of office he declined nomination for a second term.

Several labor men about the city have been long planning to have him ousted from office. Complaints against him were forwarded to President Gompers, and it is generally believed that this was the principal reason for his resignation.

Mr. Harry will not discuss his plans for the future. He is a member of the State Federation of Labor, and Clark fair, and announces that he will remain in Portland.

PASTOR AND ELDERS COME TO TERMS

The differences between Pastor Gibson and the elders of the Grand Avenue Presbyterian church have been settled. A meeting of the Oregon presbytery was called at Albany and about a score of ministers gathered at that point. Before any action was taken the following explanatory statement of conciliation was received:

"We, missionary and elders of the Grand Avenue United Presbyterian church, sincerely regretting past differences which have seriously distracted this congregation, confessing our faults whereby we have wronged and injured each other and the congregation, and mutually forgiving the same, pledge ourselves to the future to recognize the rights of each other as members and officers of this congregation. We mutually request the Presbytery of Oregon to expunge from its records all action taken against several of our members, and we agree that this paper shall be made public to the congregation. Signed: 'J. H. GIBSON, Pastor, 'R. H. MILLER, 'W. E. SPICER, 'L. G. HAMILTON, 'HUGH NESSBIT, 'Elders."

By an order of Circuit Judge Sears, made this morning, Edward S. Ackerman, a newspaper man of St. Louis, Mo., will be allowed to see his children, now in the custody of Robert and Minnie O. Berger, every Wednesday and Sunday evening during the pendency of his suit to regain possession of them. Ackerman, and the Berbers were in the courtroom, but the children, Jean and Helen Jeline, were not present. In her answer to several days ago, Mrs. Berger stated that she had sent Jean to an uncle at Warrenton, Mo.

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WATER DOLLARS NEEDED

From Kidney Disease Increasing. Safe Cure the Only Cure

The trouble isn't that kidney disease cannot be cured, because Safe Cure is a positive cure for all diseases of kidneys, the kidneys are the organs that are generally affected in the system for months before it reaches an advanced stage. It is recognized by the patient as kidney trouble.

Backache, rheumatism, stomach troubles, skin affections, swellings, headache, cloudy urine, female weakness, etc., are sure signs that your kidneys have been diseased for months, and are in critical danger, unable to do their work properly. It is

Dangerous to Neglect the Kidneys even for one day. Bright's disease, uric acid, diabetes and blood poison are applied during any minute, and death follows. You have not a minute to lose; get a bottle of Safe Cure at any drug store and take \$1.00 a bottle. It is the only remedy prescribed and recognized by doctors, because of its absolute purity and efficiency.

Be sure you get WARNER'S SAFE CURE. There are dangerous substitutes and imitations. Make a bargain with testimonials and doctors' advice free. Warner Safe Cure Co., Rochester, N. Y.

Stole to Start Wild West Show Boys Turned Over to Aid Society Captured by Detective Hartman Who Liberally Followed Their Tracks—Kept Plunder in an Old Barn.

A gang of youthful horse thieves, which has given the police much trouble during the last week, was broken up by Detective Lou Hartman yesterday when he arrested Osmund Heise, aged 13 and Edward Ratty, aged 13. Detective Hartman traced them by the tracks of a buggy they had stolen.

For several hours hidden in a barn on East Clay street between Grand and Sixth street. While he waited the thieves stole another valuable horse which they drove back to their rendezvous. When taken to the police station they admitted the theft, but had no excuse to offer. In the municipal court this morning both lads were turned over to the Boys' and Girls' Aid society.

The list of the horses and wagons stolen by the youngsters, all of which was recovered by Detective Hartman, follows: Black pony, belonging to Fred Hastings, 378 Williams avenue; blackboard, belonging to Norman McHale, Russell street and Mississippi avenue; saddle from H. Fisher, Fargo street; and a black buggy from E. B. Morgan, 286 Russell street, value \$100 from D. C. Shearer, 272 Second street; spring wagon from Troy Laundry company.

Desiring to start a wild west show the lads took possession of the vacant barn, on the corner of Grand and Sixth streets, and began to stock up with horses, buggies and saddles. They had a veritable livery stable when they were arrested. The first crime in this series was committed last Wednesday, when they rode away with a black pony, belonging to the Hastings family.

FRAUDS CHARGED TO PERRY HEATH

Washington, D. C., Jan. 6.—Congressional investigation of the postoffice department created a flurry today, when Senator Lodge moved that it be referred to the committee on postoffices. Carmack wanted a more thorough inquiry, but all investigations were clumsy and worthless. Clay aggressively charged that Perry Heath was largely responsible for the corruption in the department.

"Why are the subordinates indicted and the principals allowed to escape?" He shook the Bristow report aloft and said: "If this is the truth, Perry Heath in his office originated the postal frauds from beginning to end. If he is slandered we want to know why he is guilty he ought to be punished."

FASHIONABLE WOMAN THROWN INTO JAIL

San Francisco, Jan. 6.—Maud Lawrence, a fashionably dressed and handsome young woman, is held at the city prison on a charge of forgery, favored by President James H. Swift of the Columbia Banking company. The specific allegation is the uttering of a forged check bearing the signature of J. W. Layman, a member of the well known real estate firm of San Francisco and Oakland, and calling for \$100. It is further asserted that two other checks bearing the same signature and cashed by Miss Lawrence, have been repudiated by Layman. Miss Lawrence asserts that she is innocent of the charges, and a friend of long standing. She adds that a portion of the sum covered by the checks was in return for money borrowed.

PACIFIC SYNOD NOW IN SESSION

The district English conference of the Pacific Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran church held its first session last night at St. James' Lutheran church, Seattle, Everett, Tacoma, Vancouver and Le Camo, Wash. The Bales and Owen City, Or., were represented. The meeting was presided over by the president, Rev. H. A. W. Yung, of Seattle. Rev. William Hall of Vancouver is secretary.

This morning's meeting was confined to business reports and organization. This afternoon Rev. George Yung spoke on "The Lord's Day." The discussion of the sermon took up the rest of the afternoon. This evening Rev. C. F. W. Stoeber will discuss "Home Missions," and Rev. William Brenner, "Foreign Missions."

Redding, Cal., Jan. 5.—The predicted trouble at the Gladstone mine did not take place, and the management resumed work this morning with 60 men. They say there will be no recognition of the union, though they will not discriminate. The big plant will now work uninterruptedly.

London, Jan. 6.—One hundred and twenty-five British sailors and ten officers left Genoa today to take the newly acquired Japanese cruisers to Yokohama. Lloyd's is now charging 55 per cent premium on Oriental-bound shipping.

FIFTEEN HUNDRED DOLLARS NEEDED

LOCAL RECEPTION COMMITTEE LACKS GREAT SUM TO ENTERTAIN VISITORS TO NATIONAL LIVESTOCK CONVENTION NEXT WEEK—HOW IT WILL BE SPENT.

Fifteen hundred dollars is needed by the local reception committee of the National Livestock association convention for the purpose of entertaining the delegates and visitors. Secretary Mills and other members of the committee are at work today, and they feel confident of being able to secure the funds necessary before the final meeting is convened next Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The entertainment of the guests and the probable cost is as follows: Tuesday evening, January 12—General reception at the Commercial club of all delegates and visitors. For this purpose \$400 has been set aside, but President Calkins of the Commercial club declares it will mean an expenditure of at least \$500, and as the club will give \$100 there is still \$400 required.

Wednesday afternoon—Reception to the visiting ladies at the Portland hotel, \$200. In the evening, a trip through Portland's Chinatown.

Thursday afternoon—Rides over the city on the electric car lines, and in the evening, theatre parties, \$750.

Friday evening—Smoker at the Armory, \$300.

Saturday—Excursion by boat either to Seaside or to Cascade Locks and return, place to be determined by vote of the visitors, \$500.

The trip to Chinatown gives promise of being one of the most unique features of the convention week. A conference will be held with the leading Chinese merchants of the city tomorrow for the purpose of arranging the visit, and guides will be furnished so that the visitors will have an opportunity of seeing the Orientals at their best.

At 2 o'clock Friday afternoon at the parlors of the Portland hotel the leading women of the city will meet to arrange for the reception of the visiting ladies. It is intended to form a reception committee of about 25 women to carry out this event.

It is also intended to entertain the visiting newspaper men with a smoker, but definite arrangements on this score have not been completed.

COUNTY CLERK HAS A SURPLUS

IN 1901 THE DEFICIT IN THIS OFFICE WAS \$1,922—SALARIES LESS BY \$2,000 THAN THEY WERE THREE YEARS AGO—A VERY GOOD SKOWING.

The semi-annual report of County Clerk Fields, which was completed this morning, shows that his office is now on a paying basis, and that the receipts exceeded the disbursements in 1903 by \$2,972.66. In 1902, Mr. Fields' first year in office, there was an excess of disbursements over the receipts of \$2,887.84. In 1901, the year preceding the consolidation of the offices of clerk of the county court, clerk of the circuit court and recorder of conveyances, the excess of disbursements was \$11,622.23.

The disbursements for 1903 include the cost of copying the tax roll. Salaries amounted to \$12,726.44, as against \$13,501.21 in 1902, and \$20,721.58 in 1901; supplies, \$1,231.95 in 1903, as against \$1,926.74 in 1902, and \$2,145.69 in 1901.

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THE OLD FOLKS AT HOME

Are Never Without Peruna in the House for Catarrhal Diseases.



MR. AND MRS. J. O. ATKINSON, INDEPENDENCE, MO. UNDER date of January 10, 1897, Dr. Hartman received the following letter:

"My wife had been suffering from a complication of diseases for the past 25 years. Her case had baffled the skill of some of the most noted physicians. One of her worst troubles was chronic constipation of several years' standing.

"She also was passing through that most critical period in the life of a woman—change of life. In June, 1885, I wrote to you about her case. You advised a course of Peruna and Manalin, which we at once commenced, and have to say it completely cured her. She firmly believes that she would have been dead only for these wonderful remedies.

"About the same time I wrote you about my own case of catarrh, which had been 25 years' standing. At times I was almost past going. I commenced to use Peruna according to your instructions and continued its use for about a year, and it has completely cured me.

"Your remedies do all that you claim for them, and even more. Catarrh cannot exist where Peruna is taken according to directions. Success to you and your remedies."

John O. Atkinson. ASK YOUR DRUGGIST FOR A FREE PERUNA ALMANAC FOR 1904.

BRIBERY CASES BEING PROBED

POLICE COMMITTEE OF EXECUTIVE BOARD IS INVESTIGATING CHARGES MADE BY SALOON MEN—OFFICERS SMITH AND FRANKLIN EXAMINED YESTERDAY.

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