

## TWO REPORTS TO TAXPAYERS LIKELY

### Liberals Tell How \$163,000 Might Be Spent Without Providing for Play Grounds--Seattle's Experience with Bonds Discouraging.

To place the Portland schools in a thoroughly habitable and sanitary condition and to provide for the natural increase in attendance previous to the opening of the next school year, would require \$163,000, in the opinion of school officials who have investigated the local situation. Those holding these views are among the number who favor the larger levy for new buildings and additions.

The conservative members in the board of education think that a sum approximating \$100,000 would be sufficient for the present. Chairman Wittenberg put the figure at \$125,000, but this is said to be intended as a compromise.

The liberals in the matter of school appropriations say that they have figured closely in determining that the following improvements are absolutely necessary:

Four-room addition to the Clinton-Kelly school	14,000
Four-room add. to the Brooklyn school	14,000
Four-room building at East 28th and East Couch	14,000
Eight-room addition to the Alameda-Central school	25,000
Four-room addition to the Portsmouth school	14,000
Four-room addition to the South Portland school	14,000
Renovation at Atkinson school	20,000
School site and 8-room bldg. between Couch and Chapman schools	28,000
An alternative proposition of 4-room add. to Couch school	14,000

There is an alternative proposition, conceded by the people who desire a large levy, in the erection of a four-room addition to the Couch school at a cost of \$24,000, instead of purchasing the site and erecting a new eight-room building between the Couch and Chapman schools. This, however, they declare, would be only postponing the inevitable construction of a new building somewhere in that locality, for the distance between the two schools is 25 blocks and the intervening section has increased largely in population.

"In the first place the Couch school is in very poor condition and it would be a waste of money to erect an addition to it," said one taxpayer today. "The grounds are already pretty well used up by the school structure and a portion of the guarantee and the sale of 3,000 tickets which caused the decision against her. July 6 is the date fixed for the opening."

## ST. LOUIS GETS DEMOCRATIC MEET

Washington, Jan. 12.—St. Louis gets the Democratic convention on the second ballot. The vote was 89 to 81. Chicago wanted a refund of the unused

divorce because he smoked in bed

The cigarette invaded their household and parted Grace Miller from her husband.

In her suit for divorce from Fred Miller, which was filed in the state circuit court today, Mrs. Miller alleges that her husband smoked in bed, and that he also insisted upon using cigarettes and tobacco in other forms after they had retired. His habit of smoking

## TRUSTY FABRICIUS NEW WAY CHICAGO CAUGHT NAPPING

After a short absence from the county jail, John C. Fabricius was returned to Sheriff Storey's custody again today.

Fabricius, who was serving a six months' sentence for robbing a local church last summer, made his escape last Friday morning and this morning he was caught by Patrolman Grif Roberts, who found him asleep in a restaurant at Third and Everett streets.

Although the fugitive had shaved off the luxuriant beard which he grew while in confinement, the officer recognized him at once and took him to the city jail despite the man's strenuous protest that it was a case of mistaken identity. He was locked up and later was turned over to the county authorities.

"I could have been 2,000 miles away," said Fabricius, "if I had tried to leave. But as soon as I got a drink of whiskey it was all off with me and here I am again."

On his person Fabricius had a candle, which is part of the paraphernalia of a house sneak, but the prisoner told the officer he had had no opportunity to use it.

Fabricius is said by the detectives to be nothing but a church thief. When arrested several months ago he stole a communion set and other articles. He had but a few days more to serve when he made his escape. He was employed in the jail office as a trusty.

The Santiam river at this point is constantly changing its course. The bed is now 600 feet from the old channel and every winter it changes a little more.

A steel bridge is to be built across the Santiam this year.

TO UNDERGO OPERATION.

Mrs. C. J. Penington of Ione, Or., is at St. Vincent's hospital, where she will have an operation performed. She is the wife of the O. R. & N. company's agent at Ione.

## SLOT MACHINES AGAIN RUNNING

### MAY BE PLAYED WITH MONEY BUT MUST PAY IN CHECKS, WHICH MUST BE CONSIDERED GOOD FOR TRADE ONLY--BETTER FOR SALOONKEEPEERS.

"Slot machine men are active today in distributing their devices to the saloon and cigar stores of the city. Several weeks ago the machine men were arrested and forfeited \$2,000 in bail, presumably under the impression that that was a license to gamble for a month. Next day the money machines were closed. Some arrangement has been made to place them in commission. Chief of Police Hunt yesterday gave his men instructions that a machine from which money came pouring out in payment of a winning number or color should be classed as a money device, but that one paying in trade checks would not come under this head."

On this showing Cohn, Magoon, Griffith and Smith are again in the slot machine business, conducted on a trade basis.

E. O. Magoon said today: "I am glad we are opening up on the trade basis. We will not be required to pay a fine in this manner, and the machine men will do better than if they operated cash paying machines and had to make a monthly donation to the city. I have my machines fixed so that they will pay only checks, and under the ruling of the city attorney and Chief Hunt, it is legal to feed the machines with coin. This is better for the saloonkeeper as a winning machine made up in trade, where with a money paying system some of the winnings are carried away. The big machines are now classed with the small card devices at the cigar store."

Commissioner Albee of the committee appointed to investigate the rumor that Chief of Police Hunt had made a definite promise that money slot machines would be allowed to run under the fine system, and on the strength of this secured \$2,000 then closed them, says that the investigation is being made in order to substantiate the story.

## THIS CROWD IS FROM WASHINGTON

Among the stockmen who arrived this morning to attend the convention was a happy crowd from Eastern Washington. They were E. E. Elliott, professor of agriculture at the Washington Agricultural college and president of the Inland Breeders' Stock association; J. S. Klungrad, of Pullman, Wash., treasurer of the stock association; J. L. Smith of the Hazelwood Cream company of Spokane; Theodore Reed of Wasco; delegate at large, P. F. Eyster of Wasco.

M. C. Price of Prosser said: "If the government would handle the forest reserves so that all could have the same benefits it would be of great advantage. As it is now, in some sections, the big stockmen have the monopoly, and it is a struggle for the little fellows."

P. M. Clegg of Utah said: "We don't notice the effects of the meat combine so much as the actions of some of the railroads. Since January 1 the passage of a man back on a shipment of two or three car loads of stock, as has been customary before, has not been allowed without additional charge. Freight rates are getting steeper. This may not be universal, but we are beginning to feel it in our section not a little."

## NOW THEY KNOW WHERE THEY'RE AT

"We cattlemen up in the Payette country do not amount to anything now," laughingly remarked Capt. H. Irwin of Payette, Idaho, when he was asked how the cattle industry in his section was thriving. "Twelve or 15 years ago," resumed the captain, "it was nothing unusual for myself and my neighbors to round up 15,000 to 20,000 cattle in the Weiser country, but now we have only small bunches. I myself have only 500 or 600. How do I account for the decrease? The sheepmen ran us out of the country, and we have to take a back seat. Still we are not losing any money."

"We have found that one small undertaking well managed is worth more than a great one that cannot be carefully looked after. We do not have to risk the loss of \$10,000 or \$15,000 for hay every year without the certainty of a return, for now we know just where we stand and can tell what revenue we will reap from the investment."

## HOG PRODUCT IS NOW EXHAUSTED

One of the leading stockmen who came from The Dalles is W. B. Kirk. Mr. Kirk says that the hog product has been shipped out, and that fat cattle are scarce in his section. At The Dalles W. B. Ketchum is feeding 2,300 head of sheep.

## MONTHLY TRIBUTE OF POKER GAMES

The gamblers of Portland continue to pour their monthly tribute into the city coffers, and today \$60 were added to the collections of the month, none of the defendants appearing to fight the cases. The poker game proprietors who each forfeited \$20 are M. H. Englestein, L. B. Jones and Theodore Limbeck.

## ACCUSED OF ROBBERY.

Daniel Jackson and William Harris, alias "Bad Eye" (colored), who are accused of having assaulted and robbed William Willis in his cabin, one mile north of the city limits, are being tried before Circuit Judge Sears today. Both pleaded not guilty. Raymond Jackson, who was jointly indicted with them, pleaded guilty to the charge yesterday afternoon. He said the three had held up Willis in his cabin, hit him with a club, taken \$2 from him, and threatened to burn his house.

## VAN HOUTEN'S TRIAL JANUARY 23.

David G. Van Houten, the murderer of Al Young, was arraigned before Presiding Judge Cleland this morning for trial on January 23. In the courtroom Van Houten appeared to be calm and collected, and on the way to and from the court he appeared to be in an easy state of mind, and laughed and joked with the sheriff's officers. Van Houten pleaded not guilty yesterday.

## STEPS TO BUILD FRATERNAL HALL

### PORTLAND ORDERS FORM TEMPORARY ORGANIZATION AND WILL PLAN A STRUCTURE TO COST ABOUT \$40,000 FOR BROTHERS VISITING THE 1905 FAIR.

The fraternal orders of Portland held a meeting for the purpose of erecting a fraternal building at the Lewis and Clark fair yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock. H. W. Goode, director-general of the exposition addressed the meeting. He stated that the Louisiana Purchase exposition will have a building costing \$200,000 but it is not the idea to pay so much for Portland. One costing between \$35,000 and \$40,000 will be all that is required. Mr. Goode said that as the corporation has only chosen locations for the main building and there are many good sites, a choice of which would be given the fraternal building without charge.

All present at the meeting were enthusiastic over the building. One plan of raising the necessary money that met the approval of all present was that souvenir certificates be sold for a small sum, giving the purchaser the privilege of the building during the fair. The different orders are expected to raise money according to their membership rolls. The following temporary officers were elected:

P. A. MacPherson, grand president of the Order of Lions, was elected temporary chairman, and J. W. Thompson, temporary secretary. Committees were appointed to devise ways and means, numbered 1, 2, 3 and 4, comprised as follows:

Dr. W. O. Manion, H. L. Day and Mrs. Robert Luitke.

Robert G. Morrow, Sam Kafke and F. E. Tiesche.

Edward Werlein, Mrs. Dave Houston and Ogilby Young.

Dr. C. F. Candiani, J. L. Mitchell and Mrs. S. A. Haines.

These committees are each to submit a written separate report at the meeting to be held January 25, at 3 o'clock, at the same hall.

The orders represented at the meeting by committees of three are:

Royal Arcanum, Modern Woodmen of America, Cristoforo Colombo society, Foresters of America, Ladies of the Maccabees, Royal Neighbors of America, L. O. O. F. Rebekahs, Order of the Eastern Star, Woman's Relief Corps, Brotherhood of American Yeomen, Order of Washington, Germania Brotherhood, B. P. O. Elks, Mazzini-Beniguet society, Knights of the Maccabees, Ancient Order of United Warriors, Ancient Order United Druids, Modern Brotherhood of America, Knights and Ladies of Security, Knights and Ladies of Honor, Woodmen of the World, United Artisans, Order of Lions.

## LIABLE FOR PAR VALUE OF STOCKS

After four years of litigation William Macbeth, as trustee in bankruptcy of the firm of J. C. Kaupisch & Co., against M. C. Banfield and Thomas Rand, won a victory over his opponents, Circuit Judge Sears, deciding this morning that he was entitled to the full amount sued for, which is about \$8,900, the value of the stock issued by Kaupisch. Kaupisch owned a creamery in Portland five years ago. He sold a great deal of stock below par value. Banfield, who is ex-president of the city of Portland, and land commission, and Rand, who was then his business partner, each subscribed for \$5,000 worth of stock at its actual value of 50 cents on the dollar. When the firm failed the creditors tried to collect their claims from the subscribers, and Attorney George W. Joseph, acting for Macbeth, has had the case constantly before the court. He held that Banfield and Rand were liable for the difference between the actual value and the par value of the stock. N. H. Bloomfield and W. A. Muir, attorneys for Banfield and Rand, contended that their clients were not liable for the difference unless it had been proved that the stock had been sold below par and fraud perpetrated, and there was no evidence of fraud.

Judge Sears accepted Mr. Joseph's argument and decided that a subscriber of stock at its actual value was liable for its par value.

## THEY SHOULD HAVE REGARDED WARNINGS

District Forecaster Beals is rather inclined to criticize the commander or owners of the ill-fated steamer Clallan for taking her out into the storm after they had been given ample warning before the vessel sailed. Mr. Beals states that storm warnings were ordered at 7:15 in the morning and the steamer did not leave her dock until 8:30. Warning signals were also flying at Port Townsend when the steamer passed there.

Mr. Beals says the wreck reminds him of a similar case which occurred off the coast five years ago. After warnings had been displayed by the weather bureau the steamer Portland sailed from Boston on November 27, 1898, for Portland, Me., and a few hours later the vessel was wrecked. One hundred and twenty-five lives were lost.

## SAT BODILY IN STATE DELEGATIONS

When the joint session of the Livestock and Woolgrowers' conventions opened at the Baker theatre this morning, the delegates were greeted with a convenient arrangement of placards were placed showing the locations of the several delegations by states.

The placards were: Wyoming, Minnesota, Oklahoma, Indiana, West Virginia, Wisconsin, New Mexico, New York, Nebraska, Colorado, South Dakota, Montana, Arizona, Oregon, Idaho, Kansas, Illinois, Indian Territory, Texas, California, Washington, Utah, Missouri, Nevada and Massachusetts.

The decorations at the Baker in honor of the delegates were supplemented this morning by the national colors. The pillars supporting the gallery were entwined with the stars and stripes and flags hung in graceful festoons from the railings and boxes.

## WOOD BARGE SUNK.

While loaded with cordwood and in tow of the steamer Annie Comings, a barge belonging to E. W. Leadbetter struck a rock near La Camas yesterday afternoon and was sunk. The barge was laden with cordwood and was being towed by the steamer Annie Comings, which was en route to Portland. The barge was reported to have struck a rock near La Camas, and the cordwood was scattered about. Most of the wood was saved.

## MANAGERS COULD VIOLATE THE LAWS

### INSPECTOR WHO VISITED IROQUOIS BEFORE FIRE SAID HE HAD ORDERS TO ALLOW STANDING ROOM TICKETS SOLD--WAS IGNORANT OF LAWS.

Chicago, Jan. 12.—The Iroquois inquest this morning brought out witnesses whose testimony has been awaited with interest since the fire. William Curran, the building inspector, who visited the theatre a short time before the fire, has been an inspector for 18 years. He said former Chief Inspector Barry gave him instructions to permit the theatres to violate the ordinance regarding overcrowding. Barry died last year. Curran received no instructions from any one else, but understood that the theatre could sell standing room tickets. The coroner asked Curran if he was still traveling on a dead man's orders, to which the latter replied yes, as he had no other instructions. He said Barry's successor told him to prevent the standing in the aisles, but he had no orders to prevent the sale of standing room or overcrowding. He further admitted that he didn't know what the laws regarding building inspections called for, as he never read the instructions. He admitted he didn't know who was in charge of the theatre inspection and never had made a report of the theatres inspected by him. To his knowledge no one has ever been assigned to inspect the theatres and he went whenever he pleased. He believed the theatre managers had a right to refuse the inspector admission to the house and didn't believe the inspectors had the right of forcible entry for an inspection. When asked how he gained entrance he said Barry gave him authority.

## DIRECT PRIMARY LEAGUE ORGANIZES

A permanent organization of the Direct Primary League was effected this afternoon with the following officers:

A. L. Mills, president; George Orton, vice-president; W. S. U'ren, secretary and F. McKencher, treasurer.

The purpose of the Direct Primary league is to effect a radical change in the method of nominating all public officials. It proposes to invoke the initiative to place before the voters of Oregon a primary nominations law, which shall do away entirely with nominating conventions and shall make it possible for candidates for office to be nominated from United States senator down to constable.

In order to submit the proposed law to the people, a petition invoking the initiative must be prepared and signed by 8 per cent of the qualified voters of the state. The petition, together with a copy of the proposed law, must then be filed with the secretary of state and the measure will then go before the voters for approval or rejection, at the next general election. It is the purpose of the members of the Direct Primary league to submit the primary nominations law at the general election next June.

## WIFE TESTIFIES IN MILLER CASE

The only witness examined today in the case against A. J. Miller, accused of assault with intent to kill Edward F. Strack, was Mrs. Miller, the wife of the defendant. In reply to questions by the attorneys and by Circuit Judge Frazer, Mrs. Miller denied that she had used any profane language to Strack, or that she had urged her husband to kill him. When her testimony was completed, Edward Mendenhall, attorney for Miller, made the opening argument for the defense. District Attorney Manning will make the final argument late this afternoon and the case will be submitted to the jury.

Miller testified in his own behalf yesterday afternoon. He denied that his wife had urged him to shoot Strack, or had used any profane language. Miller said that Strack struck him without provocation, severely injured his jawbone and chased him into the house. When he went out again Strack started toward him, and he fired a shot at the ground to frighten him away. He declared that he had no intention of shooting Strack.

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Astoria, Jan. 11.—Arrived at 4 and left up at 8:30 p. m.—Steamer Prentiss, from San Francisco.

Astoria, Jan. 12.—Condition of the bar at 8 a. m., obscured; wind, south; weather, foggy, dense.

## SALOON CLOSED.

The office saloon in Washington street has been sold and the Headquarters saloon on Fourth and Alder is closed pending the sale of the saloon at the corner between members of the firm of Eynart and Talbot. About six months ago W. L. Eynart, a man of wealth and J. W. Talbot, a man of experience in the saloon business, formed a partnership. They operated the Office and the Headquarters saloons.

## TWO POLICES FOR THE CELLO CANAL

### Conference of Major Langfitt, Gov. Chamberlain and State Officers with O. R. & N. Officials Discuss Securing Right of Way.

Governor Chamberlain, Secretary of State Dunbar, State Treasurer Moore, Major Langfitt of the government engineer corps, President Mohler of the Oregon Railroad & Navigation company and W. W. Cotton, attorney for the road, are in conference this afternoon over the proposed route of the Cello canal as it affects the railroad's right of way. The conference is being held in President Mohler's office, and the object is to obtain from the railroad the necessary concessions so that negotiations may be consummated by the state with other owners whose property will be required. The route of the canal, as first planned by the government engineers, encroached at several points upon the railroad's right of way, though nowhere crossing its tracks. The plan was not submitted to the railroad officials until this afternoon, but in order to provide for possible objection, Major Langfitt prepared a second plan, reducing these encroachments to a minimum. One of the most important modifications consisted in moving the waterway 100 feet nearer the river, at Five Mile rapids, where as originally designed, it approached within a few feet of the railroad tracks.

Major Langfitt prefers to adhere to the first plan, but in case of objections from the railroad he is willing to make the concessions embodied in the second plan. The expense involved in the changes would not be great. Whether these modifications of the original route will be necessary depends largely upon the future plans of the railroad company.

With the change of route at Five Mile rapids it is thought that the Oregon Railroad & Navigation company can make no serious objections to the plans prepared by the government engineers. The canal will infringe so slightly upon the railroad property that it is believed by the state's representatives that the company cannot make any heavy demands for damages. If this expectation is realized the greatest difficulty in the way of securing the right of way for the canal will have been overcome, for the negotiations with the other owners of property that will be required are likely to be comparatively easy.

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The work is to be let by contract and bids will probably be asked for sometime next month.

## INTERPRETATION OF RIBBONS AND THINGS

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"These?" was the questioning answer of the newspaper man as he watched with sorrow the departure of one of his souvenirs. "These are livestock credentials. I'll explain 'em."

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## VALUES HAT AND DIGNITY AT \$1,000

Whether Richard Tunk suffered personal damage to the extent of \$1,000 from an assault or whether he suffered personal indignity to the extent of a like sum from the crushing of his hat by W. B. Honeyman, are two questions which a jury in Judge George's department of the state circuit court, will be called upon to decide today. Honeyman, an Oregonian, and Tunk, a former owner of the foundry on the southwest corner of Front and Columbia streets, the foundry passed into the hands of Tunk, and Honeyman went into it to claim a bench. It was refused him and he tried to take it by force. He was elected, but returned with his son, Ben Honeyman, and several others, who put Tunk to flight and obtained the bench. Tunk asserts that Honeyman assaulted him and stepped upon his hat.

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## ATTORNEYS OBJECT TO CLIENT'S HANGING

(Journal Special Service.)

Salem, Jan. 12.—Captain Sam White of Baker City was here today opposing the attorney for Pleasant Armstrong in the supreme court. Armstrong's attorneys made an application to the supreme court for a certificate of probable cause to stay the execution of Armstrong. The appeal is from the order of the circuit court, fixing the date of the execution on January 22. The defendant's counsel object to the execution of Armstrong by the sheriff of Baker county for the reason that the law under which the death warrant was issued has been repealed. He also objects to Armstrong's execution by the warden of the penitentiary under the new law, claiming that the same is an ex-post facto, and urges that he cannot be executed at all.

## THEATRICAL TOUR COMES TO AN END

(Journal Special Service.)

The Dalles, Or., Jan. 12.—Last night Frank E. Simons, who is proprietor of the Edison Novelty & Specialty company, gave a splendid entertainment at the Vogt theatre. Mr. Simons is here in his private car en route to Portland, where the company will lay off two weeks, prior to taking up his route again, which was brought to a temporary close because of an accident to the Union, Or., where his car was badly damaged, and some of his performers more or less injured. Mr. Simons is one of the Brothers Simons, now building a vaudeville theatre at Fourth and Stark streets, Portland. This theatre will compose the northwest link to the chain of vaudeville houses comprising the association of vaudeville managers' circuit, controlling theatres from coast to coast. The company will play here again tonight en route to Portland.

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Astoria, Jan. 11.—Arrived at 4 and left up at 8:30 p. m.—Steamer Prentiss, from San Francisco.

Astoria, Jan. 12.—Condition of the bar at 8 a. m., obscured; wind, south; weather, foggy, dense.

## SALOON CLOSED.

The office saloon in Washington street has been sold and the Headquarters saloon on Fourth and Alder is closed pending the sale of the saloon at the corner between members of the firm of Eynart and Talbot. About six months ago W. L. Eynart, a man of wealth and J. W. Talbot, a man of experience in the saloon business, formed a partnership. They operated the Office and the Headquarters saloons.

The Dalles, Or., Jan. 12.—Last night Frank E. Simons, who is proprietor of the Edison Novelty & Specialty company, gave a splendid entertainment at the Vogt theatre. Mr. Simons is here in his private car en route to Portland, where the company will lay off two weeks, prior to taking up his route again, which was brought to a temporary close because of an accident to the Union, Or., where his car was badly damaged, and some of his performers more or less injured. Mr. Simons is one of the Brothers Simons, now building a vaudeville theatre at Fourth and Stark streets, Portland. This theatre will compose the northwest link to the chain of vaudeville houses comprising the association of vaudeville managers' circuit, controlling theatres from coast to coast. The company will play here again tonight en route to Portland.

A terrible death occurred here yesterday.

concessions embodied in the second plan. The expense involved in the changes would not be great. Whether these modifications of the original route will be necessary depends largely upon the future plans of the railroad company.

With the change of route at Five Mile rapids it is thought that the Oregon Railroad & Navigation company can make no serious objections to the plans prepared by the government engineers. The canal will infringe so slightly upon the railroad property that it is believed by the state's representatives that the company cannot make any heavy demands for damages. If this expectation is realized the greatest difficulty in the way of securing the right of way for the canal will have been overcome