

### CLAIM HIS STORY WAS FABRICATION

#### PORTLAND CLUB MANAGERS SAY CHRISTENSEN'S LOSS IN FARE WAS IMAGINARY, AND REFUSE TO REFUND MONEY—WITNESSES DO NOT APPEAR.

Officials at the Portland club tell a widely different story from that of E. Christensen, who declared to Chief Hunt that he had lost \$185, every cent he had, while playing Faro. The Portland club people insist that he never came into their place with that much money, and that his claims were fabricated simply to extort money.

"Why, he never had that much money," said Nate Simon today. "If he had, he didn't flash any of it around here. He came in the other night and lost \$10 or \$15, and the next morning came to me and wanted that he couldn't eat; was broke and wanted to go home in Los Angeles. He asked me to give him \$5. I wouldn't stand for that, but gave him \$2.

"Then he evidently had a talk with the police, for he came back the next day and his losses had increased to \$185. He had lost that much, he said, and must have it, or a larger part of it, to get home on. I called in all the floor men and they said he hadn't been here but once, when he lost the \$10 or \$15, but he had lost that much he would have been remembered.

"He kept insisting on getting the money back, and we refused and finally told him to leave. He put up a pretty good talk until he tried to explain about the \$185, then he balked and hesitated, and I knew it was the same old thing of trying to extort money."

Christensen is a brickmason, and says that when under the influence of Burns, he can't stay away from the game, though he invariably loses.

Christensen came to me yesterday afternoon and told me of having lost \$185 at the Portland club," said District Attorney Manning today. "I had never seen the man before, and he was a perfect stranger to me. I listened to his story and then told him to bring in some witnesses and I would see what could be done. He promised to do it, but has never returned.

"While I am always willing to do what I can for any one in that line, there is a chance, you know, of even robbing a gambler. I didn't know Christensen, and if I acted on even the best luck until he brought me without first investigating it, there would be no end of trouble.

"It was for that reason that I told the man to bring in some witnesses. I would see what kind the people they were and if they all told a straight story I intended to do what I could to recover the man's money. But I haven't seen nor heard of him since that time."

### BAPTIST WOMEN ELECT OFFICERS

#### MRS. M'LENN THE ONLY NEW ONE CHOSEN—ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE STATE ASSOCIATION OF FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETIES—REPORTS READ.

The annual convention of the State Association of Foreign Missionary Societies of the Baptist church was in session today at the Second Baptist church. Mrs. Driggs presided. Mrs. Latourette was acting secretary in the absence of Mrs. Falling.

Devotional exercises opened the morning session at 10 o'clock. After the appointment of committees for the day reports were read from the city and state missionary circles. Miss Pickthorne, associate secretary, and Latourette, corresponding secretary.

The most important business of the day was a discussion concerning the support of a special foreign missionary for Oregon. Miss Pagon of Swagsyrin, Burns, the present missionary, having been forced to give up her work on account of ill health. The fund given by the Oregon association is insufficient for the entire support of any missionary, and it is deemed advisable to contribute this aid to the general fund of the society of the west. Definite action was deferred till Miss Austine, foreign secretary of the society of the west, shall arrive next April.

The meeting voted to endorse the nomination of Mrs. Scott for president of the society in India. Mrs. Le. The election of officers resulted in the re-election of all the present force, except Mrs. Falling, recording secretary, who refused to act. The officers are: Mrs. Driggs, president; Mrs. Learn, vice-president; Mrs. Latourette, corresponding secretary; Mrs. McLinn, recording secretary; Mrs. Badgley, treasurer; Mrs. Casto, auditor.

An effort was made to arouse interest in a monument to be erected in Shanghai to the memory of the Christian martyrs in China.

At the afternoon session beginning at 1:30, with devotional services, Mrs. Wallace, Mrs. Edholm and Sukhoda Barnarjee talked about the conditions of missionary work in India. Mrs. Latourette read a paper on "Evangelization of This Generation," and it was followed by an informal discussion. A short business session for the reading of the treasurer's report and reports of committees closed the meeting.

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### O'BRIEN INDICTED FOR ROBBING MAIL

Thomas O'Brien was indicted this morning by the federal grand jury on a charge of robbing the mails. Another case was also considered this morning.

With the exception of the Blacklock postoffice robberies, the grand jury since it first convened has made no report to the court. The customary statement "nothing to report, your honor," was made by Foreman Steel, when the jury assembled this morning, and the body immediately went into session and took up the O'Brien case.

O'Brien was formerly a stage driver between Burns and Canyon City. He is charged in the indictment with opening a mail pouch, entrusted to his care, and taking the contents.

The jury is not in session this afternoon. The information charging C. Guy Wakefield with fraudulent use of the mails, has not yet been disposed of by the jury. All the testimony of witnesses, including a statement made by Wakefield himself, has been submitted to the jury, but additional evidence is to be produced by District Attorney Hall. Just when this will be done is not known. "The jury has plenty of time in which to dispose of the case," said Mr. Hall this morning.

### TRIES SUICIDE BUT CAN'T PIERCE SKULL

Having become tired of living and seeking death by shooting himself through the forehead, Orvie Giese, who recently came to Portland from Gresham, attempted suicide about 8:40 o'clock last night. He was strolling about the plaza block, when suddenly he pulled out a revolver, shot, and looking about saw Giese lying on the walk. He was bleeding from a severe wound in the forehead.

At the time the shot was fired, the patrol wagon was passing and attracted by the crowd that gathered about the wounded man, Patrolmen Hill and Price rushed to the scene. The bullet had penetrated Giese's skull and he was conscious when the officers first saw him. Giese was carried into the office of Dr. Fred Gullitt, where the flattened bullet was extracted. The injured man was then taken to the North Pacific sanatorium.

Giese would make no statement this morning regarding the cause of his attempted suicide.

### SHERIFF FAILS TO TURN OVER MONEY

Though the law requires that all taxes collected shall be turned over to the county treasurer by the sheriff at the end of each week during the period of their receipt, for distribution to the various funds, it is asserted that not a cent has been turned over since March 1. All the money collected, amounting to nearly \$1,000,000, it is said is now lying in bank.

### CHARGES ARE MADE AGAINST EXECUTOR

#### HEIRS OF CARRIE ROACH, WHO LEFT A LARGE FORTUNE, FIND FAULT WITH THE ACCOUNTS OF EXECUTOR HUMPHREY—STATE OF PROCEEDINGS SECURED.

Sparring for time, the attorneys representing James Humphrey appeared in the county court before Judge L. R. Webster this morning and secured the postponement of active proceedings until next Monday in the suit brought by the heirs of Carrie H. Roach, deceased, to prevent the acceptance of the final account he has filed as executor of the estate. In the objections to the final account Humphrey is accused of failing to account for many items, including realty, in the account, over which he has never had jurisdiction, and of wasting the estate by carelessness and negligence in conducting its affairs.

Carrie H. Roach died December 12, 1892, and Humphrey qualified as executor in January, 1903. It is alleged that he received, shortly after qualifying, money and notes secured by mortgages amounting to \$7,213.71, personal property valued at \$200, and since then cash aggregating \$1,750.29. Had the estate been handled properly, it is averred, the amount accruing from the estate by this time should have been \$24,099. Instead, it is alleged, the entire collections have amounted to only \$9,793.44, or \$2,156 less than the total allowance provided for by order of the court.

The executor is accused of going beyond his authority in investing in unsecured notes, a parcel of land in the realty 100x100 feet located at Twelfth and Market streets, in his inventory, when he never had control of it, and of making unwarranted expenditures. The court is petitioned to have him turn in \$23,875.4 for the benefit of the heirs, and to refuse to allow his expense accounts or claim of \$6,600 for services as executor. The heirs are Eva M., George H. and Grace Roach.

### ASK INJUNCTION AGAINST THE CITY

#### PROPERTY OWNERS PROTEST AGAINST PAYING ASSESSMENTS FOR STREET IMPROVEMENT—CLAIM WORK IS DEFECTIVE—AMOUNT ALLEGED EXCESSIVE.

Two petitions were filed in the state circuit court this morning praying that injunctions issue to prevent the city from selling property on street assessments. The petitioners in one suit are James W. Applegate and others, and in the second W. H. Morgan and Mary Phelps Montgomery, the latter as executrix and trustee of the estate of James B. Montgomery, deceased. It is alleged in both petitions that the terms of the ordinance for the improvements conflict with the provisions of the city charter, and that the curbs are fast crumbling and are worthless.

The first suit own property in Albina, on Goldsmith and Albina avenues and other streets. They declare that the total assessment, \$10,965.65, amounts virtually to a confiscation of the property. The streets improved, it is alleged, were paved with hard gravel, answering all purposes required, but that this pavement was blown up with dynamite and inferior paving substituted; also that the cement used in the curbing is poor, the curbing is crumbling and is worthless. The ordinance for improving the streets was adopted by the city council May 6, 1903.

Morgan and Mrs. Montgomery own property on River street and in the vicinity of that thoroughfare. The body of the petition contains the same allegations as that of Applegate and the others. City Treasurer Werlein is made a party to the suits.

**The Common Opinion.**  
From the Roseburg Plaindealer.  
The question of opening the Lewis and Clark exposition on Sunday is to be settled in the near future. There certainly could be no objection to opening the grounds if no exhibitions were given of a Midway nature and if the machinery was shut down.

**Preferred Stock Canned Goods.**  
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### MILK MEN ROBBED WHILE AT WORK

#### MONEY, JEWELRY AND CLOTHING STOLEN FROM DAIRY FARM NEAR WOODSTOCK EARLY THIS MORNING—VICTIMS SEARCH THE CITY FOR THIEVES.

While Joseph W. Peters and W. W. Lines were milking in the cow barns on Guy Wilson's dairy farm a mile south of Woodstock this morning, their rooms were broken into and money, jewelry and clothing stolen. The robbery was reported to the police and the wilds of the north end were searched today for the thieves.

The milkmen are called at 2 o'clock every morning. They left their rooms at a few minutes past 2 o'clock and did not return until 4 o'clock. It was during this time that the robbery occurred. Lines is of the opinion that the crime was committed by a former milkman who resigned about 10 days ago, having told Wilson that his baby had just died and that he would be needed at home hereafter.

When Peters returned to his room after his morning's work, he discovered that his trunk had been stolen. It was later discovered about 400 yards from the house, where it had been carried and broken open. Peters soon learned that the robber had made way with two \$5 bills that had been placed in a trunk for safe keeping, a gold ring valued at \$20, a gold watch chain and fob, two suits of new underwear and two silk shirts.

While Peters was making a list of the goods that had been stolen, Lines, who had left hanging on the foot of his bed a few hours before was gone. In the coat was a gold Macabee lodge pin, three keys and \$1.25 in silver.

Lines was in Portland this morning, and was at the shops of the north end jungles for several hours looking for the man whose baby had so recently died. "If I find him with that suit on," said Lines, "I'll make him strip it off right here on the street."

Mrs. Lee Rodgers, who resides at 427 Davis street, reported to the police this morning that someone had attempted to enter her house at an early hour this morning, but when she called, the party ran away. Mrs. Rodgers said that she was awakened by hearing someone pushing on the back door. She does not know why any one should want to enter her house at 1:30 a. m., unless their motive was robbery.

### PLANS ARE REVEALED

Omaha will lose by the change, as for years it has been the center of Union Pacific activities and has stretched out its official power beyond Salt Lake City, and even to the Oregon Short Line. But from this time on Omaha will be merely the seat of the Union Pacific chief office, the rot's bounds will be considerably curtailed by the addition of the Green River division of the Union Pacific to the Short Line, and Omaha, like the other four headquarters, will be under Mr. Kruttschnitt at Chicago, and eventually to the Harriman board at New York.

That the consolidation of the Southern Pacific and O. R. & N. lines in Oregon is no new idea of the Harriman officials is taken for granted and it is now known that for weeks the problem of uniting the shops of the two roads in Portland has been under advisement by Chief Engineer Kennedy of the O. R. & N., who at the request of President Mohler some time ago, carefully considered what changes should be made if such a union was to be perfected.

The O. R. & N. men have long been a burden on the road, according to local railroad men. The shops were originally owned by the Northern Pacific, the Southern Pacific and the O. R. & N. The Southern Pacific meeting 20 per cent of the expense and the other two roads working the shops at a loss. Later the roads divided, the Southern Pacific drew out and constructed shops of its own and then the Northern Pacific changed its base to the north and the O. R. & N. was left with a shop too large for its needs and with also the interest on the building to maintain and pay for.

Later the union of the two companies for their share in the shops. For three years consolidation has been advised by O. R. & N. officials, but the merger suit of the Northern Securities corporation held this project up as it has all the rest of the union plan and not until recently was the way clear to start the union of the shop forces.

**Shops to be Abolished.**  
The Southern Pacific shops under the new disposition will be abolished and all the work will be done at the O. R. & N. shops, the forces of the two shops working by side. This change has long been considered the only way out of the difficulty, and the only question that remains to be determined by Engineer Kennedy is the mode of the change. Railroad men here agree that the change will soon be made, and that had it not been for certain problems of law the union of forces would have been accomplished years ago.

**No Change in Legal Force.**  
Whatever else may be joined, from shop forces to passenger clerks, there is one branch of the work that will not be changed under whatever the final union of Oregon Harriman lines may bring about. This is the legal staff of the two roads. Mr. Cotton, as chief counsel for the O. R. & N., probably holds a higher place in the regard of the Harriman men than do the officials of the system than any man on the coast, apart from a few leaders like Mr. Kruttschnitt and President Mohler. On all of Mr. Harriman's western journeys Mr. Cotton has been the one who has been asked to explain difficult situations and to inform the chief of the local problems. It is certain that Mr. Cotton could not leave Portland, because of his business interests here, and it seems equally sure that his importance will be in no wise diminished whatever the change may be. Mr. Fenton, as attorney for the Southern Pacific, has proved his value to the company and holds a field that no other local outside attorney could well cover. The work of the two legal officials would be in no wise changed by the union of the roads under a state manager, and attorneys who know of the peculiar work of each man and the needs he has for his office, say that whatever the final outcome may be, it will find these two members of Harriman's legal force holding down their old positions with perhaps added responsibilities.

**WILL NOT EXAMINE POLICE SERGEANTS**  
EXAMINATIONS POSTPONED PROPOSED EXAMINATIONS BECAUSE VETOED BY CHIEF HUNT—POSITIONS NOT NAMED IN QUARTERS.

Examinations for positions as police sergeants have been indefinitely postponed by the civil service commission. The reason given is that Chief of Police Hunt threatened to abolish the office if those now serving in the positions failed to pass.

"Chief Hunt did not want the examinations to take place," said Secretary Stowell of the civil service commission, "and he made the statement that if the men now serving as sergeants should, for any reason, fail to pass, he would make no further appointments. Of course, his threat had nothing to do with the postponement of the examinations, however. The examinations for patrolmen, also set for today, was postponed."

"I made no threat at all," said Chief Hunt. "What I said was that I thought it unnecessary to cause men to be examined for positions not provided for in the city charter. No, I did not say that I would not make any appointments if the three men now serving as sergeants failed to pass in an examination."

It was announced three weeks ago that the civil service commission had determined to hold examinations for the rank of sergeant. It was pointed out that inasmuch as the chief had created the rank, those filling such positions should pass an examination. The first date set was March 18. It was then postponed until today, and is now indefinitely postponed.

L. G. Carpenter, E. A. Slover and Steve Hogeboom are those now acting as sergeants. They receive \$75 a month, the same as patrolmen, and have no authority above patrolmen delegated to them by the charter, which does not provide for the rank at all. When Chief Hunt took office he declared he would have no sergeants.

**WILL SEND AN EXHIBIT.**  
British Columbia will be unrepresented as a province at the Lewis and Clark centennial exposition, though it will contribute to the general dominion exhibit. A letter to this effect was received today from R. E. Gonnell, secretary of the British Columbia commission. Invitations had been extended the province to be represented, but the officials decided that the provincial gov-

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#### UNUSUAL COLD WAVE CAUSES HAIL TO FALL IN CITY—SPELLOF SUNSHINE REMINDER OF APRIL—GENERAL COOL WEATHER NOTED ON COAST.

Almost every variety of weather peculiar to the Pacific coast, short of freezing, was presented to Portland this morning. Sunshine, rain, hail, snow, wind, calm, blue sky and clouds—all had their turn. Today the records of the bureau indicate typical April weather.

However, the changes today are not violent and no storm area is indicated west of the Rockies. The weather is unusually cold for this season of the year," said District Forecaster Edward A. Beals this morning. "There has been a decided drop in the temperature throughout the entire west. We are not feeling it here or the coast as much as they are east of the Rockies."

Heavy frosts occurred last night in northern California and as far north as Roseburg. "The weather at Roseburg," said Mr. Beals, "is very cold. The only reason we had no frost in Portland was owing to the cloudy weather."

"I look for cloudy weather tomorrow in this section, and fair weather east of the Cascades. Reports from the southwest states are of dry weather. The farmers are praying for rain."

The local telegraph companies report wire trouble east of Chicago, but at 1 o'clock lines west are reported in working order.

### After This He Is Silent.

From the Chicago News.  
Mr. Gunner—Now, that is what I call an affectionate woman. Every time Rounder comes home Mrs. Rounder kisses him in the vestibule.

Mr. Gunner—Take a nap! She is smelling his breath!

### GOALS LEAD TO PNEUMONIA.

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**EUROPEAN PETROLEUM TRADE.**  
From Report of U. S. Consul Ledoux, Prague.  
After protracted negotiations, it is announced that the German-American Petroleum company and the Austrian petroleum refiners have been unable to agree regarding the formation of their duplex alliance, or trust, which would have controlled a great part of the petroleum trade of Europe. The final result was an "agreement to disagree."

The battle between these two companies, according to the local press, will continue with increased vigor. The Austrian petroleum refiners will form a large export company, or trust, in January. This company will be modified after the "Petrolia" and the shares allotted according to participation in export. This new and larger company will replace the present export association, which is expected to remain in force up to April 30, 1904. The announced object of the new organization is—besides a surer control of the local trade—to command the export sale of Austrian petroleum to Germany and Switzerland and carry on a vigorous export campaign in these two countries—and elsewhere, if possible. A meeting of the Austrian petroleum refiners will be called for January.

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From the Philadelphia Record.  
The war between Russia and Japan has given rise to many reminiscences on the part of those who have met socially the representatives of both nations. A bottle of Whisky, how do you do-ky? returned from a visit to Washington, tells an amusing story of her introduction, at a semi-official reception to one of the attaches of the Russian legation. "Of course I didn't catch his name," she said, in telling the story. "It seemed a mile long and twice as hard to pronounce. It sounded like 'bottle of whisky' with a count in front of it. Well, when I was introduced to him I said, in a jocular sort of way: 'Count Bottles of Whisky, how do you do-ky?' He looked at me quizzically and then remarked: 'Bully-govitch.' And maybe I didn't feel cheap."

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