

WARRANTS OUT FOR MANY MERCHANTS

They Have Not Paid Their Licenses, and Will Be Arrested at Once.

INSPECTORS SAY ALL HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED

No Favoritism Will Be Shown and It Is Pay or Come to Court.

Vigorous war has been begun by the license inspectors against merchants who are delinquent in paying their licenses to the city. Warrants for the arrest of 20 or more prominent merchants in all parts of the city were issued in the municipal court this morning, and more will be issued tomorrow. The warrants will be served this afternoon and tomorrow, and those who are said to be guilty will be forced to appear in the municipal court.

With the assistance of Deputy City Attorney Fitzgerald, License Inspector J. S. Hutchinson prepared the warrants this morning. They were at once placed in the hands of officers for service. "Our calls and notices that licenses were due have been completely ignored," said Inspector Hutchinson, "and we propose to put a stop to the delay. The merchants who are delinquent, and all must pay or stand trial, friends and enemies alike. There will be no distinctions or discriminations in issuing the warrants."

In the list of warrants are the names of some of the most prominent merchants and business firms in the city. Some of those for whom warrants were issued today:

- Leonard Fisher, 345 Morrison street;
- H. B. Litt, 274 Washington street; J. T. Murphy and Ed. Murphy, 120 Williams avenue; McFarland & Helmig, 555 Fourth; McMahon & O'Connell, 5 North Third; E. H. Moorehouse, 812 Chase; E. J. Hyland, 229 Yamhill; S. A. Chas, 140 First; H. Cawston, 76 First; L. E. Born, 48 First; Samuel Holt, 248 Front; E. Damsel, 246 Yamhill; A. S. Hawk, 145 Third; L. D. Boyer, 207 Fenton building; R. A. Wilson, 135 Grand avenue; A. Vuillimier, 291 Washington; M. Blumauer, 1000 Commercial; A. Horn, 409 Third; Labovitch & Labovitch, 171 Third; T. W. Reed, 246 Alder; J. F. Handley, 291 Washington; J. Meyers, 225 Morrison; A. M. Johnson, 550 and Ankeny; Guy Holman, 244 Second; J. M. Leach, 614 Hood; John Montag, 625 Hood; Thomas A. Hembly, 295 Third; R. J. Holmes, East Eighth and Division; C. E. Ernest, 127 Washington.

WE MAY NOT SEE THE DARLING OF THE GODS

Although next week Blanche Bates will be in San Francisco, which is not far from Portland, it is still impossible to name the theatre in which she will appear here, if it is to be the Columbia. Miss Bates, with her production of "The Darling of the Gods," was to play at Cordray's theatre originally, but when that house was sold Mr. Cordray is supposed to have turned over his booking to the Columbia. At any rate, George L. Baker recently received contracts to sign, calling for the western star's appearance at that house. The Columbia has changed hands. Mr. Baker has returned the contracts and explained the situation. There is nothing to prevent A. H. Ballard from playing the attraction, but he has heard nothing from Hideo as yet.

THIS WITNESS WILL NOT GET OUT OF TOWN

District Attorney Manning this morning caused the arrest of Cecil Burborn, who is now lodged in the county jail. She is the principal witness against Feeley and Gutman, the two men charged with larceny from dwellings. It was this Cecil Burborn, because of jealousy or disagreement with Feeley and Gutman, who caused their arrest and stated that they brought the stolen goods to her room, where the spoils were divided. Now she has repented and does not desire to prosecute.

OAKLAND MAD REVIVAL

Dr. Ray Palmer on Sunday night closed a two-weeks' special meeting at Oakland, Or. No church in town could hold the Sunday afternoon services, and the house was secured and was crowded at all the services.

K C Baking Powder

WORTHY A TRIAL Ask your grocer for a can and be convinced that there is nothing better or purer at any price.

250 Ounces for 25 Cents

LIVES OF MANY WERE IN IMMINENT DANGER

Fire Supposed to Be of Incendiary Origin Envelopes Lodging House at Midnight.

A fire, thought to have been of incendiary origin, endangered the lives of a score or more people in the New Era house, Second and Taylor streets, at 11:45 o'clock last night. The blaze started in the rear of a clothing store owned by A. Gross, and so sudden was the burst of flame that it was thought the rear of the building must have been saturated with kerosene.

Patrol Driver Price, who was near, awakened the sleepers. There were 17 rooms in the lodging-house, and each was occupied by one or more persons. Directly over the store were sleeping Mr. and Mrs. W. Sittle and their two small children. They got out of their apartments barely in time to escape the flames. E. F. Blood, a roomer, who was not asleep when the fire started, stated later that he smelled coal oil burning. Sergeant Shover arrested a man named J. E. Nelson, on suspicion that he knew something of the cause of the fire. He will be held pending an investigation.

Insurance and police detectives are working on the case, but the portion of the building where the blaze started has been so badly burned as to leave no signs of oil or any inflammable material. A. Gross, the proprietor of the store, arrived at the scene of the fire after the flames had been extinguished. He appeared greatly excited over the affair. He said there was not a dollar of insurance on his stock in goods. He had the contents of his store covered by insurance some time ago, but the policy had lapsed and he had not renewed it. Besides the damage to the store and the rooming-house, which was constantly the Delmonico restaurant, W. E. Townsend's photograph gallery and Jerry Delury's candy and cigar store, suffered slightly.

LOOKING FOR SAWMILL SITE ON WILLAMETTE

Continued effort is being put forth to find a site suitable for a sawmill plant for the Weyerhaeuser Timber company. This company and its allied interests along the Columbia river have for some time viewed the Portland field as a desirable place for a large sawmill plant to take care of the enormous output of logs that annually float out from the river in large numbers in interior territory. R. L. McCormick and George S. Long of Tacoma, who represent Frederick Weyerhaeuser directly in this territory, have been in Portland and the vicinity for a week, and have spent part of that time looking about the country for a sawmill site. Several trips have been made to Vancouver, where a number of tracts of waterfront have been examined. "It is very difficult to find a piece of ground close to Portland that meets the requirements," said Mr. McCormick. "There are small pieces of land here and there on the Willamette, but small factories have been located until there is no large tract left that is suitable for a complete sawmill plant."

Ruminations of Some Congressmen

We may contribute our salaries to help worthy poor— We may donate fifty million plunks to build the great canal— We may dance and sing in opera the pennies it takes— We may lead at the prayer meeting with the acquiescence of Paul— We may know a billion secrets that would profit Uncle Sam— We may have our kids stuffed full of rum— We may, brethren, we declare— Though we lose our reputations, though constituents at home Cruelty us on their heartstrings— We will not go back to swear.

It is coming to a pretty pass when men are brought to book For a little "speculation" netting but a thousand pounds— It will soon be so a fellow will not know which way to look For to make an "easy" dollar lest he meet official hands. We really feel indignant, and would not return at all. Were it not that nowhere else on earth, beneath the skies so fair, Is a laundry like the Union—before it all others fall— Still we'll wear soiled clothes at present. We'll not go back to swear. This great laundry, whose prizes are sun and air and wide, may be found at Second and Columbia. Its telephone is Main 328.

MRS. M. B. BRONSON DIED THIS MORNING

Mrs. M. B. Bronson, for many years an expert compositor and member of the Typographical union, died this morning of Bright's disease at her home, 588 Multnomah street. The funeral will take place at the residence tomorrow. Mrs. Bronson's father is the publisher of the Free South at Newport, Ky., before the war, and she learned the printing business under him. Afterward she worked at the trade at Lewiston, Ore. Mrs. Bronson came to Portland about five years ago, and while she did not work here, she had many friends in the newspaper fraternity. She was 65 years of age, a widow, and leaves a son, who is in the east, and Mrs. Harry Robinson, a grand-daughter.

MAJORITY CASE

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Case and wife of Gardfield, Wash., are at the Perkins. H. F. Davidson is in from Hood River. Many witnesses in the land fraud cases are here from Roseburg. Included in the number are Fred H. Baker, J. B. Lunt, Fred E. Alley and Postmaster C. J. Howard, all of whom are at the Imperial. N. C. Evans of Hood River is in Portland today. J. W. Baker, the state game warden, is a guest at the Imperial from Cottage Grove. Ben Lurch of Cottage Grove is in the city.

R. M. Church, the La Grande banker, is at the Portland. R. L. McCormick and George S. Long, the Tacoma timbermen, are visiting Portland on business. Henry J. Taylor, Roe Ferguson and R. M. O'Brien, all of Pendleton, are in Portland in attendance upon the United States court as jurors. E. K. Brown, a prominent hog grower of the Eugene district, reached the city this morning en route to Spokane, where he will meet his wife. They will return to Eugene in a few days.

MONDAY WILL BE OBSERVED

The banks of Portland have agreed to observe Christmas, which falls on Sunday, on the Monday following, and the same rule will prevail at New Year's. There will be no banking, therefore, on December 26 and January 2.

MAYOR IS STILL MAKING UP HIS MIND

Does Not Yet Know What He Will Do About Tanner Creek Sewer.

FAMOUS CONFERENCE DEVOID OF RESULTS

Grand Jury Has Apparently Become Tired of Investigating the Engineer Scandal.

Although Mayor Williams and his counselors of the executive board sat in consultation behind closed doors for over two hours last night, they failed to arrive at any conclusion regarding the Tanner creek sewer scandal. They were not a body with a unanimity of ideas. Every member had a different suggestion to offer regarding what should be done, and it was impossible to sift the different ideas down to a plan for practical application.

"We are no nearer a solution of the affair now than we were before the meeting last night," said Mayor Williams this morning. "We talked over the matter from beginning to end, but failed to reach a decision as to what action should be taken. Some were in favor of allowing the contractors to go into the sewer and repair it immediately, while others were of the opinion that it would be better to have some other contractor do the work."

"I may call another meeting of the board for further consultation. I cannot tell yet what I will do."

He could not say what disposition he would make of the recommendations of the city council regarding City Engineer Elliott, other than there were some for and others in favor of disposing of his services.

Contractors R. M. Riner & Son seem anxious that some decision be made regarding the repairs to the sewer. As the proposition now stands the sewer is incomplete, since the executive board rescinded the acceptance of the work. The contractors are not anxious to do the repairing, as they claim people are prejudiced against them and will continue to claim that they are "jobbing" the city. They would like to have the executive committee appoint some other contractor to do the work.

What it will cost to fix the conduit in accordance with plans and specifications is not known. Not one of the experts who have given their views on the matter made an estimate of what it will cost to put the drain in good condition. R. B. Lamon and N. A. King, the property owners appointed by Mayor Williams were the only ones who made a statement of the cost of reconstructing the drain. They stated that they were unable to give figures, but thought much of the sewer would have to be torn out and reconstructed before it could be made safe.

It is believed that investigation of the Tanner creek sewer scandal has been either concluded or dropped by the grand jury. For the past two days no witnesses on this matter have been before the jury. It is reported that certain members of the grand jury desire to adjourn owing to the difficulty in obtaining reliable evidence in the several city contract scandals. One of the members of the grand jury today expressed himself as tired of the whole business and anxious to adjourn.

The reason for believing that the Tanner creek scandal has been postponed was found in the questions asked the witnesses. From the city engineer's office today were forwarded, and all were questioned concerning the Union avenue improvement and some minor fills in south Portland. City Auditor Devin, when before the jury yesterday, was questioned about the work on figures reported by the contractors and city engineer's office on these improvements. The men before the jury this morning were: R. G. McMullen, C. E. Wagner, J. H. Hanson and W. Chapman, all surveyors from the city engineer's office.

MUST GO TO TRIAL

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tween the defendants. But if the same proof should be offered to prove the second agreement, the court must conclude that if the proof is the same, the crime is the same. The identity of the two crimes must be determined by the facts. I do not think the evidence relied upon to prove the conspiracy in township 11-7 would be competent to prove this second conspiracy now charged against defendants.

"We don't think so, either, your honor," interjected Mr. Heney. "Well, the question involves some doubt," continued the court. "There is much to be said in favor of the contention of the defendants' counsel. While I shall sustain the demurrer of the government to the defendants' plea, if the testimony given on the trial should show the identity of this offense with that covered by the former indictment, the jury must be instructed that they cannot convict."

The court then adjourned until tomorrow morning. Many witnesses have arrived for the trial. Among them is Col. Robert M. Veach, who was the Democratic nominee for congressman against Blinger Hermann in the last campaign. He is expected to testify as to the character of some of the claims alleged to have been taken up by the defendants.

LAZY LIVER

"I feel Cascares so good that I would not be without them. I feel a great deal better with the liver and headache. Now since taking Cascares Candy Cascares I feel very much better. I shall certainly recommend them to my friends as the best medicine I have ever seen." Anna Salsator, Oxborn Mill No. 2, Fall River, Mass.



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HOLIDAY SPECIAL SALE

Our annual holiday special sale, which commenced December first, is still under way—we're adding something new every day.

Some Examples

Clocks

Now here's a great opportunity. All of our pretty clocks have been relentlessly marked down. In fact, you've never seen such bargains in "time." There are dainty little desk clocks, made of decorated China, that are just the thing for gifts. Larger clocks made in the same designs are good for eight days and appropriate for mahogany or shell. There are two very handsome patterns of "Tuxedo" clocks that are well worth looking at. Regular prices \$2.25 to \$3.00. **SPECIAL \$1.50**

Pictures

Of course we never could half describe the opportunities our picture-table offers you. It's just crowded from one end to the other with all sorts of "money-savers" for prudent shoppers. The subjects are so varied that you cannot fail to find something to please you. The frames are the newest things from the east. In fact, this is no "shop-worn" sale—it's just a great big chance to buy new pictures at "shop-worn" prices. Pictures for men, women and children. Come and look at them—they're going fast. Regular prices \$6 to \$5.00. **SPECIAL \$3 to \$2.75**

Oriental Rugs

There are few people who would not appreciate a genuine oriental rug as a holiday gift. And mighty few people will fail to appreciate the wonderful bargains we are offering rug buyers. There aren't many who have gone this far and have genuine CARAVAN RUGS about \$25. Regular price \$30 to \$40. **SPECIAL \$14.00**

Extra Specials

China

In the way of pretty China we're showing some very dainty gift pieces that have been marked at prices that will surely please you. They are all imported from ware and every piece is new and bright.

CUPS AND SAUCERS, VASES, FLOWER JARS, INDIVIDUAL PLATES, SALAD BOWLS, DESSERT PLATES, TEACUP AND SPOON SETS, SWEET BOWLS, SALAD PLATES.

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There is no more acceptable present than a pretty piece of cut glass. We're offering you will find several things well worth your attention. **CUT GLASS WATER BOTTLES** Regular price \$1.00. **SPECIAL \$0.60.** **CUT GLASS GILBEY BOTTLES** Regular price \$1.00. **SPECIAL \$0.60.** **9-INCH CUT GLASS BOWLS** Regular price \$1.00. **SPECIAL \$0.60.** **CUT GLASS CREAM AND SUGAR SETS** Regular price \$1.00. **SPECIAL \$0.60.**

Hall Clocks

Do you need a hall clock? Here's your opportunity. Or do you know someone who wants one? Here's a chance to get it and save money at the same time. We're putting twelve (12) patterns of handsome hall clocks in this sale. Some of them are the regular old "Grandfather" clocks. Made of mahogany and golden oak, with brass weights and handsome dials. The others are made of weathered oak in "Mission" patterns, with wood dials and brass hands. But they're all pretty and artistic and any one of them would make a pretty gift. Regular prices \$15 to \$25. **SPECIAL \$10 to \$15.**

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COMPLETE HOUSEFURNISHERS

A LITTLE MISTAKE, SAID SCOGGIN

Property-Owners Call Attention to Serious Overcharge in Cost of Improvement.

GRAND JURY HAD MATTER UNDER INVESTIGATION

City Engineer's Office Acknowledges the Error, and Files Amended Estimate.

Realizing that the estimates for the improvement of Grand avenue, between East Oak and East Stark streets, were incorrect, the city engineer's department filed with the city auditor yesterday a corrected estimate of the work, which has been performed by Contractor Joseph Paquet.

The difference between the first estimate and the corrected estimate is \$252, a few lots, of which would be assessed to the property-owners which was never made.

"Tom" Hielop, one of the principal citizens who investigated the improvement of the fill and placed the matter before the grand jury, which had been investigating this fill with the other charges which they have against the city engineer's office. George Scoggin, assistant city engineer, states that it is simply a mistake on the part of the office. One engineer did a portion of the survey work, while another followed him.

POLICE THINK THEY KNOW HOTEL THIEF

It is expected that a warrant will be issued this afternoon for the arrest of one John Doe, who is suspected of stealing \$250 from the purse of Mrs. W. S. Harris of Hood River at the Hotel Scott.

WHILE ENJOYING HIS REST, BODE WAS ROBBED

Adolph C. Bode appeared before Assistant City Attorney Fitzgerald this morning and swore out a complaint against "Jim" Murphy, charging him with stealing a gold watch valued at \$30 and a chain worth \$1. Both were resting in a north and first street lodging house when the robbery occurred. In the pocket of Murphy, so Bode's story

ran, was found the chain; it was a good chain, and had cost \$1 last Christmas eve. Murphy was arrested.

MRS. FAIRBANKS OFFICIATES

(Journal Special Service.) Boston, Dec. 13.—Mrs. Charles W. Fairbank, wife of the vice-president-elect and president-general of the Daughters of the American Revolution, officiated today at the opening of a big banner under the auspices of the Massachusetts chapter of the society. The money raised is to be used in building the Continental Memorial hall in Washington.

ROBBERS TOO TIMID

(Journal Special Service.) Hotchkiss, Colo., Dec. 13.—The First National bank was entered by robbers last night and valuable papers and cash in five safety deposit boxes were stolen. Before they could break into the bank vault the robbers were frightened away.

ROCK PLAYED HAVOC WITH KERN'S SKULL

George Melger, charged with assaulting John Kern with a dangerous weapon, was tried before a jury in Judge court today. On the night of October 4, 1904, Melger, in company with several others, had been drinking in a saloon on Walling street, near Union avenue. They were put out of the saloon, but returned and kicked the door in. Kern, who lives but two doors from the saloon, met the crowd on the sidewalk and remonstrated with them. Melger, he says, struck him on the head with a rock. Kern's skull was fractured and 19 pieces of bone were removed. It is expected the case will not be concluded before tomorrow.

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Pony brand coffee is made from coffees carefully selected, then scoured, cleaned and milled by the latest and most approved machinery. It is carefully blended and dry roasted, thus retaining all of the flavor and the aroma. Every pound is guaranteed to please the consumer or it may be returned. As for the want ads, much might be said, space permitting. If you have used them you know what wonderful little giants they are for accomplishing big things. They run your errands, sell your property, supply your help, rent your rooms and a thousand other things. You should get the habit of using them.

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