

LITIGIOUS FOLK IN MULTNOMAH

The Past the Heaviest Year in the History of the Circuit Court.

OVER TWELVE HUNDRED CASES WERE COMMENCED

County Makes Profit of Over Five Hundred Dollars on the Legal Business.

The year ending December 2, 1904, was the busiest in the history of the circuit court of Multnomah county. More than 1,200 cases, criminal and civil, were begun and fully two thirds were prosecuted to a settlement; 347 were civil actions, the majority requiring trial by jury. Over 200 were settled out of court, which left the county a fair profit in the jury cases the county lost money.

In all criminal cases the greater expense is upon the county. Sheriff Word's raids on the gambling houses swelled the original docket above that of previous years, and of the 300 cases, 124 were against gamblers.

Civil cases alone are profitable to the county. Before a civil case can be filed fees amounting to about \$20 (depending on the nature of the case and the money involved) must be paid. If either party wants a jury, \$12 must be paid.

The expense to the county in maintaining this department of justice average about \$1,037.53 a month for the year; this includes pay for clerks and clerks. Considering the expense in criminal trials the shown profit of \$541 is more than had been expected.

RELIGIOUS OF PEACE AND WAR FOR THE MUSEUM

A broad ax with a lengthy history has been added to the Oregon Historical society's museum. The implement is nearly a century old. It was used on the Erie canal at Lockport, N. Y., in 1830, and in the canal at Frankfort, Ky., in 1839.

It was brought across the plains by Joseph Farrot in 1844, and in 1849 it hewed the timbers with which Fort George at Astoria was constructed. The timbers with which the Catholic church, Dr. McLoughlin's granary and the Clackamas county court house at Oregon City were framed with it in 1850.

It was preserved by the Parrot family and recently was turned over to George H. Himes, curator of the historical society, by Joseph Parrot, Jr., of Glenwood, Wash.

Mr. Parrot had also presented Mr. Himes with a Celt or stone ax, which he plowed up in a field at the base of Mt. Adams. It is a curious implement, being unlike any other in the museum.

R. Mills of Portland has presented to the society a sheath knife found on the Clatter battlefield in 1852, and a common hall weighing 15 pounds, which was taken from an old fortification which had been battered down by Admiral Dewey's battleships in the Philippines.

SAYS BICYCLISTS BROKE CONTRACT

Chris. O. Brown, former manager of the Star theatre, arrived in town this morning for a stay of a few hours. He has been running between Chicago and San Francisco for the past two months, booking attractions for the Northwestern Vaudeville association, and will hereafter make his headquarters in Chicago. Mr. Brown states that he has some excellent acts contracted for and will continue to supply the Star in this city with fine bills. One object of his visit, he states, is to enjoin the Martells, bicyclists, who are playing at the Grand. He claims that this team contracted with him to appear at the Star two weeks hence and that a clause in the contract absolutely prohibited them from appearing in Portland previous to that time without his written consent.

MORE MATERIAL FOR FAIR PRESS BUREAU

Frank L. Merrick of the general publicity bureau returned from Seattle this morning after an interesting stay among the Igorrotes, the Moros and the Negritos who sailed yesterday from Seattle for their native clime, after spending the St. Louis exposition period on this continent. There were about 200 of the foreigners and during his visit Mr. Merrick gathered enough pictures and material to supply about all of the Sunday papers published in America with interesting reading. Incidentally, he decorated the natives with Lewis and Clark buttons which they promised to exhibit in the Philippines.

Mr. Merrick says that Seattle and Tacoma entertain very friendly feelings toward the exposition project, realizing that it is not alone for Portland, but for the whole northwest.

CLEW TO BANDITS WHO SHOT YETTER

Man Says He Knows Some Men Who Answer Description of Mysterious Four.

Detectives claim to have unearthed a clew on the east side this morning that will throw light on the alleged attempt to hold up the "Spokane Flyer" on the O. R. & N. Co.'s tracks at Montavilla switch Monday night, in which Bert Yetter was shot in the shoulder. The clew consists of the statement that a man on the east side knows a party of four men who answer the description of the alleged bandits. Yetter describes only one of the men and that one wears a mask. Yetter failed to keep his appointment with Dr. Bloom for the purpose of making an X-ray examination for the bullet. However, the examining was performed by Dr. Hamilton, who advised that the ball remain in the arm until the wound had recovered sufficiently for the patient to undergo an operation for its removal.

Detectives have been unable up to this time to reach a satisfactory solution of the affair. They are positive, however, that the switch was tampered with but are unable to explain why four desperate bandits should see that one young man whom they had completely at their mercy.

Fitzgerald, an O. R. & N. Co. detective, professes to accept the story as satisfactory in all its details. Other detectives assert that he does so simply to demonstrate to the company officials to what dangers they are exposed.

WILL CAPTURE ARIZONA CAMELS FOR PACKERS

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Reno, Nev., Dec. 14.—A party of men passed through this city for the Tonopah goldfields, where it will endeavor to organize a company and capture the camels on the desert of southern Nevada and use them for packing freight to the Tonopah goldfields and other mining camps. There are a large number of camels near Tonopah that can be easily captured.

These camels were brought to Nevada in 1854 by Maj. Henry C. Wayne, acting under orders of the United States government. It was thought camels would be better than horses, and they were used several years for carrying wood from the mountains to the Virginia mines and salt from Washoe city to Virginia city.

NEW DIAMOND GROUNDS MAY EQUAL KIMBERLY

(Journal Special Service.) London, Dec. 14.—The chairman of the British North Borneo company has announced at a meeting of the company that diamond-bearing ground, identical with the Kimberly blue clay, has been found at Labuk river. Samples of the diamonds are being tested in London. The British North Borneo company occupies the northern part of the island which comprises an area of 140,000 square miles, and has a coast line of 800 miles.

PIERTIER ANSWERS SUIT FOR ATTORNEY'S FEE

Michael Piertier, the aged recluse of St. Helens, who gained unenviable notoriety on account of his abduction of and subsequent marriage to Mary Robinson, aged 15 years, is in the circuit court this afternoon as defendant in an action brought by Watts & Ditchburn to collect \$150 fees alleged to be due for that score," answered Mr. Heney. "An arrangement will be made which will be satisfactory to both sides."

WIFE FEARS THAT HER HUSBAND IS MURDERED

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Pendleton, Or., Dec. 14.—J. S. Sausburg left Pendleton December 8 with a team to go to Touchet, Wash. He was seen at Walla Walla the following day, but since then has not been heard from. His wife and two small children reside here. Mrs. Sausburg believes that her husband has met with foul play. He had but little money with him. The missing man is 27 years of age.

IN MEMORY OF PRINCE CONSORT.

(Journal Special Service.) London, Dec. 14.—At Frogmore mausoleum, near Windsor castle, the customary annual service was held today to mark the anniversary of the death of the prince consort and Princess Alice, King Edward and Queen Alexandra, accompanied by the Prince and Princess of Wales and other members of the royal family, attended the service. The sarcophagus of the late prince consort and the marble memorial of Princess Alice were decorated with beautiful floral tributes.

ROCKFELLER MAKES PASTRY.

(Journal Special Service.) Chicago, Dec. 14.—It was authoritatively announced yesterday that John D. Rockefeller has given between \$2,000,000 and \$3,000,000 to the Chicago university to establish a school of engineering.

Fine Art Pianos—Where to find them

The piano is the visible sign of culture in every genteel household. A fine instrument bespeaks eloquently the musical feeling, the artistic appreciation of the quality, and lends a certain distinction to its environment however simple. Similarly it is true that an inferior piano cheapens the effect of the richest surroundings and hints of some stain on the owner's escutcheon of taste. But unless one has the proficient ear and technical judgment of an expert the way of the piano buyer is hard. To avoid the pitfalls that beset the path of the average purchaser we have made it possible to make piano buying easy at our place by presenting to the public pianos of unquestioned reputation and which are endorsed by the leading artists of the day.

The King is Coming Ovide Musin

The great Belgian violinist and his company of artists will appear in this city December 19 at the White Temple, when all music lovers will want to hear this master of the violin, as well as Grace Whistler Misick, the accomplished contralto; Marion Green, a magnificent basso, and Guillaume Koenig, the brilliant pianist. On this occasion

The Everett Piano

will be used, which represents all that is best in piano construction and is a recognized art product appealing to the cultured musical taste.

WE SELL THEM

Other Artistic Pianos

- STECK—Founded over a half century ago and known as The Old Reliable.
- FISCHER—Established in 1840 and over 120,000 now in use in all parts of the world.
- HARDMAN—Established in 1842, over 60,000 in use and the piano known to improve with use.
- PACKARD—A piano of the finest construction and artistic merit.
- LUDWIG—One of the most popular pianos at a moderate price and a big seller.



MRS. ROSE BLOCH BAUER AND THE KNABE PIANO

There is nothing that adds so much to the artistic piano locally as the preference and opinions of our own artists. While D'Albert, Sauer Carreno and Hambourg give the highest expression as to the Knabe being absolutely the best in America, no less valued is the opinion of Mrs. Rose Bloch Bauer, our own greatest singer, as to the artistic merit of this matchless piano, who before selecting a Knabe Grand, for her own use, spent some time in investigating the merits of other pianos handled here.

The Queen Will Soon Be Here MADAM

Johanna Gadski

At the Marquam December 19.

It is unfortunate that two such great artists should appear in our city at the same time, but there is comfort in the thought that Portland is a music loving city and that both will be accorded large audiences. Madam Gadski is endowed with a marvelous voice and charming personality, and a rare treat awaits all those who have the good fortune to hear her on this occasion.

The Baldwin Piano

will be used, the piano of her choice and the piano she uses on all occasions—the great American piano that took the Grand Prix at Paris, 1900, and the Grand Prize at the St. Louis exposition, just closed.

WE HANDLE IT

Special Reductions

In order that all may possess a piano of the highest excellence, we have made quite a reduction on all our pianos this month besides giving you the opportunity of paying for it on our easy payment plan. We also have some good second-hand and used pianos at \$150, \$175, \$200 and \$218. \$400 pianos at \$324, \$375 pianos at \$286, \$850 pianos at \$368, \$800 pianos at \$338.

Allen & Gilbert-Ramaker Co., Sixth and Morrison Sts.

TRIAL OFF TILL APRIL

(Continued from Page One.)

There was a hush of astonishment in the courtroom, which was broken by Judge O'Day.

"There is one of the defendants who is in custody, and who, if this case is to be continued, should be released."

"The matter of Guy Huff's bond will be satisfactorily arranged today," replied Mr. Heney.

"We would not wish him to remain in custody," said Judge O'Day.

"I think there will be no difficulty on that score," answered Mr. Heney. "An arrangement will be made which will be satisfactory to both sides."

"Very well; the cases then stand continued for the term," ruled Judge Bellinger.

Call for Grand Jury. United States District Attorney John Hall then addressed the court.

"We also wish to ask an order directing the grand jury to reconvene next Monday."

The order was immediately directed by the court.

The witnesses who had been subpoenaed for the Pater trial were instructed to report at the office of the United States district attorney, and on motion of Judge O'Day the defendants in the former trial were granted 40 days in which to prepare a bill of exceptions and to file a motion for a new trial. Court then adjourned.

Mr. Heney Explains. After the adjournment, Assistant Attorney-General Heney gave out the following statement:

"There were some important matters that I desire to take up with the United States grand jury before I leave here, and besides it is absolutely necessary for me to be in San Francisco on important private business January 3, and I must also be in Washington, D. C., the second week in January in connection with the Hyde-Diamond case, which is to be argued before the United States supreme court at that time. The trial of the pending case promised to be as long as the last one and would have thus prevented me from keeping any other engagements. The attorneys for the defendants consented to a continuance for the term in consideration of the government making some slight concessions in reference to the bonds given by defendants in the pending untied cases.

PORTLAND IN A PLIGHT

(Continued from Page One.)

tug and schooner came right on, expecting the bridge to open.

Opened in Time. Finally, the captain, realizing something was wrong, shut off his power, but the momentum had been too great, and they drifted broadside, toward the bridge. In one minute more the crash would have occurred, but at the critical juncture the street car men succeeded in moving the vehicle off the draw, and they drifted broadside, toward the bridge, just in time to permit the passage of the schooner and tug.

Great inconvenience was experienced in some of the large office buildings that are equipped with electric elevators; tenants were compelled to walk up stairs, in some cases, six or eight stories.

A few of the merchants of the city made no effort to open their stores until broad daylight, and this was late in arriving, the atmosphere being especially thick and murky this morning.

The damage to the wires was repaired and the lights and cars were running as usual by 11 o'clock. The loss to the company will be in inactive meters and nickel fares.

BIG CUT IN PRICE.

Electric Company Will Reduce the Cost of Lights for Domestic Use.

The Portland General Electric company is perfecting arrangements that will enormously increase its commercial output, to meet the increasing demands of business expected as the result of a material cut in the price of electric lights for domestic use. The capacity of the company's plant is about 12,000 horsepower. The completion of the new steam power plant at the foot of Twenty-first street will add 10,000 horsepower, and the company has contracted with the Oregon Water Power & Railway company to use 7,000 horsepower from its Clackamas plant. The total output of the Portland General Electric will thus be increased from 12,000 to 29,000 horsepower.

The natural growth of business and the demands made by the Lewis and Clark exposition compelled the company to provide a large increase of its output, but the main purpose in constructing a separate steam power plant as an auxiliary to the water power plant at Oregon City is to provide a reserve sta-

tion for meeting emergencies such as that today.

"The accident at Oswego last night illustrates the situation," said Treasurer S. G. Reed this morning. "A fire at Oswego damaged the supply lines from the power plant and burned a few poles on the line. Result—current cut off and business interfered with for several hours while a gang of men went out and made repairs. With a separate plant in this city, we can simply throw the load upon it in case of an accident to the other plant, and there will be no inconvenience to the public by reason of interruption of the electric light or power service."

The company is preparing a new rate that amounts to a cut of one half in the price of an incandescent light in domestic use for each hour after the first hour. The old rate was 20 cents a watt hour, and if a user consumed a large number of watts the rate decreased to about 10 cents an hour. The new rate amounts to a cut on all business to 5 cents a watt hour after the first hour. In plain, everyday figures of speech, the rate will be 1 cent a light for the first hour. A 5 per cent discount will be allowed on all bills in excess of an agreed amount. It is the expectation of the company that the new rate will be generally adopted by commercial users.

Trips tickets to Yaquina, limited to 45 days from date of sale. The sale of these excursion tickets during the winter months is a new departure and has been brought about through the desire of our local sportsmen to enjoy the exceptional fine hunting and fishing privileges of that section.

Winter Rates to Yaquina Bay.

The Southern Pacific Co. will sell, on Wednesday and Saturdays of each week, until March 31, 1905, low rate round trip tickets to Yaquina, limited to 45 days from date of sale. The sale of these excursion tickets during the winter months is a new departure and has been brought about through the desire of our local sportsmen to enjoy the exceptional fine hunting and fishing privileges of that section.

LUMBERMEN NAME OFFICERS.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Centralia, Dec. 14.—The Southwestern Washington Lumber Manufacturers' association has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Frank A. Martin, of the H. H. Martin Lumber company, of Centralia; vice-president, Alex White, of the Chehalis

THE SOUTHERN DOLLARS CAN'T ALWAYS BE HAD.

Lewis & Clark Coin Brooch for a Xmas Present

Price \$1.50 and \$2.00, with a Lewis & Clark Gold Dollar

Mounted on this beautiful gold wreath the coin not the least marred or mutilated, sold over the counter or mailed to any address at \$1.50 for size No. 1, \$2.00 for No. 2. The coin alone sells at \$1.

These brooches will grow in value as the years go by.

WALKER & HARRISON CO., Jewelers and Silversmiths, 202 Morrison St.

1862—COAL—1904

ROCK SPRINGS COAL CO.

Sell the Only Genuine Rock Springs

COAL

In the City. WHY?

Be cause we fire the exclusive agents for the Union Pacific Coal Co. There is but one Rock Springs in Wyoming, and the mines were opened in 1862 by the Union Pacific. This is the only coal in the world that is so pure. Coal. Don't be deceived by any imitation or would be Rock Springs.

Remember, we are the exclusive agents. When in need, call Phone West 124.

Rock Springs Coal Co. C. R. DAVIS, Mgr.

202 West Morrison St., near River. C. R. Davis, Manager.

Lumber company, of Littell; secretary, C. A. Doty, of the Doty Lumber company, of Doty; treasurer, Charles Gilchrist, of the Salzer Valley Lumber company, of Centralia. George E. Birge of

Centralia has been re-employed as manager of the association for another year.

Will there be other perfury indictments?

Don't Neglect Your Feet While in the Midst of the Festive Holidays

The Walk-Over and Sorosis Shoes

Are the Shoes That Fit

And that means more here than at any other shoe store that we know of. They mean comfort and wear and the utmost ease and friction—things impossible to get except through the services of EXPERT FITTERS, like ours, and from stocks of a style-range available for the most exacting demands. Our WALK-OVER \$5.00 and \$4.00 shoes for men; our SOROSIS \$5.00 and \$4.00 shoes for women—all cover the whole ground in such a way as to INSURE A PERFECT FIT, with all the other shoe blessings attendant.

THE KNIGHT SHOE CO.

OPP. PERKINS HOTEL COR. FIFTH AND WASHINGTON

A MATTER OF HEALTH



ROYAL BAKING POWDER

Absolutely Pure

HAS NO SUBSTITUTE