

# WITH A MAGNITUDE OF FRONTS REPORTING, LAID SHARKS HAVE DISAPPEARED

### McKinley Was Reported Last in Wisconsin, But May Have Escaped to Japan.

### BOND COMPANY SAYS IT GAVE UP PUTER

### No Record, However, of New Bond Having Been Filed—Swindlers Had Complete Outfit and Covered Their Tracks Carefully.

Each new chapter in the story of the huge frauds perpetrated by S. A. D. Puter and Horace G. McKinley in their operations in state school lands proves more sensational than the preceding ones. During recent months they appear to have been absolutely reckless and to have lost all fear of the law. Their money was gone and they were driven to desperate shifts to maintain themselves. For two months past they have been virtually fugitives from justice, and unless they should be apprehended and brought back to Portland in custody they undoubtedly will fail to appear when the indictments now pending against them in the federal court are called for trial.

After their conviction last December, both Puter and McKinley gave bonds for their appearance for sentence whenever the United States district judge should so order. The bond in each case was \$4,000. Owing to the fact that they both made full confession after being convicted, the imposition of sentence was delayed. They gave information which promised to be of much value in the trials which were to come and they were to be witnesses for the government.

### Still Unsentenced.

Sentence had not yet been pronounced when Judge Bellinger was taken ill and died. The question then arose whether any other judge could legally impose the sentence and pass on the motions for new trial which would of course be made. On this question there was a difference of opinion among lawyers. But whatever the correct interpretation of the laws on this point might be, the fact remained that Puter and McKinley were still unsentenced and at large, free to carry on their schemes. It is from G. G. Brown, a land board member and addressed to Puter at Shaniko, Oregon. The letter bears date of October of this year, and suggests that the fugitive may have been in the state at that time.

### Searching for Sharks.

Although the operations of Puter and McKinley in state school lands are not punishable under any federal statute, the government officials are doing all in their power to aid in the search for their whereabouts. Under the law they escaped from the country there is little doubt that they will be apprehended, and even if they are now beyond the jurisdiction

### JUDGE AND ATTORNEY IN TALE IN COURT

Gleason Scores Burke, Who Arrested Chinaman, and Cameron Replies.

Patrolman E. Burke was grilled in the police court today by Attorney James Gleason, counsel for Sing Lee, a Chinaman the patrolman arrested for having lottery tickets in his possession. Judge Cameron defended Burke's action.

### WORK TO BEGIN AT ONCE ON MAINEUR LINE

Contracts for Grading to Be Let to Farmers Residing Near Right of Way.

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### CONNELL, WHO ARRESTED GEORGE ADAMS, IS BACK

S. A. Connell of the government secret service department has just returned to Portland from Seattle, where he arrested George Adams, who is charged with stealing gold that was shipped to the Seattle assay office and substituting black sand.

### AT MERCY OF WAVES FOR TWENTY-TWO DAYS

Transport Supply Reaches San Francisco From Guam After Stormy Trip.

### STATION CHANGE.

Southern Pacific Now in Chamber of Commerce Building.

### Mob Burns Russian City.

Vienna, Dec. 11.—A mob of the Russian town of Elizabetgrad is burning. A mob is killing and plundering the Jews. A regiment is hurrying to the scene.

### To Pay for Fire Department Needs is Council Committee's Plan.

### IS LIMIT ALLOWED BY THE CITY CHARTER

### Ways and Means Committee, Contrary to Mayor's Idea, Will Grant Chief Campbell All He Asks for and Then Some More.

Members of the ways and means committee of the city council are planning to levy a 2 1/2 mill tax, the limit allowed by the charter, for the maintenance of the city fire department for next year. This levy on an assessed valuation of \$115,000,000 taxable property will produce \$287,500, and it is said this is not sufficient to defray the expenses for the improvements in the department which the councilmen contemplate.

### Governor May Help.

Under a statute passed by the last legislature Governor Chamberlain was vested with unusual powers for the apprehension and conviction of criminals. The law appropriated the sum of \$10,000 for the purpose of enabling the state to expend, under certain restrictions, for the arrest of criminals in any case where the state is interested. The language of this statute may be broad enough to enable the governor to use this fund for running down and arresting Puter and McKinley. The state may not be "interested" in the strict legal sense of the term, but if such wholesale frauds in state school lands are to go unpunished the good name of the state must suffer severely.

### Had a Fine Outfit.

Puter was so thoroughly equipped for the fraudulent operations which he had planned that immediate detection was rendered exceedingly difficult. He carried a large stock of stamps and forged receipts, and then would fortify the fraud by writing letters to himself purporting to come from the clerk of the land board, G. G. Brown, and bearing the name of his partner, McKinley. He would state that the certificates were valid and in good standing, that the receipts had been duly issued and that deeds would be given on final payment. The main part of his scheme was to have the land board issue certificates and forged receipts, and then would fortify the fraud by writing letters to himself purporting to come from the clerk of the land board, G. G. Brown, and bearing the name of his partner, McKinley. He would state that the certificates were valid and in good standing, that the receipts had been duly issued and that deeds would be given on final payment.

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### OLD TOWN OF KAMIAH IS DESTROYED BY FIRE

Lawson, Ida., Dec. 12.—Practically all of the old town of Kamiah was destroyed by a fire last evening which is supposed to have been of incendiary origin. The flames are believed to have started in a liquor saloon and spread rapidly to adjoining buildings. One family had a narrow escape from burning and the members were rescued just in time. The large store of the Kamiah Trading company escaped.

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### Weyerhaeuser Spends Million or Two More

### Secures Big Timber Tract in Klamath Region With Logging Road, Mills and Camps—Each Company Will Begin Extensive Improvements.

A tract of about 5,000 acres of fir timber has been purchased by the Chapman Lumber company from Mann & Montgomery, near Scappoose. The Chapman company will build a five-mile logging road into the timber.

### Takes Child for Wife's Fault

J. C. Fisher Kidnaps Young Son and Knocks Wife Down When She Protests.

### ANOTHER MAN SAID TO BE CAUSE OF SCENE

Attentions of Former Lodger to Wife So Enrages Husband That He Hides His Boy Where Even the Police Cannot Find Him.

### DRYDEN FAMILY GRAFT IN PRUDENTIAL LIFE

New York, Dec. 12.—In the legislative investigation of the Prudential admitted that some of his relatives were employed by the Prudential company. His son is third vice-president, his nephew is working for \$10 a week. He denied that his family and wards of his family controlled the company.

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### City Auditor Says E. W. Riner Signed R. M. Riner's Name to Certificate.

### FORMER CITY OFFICIALS IDENTIFY DOCUMENTS

### Young Riner Makes Statement to the Effect That He Merely Worked for His Father on Now Famous Tanner Creek Sewer.

City Auditor Thomas C. Devlin occupied the witness stand during the principal part of the morning session of the trial of E. W. Riner, charged with having attempted to obtain money by false pretenses in connection with the building of the Tanner creek sewer. Mr. Devlin testified that E. W. Riner had signed the name of R. M. Riner, his father, to a certificate to be presented to the city officials, to the effect that the sewer had been completed according to specifications. The auditor's testimony regarding the signing of the certificate was given as expert testimony on handwriting.

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### TOTTERING OLD MEN LOST IN CITY'S MAZE

### One Is Searching for His Son, Whose Whereabouts He Cannot Tell.

It was a pitiful spectacle that greeted the patrolman of the day relief at police headquarters when they reported on duty this morning. On a bench at one side of the room sat two old men, both octogenarians and both lost.

### MAKES STRONG CHARGES AGAINST UNION OFFICERS

Fred Timler alleges that he was put out of the Cigar-makers' union and kept from working at his trade in local union shops, because he had objected to various doings of the officers of the organization. Timler is suing the Portland Cigar-makers' Union, No. 202, and its officers for \$2,600.

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