

OREGONIAN HONORS FALSE FIGURES FROM PURELY SELFISH MOTIVES

Willing to Damage the Town to Hold Exclusive News Service Franchise.

CONSEQUENTLY IS EAGER TO WITHHOLD TRUTH

When Portland Officially Has One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Inhabitants Others May Get Bite at Tall Tower's Apple.

Least it lose its exclusive Associated Press franchise for Portland and in a radius of 40 miles in all directions, the Oregonian is ready to do anything to hold the franchise, so soon as the state law, which assigns only 110,000 population to this city. The Oregonian is working under a franchise secured many years ago, which gave it the exclusive privilege of printing Associated Press reports in this territory until the city of Portland reached 150,000 inhabitants. Under the terms of that franchise, so soon as the population reached that figure, the Associated Press was to be free to sell its telegraph reports to any other publication.

The adequacy of Assessor Sigler's figures was called in question by the Oregonian several months ago, when the assessor gave out the information that the census approximately would show about 10,000 people living here. Tests were applied and the census proved to be 45,000 short of the true figures. Business men objected to the publication of the official enumeration, so obviously short of the truth, but there was no attempt to improve the situation beyond the work of the Oregonian to prove that the assessor had not secured all the names.

Oregonian's Attitude.
The morning Oregonian supported the assessor's incomplete returns as correct and persisted in the contention that Portland had only 120,000 people last spring when the census was taken. Prominent men of the city wondered at the attitude assumed by the morning paper. The explanation of the Oregonian's attitude has been discovered to be its desire to keep down the official records of census-taking so as to delay the time when Portland is credited officially with 150,000 population, at which time the Oregonian's contract

SEARCHING GLOBE FOR KISER

Sheriff Thinks He Was Shaggy and Notifies Every Port on the Map.

AMERICAN CONSULS ARE SEEKING LOST MAN

Northwest Has Been Explored Without Result and Ends of the Earth Are Now Being Thoroughly Explored.

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Colorado Statesman Tells Senate That He Believes Dead Oregonian Innocent—Would Put His Long Years of Service Against Testimony of Perjurers.

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WITNESSES ON EYE OF ELECTION

City Marshal Harrington of Prineville Dropped From Ticket.

MAYOR ADVISED HIM NOT TO SEEK REELECTION

Recent Trouble With Wilfrid J. Crain Had Nothing to Do With Marshal's Withdrawal—Two Other Candidates Left in the Field.

(Special Dispatch to the Journal.)
Prineville, Dec. 18.—W. J. Harrington, city marshal of Prineville, whose recent arrest of Wilfrid J. Crain has been the occasion for much sensational comment, is not a candidate for re-election in the city election which is in progress today. It was his intention to seek another term, but Mayor Will Wurzwiler insisted that he should not run, and Harrington accordingly withdrew at the eleventh hour from the ticket. The report was circulated that Harrington's withdrawal was due to the trouble which he had had with Crain, but this is emphatically denied by Mayor Wurzwiler. "I advised Harrington not to run," said Mayor Wurzwiler today, "but for reasons that had absolutely nothing to do with his trouble with Crain. That did not enter into consideration at all. There are two tickets in the field today, one of them headed by Wurzwiler for mayor and the other by D. F. Stewart. Harrington was to have been on the Wurzwiler ticket as the candidate for city marshal. Harrington's withdrawal still leaves two candidates for marshal, W. H. Kinder and J. H. Crooks."

That is Why, According to Attorney Freeman, Lauren Pease Faces Jury.

SAYS HE IS DEBTOR, NOT AN EMBEZZLER

W. F. Zwick Testifies, However, That Pease Admitted He Had No Right to Money He Had Failed to Turn Over to Company.

Lauren Pease is facing a jury in Judge Fraser's court charged with the crime of larceny, by embezzlement of \$1,869 from the St. Paul Fire & Marine Insurance company. In his opening statement before the jury this morning, Frank Freeman, one of the defendant's attorneys, declared that his client would not be in court except for the perjured testimony given in the municipal court by some of Pease's former associates. "Pease never had any authority except to collect the company's money as its agent and remit it to the company," said Deputy District Attorney Bert Haney. "He collected large sums of money and refused to turn them over. But unless we can show that this man attempted to commit a crime he cannot be convicted."

Frank Freeman, of the law firm of Freeman & Venable, defendant's counsel, said that he had carefully searched the records of the American and English courts and that this was the first case he was now aware of, in which a man had been arrested on such a charge. "During April and May," said Mr. Freeman, "Mr. Pease collected \$1,500, not a cent of which was due the company until July, and then only the April collections. Agents of the company informed Mr. Pease that he would have 90 days in which to pay this sum, and that if all of it could not be paid then, he might pay \$500. Gentlemen, if that is embezzlement then any one of you may be called guilty of larceny for not being able to pay a promissory note."

W. F. Zwick, special agent of the insurance company, testified that last June he had learned that Pease was offering to buy premiums at a discount. "I at once saw Pease," said the witness, "who admitted that he was embarrassed, saying that he had paid other pressing obligations. Pease had told me, when he was appointed agent, that he did not owe a dollar in the town. When I demanded the money from him, he did not claim that he had the right to it, but said that he had sat up in his room and cried like a baby over his shortage. I demanded that he pay me all the money owed the company at once, but he kept putting me off from hour to hour, saying that he had some good investments and some well-to-do relatives in Dakota, and that he hoped to get the money soon."

E. B. Edwards, a member of the San Francisco firm which is the insurance company's Pacific coast general agent, testified that Pease had admitted that he had done wrong in not sending the money.

"Mr. Pease told me," said Edwards, "that he had influence with moneyed men who would advance him the money. When a demand was made on the bondsman, I gave them more time although I was firmly convinced that Mr. Pease was out of money and was unable to secure funds."

BRUIN SEEMS TO BE AHEAD

Case Against Him Falls Flat and Probably the Fight Will Be Dropped.

JUDGE RULES AGAINST DEFENSE'S LAW POINTS

And the Facts Are Admitted—Therefore Auditor Devlin Will Have to Give Up Police Captain's Salary, to All Appearances.

An amended answer in the case of Captain Patrick Bruin vs. Thomas Devlin, city auditor, wherein the former demanded his November salary, was not filed by the city attorney's office this morning. R. W. Montague, counsel for Bruin, agreed to a further extension of two days for filing the answer. As Judge Fraser ruled against all of the points of law brought up by the defense when the case was argued on December 14, the city attorney's office seems little prospect of the mandamus being defeated in the circuit court. Judge Fraser announced from the bench that he was not disposed to let the mandamus hearing go into the legality of regularly constituted official bodies, the result of which is to force the city auditor and the council, at whose suggestion he is acting, to some other remedy for restoring the regularity of Bruin's appointment.

City Attorney McNary has returned home and is investigating the case in conjunction with Deputy J. F. Kavanaugh. The explanation to say this morning what ultimate course would be adopted, but the impression gains that the mandamus cannot be opposed further.

A kindred case, in the nature of quo warranto, wherein Patrolman O. F. Isakson contests Bruin's appointment, was called on the motion calendar this morning. Arguments on a demurrer to the complaint will be heard tomorrow, probably in the afternoon. As quo warranto is practically the only procedure open for contesting Bruin's title to his office, the real force of the demurrer will probably be concentrated in this case.

EXPRESS CAR ROBBERS GOT TOTAL OF \$37,371

Used So Much Dynamite They Lost Most of What Little Money There Was.

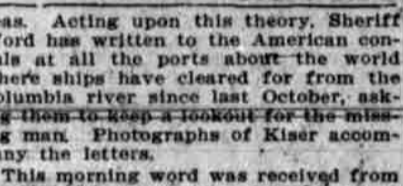
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It is said the train robbers who dynamited the express car of Overland Limited train No. 1, westbound on the Northern Pacific, at Takima canyon Saturday evening, had not lost much money to pay their fare to Tacoma. The actual loss of the Northern Pacific Express company is \$37,371 in money and less than \$200 worth of valuables are missing.

"We have possession of our money waybills and have been able to make an accurate check of the amounts in the safe," said M. G. Hall, superintendent of the express company for territory west of the Rock mountain, who has offices in the Worcester building. "It is practically certain that the robbers left the scene of their crime without a dollar of money from the train."

He said the mistake made by the robbers was in using too much dynamite, and it happened that there were little money in the car. There were two boxes through the safe, and a safe for local business. They blew both safes to pieces, both side doors and the roof of the car. The money waybills were in a portfolio, which was blown to one end of the car, and afterward found in the wreck. The small amount of money that was in the safes was blown about in the car and later was picked up by the messenger.

"Would-be train robbers have an erroneous idea about the amount of money that is carried in express cars," said Mr. Hall. "There is but little cash carried. Ninety per cent of the money we handle is in checks, drafts and non-negotiable paper."



Oscar Kiser.
Acting upon this theory, Sheriff Word has written to the American consuls at all the ports about the world where ships have cleared from the Columbia river since last October, asking them to keep a close watch for any men matching the description of Kiser accompanied by his wife.

CHARGED WITH POISONING A VALUABLE DOG

Seattle Couple Arrested and Determined Prosecution to Be Forced by Faniers.

(Special Dispatch to the Journal.)
Seattle, Wash., Dec. 18.—Harry Bensen and his wife, well-known and old-time residents of Green Lake, were arrested this morning on a charge of poisoning a dog belonging to A. M. Clark, a dog fancier. The animal was valued by its owner at \$500 and was a many time bench winner. It is believed that Bensen and his wife intended to poison the dog for the purpose of stealing its carcass. The animal was found dead in a place of meat which she threw on the walk in front of her residence. Clark's dog came along shortly afterward and ate it, causing death.

The dog fanciers of Seattle will make a determined effort to prosecute Bensen and his wife as there has been an epidemic of dog poisoning here in the last three months. Dog fanciers declare that the deaths of the animals are not their own but are poisoning within the last two months. Detectives in the employ of owners are now collecting evidence against several persons.

ADMIT CLOSED SEASON LAW IS OPENLY VIOLATED

Washington Fish Commissioners Hold First Meeting With Fishing Interests.

(Special Dispatch to the Journal.)
Seattle, Wash., Dec. 18.—The first meeting between the Washington fish commissioners and fishermen, cannerymen, mill-netters and trap-owners resulted in a confession on the part of all the fishing interests that the closed season law passed by the last legislature for the protection of salmon is being openly violated with impunity.

A representative of the fishermen's union offers proof that the packers and trap-owners are paying no heed to the law whatsoever. Charges made by one class of fishery men are admitted by the other class, who makes counter charges.

The commissioners are asked to prepare a memorial to congress asking that the duty on Canadian salmon be abolished. The packers say that American fish buyers were driven from the Fraser river this season by the Canadian authorities to their financial loss. The abolition of the duty would cause the Canadian salmon to come to the Pacific coast markets. The commissioners refuse to comply with the request on the ground that it is outside of their province.

DRESSED AS MAN, ELOPING GIRL IS ARRESTED

Nineteen-Year-Old Lily Howard and J. W. Farmer Caught at Salem.

State Land Agent Has Not Been Able to Locate Puter and McKinley.

(Special Dispatch to the Journal.)
Salem, Or., Dec. 18.—Dressed as a man, Lily Howard, the 19-year-old daughter of Orin Howard, a well to do farmer of Linn county, in company with John W. Farmer of Benton county, was arrested by Chief of Police Cornelius this morning.

Farmer is a married man with a wife and five children and resides on a farm about six miles north of Junction City. The Howards live across the river from him. The couple eloped Saturday night, coming all the way to Salem in a small boat. They arrived here last evening at dusk and ate supper at a restaurant and engaged a room for the night.

The actions and features of the girl attracted suspicion and the chief was waiting this morning when they appeared, the girl in her proper clothes. When arrested they gave their names and home address, but nothing more. They were taken to the city jail. City brought the information that they were wanted and that the officers would be after them. The girl is good looking but not bright. The man had a sack containing \$1,400 in cash.

TO STOP ALLOTMENTS ON KLAMATH RESERVATION

WILL DOUBLE CAPITAL STOCK OF THE BANK

COUNCIL MAKES LEVY NEARLY SIX MILLS

(Washington Bureau of the Journal.)
Washington, Dec. 18.—Henry Moir, secretary of the general land office, has filed in the supreme court of the United States a motion for leave to file a bill versus the secretary of the interior and commissioner of the general land office, restraining them from making allotments of lands on the Klamath Indian reservation. It is stated that the contention of the title to these lands, involving 946,000 acres, passed to Oregon under the date of the swamp land act of 1850.

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Echo, Or., Dec. 18.—The Umatilla River Water-Users' association, which was formed here last week for the purpose of securing water under the government irrigation project, has formed a set of articles of incorporation and by-laws, which have been forwarded to the secretary of the interior for approval. The registration was completed on May 15, which law was passed by the legislature when the Malheur Water-Users' association was formed. The capital stock of the association was placed at \$50,000, which is one half of the amount required. It is necessary to subscribe one half before the organization may be perfected.

Two hundred and fifty subscription and contract blanks have been ordered, and shares of stock will immediately be taken at \$50 each.

ARRESTED FOR CENTENNIAL HOTEL HOLDUP

D. W. Tolck and Herman Brothers Suspected, But Tell Straight Stories.

D. W. Tolck and Herman Brothers were taken in custody today by Patrolman J. F. Anderson on suspicion of being the men who committed the daring holdup at the Centennial hotel Friday night. Both are young men and answer the descriptions of the highwaymen.

Immediately after the arrest of the two men, detectives were sent to their rooms at Seventeenth and Thurman streets to search their belongings. Nothing of an incriminating nature was found and the most rigid examination eventually capturing the men, failed to bring out evidence against the men. They likely will be released.

"Their arrest was in line with the search that we are making," said Chief Grizman. "We are doing our utmost to apprehend the criminals. We are taking no chances and those whom we have reason to suspect are taken in and must be able to give good accounts of themselves. I have little doubt of eventually capturing the men who are guilty of the holdup."

At Coroner Finley's undertaking establishment this afternoon an inquest is in progress concerning the death of Thomas Clemmins, the aged sailor, whose body was found in the water near the Dalles, White Salmon, Mount Hood, Mosier and Hood River were present and a large class of candidates was initiated. The district produced 46 candidates. Among those initiated were Editor Moe of the Hood River Glacier, and Mr. Hall, a civil engineer. The work was exemplified in a highly creditable manner by the following members from Monday's assembly: Raymond Gill, Emil Kling, Orville A. Stevens, Emmett Huffman, Coral Lambert, Minto Butler, Flora Kreglow, Grace Gillman, Frank Harrington, William L. Becken, Edward Gill and Nell Benson. The meeting was an interesting and enjoyable one.

STOCKGROWERS IN FORCE AT WALLA WALLA

Arrangements Under Way to Get Grazing Area on Weneha Reserve.

(Special Dispatch to the Journal.)
Walla Walla, Wash., Dec. 18.—Two hundred and fifty sheep and cattle men, representing the livestock industry from Asotin, Washington, to La Grande, Oregon, were present this morning at a meeting called by Superintendent D. B. Scheller and Chief Ranger J. M. Schmits for the purpose of allotting permits for grazing on the Weneha forest reserve for 1906.

The meeting was held at the courthouse and presided over by Superintendent Scheller. To facilitate the granting of permits the whole matter was placed almost entirely in the hands of the cattle and sheep men themselves. A committee of 22 men, consisting of 9 sheepmen and 11 cattlemen, was selected from every section of the reserve to pass on applications for permits. The committee of sheepmen is composed of William Sliuser, Pendleton; R. A. Jackson, Walla Walla; R. L. Bryson, Walla Walla; Asotin; Washington; R. D. Smith, Meacham, Oregon; George Mottet, Walla Walla; Charles Hales, Watsburg, Washington; D. Davin, Touchet, Washington; Felix von Hentzen, and J. C. Bryson, Looking Glass, Oregon; W. C. Johnson, Ematilla, and John Rust, Elgin, Oregon.

Cattlemen: Bert Butolf, Columbia county; R. F. Flathers, Prescott; J. A. Wood, Fossil; R. H. G. Cook, W. L. G. Umatilla county; W. S. Oliphant, Garfield; Eugene Thomas, at large; E. F. Wilbur, Umatilla; E. L. Ruth, Grand Ronde; T. T. Glenn, Grand Ronde, and William C. Plonk, Sherman.

The committee is to adjust and apportion ranges, assist the officers in determining the claims of cattle and sheep men and pass on applications for permits. It probably will take a week to finish the work.

WEST DOES NOT KNOW WHERE SWINDLERS ARE

State Land Agent Has Not Been Able to Locate Puter and McKinley.

State Land Agent Oswald West said this morning that he has not yet been able to learn the present whereabouts of S. A. D. Puter and Horace G. McKinley, although it is reasonably certain that they were in San Francisco a week or 10 days ago. Whether the two notorious crooks are still in the California metropolis or whether they have again taken to flight is not known.

Some of the victims of the Puter-McKinley swindles are showing a curious reluctance to commence serious criminal proceedings. The state land agent is powerless unless some one of the defrauded persons will take the initiative. Explanation of their apparent unwillingness to act may perhaps be found in the fact that the men with whom Puter and McKinley were dealing are reluctant to draw too close attention to their own operations in state school lands. It is said that some of the genuine school land certificates which they had not learned, their funds must be running low. It is known that when they left Chicago a few weeks ago they had been losing heavily in the gambling houses and their "pile" was greatly depleted. They were in eastern Oregon in November and went to San Francisco about the first of this month.

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Effective January 15, the stockholders of the Security Savings & Trust company have increased the capital stock of the institution from \$250,000 to \$500,000. The amount of shares was 2,500 and has been increased to 5,000. Stockholders of record at this date are entitled to subscribe for new shares pro rata to their holdings, up to January 15, after which time the public will be offered the remaining stock.

"The volume of business has grown to a size that seemed to require larger capital," said President C. F. Adams. "The bank has received a steady increase of business and the deposits have reached \$4,759,516."

The bank has a surplus of \$250,000 and its profit and loss account, less expenses, shows a \$104,225. On December 31 there will be paid from this amount \$27,500 in interest on savings, and \$2,500 in dividends to stockholders.

The ways and means committee of the city council this afternoon fixed the tax levies for the ensuing year and the total will amount to nearly 6 mills.

For support of the fire department they levied 2 1/2 mills; the limit under the charter; police department, 1 mill; street light, 1/2 mill; street repair, 15 mills; parks, 1 mill.

Levies are still to be made for the library, fire department, bridge funds and interest on bonded indebtedness.

(Special Dispatch to the Journal.)
Pendleton, Or., Dec. 18.—Will Chapman, who ran amuck with a pistol in a few weeks ago, has been sentenced to two years in the penitentiary. He was released on parole and the sentence will not be executed unless his future conduct should necessitate it. Chapman was found to have been crazed at the time by Indian whiskey.

British Land Forces to Fight the Chinese.
(Journal Special Service.)
Washington, Dec. 18.—British marines have landed at Shanghai and English ships in the harbor have cleared decks for action. Shanghai is practically under martial law. All foreigners are armed. Reports that 200 were killed and many wounded are discredited.

Plot to Blow Up Czar's Winter Palace.
(Journal Special Service.)
St. Petersburg, Dec. 18.—A plot has been discovered to blow up the Winter palace. An infernal machine has been found in the postoffice at Moscow.

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