

SCALE LOSER IN FIRST BRUSH

First Decision in Case Against Portland General Electric Company for Defendant.

COURT HOLDS STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS BINDING

This Bars State From Greater Part of Money Claimed as Percentage of Income From Locks at Oregon City.

In the legal battle waged between the state of Oregon and the Portland General Electric company, the first encounter was won by the company. The court, sitting in the case of the state against the company, has held that the statute of limitations bars the state from recovering more than 10 per cent of the net earnings of the locks at Oregon City, now owned by the company, from 1871 to 1901, claiming this money is due on account of a contract made with the company which built the locks at the time when the state appropriated \$300,000 to aid in this work.

DIME NOVELS BLAMED FOR THEATRICAL HOLDUP

It is argued by the demurrer attorneys for the state that the statute of limitations did not run against the commonwealth, that the giving of the subsidy to the company gave the state an interest in the water improvement, that this interest in the locks could also be claimed in that they were built on a portion of the state's property and that the company was acting as an agent for the state.

FORMER WEALTHY FARMER ENDS LIFE WITH BULLET

Walla Walla, Wash., Feb. 18.—L. M. Parker, formerly a well-to-do farmer of Walla Walla, shot and killed himself on the western line of the military reservation yesterday forenoon. Parker set down in a fence corner, with his back up against a post, and putting a .38-caliber revolver to his head, sent a bullet into his brain. Death was instantaneous as Parker was sitting in a natural attitude when a soldier riding by discovered his lifeless body.

RABBIT HUNTERS KILL HUNDREDS OF BUNNIES

Arlington, Va., Feb. 18.—There was no rabbit drive on Blalock island yesterday, but instead an old-fashioned rabbit "hunt," in which guns were used instead of clubs and about 1,500 pests were slaughtered. The hunt was conducted by T. B. A. M. Mr. Blalock organized three companies of gunners from the best shots in the northwest. Pendleton, The Dalles, Walla Walla and Arlington, each company having 50 members.

BRISTOL STILL WAITS RECEIPT OF CHARGES

United States District Attorney Bristol is still waiting to receive from Washington copies of the charges filed against him with the senate judicial committee. No official information has yet been received by him as to the nature of the charges.

LONGWORTH BETTER BUT REMAINS IN BED

Washington, Feb. 18.—Congressman Michael Longworth has no fever this morning, but remains in bed. Physicians say there is no probability of his leaving his home until a postponement of the wedding.

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COYBOWS TO BE SCARCE AT CHABBIENEE

How Wolf Slayer John Abernethy Made Himself at Home in the White House.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Lawton, Okla., Feb. 18.—John Abernethy, the newly appointed United States marshal to Oklahoma, has returned from Washington to resume his adventures at the national capital. After telling how he wandered around the White House inquiring for the president, Abernethy said: "I was finally directed into a room where a round table, where were seated a number of fine looking men. Looking around and seeing only one empty chair, I sat at the head of the table. I squinted. I no sooner did so than I noticed the men looking at each other and smiling and I woke up to the idea that in some manner I had put my foot in it. But I thought I'd brave it out so I laid my old, white hair on the floor beside me and waited for somebody to touch off the magazine."

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DR. NICHOLS' MOTHER DIES OF PNEUMONIA

Mrs. Susan Mowry Banks died at 9 o'clock last evening at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Dr. Clarence L. Nichols, 434 Market street. Death resulted from pneumonia after an illness of 10 days. Mrs. Banks came from Allegheny, Pa., last June to spend the summer and winter at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Nichols.

MINISTERS AGREE TO CRITICISE EACH OTHER

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Caldwell, Ida., Feb. 18.—One of the most unique ministerial associations ever organized in the United States was held at Caldwell, Idaho, this week. The ministers of five evangelical denominations came together and formed the organization and invite all the ministers in the country to become members. Its object is to take up the study and teachings of the various denominations. Papers will be read each meeting setting forth vital doctrines of the different denominations, which are to be analyzed by the assembly. No one will be out of order except any minister who gets ruffled at the criticisms, and all agree to accept any light on any subject that is brought out in the meetings.

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Lafe Pence Secures Fleischner, Hirsch and Mayer Tracts as First Step in Tremendous Scheme for Acquiring Land About Willamette Heights.

Preliminary negotiations in a deal said to involve in the neighborhood of \$5,000,000 were begun when Lafe Pence, through the Portland Trust company, acquired the Fleischner, Hirsch, Goldsmith and two Mayer tracts of land which were a portion of the Lewis and Clark fair grounds.

Those who are interested in the deal are reluctant about giving out the details of the affair and efforts are being made to conceal the identity of the parties who are interested in the acquisition of the property.

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Two Default Judgements Are Set Aside in the Interest of Justice to Clients Who Suffered Through Trifling Mistakes.

TWO DECISIONS GIVEN IN ABRAMS LAND CASE

Patrolman O. P. Isakson scored a point this morning in his legal contest against Chief of Detectives Patrick J. Bruin. Isakson is relator in the case of the state against Bruin. In the complaint filed it is set up that Isakson is a citizen of Portland, a taxpayer and a member of the police force, and a motion had been filed asking that the above mentioned portion of the complaint be stricken out.

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Photograph of the Painting "Madonna and Child," now in the municipal palace at Solocole, Italy. It is closely guarded, as it is said J. P. Morgan has offered \$50,000 for it, and the Italians are mindful of the theft of the Assoli cope.