PTAIN ORMSBY SQUIRMS UNDER TERMINAL YARDS EBELING TO FEED NOTICE IS GIVEN LABOR TROUBLE MAY DELAY I RIGID EXAMINATION ON STAND TOO SMALL THE PRISONERS

Important Evidence Wanted

GRILLED UNMERCIFULLY BY ATTORNEY HENEY

Even Judge Hunt Enters Fray and Suggests That Witness be Rigidly Examined by Both Prosecution and Defense, Which Is Done.

aptain Salmon B. Ormsby squirmed od wriggled this morning for two and a half. He was undergoing his second ordeal as a witness in the untain reserve case, now on before Judge Hunt and a jury in dederal court.

Ormsby is the forest superintendent the went over the country which it was ed to include in the Blue mounerve and, before making his reagreed to accept two sections of I lands from Franklin Pierce Mays. scaped indictment in order that he night be used as a witness, but when willed a few days ago to testify against days, Willard N. Jones and George So-enson he showed a disposition to hold back at every possible opportunity, This morning he repeated the same tac-tics, and his long examination suggested the story of "Off agin, on agin, gone

her cross-examination. Attorney W. D. Fenton, representing Mays, brought out hat while the Blue mount out ndictments were under consideration by the grand jury, Secret Service Agent William J. Burns accused Ormsby of J. Burns accused Ormsby of back something that would in-e Binger Hermann and threatto have Ormshy's son indicted if father did not tell all he knew, her it was disclosed that once while ther it was disclosed that once while saby was in the office of Lou Tarphis attorney, Mrs. Ormsby went on her knees before her husand begged him to tell what he about Hermann. When on the about Hermann. When on this on Burns threatened to have the er. Ormsby sent to the penitenti-Ormsby said that Mr. Heney nised that her son would not

Special Assistant Attorney-General Francis J. Heney, who is the Mr. Heney referred to by Mrs. Ormsby, then took hold of the witness. Ormsby denied that during nine days of questioning by Burns he had steadfastly declared that he had never received any school lands from Mays. Heney mentioned some dealis and the captain's memory was sudenly refreshed. He had deceived Burns for some time and finally confessed to seceiving a bribe.

"Then Mr. Burns had good reason to elieve you were lying to him?" asked rosecutor Heney.

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A. D. Puter and some of his accomplices, Heney asked many questions relating to the famous "7-11" case in
which Puter. Daniel Webster Tarpley
and Horace Greeley McKinley were convicted of conspiring to defraud the goverament by means of fraudulently acpaired homestead claims in territory

Trouble.

arrangements are being made for hous-ng the men from the east. During the

night the company smuggled 100 Jap-ness into the Fillmore street barns, who were today put to work on the

Makes Some Denials. Captain Ormsby denied that he had asked Puter to go to John H. Hall, then United States attorney, and try to save him from indictment. He explained that Puter's errand was to Induce Hall to permit Captain Ormsby to appear before

permit Captain Ormsby to appear before the grand jury as a witness.

When asked if he were not the only person favored by Binger Hermann with a visit when the latter passed through Portland last November, the captain knew nothing about it. When asked if Hermann had not called upon him and discussed with him the evidence that he (Ormsby) might give in the Blue mountain case, the captain first said "No," positively, and then added: "Not to my recollection."

It was next shown that the captain's recommendations in his report on the Blue mountain reserve included 18 miles of sage-brush land that did not contain a single stick of timber. The captain explained this by saying that he sought to include the headwaters of Bully

Merritt Ormsby No Boy Attorney Fenton brought out that Merritt Ormsby is no boy, but at the time he owed his father money he

time he owed his father money he was 33 years of age.

Prosecutor Heney gave the defense notice that he expected to argue that the witness and United States District Attorney John Hall protected Binger Hermann while the latter was under investigation and that the latter is still protecting Hermann. Following this declaration Heney got the witness to admit that he owed his appointment as forest superintendent to Hermann and that he had no other influence.

Ormsby testified that when he wrote

Ormsby testified that when he wrote to Hermann he often marked his letters "personal," because if he did not do that they would be handled by clerks and the answers would be delayed.

Heney asked the captain if he did not know that all Oregon mail, whether marked personal or unmarked, went to Hermann's desk and was opened by him.

he said so. Ormsby Raises a Laugh

When asked in regard to the promise not to indict his son if he understood that Prosecutor Heney was going to dictate to the grand jury the captain raised a laugh by replying. "I did not, but there is no knowing what you can do."

A moment later the captain grew are A moment later the captain grew sar-A moment later the captain grew sarcastic. He was anxious to leave the
stand and, had started to climb down
when Attorney Fenton called him back.
The question was unimportant and after
he had answered it the captain said:
"I didn't know, Mr. Fenton, but what
you were going to ask me how many
legs I lost at Gettysburg."

J. H. Dobbin of Joseph testified that
he was a delegate to the woolgrowers.

ne was a delegate to the woolgrowers' convention held in Pendleton in Septem-per, 1992, and that Congressman I. N. Williamson took an active part in the work of inducing the convention to in-lorse a plan to add several townships

Strikebreakers Make Record Time is

cars. Crowds hooted the strikebreak-ers. The first section left at 7:35, 30 minutes ahead of time, and the second outbreak of violence. The public at a at 8 o'clock, 45 minutes ahead of sched-

It is admitted by the company's emoyes at the barns this morning that rangements are being made for house MEET IN PENDLETON

who were today put to work on the streets and tracks. Ten unions, representing all classes employed by the United rallways, have united to fight against the company.

Another special has been started by Farley from New York for San Francisco loaded with streetcar strike of the United rallways. Another leaves tonight and another tomorrow. Farley's headquarters are now nother tomorrow. Farley's headquarters in the field. Expeditions are being equipped, ammunition and medical supplies and 78,600 rounds of ammunition ordered, and 1,100 revolvers furnished. A new York surceon will go to get assistants in Ean rancisco. Many union men trying to asse as "attikebreakers have been jected. As soon as 2,500 men are en jected as as a social mental work in the did in this in the mental social particular and the lillini and joined the Nirger constitution of the Real Estate Trust company says in the promised, heaver, not to keep the promised, heaver, not to keep the promised to the promised to the promised to the promised to the promised (Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Pendleton, Or., Aug. 79.—A meeting
of the Umatilla Woolgrowers' association will be held in this city Septem-

GROWN WITH THE CITY

Must Get Together if Relief Is to Be Secured-An Understanding Is Reached at Conference.

A hearing of causes of congestion of freight in the yards of the Northern Pacific Terminal company was held in the office of J. N. Teal, counsel for the transportation committee of the chamber of commerce, yesterday afternoon, and as a result it is believed the troubles can be minimized by cooperation between the wholesalers, transfer men and terminal company officials. The fact was sharply brought out that the present terminal

Committee Report.

A report of the committee's findings, made to the chamber today, says:

"The condition is largely due to the fact that the Terminal company has not kept pace with the growth of business. At present this company should have at least 10 more miles of trackage to take cars of cars in a satisfactory manner."

There is a congestion of freight cars extending south to Ashland and north to Tacoma. In East Portland the tracks are full of loaded cars. The situation is serious to the business interests and to the railroad company as well. The company is undoubtedly doing all it can to relieve the situation. Its revenues depend upon release of these cars and their use in handling new business. The terminal company officials admit that they have been too, slow in providing more trackage and that the city's business has far outstripped them.

The committee is advised that the Terminal company is now taking steps to more than double its facilities. The improvements will include a new freight house 1000x480x70 feet, on Hoyt street, additional team tracks to hold street, additional team tracks to hold 160 cars, and an outside yard for breaking up trains. This yard will be located at the point where the horse show was held in connection with the Lewis and Clark exposition. Here \$5,000 feet of trackage will be put down as soon as litigation recently started is settled.

The committee expresses doubt as to when this litigation will be settled and regret at the threatened delay caused by the scanting of an injunction in favor of the Northern Pacific Railway company, as the traffic congestion is bound to grow steadily worse until relieved by the enlarging of facilities.

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The growth of the city is much be-yeng the proportion of increase in its shipping facilities. The terminal yards have not been enlarged fast enough, nor Prosecutor Heney.

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Among the witnesses called late years and nobody ever lived upon them, but Ormsby as forest superintendant made a report favoring the family before Heney began to ask questions about the Cascade reserve Judge to the Signe and Daniel Webster Tarpley in Mays, was surprised by being made a witness for the government. He testified to surprise the famous of the surprised fast enough, nor has the railroad equipment been in the reserve. The resonance of inducing the convention to in dorse at plan to add several townships to the Blue Mountain reserve. The resonance at a ratio conforming to compended the mercial progress. Representatives of the various interests concerned attended the mercial progress. Representatives of the various interests concerned attended the mercial progress. Representatives of the various interests concerned attended the mercial progress. Representatives of the various interests concerned attended the mercial progress. Representatives of the various interests concerned attended the mercial progress. Representatives of the various interests concerned attended the mercial progress. Representatives of the various interests concerned attended the mercial progress. Representatives of the various division of indorsement was passed. In the total progress a ratio conforming to compense the reality of the various interests concerned attended the mercial progress. Representatives of the various interests concerned attended the mercial progress. Representatives of the various interests concerned attended the mercial progress. Representatives of the various interests concerned attended the mercial progress. Representatives

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the tug Moran and the yacht Illini terday morning, but was put out. In some way it broke out again last night, considerably broased with a more than the insurance is \$3,000. raced alongside. Bryan, alightly heavier, considerably bronzed, with a more shiny pate, watched with amusement the two boarding parties' struggle to J. O'SHEA INJURED

reach him first. As soon as the doctor was through his examination at quarantine both craft came alongside and members of

the proposed Blue Mountain reserve.
This caused more squirming. The capmportant Evidence Wanted
by Prosecution.

Next Hency brought out that the witness is under indictment for his connection with the "7-11" conspiracy for
which Puter and two of his pals were

County Court Awards Him ConFormal Demand Made Upon the
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In His Bid.

Freight.

WILL BEGIN TO DISH

COPIES OF CHARTER

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OUT FOOD SATURDAY

Railroads, Teamsters and Wholesalers Sheriff Stevens Notified by Judge Webster That Contract Has Been Awarded and Eberling Entitled to Right Sort of Treatment.

Louis Ebeling this morning signed a outract to feed all the prisoners in the ounty jail in the basement of the court-

county jail in the basement of the courthouse for one year for 11% cents for
each meal furnished. He will begin
feeding the prisoners next Saturday
morning, unless some steps are taken
by Sheriff Stevens to prevent it. The
sheriff has done nothing as yet.
Ebeling's bid was not only the lowest
submitted to the court, but he is
thought to be better able to give the
prisoners satisfactory food than any
of the other bidders. Ebeling conducts
a restaurant on Fourth street, within a
quarter of a block of the jail, and will
have to carry the food only a short distance, so that he can serve it while it
he warm.

sugar, and one half loaf of bread for each person.

It is provided that the meals shall be served between the hours named at such time as the sheriff may designate, and if the sheriff does not name a time then it is to be delivered at any time convenient to Ebeling.

Ebeling agreed to use good, fresh, wholesome provisions, and to prepare them properly. The county court reserves the right to annul the contract at any time if the food or service is not at any time if the food or service is not

Judge Webster notified Sheriff Stevens by letter that the contract for boarding the prisoners had been award-ed to Ebeling, and that Ebeling would

PLEAD GUILTY

Arraigned Before Judge Sears, They Determine Not to Fight the Case.

William Boyd and Ernest Hutching the boy holdups who attempted to rob George E. Robbins at North Ninth and Couch streets last Saturday night, were arraigned in the circuit court this morn ing. charged with highway robbery.
They pleaded guilty, and will be sentenced Saturday morning.
Bord is 17 years old, and Hutchins only 14. When they attempted to rob Robbins at the point of a revolver he attacked them and they ran. The young-

(Journal Special Service.)

(Chicago, Aug. 29.—Twenty-seven coaches, two sections of the Farley train, arrived at 7 o'clock this morning, having made_30 minutes in the effort of a record run to the coast. Slight delays occurred on account of the refused as serious aspect to the strike since the determination of the company to operate cars by this method is likely to lead to so outbreak of violence. The serious ahead of time, and the second the serious ahead of time.

IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Late this afternoon J. O'Shea, a son of the proprietor of the Union Meat company, and a well-known young man about town, was seriously injured in an automobile accident on the Linnton road. Mr. O'Shea was alone in his automobile and was driving toward town about one mile beyond the fair grounds, when in some manner he lost control of his machine.

The vehicle ran down an embankment and overturned, throwing its occupant heavily to the ground. When O'Shea was picked up a few minutes later by passersby he was unconscious Late this afternoon J. O'Shes,

by passersby he was unconscious and apparently badly hurt. Dr. Miller happened along and took the injured man to St. Vincent's hospital, where an examination is being made to determine the extent of his injuries.

ON NEW TELEPHONE SYSTEM

MAILED TO MANAGERS

Letters of Auditor Devlin Are Explicit and Demand Statements of Assets, Liabilities, Operating Expenses and Profits.

tions which are enjoying franchises from the city found in their mail this morning a leter from City Auditor Devlin requesting that they comply with the provisions of the charter and fur-nish him with quarterly statements of their receipts and expenditures. Copies of the charter were also mailed

Copies of the charter were also mailed yesterday afternoon to each of these companies that section 99, under which Mayor Lane asked Mr. Devlin to send out the requests, might be read by every one interested.

The letter follows:

"In pursuance of section 99 of the charter of Portland, I hereby demand from you, as the holder of a franchise granted by ordinance No. 12590 of the city of Portland, a report in writing which shall contain an accurate statement in summarised form as well as tance, so that he can serve it while it is warm.

The contract provides that two meals daily shall be served, as follows:

Breakfast, to be served between the hours of 7:30 and 8:30 a. m., to consist of one order of meat and potatoes, coffee with sugar, and one half loaf of bread for each person.

Dinner, to be served between the hours of 4 and 5 p. m., to consist of one order of soup, meat, potatoes and one other vegetable, tea or coffee with sugar, and one half loaf of bread for each person.

The contract provides that two meals granted by ordinance No. 12590 of the granted by ordinance No. 12

"I request that such report and statement be flied in this office not later than October \$1, 1906.
"I hand you herewith a copy of the charter of the city of Portland, and call your attention to section 99 thereof."
Section 99 of the city charter provides that public service corporations holding franchises shall make quarterly reports to the auditor of their total receipts and expenditures and shall also show in detail how the profits of the business are made. If such reports are not made regularly the franchise may be declared forfeited, and failure to keep books and accounts may be considered a misdemeanor and punished by fine or imprisonment under ordinances passed

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Highland Park Water company, Cascade Power company, Willamette Valley Traction company, Investment company, Portland Railway company, Western Union Telegraph company, Portland Gas company, Postal Telegraph-Cable company, American District Telegraph company, Portland General Electric company, Southern Pacific company, O. R. & N. Co., Oregon Water Power & Railway company, Portland Hydraulic Elevator company, Northern Pacific Terminal company, Mount Hood Electric company, Home Telephone company, United Railways company, City Messenger & Delivery company, Pacific States Telegraph & Telephone company, Union Market association.

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ARRESTED FOR SELLING PRESERVED MEAT

GIVEN TO PUBLIC

Trans-Mississippi Congress at Kansas City Promises to Be of Much Value.

Officials of the Trans-Mississippi congress have issued the program for the Kansas City season, to be held November 20, 21, 22, 22. Most of the subjects to be discussed are of vital interest to Portland, and four or five of them were selected from a list of subjects suggested by the Portland chambar of commerce.

The topics include livestock interests of the west, isthmian canal, majes and mining, oriental trade, harbor improvement, Alaska, Columbia river, irrigation, forestry, San Francisco, naval construction on the Pacific coast, statehood, deep water from lakes to gulf, merchant marine, flood control, drainage of public lands, trusts and their rela-

of public lands, trusts and their rela-tion to business, government ownership of railroads, telegraph and public utili-ties generally, levee systems, commer-

cial union.

Portland commercial bodies today re-ceived advance copies of the program, and an urgent invitation from Secretary Arthur B. Francis to send a large and representative delegation to work for the interests of the Pacific northwest. Many of the most influential men and able speakers in the nation will be there. The session is the first follow-ing the meeting held in Portland last year, and means a continuation of much of the work taken up at that session. Officers of the congress are: Presi-Officers of the congress are: President, David R. Francis; vice-president for Oregon, E. L. Smith, Hood River; chairman executive committee, Fred W. Flemming, Kansas City; vice-chairman Tom Richardson, Portland; chairman congressional committee, T. B. Wilcox Portland; chairman advisory committee E. R. Moses, Great Bend, Kansas.

WITH ITS OCCUPANTS

Crew of Steam Schooner Celia Think Boat Capsized and All Men Lost.

Pacific Grove, Cal., Aug. 19.—Fears are being entertained for the safety of a lifeboat from the steam schooner Cella in which are Mate Anderson, Superintendent Bishop of the Albion Lumber company, his wife and three children and Brigham Kinston, sailor. It is believed that the boat capsized in the heavy swell off stormy Point Pinos, when the occupants put out from the Gas company, Postal Telegraph-Cable
company, American District Telegraph
company, American District Telegraph
company, Portland General Electric
company, Portland General Electric
company, Southern Pacific Company,
O. R. & N. Co., Oregon Water Power &
Railway company, Portland Hydraulic
Elevator company, Northern Pacific
Terminal company, Mount Hood Electric
company, Home Telephone company,
United Railways company, Pacific States
Telegraph & Telephone company, Union
Market association.

RAILROAD MEN RACE WITH

INJUNCTION SERVERS

The Celia in which are Mate Anderson,
Superintendent Bishop of the Albion
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POUR CARBOLIC ACID

IN VICTIM'S MOUTH

Los Angeles, Aug. 29.—The body of James Hyde, aged 58, proprietor of the Crystal Ice company, was found in some bushes at Fourth avenue and Twenty-on the served meat.

This is the third arrest made for this offense. Since the arrest of Thomas Duffy and Jack Henry on the same charge yesterday the commissioners say they have found that the hamburger steak soized and declared impure was purchased of the Union Meat company. Whether Wood made his own hamburger steak or bought it from a packing-nouse is not known.

"We're going right after to the street this morning. He had been missing since yesterday. His wallet had been rified and his mouth burned with carbolic acid. It is thought he was slugged and acid poured in his mouth to give the appearance of suicide.

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"We're going right after it wherever we can find," said Mr. Balley this afternoon after the arrest of Wood. "All the dealers have been notified, but they have paid no attention to the letter I sent out. They have waited until some body got pinched and now they are squealing.

"If we find 'preserved' meat in the possession of the packers they will be trested the same as the retailers. The retailers will be forced to insist that the meat they buy from the pocking-houses is not 'preserved'."

Bulphite of sodium was found in the hamburger steak seized. It is one of the peculiarities of sulphite that less can be taken out through chemical analysis than is put in it. Yet plenty of sulphite was found in the meat seised yesterday.

Baker City, Or., Aug. 29.—After an illness of about 10 hours, Mrs. Mailinds Lowe, one of the earliest ploneers of Baker county, died last night at midnight at her home in Baker City.

Joseph Knapp, professor of engineering and timber tests at the state university, is at the Oregon hotel. He is werstly, is at the Oregon hotel. He is in Portland to confer with Henry Grinnell, an inspector in the forestry ing and timber tests at the estate university, is at the Oregon hotel. He is accordingly in Portland to the work planned for the students at Eugene.

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F. L. Dunbar, secretary of the state, is at the Portland hotel. He is accompanied by Mrs. Dunbar.

Dr. and Mrs. H. E. Beardsley of New York business men, are guests of the Portland hotel. They are touring the Portland hotel. They are touring the portland suggested at the Portland. Mr. Bothin is a well-known business man illness of about 10 hours, Mrs. Mailinds of Oakland.

Dr. W. C. Shear, who has b

Launching of New Service May Not Be Accomplished Until Next Spring.

ELECTRICAL WORKERS TRY TO TIE UP CONSTRUCTION

Robert Tucker Explains Company's Attitude in Controversy and Says Ten Thousand Telephones Will Be in Operation by First of Year.

Portland people who are breathlessly awaiting the installation of the plant of the Home Telephone company with its "girlless" switchboard and its promise of better service may have to hold their breath until spring. Labor troubles threaten to tie up the work and postpone the launching of the new system for months.

Because local union No. 125. Inter-

postpone the launching of the new system for months.

Because local union No. 125, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, and the Home Telephone company had a little misunderstanding some time ago the 30 union linemen and cable splicers employed at stringing the new wires walked out. The cause of the trouble was a raise of wages from \$4 to \$4.50 for the cable splicers, ordered by the union but not acceded to by the company. Since the strike the company has been plugging along as best it could. The strikers declare that the company is wholly unable to get linemen and cable splicers, though it is offering \$3.50 for non-union linemen and ... for cable splicers, 50 cents in each case above the union scale. The men on strike say that all the help the company has been able to get has been a half dozen common laborers, who are unable to do the work properly and who have to have their tools purchased for them.

Work Exy Se Delayed.

their tools purchased for them. Work May be Delayed.

If these stories are true the advent of the new system may be postponed for more than six months, as it is very difficult to get linemen and cable spileers during the winter months, union or nonunion. There is a good deal of such work now being done on the coast and when the first cold snap comes the outdoor electrical workers usually make a hike for California or some other warmer clime. The local some other warmer clime. The local union officials say that all the strikers are employed or about to be employed at the regular scale on unionized jobs. Local union No. 125, I. B. E. W., issued a statement from the meeting-rooms last night setting forth its side of the controversy and calling upon all union sympathizers to refrain from patronizing the Home Telephone com-pany until such time as it may make peace with the union.

Tucker Explains Trouble

completed the construction under it. when a short time ago a representative of the electrical workers from San Francisco informed us that although the contract with us was satisfactory, they demanded a contract from the Home Telephone company.

Mr. Summer of the Home Telephone company, upon his return to Fortland, stated to the representative from San Francisco that the Home Telephone company would not be employing labor until the plant was completed and turned over by the construction company; that the Home Telephone company; that the Home Telephone company; that the Home Telephone company; when it is ready for business will have a local board of directors, who will no doubt take up the matter contended for in due season.

"At no time in the controversy was there a question of wages or conditions of employment discussed. The electrical workers submitted a form of contract, but Mr. Summer was not disposed to consider any kind of a contract until the board was properly organised and the company in operation. The construction company has a contract and has lived up to it, but in the face of this contract the electrical workers refused to continue to work and our company is obliged to seek elsewhere for labor.

"The work is progressing nicely. From 50 to 75 applications for talephones are coming in every day and we expect to give service in certain portions of the city within a very few weeks and fully 10,000 telephones will be in full operation by January 1.

"The Empire Electric company's employes were and are thoroughly satisfied with their wages and employment and in view of the fact that a great many of them were new men in Portland, only three of them were eligible to vote as to whether or not the strike should be declared. Two of these voted against the strike.

In so far as a contract is concerned, our attitude is well defined and we have only asked that the electrical workers live up to their contract."

PRACTICAL JOKE IS CAUSE OF ARREST

Pendleton, Or., Aug. 19.—M. L. Taft has sworn to a complain before District Attorney Phelps charging Robert Beavert with assault with a pitchtork.

The trouble grew out of a practical joke, it is said, and which Beavert slieges reflected on his wife. To punish Taft for the same he used a pitchfork and from the appearance of the comand from the appearance of the com-plainant's face the husband had revenge for the slight, whether fancied or real. Taft was required to give bond to cover the cost of the case in the event of a

MAIL CLERK INJURED-TAKEN TO HOSPITAL

James Cannon, a mail clerk, was seriously injured on an O. R. & N. train near Troutdale this morning, and upon arrival here was taken to St. Vincent's hospital. It is understood that Cannon was leaning out of a car door when he was struck on the head by a roadside crane. He was rendered unconscious by the blow, and for a time it was feared that his skull had been fractured.