

# LAND FRAUD QUEENS GIVEN FREEDOM

## VAN AUKER HERE WITH AN OFFICER

### Cashier of Rainier Bank Visits Portland in Company of Sheriff White of Columbia

### Spends Night at Hotel—Comes for Alleged Purpose of Identifying Holdup Men, but Does Not Go Near Jail Where They Are Confined.

In company with Sheriff White of Columbia county, Cashier C. Van Auker of the State bank of Rainier, occupied room 523 at the Imperial hotel last night. Van Auker was cashier of the bank which, according to his story, was held up in broad daylight on Labor day and robbed of \$2,500.

The cashier was in company of the sheriff during the day. They came to Portland for the alleged purpose of trying to identify the two men who held up an automobile on the Linton road Friday night as the two who, according to Cashier Van Auker, held him up on Labor day, bound him and robbed the bank of \$2,500 in gold. However, neither the sheriff nor Mr. Van Auker visited the jail, where the men are confined.

Since the mysterious robbery of the State Bank of Rainier, the cashier's actions and habits have been thoroughly investigated. It is said that the investigation has revealed that Van Auker, prior to the robbery, had been gambling heavily and also that he had lost heavily. Persons who claim to know him state that he was a frequent patron at the Milwaukee club near this city, and that he also made frequent trips to the gambling resorts of Astoria.

Starting rumors were circulated at Rainier and at other places as soon as the report of the sensational robbery was given out. Few residents of that town believed the statements of the cashier, because of the apparently physical impossibility of the robbers to have performed the deed as the cashier stated.

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## HARRIMAN SAID TO HAVE BOUGHT READING SYSTEM

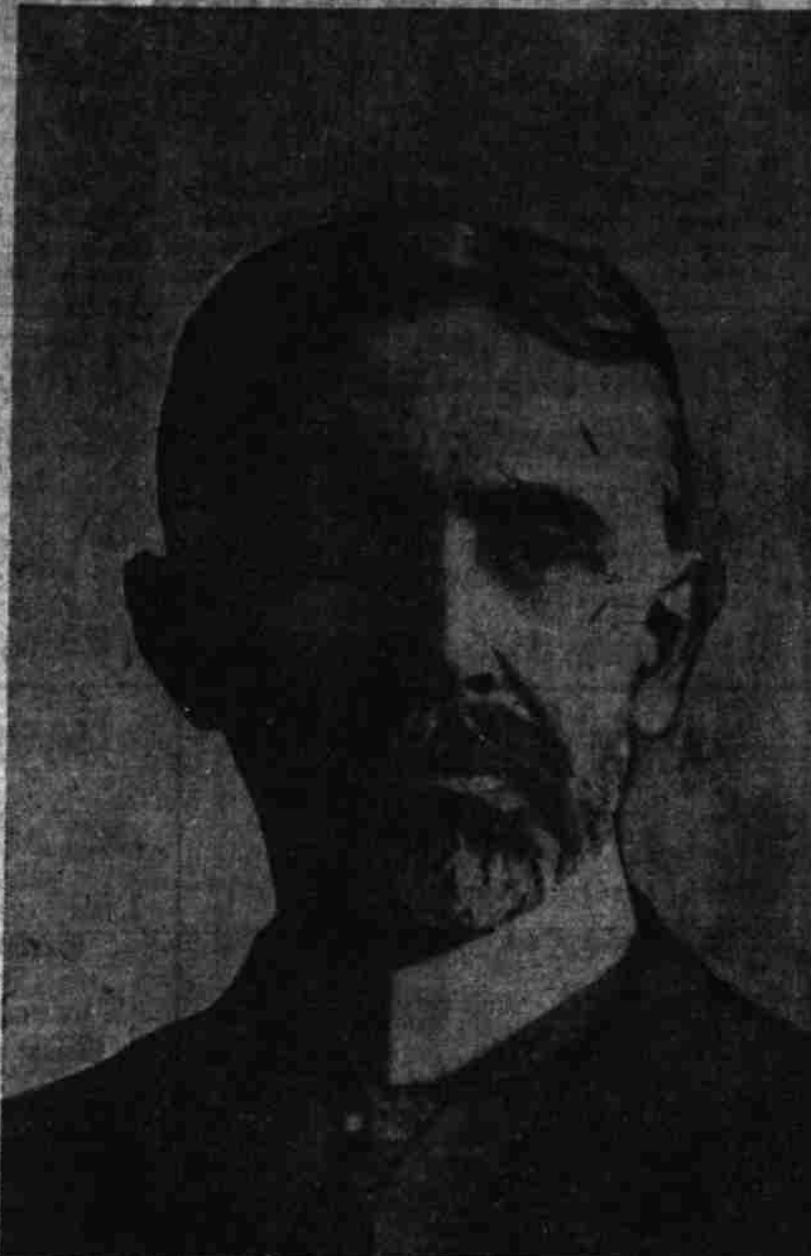
### Reported That Magnate Has Acquired Large Holdings in Coal Railroad and Lands—Hundred and Twenty Million Price Paid for Baltimore & Ohio.

New York, Sept. 19.—The cost of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad to the Harriman interests, its new owners, remains largely a matter of conjecture. One guess was that it involved an expenditure approximately of \$120,000,000, but this is considered by good authorities to be too high. Even with \$120,000,000 as the price for the control, railroad men say that the Harriman interests have acquired a property well worth that amount of money.

Even this large sum, it is pointed out, is less than the amount expended on the system in extensions and improvements during the past 10 years, for 10 years ago the work of rebuilding the road began. In that decade about \$140,000,000 have been expended under the general head of improvements.

In addition to the large cities on the seaboard connected by its 4,151 miles of road, the Baltimore & Ohio reaches four ports on Lake Erie—Fairport, Lorain, Cleveland and Sandusky, and besides Chicago, one port (Indian Harbor) on Lake Michigan. It is at the latter place that the city of Gary and the \$75,000,000 plant of the United States Steel corporation is now in course of construction.

But equal even to the great advantage of perfecting through the Baltimore & Ohio the first transcontinental railroad system, it is said, there are coal lands derivable from the acquisition of influential ownership in the Reading system. There is an impression that the Harriman interests have acquired large holdings in the Reading apart from the Baltimore & Ohio interests. The control of the Reading will be particularly advantageous to Harriman, because of the Reading's position in the hard coal field.



Cashier Van P. W. Van Auker of State Bank of Rainier and Sketch Showing Robbery as Described by Him.

## GRUESOME RECORD OF FAMILY

### Mrs. N. B. Kane Dies Raving Maniac Seven Years From Day Her Husband Killed Their Baby and Tried to Murder Her

Seven years from the day her husband murdered their child, attempted to murder her and committed suicide, Mrs. N. B. Kane died at Good Samaritan hospital this morning, a raving maniac.

For seven years Mrs. Kane has brooded over the tragedy, enacted in Baker City, Oregon, September 19, 1899, which destroyed her home, took from her her little baby, and gradually undermined her reason. Mrs. Kane's father died last spring. After his death it was noted that the brooding was more constant, and that Mrs. Kane was slowly but surely tending toward insanity.

About two weeks ago the evidences of insanity became so pronounced that she was placed in St. Mary's hospital, at Walla Walla, Washington, for treatment. Last week Mrs. Kane was brought to Portland for examination by specialists, but she had become so violent that on Monday last sister, Mrs. M. J. Shaw, began proceedings in the county court to have her committed to the asylum at Salem.

An examination was had and her commitment to the asylum followed. Trains having been delayed, an attendant could not come from Salem to take the patient to the asylum, and she was placed in the padded cell in the county jail to be held until an attendant arrived. Last night her condition was so bad that a trained nurse was employed to care for her.

This morning the unfortunate woman had so exhausted herself by her struggles in her ravings that she was removed to the Good Samaritan hospital and died a few minutes after reaching that institution.

(Journal Special Service.)

Los Angeles, Sept. 19.—Detective W. W. Freeman has arrested Emma Howard, alias Emma Stokes, for the theft of diamonds valued at more than \$5,000 from Henry Briggs of Pasadena. The robbery took place on August 20, but no intimation was given out before that the gems were missing. Behind the story of the theft of the diamonds is a strange tale, so weird that it is almost past belief.

The jewels were stolen from the body of the late Mrs. Briggs at Santa Monica. Mrs. Briggs had been in failing health and finally her husband decided to take her to Santa Monica in the hope that the sea air would save her life. After an illness of several weeks, however, she died.

## MAYOR LANE SCORES ALL DETECTIVES

### Tells Civil Service Commission Why He Insisted That Sleuths Be Removed

### Cheaper for City to Pension Them and Let Them Live Elsewhere Than Keep Them in Police Department, Declares City's Chief Executive.

"We simply became convinced that it would be cheaper for the city to pension the detectives and let them live in Polk county or somewhere else outside the city than to keep them in the police department."

Thus did Mayor Lane unboomer himself concerning the dismissed sleuths before the civil service commission this morning.

The commission was investigating the dismissal of A. G. Vaughn, the only one of the sacked to ask the commission to hear his side of the case. "Other others, Day, Snow, Heising and Carpenter, have laid their troubles before the circuit court. Hartman doesn't want his job back.

After enumerating a long list of instances where the detectives fell down completely, the mayor exclaimed: "And as to murderers—why, they could no more catch a murderer than they could go out on the hills and catch an elephant!"

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## TAFT SITS ON THE LID AT HAVANA

### Secretary and Party in Cuba—Call on President Palma and Discuss Peace Terms

### General Opinion That Intervention Followed by Annexation is Inevitable—Foreigners Without Exception Favor Becoming Part of United States.

Havana, Sept. 19.—Secretary of War W. H. Taft and party arrived at 7:30 o'clock this morning. Taft and Bacon were received by Secretary of State O'Farrell on board the Des Moines, and called upon President Palma at 10 o'clock.

The lid upon which Secretary Taft intends to sit covers a volcano. The well-informed say that American troops are details to come, maybe in a few weeks, probably a month or so, but their coming is inevitable.

Both sides talk about peace, but neither is willing to make concessions. Ninety per cent of the property in Havana is owned by Spaniards, Americans, English and Germans, and all are practically sold for annexation. English and German warships are near, but they avoid Havana, as their governments are relying upon President Roosevelt to restore peace.

It is announced that the battleships Louisiana, Virginia and New Jersey are coming direct to Havana instead of putting into Key West for further orders as first intended. It is announced that the Dixie at Cienfuegos will be replaced by the Tacoma or Cleveland, and return to Santo Domingo, where trouble is brewing.

(Journal Special Service.)

Manila, Sept. 19.—Captain Ira Fredenburgh of the quartermaster's department was arraigned in the civil courts today with a misappropriation of public funds.

## ARMY CAPTAIN FACES COURT AT MANILA

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## BUD DOBLE NEARLY KILLED BY ENRAGED STALLION

### Trainer Is Shaken Violently, Hurling in Air and Stamped on by Animal.

San Jose, Cal., Sept. 19.—In training one of his famous stallions, Bud Doble was nearly killed on his big stock farm near Lawrence station late Saturday afternoon.

For some time past Doble has been having trouble with the animal. One day last week while the horse was being driven by the trainer about the farm he picked up a nail. Doble extracted it, but in doing so caused the horse great pain. At the time the stallion showed dislike for the driver, but Doble thought nothing of the incident.

Saturday the animal made no display of temper until an opportune time of the check rein, and walked by the side of the horse until near his head. As he stood there he was suddenly pounced upon and felled to the ground. Then the stallion rushed over and beat the prostrate trainer in his teeth, shaking him violently. He hurled Doble to one side and then deliberately knelt on the body, placing his knees on the trainer's chest and side. Several men from the stable rushed over and beat the animal off and carried the injured trainer home. Doble has several ribs broken and sustained a number of bad bruises.



Geraldine Farrar

## MRS. WATSON ALLOWED TO LEAVE JAIL

### Goes into Federal Court, Signs Recognizance Bond and Departs Alone From Building

Breathing prayers of thankfulness and stopping to look at the flowers and shrubs, holding her head high that she might more freely drink in the great draughts of the pure air of a glorious September day, Mrs. Emma L. Watson, convicted of conspiring to defraud the United States out of its public lands, walked this morning from the county jail in company with Deputy United States Marshal Egriagan to the federal court building, where she signed a recognizance bond and shortly after went out into the sunshine a free woman.

For nearly three months Mrs. Watson has been confined in the county jail, where she was delivered by her bondsmen, who feared that she might run away from the government authorities in case her testimony might be wanted in subsequent land fraud cases. When she emerged from the jail she was neatly attired in a light gray plaid traveling suit. Her stylish millinery was hidden by a heavy pink automobile veil, which was also freely drawn in her face, partially hiding it from view. Although the veil and the rouge which she used completely covered her face and cheeks, they were not sufficient to hide all traces of the prison pallor which she gained in her confinement in the county bastille.

Will Go to Seattle. After the formality of signing the bond had been gone through with, Mrs. Watson left the federal building unaccompanied. Not a friend was there to greet her except a number of newspaper men. To these she told that she would leave for Seattle tonight to visit friends for a month. Then she will return to Seattle.

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## GIRL LOVED BY PRINCE TO SING IN GRAND OPERA

### Geraldine Farrar Among Stars to Sing in Metropolitan Opera Company the Coming Season—Conried Promises New York Its Greatest Season in Music.

New York, Sept. 19.—Herr Conried of the Metropolitan Opera company, who has returned from Europe, promises New York its greatest opera season during the coming winter. More than a score of new singers have been engaged, as well as many old favorites.

The coming of Miss Geraldine Farrar, who will make her debut early in the season in "Fedora," a new production here, was one of the impresario's most interesting announcements. Conried described her to be, as well as Lina Cavalieri, also a new acquisition to the Metropolitan forces, two of the most beautiful women on the operatic stage.

Miss Farrar has a glorious voice and great dramatic power, says Herr Conried. She is with the Savage Opera company. Conried was attracted by her voice and asked her to study with Jean De Reszais. He heard her again when he was in Paris this summer and was convinced that the time had come for her appearance before an American audience.

Miss Farrar is the young American girl with whom the German crown prince was at one time desperately in love.

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### Says She Will Go to Seattle for Month's Visit, Then Journey to Her California Home—Is Delighted to Be Out in the Sunshine Again.

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## JEFFRIES SAYS OREGON IS THE BIG GAME LAND

### Will Not Hunt in California Again, He Says, Because Oregon Is on the Map—Is Frenzied Hunter and Bags Deer and Cougars—Also Fishes.

Jim Jeffries, the unconquered, will never go hunting in California again. It's not because "Jeff" has lost his lust for the blood of the wild things of the forest. It is because Oregon is on the map. So says the husky ex-buffet.

Cy Myrick, the only Portlander who was honored with an invitation to accompany Jeffries on his hunting trip into the Oregon fastnesses, returned home last Sunday ahead of the remainder of the party. The others will arrive at Eugene next Friday. They will next visit Portland, but will take the first train south. Nearly all are from California and Myrick says they are all agreed that the Golden state has nothing in the shape of happy hunting grounds as compared to Oregon.

"They can travel there for two weeks and never see a deer," they said," explained Myrick today, "while we have deer almost every day, sometimes in big bands. One of our party saw 25 one morning before breakfast, and all told we must have seen between 400 and 500 in two weeks. The entire number bagged up to the time I left was 19. Besides, two cougars were killed and we caught more fish than we could eat."

The Jeffries party left Eugene by wagon on August 24, traveling some 3000 miles to Dunlap, Tenn., and from Dunlap riding packing by 19 miles to the South Fork of the Kentucky river. The permanent camp was struck out, but many short excursions of several days' length were made in company and the deer added almost every day.

The number of deer seen by the party was 19. The number of cougars was 2. The number of fish was 100.

## THREE CHARGED WITH ELECTION FRAUDS

(Special Dispatch to the Journal.)

The Dalles, Or., Sept. 19.—J. E. Hunt and P. F. Fouts were arrested for perjury on direct information filed by the district attorney yesterday afternoon, and Seneca Fouts, charged with subornation of perjury, was arrested at the same time. The offense was committed, it is claimed, in connection with the general election at Hood River.

Each of the accused furnished bail in the sum of \$1,000 to answer the charge at the circuit court. Two other parties, charged with perjury in the same affair, are yet to be arrested.

Mongolia Unchanged. Midway Island, Sept. 19.—The condition of the Mongolia is apparently unchanged today. The Japanese training ship Anegawa in passing yesterday exchanged signals with the Mongolia and is now lying near to give assistance if needed.

## PASSENGERS ON FRISCO TRAIN THIEF'S VICTIMS

### Robber Takes Money and Jewelry at Every Opportunity While Train is Running Between San Francisco and Portland—No Clue to the Thief.

A sneak thief who piled his trade vigorously and successfully all the way from San Francisco to Portland made things interesting for the passengers who arrived in the city this morning.

With half the train alarmed by his thefts of the first night, the fellow continued unopposed, and no one saw him and there is no clue to his identity. He got, all told, perhaps \$1,000 worth of plunder.

Most of the pilfering was done Monday night, soon after the train left San Francisco. The thief continued his operations during the day by sneaking money out of purses left by the women passengers in their car seats when they retired to the observation car. It was in this way that Miss Emma Conroy, who arrived with her father at the Portland hotel this morning, lost \$5.

Miss Conroy left the purse in a handbag on her Pullman seat and went into the observation car to view the scenery. She returned a few moments later, but did not discover her loss until arriving in Portland.

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