

### BALLINGER IS RUSHING WORK

#### Typewriters Will Be Used in Making Out Land Patents in the Future.

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.) Washington, May 21.—Another step forward to hasten the issuance of land patents—has been taken by Commissioner R. A. Ballinger of the general land office. This time it was the substitution of modern methods in Division B of his bureau, whereby henceforth land patents are to be written on typewriters, instead of by the old method of long-hand writing.

"This will operate materially to hasten the general land office force in catching up with its work," one of the officials said. "It will bring the land office up to date, too, and save money, besides getting more work done."

When Commissioner Ballinger took the general land office, he found to be true what everyone knows who has observed the workings of that bureau—antiquated methods, oldtime procedure, expenditure of time and money in winding and unwinding red tape, cluttering up records with hundreds of thousands of useless words, in too long drawn out opinions, and, apparently, the effort was to do the least possible with the greatest possible expense.

He had not been commissioner a month before he issued an order one day, the substance of which was "Work. Work like you meant to accomplish something, work as though you had more to do than draw your pay, work with some interest in your work," and there was a shaking up among what of dry bones there were in the bureau.

The commissioner set the example. He worked long into the night, and he caught up with the work of his office which he personally was expected to dispose of. His spirit was "ketchin'" and the force began to work like beavers. At present, the condition of the work is better than it has been for decades past, and other improvements are to be made, the next one being the substitution of typewriting for handwriting in making out land patents.

### TRAIN WRECKED TO SAVE MAN WHO WISHES TO DIE

#### Demented Chicagoan Strips His Clothing From His Body and Stands in Front of Engine.

(Journal Special Service.) San Bernardino, Cal., May 21.—C. H. Clein, recently from Chicago, attempted suicide this morning near Loma Linda by standing on the track in front of an approaching Southern Pacific freight train. Engineer Konder wrecked the train by applying the emergency brakes, otherwise Clein would have been killed. He was completely nude. The engineer whistled to warn him, but seeing that the man was not going to budge, Konder applied the emergency brakes and his train buckled in the center, two cars being completely demolished. When the trainmen went for him he dropped on all fours and, leaping through the brush, barked like a dog. Near the wreck his clothing was discovered.

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### MANUFACTURERS ARE IN SESSION

#### Notable Assembly of Business Men of All Branches Meet in New York.

(Journal Special Service.) New York, May 21.—It was a notable assembly of business men representing all branches of commercial activity of the United States that filled the big hall of the Waldorf-Astoria today at the opening of the twelfth annual convention of the National Association of Manufacturers. Members were on hand representing more than 10,000 individuals and firms actively interested in manufacturing enterprises.

### GORDON SEEKING

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The peculiar case of Gordon and the woman was one of the most complicated and peculiar that was ever reported to the police of San Francisco or Portland. Those who followed the case were thwarted in their efforts to unravel the mystery surrounding both. They finally agreed, however, that though Gordon professed not to love the woman, he is still infatuated with her.

The woman in the case is remarkably



Bertha Etta Lurch.

shrewd and clever. By her protestations of love for Gordon she is said to have succeeded in gaining large sums of money and valuable property from him. During her imprisonment in Portland she maintained that she was his wife and claimed that he had participated in all the crimes of which she was accused.

### Dummy at Wedding.

In the suit filed here Gordon claims that he was never married to the woman. He repeats his former charges that she secured a "dummy" to represent him at the Vancouver wedding, which was performed, he says, so that the woman could claim his property at the time of his death.

The woman has a marriage license



Edward Sam Gordon.

which shows Edward Lam Gordon and Bertha Etta Lurch were duly married at Vancouver, Washington, October 21, 1906, by Rev. Robert Yentman, the Baptist minister, in the presence of W. E. Wilson and Ora Mobley. Mr. Gordon, who owns considerable property in Clackamas county as well as in other parts of the state, says that he was not present at the time of the wedding.

### Says It's a Holiday Scheme.

He further states that it is a scheme concocted by the woman in the case to secure a portion of his property. Gordon claims that the woman has carried the idea for some time that she is his wife.

She went to Coos-Bay, where she backed her claim to be his wife by showing the marriage certificate which she had in her possession.

He also claims that she caused him much trouble in selling property, as when he had a sale ready to close she would appear, saying she was his wife and the sale would not be legal.

Gordon states that after a continuation of this for some time he went to Vancouver, where he secured an affidavit from the minister that he was not the "Gordon" that was married some time ago.

Mr. Gordon now brings suit through his attorneys, Dimick & Dimick, to quiet title to his property in this county. He will further ask the court to give him a decree as absolute owner of the property, which shall declare that Bertha Etta Lurch has no right to any part of it, and to prohibit her from claiming to be his wife.

The executive board of the Bricklayers' International union has decided to have the question of affiliation with the American Federation of Labor submitted to a vote of the members at a referendum vote about the latter part of June.

### LET DIAMOND THIEF ESCAPE

#### Portland Police Had Him in Custody, but Found Nothing Suspicious.

According to a special dispatch to The Journal from Chicago and a message to Chief Grizmacher from Inspector O'Brien of the Windy City police, E. R. Keefe, alias Lavance, who was taken into custody in the Illinois metropolis yesterday upon complaint of Laura Gunnell, alias Grunell alias Bernitter, who charges him with the theft of diamonds valued at \$900, was in the toils in this city on May 10.

Keefe and Mrs. Gunnell were arrested by Detectives Mallet and Hill on suspicion of being wanted for the theft of a large amount of jewelry, but after a searching examination were given their liberty by Chief Grizmacher.

The couple arrived in Portland on the evening of May 9 and engaged apartments at the Hotel Houston on North Sixth street. The woman wore diamonds aggregating in value about \$1,200. Keefe wore a diamond pin and ring worth at least \$600. Immediately upon his arrival here Keefe visited a pawnshop and encased to dispose of the ring.

When arrested Mrs. Bernitter declared that she was the divorced wife of a wealthy Chicago contractor and Keefe volunteered the information that he was formerly in the United States army.

Keefe and Mrs. Gunnell left Portland on the night of May 10, ostensibly bound for San Francisco.

It was learned from Chief Wappenstein of Seattle that Keefe, in a fit of anger, had slashed his companion's clothes with a knife and was placed in jail in the Washington city on a charge of disorderly conduct. At the time of his arrest, however, he was in possession of any diamonds.

The dispatch from Chicago states that Mrs. Bernitter declares that Keefe robbed her of \$900 worth of diamonds. One of the rings, valued at \$250, was recovered in a pawnshop. To Detectives Mallet and Hill, Keefe confessed that his main object in remaining with the woman was to secure sufficient funds to reach Detroit, Michigan.

### PLAY IS WRITTEN BY WILSON MIZNER

(Journal Special Service.)

New York, May 21.—Wilson Mizner, from which the rich widow of Charles T. Yerkes lately secured a divorce, has written a one-act play called "The Lady Who Dwelt in the Dark." The heroine is a blind woman, and the story is one of love and intrigue. It will be given a special performance either in one of the Keith & Proctor houses or at the Berkeley Lyceum.

### SET GRADE STAKES

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by the new plan. The Beaverton & Willsburg railroad corporation, incorporated with impressive modesty recently at the Multnomah county court house, promises to become one of the most important projects in the Southern Pacific system. It was first projected to furnish an entrance into Portland for the west side lines of the Southern Pacific and the road that is being built by the Pacific Railway & Navigation company from Tillamook to Hillsboro.

In addition to these uses, the Beaverton and Willsburg link is now to be made a part of the overland route between Portland and California. That portion of the line from Willsburg to Tillamook will become the main line of the Southern Pacific. Preparations for construction of the Elk Rock bridge are going forward and it is expected to get this bridge in place and the Beaverton road completed by the time the Pacific Railway & Navigation company's Tillamook line reaches Hillsboro. From Hillsboro the Lytle road will use the Southern Pacific tracks into Portland.

### GOULD IS IMPROPER

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with whom his wife had dealings, instructing them not to give her any credit if they had any idea of collecting their accounts from him. This was at a time when he was trying to force her to accept his terms in the financial feature of separation and she charges that in this way he endeavored to compel her to submit to his wishes.

Another of the specifications is that he has humiliated her constantly by surrounding her with a retinue of assistants, her mail to be opened and subjected her to many similar annoyances.

While the complaint does not refer to specific incident, a friend of Mrs. Gould stated that when the details are presented to the court the worst of the many indignities heaped upon her was the fact that while she was living in the St. Regis hotel her husband was openly paying attentions to another woman living in the same house.

She also charges him with consorting with other women whose names will be made public later.

### SHOUT LANE'S NAME

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provement association will hold a meeting for the consideration of the questions included in the amendments. Thursday night the Brooklyn Republican and Improvement association will hold a special meeting for the same purpose at Powell and East Eleventh streets.

On the same evening the East Side Business Men's club will hold a special meeting in Odd Fellows' hall, Grand avenue and East Oak streets. This is the meeting to which Dr. Lane and Mr. Devlin have been invited for a joint discussion of the needs of the east side. Both have accepted the invitation and it is promised that the discussion will steer away from the rocks of political questions and deal entirely with the charter amendments and proposed improvements affecting the east side.

### BLUE LEDGE STAGE FALLS OVER CLIFF

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Medford, May 21.—Rains having washed the bottom out of the roads, the Blue Ledge stage toppled over a cliff 12 miles from Joe Bar yesterday afternoon and Jim Eaton, the driver, had several ribs broken. The passengers escaped unhurt, but the horses were killed.

### LEWISTON STAYS IN GEM STATE

#### Commercial Club Throws Cold Water on Proposed New State of Lincoln.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Lewiston, Idaho, May 21.—Advocacy of the proposed new state of Lincoln received a setback here last evening when the Lewiston Commercial club went on record as opposed to the movement.

Ever since the idea originated Lewiston and Nez Perce county have maintained an indifferent attitude, regardless of the fact that this place was considered a logical point for the capital. One of the principal reasons for discouraging an effort to split the state of Idaho in twain is due to the generosity of the southern legislators toward north Idaho institutions in the matter of appropriations during the last session of the legislature.

Geographically north Idaho might be bettered by a change, the Commercial club, thinks, but with the completion of the P. & I. N. railroad the necessity of having to pass through two states to reach the capital in southern Idaho will be eliminated. Sentiment largely enters into the refusal of Lewiston to ally herself with an issue which locally is considered a dead one.

### LOSE LIVES

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of blisters. Mr. Rhoads of Detroit failed to survive his burns. Several others are in a critical condition and it is feared they will fail to survive.

It is estimated that the loss to the shipowners will be \$300,000. The Naomi was on the run from Grand Rapids to Milwaukee and caught fire while about 25 miles off Grand Haven.

Arthur Jones, who was aboard the Naomi during the fire, gives the following account of the disaster: "I suffered intensely while standing at the ship's quarter deck watching the flames creep up despite the crew's heroic efforts to fight them back. Through all I found time to say in my heart that no braver men ever walked than the steward and purser, who worked like heroes caring for the passengers. They descended mid smoke, flame and melting steel and saved Rhoads, though they were naked and bleeding."

Another passenger tells of the death of the four men. The last small boat was leaving the ship with the captain in the stern sheets. It was thought all were saved. Four men suddenly appeared from the forecastle through the flames. The boat turned back, but one cried, "Good-bye, I'm gone," and all fell into the fire as a heavy spar crashed down upon their heads.

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### the Powers Blues of Portland.

The score was kept pretty even until the last two innings, the Blues having made one run and the Columbia none. The game closed at 5 to 5 in favor of the Portland boys. While the Dalles boys are not discouraged, they frankly admit the Blues are the best players they have met this season.

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