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TO COMPEL PLUMBERS TO RETURN GRAFT

CIVIL SUITS TO BE FILED TO FORCE TRUST TO DISGORGE ILLEGAL PROFITS

BURGLAR SEIZES NOTE TO WOMAN

Thief Robbed Miss Harrington in Portland Hotel of Railroad Ticket, but Finding It Useless to Him Returns It With Letter.

Manager Bowers Gave Guest Check to Cover Loss of the Railroad Transportation, Thinking Robbery Was Committed by Employee.

"Sorry, Clara dear, but I can't travel on this. Yours respectfully, 'A BURGLAR'."

Raffles is in town playing ducks and drakes with the Portland police and incidentally robbing guests at the Portland hotel of their money, purses, watches and other articles that can be turned into coin of the realm.

This morning Miss Harrington received a letter from Raffles enclosing the ticket and the following note:

"Sorry, Clara dear, but I can't travel on this. Yours respectfully, A. Burglar."

The ticket and note were enclosed in an envelope from the Perkins hotel, mailed this morning.

Manager H. C. Bowers reported the loss to the police and Detective Clifford Helver was put to work on the case.

That the theft was committed by the same man who robbed Miss Day a week ago is also the belief of Mr. Bowers.

Both jobs were done at about the same hour in the evening, 8:30 o'clock. At that hour most of the guests are at dinner and a thief would have the best opportunity to commit the deed.

Portland will know before the week is over whether or not it is amenable to the state law providing for the closing of saloons and other places where intoxicating liquors are sold.

It is not known at this time which judge will hear the case, while it is probable that all four of the judges will sit en banc to listen to the arguments for and against the state's position as made by District Attorney Manning and Mr. Wood.

In the event that Mr. Manning is sustained in his interpretation of the law, there will be no further protest on the part of the saloonmen, but all will close their places next Sunday without trouble or argument.

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E. W. ROE, President. E. F. CANNON, Chairman of Parade Committee. GEORGE L. HUTCHIN, General Manager. E. B. M'FARLANE.

CAR TRUCK IS BROKEN BY TAFT

Heavyweight Secretary and His Friends Blockade Traffic.

Sioux City, Iowa, June 17.—Secretary Taft and party arrived here last night on their way from St. Paul to Fort Meade, South Dakota, after putting in a busy Sunday making little wayside speeches demanded by South Dakotans and Iowans bent on hearing the possible president talk.

ALL JUDGES MAY SIT EN BANC

Test Case on Sunday Closing of Saloons to Be Brought Before Circuit Court—Half Lid May Be Proposed by the City Council.

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OFFER SUPPORT TO TELEGRAPHERS

Operators in Portland, Tacoma and Other Cities May Go Out.

Chicago, June 17.—Dispatches from telegraphers at Tacoma, Salt Lake, Seattle, Decatur, Peoria and Bloomington, Illinois, assure the telegraphers support if a strike is called.

The Portland Telegraphers' union held a meeting yesterday and passed resolutions expressing sympathy for the New York local, pledging financial support and expressing confidence in President Small.

STEVE ADAMS NEXT WITNESS

Orchard Taken to Caldwell and Trial Postponed Till September.

Boise, June 17.—As under the Idaho law it is necessary for the defendant in a capital case to be present in court upon the date of the trial set in order to secure adjournment, Harry Orchard was taken on an early train and arraigned before Judge Wood at Caldwell.

When court reconvenes Tuesday morning, Steve Adams will be called by the state. What he will do is a closely guarded secret.

Disconnected corroboration of Orchard's confession, in which he accuses Hayward, Meyer and Pettibone in a wide murder conspiracy, has been presented by the prosecution of the Western Federation of Labor.

Spreading of literature warning all women against distributing alms or food to loafers; passage of laws making it compulsory for lodging houses to bathe all-bums who want a bed.

Motion in Eddy Case. Concord, June 17.—Attorneys for "Next Friends" in the suit to uncover the secrets of Mrs. Eddy's fortune today filed a motion, asking for an investigation of the defense's good faith.

WEEK IS CROWDED WITH BIG EVENTS

Rose Fiesta Week Starts Off With Convention of Veterans and Others.

This is to be a red-letter week in the history of Portland. It is to be a week of promise for the future, a period of realization of great achievements in the past, and indeed a week of thorough enjoyment of the present.

A carnival such as was never seen on this coast, a floral riot of magnificent conception and gigantic proportions, will be the great fiesta, the spectacular climax of week of big events.

CRUISER COMING TOMORROW

Flagship of Admiral Swinburne Sends Wireless Message That Is Received at the Mouth of the Columbia—Destroyer Paul Jones Accompanies Larger Craft.

The cruiser Charleston, Admiral Swinburne's flagship, arrived at the mouth of the Columbia river at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Another wireless message was received from the flagship this morning at North Head station at the mouth of the Columbia announcing that the cruiser would be in the vicinity of the Columbia river lights at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

A telegram to the pilots announces that the torpedo boat destroyer Paul Jones will join the Charleston here during the rose carnival, so that after all the bars on the flagship will have companions here.

Arrangements have now been completed here for the reception of Admiral Swinburne and the officers and crews of the warships.

Keat Kills Twenty. Chicago, June 17.—The coroner this morning reported twenty deaths due to yesterday's hot weather.

Advertising Record for the Week. The advertising carried by the three Portland daily papers for the week ending June 16 shows the following results:

PAYS \$100,000 FOR COAL CHUTE

New York Hotel Buys and Destroys Brown Stone Mansion.

New York, June 17.—A hundred thousand dollars for a coal chute is the price which the owners of the new Hotel Plaza have not hesitated to pay to have facilities for feeding the furnace in their caravansary, which is nearing completion.

It was impossible to find a less expensive method of attending to the fuel service for the hotel. This is the second most costly coal hole in town, the highest-priced one being that of the Broad Exchange building, on Broad street, for which \$25,000 was paid.

NO LONGER SAFE TO KISS GIRLS

Even Those Current These Lovely June Evenings to Be Barred.

St. Paul, Minn., June 17.—No longer is it safe to kiss your girl good night. No longer is it commendable and prudent to kiss any one, or to be kissed if it is done on the mouth.

It has been brought before the attention of the National Conference of Charities and Correction, that kissing is dangerous, that the great white plague, which is annually getting a firmer hold on the American public, is due to a large extent to the art of osculation.

THOMPSON SENT TO INSANE WARD

Boy Slayer Goes to His Doom Smiling—Esther Mitchell Also to Be Taken.

Tacoma, June 17.—Chester Thompson, slayer of Judge George Meade Emory of Seattle, was taken from the county jail here last night, destined for the insane ward of the state penitentiary.

This ends one of the most determined fights ever made in the state to protect a prisoner from the rigors of the law.

Young Thompson had been confined here since last December, when his trial began. He had been a model prisoner and made himself a favorite with his jailers and also the other prisoners.

Chester accepted prison life with equanimity and philosophically and during his confinement he gained in weight and health. He was reconciled and even cheerful over the prospect of going to the penitentiary.

Traveling Guard Esterbrook took Chester with half a dozen other prisoners destined to occupy ordinary convict cells.

Esther Mitchell, the Oregon boy-killer, who is confined at the Steilacoom insane asylum for the murder of George Mitchell, her husband, will also be taken to the insane ward of the penitentiary within a few days in charge of a woman traveling guard.

CRIMINAL ACTION MAY COME NEXT

Muled Persons to Ask the Courts to Restore Bonus Charges Demanded by the Plumbers' Combine—Evidence Laid Before Bristol.

Compromise Offered by the Trust Is Rejected—Force Production of Books in Court—Mass Meeting in Sellwood to Protest.

Acting upon the evidence produced by The Journal's expose of the wholesale robbery conducted by the plumbers' trust, suits will be filed this week to force the combine to disgorge some of its ill-gotten gains.

The Journal during its investigation of the grafting system employed by the trust will be used as the basis upon which to begin proceedings. Later the evidence will be laid before United States District Attorney Bristol.

Civil proceedings will be instituted as soon as the necessary papers can be prepared and, it is threatened, that in addition to these suits criminal charges of obtaining money under false pretenses will also be lodged.

Force Trust to Produce Books. A movement to compel the plumbers' trust to return to the home builder and wage-earner the vast sums stolen is not an individual one, and with the filing of the first suit this week numerous others will follow.

The first civil action which will become a matter of record before the close of the week is to be instituted by a man who figures that at the present \$5 "bonus" charge on every fixture placed, he has been robbed of more than \$2,000, and this is the sum of money for the recovery of which he will bring action in the courts.

The outcome of this suit will establish a precedent upon which others will be based.

Action will be directed not only against individual plumbers in the city to return "bonus" charges which had been made on various plumbing jobs.

These letters were ignored, but with the first step taken in bringing civil action to secure money obtained through fraud, compromises of the impending suits were offered. So far these have been ignored by the ones instituting legal proceedings.

Contractors and real estate men throughout the city are of one voice in denouncing the system of fleecing of the public carried on by the plumbers' combine.

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