

NEWS IN BRIEF

Insurance Agent Hamilton Admits Guilt in Cell at City Prison—He Needed Money, Raised It on Bogus Notes, Hoping Before Maturity to Make Good.

Hamilton, until two months ago maintaining an office at room 305 Fenton building in the capacity of general agent for the Bankers' Reserve Life Insurance company of Omaha, Nebraska, was a municipal court before Acting Judge Strode and was bound over to circuit court on a charge of forgery.

Doctor Who Played Bandit By Night Is Sentenced to Five Years.

West Chester, Penn., Aug. 28.—Judge Butler has sentenced Dr. Benjamin Holbrook to five years' imprisonment for robbery. Dr. Holbrook by day was a well-known physician, and could be seen driving behind a spanking team.

Soldiers of Third Battalion Make Plaything of Man-Eater Found in Shoal Where He Had Been Tossed by the Waters.

Brown as nuts, 200 men composing the Third battalion, Fourteenth infantry, United States army, stationed at Vancouver barracks, passed through Portland this morning returning to the barracks after a 21 days' march to Nesucca beach, where several of the soldiers caught a live shark that had been thrown upon the beach by a high tide.

Private Subscriptions Means Will Run Normal School Opens.

President E. D. Resaler of the Oregon State Normal school at Monmouth is in the city on business connected with his institution. He states that all preparations are under way for the opening of the normal September 24. Scores of letters have been received from alumni and friends pledging their financial and moral support to the school in its present misfortune.

Judge Gantenbein Rules Adversely Against Petitioners in Lemcke Case.

Judge Gantenbein in circuit court this afternoon denied the application of J. A. Curry for the appointment of a receiver to assume charge of the affairs of the H. W. Lemcke company.

Corbin of Spokane International Working for Portland Connection.

Spokane, Wash., Aug. 28.—D. C. Corbin, president of the Spokane International Railway company, has gone to St. Paul to confer with officials of the Soo-Spokane railway regarding a new train service between this city and Portland, thus giving the line a practically ocean-to-ocean service between Boston and the Pacific coast.

Pioneers Honor Founder of City

Pioneers of the city of St. Johns assembled today at Cedar Park to celebrate the founding of the city and commemorate the work of its founder, the late James John. The celebration is the outcome of the recent organization of the St. Johns Pioneer association and an annual picnic will be held each year hereafter.

Old Settlers Gather at St. Johns to Celebrate Work of James John.

The park was especially prepared for the occasion. A picture of James John hangs in the auditorium where the program was carried out. This morning the pioneers gathered for a social good time and at noon sat down to a luncheon under the cedars. This afternoon Attorney John M. Long, George H. Himes and others spoke, after which there was a baseball game.

Wall Falls for Lack of Support

On account of hasty construction the rear wall of a one-story brick building on the northwest corner of Eleventh and Washington streets belonging to S. Morvonn has settled and must be torn out and rebuilt.

Building on Washington Street Collapses Because It Had No Foundation

The structure occupies a quarter block in a central location and was evidently built for immediate occupation, but the repairs will take a long time to complete. The foundation of the building was not completed before the concrete threshold is broken in two different places at the door.

Commission Basis to Decide Booth Case

Booth is out on bonds and Judge Strode before deciding whether or not to hold the defendant to the grand jury.

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Councilmen Stumped Over Securing Life-Saving Fenders

"This streetcar fender problem is the hardest one that I have ever had anything to do with and I must confess that after several months of investigation I am at a loss to suggest a remedy," said Councilman Vaughn this morning when discussing the killing of Fred J. Rooney by a streetcar at the corner of Third and Main streets last night.

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Newberg to Have Milk Condensery

Newberg, Or., Aug. 28.—A very enthusiastic meeting was held last evening at the opera house in regard to the establishment of a milk condensery in this city.

Commission Names Eligibles to Jobs

Following are the names of the eligibles to positions in the civil service certified at the commission meeting this morning: Stokers, Harry Littlefield, Burr McKinley, Ed. G. Millar, Richard E. McMichael, building inspector, Guy E. Dobson.

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Bondsman Anxious to Locate Woman

Two months ago or more the woman was arrested, charged with having robbed a man in a store and drove off a large sum of money. She was allowed to go on a \$1,000 bail furnished by Burlington, and was in the city up to and during the trial.

Railway Operators Will Aid Strikers

The striking telegraphers yesterday received substantial evidence of the sympathy that the railroad telegraphers feel for their cause when the Commercial union was notified that it had agreed to contribute \$100 a month from the Order of Railroad Telegraphers.

Ask Court to Settle City Hall Case

Suit to recover the cost of the construction of the city hall at St. Johns has been started. Papers have been filed in the circuit court last Saturday. Day & Hampson are conducting the suit for a majority of the creditors and the claims in the suit amount to about \$3,000.

Learned Champion on Tennis Court

Newport, Aug. 28.—W. A. Larned today defeated Robert Leroy in the final for the national tennis championship.

Reynolds Will Be Tried Next Month

Charles H. Reynolds, who shot and killed George H. Hibbins in June, will be tried in the circuit court on a charge of murder on September 16. The date of the trial was fixed this morning by Judge Cleland.

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Seven Orientals Admit They Were Playing Fan Tan Saturday Night.

Seven Chinese arrested in a raid on a fan-tan resort at 63 Second street last Saturday night by Acting Detectives Kay and Klein and Patrolmen Graves and Endicot entered pleas of guilty in the police court this morning and were fined 100 apiece by Acting Judge Strode.

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