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S. A. D. PUTER TO BE GIVEN HIS FREEDOM

HENEY TRYING HARD TO GET LAD FRAUD KING OUT OF PRISON

Prosecutor, Who Secured His Conviction Now Interceding With President for His Release—Convicted Man Will Again Be Government's Star Witness in Trial of Pending Conspiracy Cases

Stephen A. D. Puter, incarcerated king of the land fraud ring, is soon to breathe the outer air of freedom once more if the efforts of Francis J. Heney, who put him behind the bars, are of avail with the president of the United States, Theodore Roosevelt. Mr. Heney either has interceded, or will intercede for his chief witness in cases gone and to come and ask that the seven months yet to be served be wiped off the books and release given the noted prisoner.

While Mr. Heney was in Portland a short time ago he spent some time in the county jail with Puter, and it is understood that from this meeting and conference the release is to come. Puter was sentenced to two years in the county jail, being given practically the limit by Judge Hunt. He has yet some seven months to serve, and it is known that he feels deeply the long sentence imposed upon him, while those convicted for offenses under the same section of the code were given much lighter fines and terms to serve.

Public Surprised at Sentence.
Much surprise was expressed on all sides when Puter was sent to jail for so long a time, as it had been currently supposed his sentence would be light on account of his great service to the government during the trials of Senator Mitchell, Congressman Williamson and others. When he was given two years in jail the general public sat up and gasped at the great gap between the star witness of the government and the immunity which it was supposed had been prepared for him.

Since Puter has commenced the service of his sentence a continued effort has been made to secure his freedom. The one person who has been making the most untiring effort in his behalf has been Mrs. Puter, who has labored early and late to induce the federal authorities to shorten the time set by the court for the punishment of the noted land fraud artist. Up to a short time ago, however, no impression seemed to have been made upon anyone with authority to intercede.

No one believed that Puter would be forced to serve for as long a time when

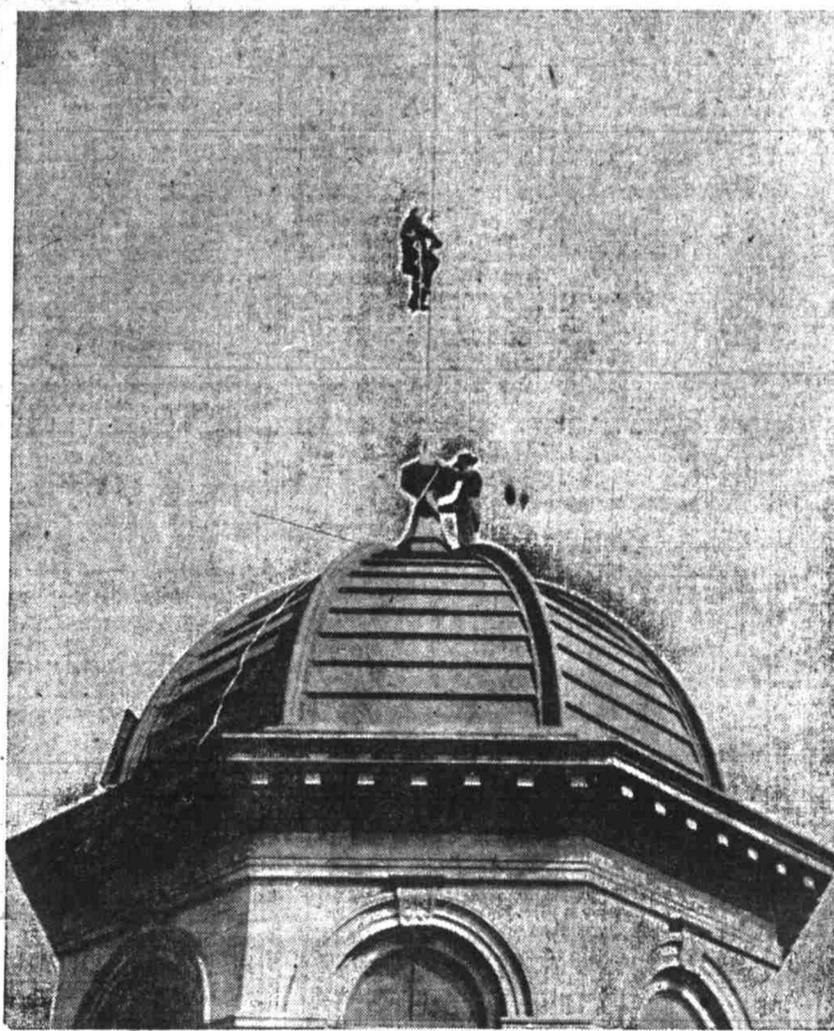
the court imposed his sentence. Because of his great assistance to the government in the past trials it was expected that he would be released in a short time.

Still an Important Witness.
More potent, however, than what he had done for the government was the expectation of what he would do when the Blaker, Hermann, the Butte Creek, the Blue Mountain and the Booth land cases came up for trial in the future. In these cases Puter is the chief witness for the government and it is not thought that a conviction could be secured without his assistance. It was expected, therefore, that he would be released from custody long before this time in return for what he would do for the cause of the prosecution when these cases came to trial.

The announced intention of Mr. Heney to reopen the land cases with the beginning of the October term of court and his statement that he would be here to try the Hermann and Booth cases by November 1 leads to the strong belief that Puter will be out of the Multnomah county jail before these cases are opened. It is said that Mr. Heney is now in conference with the president in regard to the matter and that the order of release can be expected at any time within the immediate future.

But for the colossal frauds committed by Puter after his conviction three years ago he would never have been obliged to do time, for it was well understood that he was to receive immunity in return for the information he gave the government. But his trial was scarcely ended when he began forging state school land certificates and selling them to eastern bankers and investors. He had, in fact, cleaned up over \$100,000 by these frauds.

PERILOUS CLIMB TO TOP OF POSTOFFICE FLAGSTAFF.



THOUSANDS WATCHED ASCENT OF HENRY EMMERT WITH BREATHLESS-INTEREST.

KEPT HUSBAND DRUNK FOR YEAR

Widow of William Carithers Charged With Forcing Intoxication.

(Pacific Coast Press Leased Wire.)
Los Angeles, Sept. 21.—The charges that William D. Carithers, a wealthy retired banker and general merchant who died in Los Angeles October 17, 1906, was kept in a continued state of intoxication the last year of his life by his wife and L. L. Vogel for the alleged purpose of obtaining possession of his estate is the remarkable allegation made in a suit by the superior court by Robert Carithers, brother of the dead banker, who sues to set aside the will, which bequeathed all but a few hundred dollars of the estate to Mrs. Carithers.

HALLMAN SIMS WILL BE FREE TOMORROW

Sentence of Atlanta Society Man Who Wrecked Bank Expires.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 21.—Hallman Sims, the young Atlanta banker and society man, who was sentenced to the United States prison in April, 1903, for embezzlement of \$100,000 from the Capital City National bank, causing the suspension of that institution, will conclude his term of imprisonment tomorrow. Sims was sentenced to serve six years behind the bars, but his excellent conduct has given him the benefit of the full reduction allowed by law for good behavior.

Sims' arrest and conviction caused a great sensation at the time, as he was one of the leaders in the younger set of Atlanta society and a welcome visitor in every home of the capital. Although his defalcations caused the bank to suspend, it paid dollar for dollar to its depositors.

ROCKEFELLER TO BE CALLED TO TESTIFY

(United Press Leased Wire.)
New York, Sept. 21.—John D. Rockefeller and the five great chiefs of the Standard will be called to testify in the government's suit to dissolve the Standard.

Heed Cry for Lesser Spokane.
Spokane, Wash., Sept. 21.—The board of county commissioners has reduced the city limits half a mile on the east and a quarter on the west. The reduction is due to complaints of high taxes.

CLIMBS SWAYING WEST TO SOLVE COOLIE PROBLEM

Henry Emmert's Feat on Postoffice Flagstaff Attracts Big Crowd.

Rock-a-bye baby, in the tree top; When the wind blows the cradle will rock. If the bough breaks the cradle will fall, And down will come baby, cradle and all.

This is not what Henry J. Emmert sang this morning while clinging to the flagpole on the postoffice building to insert a halyard through the pulley at the very top of the swaying mast, but he evidently thought something similar. Five dollars is what he was paid for accomplishing the perilous climb of 50 feet sheer of the topmost pinnacle of the cupola on the federal structure—5 cents a lineal foot if figured for the round trip. Emmert required 10 minutes to mount the pole and 10 to descend.

Postmaster Minto was in sore straits yesterday when informed that the old halyard had broken and Old Glory had been cast ignominiously on a flight whither the wind listed, and put in the

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NEW FEATURES: SPLENDID COLOR PLATES. IT WILL CONTAIN.

Aerial warfare the next deadly innovation. Soldier of fortune who makes profession of booming new countries. Ingenious magic of savage priests. Nobility and its relation to dead-headism. Nixon's idea of a thirty-thousand-ton battleship. Lightning is stored energy and can be used as such. Cruise of the yacht Gallilee. Among men who work with hand or brain. The written music of birds. Comic supplement—Little Jimmy, Hooligan, Maud and all the funny people. Look and see what happened to them.

All in The Sunday Oregon Daily Journal

WEST TO SOLVE COOLIE PROBLEM

Canada Warned by Negro Problem—A White Labor Solution.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Vancouver, B. C., Sept. 21.—Rev. Dr. Robert Johnston of Montreal, who was in Vancouver at the time of the anti-Hindu riot and attended the mass meeting, says:

"We must not make in Canada the mistake made by the north in the United States. The north thinks it understands the negro question, but it does not. The east may think it understands the questions that confront British Columbia, but it does not. The difficulty is one that must be solved by the western province.

"The men whom I saw in the parade in Vancouver are not different from the best class of working people.

"British Columbia is the problem of Canada. Isolated by mountains, its trade is naturally with the large and important cities of the United States. It has problems peculiar to itself, and Japanese might easily be replaced by good white workers from the old country.

R. G. MacPherson, federal member for Vancouver, returned from the east last night. He states that he was misinformed in the matter of the 'Boston tea party' in connection with his remarks on Vancouver's anti-oriental riot. All he said was that there was a nice little party at Vancouver. The other words were added afterward.

He says oriental immigration is much discussed in the east, but the government has not yet arrived at any means of adjusting the differences.

Sir William Harlett, M. P., chairman of the unemployed of London, England, is in the city investigating immigration conditions. He says the Chinese and Japanese might easily be replaced by good white workers from the old country.

ANNUAL MEETING OF ST. PAUL DIRECTORS

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Milwaukee, Wis., Sept. 21.—The annual meetings of stockholders and directors of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway company were held at the general offices in this city today. The meetings were entirely of a routine character and resulted in the reelection of all of the old directors and officers of the company.

DELL IS MURDERER IN SECOND DEGREE

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Bellingham, Wash., Sept. 21.—The jury in the Dell case returned a verdict of guilty of murder in the second degree this morning.

Dell was convicted of the murder of Addie Roper. The crime was committed last summer.

RAILROADED NEW HOTEL INDICTMENT AT FOURTH OF SENATOR AND ALDER

Former Grand Juryman Says District Attorney Ruick Told Jurors That He Was Responsible for Action Taken by Them.

Land Fraud Cases Will Not Be Tried by Court Until Charges Against Federal Prosecutor Are Heard and Facts Determined.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Boise, Ida., Sept. 21.—United States Judge Whitson did not finally pass on the motions raised on behalf of the defendants in the land-fraud cases this morning, as expected. Instead he said he would investigate the charges against District Attorney N. M. Ruick contained in the affidavits of former grand juryman. There were of so serious a nature, the court said, that they could not be overlooked.

George Latham, the grand juror who made the principal affidavit, was the first witness called. Attorney James H. Hawley took the witness.

Latham stated that Ruick had come into the grand jury room the day before the indictments against United States Senator Borah and his co-defendants were returned, with a printed list of those afterward indicted. Witness said the district attorney wanted the jury to return indictments before adjournment that day.

Says Ruick Waited Outside.
Asked if Ruick made any argument, witness said he had made what he considered an argument. He stated that the district attorney declared that any responsibility for indictments or convictions would be on his shoulders.

In answer to a question by Hawley, Latham said that when the indictments were voted he wanted to explain his vote, but was shut off by the foreman.

Latham and Ruick stood outside the door during the balloting, his shadow being visible in the grand jury room.

"Ruick came into the room three minutes after the indictments were returned," testified the witness. "He was asked by Cunningham to leave the room, as there was something else before the body. I believe he stated that he would not leave until the bills had been signed. They were not signed until the following day."

Witness declared the indictments were not read to the jury, but only the names of those indicted. He said the contracts were made at a lawyer's office. Several letters were read afterward to the grand jury.

History of Latham Affidavit.
Judge Burch then took the witness for the prosecution.

"How old are you?" he demanded.

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An Eight-Story, 200-Room Structure Will Be Erected in Heart of Business Center—Buildings on Site to Be Torn Down Next July.

Option Taken for Quarter Block Belonging to Burke Estate—Deal Headed by Dietz-Mueller and Morgan, Sweet & Chapman.

An option on a lease was signed yesterday which practically assured the erection of a magnificent eight-story 200-room commercial hotel in the heart of the business center of Portland.

The site of the proposed hotel is on the quarter block known as the Burke property, at the northwest corner of Fourth and Alder streets. The deal was made by a syndicate of Portland capitalists, headed by the Dietz-Mueller company and Morgan, Sweet & Chapman. The latter firm has already built a number of large apartment houses on the west end and a four-story business block on Grand avenue and East Washington street. The syndicate secured a 30-day option on a 50-year lease on the property, and a large sum of money was paid for the 30-day option, during which time the abstract of title will be passed upon and the lease closed by the payment of an additional sum.

Begin Construction Next July.
Under the terms of the tentative lease the syndicate will not take possession of the property until July of next year, when the lessees owned by the present tenants expire.

Immediately after the lessees assume control of the property the old frame buildings occupying the site will be torn out and construction work on the proposed hotel will begin.

The preliminary plan of the syndicate provide for an eight-story 200-room building, the lower floor of which will be utilized for business purposes, except space for the hotel office and lobby.

Terms Not Yet Public.
The terms of the lease have not been made public, although it is understood that they are very similar to those upon which the Falling corner at Fifth and Washington streets was leased to Swerland. It is considered an assured fact that the hotel will be built, as the interests backing the enterprise have ample capital to carry out the project.

A number of efforts have heretofore been made to secure a long time lease on the corner at Fourth and Alder and several times the syndicate has been made that the deal was about to be closed, but for one reason or another all previous efforts failed. The property is considered one of the best improved business corners in the city.

PROSPECTS FAVORABLE FOR REOPENING BANK

Depositors Are Coming Forward to Sign for Home Telephone Bonds—General Meeting of Bank Patrons to Be Held This Evening at the Armory.

The movement among depositors of the Oregon Trust & Savings bank to take telephone bonds in exchange for deposits and thereby place the bank in a position where it can resume business, has today reached a stage that gives much encouragement to the proposed plan.

Large depositors in the old bank are signing contracts to accept Home Telephone bonds and stock for their deposits. This is in line with the plan of reorganization of the bank with largely increased capital stock and several hundred thousand dollars of new money.

At a general meeting of depositors to be held at the Armory tonight the plan will be thoroughly discussed, and the result is expected to practically determine the future of the bank.

Business Men Sign Up.
Among those who signed yesterday and today for exchange of deposits of \$1,000 or more for telephone bonds were some of the prominent business men of Portland and the state. Judge George H. Williams signed for \$1,000, Jefferson Myers for \$500, and others for like amounts. An outside bank signed for \$15,000 in lieu of that amount of money it had carried as a deposit in the bank.

L. A. Coddington, of the Portland Commercial club, signed for \$1,000 of the bonds. The Commercial club, which has \$5,000 on deposit in the bank, will take that amount in bonds. The Pacific Trust & Savings company, which was a heavy depositor, will take

PRICES OF SEATS AT THEATRES INCREASED

It is back to the woods with the "tent-thirt." It is woe to the gallery gods and tribulation to the attentive young gent and his steady for the blood will refuse to flow and the thunder will not roll after the first of October for less than 15 cents. In other words, the theatres of the city are going to boost their prices all around and the good old days of one dime 10 cents for the nigger heaven arome and lurid delights are nearly past.

At a recent meeting of the newly organized Theatre Managers' association it was decided to be met and necessary to raise the limit just a little.

There it was decided that about the first of October there would cease to be any 10-cent theatre seats in town. At the Grand the Star, the Lyric, the Empire and Pantages the 10-cent admissions will be raised to 15 cents. At the same time the prices for the lower boxes will be raised from 15 and 20 cents to 20 and 25 cents. At the Empire the prices will range from 15 cents in the gallery to 35 and 50 cents on the lower boxes.

At the Grand the Star, the Lyric, the Empire and Pantages the 10-cent admissions charged at the Baker theatre, will be given out. It is said that various business men have advised Manager Baker to raise his prices, but he has refused to do so.

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FUEL COMPANY BUSTED; MONEY IS ALL ABSORBED

Cooperative Wood Company Goes Out of Business—Ten Per Cent Paid In by Those Ordering From Concern Went Into the Pockets of the Promoters.

The Cooperative Wood company, formed for philanthropic purposes by A. L. Morris and C. B. Porter some time ago, is no more and it is hard to find the exact place of business of the promoters. Incidentally with the eclipse of the company and the recession from view of the two promoters comes the knowledge that the two men took with them when they went out of office and control all the money that had been collected by them since the inception of their philanthropic scheme.

In the place of the Cooperative Wood company is the Cooperative Fuel company, which is doing business on a legitimate basis and incidentally trying to make good for the absorption of the two men who composed the former company.

Some time ago A. L. Morris and C. B. Porter opened an office in the Abington building and made the announcement they were going to "bust" the wood trust. They advertised that they had options on large piles of wood and that they would take orders for good fire wood at \$5 a cord, delivered within 30 days. They asked those signing up to make a deposit of 10 per cent of the total amount of their order, and stipulated that the wood would be delivered upon the deposit of the remaining 50 per cent in the German-American bank. The explanation was made that the 10 per cent was to cover the cost of making options and deliveries. They promised that at the end of the season a dividend would be declared.

A short time before September 10 a meeting of those who had bought wood and stock in the concern was held, and the treatment given Mrs. Greenlaugh was strenuous in the extreme. Mitchell and his companions practically tore their victim limb from limb, strangling her to death and twisting her neck terribly. When she cried out in pain they gleefully shouted that the demons were being driven out.

PARHAMITE LEADER STRANGLES VICTIMS

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Zion City, Sept. 21.—Harold Mitchell, chief torturer at the death of Mrs. Greenlaugh Wednesday, is a stranger. The coroner was convinced of this by investigation of the many deaths at Zion City hidden under a religious cloak. The testimony at the inquest shows that a Miss Young died shortly after Mitchell treated her to drive out demons. The authorities learn that the bodies were kept for days by the Parhamites in the hope that chanting prayers would restore life to them.

Mrs. Greenlaugh had been an invalid

for 20 years. She embraced the Parhamite faith, and when her husband, who did not join the sect, was away from home Mitchell and his companions called at her home to give her a treatment. The religious fanatics believed that illness was caused by the presence of devils in the human body, and attempted to drive the demons from their aged patient.

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