SAND TRUS **RUNS AMUCK**

Prospect of New Dredger Furnishing Great Supply of Material - Takes 32 of Monopoly.

The local "trust busting" campaign has reached one of the greatest, and most oppressive of them all—the sand and gravel trust. Today the price of sand and gravel in Portland is reduced from \$1.32 per yard to \$1 per yard, placing Portland on a par with other cities of the country as to the base of building materials.

The sand and gravel business in this city has been controlled absolutely for some years by a selling agency known as the Central Sand & Gravel Co. Back of this combine were practically all the sand and gravel concerns, including Star Sand company, the C. and J. Cook company, Nickum & Kelley, and the Columbia Digger company.

The products of all their plants were marketed through the Central Sand and

marketed through the Central Sand and Gravel company, and the rigid price was \$1.32 per yard. This price has been cut nearly one-third. It is believed the result will be a great impetus to building of all kinds, and especially the con-

sult will be a great impetus to building of all kinds, and especially the construction of fireproof concrete buildings, such as warehouses, hotels and other structures.

"A dollar a yard is the ruling price in all large cities in the country for sand and gravel," said a concrete builder. "At this price the dealers in Portland will make a handsome profit, but I do not believe there will be any objection to that. The breaking of the old combine price schedule is a good thing for the city, for it will harm nobody and will make the cost of building cheaper. In my judgment there is a profit of 40 cents a yard to the dredgers even at the reduced frice."

The cause of the breaking up of the combine is said to have been due to two things—the prospect of immediate strong competition in the local market, and the new municipal anti-trust ordinance. While the ordinance was a threat hanging over the combine, it is said the old firms have recently had fear struck into their hearts by the construction of a mammoth dredge by the Pacific Bridge company at St. Johns.

This dredge, which is now nearing completion, will lift four yards of sand at one turn. Its desity product will be enormous, and the company will be able to sell sand and gravel at unheard-of prices. The Pacific Bridge company was not a member of the combine, and has shown no disposition to come in.

CHIEF EAGLE

Frank Brew, Leader of California Lodgemen, Injured at Mare Island Yard.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Vallejo, Cal., Jan. 4 .- Frank Brew, state president of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, was terribly crushed while working on the warship St. Louis at Mare Island navy yard this morning. Brew was at work in a shaft alley when the shaft rolled over on him, pinning him to the deck. Fellow-workmen quickly came to Brew's assistance, the unfortunate man directing the work of rescue, being finally released with the aid of jackscrews.

Brew's hip bones were badly crushed and the pressure on the spine was such as to cause paralysis of the lower limbs.

NEW PASTOR COMING TO UNITED LUTHERANS

A dispatch from Congo announces that Rev. Dittman Larson, pastor of the Norwegian Lutheran church at Elgin, Illinois, has resigned to accept the pastorate in Portland. Rev. Larson has responded to the call of the congrega-tion of the United Lutheran church of this city and will come to Portland at once to take up his duties.

Rev. Dittman Larson comes to Port-land highly recommended and the church here believes it has in Mr. Larson, a very able man. He will succeed Rev. J. M. Hervig, who resigned in November. Negotiations preliminary to the acceptance of Rev. Larson have been carried on for the last two months. The United Lutheran church has a membership of about 250.

SIX CHILDREN SHARE IN C. G. MAYGER'S WILL

The will of Charles Mayger, late of Mayger, Columbia county, has been filed for probate. It disposes of property valued at \$13,300, the most of which consists of money and accounts. The will divides the estate equally among six children. When the will was made, in 1905, one son, George G. Maygers, had been absent five years and his whereabouts were unknown, but the father provided that if the missing son returned within five years he should share equally with the others. The son has since returned and will act as one of the executors of the will, a son-inits of the festator resigning in his favor. The will of Charles Mayger, late of

MISSING WITNESS FOUND IN HOSPITAL

Bernadotte Melkele, the Italian laborer, whose non-appearance at the municipal court to give testimony against the three men who are accused of assaulting and robbing him, created an impression in the minds of the police that he had been spirited away by his enemies, has been found. That is to may, his present whereabouts are known, though he vehemently asserts that he had been spirited away by his enemies has been found. That is to may, his present whereabouts are known, though he vehemently asserts that he had been spirited away by his enemies has been found. That is to may have been lost. He is at SV vincents about and has been there ever affect his first appearance in court, awaiten notification that his presence is wanted to the police court. The three men accused by Melkele have been held by Judge Cameron to manyer to the grand jury, bonds being fixed at 500 each in the cases of Military and at 500 each in the case of Military and at 500 each in the case of Military and at 500 each in the case of Military and at 500 each in the case of Military and at 500 each in the case of Military and at 500 each in the case of Military and at 500 each in the case of Military and at 500 each in the case of Military and at 500 each in the case of Military

TEST OF SENTIMENT ON REORGANIZATION PLAN

Depositors of Oregon Trust & Savings Bank Invited to Gather in Mass Meeting Tomorrow — Expression of Meeting Will Have Some Influence With Court.

& Savings bank reorganization move- of depositors. Cents' Worth of Grit Out ment will now have an inning, and it is said the whole body of depositors, irrehave occupied the center of the stage in the last few days. They will hold a mass meeting at the Armory at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, when a final test of sentiment toward the proposed

> reorganization plan will be made. B. E. Clements, a depositor, who has taken part neither for nor against propositions heretofore discussed, has taken the initiative and secured the use of the Armory. He has issued the following

call:

"I hereby request the depositors of the Oregon Trust & Savings bank to be present Sunday afternoon at 2:30 p. m. at a meeting called by me, for the depositors, to allow them to learn and know how and when the Oregon Trust & Savings bank can and will come This. & Savings bank can and will open. I meeting will be in the Armory hall, cated on Tenth and Burnside. This strictly a depositors' meeting and no one will be admitted unless they have deposits in their own name or trans-ferred to them.

"Come one, come all, and let us know the facts ourselves. Speakers of the meeting will be the president-to-be of new bank. S. G. Reed. Receiver Dev-lin and many others. The speakers will will be at the disposal of the depositors to answer any questions they may want

to learn.

"The purpose of this meeting is for the depositors to learn and know of the plan in which the Oregon Trust & Savings bank can and will open, so the depositor can get dollar for dollar. I can any to the depositors of the Oregon say to the depositors of the Oregon Trust & Savings bank that this bank will open 10 days from the time the court accepts the receiver's reports.

the receive.
Come all.
"B. E. CLEMENTS,
"2673 Clay street,
A Depositor

Many Expected to Come. is believed a very large meeting result, and that there will be entire harmony when the situation is made clear to the gathering. The men who have proposed to make reorganization possible will come forward and tell how it can be done. While it is fully how it can be done. While it is fully understood that the court will not necessarily be guided by any wish of depositors in making orders directing the disposition of the bank's affairs, it is recognized that the situation will be much improved if the plan of reorgan-

The business side of the Oregon Trust | ization finds favor with the main body

With this thought in mind the meet ing for tomorrow has been called by Mr Clements, and he has secured the promises of a number of well-known men to attend and talk on the subject of re-organization. Receiver Devlin, S. G. stiend and talk on the subject of re-organization. Receiver Devlin, S. G. Reed, Jefferson Myers and others will be present, and will answer any ques-tions that here were the that bear upon the reorganization

A man who has been closely associated with the deposit with the depositors' movement

is beginning to be realized that there is no other chance to make the bank pay out or to reopen it, if the plan bank pay out or to reopen it, if the plan to be proposed is not accepted and confirmed by the court. The proposed consolidation with the German-American bank means that Mr. Wilde and his associates will put not less than half a million dollars into this deal. They will be able to handle the remaining securities of the old bank to better advantage than they could be handled in any other way.

Ability as Bond Man. "It is also realized that such an agency as the consolidated bank would be in position to handle and dispose of depositors' bonds of the Home Telephone company better than anyone else. Mr. Wilde's ability as a bond man has been well demonstrated in his financing of the successful Home Telephone comof the successful Home Telephone com panies that are now operating in Portland, Tacoma, Omaha, Los Angeles and other places. It is practically certain that he can and will handle these bonds to the best advantage of the depositors who have subscribed for them, and that is addition the consolidated bank will in addition the consolidated bank will prove to be a strong and beneficial in-stitution for the city."

The atmosphere surrounding the bank's affairs has cleared to a great extent today and there are no further personalities indulged between the ofpersonalities indulged between the officers of the Depositors' association and others interested. The desire of all seems to be to get the whole matter on a business basis and make a move fogward toward complete understanding of the proposed plan and a reopening of the bank.

It is believed that if the plan goes through the transaction can be complet-ed within the next two weeks and the consolidated bank opened regularly for business by February 1. If this re-sult is attained, Receiver Devlin will immediately, by order of the court, make a distribution of the Home Telephone bonds, time certificates and bank stock to those depositors who have subscribed to those depositors who have subscribed and the balances of each depositor will be at once available excepting as to any large deposits that may be affect-ed by a special order of the court.

DEAR JOHN: HANDSOME OF YOU TO ASK ME, BUT I CAN'T COME. G. LOWIT

Gus Lowit, former manager of the Golden Eagle department store, who is wanted in Portland to answer to a charge of larceny, does not want to come back to Portland to be tried. Some time ago it was intended by the district attorney to prosecute Lowit for having atkers \$1.000 worth of goods sent to the Golden Eagle store to another store, where they were disposed of.

Lowit was summoned to the district attorney's office and after a consultation, tearful on his part, was allowed to leave for Denver with the promise that whenever the district attorney wished to begin an attempt to send him to jail, Lowit would return of his own accord and face the music.

The district attorney decided to have

the preliminary hearing next Monday, the first receiver of the suspended Title Guarantee & Trust company, was filled with the clerk of the United States court today and shows that at the time Line.

Now, however, it appears that Lowit the lastrict attorney saying that an attorney of Denver had advised him not to return to Portland.

There is some talk of beginning extradition, rearful on his part, was allowed to begin an attempt to send him to jail, Lowit would return of his own accord and face the music.

The district attorney decided to have

HE STARTED OUT, BUT TURNED AROUND AND BACK HE CAME AGAIN

court because he failed to make good pressed a willingness to adopt suggeshis promise to go to Boston and leave tions. After numerous conferences Mrs. his wife alone. Incidentally, his wife Piqueron agreed to provide the money is out the price of a ticket from Portlead to the agreem seat of culture portation to Boston, where he has relland to the eastern seat of culture,

Albert Piqueron is in contempt of proper conception of conditions and ex-

together with some 20 odd dollars in cash to be used to defray expenses en route.

Some days ago Mrs. Piqueron had for the east. When he reached Pendle-Rev. Dittman Larson Comes
From Norwegian Church
at Elgin, Illinois.

Toute.

Some days ago Mrs. Piqueron had her husband arrested for abusing her. She told Judge Cameron she did not wish to have him punished by being sent to the rockpile, but insisted that his continued presence in the city was a constant menace to her mental and physical well being.

Piqueron admitted that this was a for the offense Monday morning.

STARVING HORSE SHOT IN MERCY; CRUEL OWNER IS TAKEN TO JAIL

Marco Polo paid \$10 in the municipal and neck in an effort to struggle to ourt this morning for insisting that our this morning for insisting that the form had no right to arrest his court this morning for insisting that an officer had no right to arrest his friend, M. Goldbert, for whom a war-

skin and flesh from the side of its head by the officer.

It was at the time the officer went to friend, M. Goldbert, for whom a warrant had been issued charging him with cruelty to animals.

Some days ago Goldbert's neighbors informed Policeman Crate that Goldbert had a horse which had not had any proper food for a long time, and that the animal was so weak that it could not stand on its feet. Investigation disclosed a shocking state of affairs. The neglected animal had apparently been down for some days and had worn the skin and flesh from the side of its head serve the warrant that Polo interfered

BIGGEST DINNER EVER GIVEN IN ROSE CITY

Chamber of Commerce Will Have Some Notable Speakers to Entertain Guests.

hotel immediately preceding the dinner, when a new board of trustees and a president and secretary will be elected. The nominating committee has been considering a ticket to be presented. It is understood that the present secretary, E. C. Giltner, will be reelected. Several names for president have been talked of, prominent among them being the present vice-president, Charles F. Swigert will be recently will be recently with the firm of Carter, Raley & Raley, which will now be Raley & Raley. The attorneys in both firms are among the present vice-president, Charles F. Swigert would accept the position has not been made known.

The membership of the chamber definition of the former of the former of the former of the chamber of the ch hotel immediately preceding the dinner.

The membership of the chamber is now at the highest point in its history and numbers about 860 in good standing. There were 20 new applications for membership received this month. The old board of trustees will meet for the last time next Tuesday to elect applicants for membership and wind up business of the old year.

ENGINEERS GUESTS ON TRIP TO CAZADERO

General Manager F. I. Fuller of the Among the speakers will be Governor George L. Chamberlain, Judge George H. Williams, Homer Davenport and others. The chamber's president, Samuel G. Reed, will preside, and various members and citizens will be called upon for brief talks. It is expected to be a program of "offerings to eptimism." The annual meeting for election of officers will be held at the

METCALF WILL ANSWER CRITICS

Secretary Will Also Name Officers Who Gave Information to Writer.

(United Press Lessed Wire.) Washington, Jan. 4.—Secretary Metcalf today admitted that a reply to the critics of the navy is being prepared under his direction. This is done in anticipation of the call that will be made

upon the department by the senate in a resolution to be introduced by Senator Hale next Monday.

This resolution will also call for the correspondence on the resignation of Admiral Brownson as chief of the bureau of navigation. The report will be not only a defense of the navy against its critics, but will name the officers of the navy who have given the information on which the criticism is based. Whether these officers shall be courtmartialed or not will rest with the secretary and the president. upon the department by the senate in

CRUSHED ROCK GETS FURTHER CRUSHING

retary and the president.

North East Side Improvement Association to Have None of It on Streets.

mprovement association last night it was decided hereafter to petition for more bitulithic or bituminous macadam improvements as long as the contractors continued to control the supply of crushed rock. Asphalt or some other hard surface pavement will be substituted in the petitions and the council will be asked to cooperate to-ward that end with the residents north of Sullivan's gulch. the residents

A long and exhaustive discussion preceded the decision. The matter was brought up by L. M. Davis who wished the organisation to recommend the city ownership of rock crushers. Judge M. G. Munley, Herman Wittenberg and Dr. Davis each spoke at leasth or the city ownership of rock crushers. Judge M. G. Munley, Herman Wittenberg and Dr. Davis each spoke at length on the proposition, finally deciding to completely cut out crushed rock in the estimate for future street improvement. For asphalt and the other hard pavements proposed, gravel from the river can be used and as the supply is practically inexhaustible and of good quality. tically inexhaustible and of good quality the property owners of northeast Port-land believe they have hit upon a rem-

HILL FILES HIS FINAL

IS FATALLY BURNED

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Washington, Pa., Jan. 4—While kneeling in prayer early this morning, Miss Emily O'Connor, of Monongahela, was fatally burned by her nightdress igniting from a gas stove.

When she arose she lighted the stove knowledge, her knees struck the gas key, and the flames immediately ignited her flimsy rightrobe. Her screams brought her father, who enfolded her in rugs and bed clothing, but not before she was terribly burned. She has fore she was terribly burned. She has been in convulsions all day. Miss O'Connor is 20 years old, and president of the Young Ladies' society of the Monongahela Catholic church.

PENDLETON OPENS COURT FOR YOUTHS

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Pendleton, Or., Jan. 4.—This afternoon the first session of juvenile court to be held in this county is being held at the county judge's office. At this session the juvenile court idea will be session the juvenile court idea will be carried cut when two youthful criminals will be tried for stealing. For many months past the idea of a juvenile court session has been held in mind by District Attorney Phelps, but not until now has anything been done in Unsatilia county. Uniatilla county.

HOLLOWAY BELIEVES HE IS IN MOSCOW

(Special Dispatch to The Journal. Pendleton, Or., Jan. 4.—Henry Holloway, an old man evidently from Moscow, Idaho, was picked up here yesterday and is being held for insanity. He was laboring under the delusion that he was in Moscow and efforts are being made to learn something concerning made to learn something him from the people of that city.

CHARLES CARTER AND DAN SMYTHE COMBINE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Pendleton, Or., Jan. 4.—Charles H
Carter and Dan P. Smythe, two of Pen dieton's leading attorneys have formed a partnership. Attorney Carter was formerly with the firm of Carter, Raley & Raley, which will now be Raley & Raley. The attorneys in both firms are among the leading legal lights in eastern Oregon.

ARRIVED UPON TIME He was taken to the Good Samaritan hospital where the wound was dressed. The injury was not serious.

All trains-even the freights -were on time today for the . first time this year. Northern Pacific, No. 1, due at 7 o'clock, arrived on the dot, Southern Pacific, No. 16. due at 7:25, got here at the appoint-

Southern Pacific, No. 18, due at 11:30, arrived on the minute. O. R. & N., No. 2, due at 8 o'clock, srrived at 8 o'clock. O. R. & N., No. 5, due at 9:45, . pulled in on the second. Astoria & Columbia, No. 21. due at 12:15, arrived per the

MUTE EVIDENCE DIVIDENDS WILL FULTON CALLS AGAINST BANKER NOW FADE AWAY HENEY'S BLUFF

Letters Are Found Which Prove Bartnett's Knowledge of Bank's Affairs.

(United Press Leased Wire.) San Francisco, Jan. 4 .- Out of a strong box in the California Safe Depost & Trust company, a receptacle in

private papers and letters, there has come a dumb accusation against Wafter J. Bartnett which is regarded by Prosecutor Cook as nothing less than an autographic confession of guilt from the lawyer financier himself.

Private correspondence between Brown and Bartnett, seized by Assistant District Attorney William Hoff Cook, revealed Bartnett's personal knowledge that chicanery and wretched business management marked the conduct of the bank's affairs. The telltale letters also clinched the belief of the prosecution that Bartnett was cognizant of the sale of the Colton securities—knew full well before the recent crash that the bonds were sold to stave off imponding financial disaster.

The most incriminating part of the letters is in cipher, the key to which is in the possession of Hoff Cook. According to Hoff Cook's translation of the cipher words in one of the letters, Bartnett writes to Brown:

"The Colton securities have been sold for the benefit of the bank, contrary to the order of the court."

This letter was written by Bartnett from his rooms in the Waldorf-Astoria in New York in October of this year.

Bank Was Looted.

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More evidence of the desperate methods employed by Walter J. Bartnett in his efforts to secure ready money was unearthed this morning when the letters discovered in the private box of J. Dalzell Brown were further examined by representatives of the district attorney's office. It was ascertained that Bartnett personally borrowed \$30,000 upon the 15,000 shares of Western Pacific stock belonging to the California Safe Deposit & Trust company, which had so mysteriously disappeared. The stock was supposed to have been one of the most valuable assets of the institution, but when the custodian of the funds opened the vault all that was found representing the stock was the receipt of Bartnett.

A letter addressed to Bartnett at the bank written by Edwin R. Hawley, a prominent stockbroker of New York, was found this morning. In this letter Hawley expressed his willingness to allow Bartnett \$30,000 upon the securities and later the transaction was allow Bartnett \$30,000 upon the secur-ities, and later the transaction was

carried out. Another link in the damaging chain Another link in the damaging chain of evidence against Bartnett was forged this morning when Cristenden J. Thornton, attorney for the contestants of the Colton securities, and who by his long business connection with Bartnett was in a position to know his handwriting, appeared in the office of the district attorney and positively identified the letters discovered yes-terday and signed by John W. Roberts, to be the handwriting of Bartnett. Pursued Bad Course.

Another letter which was deciphered this morning throws much light upon the financial condition of the California Safe Deposit & Trust company, for months previous to the time of the final months previous to the time of the final crash. The letter was addressed to Brown from New York on October 18, 1907, and is in part as follows:

"There has grown up a feeling in the community that two or three men run the bank and that the rest of the stockholders know nothing of its condition. If we had pursued a wiser course the bank would never have been in the stress and strain in which she has found herself of late."

This was the only letter with the exception of those made public yesterday which have been deciphered by the of-

which have been deciphered by the of-ficials of the district attorney's office. However, they are vigorously at work upon the other letters and hope to have them all in condition to present to the grand jury on next Tuesday afternoon.

OLD EMPLOYES ACT AS PALLBEARERS

The funeral of the late Columbus C. Barker was held this afternoon from the family residence, 204 North Twenty-second street. The palibearers were old employes who had been with Mr. Barker from 15 to 30 years. The remains were placed in a receiving vault until a suit-able burial plot has been secured. Mr. Barker was one of the most prominent sawmill and timber men in the United States, having been engaged extensively in the business both here and in the east. At the time of his death he was president of the Peninsula Lumber company and a number of other

CITIZENS' PARTY WINS OUT AT NEW ASTORIA

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Astoria, Or., Jan. 4.—The election at New Astoria resulted in a victory for the entire Citizens' ticket. The successful candidates were: Mayor, C. E. Ford; councilmen, A. Anderson, Henry Erickson, Robert Falconer, Soren Hansen and Werner Strom. P. J. Glanz, the regular Citizens' candidate for mayor, withdrew from the race the evening before the election and C. E. Ford was substituted in his place.

COMMISSION TELLS ABOUT GOLDFIELD

(United Press Lensed Wire.)

Washington, D. C., Jan. 4—The com-mission sent to Goldfield by President Roosevelt to investigate conditions due to the strike of the miners returned to Washington today and made a verbal report to the president. It will report more fully in writing later on. It will report

Pendleton Boys Boozing.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Pencileton, Or., Jan. 4.—Eight boys, eged from 10 to 15 years, were before District Attorney G. W. Phelps today for drunkenness. The entire party spent last night iff the city jail. Every effort is being made to locate the saloon from which the liquor was secured, following disclosures made to the district attorney today. trict attorney today.

Butcher Knife Slipped. Harry Mulholland, a butcher, employed at the Barnes market on Third street stabbed himself in the abdomen with a large butcherknife this morning while at work cutting meat. The man while at work cutting meat. The man was cutting toward his body when the knife slipped and entered his abdomen.

Witness in Jail. William Johnson, one of the witnesses in the pending land cases, was arrested this morning on a warrant charging him and May Conners with disorderly conduct. He was taken to the city jail, where he is being held in default of \$100 bail which was demanded of him. An effort is being made to secure the release of Johnson by his friends.

Saloon Cases Continued. (Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Spokane, Wash., Jan. 4.—The cases of the 216 saloonmen, charged with violating the Sunday closing law, were continued today in Justice Hinkle's court

PERSONAL.

Mrs. Frank A. Spencer arrived from Los Angeles and is at the Pertland.

Those Unabsorbed at Directors' Meeting Will Be Dissolved in Legal Fight.

The troubles of the East Side bank, which broke out Wednesday, when the directors declared a dividend that President Newhall declares is illegal, and which J. Dalzell Brown kept his own ended in the flight of Attorney Malarprivate papers and letters, there has key with the records of the institution, reached the circuit court today, when

reached the circuit court today, when separate suits were begun by Cashier W. J. Lyons and Assistant Cashier J. A. Lyons to compel the bank to pay over the dividends which they, as a majority of the board of directors, had decreed should be paid.

The Lyons brothers each hold 50 shares of stock of the par value of \$5,000. They and Newhall composed the board of directors, and in the stormy meeting of day before yesterday they declared a dividend of 18½ per cent while Newhall was informing them that they were discharged and ordering them out of the room. Each of the Lyons brothers claims \$925 as his share of the profits on his holdings of stock.

The Lyons faction claims that it is being frozen out of the bank by Newhall, the latter controlling the majority of the stock. They will have to yield to the force of the greater number of shares on the other side, but assert that they were still directors and acted with full authority at the time the dividend was declared.

ANOTHER WOMAN

Motivefor-Drowning Woman in Passaic River Discovered by Police.

New York, Jan. 4-Love for another oman on the part of Theodore Whitmore is said to have been at the bottom of the trouble between him and his

of the trouble between him and his wife, whose body was found in a muddy pool near Passalc, New Jersey, several days ago.

The police say they have learned the name of a girl who is said to have been with Whitmore several days after Mra Whitmore disappeared. Detectives working on the case are said to be weaving a net of circumstantial evidence around Whitmore.

STANDARD FACES WHEAT GROWERS NEW LARGE FINE

crimination Indictments Must Go to Trial.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 4-Decisions nanded down by Federal Judge Hazel today in the case of the demurrer of the Standard Oil and Vacuum Oil com- it is expected that there will be hunpanies to indictments charging them with practicing rate discriminations were all against the companies.

The case probably will be tried during the March term of court. If convicted, fines ranging from \$20,000,000 to \$34,000,000 could be imposed.

CREWS MOVE SOON TO STEEL BRIDGE

Within the next 10 days the crews will be shifted from the Burnside bridge to the steel bridge for the purpose of replanking and redecking the latter structure. This promise was made to a committee from the North East Side Improvement association that reported at the meeting on Russell street last night. It is expected that in that time all the work on the Burnside bridge will be completed. No cars are now running

over the structure and it is closed to traffic entirely. It may be necessary to close the steel bridge to teams also for a short time during the repairs to the upper deck the upper deck.

YOUNG WOMAN HURT GETTING OFF CAR

Miss Frank Congdon, 342 Eugene street, was severely injured in alighting from a car at Third and Washing ton streets yesterday and is confined to her bed as a result of the accident. Miss Congdon's back was hurt and the attending physician believes that she is injured internally. Miss Congdon blames the motorman for the mishap, claiming that he started the car before she left the lower step of the car. The accident happened soon after 7 o'clock yesterday merning.

CUTTING AFFRAY AT THE DALLES

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
The Dalles, Or., Jan. 4.—William Morton is under arrest charged with an assault with a dangerous weapon upon Eustace Barber, wnom he cut in the abdomen in a saloon row. Barber is lingering at a sanatorium. The physicians hope for his recovery. Morton is reputed as a bad man who has served two years in the pen for a similar offense, committed at Pendleton. It is said this is his third affray, Barber came here several months ago.

MUST ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS IN COURT

Alleging that Paul W. Custer has concealed his property from the sheriff in order to avoid an execution issued in the case brought against him Dolph, the latter has secured Dolph, the latter has secured a cita-tion from Judge Cleland requiring Cus-ter to appear in court next Thursday afternoon to answer questions concerning his property. Dolph holds a judgment for \$544.20 and says only \$75 has

* Passed Bad Check.

Passed Bad Check.

Dr. George C. Maule, a dentist of Silverton, will be brought back to Portland to answer to a charge of having passed a worthless check, according to a warrant issued this morning on the complaint of William Bohlander, proprietor of the Empire restaurant on Third street. The restaurant man says that Dr. Mule came to his place with a party of friends a short time ago and paid for the meal ordered with a check for \$2. The check afterward proved to be worthless. Maule will be brought back to Portland to answer to the complaint against him. plaint against him.

Senator Antes and Ask Show-Down From Man Who Has Been Talking.

In an open letter to Francis J. Heney Senator C. W. Fulton challenges t land fraud prosecutor to set forth pul licly the grounds on which he based h charge that Fulton had been guilty of

Heney's accusation was published Heney's accusation was published in the Oregonian about three weeks ago as a part of an interview with a representative of that paper. After his arrival in Washington Heney gave out the statement that he never said for publication anything discreditable to Fulton, but that remarks which he made privately might have been the basis for the Oregonian's alleged interview. A that time Fulton denounced the charges of corruption as malicious and false and he has now called on Heney to back up his charges in the following oper letter:

Astoria, Or., Jan. 3, 1908.—Mr. Fran

corrupt acts.

up his charges in the following oper letter:

Astoria, Or., Jan. 3, 1908.—Mr. Francis J. Heney—Sir: During your recenvisit to Portland there appeared in the Oregonian a purported interview with you in which you were quoted as saying that you had in your possession evidence that I had been guilty of some corrapt set. My attention having bey called thereto by a representative. The Portland Journal, I said: "If reported by you, Mr. Heney charges the I have been guilty of any manner of corruption, I brand the statement as a willful, deliberate and malicious lie."

My answer was published in The Journal December 20 last, and I assumed that in view of such statement you would adopt the only manly course open to you, and either repudiate the interview or make a public and frank statement of the facts or alleged facts on which your statement was based You have done neither, although in a Washington paper you are reported to have said that you "never said in an interview for publication discreditable things regarding Fulton," but that "a Portland paper may have printed some things you said privately."

Whether uttered privately or publicly openly or secretly, any charge that I have been guilty of a corrupt or disopenly or secretly, any charge that have been guilty of a corrupt or discreditable act is an infamous false.

hood.

I therefore demand that, in justice to myself and the people of this state, whom I have the honor in part to represent in the congress of the United States, you publicly and specifically set forth the grounds on which you hase the charge of wrongoing on my part. You shall not longer hide behind insinuations. Let the facts be given and given at once, if facts there be. I stand ready at all times to meet—any charge that may be prought against my record. ready at all times to meet any charge that may be brought against my record as an official, and, confident in the knowledge that I have knowingly done no wrong, will undertake to satisfy the people of Oregon of the rectitude of my conduct and official career.

C. W. FULTON.

Buffalo Court Decides Dis- Washington Farmers Will Meet at Pullman to Dis-

cuss Big Questions. (Special Dispatch / to The Journal.) Garfield, Wash., Jan. 4 .- The Washington state wheat convention will convene at Pullman January 9 and 10, and

it is expected that there will be hundreds of farmers present, as matters of importance are to come before the convention. State Senator R. C. McCroskey of Garfield is president, and being one of the largest farmers of the Palouse country is naturally very enthusiastic ever the matter.

Able and experienced speakers will be present and subjects of deep interest to the farmers will be discussed. Hon. J. C. Lawrence, state railway commissioner, will be there from Olympia and will deliver an address on the evening of 'January 9, on "What the Railroad Commission Has Done and Hopes to Do for the Farmer." Other subjects will be treated are the following: "Handling Grain in bulk." "How to Prevent Smut," "Why Some Farmers Succeed and Others Fall Under Similar Conditions." "How the Yield Can Be Improved by Selecting Seed." "Pioneer Versus the Up to Data Methods of Raising and Marketing Grain." "What the State College Is Doing in Developing New and Promising Varieties." Do for the Farmer.'

There is considerable discussion at present among the farmers as to the best way to handle their grain, whether in sacks or in bulk, and the farmer think that by getting together and taking the matter over a better understanding can be obtained.

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THOUSAND DOLLAR TRUNK JOB DONE

Burglars' Loot at Clatskanie Depot Is Jewelry and Silverware.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Clatskanie, Or., Jan. 4.—The A. & C. railroad depot was broken into last evening by thieves, and trunks belonging to several Clatskanie people were looted. One trunk belonged to Mrg. George Maxwell, wife of the owner of the Clatskanie Lumber company. She lost about \$750 worth of jewelry.

A trunk belonging to Dr. Ralston contained over \$100 worth of silverware, which was taken.

The thieves carried off about \$1,000 worth of plunder.

RUNS WHEN PEANUTS BURST INTO FLAME

When Toma Lachi's peanut wagon When Toma Lachi's peanut wagon caught fire this morning at the corner of Third and Washington streets. Toma thought the end of the world was hear at hand. Throwing the blazing gasoline tank to the pavement, he took to his heels and would have been running yet had not a stony-hearted policemesseized him by the coat collar appropriate the property of the disaster. Someone telephoned for the chemical engine and a few minutes after its arrival the blackened wreek of ter its arrival the blackened wreck of Toma's mercantile establishment was turned over to him. Time, 4 minutes and 28 seconds. Loss \$5.27. No in-

Roller Skating.

Go to Oaks rink tonight. Grand march 7:30 p. m. Rink open tomorrow morning at 9:30 with centinuous skating all day at the big Oaks rink, Roller skating was never so enjoyable—the crowds say. Learn to skate now. We teach you to skate free of charge during all sessions. Cars direct to Oaks rink every 10 minutes. Take Oregon City or Oaks cars.