

# LIQUOR LICENSE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS DISMISSAL OF CHARGES AGAINST SALOON-KEEPER—HOT DEBATE ANTICIPATED LATER.

Members of the liquor license committee this morning voted to recommend that the charges against John Conboy, proprietor of a saloon at 518 North Twelfth street, be dismissed. Councilman Vaughn announced that he would file a minority report with the council insisting that the ground for the revocation of the Conboy's license be the testimony of the Robinson sisters, to the effect that Conboy invited them into his saloon two weeks ago last Monday night, had not been approved.

Councilman Rusklight in voting to dismiss the charges against Conboy had not been able to attend the first part of the hearing and had not heard the testimony of the Robinson sisters, which would have weight in deciding his vote in the council.

The hearing this morning was attended by W. M. Ladd, Carl Jackson, secretary of the Oregon Planning mill; F. I. Fuller, vice-president and general manager of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company; F. H. Ransom, of the Eastern and Western Lumber company; R. E. Davis, manager of the Willamette Iron & Steel Works, and other well-known citizens, all of whom testified they had signed the petition asking for the revocation of Conboy's license upon the general reputation of his saloon, which they considered bad.

Conboy introduced the testimony of Patrolman Frank Tevens, Captain Frank Kienlen, Patrolmen Keller, Keller and Peterson to show that his saloon had been conducted in an orderly manner. Patrolman Keller caused a general laugh when he testified that E. F. Noland, who has been leading the fight against Conboy, told the council he was made up of a lot of sticks.

Special Policeman Merrick also testified along this line by stating that Noland would give 2 cents for all the councilmen in town.

Conboy set up a strong defense in regard to the character of his saloon, but failed to show where he was between 5:30 o'clock and 8 o'clock on the night the Robinson sisters testified that they were invited to his saloon and invited them to visit his saloon.

Despite this fact, the committee voted to recommend the dismissal of the charges. Whether the members of the council will override this point will be determined at the next regular meeting of the council.

Councilman Wallace explained his vote for dismissing the charges on the ground that the affair is the result of a personal fight between Conboy and Noland, and said the charges were brought by Noland through spite. This was the general opinion of the members, although Councilman Vaughn and Councilman Merrick will probably insist that Conboy disprove the testimony of the Robinson sisters before they vote to dismiss the charges.

An affidavit of Hazel Noland, the 15-year-old daughter of E. F. Noland, who is in the House of the Good Shepherd, was introduced by Councilman Merrick and was called to order by Chairman Noland who insisted that personalities be left out of the case.

# CHINAMEN TO START WAR ON SEA ROBBERS

(United Press Leased Wire.) Pekin, China, Jan. 25.—The British tollia which has been operating against the Chinese pirates on rivers in this vicinity has been withdrawn by the Chinese government. This action was taken at the request of the Chinese viceroy, who promised to put Chinese naval launches in patrol service on the rivers.

# BARS LIQUOR DEALERS FROM GRAND JURY

(United Press Leased Wire.) Valdez, Alaska, Jan. 25.—Judge Reid, who formed the grand jury, peremptorily ordered off all jurors engaged in the sale of liquor. It is believed this will be the last grand jury made by the courts to close the dance halls in the district.

# JAPANESE MERCHANT LAUGHS AT MENTION OF WAR TALK

Tashio Hayashi, a Japanese merchant in London, is at the Hotel Portland on his way to the Orient. He has been in business in the world's metropolis for many years and has built up a large income by the handling of oriental goods and general merchandise. Mr. Hayashi is now visiting at Vancouver, British Columbia, and leaves for San Francisco tonight. He will sail for his home at Tokyo.

Asked what he thought of the possibility of war between the United States and Japan, Mr. Hayashi laughed. "War? There will be no war between

# ST. HELENS STORE BROKE INTO THE STORE OF DART & MUCKLE AND THE OFFICE OF THE COLUMBIA ABSTRACT & TRUST COMPANY LAST NIGHT AND ATTEMPTED TO FORCE THE SAFE.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) St. Helens, Or., Jan. 25.—Burglars broke into the store of Dart & Muckle and the office of the Columbia Abstract & Trust company last night and attempted to force the safe.

At Dart & Muckle's store entrance was forced through the door of the warehouse and a hole was bored just above the bolt that fastened the door into the main part of the store. When the burglars entered the store this morning they found the door of the small safe standing open and papers scattered about. A small tin box from inside the safe had been removed but was found on the floor in another part of the store, unopened. As it was not opened the safe evidently was not considered it worth carrying away. The combination of the large safe had been hammered off, but not succeeding in opening the safe they evidently gave up the job. A small sack containing pennies was investigated but not taken, and so far nothing is missed from the store.

The robbery is a small one on the floor near the large safe.

# THIRD SUFFRAGE THIS IS THE THIRD TIME THIS STORE HAS BEEN BROKEN INTO. SIXTEEN YEARS AGO OVER \$50,000 IN MONEY WAS STOLEN, BESIDES THE COUNTY WARRANTS. THE WARRANTS WERE AFTERWARD RECOVERED. IN FEBRUARY LAST YEAR AN ATTEMPT WAS MADE TO ROB THE STORE.

The burglars made a small hole in the door of the safe and entered the store. The burglar ran when he appeared.

# CONDITION OF ABSTRACT OFFICE.

The Columbia County Abstract & Trust company occupies a building of two rooms on the west side of the street and there is a door from the street and a back door. The robbers turned the key in the back door and proceeded to hammer the combination off the doors of the safety deposit vault. They succeeded in forcing open the outside doors of the vault but were evidently stopped by the lever locks on the inside doors. They forced open E. E. Quick's roll top desk and scattered papers and books in search of a key. As Mr. Quick is unable to open the vault this morning it is supposed the robbers injured the locks, but it is not believed they opened it.

# ST. HELENS IS MUCH EXCITED OVER THIS BOLD ATTEMPT AT ROBBERY. SHERIFF WHITE SAID IT WAS POSSIBLE TO APPREHEND THE GUILTY PARTIES.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) St. Helens, Jan. 25.—Victor Tillman, thirty years old, who came here eighteen days ago from Seattle, committed suicide by cutting his throat some time night before last or yesterday in his room at the Richmond hotel. The mystery surrounds the man. Proprietor Soterson of the hotel believes he was either a religious fanatic or a fugitive from justice.

# FROM THE TIME HE ENTERED THE HOTEL UNTIL HE COMMITTED SUICIDE HE WAS OUT OF THE HOUSE BUT A FEW TIMES. DAY IN AND DAY OUT HE STAYED CLOSE IN HIS ROOM, READING THE BIBLE AND MAGAZINES. HE DRESSED WELL AND HAD A FANCY SUITCASE, BUT THERE IS NOT A LETTER OR LINE OF WRITING TO TELL WHERE HE CAME FROM. HE MADE NO CONFERENCE WITH ANYONE AND REFUSED TO TALK OF HIMSELF BEYOND SAYING HE WAS A SEATTLE MAN.

His Bible shows hard use, and from beginning to end has notes, interlineations and marked passages. He ate but once a day, and sometimes spent nearly the whole day in his room. He recognized in him any criminal wanted.

# PROPRIETOR SOTERSON SUSPECTS THE MAN HAS COMMITTED SUICIDE BECAUSE HE DEDUCED HIM TO THE ROLE OF FUGITIVE, FROM THE FACT THAT HE STUDIOUSLY AVOIDED MEETING PEOPLE AND KEPT TO HIS ROOM CONTINUOUSLY, AND WHEN COMPELLED TO APPEAR FOR A FEW MOMENTS WHILE IT WAS ARRANGED HE WOULD COME BACK BEFORE THE MATS HAD FINISHED THE WORK.

The remaining papers in the room for a few days for identification.

# THEY MAY YET LIVE HAPPILY EVER AFTER

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Salem, Or., Jan. 25.—The trial of Frank Miller on a charge of threatening to do great bodily harm to the family of Jennings Smith in general and Miss Ona Smith in particular came to a happy termination for the young Silverton butcher. He was discharged by Justice Webster with a concluding admonition that if there were no more feeling of hate between the witnesses than seemed to exist between the young man and the young woman he was accused of threatening, there was no reason why their little love affair might not yet terminate happily.

The state tried to prove that Miller made statements to the effect that he would kill Jennings Smith some one would die with his boots on, but failed to fasten this upon the young man. Several local tight-lipped rivalries for the hand of several of the pretty girls in and about Silverton, and the fatherly advice of the Silverton city council were spoken of in the trial but it all ended in the discharge of the defendant.

The young woman's father, Jennings Smith, swore on the stand that young Miller perjured himself.

# CHARGING THAT HE WAS THROWN FROM THE STEPS OF AN OVERCROWDED CAR AS IT SWUNG ONTO THE CURVE AT NINETEENTH, MORRISON AND CHAPMAN STREETS, JAMES WILSON HAS BEGUN SUIT AGAINST THE PORTLAND RAILWAY, LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY TO RECOVER \$700. THIS SUM COVERS LOSS OF WAGES, HIS DOCTOR'S BILL AND A \$10 OVERCOAT WHICH HE SAYS WAS RUINED IN THE MUD.

(United Press Leased Wire.) The accident took place on December 12, between 5 and 6 o'clock in the afternoon. Wilson says he boarded the car at West Park and Morrison streets, and it was so crowded that he had to hang on by catching hold of the brass clutches on either side of the steps. He reached over the heads of other passengers and pushed his face between the pressure finally becoming so great that his hold was broken and he was thrown to the street. He says he was in the car two weeks ago, sprained his ankle and wrist and internal injuries.

The complaint charges that the street car company has adopted the custom of stopping its cars on Morrison street, where the pavement ends, and passengers have been crowding off at that point, but on the occasion referred to the car was stopped on the curve where the passengers crowded him off.

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# FORMER MANAGER OF GOLDEN EAGLE COMES BACK TO FACE ANY CHARGES BROUGHT UP AGAINST HIM—HAS DONE NO WRONG, HE SAYS.

Gus Lowit, manager of the Golden Eagle department store that failed last August, has returned to Portland. He arrived direct from Denver at 5:40 o'clock last night and has taken up his quarters in his old office at 600 Commercial.

"I came back to Portland last night," said Mr. Lowit, "because of my own free will, absolutely, and because of no requests from the district attorney's office. I have done no wrong and stand ready to defend myself on any charges alleged to have been placed against me. I have been in Denver ever since I left Portland last fall and lived in the same place every day. I did not go to Africa, South America, the Hawaiian Islands or to any other outlandish place, as was sensationally reported. I came back to Portland on my own money and contend that I have done no wrong."

"I have been working in Denver, holding down a responsible position, which I lost through unwarranted newspaper notoriety. It is because of this that I have come back to Portland and I will try to get my old job. I challenge the district attorney to prosecute me; I have done nothing that is wrong."

# BOY FORGERS WORK TACOMAS

(United Press Leased Wire.) Tacoma, Jan. 25.—Three boy forgers, who have eunuched merchants all over the city to the extent of several hundred dollars, were taken into custody late yesterday afternoon. They are Howard McNew, Andrew Jost and Edward Golden, aged 16, 17 and 18 years, respectively. The boys admit passing forged papers in sums ranging from \$10 to \$15 on 15 business men and the list is believed to be incomplete. The police were best looking for the youthful forgers two weeks.

# WALKED RIGHT IN AND WALKED RIGHT OUT

Gustav Snider, the alleged forger, who walked out of the police station and made his escape yesterday afternoon, is still at liberty, all efforts on the part of the police to locate him having proved fruitless.

Police Can Find No Trace of Man Who Escaped From the Police Station.

While the attention of the officers was temporarily distracted, Snider slipped out unseen and ran up Oak street. When he reached the street entrance to the Worcester building he passed through the doors and ran upstairs. This escape was noticed a few moments after he left the office of the police station and several officers were not far behind him when he ran into the Worcester building. A search of the building, however, failed to reveal the hiding place of the man and the officers were finally forced, however reluctant, to call off the hunt.

# UNEMPLOYED MEN TO BUILD BOULEVARD

(United Press Leased Wire.) Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 25.—For the purpose of providing work for the worthy needy men the city and county have reached an agreement subject to ratification by the city council, to expend \$10,000 on the construction of a boulevard, a freight yard and a fifth park. Part of the proposed work is outside the city, hence the city is to expend \$5,000 and the county \$5,000 if the plan goes through.

# MOTHER TINGLEY TO LEASE HER THEATRE

(United Press Leased Wire.) San Diego, Cal., Jan. 25.—The announcement was made here this morning that Mrs. Tingley, the famous and famous thespian and leader of the Point Loma colony of that sect, has leased the beautiful theatre in this city to Edmund Gardner of Los Angeles, who is to put on a stock company. Mrs. Tingley heretofore has restricted the use of the theatre almost entirely to the uses of the society.

# FREIGHT BROKER IS FINED FOR REBATING

(United Press Leased Wire.) Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 25.—George J. Thomas, a freight broker of New York, was today fined \$1,000 by a court after pleading guilty to a charge of rebating. The charge was the result of a complaint by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

# NEW OUTRAGE BY NIGHT RAIDERS

(United Press Leased Wire.) Dawson Springs, Ky., Jan. 25.—Night riders have made another attack in the fierce tobacco war that has been in progress for some time. Fifty of them, all masked, last night caused a reign of terror in Arcadia by invading one of the principal hotels and dragging John Heath, an independent tobacco grower and buyer, to the river. They threatened to throw him into the water unless he promised not to buy any more pooled tobacco. Heath is said to have promised that he would not and he was then dragged to a telegraph office. All trace of the raiders was then lost.

# SUNSHINE BRINGS VOTERS TO REGISTER

More voters registered at the office of the county clerk yesterday than on any day since the books were opened. The number added to the roll was 424, of whom 303 were Republicans, 89 Democrats and 32 miscellaneous.

# STATE IS TO GET LIGHTING FOR LESS

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Salem, Or., Jan. 25.—The last Oregon legislature made provisions for the execution of a new contract for lighting all the state institutions, which require 250 incandescents and 25 arc lights at this city. The law provided for the employment of an expert by the state board to make an estimate of the cost of installing plants by the state, and after a full investigation the state board found it could not save enough to justify the undertaking. It has secured a reduction by making a ten-year contract with the Portland Railway, Light, Power and Traction company, from 30 cents to 27 1/2 cents per lamp-hour for each candle power lamp, and from 86 to 57 1/2 cents per lamp-hour for arc lights. The state capitol and all institutions are to be put on the meter system, and the state has full option at the end of one year to put all the institutions on the meter system.

# SMALLPOX BREAKS OUT AMONG INDIANS

Reports of several cases of smallpox among the Indians in Gilliam, Clatsop and Clackamas counties, have reached the health board. Dr. R. C. Yenny, secretary of the board, has not heard of any other cases. It is believed that the contagion is not serious. Public schools have been closed in Forest Grove because of diphtheria. There is a difference of opinion, though, whether the disease is serious. One physician reported there had been four cases and another reported there had been one case of diphtheria, only a few cases of sore throat.

# CAN OF MILK LANDS EX-CONVICT IN JAIL

A six months' sentence was handed out to O. Nelson this morning by Judge Cameron in the police court after he had been tried and found guilty of a charge of receiving a stolen can of milk. Nelson is a well known character in the restaurant on Ankeny street, between First and Second streets. Nelson is an ex-convict since his release from the penitentiary he has been arrested many times for petty offenses. His latest exploit was his undoing, as the authorities took advantage of the opportunity to remove him to a place where temptation will not assail him for a considerable period.

# IT'S HARD TO NOTICE REDUCTION OF BAIL

(United Press Leased Wire.) San Francisco, Jan. 25.—Attorney Oscar Cooper, representing Walter J. Barnett, the indicted director of the California State Deposit & Trust company, appeared before Judge Dunne this morning and asked that Barnett's bail be reduced. With the consent of the district attorney Judge Dunne reduced his bonds from \$255,000 to \$250,000. A like order was made in the case of J. Daniel Brown, his brother official also under indictment.

# NEW SIGNS MADE FOR MORRISON STREET CARS

New signs for the Montgomery-Mount Tabor street car line are being painted. When the old cars were taken off the street for a while it would not be necessary to put letters on the larger cars which now run from Sixteenth and Montgomery to Union and by way of Sunnyside. Under the new system "Mt. Tabor" will appear across the top of the car. On either side of the front platform will be the letters "M. G." and "S. S."

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