

MANIPULATED ON STAND

Portland Notary Public Is Called as Witness in Hyde-Benson Case—Denies Putting Seal on Blank Land Applications.

Washington, April 14.—(Don Alexander's) a notary public of Portland, Ore., testified at the Hyde-Benson land fraud trial today that he placed his seal on school land applications presented by Schneider, one of the defendants, upon the payment of \$1, but denied that with the exception of one instance he put his seal on applications in blank.

San Francisco, April 14.—Judge Seal today ruled against Benson and Hyde, defendants in the land fraud case now on hearing in Washington, in their effort to prevent records in that case from being introduced in evidence at the trial.

MANIPULATING TO TALK LOSING LAW

District Attorney Will Explain Position to Retail Merchants.

Brought to book by the Portland Retail Merchants Protective association, District Attorney John Manning has indicated his intention of enforcing Sunday closing law for all merchants alike, without discrimination in favor of any class of individuals. Mr. Manning will appear before the association at a meeting this evening and declare his policy.

NEW APARTMENTS UPPER WASHINGTON

Louis J. Wilde Will Spend Nearly Fifty Thousand on the Building.

Another handsome apartment house on upper Washington street is the latest announcement in the building line. It was announced by the purchase of a \$15,000 lot on which he proposes to erect a modern brick apartment house.

Officers of the association strongly disclaim any feeling toward Mr. Manning personally in the matter of law enforcement, or that there should be no law to compel any of the stores to close on Sundays.

JOINT DEBATE

U'Ren and Livingston, Under Grange Auspices, Discuss Statement No. 1.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Hood River, Or., April 14.—The biggest political meeting at Hood River this year was held last night in the large hall owned by Pine grange and under its auspices.

In addition to the candidate for state senator, B. J. Cooper, T. F. Welch of The Dalles and J. L. Carter of Hood River, the candidates for representative, L. E. Morse, also of Hood River, Democratic candidate for the same office, and A. J. Dorby, Democratic candidate for the same office, were present and asked to state their views on the question.

U'Ren and Livingston were limited to 30 minutes each and Mr. U'Ren started the ball rolling. He delivered a broadside at every one who was not in favor of Statement No. 1, irrespective of party, and stated that the days of electing senators in Oregon by bribery, hoodlum and booze was over.

In answering him Mr. Livingston directed his argument along the line that the present law in Oregon was not in accord with the constitution.

TAFT CONFESSES TO BURGLARY

Declares Wanted Money That Ruby Wilson's Child Could Be Restored to Her

Giving up in the face of evidence gathered by Sheriff Stevens and Deputy Sheriff Leonard, M. T. Taft, the dirty burglar who was wanted for a long time for the affair in Arleta, when he attempted to hold up Mrs. Anderson. Jack Turpin, suspect of a part in the same affair, also confessed.

REFILLED BOTTLE OF WORCESTERSHIRE

Warrants were issued this morning for the arrest of Thomas Poulson, proprietor of a restaurant at 112 North Sixth street, and Frederick Slidner, proprietor of a restaurant at 112 North Third street, on a charge of violating the pure food laws by refilling bottles of Worcestershire.

HAILEY MEMORIAL HAS BEEN POSTPONED

TWO TO GO

Conditions at Feeble-Minded Homesite Invite Convicts to Flee.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Salem, Or., April 14.—Investigation into the conditions surrounding the convicts working on the site of the institution for the feeble-minded, three miles south of here, from which four convicts escaped Sunday evening, shows very little is done to prevent convicts from walking away if they so desire.

It is impossible to prevent convicts from escaping when we have a guard house yesterday, "if they are to be employed as these men are employed. But the legislature has directed that they be employed on this job, and we have complied with instructions."

The getaway was made about 1:30 o'clock Sunday evening. They were four, Bozo Dovich, Edward Boyd, Caspar Clinton and Philip Lamont, all young men. Just a week ago another convict, G. A. Cantler, had his escape in a similar manner.

THIEVES BUSY ALL OVER THE CITY

Revolvers or Wearing Apparel Are All Alike to Them.

Sunday evening thieves broke into the office of the Keson company, on the Linton road, and stole a quantity of wearing apparel and toilet articles. Burglars forced an entrance to the office of the Multnomah Mill & Construction company, East Eighth and East Madison streets, last night.

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WOODEN WEDDING CASTLEROCK

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence C. Brown Remembered by Many Friends.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Castlerock, Wash., April 14.—Mr. and Mrs. Clarence C. Brown celebrated their fifth wedding anniversary at their home here Saturday evening. Vocal

and instrumental music occupied the evening. About 35 guests were present. Many handsome articles of wear and ornament were presented to Mr. and Mrs. Brown by the guests.

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PRESIDENT SENDS SPECIAL MESSAGE TO CONGRESS DEMANDING LARGER NAVY

Washington, April 14.—In a stirring message sent to congress today President Roosevelt again strongly advocates the construction of four new battleships.

To provide for one or two battleships this year, says the president in the message, "means that this nation will go backward in naval rank and relative power as compared with the great nations of the world."

The president said that before the meeting at The Hague he thought that the world would be content with the armament he was compelled to adopt.

GERMANS CRITICISE THEIR GOVERNMENT

Berlin, April 14.—In the Lantag, the government has been savagely interpolated on to the budget, which is the working and middle classes of the empire.

INCENDIARY FIRES BARN NEAR MILTON

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Milton, Ida., April 14.—Through a fire which was started in the barn of C. E. Demaris near Milton yesterday six fine horses were destroyed.

WHEAT AREA IS GROWING SMALLER

(United Press Landed Wire.) London, April 14.—A telegram directed to the secretary of the Indian wheat by the viceroy declares that in consequence of droughts the area sowed in wheat in India is less than in any other crop and will be 37 per cent less.

ADMIRAL EVANS IS REGAINING HEALTH

(United Press Landed Wire.) Paso Robles, Cal., April 14.—Rear Admiral Evans rested well last night and when he awoke this morning he was feeling exceptionally well, according to the statement of Surgeon McDonald.

CHINESE MISSIONARIES OF DIFFERENT DENOMINATIONS NOW UNITED

Miss Kate Ogburn, missionary to China who is just returning to her field of 18 years' work after 13 months' leave of absence, is the central figure at the semiannual meeting of the Columbia river branch of the Women's Foreign Missionary society.

"The changes that have come about," she said, "have been the result of the natural outgrowth of public sentiment. There is now legislation against both child slavery and gambling, which is severely punishable by law."

"One of the greatest signs of the times is the unity, the concentrated effort, the united front, the united voice on China. After 40 years of struggle and differences, all the 37 missionary societies meet in the continental union."

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AT EMERYVILLE TRACK TODAY

(United Press Landed Wire.) San Francisco, April 14.—Emeryville results: First race, six furlongs, selling, 3-year-old and up, Governor Orman (110), 2 to 1, 6 to 5, second; Arthur Hyman (100), 8 to 1, 5 to 1, third. Time, 1:13 1-5.

PARIS INTERNATIONAL CLUB FOR SWIMMERS

(United Press Landed Wire.) Paris, April 14.—An international swimming club has been formed here; yesterday afternoon a swimming race of twelve entries took place in the presence of thousands of spectators.

ROOSEVELT PROTECTS GREAT WATER RIGHTS

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Washington, April 14.—President Roosevelt in a special message to congress today urged the dam bill, warned congress that his policy in the future would be to prevent the grabbing of water rights by private interests.

ELMER JENNINGS ARRESTED TODAY ON COMPLAINT OF CONTRACTOR BECKETT

A young man named Elmer Jennings was arrested this morning by Patrolman Craddock on a charge of attempted extortion. The arrest is the sequel of what appears to have been an attempt to work the "bagger game" on William Beckett, a contractor living at 714 East Nineteenth street.

Beckett says he recently became acquainted with young Jennings, who is employed as a waitress in the Baltimore restaurant. Last evening he and the woman went to a hotel as man and wife.

Beckett produced all of the money he had on his person, about \$10, and then signed a paper promising to pay an additional \$100 on a specified date in this city. The paper also set forth in detail Beckett's culpability in so far as his alleged connection with Jennings was concerned.

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BLUE MOUNTAIN WOOD IS CHEAPER

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Pendleton, Or., April 14.—While wood prices in the cities of the inland empire have been reduced but little during the past two or three months, prices on the logging dumps in the Blue mountains have advanced.

FINAL REPUBLICAN RALLY AT THEATRE

At the Empire theatre tomorrow night candidates for district attorney, judges of the circuit court and congress will have a last chance to tell the voters why they should individually be nominated on the Republican ticket for the different offices.

DOCTOR HOLT BACK FROM NEW YORK TRIP

Rev. W. S. Holt, D. D., field secretary of the Freshwater board of Home Missions, arrived in Portland last night after a visit to New York to attend a meeting of the home mission board.

SALEM'S BOARD OF TRADE COMMITTEES

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Salem, Or., April 14.—A splendid work is being done by the Salem board of trade and the recent campaign launched by that body is already bearing fruit.

OBSEVER PASSOVER AT SYNAGOGUE THIS WEEK

Special Passover services will be held at Novah-Zedek Talmud Torah synagogue, Sixth and Hall streets, Wednesday evening, April 16, at 7:30 o'clock. The morning services begin at 9 o'clock, Rabbi H. N. Heller officiating.

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YOUTHFUL HUSBAND WAS SO ROUGH, WIFE DECLARES

Because he was asked to look after the baby for a few minutes, Roscoe W. Cahill pinched his wife until she cried and then kicked her, according to the statement made by Mrs. Anna Cahill in her complaint for divorce, filed in the circuit court.

EMIL HOWARD A GRADUATE

Monroe, Or., April 14.—Mrs. G. W. Howard and daughter Goldie, have gone to St. Louis, where they will attend the graduating exercises of the Physicians and Surgeons college, April 27.

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