STOLE FROM NOBLE LADY

Famous Criminal Again Behind Bars at Old Bailey in London — Betrayed by Woman — Is Often in Trouble.

London, April 21.—Harry the Valet, who is regarded by the police at home and abroad as one of the most cunning and daring international criminals, was at the Old Bailey this week sentenced to another five years' imprisonment.

His name was given on this occasion as Thomas Williams, aged 68, and he was charged with stealing a pocket-book and three check forms, the property of a Moorgate street stockbroker. Prosecutor was playing billiards at the Holborn-viaduct restaurant when the accused entered. He left suddenly, and was followed, and when captured produced the pocket-book.

Accused pleaded guilty, thus following the advice he is said to have always given—"When they (the police) have got you, don't give them any trouble. You must take the good with the bad."

The greatest coup of Harry's long career of crime was the jewel theft at the Gare du Nord, Paris, in 1898, the booty on that occasion, which he secured single-handed, being jewelry valued at about £25,000 belonging to the Duchess of Sutherland. In 1899 he was sent to prison for seven years for the theft.

At the time of this great coup "Harry the Valet," or Thomas Williams, alias William Johnson, James Wilson, and Villiers, was in very low water financially. He had the previous April made the acquaintance of a wealthy lady, who was living apart from her husband.

Fascinated Woman.

The woman was fascinated by the handsome, well dressed educated man, and for six months he traveled with her in England, and on the continent, the lady paying all the expenses, and her companion apparently finding pocket money by the practice of his criminal arts.

About the end of September or the beginning of October, repeated quarrels ended in the woman deserting him in Paris, where he was left practically penniless. On the day of the robbery a casual acquaintance at the Gare du Nord pointed out to Harry a lady entering the station as the "Duchess of Sutherland."

Recognising his opportunity, "Johnson," as he was then called, entered the station, saw a compartment in a corridor train selected, watched the luggage being deposited in it, and when those in charge went to their own compartment, and before the duchess or Sir Albert Rollit had time to enter theirs, he slipped in and carried off the case of jewels.

A few days later, Harry, the valet, wrote to the woman who had left him, saying he had now plenty of money, and asking her to rejoin him. According to her story she did not reply, but "Johnson" tracked her to her home, showered her a dazzling mass of gems, heaped some upon her, put pearl and diamond necklaces around her neck, and wheedled her into allowing him to remain.

Betrayed.

It was then that he committed one of those indiscretions by which the most cunning thieves so often place themselves within reach of the law. He told the lady he had stolen the jewels from the Duchess of Sutherland.

The following morning he demanded the jewelry back, and the woman found herself again duped.

They returned separately to England, and the woman at once carried out her threats of vengeance by giving information to Scotland Yard.

When arrested, Harry the Valet had between £4,000 and £5,000 worth of the stolen property in his possession, as well as £230 in cash and notes. At the trial he refused to say where the remainder of the property was. He was threatened with penal servitude for life, and impudently assured the judge that if he gave him the maximum sentence he could not make him speak.

Harry kept his word, and despite keen watching on the part of the police after he left jail not a single article has been recovered.

Since his release the accused has been in trouble at Monaco, and in London and Paris, and apparently does not intend to forsake his criminal career. He used to boast that "anyone who could get round the lady's maid could easily appropriate the lady's jewelry," but it was clearly proved that he had never made the acquaintance of any of the Duchess of Sutherland's personal attendants.

POLICEMAN DEFEATED BUT WINS IN END

As the result of an attempt to arrest M. Wilson in a saloon at 269 Washington street, Policeman Goltz, Wilson and a bystander named T. E. Baldra engaged in a free-for-all fight this afternoon, which for a time resulted in the defeat of Goltz. He was knocked upon the floor once, but recovered his wind and succeeded in bringing the two men to police headquarters. Wilson was wanted on a charge of stealing a revolver. Baldra is the foreman of a leather factory and didn't know why he interfered.

Cayuse Bill in the Senate.

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.)

Washington, April 21. — Senator Bourne today introduced in the senate the bill to pension veterans of the Cayuse Indian war.

HUSBAND DROPS EFFORT TO LOCATE HIS MISSING WIFE

J. H. Covey, steward at Nortonia hotel, has told the police that he will do nothing further regarding disappearance of his wife, and the police have dropped the case. "If she comes back it is all right, and if she doesn't it is all right," he is reported to have said.

The police believe Mrs. Covey's mother, Mrs. Bennett, who lives at 351 Marguerite avenue, knows the whereabouts of her daughter, and it is learned that detectives who had been privately engaged to search for the girl have dropped the case also.

It is now reported that Covey had never married the girl, but that the marriage was to take place in a short time. When but 15 years old she married a man named Bosby, but they soon separated.

Seattle, April 21.—The only marriage license in connection with the case was issued in Seattle January 18 last in favor of Joseph L. Covey, 32 years old, of Kent, Washington, and Mrs. Florence Eley, 25 years old.

AITCHISON LEADS HURLBURT BY 607

Completed County Returns Still to Be Counted in Commissioner Race.

In the fight for the Republican nomination for railroad commissioner from the Second district the latest returns give Clyde B. Aitchison a lead over Hurlburt, his nearest competitor, of 607. The counties which are complete are Baker, Clatsop, Gilliam, Umatilla, Wallowa and Multnomah. The returns by counties are:

Counties.	Aitchison.	Hurlburt.
Baker	289	98
Clatsop	286	82
Columbia	237	104
Crook	143	68
Gilliam	140	95
Grant	135	52
Malheur	176	34
Morrow	190	106
Sherman	140	60
Umatilla	522	428
Union	265	224
Wallowa	252	85
Wasco	344	483
Wheeler	94	30
Multnomah	3,831	4,899
Total	6,966	6,359
Aitchison's plurality, 607.		

COLLEGE CONFERENCE AT FOREST GROVE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Pacific University, Forest Grove, Or., April 21.—As the result of an invitation sent out by Pacific University a conference of the colleges of the state is to be held here Friday. The institutions will be represented by their presidents and delegates from the faculties. These will be guests of Pacific during their stay here. The program includes a banquet at Herrick hall and papers on subjects of common interest to the colleges. The purpose of the conference is a better acquaintance among the college teachers of the state looking toward some formal organization for mutual benefit.

The following institutions have accepted the invitation: Willamette University, McMinnville college, Albany college, Pacific college and Dallas college.

SPOKANE DEMOCRATS NOT FOR JOHNSON

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Spokane, Wash., April 21—The Young Men's Democratic club is given the credit for the large vote cast at the Democratic primaries. Over 1,300 votes were polled. Only one Johnson man was elected to the convention which will be held April 25. That man was Councilman N. S. Pratt, an old schoolmate and personal friend of Governor Johnson, who appealed to his friends by saying that he would not be true to his friendship to turn down one of his best friends. F. C. Robertson Jr., D. C. Newman and Fred Miller, all prominent Democrats, were defeated because they declared for Johnson.

WITH BUSTED THUMB HE YET WINS GAME

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

North Powder, Or., April 21.—While he was practicing on the street here prior to going to the baseball grounds for the match game between the Haines and North Powder teams, J. M. Starr, pitcher for Haines, met with a serious accident to the thumb of his right hand, a ball striking the end of the thumb with such force as to drive the bone out through the flesh. He told the surgeon it didn't matter, as he pitched with his left, anyway.

North Powder won the game, 18 to 6. Last week Haines won, 16 to 13.

MRS. KHURRY TELLS HUBBY'S LIFE SECRET

Mrs. Louise Khurry, who has a Syrian for a husband and wants a divorce, testified in the municipal court this afternoon that Khurry told her he had killed 10 men in Syria, and that if she ever divulged the secret her life would be forfeited. Khurry was brought into the court on a charge of assault and battery on his wife. He is a small, dapper person, who looks inoffensive. Mrs. Khurry further complicated matters by bringing in some tools which she said were stolen by her husband.

KHIMO DEFENDANT IN MUNICIPAL COURT

The crusade of the physicians of the city against the practitioners of medicine who bother not at all about taking out a license took another step today in the case of E. Khimo, in which Dr. Alan Welch Smith is the complainant. It is expected that the case will be concluded this week.

Quicker Mails at La Grande.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

La Grande, Or., April 21.—Mail service in this city is to be greatly improved by the distribution of all mail as soon as it arrives. Heretofore no mail from westbound train No. 5, arriving at 10:25 p. m., was distributed until the following morning, but Postmaster Richey has arranged to have all first-class mail ready for patrons as soon as possible after the arrival of trains.

Gibson Posing at La Grande.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

La Grande, Or., April 21.—To help defray the expenses of entertaining the State Federation of Women's clubs, which meets here next October, the Lyle Tuesday Musicale, the city's leading musical club, will give a Gibson picture entertainment tonight. Prominent society women will pose for the pictures, and it is expected that a large sum will be obtained.

Presbytery at Astoria.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Astoria, Or., April 21.—The Portland presbytery will meet in annual session at the Presbyterian church this afternoon. Thirty-five visiting clergymen will be present. Dr. Foulkes will deliver a lecture on "Missions Around the World," illustrated with stereopticon views. The session will last three days.

Champion Bear Catcher.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Elgin, Or., April 21.—Walt Carper, who lives at Promise Land, near here, recently captured ten cub bears from their mother. Nine of the cubs were black and brown, one was a cinnamon. He sold the whole lot last week to Thomas Siegmund, who shipped them to Philadelphia, where they will be placed in the public parks.

Paper Company Sues.

The Blake-McFall company has begun suit in the circuit court against Crayton S. Andrews, a former employe, for $1,122.40 that is alleged to be due. The company claims that on one occasion he was overpaid $746 on account, and that at another time he had the company send a carload of paper to a newspaper in Idaho when only 40 reams were wanted.

Asks Divorce.

Mary E. Lindgron has begun suit in the circuit court for divorce from J. C. Lindgron, to whom she was married in North Dakota in 1902. She charges that he has been cruel to her, beating her last January and making life so unpleasant that she finally left him.

BOURNE TO LOSE CONTROL OF OREGON DELEGATION?

Newly elected members of the city and county Republican central committee are having a hard and tempestuous time. Politics, national, state and local, has them in its grip. They do not know whether they are going to elect F. F. Freeman or Major J. P. Kennedy for their chairman, they don't know whether Frank Middleton, the omnipresent, will be able to realize his ambition and be secretary; they don't know whether they will elect delegates to the state convention who will be pledged to send a Taft delegation to the national convention or whether Senator Bourne will have his way and procure an uninstructed delegation. There are several things that are dark but the new members are working hard to learn.

There is more or less of a battle raging in the ranks of the new committeemen. There is the battle over the organization, which is of some interest, but there is down under that fight the still deeper one of the national committeemen.

Senator Bourne wants to head a delegation from Oregon to the national convention which will not be pledged to Taft, or any one else unless it be to Roosevelt. He will work for the election of such a delegation when the state convention meets May 14. In the meantime, in order to insure results, the county conventions and organizations are being rounded up so that the right kind of delegates will be sent to the state convention. On the other hand are the forces back of Taft, represented by the friends of Senator Fulton. As it is now being planned, Senator Fulton is to lead the Oregon delegation to Chicago pledged to Taft.

Because of these little differences of opinion the organization of the new central committee will be a strenuous one and the indications are that Senator Bourne will lose out in his effort to secure control of the organization for list of state delegates favoring an unpledged delegation to Chicago.

There will also be warm times in selecting the chairman and secretary of the new committee. F. E. Reed, who had hopes, has abandoned his aspiration apparently and has transferred his allegiance to Frank F. Freeman. Reed and Freeman, and their faction are now converts of Statement No. 1 and will work for the election of H. M. Cake, they say.

Mr. Cake's friends, however, are of the opinion that the candidate should be allowed to choose the man who will have active charge of the Republican campaign in Multnomah county. They, therefore, are waiting for W. M. Cake to return from Pendleton in order to give him a chance to confer regarding the man whom the Cake forces would like to have at the head of the Multnomah campaign. Mr. Cake will return to Portland in the morning.

The meeting of the central committee will be held tomorrow night in the Alisky hall. It is believed that the chairman of the committee will be given to the Cake forces, though there are some radicals, headed by Reed, Freeman and Frank Middleton who do not want to confer with the candidate, although they contend that they will work for his election in June. Middleton has announced himself as a candidate for secretary of the committee.

HAVE RIGHT TO PASS DEFUNCT BANK PAPER

The objection of the defendants in the case of Wells and four confederates, indicted for using the mails to defraud, on the grounds of passing defunct state bank notes, for which they were arrested, was upheld by Judge Wolverton in the United States circuit court this afternoon.

Judge Wolverton held that in passing the spurious money as charged in the indictment the mails had not been used in the execution of the act. This means that, unless appealed by the government, Wells, Sayler, Sheehan, Caviness and Doresey will go free. Also that the mails can be used to send these bank bills about the country, and the men cannot be prosecuted for passing the fictitious notes on the public.

Part of yesterday afternoon and all of this morning was occupied by the attorneys for both sides as to whether the defendants can be tried on the charge of using the mails to defraud.

John F. Logan, attorney for Sheehan, raised the contention that the post-office department had not been used as a party in the scheme. His argument was to the effect that the defunct state bank notes had not been distributed by means of the mails and that when sent through the regular postal channels they were not complete and that the defendants had not used the mails in any way in execution of the passing of the money.

Stevens & Co. of Chicago, where the bills were secured, did a curio business, he said, and the defendant simply wrote to them to send a package of the old bills of the Merchants' & Planters' bank of Georgia. These bills were paid for by means of a money order, the prosecution will endeavor to show, but the defense contends that there was nothing irregular in the transaction.

Hard Question to Decide.

United States District Attorney John McCourt takes the stand that the five men indicted opened a correspondence by mail with the Chicago house with a view of securing the spurious or bogus bills to be passed out in exchange for regular government money.

In this way, referring to the correspondence and the money orders which had passed between the men in Portland and Stevens & Co., Mr. McCourt contended that the government mails had been used to launch a scheme to defraud and that under these circumstances the defendants should be prosecuted accordingly.

Numerous decisions of courts to carry out his contentions were cited by the government attorney, and at noon Judge Wolverton took the question under consideration.

R. H. Wells has already pleaded guilty to the charge. It has been the intention of the government to use him as the principal witness. Lincoln Smith, a clerk in the money order department, was the first witness yesterday.

Used Mails From Chicago.

The five men were indicted by the federal grand jury on a charge of using the mails to defraud. It is alleged that Wells and the others had been securing these bills in Chicago and passing them on the unsuspecting public in exchange for legal tender. They could not be prosecuted for counterfeiting and owing to this fact the other charge was made.

THIRD PHIL FILLS FILL IN PHIL METSCHAN'S FAMILY OF PHILS

Phil Metschan, the third, has arrived. He was christened Sunday. His father is Dr. Ed Metschan, a son of Phil Metschan Sr., who is spending the winter abroad. Phil Metschan Jr. who is interested with his father in the Imperial hotel, is the uncle of Phil the third.

Phil Metschan Sr. has been notified by cable of the naming of another boy in his honor. Phil Metschan Jr. was present at the time the youngster was christened as Phil, the third. In fact, it is said Phil, the second, suggested that Phil the third be named in honor of Phil the first.

But anyway, Portland now has three Phil Metschans and they are all in the hotel business. But Phil the third hasn't taken an actual participation in the hotel transactions as yet.

LA GRANDE PUTS ITS BOOST FOOT FOREMOST

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

La Grande, Or., April 21.—Practically every business man in La Grande has signed an agreement to become a member and supporter of the Commercial club, soon to be organized. The new organization will be purely a commercial club, and within a few weeks a part of the work of the old club will be taken up by an athletic club. The latter will be formed just as soon as the Commercial club has attained a fair start.

Tom Richardson, "Booster Tom," will be here Wednesday night and will address the business men and property owners of the city. A spirit of enterprise such as La Grande has never before experienced is abroad and everyone is enthusiastic over the prospect of advertising the city's resources.

A booster club will probably be an auxiliary of the new commercial organization.

FUTILE SEARCH TO FIND SAFE CRACKERS

Detectives are at work on several clues which they hope will bring to light the identity of the men who tapped the safes of W. H. Markell & Co. and the Aultman-Taylor Machinery company Sunday night. It has been years since a "trick" of this class was turned in Portland, as there is every evidence it was the work of most expert cracksmen. The usual method has been to blow the safe, but the men who operated on the east side Sunday night disdained such crude means and neatly drilled the safes and threw the tumblers.

COUNTY WILL AID IN AUTOMOBILE RACES

The county commissioners have agreed to help along the cause of the automobile races to be held during the Rose Festival by paying half the cost of oiling the roads along the 14 mile course. The commissioners have been over the proposed course, which starts on the Base Line road, turns to the Russellville road to the Section Line highway and thence along the Base Line road to the starting point.

TANTALIZED WIFE BY SHOWING HER MONEY

Marguerite Moore's suit for divorce against Lon Moore was called before Judge Bronaugh in the circuit court this morning, but was continued until this afternoon because one of the attorneys was busy in another court. The case is bitterly contested. Mrs. Moore alleges cruelty, claiming that her husband refused to buy clothes for her six months after they were married, and that he tantalized her by showing her $300 or $400 at a time. She says that in 1905 she saved up $25, but Moore borrowed it and failed to pay it back.

Big Fire in Illinois.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Vergennes, Ill., April 21.—Fire starting in Ross & Sour drug store this morning spread until $60,000 worth of property was destroyed.

WATER NOW IN ALL UMATILLA DITCHES

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Hermiston, Or., April 21.—Water is now running in all the ditches in the Hermiston unit of the Umatilla project. Tests had been made and water had been running on some of the land for some days, but the water was actually turned from the main canal through the by-pass into all the ditches yesterday, and with the most satisfactory results. Engineers state that all settlers will now have plenty of water.

The engineers are now putting forth every effort to complete the work on the project by the latter part of May. Things are looking particularly bright in the irrigation town at this time. A great amount of building and other improvements is being made and people coming in become very enthusiastic over the prospects.

TAFT BACKERS LOSE IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Concord, N. H., April 21.—The anti-Taft forces scored a victory on the floor of the Republican State convention today when efforts to instruct the delegation to the national convention to vote for Taft were defeated. The Taft men offered a resolution to incorporate in the platform a plank instructing for Taft. The resolution was overwhelmingly defeated, the delegates favoring an uninstructed delegation.

SENT TO JAIL FOR BEATING HIS WIFE

Tacoma, April 21.—Judge Snell in the superior court this morning sentenced Clinton C. Gandy, who early this week pleaded guilty to a charge of assault and battery upon his young wife, to one year in the county jail.

Gandy was arrested last Saturday night on complaint of his father-in-law, who on going to his daughter's home found her handcuffed to the bedpost.

FIFTEEN YEARS FOR HOLDING UP SALOON

Fifteen years in the penitentiary, one of the most severe sentences imposed in the circuit court for some time, was the punishment Judge Gantenbein meted out to W. C. Gibson this afternoon. Gibson was charged with having taken part in a saloon holdup at Twenty-second street and Sherman avenue. He has been in court frequently, but because of his good connections and his dependent family has hitherto been protected.

Gibson made a short speech before sentence was imposed, asking for a stay of execution and claiming that he could establish his innocence if he were given an opportunity.

FARMER BEARD DOOMED TO DIE

Physicians Say No Hope for Demented Man Who Shot Himself.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Lebanon, Or., April 21.—William H. Beard, the demented farmer, living two miles east of Lebanon, who shot himself twice in the head about noon yesterday with a 32-calibre revolver, is still alive, but is in an unconscious condition and the attending physicians say they have no hopes at all for his recovery.

About 7 o'clock Saturday night Beard left his home, riding a pony and carrying a shotgun. Sunday about noon he was discovered about eight miles from his home, shooting at a rural mail route box. His people and also the sheriff were notified. In the pursuit that was made his friends once or twice tried to get near him but with his shotgun he made them stand back.

Late Sunday afternoon a large crowd gathered, including the sheriff and his deputy, but by the time they got him located it was dark and Beard got away into the woods.

Early Monday morning one of Beard's friends helped him across the river and by that means got his shotgun away from him. At this time Beard seemed nearly rational and said he was going home.

As soon as the news came to Lebanon that Beard was making for home, Deputy Sheriff J. R. Green and Dick Keen, marshal of Lebanon, got a livery rig and started for his home to see about him.

Fight at Close Range.

They found that he had not stopped at home but had gone beyond. They soon overtook him. Beard said he wanted to go back home. He seemed to be quiet and rational. Deputy Sheriff Green got out and invited Beard to ride back. He got into the buggy with Marshal Keen and they started to Beard's home. They had not gone far before Beard began to show signs of violence. Keen stopped the team and called for Deputy Green to get into the buggy with them. As soon as Green got into the buggy Beard put his hand into Green's pocket and got out a revolver. Green discovered what Beard had done the instant he got hold of the revolver, but Beard is a powerful man, weighing over 200 pounds, and Green is of a rather light build, so was no match for him although he grabbed his arm and did all in his power to prevent his doing harm.

Beard fired two shots, two taking effect. Marshall Keen was in direct range of the shot and says one came uncomfortably close to his head.

Beard is about 40 years of age, is an honest and upright farmer, and has never before shown any signs of insanity. He has a wife and four children, two boys, 15 and 17 years old and a girl but eight and one about two years old.

AT EMERYVILLE TRACK TODAY

(United Press Leased Wire.)

San Francisco, April 21.—Emeryville results: First race: Futurity course, selling, three-year-olds: Banonica, 96, 10 to 1, 4 to 1, 2 to 1, won; Lackfoot, 106, 5 to 2, 2 to 5, second; Cuernavaca, 109, 5 to 2, third. Time, 1:11.

SETS SELF ON FIRE TO ATONE FOR HER SINS

Woman Seriously Burned—Little Chance for Her Recovery.

Philadelphia, April 21.—As a penance for her imagined sins, Rose Sedder, a pretty woman of 25, who, the police say, was temporarily insane from much brooding over religious matters, early last evening lighted a candle in her home, 515 Carpenter street, and set fire to her clothing.

Spreading quickly, the flames soon enveloped her body, and as she squirmed in agony under her fiery covering the young woman shrieked loudly for aid. Before neighbors could enter the house and rush to her room all of her clothing had been consumed.

Unconscious and blistered from head to foot, she was taken to Mount Sinai hospital. Last night the doctors had practically given up hope for her recovery. Her husband was away at the time and she was alone in the house.

MONEY WANTS COIN FOR BATTLESHIPS

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Washington, April 21. — Senator Money of Mississippi, today delivered a speech in the senate favoring the construction of more colliers, as he declared they are the basis of fleets, and advocated an appropriation for them.

"If the people of San Francisco had not made an issue out of the school question," he declared, "Japan would have found something else to complain of, as that country is ever ready to provoke a quarrel. Japan will adhere to that policy until it is brought to the realization that such a course is ill-advised." The senator expressed the opinion that the mikado will never divide his fleet in the Pacific.

Easter Zephyr's Pranks.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

North Powder, Or., April 21.—The big Easter wind storm that visited this section did no more serious damage than to blow the roof off the shafthouse and about 20 feet of porch from the dwelling of Superintendent G. H. Downs at the mining camp of the Co-operative Gold Mining company.

Laymen's Conference.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Chattanooga, Tenn., April 21.—The opening meeting tonight of the Laymen's Missionary conference of the Southern Methodist church will be addressed by British Ambassador Bryce. It is estimated that the three-day's session will be attended by 2,000 delegates.

Gas Explosion Burns Fireman.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Astoria, Or., April 21.—George C. Lazelle, fireman of the Schmidt cold storage plant, was badly burned about the hands and face yesterday through the explosion of gas while starting the fires in the furnace. It is not thought the burns will prove serious.

Clatsop Institute This Week.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Astoria, Or., April 21.—The city schools are having a vacation this week on account of the session of the teachers' institute, which will be held for three days, beginning Wednesday.

Brazil Launches Battleship.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Newcastle-On-Tyne, April 21.—The Minas Geraes, Brazil's new $9,000,000 battleship, was launched today. She is the first of three sister ships to be built for the South American republic.

HOW MEN WILL ESCAPE DEATH

When Submarine Boat Sinks Mechanisms Will Help Those Inside.

In the London Daily Graphic last July an experiment was described of an apparatus designed with the object of preventing loss of life when a submarine has an accident and goes to the bottom. At that time the apparatus was under consideration by the admiralty, by whom it has since been adopted. It consists of a special form of diving helmet to be worn by each man. This has been invented by Commander S. S. Hall, R. N., of the submarine service, and Staff Surgeon Oswald Rees of H. M. S. Mercury, and manufactured by Messrs. Siebe, Gorman & Co., submarine engineers to the admiralty. There are three problems to be solved when a submarine has a hole made in her, and is filling with water. The first is to save the crew from the effects of the poisonous gases generated by the salt water gaining access to the electrical storage batteries, the chief of which is chlorine gas; the second, to save the crew from drowning in the vessel; the third, to enable the crew to get out and rise to the surface.

It is possible now to illustrate the method by which these problems are solved in the new device, the total weight of which is only 16 pounds. The helmet is sloped away to fit the shoulders, and is continued into a short jacket of strong waterproof material. In front of the jacket, inside, is a pocket containing a combined purifier and oxygen generator, consisting of two small chambers formed in one case. These chambers are charged with a patented substance called oxylithe, which, when in contact with the water vapor of the breath, gives off pure oxygen gas and forms a caustic alkali.

The alkali then takes up the carbonic acid gas of the respired air, and forms an alkaline carbonate. In this way the same air, purified and re-oxygenated, is used over and over again. The dress prevents its wearer from being drowned while the boat is being flooded, and also acts as a lifebuoy for keeping him afloat on the surface after he has made his escape in the manner shown.

The adoption of the apparatus necessitates a certain alteration in the construction of a submarine, in order to provide air-traps. Suppose a sub-marine to be holed at the bottom, the water would rush in and compress the air in the vessel upwards, until the pressure was equal to that of the water. It would only then be possible to open the door, or hatch, of the conning-tower to enable the men to escape. The water, rushing in, "traps" a certain amount of air in the air traps, which are fitted longitudinally in the vessel. The men's life-saving dresses are hanging up in readiness in the traps. At the critical moment each man puts on his dress, and waits inside the trap his turn to escape by way of the conning tower. Similarly, in the case of a boat holed at the top, the water would gradually replace the whole of the air in the vessel; hence the provision of the water-tight bulkheads to trap a supply of air at a pressure equal to that of the water at the depth at which the boat has foundered.

A great feature of the apparatus is its simplicity, and the fact that a man can put it on in half a minute. British submarine crews are now being regularly trained at Whale Island to use it, the diving tank having been fitted up so as to reproduce as nearly as possible the conditions which would be present in the case of dire disaster at sea.

OFFER TRIMMER 40 PER CENT OF HIS BILL

Man Who Supplied Part of Furniture Must Accept $8,000.

Harrisburg, April 21.—Superintendent Rambo has been instructed by the board of public grounds and buildings to offer the International Manufacturing & Supply company $8,000 in settlement of its bill for $20,000, which the board held up some time ago.

The bill is for furniture, supplied after the Sanderson contract had expired. The International was an unsuccessful bidder against Sanderson for the main furniture contract.

To soothe somebody's feelings this company was ordered to supply a lot of extra furniture on the strength of its card case contract, and did so at prices in excess even of Sanderson's famous charges.

Treasurer Berry refused to pay the bill. He reports that $8,000 would be a fair price, and that is all the state will pay.

RACERS DENY THEY SHIPPED AUTOMOBILES

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Seattle, April 21.—"Sacre! It's one big lie!" This was what Maurice Dreige of the French car Werner said this afternoon regarding the story from Portland that the car had been stowed away and traveled in a boxcar from St. Louis to Oregon.

"We only shipped duplicate parts of our machine and a moving picture apparatus by railroad." However, the two men have no newspaper clippings to substantiate their story that they made the trip west by their own power.

SNAKE DAM BILL IS IN DEEP WATER

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.)

Washington, April 21.—The Benton Water Power company's bill to dam the Snake river at Five Mile rapids has been passed up by the inland waterways commission. Friends of the bill are now expected to allow it to die in conference.

Money for Exposition.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Washington, April 21.—The Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition bill which it is understood cannot pass the house at this session of congress, will be offered as a "rider" to the sundry civil bill. Senator Piles today offered the bill as an amendment to the sundry measure when it comes up before the house for consideration.

To Enlarge Reservation.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Washington, April 21.—An amendment to the proposed sundry civil bill was introduced in the senate today by Senator Guggenheim of Colorado, providing for an appropriation of $110,000 for the purchase of 240 acres of land for the enlargement of the Fort Logan reservation.

Evans Improving.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Paso Robles, Cal., April 21.—Steady improvement in Admiral Evans' condition is being made. The patient spent a very good night.

Brokers in Trouble.

New York, April 21.—Announcement was made on the Cottage exchange that Longshore & Co., members of the exchange, with headquarters in New Orleans, failed to have ready their clearing sheet and check today.

The legislative council of Victoria, Australia, has excluded clerks, carters and drivers, stablemen, firewood carters and other workers from the benefits of wage boards.

MILLS OF OREGON STARTING ANEW

Means That Nice Little Payroll Once More—Beauty Doctor at Work, Too.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Elgin, Or., April 21.—There are 23 sawmills located near Elgin, but soon after the money stringency set in last year the greater number of them shut down. Last week several of the mills resumed, and inside of two weeks 14 more will be running. Most of the mills are small, employing from 10 to 15 men, but with the full resumption of work about 200 men will be given work. All the mills are tributary to Elgin.

A new plan to beautify this city is being entered into by the property owners. They are having their grounds laid out in landscape gardens, and a good-natured rivalry exists as to who shall have the most attractive premises. An experienced landscape gardener from Boise, Idaho, has charge of the work, and already there is a decided improvement for the better in the looks of the city.

The Cemetery society is making up a list of prizes that will be awarded at the annual flower show in September. A new feature will be two prizes, a first and second prize for the best kept lawn and yard from now on until the show. Judges for this event will be appointed secretly, and not even the judges themselves will know who their associates are.

Opera-House Planned.

J. M. Ashworth of Athena, has recently been looking the field over here with the idea of building a modern, up-to-date opera-house. He is so well pleased that he says it is almost a certainty that he will build at an early date. His idea is to put up a one-story building either 44x100 feet, or 60x100 feet, of brick, and finish the interior with a large stage and all the accessories necessary to accommodate the best traveling companies, in the way of dressing-rooms, scenery, etc. An opera-house in Elgin is what the city has needed for years, and it will be a paying proposition. There is such a large territory tributary to Elgin that first-class attractions would always be sure of playing to the capacity of the house. Mr. Ashworth is associated with Mr. McKenzie, and they have opera-houses in Athena and Haines, and make their bookings direct from the east.

Work on New High School.

Work on the new high school building has begun and is being pushed as rapidly as is consistent with good workmanship. It will be completed by the contract time, September 15. It is to be 74x93 feet, two stories and basement, complete with all modern improvements, and will cost $20,000. The basement is of stone and the upper part brick. There will be 10 rooms with large hallways. The building will have a steam heating plant and the ventilating system will be perfect. Professor E. G. Bailey of North Powder, an educator of 20 years' experience, has been engaged as principal for the next two years. There will be 12 grades taught in the new building, including the high school course, and hereafter it will not be necessary for parents to send their children away from Elgin to complete their schooling, unless they wish to take a collegiate or academic course. There are about 400 children attending school in Elgin, and when the new building is completed it is expected the attendance will be greatly increased from other points.

PARTIES SETTLE CASE OUT OF COURT TODAY

A settlement out of court was announced by attorneys in the case of the South Harbor Development company against E. D. Whitney and others when the case was called for trial in the circuit court this morning. The plaintiff sued to recover $15,000 that Whitney and his associates, C. W. Tower, Isaac Tower, C. W. Codding and E. R. Robinson, the four last named being residents of Marshfield, were alleged to have divided in secret profits through the formation of a corporation to exploit land in Coos county. It was charged that the defendants secured an option to purchase the land for $11,700, but represented to the plaintiff and others that they were paying $20,500, the plan being to pocket the difference.

PIONEERS TO MEET LAST DAYS O FMAY

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Weston,, Or., April 21.—Considerable interest is being taken in the thirteenth annual reunion of the Umatilla County Pioneer association, which will be held here May 28, 29 and 30. It is expected that several thousand people will be in attendance each day and that on the last day many politicians will be here, as that has been assigned as "Political Day."

The Umatilla county association is one of the oldest in Oregon. Among its members are one couple residing here, Mr. and Mrs. Carlyle, who have been married 55 years. During the past winter ten members of the association, all old pioneers, have died.

PORT OF LA GUAYRA CLOSED BY PLAGUE

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Washington, April 21.—According to official advices received here from Caracas, Venezuela, the port of La Guayra, where bubonic plague has broken out, has been closed for 15 days by order of President Castro, pending a report by the sanitary board. Importation and exportation will be allowed only through Puerto Cabello. There have been three deaths and 12 cases.

CAMPAIGN EXPENSES TO BE MADE PUBLIC

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Washington, April 21.—The house committee on resolutions reported favorably on the McCall bill providing publicity for political campaign contributions.

CLAIMS PORTLAND BEAUTY HAS TOO MANY HUSBANDS

Portland detectives are searching for Miss Ruth Kinney, a pretty young Portland woman, a warrant for her arrest on a charge of polygamy having been issued, but thus far she has evaded the officers.

J. T. Ellis, the woman's alleged husband, took oath before Judge Cameron that Miss Kinney had too many husbands. He alleges that pending a decision of the supreme court in regard to divorce proceedings, and before a divorce had been finally granted, Miss Kinney, better known as Mrs. Goldie R. Ellis, married Charles Beeman Beebom. The woman denies her second marriage.

Judge Cameron has fixed the bail at $1,500.