ATTEMPT TO HOLD UP BANK

Lone Robber Shoots Assistant Cashier of Ellensburg National in Arm—Refused Command to Open Cashier's Cage.

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 7.—P. C. Kaufman, secretary of the State Bankers' association, received a telegram from the Ellensburg National bank today, stating that a daring attempt was made by a lone bandit to rob that institution this morning, soon after the opening hour, and that the assistant cashier was shot in the arm by the robber during the attempt.

According to the meager information received here, the bandit approached the cashier's window and ordered him to open the door to admit him to the cage.

The cashier refused to obey the command, whereupon the holdup man fired, the bullet hitting the assistant cashier in the arm. The would be bank robber then fled and escaped. He is described as being about 27 years of age and at the time of the attempted robbery was not masked.

DECEMBER GRAND JURY SELECTED

The December grand jury, which will have as one of its earliest duties the consideration of the case of James A. Finch, the slayer of Ralph B. Fisher, was sworn in before Judge Gantenbein in the circuit court this morning and instructed as to its duties. These are the men who will investigate criminal cases and the general conduct of county business this month:

George F. Barringer, foreman, Montavilla, in real estate business.
William B. Honeyman, clerk, insurance business.
E. A. Fearing, 329 Couch street, painter.
D. Creighton, 920 East Everett, painter.
J. G. Buckley, Gresham, farmer.
Charles Ahlsen, Hillsdale, farmer.
W. A. Currie, 522 Elizabeth, contractor.

Ahlsen and Buckley, the two farmer members of the jury, are the only ones not born in this country. The seven men constituting the grand jury were chosen by lot from 61 men who reported for duty out of a total of 110 taxpayers summoned for jury service. After the grand jury was named nine others were excused for cause, leaving 45 talesmen for the trial of cases.

One man was afraid he would lose his job as a grocery clerk if he served on the jury. Judge Gantenbein it would be hard on him to lose his position with winter and Christmas coming on, but he could not persuade the court to excuse him. Judge Gantenbein told him that if his employer made an effort to discharge him the groceryman would have to answer to the court.

There was nothing out of the ordinary in the instructions given to the grand jurors. They were told that they are expected to do their duty without fear or favor, and that they have wide power to carry on investigations of any wrongdoing that may come to their knowledge. They were also informed that in the investigation of county business they need not make extended inquiry if satisfied that preceding grand juries have given the matter attention.

One of the first cases the jurors will consider will be the case of Harry Daly, accused of the murder of Harry Kenny, who was shot in his saloon.

BARTENDER WHO WAS SHOT DIES

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Grants Pass, Or., Dec. 7.—Miles Carter, who was shot by William Mack in a barroom at the Layton hotel Friday night, died this morning. Mack is held in the county jail. He will be tried for murder at the next term of the circuit court.

In a dying statement, Carter declares that Mack had had no provocation for the shooting. Carter was on duty in the barroom when Mack came in drunk. Mack wanted "something stronger than beer," which was refused. He was given a "temperance beer," which he drank and refused to pay for. He was ordered out and drew a revolver. Carter dodged, but not soon enough. The bullet passed entirely through the body, over the heart.

Mack has the reputation of being a "bad man." He always carried a gun and flourished it on the least pretense. He is said to have tried to induce a row at several places Friday night before visiting the Layton bar. Public sentiment against him is strong.

FIRST THREE ON FLOOR OF SENATE

Washington, Dec. 7.—Senator Piles of Washington was the first member of the senate to appear on the floor today. He was followed by Teller of Colorado. Then Thomas C. Platt of New York appeared leaning on the arm of his secretary, being too feeble to walk alone.

Shake
Your troubles by a change from coffee to
POSTUM
"There's a Reason"

UNDAUNTED BY PRESIDENT'S WRATH

Indianapolis News Doggedly Demands, as Before, Explanation of Panama Canal Deal — Sarcasm at President's Expense.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 7.—Under the caption, "The News and the Canal Deals," the Indianapolis News this afternoon says:

"Disregarding the president's abuse, and disclaiming any desire or ambition to rival him in invective, we feel the right to give the facts in the case. The remarkable charges were made over and over during the campaign, but were disregarded until today. The only man who paid attention to the allegations was Charles Taft, who denied that he was in any way related to the affair.

"The News was not the only paper that ventured to suggest that the silence strengthened the suspecion that all was not right. The New York World was the original authority for it. The charges, indeed, were printed over and over. Toward the close of the campaign, we did as others, and drew what seemed to be the inevitable conclusion that silence was tantamount to confession.

"The real offense of the News, of course, is that it did not burn incense before the nostrils of the man greedy for incense; refused to accept the candidate nominated by the president through official patronage, and refused to assume that in every issue between Infallibility and the citizen, Infallibility was right. The offense was peculiarly irritating to the president, as his abusive and violent language proves.

"Today the News enters cheerfully upon its fortieth year, rejoicing in the fact that on its anniversary it has been distinguished by the serene, well poised and temperate speaking Roosevelt with the highest commendation within his power."

The statement was called forth by the publication of correspondence in which the president denies vehemently the charges that an American syndicate made a profit of $28,000,000 out of the $40,000,000 paid by the government for the Panama canal property. He said the money was paid by the United States to the French government and minced no words in describing the authors of the charges.

IZETTA JEWEL IN NEW ROLE

Just for a moment last night we did not recognize Miss Jewell. And even after the light of understanding had coruscated across our dazed mentality we felt like children groping in the dark. We were, so to speak, accepting her on postulation. As the Rose in "The Rose of the Rancho," the Baker stock company's leading woman exemplifies the traditional "infinite variety" of her sex —both as a woman and an actress. The Izetta Jewel of American roles is gone. Juanita, the Spanish senoita; Juanita, heiress to generations of the langorous blood of Castile; Juanita of the guitar, the tropical moonlight serenade; woman, child, coquette—these are a finite part of the limitless scale composing the nature of the character that Miss Jewell is interpreting at the Bungalow this week.

The action of the play is laid in the late fifties. It is an incident of a day and a night duration, of the American invasion of Spanish, or lower, California. Mr. Kearney of Washington, government service agent (Sidney Ayers), is sent to San Juan to investigate the alleged wholesale seizure of lands from Spanish holders by Americans. He meets Juanita, the Rose (Miss Jewell) and falls in love. Kinkaid of Beaver, Neb. (William Dills), a land jumper, plans to take possession of Juanita's rancho. To frustrate him Kearney dispatches a friend, Lieutenant Larkin of the state militia (Donald Bowles) to Monterey to enter a filing for Juanita's rancho at the land office and also to bring back a detachment of troops to evict Kinkaid's lawless gang. How Kinkaid is beaten at his game, and, of course, how Kearney wins his "Rose" form the basis of the play.

Without exception the Baker stock company gives Mr. Ayers and Miss Jewell excellent support.

SHREWD MOVE FOILS FOOTPAD

Had not the proprietor of the Pacific Oyster House, 227 Alder street, suspected that he was to be held up while on his way home Saturday night, the police believe that another case of highway robbery would be added to the long list of such crimes which have been perpetrated in this city during the past few months.

George Katsoukis, one of the proprietors, was in the restaurant alone, late Saturday evening when a man came in, ordered a meal and ate it. On his way out the fellow said that he was an officer and asked Katsoukis how much money he was going to carry home with him when he closed up and where he lived. Katsoukis politely answered the questions of the suspected highwayman, but notified the police as soon as the man had left the place. An officer was sent home with Katsoukis and no robbery came off.

The suspect is described as about 5 feet 11 inches in height, weighing near 165 pounds, of light complexion with red hair, and wearing a light gray suit, red tie and sweater coat.

GOV. COSGROVE GROWS WEAKER

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Paso Robles, Cal., Dec. 7.—Governor Elect Cosgrove of Washington, who is being treated here for Bright's disease, is in a more serious condition today. His heart is showing signs of weakness and other symptoms are not encouraging. The physicians, however, maintain that he still has a good chance for recovery.

Taft at New York Today.

New York, Dec. 7.—President Elect Taft arrived here at 1 o'clock this afternoon. He was escorted to the home of his brother Henry, where he will remain until tomorrow, when he will return to Washington. The president elect will address members of the North Carolina society at a banquet tonight.

DEMURRER IN LAND GRANT CASE

Harriman Lawyers Sign Document Presented to Federal Court Today.

The demurrer of the railroad company in the suit in equity filed in the United States circuit court by the government against the Oregon & California company, known as the land grant case, is to be filed this afternoon. The demurrer is signed by W. F. Herron, Peter F. Dunn, William Singer and William D. Fenton, counsel for the defendant company.

The initial appearance of representatives of all parties concerned in the land grant case was made before Judge Wolverton in the circuit court this morning, the object of the court being to get an understanding as to when a date can be set for hearing all preliminary matters in the case.

Judge Fenton represented the railroad company and Senator Gearin the Union Trust company, holders of the mortgage and which concern is made a party to the suit. A. W. Lafferty and Dan R. Murphy appeared for the several hundred intervenors, and B. D. Townsend, special assistant to the attorney general, who has charge of the case, for the government.

Demurrers and other arguments in the suit will hardly be heard by Judge Wolverton before some time in February. Until then the court will be occupied with criminal and civil cases.

WOULD REFUND STOLEN MONEY

To prevent his case coming before the court and thereby avoid the possibility of a prison sentence, C. K. Von Neida, the "apron manufacturer," arrested last week for using the mails to defraud, with the aid of his friends, has agreed to return all the money he secured from his dupes all over the country, if the government will drop the charge filed against him.

The postal authorities are not inclined to be lenient in any way with Von Neida. His scheme was well planned, they say, and took months of hard work and figuring to induce the women in all parts of the country to send him money which was never returned. The postoffice officials say they have the strongest kind of evidence and will do everything in their power to bring about a conviction. Von Neida's apron scheme, they say, is one of the most daring mail order swindles that has been worked on the Pacific coast for many years.

"The evidence against Von Neida is so strong and his scheme to defraud so apparent that the government officials can't get away from prosecuting him even if they so desired," a government agent said this morning.

Von Neida's friends are doing everything possible to bring pressure to bear upon influential persons to get the government to abandon the prosecution.

Von Neida's scheme is a great deal worse and more extensive than that worked by Hulin in Portland some years ago, the inspectors claim. Hulin was fined $500.

All of Von Neida's victims were women, and letters are still pouring into the Portland postoffice addressed to the Pacific Apron company, of which the man under arrest was at the head. Several hundred pounds of letters, many of them containing money, have accumulated at the postoffice since the arrest of the alleged swindler. These letters will all be held pending the outcome of the case. If Von Neida is convicted the money will be returned to the women who sent it here in good faith, thinking they were dealing with an honest man with a legitimate purpose.

United States District Attorney John McCourt says Von Neida will be prosecuted. The prisoner will have a hearing before United States Commissioner Marsh some time this week.

DITCH SURVEY BEGINS TODAY

La Grande, Or., Dec. 7.—Civil Engineer L. A. Pickler this morning commenced the running of preliminary surveys for the route of the big irrigation ditch. With a crew of three assistants he started at the Oro Dell dam, and will work his way northward, establishing the future route of the big ditch, and heading toward the Sandridge. Within a week or so he will be able to announce just whose property is to be adjacent to or cut by the big ditch. The work will be watched with extreme interest by every friend of irrigation. When he is through, the exact path of the principal ditch will have been ascertained.

It is possible that when he has completed that survey he will go back to Oro Dell dam and describe the course of the other main ditch that is to run through West La Grande and out on the valuable land east of La Grande. It is not decided that this route will be established at this time.

The engineer's report will be an exhaustive one, showing in detail the length and exact direction, as well as the owner of every foot of land through which it is to pass. By having this done, while the soliciting committee is exerting every effort to land the last 10,000 acres, the Commercial club will reduce the time immensely when they call a meeting of all subscribers and proceed with the final organization.

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DRAG WOMEN FROM FIRE IN HOTEL

Men With Nerve Put Burglars' Ladder on Shoulders to Help Frightened Guests of the Oregon to Safety—Damage Proves Small.

Clinging to the narrow edges of lofty window ledges, clambering down fire escapes, leading the panic stricken to the ground from second story casements, or fleeing in wild haste down the stairways and the elevator, many guests of the Oregon hotel, Seventh and Stark streets, who had been awakened from their late Sunday slumbers at 5:30 o'clock yesterday morning by the terrifying cry of "fire," sought to escape from the danger.

And yet there was never any danger. The cry of fire and blinding volumes of smoke sufficed to frighten many of the guests. Fortunately nobody was injured, though some took desperate chances. Some damage was done to the establishment, but no serious inconvenience will be caused, and this morning everything looked about as usual.

Just how the fire originated is still a matter of conjecture, but Manager Dickenson thinks it was caused by burning soot in a ventilator shaft.

W. E. Connolly, manager of the United Hat Stores company, 84 Third street, was one of the heroes of the fire. Incidentally, the robbery some weeks ago of the building in which Mr. Connolly lives, next the hotel, undoubtedly prevented in a curious way the serious injury of a number of the guests.

Burglar's Ladder Utilized.

Mr. Connolly's room is so close to the walls of the hotel that he can reach out of his window and touch the opposite building. He was awakened by one of the hotel guests throwing a grip against his window. Looking out, he saw the hotel was on fire. He quickly slipped on a shirt and a pair of trousers, and shoeless, hastened down to the ground.

When the house was robbed some time ago, the robbers used a ladder to enter the second story window. This ladder which they had brought there was still lying on the ground in the narrow passageway between the two buildings.

Nine of the terrified hotel guests were clustered together at a second story window calling loudly for help. One man, Mr. Skidmore, leaped to feet to the ground, narrowly escaping serious injury, for one foot struck the ground so close to a long, upturned spike, that a patch as big as a dollar was torn from the shoe.

Woman Hangs From Ledge.

A woman swung herself over the window ledge and hung there, afraid to drop yet unable to hang on very long. Mr. Connolly had already reared the ladder, which was too short to reach the window ledge, but being barefooted, was unable to ascend the ladder. Mr. Skidmore went up and rescued the imperiled woman.

Although the ladder was too short, Mr. Connolly was equal to the occasion. He is a strongly built man, and he solved the problem by placing the ladder on his shoulders and raising it so that the panic stricken guests at the hotel window were able to descend over it. Seven of them came down in safety, but the last man, evidently believing himself to be extremely cool, thought he would save his property. So he commenced to slide valices and grips down the ladder. Of course, they all landed on the head and neck of the man who was supporting it. The thoughtful guest was just about to slide his trunk down the ladder when Mr. Connolly decided that further patience would be more than a virtue and withdrew the ladder.

Elevator Keeps Running.

The Japanese elevator boy did heroic work. Although the elevator shaft was filled with suffocating clouds of smoke, he steadily ran the lift up and down until all the guests from the upper floors had been brought down in safety, except one woman who, clad in a kimono, climbed down the fire escape without injury.

"Big Bill," the porter, was another who did excellent work. Disregarding flames and smoke, he worked steadily, bringing guests down until all were safe and then occupying himself with carrying down their baggage. He even came down from one of the upper floors with a trunk on his back.

Detectives Tennant, Price and Coleman hurried to the hotel when the alarm was rung in and went through the building arousing the guests, making sure before they stopped that no one was forgotten.

Second Blaze Breaks Out.

After the fire was extinguished and the firemen had returned to their fire houses, another blaze started from the soot but was extinguished before much damage had been done.

The hotel management has not yet been able to estimate the loss. Manager Dickenson, however, says that not more than $500 damage was done by the fire itself, most of the loss being caused by smoke and water. It so happened that the rooms most damaged were those which it was intended to dismantle in a few days to form the connection between the hotel proper and the new annex which has just been completed. On this account little inconvenience will be suffered. Three rooms suffered from the flames and 10 others were damaged by smoke and water.

New System All Ready.

Had it been two days later, there could not have been any possibility of fire. In the annex, which is nearly completed, is an entirely new ventilating system, fireproof throughout and coming nowhere in contact with wood or any other combustible material. This system was to have been put into operation today or tomorrow. A flue of the old system leads from the kitchen up to the shaft. The flue of this system was close enough to some of the wooden girders to cause them to catch fire. But the house carpenter tore this flue down and threw it into the street, and except for the hole in the ceiling, the kitchen looks as it did before. The damage to this part of the house was not more than $50.

Farther up, about the third floor, the fire in the flue became hot enough to ignite the woodwork surrounding it, and although it never burst into flames, the fire crept along the girders, causing a great amount of smoke and charring them and the floor of three or four of the rooms.

How Hotel Will Be Heated.

Under the new ventilating system there will be no fire of any kind in the hotel proper. It will all be in the annex, which is entirely fireproof. The fans, one to draw out the air and the other to draw it in, are in a room in which there is no woodwork whatever, and run up through a shaft of concrete and terra cotta. The floors and walls of the annex are of concrete and terra cotta respectively, the only woodwork being the doors, baseboards, window casings, etc. The kitchen is to be transferred to the annex, and is a concrete room with no woodwork.

The soot in the ventilator flue coming from the kitchen was grease soaked, which caused the great volume of smoke which filled the whole house and made it difficult to locate the seat of the trouble. Manager Dickinson himself, when informed of the fire, hastened down stairs and got a hose. It kinked, however, and he could not get it straightened out. He was enveloped in such a dense cloud of smoke that he could see nothing, and fears for his safety were entertained by some of the other workers.

Hastens Annex's Occupancy.

"If it had only been two days later," said Manager Dickenson this morning, "there could have been no possibility of fire, for we were to put the new ventilator system into use in a day or two. The fire has only hurried our occupancy of the annex, and we will have it in use by the end of the week. Part of it is all ready for the laying of the carpets, and we will put them down and install the furniture about Wednesday or Thursday.

"The fire didn't affect the grill at all. We served three meals there yesterday and ran the grill until midnight. The firemen trailed some hose across the lobby and some water ran down into the grill but did no damage whatever.

"We didn't lose any of our people, except two or three. The house was full last night and we had to turn a lot of people away. In fact, I had to order the bussman not to go to the depot last night, as we had no room to accommodate anybody else. He misunderstood me and did make one more trip, bringing up a load which we were obliged to turn away. We had to send about 20 to other hotels because we were full up. The report sems to have got out through the country that the hotel was burned. The truth is that we are hardly inconvenienced and there was never any danger. All there was was a lot of smoke and some excitement. We will be in better shape than ever in a few days."

Successful Recipe for Indigestion.

It is seldom that a great specialist will give away the secrets of his profession, but occasionally we find one who is more liberal.

A noted specialist on stomach disorders, dyspepsia and appendicitis says: "I always prescribe the following with the greatest success, for indigestion, acute or chronic; dyspepsia, sour stomach, distress after eating, such as heart palpitation, shortness of breath, constipation, depression, headache and billousness. These simple but powerfully blended ingredients can usually be obtained at any leading drug store, or the druggist can obtain them from wholesale firms who supply the profession generally with rare extracts and essences. Mix in a bottle two ounces syrup of Ginger, one ounce Comp. essence Cardiol and two ounces essence of Pepsin. Shake well and take one or two teaspoonfuls after each meal, or before, to excite the appetite, if necessary. For costiveness, a dose at night will do much good. Let children who have stomachache take this freely. Adults can find nothing that will do so much permanent good and at the same time give prompt relief from distress."

AGRICULTURE IN POLK'S SCHOOLS

County Officers in Annual Session Pass Resolutions Indorsing It.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Dallas, Or., Dec. 7.—The Polk county school officers met in annual session Saturday, with the largest attendance in the history of the association. Honorable C. L. Hawley, president of the association, called the meeting to order. Addresses were made by State Superintendent Ackerman, Secretary C. L. Starr of the Normal school board, and Superintendent Traver of the Monmouth Training school. The following resolutions were adopted by the association:

That the method of apportioning the schools funds be based on the number of teachers employed, each room receiving sufficient funds to support at least eight months of school each year.

That the total amount of state and county money be increased so that each schoolroom in the state will maintain at least eight months of school each year.

That it is the sense of this convention that the work of supervision is so important that the county superintendent should give more time to visiting schools, and in order to do this he should have clerical help and a sufficient number of assistants to enable him to supervise all schools of the county.

That the county treasurer shall be ex-officio school district treasurer, excepting in districts of the first class.

That a sufficient number of school laws be published so that a copy may be furnished to each director, clerk and teacher in the state.

That this convention indorse the study of agriculture in the public schools, and the state board of education and the Agricultural college be authorized to prepare a textbook of agriculture suited to the public schools of the state.

That this convention indorse the methods of the county superintendent, making a report to the school board on conditions as he finds them in the districts on visiting the schools.

The following officers of the convention were elected for the ensuing year: T. W. Brunk of Eola, president; Superintendent H. S. Seymour, secretary.

DEDICATE NEW Y. W. C. A. HOME

Beginning Wednesday evening, December 9, the Young Women's Christian Association will hold jubilee and dedicatory services, leading to the final dedication of the new building which will be held next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The first gathering, Wednesday evening, will be a members' jubilee and will be participated in by all members of the association. The rainbow contest, a competition entered into by many of the churches, will close and prizes will be awarded. There will be music by a chorus composed of Mrs. Ethel Lytle Boothe, Miss Agnes Watt, Miss Delta Watson, Miss Laura Cleland, Miss Hilda Hegele, Miss Anna Rankin, Miss Wilmer Chandler, Mrs. Byron E. Miller, Miss Eleanor Kurth, Miss Karlo Monto, with Miss Alda Broughton as accompanist.

Friday afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock will be the house warming when the various secretaries and the board of directors will receive guests. A glee club will sing and refreshments will be served. A special contribution will be taken at this time for the new furnishings, and the general secretary, Miss Constance McCorkle, will make an address on "The Purpose of the Building."

At the dedication of the building next Sunday Rev. Benjamin Young and Mayor Lane will speak. Delegates will be present from the W. C. T. U., the Portland Ministerial association, the Portland Women's union, the Portland Woman's club, and the Council of Jewish Women.

These meetings will serve also as an opportunity for her many friends to bid farewell to Miss Constance McCorkle, the secretary, who is soon to leave for Richmond, Va., her old home, where a similar position awaits her, and where her administrative talents and genial personality will be still a factor in the work for young women in which she is so successful.

SALVATION ARMY EXCITES KOREA

Uniforms and Drums Cause Natives to Think Uncle Sam Their Ally.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Seoul, Korea, Dec. 7.—Mistaking Salvation army evangelists for American soldiers, volunteering to assist the natives in winning their independence, the Korean people are making trouble for the Japanese authorities here. The ingenuous Koreans have mistaken the red and blue uniforms of the Salvationists, their drums and their flags, as the outward and visible signs of a volunteer movement to free the country from the Japanese yoke, and the reception accorded the followers of General Booth has been as varied as it has been embarrassing.

The Salvationists have been in the country only a short time, and the martial appearance of these singers and preachers of the gospel has deluded the native population into the belief that they represent a martial instead of a spiritual struggle in Korea.

Acting on this guess, the malcontents in the large cities have begun anew their agitation for a revolt against the mikado's rule and are telling the natives that the Salvation Army represents the vanguard of a great body of patriot Americans journeying to Korea to win the independence of that nation.

The Salvationists received permission to invade Korea from the Japanese, who are in control of all departments of the government. They represented to the authorities that they had as their mission only the peaceful conquest of the hermit kingdom, and they are dismayed to find how dangerously misunderstood has been their purpose to christianize the heathen.

The Japanese believe they can correct the oddly twisted impression which has gone abroad about the mission of the Salvation Army, but while the native population is in its present ferment it has been deemed best to insist that the evangelists keep somewhat in the background, as the mikado's representatives have no desire to see an innocent religious organization made the basis for a real agitation for Korean independence.

Until the people of Seoul learn the difference between a Salvation Army band and a battery of light artillery, street meetings of a demonstrative type have been forbidden in this city.

PRIVATE SCHOOLS ENCOURAGE SNOB

The monthly meeting of the Portland Ministerial Alliance this morning was practically another political meeting and had it not been for the good humor of the speaker and the insistent formality of the chairman it might have been as warm. John F. Carroll was the speaker on the subject "Common Interests of the Pulpit and Press."

The dominant note of his paper was Democracy and he lauded the present time as the most hopeful for the people. He spoke of the rapidly increasing rights of the people and forecast the condition that would result within a comparatively short time under the new regime—a clean city council that will do the people's will and which cannot defy the opinion of the decent community; a people's rule in city, state and country that will make the people wonder how the intelligent public of the past endured its bondage so long.

"Gospel of Work."

Local option he called one expression of the people's new found freedom which is an economic as much as a moral question. He said the gospel of work is gaining headway; that the application rather than the acquiring of an education is beginning to count; that a college education that accomplishes nothing counts for naught beside the education of experience that does something. He decried the tendency of the nation to run too much toward private schools, a tendency which is hostile to the most democratic principles of the time, and which breeds a "snobocracy" the country can well do without. There are too many useless colleges in the state which should be concentrated into one large state institution. Even in the church is often found this want of democracy, which divides its resources in the sustenance of so many organizations that nothing is left for the charity for which it is organized.

"The pulpit and press should stand together on the principle of unceritical democracy," he said, "for this is the only safeguard our country has. The greater power for good that we have is the pulpit and press and they should unite in their mission of democracy."

Dr. Cline Against Primary.

An interesting discussion followed, though exceptions were being constantly taken. Dr. Cline was especially dissenting on the political views offered, and branded the primary method as unconstitutional and unwise, because it had sent to the senate from Oregon a man who played a few games of golf and had written a letter to Mrs. Woodcock as his chief claims to distinction. Dr. Muckley contended that the nation has departed as much from the original constitution in the election of president as in that of senator.

Walter Thomas Mills, who is delivering lectures on various subjects, was called on and spoke clearly and concisely. He pointed out the error to be in choosing to disfranchise the public when it made an error in judgment, instead of making the best of the error and profiting by the experience. "Don't disfranchise the people; enlighten them," he said. He pointed out that the present method in Oregon is a natural evolution; that first a few chose a ruler and thinking they could select him better than the masses, chose him before he was born and delegated him his power. Then they reconsidered and decided they could chose him better after he was born. Now they are beginning to find that the people can select him just as well. He admitted that mistakes may have been made—usually are made at the first experiment, but said the principle of the people's choice on the senatorship or in laws as permitted in the referendum, the initiative and the primary vote, is right.

Dr. Jordan approved of Mr. Carroll's reference to the democratic spirit of the public schools and agreed that experience is the teacher of the people in the choice of representatives. But he held that state institutions cannot train preachers and missionaries, and as long as there are denominations there must be denominational schools and papers.

Tolls of Eugene School.

Dean Sanderson of the Christian School of Theology at Eugene was called on in this connection and told of the progress of the work there, now in its seventieth year. He spoke of the advantages offered to the students by the proximity to the state university but said no special favors were asked for the students.

Mr. Carroll closed the argument with thanks for courtesies and an expression that his paper had not been intended to convert his hearers but merely to show that where they did not agree there might be reason and sanity on both sides. Highest expressions of approval on his paper were passed by the body.

Mrs. Clarence Nichols and Mrs. R. B. Lamson represented the Visiting Nurse association's campaign against tuberculosis through the holiday stamp sale and the ministers voted to give next Sunday generally to the presentation of the work from their pulpits.

Bishop Smith, the new Methodist bishop for Oregon, will arrive tonight and the Methodist ministers were asked to meet him at the depot. The other ministers were extended a general invitation to attend the reception and banquet at Grace Methodist church tomorrow evening in his honor.

MONOPOLY IS SOON TO BE BROKEN

Employment Agents Informed That Sailor Boarding Houses Probably Have No Legal Right Exclusively to Shipping Business.

Financial backing for the maintenance of an employment office in this city where sailors can have equal privileges to other men—that of accepting a job if in need of work—has been assured John Wisschusen of Wisschusen & Jones, whose employment office license was revoked a few days ago by the city council on the ground that they were finding employment for sailors in violation of a state law.

Mayor Lane Saturday vetoed the ordinance revoking the license of Wisschusen & Jones and they are consequently entitled to operate in the city. It is said that there is little probability of the city council revoking the license over the mayor's veto since he has given such decided views on the question, but even if it were, the matter would be fought out in the courts.

The state law of 1903 provides that no sailor boarding house can be operated in the Port of Portland, except under a state license controlled by the state sailor boarding house commission. One boarding house is operated here under the provisions of that law, but now that Mayor Lane has refused to stand for an exclusive privilege it is said the state board of sailor boarding house commissioners will have to take the matter into court if its members believe they can prevent employment agents from securing a helpless sailor a position.

It has been intimated several times of late that the state board of sailor boarding house commission will bring suit to obtain an interpretation of the law, but this is not feared much by those seeking the release of the sailor from the sailor boarding house grip inasmuch as authorities appear to agree that while the law of 1903 governs the operation of sailor boarding houses, it does not apply to the operation of employment agencies as long as they do not in other ways violate the state laws.

It is argued that the law providing for licensed sailor boarding houses has nothing whatever to do with the employment of sailors as it has been attempted to make it appear in the past, and hence its provisions do not offer the expected iron clad protection for those who might be in position to secure the license. It is held that it protects them only as far as the boarding house end of the business goes.

As a consequence of the movement inaugurated here some weeks ago by Nowegian Vice Consul Endre M. Cederbergh against the sailor boarding house evil, there is now started a concerted movement all along the Pacific coast with the same purpose in view, according to dispatches received here from the Puget sound ports where there has been a great deal more trouble of late in manning vessels than here.

The foreign consuls of Tacoma are reported as having arranged for a banquet at which the question will form the main topic of discussion.

SUPPOSED BURGLAR FOUND INSANE

While in a demented condition, Joseph Ratosa, a 25 year old Austrian laborer, entered the home of C. Welte, 86½ West Park street last night, but was captured by Mr. Welte and turned over to the police. Ratosa opened the front door of the house and went dashing up a flight of stairs leading to the second story of the house while Mr. Welte, who believed the intruder to be a burglar followed with a revolver in hand. Ratosa dodged his pursuer and fled back downstairs and to the street, leading in a race for over a block, but he was finally caught and marched to the police station. Investigation proved that Ratosa was demented.

From an Ohio Woman.

She says P. & G. Naphtha Soap is the greatest labor saving soap she ever used.

With the permission of the writer, we make the following extract from a letter which an Ohio woman sent us some time ago.

"I want to let you know the great good I have derived from the use of P. & G. Naphtha Soap. A sample of it was left at my home. After using it, I have no use for any other soap. It will do just what is said of it. I have proved it beyond a doubt. I use it for washing everything.

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