

GASSENDORFF, FATHER OF PIONEER MAYER, IS DEAD IN A SECOND AUTO DEAL

Dealers in Both San Francisco and Portland Have Warrants Out for the "Count"—Issue of Worthless Paper Alleged.

(United Press Special Wire.) San Francisco, Dec. 31.—Following a notification from the First National bank of Seattle to the First National bank of this city to beware of a tall Frenchman giving the name of Gassendorff, believed to be a faker, dealing in large figures, a warrant is out for the arrest of Count Winold von Gassendorff, a guest at the Fairmont hotel. An attempt was made to serve the warrant last night but the count could not be found at the hotel. When the warrant was received by the bank here the count was engaged in the inspection and purchase of an automobile from the Studebaker company. While in the office of the company here he was recognized by an employee of the company as of similar appearance to a man who swindled the Studebaker company at Portland.

The local office telegraphed for verification to the Portland branch and the interchange of data resulted in the issuance of a warrant in Portland for the arrest of Gassendorff. At the First National bank here it was stated that the count was in the north arrived in time to prevent the count from involving the bank. While in Portland von Gassendorff ordered an automobile from the Studebaker company and gave them a check for \$5000 on the First National bank of Seattle. There were a few repairs to be made on the machine and in the meantime the count went to Seattle and returned with the information that the count had no account there. Previous to the return of the check, however, von Gassendorff borrowed \$2000 from an employee of the Portland branch and made his way to San Francisco, where he is to be served with a warrant for his arrest. It is believed in Portland that the count is suffering either from a form of insanity or from a protracted spree.

LAUNDRY TAX IS ABOLISHED

Ordinance Repealing License Measure Passed—Mayor Will Use Veto.

An ordinance passed by the city council yesterday afternoon abolishes the laundry license tax and cuts off \$1200 a year from the revenues of the city. The ordinance was introduced by Councilman Kellaher. The councilmen who voted for the abolition of the tax were of the opinion that the laundries could not afford to pay it because the cost of materials used in laundries had gone up in recent years. Somebody inquired if it was not the case that the charges made by the laundries had also gone up, but the ordinance passed. Mayor Lane will veto it. An ordinance was passed giving the Chinese of the city permission to celebrate their New Year with firecrackers and bonfires. Councilman Menefee tried in vain to have rescinded the resolution passed at the last meeting prohibiting smoking in the council chamber. Councilman Kellaher introduced a resolution asking the council to put the question of placing electric wiring underground on the ballot at the next election. The resolution was defeated. A fight by Cellars to secure a sinking fund for the payment of city debts by an annual tax levy was defeated. Mr. Kellaher asked the council to vote a levy of 1/4 of a mill as a starter this year towards a fund with which to liquidate some of the outstanding indebtedness.

MORE TRAINS TO GRESHAM

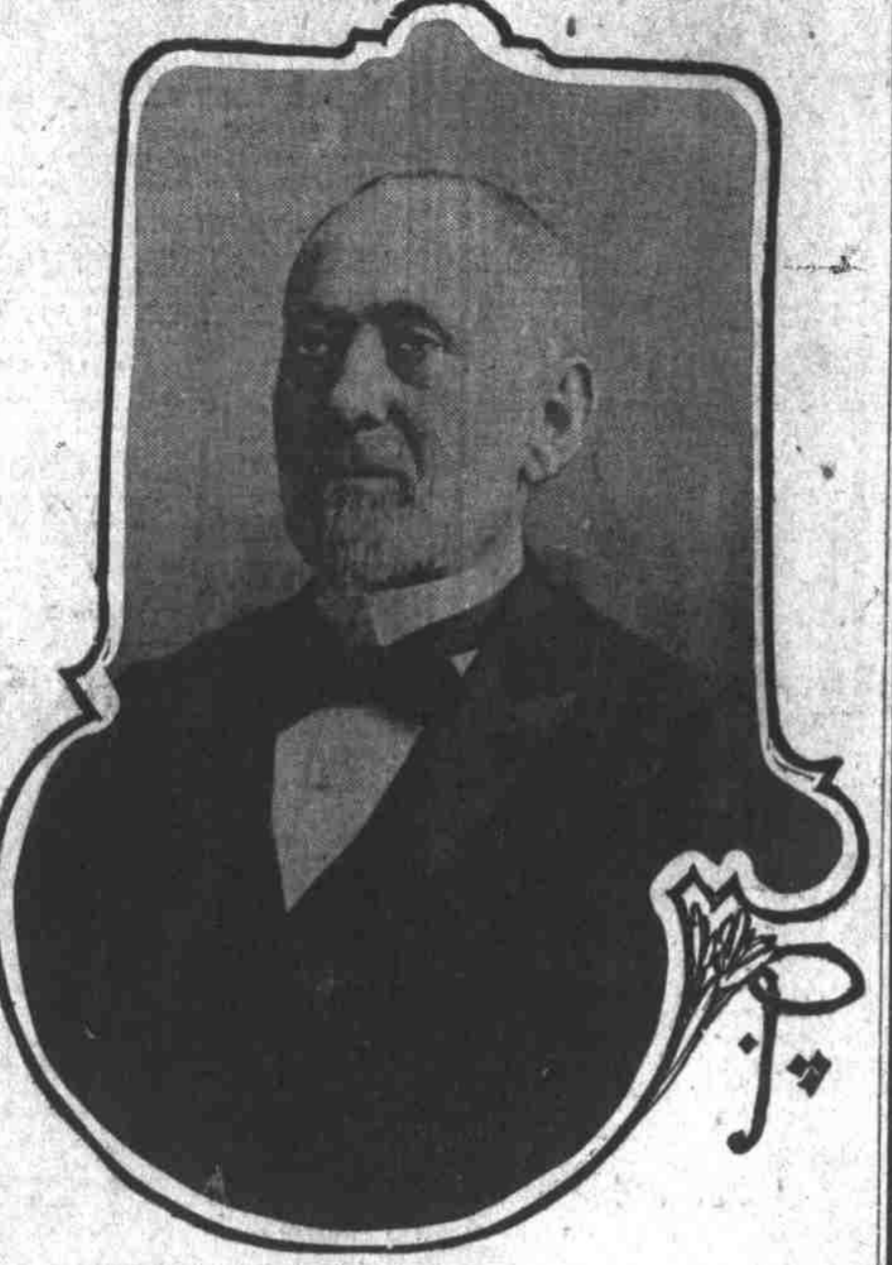
An important change in schedule on the O. W. P. division of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company goes into effect Sunday, January 2. Hereafter the service to Troutdale, Gresham and Fairview out of Portland has been every two hours, but beginning Sunday morning an hourly service will be established on the Gresham line and on the Troutdale-Fairview branch, the first train leaving First and Alder at 6:45 a. m. Under the present schedule the last train leaves Portland for Gresham at 10:30 p. m., but beginning Sunday a train will leave for Gresham and all way stations every night at 11:15. The train is put on for the accommodation of theatergoers and the late night travel and was done in response to a general demand from the residents of Gresham and way stations. The practical doubling of the service on the O. W. P. division was made necessary by the immense increase in the population of the country traversed by the Gresham, Troutdale and Fairview lines.

NEARLY A MILLION IN NEW BUILDINGS

Building permits issued for the month up to 1 o'clock this afternoon were 267 in number, having a total valuation of \$327,675. This sum is equal to a rate of 1.5 per cent over the value of the permits issued in December, 1907, and is within less than \$5000 of the total of last month. December's total brings the total volume of new construction for the year close to \$10,000,000, which exceeds the 1907 record by fully \$1,000,000.

Refugees at Naples. Rome, Dec. 31.—Sixty thousand refugees had arrived at Naples late this afternoon. Nearly 50,000 others are at Catania and the cities along the coast of Sicily.

JACOB MAYER, PIONEER MERCHANT, IS DEAD



Jacob Mayer.

Jacob Mayer, founder of the firm of Fleischner, Mayer & Co., pioneer merchant of Oregon, Mason of high standing, philanthropist and prominent citizen of Portland, is dead. Stricken suddenly with faintness yesterday afternoon while on riding, he was taken to his home, 434 Morrison street, where he went peacefully to sleep. He slept until 4 o'clock this morning, when death ended a life which has been one of importance and profit to Portland, Oregon and the entire northwest. Mr. Mayer, during his long and active career in Portland, was one of the notable men of the state. A leader in the business world he at the same time turned from the pursuit of things commercial and took active and uplifting part in the development of the state, the upbuilding of the city and the betterment of society. He was prominent in social, political, fraternal and religious life of the city. He was the sole living charter member of the Congregation Beth Israel, of which he was elected an honorary member during the recent semi-centennial celebration; he having been one of the founders of the church. The funeral will be conducted from the home at 10 o'clock Sunday morning, and will be private. The family has requested that no flowers be sent.

Born in Germany. Jacob Mayer was born at Bechtelheim, near Worms and Mentz, in the province of Rhein-Hessen, Germany, May 7, 1824. He was therefore more than 82 years of age. His father, Aaron Mayer, was a merchant of the fatherland, who came to America in 1847, living for a time in New Orleans, but afterward moving to St. Louis, where he died. The son, Jacob, preceded his father to America, reaching this country in 1849. He went to work for his brother in New Orleans as a clerk and during the early part of 1849 opened a small retail dry goods store. He prospered in this venture but sold out in 1850 under the lure of the great California gold excitement. Early in that year he started for the isthmus of Panama with his wife and children, taking with him a cargo of merchandise. After transporting his goods across the isthmus he set sail for San Francisco in the old and slow going Sarah and Eliza, arriving at San Francisco after 120 days of hardship, starvation and privation on board the vessel, during which he invested all the money he had, \$800, in a barrel of sea biscuits for the use of himself and the passengers of the ship, purchasing the food from a Boston ship which chanced in the route of the San Francisco bound vessel. In March, 1851, Mr. Mayer opened the second dry goods store of San Francisco.

EIGHT HOTEL GUESTS ARE HELD PRISONERS IN BALKY ELEVATOR

Eight dinner laden guests were informally entertained for nearly an hour last night at an Eleventh street hotel by Sakatah Yamayama, or words to that effect. He is the bespectacled, scholarly Nipponese who chaffeurs the life, which sometimes doesn't. The elevator was started up from the dining room, which is in the basement, carrying Sakatah—phonetically speaking—and a dozen or so belated diners. Half way between the basement and the main floor it gave a pop, a peevish sigh, a groan and the several other varieties of noises usually emitted by an elevator overburdened with eight course dinners—and stopped. Sakatah worked manfully at the pushbuttons or whatever are the things that operate the elevator, but the blamed thing—or its equivalent in Japanese—remained stubbornly in its original position. Which caused one of the occupants to observe that "time, tide and elevators wait for no man." Presently the door entering the elevator shaft on the main floor was opened and a long wicker seat placed near it for the convenience of those who had been conversing with the imprisoned few. The game began. Wit and song was wafted down through the bars to the helpless below. "Well, anyway," said some joker, "if you can't get out any other way you'll come out in the newspapers."

ALLEGED HIGHWAYMAN MAKES BAD BLUNDER BEFORE COURT

A dramatic incident occurred during the arraignment of Oscar Johnson and Harry Benson in the police court yesterday, for holding up the saloon of F. W. Jutkemeier, 49 Union avenue, several weeks ago. Peter Lyulectich, a Slavonian, who was held up and robbed on Third street near Mill about the same time as the saloon robbery, was testifying that Johnson and Benson had held him up. His brother was interpreting. Charles Betra, attorney for the defense, was making much of the fact that none of the men in the saloon had seen the robbers plainly, as they were masked, and that the voices had been indistinctly remembered. Suddenly, during Lyulectich's testimony, Johnson jumped to his feet and cried: "I never saw that man at all. It's his brother who is interpreting who identified us in the fall. We're not having any show at all." Lyulectich and another witness of the saloon holdup instantly spoke to Deputy District Attorney Hennessy. Hennessy jumped up and pointing to Johnson, cried: "These witnesses now

recognize that voice as that of one of the saloon robbers. We will put them on to testify to that positively." Johnson turned a shade paler and sank back into his chair. His outburst evidently did more harm than good, for Judge Van Zante bound them over to the grand jury. Both have already been indicted for the robbery of the City Hall buffet.

THE CHURCH MUST AID IN REFORM

The Institute of the Oregon conference of home missions and church extension held its closing session last night at Centenary church. Bishop Smith gave the address of the evening and reviewed the work of the institute, complimenting it highly. He spoke of the importance of church work in municipal reform, and asserted that municipal government throughout the country is shamefully corrupt and that it is the mission of the church to change this. The pioneer Methodists of the west were given a tribute by Bishop Smith, who gave to them much of the glory of saving the northwest to the United States.

Dr. Rader was the other speaker on "How Shall We Enter Into Conflict With Other Denominations?" He said there should be no competition, but that all efforts should be concentrated toward the same end of bettering the world. He said that all churches exist for the same purpose, and that they often defeat their purpose by competition.

Ten Mill Tax for Roseburg

Roseburg, Or., Dec. 31.—The Roseburg school district yesterday afternoon voted for a 10-mill tax. The levy is on a valuation of \$2,176,410.

MULTNOMAH COUNTY'S CHAMPION IDLER GOES TO THE POOR FARM

Complaining that his sister was unreasonable and bothered him while he sat reading at the fire, requiring him to move his feet and even his chair while she swept the floor, C. M. Phillips applied to E. J. Carr, the county relief officer, for admission to the county poor farm this morning. "My, but things have changed since ma died," he wailed regretfully. "I never had to work in those days." Phillips is 54 years old and has been living with his father and sister at Arieta. Twice before he has been an inmate at the poor farm. In July he was there three days, when he left, saying that he had not told his sister where he had gone, and he feared that she would worry about him. Asked if he ever helped his sister about the house by carrying in the wood or in similar little aids toward earning his keep, Phillips was almost indignant. He said his sister had a husband to perform those duties for her.

Unwritten Law Case at Denver

(United Press Special Wire.) Denver, Dec. 31.—C. Burdette Bell, accused of killing Couvier Dury, an actor, was held today by a coroner's jury to answer the charge of murder. The jury's action followed a recital by Mrs. Bell of her relations with the actor. It is believed that Bell will make his defense the "unwritten law."

Joseph Votes Six Mills

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Joseph, Or., Dec. 31.—At the special school meeting held here Tuesday, the legal voters of the Joseph school district voted a special tax of 6 mills for general school purposes.

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