

W. B. Mersereau, Wealthy Timberman, Given Judgment in Federal Court Against the Woman Who Sued Him for Large Sum.

W. B. Mersereau, wealthy timberman, sued by Miss Helena Farret for \$50,000 damages in April, for \$2500 was allowed against the plaintiff by Judge Wolverton in the United States circuit court this morning.

Miss Farret, a subject of the king of Sweden, alleged seduction and made other sensational charges against Mersereau, who is now in New York. The judgment on the pleadings asked for by the defendant wipes out the original complaint from the court docket.

In the defendant's answer to the complaint of Miss Farret, all allegations were denied, and Mersereau sets out affirmatively that to save himself the notoriety and annoyance and distress to his family of the false charges which the plaintiff threatened to make, that he had paid her certain sums of money at different times, taking absolute release from her each time.

Mersereau answered that the present action was a breach of the agreement between the two and that as she had not adhered to the understanding she, the plaintiff, owed the defendant Mersereau \$2500. A demand for judgment on the pleadings was made in the federal court by Judge Wolverton on January 2. The plaintiff was allowed an extension of 30 days in which to make a reply. This time having expired today, Judge Wolverton rendered judgment on the pleadings.

McMahon, attorney for the plaintiff, said he had transmitted all information and copies of papers to Miss Farret, who is now in New York, but as she failed to reply to the judgment he did not therefore oppose the granting of the judgment.

Miss Farret, after a state indictment, returned some time ago, on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon, the case having reached the court with a note to the timber dealer. The charges preferred against Mersereau were alleged to have been committed in November, 1907, and were sensational in character. Miss Farret, among other accusations, claimed that she had been seduced by Mersereau, and that she had borne a child, which she moved to Portland, she followed him and later the proceedings for \$50,000 damages were filed in the federal court.

CITY EMPLOYMENT BUREAU IS A FACT

Within the next three or four days the free municipal employment bureau will be running in full blast at the city hall, where Councilman Blushlight spent the whole morning today making arrangements for the establishment of the office. Hundreds of men temporarily out of employment will be glad to see the bureau, and many of the city officials believe that the presence of the free bureau will drive out of the city many of the unemployed who have been preying upon workmen for years past and that the question of granting licenses will not again have to be fought out in the council.

SETS OFF FIRECRACKERS OUT OF HOURS

Though the oriental who was arrested last evening gave his birthplace as Corea and not China, he had taken the opportunity to make a lot of noise in celebration of the Chinese New Year. Harry Young, the name he gave, did not look at his watch before he set off a large quantity of fireworks around a second street, so he was brought to the police station for discharging fireworks out of the hours of the day in which the same was not permitted according to the ancient rites.

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The red cow broke out of the corral of the Schwarzschild & Sulzberger company, at the old Zimmerman plant in South Portland, last night. She got into the track of the Yarnhill division, and an engine hit her on the flank. The engine, being a few pounds heavier than the cow, was not seriously injured, but the red cow suffered a bruised flank.

Early this morning the cow started out to avenge her wrongs. She chased a letter carrier at Front and Lincoln streets, and sent a lot of children home screaming. The police department was notified, and Officers C. A. Inskip and Bigelow were sent in pursuit. The red cow bowed and faded around the corner, but kept away from the policemen.

For an hour complaints of the onslaughts of the angry cow kept the police telephones busy. Finally the red cow came near the city hall, and the operators of the fire department telephones in the basement closed all the lines that crossed the street.

By this time a fair sized crowd was following the cow and gleefully watching the troubles of the two policemen. Several employees of the Schwarzschild & Sulzberger company were also on the scene. The officers fired several ineffectual shots, but though more than one bullet struck her, eye witnesses say, the red cow simply flinched her tail in increased wrath and dashed her persecutors to do it again.

When a rope had been thrown over her neck, and the fractions cow had fallen to her knees in a mad break for liberty, Officer Inskip fired several bullets into a vital part of her body, and the poor cow rolled over dead, while the crowd hooted the policeman.

The remains of the red cow laid in state at Fifth and Madison, by the corner of the city hall, for some time, but at last were removed by the poundmaster to that far haven from whence no cow, red or otherwise, ever returns.

BOTTLE IN WIFE'S HANDS AND LOW J. KARO; HE WANTS DIVORCE

After an experience that has lasted nine years Jacob Karo has come to the conclusion that his wife Fanny has some traits that render her altogether an unlovely and unpleasant person to live with, and he would like to quit.

In his complaint in the divorce proceedings filed in the circuit court the husband charges his wife with having seven years ago when the honeymoon had hardly waned, threatened to poison him. Four years ago she hit him over the head with a bottle and sent him to the hospital, and she has repeatedly told other people that she does not love her husband, but only does with him because he provides a good home for her.

All these things, Mr. Karo thinks, render her an unfit person to have the custody of the children, and he asks the court in granting the divorce asked for, to award the custody of the offspring of the unhappy marriage. The couple were married in San Francisco January 14, 1899.

STIMBER OWNERS FILE PROTEST

Object to Beal's Bill Now Pending Before State Legislature.

Practically every resident owner of Oregon timber lands was present at a meeting held this afternoon at the Commercial club to protest against the Beal bill, which has already passed the Oregon house of representatives, regarding the filling of cruises and streams.

The measure, which is now before the state senate, would require that each owner of timber lands in the state be compelled to file with the auditor of the county in which the land is located the reports of cruises to the true quantity and quality of timber, together with a sworn statement attesting to the accuracy of such reports. To provide means for the assessment of the properties in their true value is the purpose of the bill.

MYSTERIES OF GRAVE BARRED

Arrest of Lavender Peddler Puts Portland Police Wise to Game.

All the mysteries of a bogus deaf mutt were solved yesterday by the examination made of the possessions of George A. Schemmel, who was arrested at Seventh and Washington Thursday night, and who had been sentenced to 14 days on the rock pile by Judge Van Zante this morning.

Among the man's possessions were a number of letters, which would enable him to beat his way on trains by fooling the conductors. There was also a pile of yen-shes, a refuse of an opium addict, and a bottle of medicine. Schemmel was apparently studying so that he could pretend to belong to that order.

On the back of an unsigned letter containing what is believed to be the names and addresses of the owners of these few frank words of advice from this unknown friend: Hoping these few lines will do you good, and keep away from the beach, and talk and work on before. Take it slow, breaking in and don't take any unless crowded and there is the chance of getting caught.

Schemmel declared his partner was the "deaf mutt" mentioned, but he was unable to point out this pal to the officers.

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As Chief Gritzmacher is ill at his home today, it is not known whether the number of changes made by the new order. Officers Tennant, who has been working as a regular detective for several months, is put in uniform to do special duty work in the West and Whitehead, two new officers who have been active in investigating lodging houses, are also ordered to uniform on the same relief. Officers Graves, Anderson and Johnson, experienced officers, who have likewise been assigned to investigating the conditions existing in such places as the Hotel Van Noy and the Kingsley, are also ordered to uniform.

Originally 10 men were detailed to do this duty, but only three men, Graves, Anderson and Johnson, were doing this work regularly.

Officers in plain clothes have resulted in the discovery of conditions in several lodging houses, and immediately after the officers were put in uniform, it was not difficult to secure. The keepers of these houses have been prosecuted under a statute which provides that if the police department takes no further interest in cleaning up such places, the latter must procure the necessary information and file charges against the owners and managers.

ASK CONGRESS TO PAY BELL'S TIP

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After reaching a height of 20 feet above low tide along the local waterfront, the Willamette river is beginning to recede. It is believed the water will drop slowly until it reaches the normal stage for this time of the year.

Reports from all over the valley indicate a falling in the flood and Weather Forecasters believe the Columbia river will recede to 15 feet by Sunday.

The water has gone down two feet at The Dalles. It is falling at Vancouver and also at Columbia.

All river navigation has been resumed. The O. R. & N. steambot T. J. Potter, in service between Portland and Astoria, left down this morning after being laid up since the beginning of the cold spell.

Two docks along the waterfront are still flooded, but the water will probably be off, if prophecies count for anything, by the end of the week. Damage is expected from the streams.

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Edward A. Lundberg, the Chicago corporation counsel whose sudden disappearance has been causing United States district attorneys who are conducting the investigation into the beef trust some trouble, is expected to return to Portland, where he will engage in the practice of law.

While in Portland several months ago in the interests of Schwarzschild & Sulzberger, by whom he was then employed, Mr. Lundberg purchased considerable property and made arrangements with L. A. McNary, an attorney with offices in the Chamber of Commerce building, to enter into a law partnership under the firm name of McNary & Lundberg. Mr. McNary said today that he expected Mr. Lundberg to arrive in a day or so.

Mr. Lundberg, who is about 34 years of age, during the 13 years he has practiced law has been prominent in Chicago and the middle west as a corporation lawyer of exceptional ability. For several years he has been employed by the Swift & Co., and was prominent in the beef trust investigation of 1905 as one of the counsel for the defense.

Chicago dispatches say that the disappearance of Lundberg is a topic which the report that at least one of the large packing concerns had burned the firm name of McNary & Lundberg, was given a new turn to the beef trust inquiry.

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The wireless company during the storm handled much of the wire companies' business for Pacific coast and Alaska points. With the exception of one broken aerial, which was repaired within half an hour, the company was not inconvenienced by the snow and wind.

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BILLS TAGGED "EMERGENCY"

Aggregate Carried by Such, to Date, Is \$125,000—Governor Opposes.

(By Journal Leased Salem Wire.)
Salem, Jan. 23.—Bills appropriating \$125,000 pending before the present legislature contain the emergency clause exempting them from the referendum. One of these is the Barrett bill providing for the extension of the portage road at Celilo and appropriating \$75,000 for the work, another is the seal bounty bill, carrying an appropriation of \$40,000, while the third is the bill introduced by Representative Brady for the relief of the sufferers from the earthquake, which carry no appropriations, while there are several others carrying money provisions which have been furnished with the emergency clause. There are also others which carry no appropriations, but nevertheless have the emergency clause attached.

In several of these bills the emergency provision has been added without thought, and out of a desire to have the provisions of the bill become effective as soon as possible. Among these is the seal bounty bill, which was introduced yesterday by the eastern Oregon delegation and which has been originally drafted with an emergency clause. It had been intended to remove the clause, but this was overlooked. Sponsors for the measure say they will omit the clause as soon as the bill goes into committee.

HIGH TIDE AT WARRENTON

Warrenton, Or., Jan. 23.—Extreme high tides the last two days, caused by high winds outside the Columbia river estuary, inundated a considerable area to the dykes about the city. Railroad traffic has also suffered as a number of small washouts have occurred between this city and Astoria.

COSGROVE TAKES OATH TUESDAY

May Be Sworn Aboard Car and Return South Immediately.

Olympia, Wash., Jan. 23.—Governor-elect Cosgrove will be inaugurated here next Tuesday forenoon, according to the program outlined here today. Howard Cosgrove left this morning for Portland to meet his father, after completing arrangements for covering the governor-elect. It is possible the inauguration will take place in the special car bringing Mr. Cosgrove from the Grant county, where the return trip to Faas Roberg will begin. There is two inches of snow on the ground and the forecast is for small washouts have occurred between this city and Astoria.

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\$75000 RIVER HUSBAND'S LIFE

Nancy A. Smith of Salem Files Suit Against P. R. L. & P. Company.

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Salem, Jan. 23.—Nancy A. Smith, administratrix of the estate of David A. Smith, her husband, filed an action in the circuit court for Marion county this afternoon against the Portland Railway, Light & Power company for \$7500 damages. David A. Smith was killed October 25, 1908, on Commercial street, in Salem, by being run over by a streetcar belonging to the Portland Railway company.

W. M. Kaiser and M. E. Fogue, two Salem attorneys, are conducting the case for Mrs. Smith. They allege that the street railway company was negligent in not providing a lawful or reliable fender, that the brake was unsafe and insecure and that the car was being run over a wet and slippery track at a reckless and highly dangerous rate of speed.

PORTLAND ENGINEER GETS TACOMA JOB

Frank C. Kelsey, a well known civil engineer of Portland, has been employed by the Tacoma city council to design and superintend the construction of the municipal sewer plant, which that city is preparing to build on the Nisqually river, at a cost of \$2,000,000.

TELLS HUSBAND NOT TO LOOK FOR HER

Leaving behind her a note in which she said that it would be useless for her husband to try to find her, Mrs. Charles H. Davenport left her home at 248 1/2 Sherman street yesterday morning. Mr. Davenport has reported to the police.

DR. FOULKES HOME FROM CALIFORNIA

Rev. William Hiram Foulkes, who was obliged to rest from his ministerial work for a few weeks on account of ill health, has returned from southern California feeling quite recovered and eager to be at work again.

SUICIDE MAY BE A VANCOUVER MAN

Vancouver, Wash., Jan. 23.—Chief of Police Scriet has received word by telephone from Aberdeen, Wash., that a man named John Cunningham, or John Morey, committed suicide at that place. By the authorities of Aberdeen it is thought the dead man was at one time a resident of Vancouver, but so far no one can be located here who knew him. When he committed suicide Cunningham was wearing a pair of shoes purchased at Donnegan's shoe store of this city.

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LOCAL SHOPS TO GET ALL BUSINESS

Harriman Lines Make Important Change in Matter of Printing Contracts—Give Portland Workmen Credit Really Due Them.

Thousands of dollars annually that have been spent in Chicago and other eastern cities for printing will now be expended in Portland, because of an important change in the policy of the passenger department of the Harriman lines in this territory. An order has just been given for 4,000,000 pages of folders for the O. R. & N., and in the future all such orders will be placed in this city.

According to William McMurray, general passenger agent of the Harriman lines here, all the printing and booklets to be issued by the Harriman lines at the Homebase's department of the Sunset Magazine will be printed in Portland, while all railroad tickets accepting the patented ones that are purchased from patentees will also be made here.

"Some pretty thorough tests that we have been conducting have convinced us that Portland printers can turn out as fine work as any in the country. The booklets that we have had made here have been so satisfactory and we have had such flattering letters concerning them from both the Chicago and the San Francisco offices, that we have decided to stop sending work to the east and to have it done here at home. All our printing and booklets will be printed here. We have just closed a deal for an edition of 100,000 new folders of 40 pages each and they are to be printed and made up here in Portland. Besides being made at home they contain descriptions of the northwest, of Portland and the Portland Exposition, the A.-Y.-P. exposition and the low collector rates to the northwest.

"The Journal's handsome edition of a year ago, celebrating its fifth anniversary showed people everywhere what it was possible to do in printing and printing in Portland, right here at home. It set a standard that it is impossible for other cities to improve upon, and we are anxious to have the best of the Pacific lines in Oregon are to be printed in Portland because of the determination of the part of the passenger department to patronize home industry.

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"I wish to say that the school board never heard of this man Jones," said Mr. Wittenberg this morning, "and we are not recommending this or any other encyclopaedia to the public. The man may be a swindler and people who buy from him are taking a chance."

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