WELLS WILL FIGHT FOR LIBERTY

Bartender Suspected of East Side Bank Robbery Retains Lawyer—Girls Who Saw Holdup Partly Identify Prisoner.

Virgil Claude Wells, held in the county jail on suspicion of having been implicated in the daring robbery of the East Side bank in December, will battle for his liberty, and as a preliminary move has retained John Henry Stevenson as counsel. Not guilty will be the plea entered when the preliminary examination is held, probably Monday.

Mrs. V. C. Wells, abandoned by her husband for a woman of the underworld, but loyal to the last, accompanied by a sister of the accused man, yesterday called upon Mr. Stevenson with the request that he defend Wells. Later the three called on the prisoner at the jail, and there final arrangements for the retention of counsel were made.

Mr. Stevenson left late yesterday for Forest Grove on legal business, the nature of which, or whether it is in connection with the Wells case or not, would not be disclosed at the attorney's office today. There the information was given out that preparations were being made for a strenuous legal battle, and that there was a certainty of the innocence of the suspected union man being established.

Wells Refuses to Talk.

Wells refused to talk to the newspapers today about his case, but seemed willing to discuss other matters. He was cheerful, but now and then showed a trace of anxiety and nervousness. Part of the air of unconcern which sat so easily upon him yesterday has vanished.

"To h—l with the press!" he growled, when an attempt was made to interview him.

Slowly, but steadily, the Pinkertons and county officers are weaving a web of evidence with which they hope to ensnare hopelessly the former bartender. Yesterday Wells was closely examined and "sweated," but in vain. The officers were trying to discover definitely the whereabouts of Coffman and Martin, professional eastern crooks, who are credited with having planned the robbery and later participated with the third man in the holdup.

One feature of the case which came out today was the partial identification of Wells, from a photograph published in The Journal, as the younger member of the trio which robbed the bank. Miss Myrtle Ramsey and Miss Bertha Kingston, both of whom were standing on the corner outside the bank during the robbery, and who saw the three men rush from the building and run down the street pursued by President H. H. Newhall and Cashier Roger Newhall, declared this morning that The Journal's picture of Wells resembled to a considerable extent one of the robbers.

Girl Identifies Wells.

"To me it looks like the younger man of the three—the smooth shaved one, with dark hair," said Miss Kingston. "I would not be sure, but as I remember his face, he seems to resemble this picture. He was about five feet, eight inches tall, and wore a box coat and a stiff hat. I also remember that he wore light colored trousers. Perhaps if I saw Wells I could tell better."

Miss Ramsey did not get a good look at the younger man, who is thought to have been Wells, but as far as she remembers his description tallies with that of Wells.

Today at Anderson brothers' livery stable, where the horse and buggy which the robbers used to make their escape, was rented, it was most emphatically stated that Wells was not the man who hired the rig. Wells, during the time he was business agent of the local Bartenders' league, frequently hired rigs from that stable and was well known. The man around the barn do not think he could easily have disguised himself so that they would not recognize him.

H. H. Newhall, president of the East Side bank, and his son, Roger Newhall, who is cashier of the institution, when asked if they knew of any new developments in the case, would not disclose them today. Asked if Wells in any way resembled the man who jumped through the wicket and passed out to the confederates all the money in sight, Roger Newhall answered in the negative. Neither he nor his father caught a good look at the other two men.

Newhall Pleads Ignorance.

"I know nothing of the capture of Wells beyond what I have seen in the newspapers," declared H. H. Newhall today. "I have not been notified by the detectives that he has been taken into custody.

"I have not the slightest idea if it was he who planned the robbery, or participated in its execution.

"I know nothing of the identification of the $100 bills which he is supposed to have spent." Then, in a burst of confidence: "Why, I know nothing at all."

Efforts to locate Mrs. V. C. Wells failed today, although it is known that she is still in the city with her 3-year-old boy. Nothing could be learned of her whereabouts at the different addresses given.

However, when inquiries were made for her at the Grand Avenue delicatessen and restaurant, which, oddly enough is at 104 Grand avenue, just two doors from the East Side bank, reporters were told that she had left yesterday morning immediately upon hearing of the arrest of her husband. Whether or not she would return they did not know. She had been working in the restaurant for about two weeks.

Is Loyal to Husband.

Detectives who have talked with Mrs. Wells, say that despite her husband's desertion of her, she is still loyal to him. She is a young woman, perhaps 23 years old, and was married to Wells in Spokane.

"I know Claude is innocent," she is said to have told one of the detectives. "This is simply a frame-up on the part of some of his enemies to get him out of the way." Even when told of her husband's infidelity she refused to tell anything which would in any way work against his chances of regaining his liberty.

THE KEYSTONE TO HEALTH IS HOSTETTER'S STOMACH BITTERS

Persons of a bilious temperament will be especially benefited by taking the Bitters. It will keep the liver active, regulate the flow of bile, relieve costiveness and stomach ills; in fact make life worth living.

WHITMAN LOSES TO WILLAMETTE

Students Debate on City Government by Commission—Other Contests.

(By Journal Leased Salem Wire.)

Salem, Or., Feb. 27.—Willamette university easily won the debate held here last night with Whitman college. The Methodists upheld the affirmative of the question: "Resolved, That for American cities of less than 200,000 inhabitants, city government by a commission (known as the Galveston or Des Moines plan) is advisable." The debate was an interesting one from the start and the fight soon settled down between Frank Fletcher, leading speaker for Whitman, and Roy Shields, who lead the Willamette team.

James Oakes opened the debate for Willamette, followed by A. W. Greenwood of the Walla Walla college. Samuel Heitzel was Willamette's second man while his opponent on the Whitman side was O. B. Johnson.

The judges were Supreme Justice R. S. Bean and Will R. King and State Senator Hedges of Oregon City. Deputy District Attorney John McNary presided.

The decision was two to one in favor of Willamette.

McMinnville Is Victorious.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

McMinnville College, Or., Feb. 27.—In the debate here last night between Pacific college and McMinnville college the judges decided unanimously in favor of the latter. This was one of the preliminary debates in the Intercollegiate Debating league. McMinnville's team wil now meet the winner of Albany-Monmouth debate.

The question last night was "Resolved that the United States should subsidize her merchant marine." Pacific college upheld the affirmative and McMinnville the negative. Pacific college was represented by Roy Fitch, leader, Haines Burgess, Ernest Hadlock. J. G. Richardson, leader, F. J. Hart and C. H. Woody were the components of McMinnville's team. In the final debate "Mac" will defend the same side of the question, the negative.

The judges were President Kerr of O. A. C., J. C. Veatch, Portland, and B. A. Thaxter, Portland.

Albany Defeats Monmouth.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Albany, Or., Feb. 27.—In the first intercollegiate debate of the season Albany college won a decisive victory over Monmouth last night. The question was "Ship Subsidies." Albany had the negative side. Birchett Hodge and Cushman represented the orange and black while Henry Montague and Miss Olson, ably handled the affirmative for the teachers. President Crooks was in charge, with Professor Berchtold of O. A. C., Professor Clark of U. of O. and Stotler of Lebanon acted as judges. Out of eight debates Albany has lost but one.

Pacific U. Victorious.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Walla Walla, Wash., Feb. 27.—Whitman college lost to Pacific university last night in the debate, the question being that of the commission form of city government. Whitman was represented by Cahill, Felthouse and Yates; Pacific by Brown, Witham and Ferrin.

BURGLARS FALL; STREET BATTLE

(United Press Leased Wire.)

New Orleans, Feb. 27.—As the result of a fierce battle on the streets today between detectives and four men wanted on burglary charges, one of the suspects is dead and one is mortally and two are seriously wounded. There were no casualties in the ranks of the police.

Rosario Ferina was killed, Vinzenio Ferina was mortally shot and Mezioni Bruno and Willis Mitchell, the latter a negro, sustained wounds that are serious. They were suspected of an attempt to rob a local livery stable. All four resisted arrest, opened fire on the detectives with revolvers and a running fight ensued.

TRAIN MISSES WOMAN AND STRIKES YOUTH

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

McMinnville, Or., Feb. 27.—Harold Smith, age 10 years, while playing in the railroad yards yesterday afternoon, attempted to board the slowly moving incoming south bound freight, No. 57, and slipped and fell under the car wheels, which cut off his left leg at the hip. The engineer of No. 57 had stopped his train as he approached the station to prevent running into a woman who was crossing the track. When the train started again young Smith and a companion attempted to take a ride with the resulting fatal accident to the former.

No one saw the occurrence and the lad lay by the track for some little time, when the attention of a man was attracted. The youth uttered no cry but was still conscious. He was carried to his home. Drs. Cook, Goucher and Calbreath were summoned and the hip was unjointed. No hope is given for his recovery.

Harold Smith is the son of Mrs. Ella Smith of this place.

MISS M'LACHLAN IN AUTO WRECK

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Stanford University, Cal., Feb. 27.—Miss Anita McLachlan, daughter of Congressman McLachlan, of Pasadena, Cal., was thrown out of an automobile today on the road between here and Palo Alto and her back was so badly injured that she is in a serious condition at the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority house, where she lived.

Miss McLachlan and a girl friend, whose home is at San Jose, had started in one of the automobiles that run between here and Palo Alto. It is charged the chauffeur was reckless and drove the car into a fence, throwing both girls out. Miss McLachlan was brought back to the university in a carriage that was passing. The other girl was not badly hurt, receiving only slight bruises.

Miss McLachlan is a sophomore in the university here and is one of the most popular girls in school.

GENERAL DEFICIENCY BILL PASSES HOUSE

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Washington, Feb. 27.—The general deficiency bill passed the house today by a vote of 151 to 99.

HERE TO PLEAD KOREA'S CAUSE

Five Presbyterian Missionaries Arrive on Tour of United States.

Five Korean missionaries of the Presbyterian church reached Portland this morning to remain in this city until next Friday conducting an interest stimulating campaign in the cause of Korean mission work. In the party are Rev. H. G. Underwood, D. D., and Mrs. Underwood, Rev. and Mrs. E. F. Hall and Dr. O. R. Avison. H. B. Hurlburt who represents the United States government in Korea, will arrive here next Tuesday and will participate in the meetings to be held in the Presbyterian churches of the city during the remainder of the week.

"We head a campaign to raise for Korean missions $245,000," said Dr. Underwood. "We have made a tour of the large cities of this country, beginning at New York and extending to San Francisco and Portland. Our work has been attended with tremendous success. We have taken no collections except in two instances where we were asked to do so by the pastors of the churches we were addressing, yet we have received in contributions $177,000. We have simply told the story of Korea and the magnitude of the work there and its merit has constituted an appeal that has awakened enthusiasm in every instance."

Dr. Underwood was sent to Korea by the foreign missionary board of the Presbyterian church in 1884 and was the first Protestant missionary to commence work in that country. At the first administration of the Lord's Supper in 1887 seven Koreans were present. There are now 19,654 baptised Christians in the nation. Earning an average of 15 cents per day in American money they contributed last year $61,730. This in purchasing power would be equivalent to about $600,000 in American money. Churches to the number of 809 are being supported entirely by the native Christians. There are 457 schools with 12,264 scholars. The number of scholars increased more than 5000 between 1907 and 1908.

"We simply have the obligation of caring for the work that presents itself," said Dr. Underwood. "School children come voluntarily; more attend places of worship than we have room for. The people are intelligent and are preparing through the work of Christianized ideals for a wonderful future, both in mental and commercial development. The greatest hindrance to our work was the Russo-Japanese war. Conditions there are still unsettled."

Mrs. Underwood was physician to the empress of Korea up until the time of her assassination. Dr. Avison is court physician and for a considerable period was the only white man allowed access to the royal family. Both Dr. Underwood and Dr. Avison have been decorated by the emperor of Korea and royal rank has been bestowed upon them.

GOVERNOR PATTERSON A COOPER WITNESS

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Nashville, Feb. 27.—Governor Patterson of Tennessee today appeared as a witness in the trial of Colonel Duncan Cooper, Robin Cooper and John D. Sharpe, charged with the murder of Senator E. W. Carmack.

The governor testified that he had advised Colonel Cooper against sending a message to Carmack in which it was declared that if the attacks on Cooper did not cease the town would not be large enough to hold both men. The witness said:

"At last Cooper agreed to let Mr. Bradford have the message. We met Bradford at his office in the afternoon and I thought the matter settled, so left for my office, accompanied by Robin Cooper. Robin thanked me for what I had done and when we parted there were tears in his eyes. I advised him to stay with his father as much as he could."

Governor Patterson related how he sought out the colonel at the request of the colonel's daughter, Mrs. Burch.

While Governor Patterson was making a detailed statement of the conversation he had with Colonel Cooper and Bradley the jury was excused. The court allowed the statement, but refused to permit the jury to be present.

GAIN OF MILLIONS IN BANK CLEARINGS

Clearings of Portland banks for the month of February, 1909, show a gain of $3,189,869 over the clearings for the same month of 1908—an indication of Portland's prosperity and the increase of business in the past year. The clearings for February, 1909, were $24,406,225.32 and for February, 1908, $21,216,356.32.

WASHINGTON'S NEW SUPREME JUDGES

Olympia, Wash., Feb. 27.—Emmet N. Parker, of Tacoma, and George E. Morris, of Seattle, were appointed members of the state supreme court by Acting Governor Hay yesterday.

The appointments were made immediately after Hay had signed senate bill 198, which increases the supreme court from seven to nine members, and divides the court into two departments of four judges, over both of which the supreme judge will preside.

ROOSEVELT THANKS CALIFORNIA PEOPLE

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Washington Feb. 27. — President Roosevelt today said to former Mayor Phelan of San Francisco:

"One of the most pleasant remembrances of the administration will be the hearty accord with which the people of California met my efforts to prevent an anti-Japanese uprising."

VIOLENT QUAKE IN CALABRIA

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Naples, Feb. 27.—A violent earthquake is reported today from Palmi, in Calabria. Many walls which remained standing after the quake of December 23 were shaken down. The temblor was the most severe since last December.

SCANDAL BREWS AT PENDLETON

Prominent Citizens Said to Be Implicated in Depot Thief's Confession.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Pendleton, Or., Feb. 27.—Behind the closed doors of the district attorney's office, evidence in the railroad robbery and theft case, in which Edwards, Ely and Dickens are implicated, is being collected in preparation for the trial. This has been indefinitely postponed owng to some necessary evidence which the district attorney is gathering.

Dickens, the confessed thief, has made a written statement of the crime of which he is accused and which took several days to complete. In this statement he has implicated a large number of prominent citizens. Several people have been summoned to appear as witnesses.

Dickens accused one or two men in the office of the district attorney and he was called a liar, and was in danger of receiving a thrashing. They were separated by the sheriff.

Several hundreds, and perhaps thousands, of dollars' worth of merchandise have been stolen from the freight depot and sold to local people.

BUNKO SHARKS BOAST CRIMES

Andy Howard and Joe Gladney Forced by Police to Leave the City.

"I've stolen more money in this town than you ever saw." Andy Howard, a professional confidence man and not ashamed of it, laughed as he said this to two detectives yesterday.

Howard and his companion, C. H. Davis, whose true name is Joe D. Gladney, were stopped and questioned by Detectives Hellyer and Maloney on Sixth street near the union depot yesterday. Davis was arrested in Portland four years ago and a recollection of that arrest led to the sidewalk inquisition. Both Howard and Davis, after assuring the sleuths that they had nothing "on" them this time, a fact of which the detectives were already aware, freely told of past operations in Portland and other cities of the Pacific coast.

Like several other middle aged and respectable appearing men, the confidence operators linger around depots with grips in their hands and scrape acquaintance with new arrivals and especially with persons in the city only between trains. Then the old "express charge" game is worked, or what looks like a cinch bet is offered, and in the end the new arrival is out a few dollars. No matter what the game the result is always the same—the "sucker" loses.

Davis and Howard were escorted to the depot and the detectives waited until a Northern Pacific train took both confidence men to new fields on Puget sound—provided always they don't drop off and work a few cold decks in some town along the road.

COUNTY CERTIFICATES ISSUED TO TEACHERS

The county examining board for Multnomah county consisting of Superintendent R. F. Robinson, Principal J. T. Gregg and Principal Hopkin Jenkins, this morning issued county certificates to the following named applicants: Mae Blayney, Lillian M. Borquist, Lelah Ethelyn Chase, Lucie Chisholm, Freda Dart, Gwendolyne F. Dicken, Jennie Catharine Donnel, Tina Douglas, Mae Lynette Fitzwater, Ada Roberta Hall, Hazel Henrys, Edith King, Emma Kirkpatrick, Irene Knapp, Mrs. Sarah V. Leedy, Mrs. Fannie Spurck-Macaulay, Anna May McDonald, Lettie McKay, Grace Elaine Morrill, Margaret Ostrander, Frances Parker, Viola Peddicord, Stella Arline Pennick, Ada A. Powell, Claire Pratt, Lester Proebstel, Irene D. Ray, Rosella Shea, Charles Shute, Alice Swain, Susie Vance, Mrs. Anna M. Vose, Harold Edward Wahlberg, Lois E. Williams, Arthur K. Wilson, Winafred Wilson, Mabel A. Young.

FOUR INDICTED FOR PASSING BAD PAPER

The county grand jury returned four true bills this morning. D. R. McDonold was indicted on the charge of obtaining money under false pretenses. It is charged that McDonald represented to O. O. Ticknor, an employe of Ballou & Wright, that he had funds on deposit in a certain bank and gave Ticknor a sight draft for $20. John Taylor was also indicted on a like charge. Taylor is alleged to have drawn a sight draft on the Los Angeles Bank of Commerce for $50.

Charles R. Payette and Fred Miller were charged with uttering forged checks for $10 and $15 respectively. The prisoners will be arraigned later.

NORTH BANK PUTS IN HUGE CRANE

The largest freight crane in Portland has just been received by the North Bank road and was today installed near the south end of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle freight sheds on Glisan street. The crane is of 20 tons capacity and is especially designed for handling automobiles, carriages and similar freight. Stub tracks have been constructed on each side of the crane and a platform has been built on a level with the car floors so that heavy goods can be handled with comparative ease.

The unloading platform is within a few feet of the paved street for the convenience of drays.

COMMERCIAL CLUB TO INCREASE DUES

A special meeting of the members of the Commercial club will be held tonight at 8 o'clock to consider a constitutional amendment authorizing the increase of club dues from $2.50 a month to $4 a month from January to November and $5 for the month of December for the next year. The amendment has been proposed to provide the money for removing the indebtedness on the club's furniture.

CRITICIZED BY GRAND JURORS

Change in Management of the Florence Crittenton Home Recommended.

Recommending that a competent matron be employed to manage the Florence Crittenton Home, or that, at least, a change be made in the management, the grand jury which ended its labors today, said by inference at least, that the refuge home is not under as good management as it should be. In making the report of its investigations the grand jury has the following to say concerning the institution:

"We next visited the Florence Crittenton Home where we found 18 inmates. This place was in excellent condition, but we recommend that a competent matron be appointed for the place, or at least a change in the management. We find no record of a grand jury having visited the Home before."

The grand jury in its report finds that the Baby Home is well conducted. Regarding this institution and reports of mismanagement the report says:

"February 13 we visited the Baby Home and found it in much better order than reported. The report of the mismanagement was started by two discharged nurses, but there was no foundation for this report being started. We find no record of a previous visit of a grand jury."

The grand jury during its services has returned 19 true bills and two not true bills and has examined 12 other cases in which the evidence did not warrant indictments.

It is reported that the Boys and Girls' Aid Society Home is in excellent condition and the report congratulates the management upon its work. There are 68 boys and girls in the institution.

The county poor farm has 218 inmates; 208 being men and 10 women. The institution is reported in good condition.

The Children's Home contains 34 girls and 32 boys and everything is reported in good condition. The report congratulates the management.

The Patton Home has 52 inmates. The report finds conditions good there with the home well lighted and heated and all comforts necessary for the inmates.

The county jail has 117 men and 1 woman prisoner at the present time. The report finds that the jail is neat and clean.

The report recommends an additional deputy for the office of the district attorney and suggests that the county pay the salary and expenses of the deputy and that he be stationed at the courthouse in order to facilitate the transaction of county business coming before the district attorney's office.

MAYOR LANE TO CONTINUE FIGHT

"I'll keep hammering at the council until the saloon abuses cease," said Mayor Lane this morning. "Every case of violation of the law that comes under my notice will be brought to the attention of the body that can remedy the evil if it will.

"The police department has orders to enforce the law whenever the police know it is being disregarded. But it is extremely difficult to catch the lawbreakers and the only way we can successfully insure the preservation of public decency and morality is to eliminate the breeding dens of vice, and the only way to destroy these permanently is to revoke their licenses."

BIG SUIT IS WON BE WEINHARDS

Judge Bronaugh handed down a decision this morning in the case of Frederick Bickel against the Weinhard estate in favor of the defendant. The case had been contested for a number of years, and was taken under advisement by the court after the trial.

In 1895 the plaintiff borrowed $50,000 from the United States Mortgage & Trust company, for which he gave a mortgage of block 32, city of Portland. The mortgage was later foreclosed, and Henry Weinhard bought in the property at the sheriff's sale. Bickel claims that the purchase was made for him and commenced litigation for the recovery of the clock.

Evidence was produced to show that the plaintiff had borrowed large sums of money from Weinhard and that the defendant was entitled to the property.

TRIO START TRAMP ACROSS CONTINENT

Journeying from Puget sound to New York on foot, Mrs. F. Hildebrandt, accompanied by her husband and Frederick Lange, arrived in Portland last night and will remain here until tomorrow morning that Mrs. Hildebrandt may recover from a sprained ankle she sustained when just out of Auburn. The trio left Seattle on the morning of February 12, and would have arrived in Portland much sooner had it not been for the accident to Mrs. Hildebrandt.

"We expect to get through to New York in from eight to nine months," said Mrs. Hildebrandt, who is young and comely. "We will follow the line of the Southern Pacific, stopping over night in towns when we reach them, making our expenses by the sale of photographs, and camping out when we fail to reach a town. Each member of the party is provided with a gun, hatchet and other small articles that would be useful in making camp. We have no object in making the trip other than to see the country and to prove that the transcontinental trip can be made. Unless the men desert me, I'm going through, too," she concluded determinedly.

All three of the party formerly lived in New York, but like the west so well that they will probably return after their journey is ended.

SENT TO HOSPITAL AFTER A DEBAUCH

After seating himself in a Northern Pacific train with a ticket for Holbrook in his pocket and a job awaiting him, Peter Boysen, a Scandinavian printer, could not resist the temptation to have one more walk around the city. That was several days ago.

This morning Boysen was found lying by the side of a spur track under the east approach of the Burnside street bridge. He was taken to St. Vincent's hospital in the patrol wagon, a message that a murdered man's body was under the bridge having been telephoned to the police station.

LOGGING COMPANY IS SUED FOR DAMAGES

M. C. Rhoades has brought suit in the circuit court against the Twin Falls Logging company claiming $10,000 damages. The plaintiff alleges that while he was employed by the company at Yacolt, Wash., he was sent to make some repairs on a donkey engine. While performing the work the running board on the engine gave way and he fell to the ground sustaining severe injuries.

WESTON RAISES NORMAL FUND

Secretary Stone of Y. M. C. A. Praises Patriotism of Town's Citizens.

H. W. Stone, secretary of the Portland Y. M. C. A., was in Weston, Or., yesterday and was much impressed with the efforts being made by the citizens and faculty to keep the state normal school which was practically done away with by the last legislature, in existence. At a mass meeting last night pledges of $2000 were received for the support of the school, and this, Mr. Stone says, with but little effort.

"I sat in president R. C. French's office for nearly half an hour," said Mr. Stone, "and in the short time that I was there some eight or ten people called up from all over the country around there, each one pledging himself for some small yet helpful amount. The teachers have offered to work through the remainder of the term without salary, if necessary, but it is more than probable they will not be forced to sacrifice so much. There salaries will probably be paid."

There are about 165 students in the school, most of whom are pupils who are working their way through college. President French has organized an executive board, composed of prominent residents of eastern Oregon, and it is to have charge of the financial management of the school. Residents of the inland empire are all of them disgruntled at the action of the legislature and are responding loyally to continue the school till next June, at least.

CAMERON MAY YET WIN FIGHT

Grand Jury Recommends Another Deputy and Free Office Rent.

Although District Attorney Cameron made a fight for additional deputies, for higher pay for his office force, and for payment of his office rent before the legislature, and failed, he evidently still has hope that more deputies will be added. The grand jury report, filed with Judge Gantenbein today, recommends the payment of a new deputy by the county, the "stationing" of a deputy in the courthouse, and the payment of Mr. Cameron's office rent.

As the district attorney waits on the grand jury while it is in session and has full opportunity to present his views as to the public needs, the recommendations probably reflect his opinions. The effort to persuade the legislature that more help is urgently needed and should be paid for by the state having failed, the jury has adopted the view that the county should assume the burden of expense.

District Attorney Cameron and two of his deputies visited Salem during the session of the legislature and had good words to say of the plan for increasing the working force and compensation of the office. The lawmakers turned down the district attorney along with all other Multnomah officers who sought increase of salaries and new deputies. Nothing has since been heard from the others, but the grand jury has given the matter a new slant by proposing that the county shall foot the bills, the state having declined to do so.

LABOR TO ENTER CITY CAMPAIGN

An echo of the failure of organized labor to secure beneficial legislation at the hands of the recent legislature, is heard in the action of the Central Labor Council last night in determining to enter the next municipal campaign as an organized political entity. The legislative committee of the labor council was instructed last night to formulate a plan whereby the council will be enabled to put forward candidates for the city council and other municipal offices. When it became known that the legislature had turned down the employers' liability act, prominent members of the state labor federation and other labor organizations declared themselves as favoring independent political action by organized labor in all future state and municipal elections.

The legislative committee was also instructed to appear before the new charter board in behalf of the interests of organized labor. The committee is composed of the following: A. Madden, waterfront federation; W. C. Osborne, building trades; T. M. Leabo, W. E. Wells, Central Labor Council; J. A. Dunn, miscellaneous trades.

SEEK MISSING HEIRS TO SMALL FORTUNE

Western newspapers have been requested to assist in the search for Mrs. McGoldrick and her son, John McGoldrick, who settled in Washington in territorial days. They are heirs to an estate of $10,000 in New York state, where Mrs. McGoldrick's mother died a year ago. The search is being made by Mrs. J. F. Doyle, 209 Juniper street, Waukegan, Ill., and Thomas McCann, also a resident of that city. It is the final effort in a continent wide search, which has been in progress nearly a year, but so far no trace of Mrs. McGoldrick or her son has been found.

Before starting for the northwest Mrs. McGoldrick wrote to relatives at Waukegan, giving her address as Milico or Mill county, Washington Territory. There is no postoffice of the name of Milico, nor is there a Mill county in the state of Washington.

LIBEL CASES STAYED TILL AFTER MARCH 4

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Washington, Feb. 27.—No arrests will be made in the libel suit against the managements of the New York World and the Indianapolis News until after March 4. It is understood that if they were arrested the defendants planned to interfere with President Roosevelt's African trip, the defense claiming he is a material witness. The attorneys cannot subpoena witnesses for the defense until arrests are made.

TWO INJURED IN A TRAIN WRECK

Baggageman and the News Agent Go Over Embankment With Baggage Coach When Pendleton Local Is Derailed.

Damage placed by the railroad company at $1500 was caused by the derailment of the westbound Pendleton local on the O. R. & N. yesterday afternoon, 2½ miles from Celilo. Two railroad employes—a baggage man and John Clancy, a train newsagent, were injured, but the passengers escaped with a shaking up. Clancy is in the employ of Burkalow Brothers and has been in the train service for a number of years. He was cut on the wrist and badly bruised.

The escape of the baggage man with nothing more serious than a few cuts and bruises is regarded as remarkable. When the locomotive jumped the track the baggage car couplings broke and it rolled over and down the steep embankment. The smoker followed the baggage car in jumping the track, but jolted along the ties instead of going over into the ditch.

The official report received by the railroad company attributes the derailment to either a broken brake beam or broken shoe, the exact cause not having been ascertained. A board of inquiry is investigating the wreck today.

Among those in the smoking car which left the track was J. W. Casey, traveling freight and passenger agent for the St. Paul road. Accounts differ as to the part played by Mr. Casey in the wreck. He modestly declined any knowledge of it this morning, saying he just went by the scene of the accident in another train and saw the baggage car off the track. When told by his associates on "Railroad Row" that he had been seen jumping out of the smoker window, Mr. Casey admitted that he was near the front end of the smoker, that he was uninjured and had quietly picked up his umbrella and bag and climbed from the derailed coach.

The newsagent who was hurt was thrown against a seat and his face and wrist slightly cut. The engineer and firemen escaped without injury.

POPCORN WAGON IS WRECKED BY AUTO

Peanuts, popcorn and cheap candy were strewn about the street at West Park and Washington at 11:30 last night when an automobile belonging to Jack Beisener, collided with the wagon of D. Dimond, who has a stand at Morrison and Sixth. While Dimond was bemoaning the loss of his stock in trade and the injury to his horse, street waifs made free with corn and peanuts among the wreckage. One wheel of the wagon was broken and the horse thrown to the ground when Beisener's machine, coming, it is said, rapidly up Washington street, collided with the vehicle. Both Dimond and Beisener were inclined to shift the blame for the accident.

A crowd gathered to hear Dimond tell how all he had in the world was contained in the outfit and that without his horse and wagon he could not make a living for his wife and children.

WESTON NORMAL WILL KEEP OPEN

At Mass Meeting $1625 Is Subscribed to Enable the Completion of Term.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Pendleton, Or., Feb. 27.—A public mass meeting was held at Weston last night, the business men and residents attending. The normal school proposition was discussed and after the meeting $1625 was raised toward the fund to keep the school running till the latter part of June. More will be raised by other citizens.

An executive committee was appointed to look after the subscriptions. It consists of George W. Proebstel, I. M. Kemp, C. A. Barrett, R. Alexander and G. M. Rice and President R. C. French.

WILL COMPARE LIQUOR LAWS

Assistant Deputy Auditor Joseph Hutchison, in accordance with instructions from the liquor ordinance revision committee has addressed a circular letter to the mayors of the leading cities of the Pacific coast, requesting that copies of the liquor laws in each be sent him.

Chairman Rushlight of the revision committee says as soon as replies have been received from the various municipalities, he will proceed with the work of codifying the Portland laws.

VETERAN KNIGHT OF GRIP PAYS PORTLAND HIS PARTING VISIT

"This will probably be my last trip to Portland," said Morton Conrad, sadly as he left this morning to return to Chicago. This was Mr. Conrad's thirty-third annual visit to Portland, representing the Peter Schuttler Wagon company of Chicago. He plans to retire from active business life because he is beginning to feel the weight of his 70 years.

"I have watched Portland grow from village to town, and from town to a great city," said Mr. Conrad this morning. "When I first began coming here no one had heard of street paving, and the vast resources of the state were practically unknown. I have always had a home feeling for Portland because of the warm friends I have found here.

"One of the curious things in my western experience was that I had made my eleventh trip to Portland before I ever saw Mount Hood. It seemed I always chose the time for coming when the mountain was veiled by mist. It is hard for me to say good-bye to the town but that is the penalty of age."

WHY NOT TAKE A STREETCAR RIDE TOMORROW OUT TO

GREGORY HEIGHTS

SEE GREGORY'S BIG AD SUNDAY